

and photographing. I exposed about 130 plates. Many of the subjects, I hope, are unique. For instance, the Large-tailed Nightjar on its nest, several tree-orchids and terrestrial orchids in bloom, scenes in the picturesque Hinchinbrook Channel, &c. I received open-handed hospitality from the Queensland members of the R.A.O.U. whom I met—Mr. and Mrs. Banfield, Dunk Island; Messrs. and Miss Gulliver, Townsville; Mr. and Mrs. Cornwall and Messrs. Harvey Bros., Mackay; and Dr. Hamlyn Harris, Brisbane; besides numerous other private friends.

"The idea of the Royal Australasian Ornithologists' Union meeting in Queensland, especially the north, next year (1915) is excellent. There will surely be a great response in that State."

Obituary Notice.

BY the death of Mr. Max Egger, which occurred at Tumut in November, 1914, the Union has lost one of its most enthusiastic members. A keen field ornithologist, Mr. Egger had an unrivalled knowledge of Riverina bird life. A Victorian bird-lover, who had the privilege of spending some days with him in 1913 in and around the Jerilderie district, found Mr. Egger a delightful companion—generous, kindly, and modest. The news of his unexpected death caused deep regret in Jerilderie, where he had lived for many years, and the feeling will be shared by members of the Union.

In an obituary notice in its issue of 27th November, 1914, the *Jerilderie Herald* stated that Mr. Egger had driven from Jerilderie to Tumut a week before his death, and probably contracted pneumonia on the way. When he left he appeared to be in his usual health. "The deceased" (this journal states) "was a quiet, inoffensive man, and was generally liked and respected by everyone, both in town and district. He came to this town nearly 19 years ago from Tumut, where he previously resided. He was a native of Switzerland, and shortly after his marriage had to come to this country for the benefit of his health. He started in business here as a watchmaker and jeweller in 1896, but had to relinquish it and seek a more out-of-door occupation. Being an ardent ornithologist, he commenced bird-trapping and photography. In this pursuit he continued for years."

Notes.

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MESSRS. Witherby and Co., London, notify by advertisement in this issue that on the completion of the present volume (iv.) the subscription list for Mr. G. M. Mathews's "Birds of Australia" will be absolutely closed. Intending subscribers should, therefore, place their orders without delay.