

The Campbell Oological Collection.

AUSTRALIAN ornithologists will learn with great interest that Mr. A. J. Campbell, Col. M.B.O.U., has presented to the National Museum, Melbourne, his fine collection of birds' eggs, valued at £600. He has set a splendid example to other owners of oological collections.

In the course of his letter to Prof. W. Baldwin Spencer, Director of the Museum, Mr. Campbell said :—" It has been my intention for many years to dedicate my Australian oological collection to the National Museum, and the time appears opportune now for me to hand the collection over, if the trustees of the institution are prepared to receive it. The collection contains the eggs of about 600 kinds of Australian birds, and my work, 'Nests and Eggs of Australian Birds,' was principally huilt upon the collection, the majority of the species having been collected personally in various parts of the Commonwealth."

Professor Spencer, in a letter to Mr. Campbell, wrote :—" I beg to acknowledge your letter of 7th December, in which you convey the information that you propose to donate your well-known and very valuable collection of birds' eggs to the National Museum. It is all the more valuable because it is so intimately associated with your work on 'Nests and Eggs of Australian Birds,' and will prove a notable addition to the national collection of natural history. Your most generous offer will be gratefully accepted by the trustees, before whom it will be laid at their next meeting, when a formal acknowledgment will be made. Meanwhile, I write to express our great appreciation of your gift."

On 22nd December, 1915, members of the R.A.O.U. Council and of the Bird Observers' Club viewed the collection at the National Museum, and then adjourned to a tea room, where Mr. Campbell, the host, and others made brief speeches.

Roll of Honour.

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