

Australia to appear either in a sound film or in a broadcast.—MICHAEL SHARLAND, R.A.O.U., Melbourne (now of Sydney).

**The Lyrebird Calls.**—As doubtless many members of the R.A.O.U. are not familiar with what was carried out recently in Victoria in broadcasting the calling of the Lyrebird, the following notes may be of interest:—On the morning of July 5, 1931, I went by invitation to a friend's house in Devonport to "listen-in" to the notes of the Lyrebird, which were to be broadcasted from Sherbrooke in the Dandenong Ranges, Victoria. The morning was clear and sunny after a sharp frost and the reception on my friend's set was excellent. The first notes came through at 10.15 a.m. and continued at intervals until 10.45 a.m., when the bird started really in earnest; for part of the time the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral were chiming and formed a musical background. During the half-hour from a quarter to eleven until a quarter past, we were treated to the calls of the Harmonious Shrike-Thrush, the Pilot-bird, White Cockatoo, Kookaburra and others which Mr. Tregellas said were the bark of the fox, the cry of a young "Mopoke" (Boobook Owl) calling for his supper, and blasting at a quarry. The most favoured notes seemed to be those of the Shrike-Thrush, and of the Kookaburra, to whose peals of wild laughter we were treated again and again. At the session towards evening, my friends heard other calls, described by Mr. Tregellas as those of the Golden Whistler, Black Cockatoo, and the roosting-call of Menura himself. The experiment was a distinct success; so clear were the sounds that we could imagine ourselves away in the fern-gully, in close proximity to the feathered mimic.—H. STUART DOVE, R.A.O.U., Devonport, Tasmania.

**Reception in Sydney.**—Mr. A. H. Chisholm, R.A.O.U., writes saying that the broadcasts were well received in Sydney. Mr. Littlejohns's sound film was also shown and afterwards heard and seen privately by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales and family. Later the sound film was broadcast to America with prefatory remarks by Mr. Chisholm.

**The Genera of Kingfishers in Eastern Australia.**—Mr. A. J. Marshall, R.A.O.U., has written since the publication of his notes on the Azure Kingfisher, in the July *Emu*, stating that he did not wish to be taken as having overlooked the genera *Syma* and *Tanysiptera*, which, although they are not found *throughout* eastern Australia, occur in the north of eastern Australia, and requesting that reference be made to that fact. The substitution of "south-eastern Australia" for "eastern Australia," on page 44, would perhaps better define the position.