

a hanging bunch of leaves on a gum tree; they were carrying up long grasses, some brown and some green, and I saw one of them breaking off the fine dead twigs of a tea-tree and taking them up to the nest.—E. COMRIE-SMITH,

Correspondence

A letter has been received by the Union from the Commonwealth Railways relating to concession fares to scientific parties and requesting that such concessions be notified to members. By an agreement between States and Commonwealth Railways, ornithologists and other scientists are enabled to visit Central Australia, the Nullarbor Plain and other territory traversed by railways of the Commonwealth at two-thirds fare. The minimum number required to obtain advantage of the reduced fare is six from any one State, and it is necessary to furnish the Railways Department with a certificate from the Hon. Secretary that the party is composed of accredited members. Further particulars are obtainable from the Publicity Officer, Commonwealth Railways, 150 Flinders Lane, Melbourne, Vic.

Library Notes

The following publications have been received since the issue of the April part (Vol. XXIX., Part 4):—

The Auk, Vol. XLVII., No. 2.

The Avicultural Magazine, Vol. VIII., Nos. 3, 4 and 5.

The Victorian Naturalist, Vol. XLVI., No. 12. Vol. XLVII., Nos. 1 and 2.

Proceedings of the Linnean Society of N.S.W., Vol. LV., Parts 1 and 2 (Nos. 227 and 228).

Bird Notes and News, Vol. XII., Nos. 2-8 and Index. Vol. XIII., Nos. 5-8. All from Mr. F. L. Berney, R.A.O.U.

Boletín del Ministerio de Agricultura de la Nación—Argentine Republic, Vol. XXVIII., No. 4.

Bird-Lore, Vol. XXXII., Nos. 1 and 2. Official Organ of the Audubon Societies, U.S.A.

South Australian Ornithologist, Vol. X., Part 6.

The Ibis, Vol. VI., No. 2.

The Condor, Vol. XXXII., No. 2.

Aquila—the Organ of the Royal Hungarian Institute of Ornithology, Vols. XXXIV. and XXXV.

Field Museum of Natural History, Publication No. 256—Annual Report; Publication No. 272—Description of Five New Indo-Chinese Birds; also an outline of the work of the Museum among schools entitled "Field Museum and the Child."

American Game, Bulletin of the American Game Protective Association, February-March, 1930.

Australian Science Abstracts, Vol. 2, No. 9.

Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, Vol. 73, Nos. 5 and 6—Opinions rendered by the International Commission of Zoological Nomenclature, Opinions 98 to 104 and 105 to 114. Vol. 81, No. 13—Descriptions of Four new forms of Birds from Hispaniola. Vol. 81, No. 15.

Annual Reports of the Smithsonian Institute for 1926 and 1927—2 volumes. Pamphlet "Bird Banding in America" from latter.

Catalogue of the Scientific and Technical Periodicals in the Libraries of Australia. Issued by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research. Edited by Ernest R. Pitt, B.A.

Youth, Vol. 1, No. 1. See review in this part.

Der Vogelzug, Vol. 1, No. 1.

Index ornithologicus sive nomenclator avium—Finland, No. 2.

The Queensland Naturalist, Vol. VIII., No. 1.

The Migration of Birds, by Alexander Wetmore, A.O.U. See review in this part.

Annual Congress and Camp-Out

Mr. Barker, R.A.O.U., State Secretary for Queensland, has forwarded the following information regarding the above. As at present intended the twenty-ninth Congress will open in Brisbane on Tuesday, October 7, 1930, and continue until Friday, October 10. The delegates will then proceed by rail to Biggenden, a town 54 miles west of Maryborough, and 196 from Brisbane, and will there be accommodated at the Royal Hotel, whence the party will radiate out to different points of interest in the scrub, visiting the Coulston Lakes, etc. About three days will be spent in this locality, and then the party will proceed to Maryborough, and from there embark for Fraser Island, via the Mary River. Visitors will be accommodated at the Forest Station, owned by the Queensland Forest Service, whose guests they will be during their stay, which will be possibly of a week's duration.

For the benefit of those intending to make the trip, it should be stated that Fraser Island is an immense sandy island laying off the mouth of the Mary River—it is about 70 miles in length by an average width of 12 miles. The Rain Scrub, which is the objective of the Camp-out on the island, runs north and south through the centre of the island, and to reach the camping site it will be necessary to land from a boat at the mouth of Woongoonyah Creek and walk about five miles along a level sandy road. All gear, however, will be transported by the Forest Service in the only waggon on the island, and as the road wanders