

News and Notes

NEW HON. EDITOR

It is a pleasure to welcome Mr. Jack Hyett, of Melbourne, as my successor in office: he will assume full editorial responsibility as from volume 65, part 1. Mr. Hyett's talents as naturalist, author, and teacher will ensure that *The Emu* is in capable hands: the Union is indeed fortunate to have secured his services.

In relinquishing editorship, I would like to thank the Council of the R.A.O.U. for its support, advice, and encouragement throughout my term of office. Mr. Arnold McGill, Hon. Assistant Editor, has been a tower of strength, and his help is sincerely acknowledged. Mr. John McKean in the unofficial capacity of Review Editor, has been of real assistance. Mr. Roy P. Cooper helped me over my first editorial fences, and Messrs. Jack Hyett and Roy Wheeler have latterly assisted in many ways. Dr. H. J. Frith kindly allowed me certain official facilities that have made the job easier. Finally, I would like to thank all the contributors whose manuscripts have passed through my hands during the past four years.

The continued ornithological prestige of *The Emu* should be a matter of concern to all members, and I hope that in future more members will write for their journal. I am quite sure that a lot of valuable material is currently buried in notebooks: it should never be too difficult a task to resurrect some of that material and arrange it for publication.—W. B. HITCHCOCK.

R.A.O.U. FIELD OUTING AT MT. BEAUTY, VIC.

Accommodation has been arranged at "The Chalet" at Mt. Beauty in north-eastern Victoria for the 1965 Field Outing from November 8 to November 17, inclusive. A bus has been chartered for field trips to such places as the Bogong High Plains, Mt. Buffalo, Murray River flats at Wodonga, etc. The cost of accommodation at "The Chalet" for the ten days will be £17-10-0 and the approximate cost of bus fares £5. A full and exciting programme has been arranged and a complete account of the itinerary will be published in *The Emu*, vol. 65, part 1.

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