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ANNUAL MEETING.

The thirty-first annual meeting was held at the Royal Society's Rooms on Friday evening, 28th March, 1930, at 8 p.m. The President for the past year (Mr. F. E. Parsons) was in the chair until the election of officers, when the incoming Vice-President (Dr. A. M. Morgan) took his place.

The statement of receipts and expenditure (printed elsewhere) was read by the Hon. Secretary, and, on the motion of the Vice-President, seconded by Mr. J. W. Mellor, it was adopted. The result of the year's operations shows a slight debit of £2 0s. 8d.

The following officers were duly elected to the positions placed against their names:—President, Mr. J. Neil McGilp; Vice-President, Dr. A. M. Morgan; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Sutton; Editorial Committee—Professor J. B. Cleland, Messrs. F. M. Angel and J. Sutton; Delegate to the S.A. Advisory Committee on Export of Fauna, Mr. F. E. Parsons; Deputy, Mr. W. W. Weidenbach.

New Member.—Mr. Marwood W. Mules, nominated at the last monthly meeting, was duly elected.

New Rules.—The following new rules brought forward at the February meeting were carried unanimously on the motion of Mr. A. Crompton, seconded by Mr. W. W. Weidenbach:—

No. 13. Any member whose subscription is two years in arrear shall, *ipso facto*, cease to belong to the South Australian Ornithological Association, but shall be eligible for re-election by ballot on paying up his arrears; no further entrance-fee for readmission shall be required.

No. 14. One copy of the "South Australian Ornithologist" shall be delivered to every honorary and life member gratis, and to every ordinary member whose subscription is not more than twelve months in arrear, and also to every subscriber to the "South Australian Ornithologist" whose subscription is paid up.

Exhibits.—Mr. S. Harvey exhibited a Painted Finch (*Emblema picta*), which he has had in captivity for two and a half years. Mr. Marwood W. Mules showed an Australian Goshawk (*Astur fasciatus*); Superb Blue Wren (*Malurus cyaneus*), ♂, ♀; and an Adelaide Rosella (*Platycercus adelaidae*), tending in colour towards *P. flaveolus* of the northern part of South Australia. He reported that the Mistletoe-Birds (*Dicaeum hirundinaceum*) were attacking the prunes in the garden at Woodside. Dr. A. M. Morgan exhibited the wing of a Chestnut Teal (*Querquedula castanea*), and pointed out the absence of the fifth secondary, although the corresponding greater covert was present. The groups that have no fifth secondary (or cubital) are Ducks, Geese, Grebes, Cormorants, Petrels, Gulls, Plovers, Sandpipers, Native Companion, Herons, Pigeons, Doves, all Eagles and Hawks, Parrots, and Owls.

Mr. F. E. Parsons mentioned that the late M. E. Sanders had obtained an Australian Dotterel (*Peltohyas australis*) on 1st January, 1918, at St. Kilda (now Moilong), S.A.

Bird Notes were handed in by Professor J. B. Cleland, Dr. A. M. Morgan, Dr. A. S. Randell, Messrs. T. G. Souter and W. H. Tubbs.

MONTHLY PROCEEDINGS.

—May, 1930.—

The monthly meeting for April was postponed to 2nd May, and was held at the usual place and time. The Vice-President (Dr. A. M. Morgan) was in the chair.

Correspondence.—A letter was received from Mr. Richard G. Hawker, "Bungaree," Clare, thanking our Association for the letter of condolence to himself and the other members of the family on the death of his father, Mr. R. M. Hawker.

Concessions to Ornithologists, etc.—A letter was received from the Commonwealth Railways Department, forwarding particulars of the concessions allowed by the Australian Government Railways to enable scientists (zoologists, botanists,

geologists, ornithologists, ethnologists, and other scientific bodies) to visit Central Australia, Ooldea, the Nullarbor Plain, and other places of interest in the region traversed by the Trans-Australian Railway. Two-thirds fare is to be charged. The minimum number required to obtain advantage of the reduced fare is six from any one State. The wife of any member of the party accompanying her husband will be granted the same concession rate, but will not be included in the number to make up the minimum. In order to obtain advantage of the concession, it will be necessary for the Registrar of the University or the Secretary of the Scientific Society to furnish a certificate. The Commonwealth Railways will, if desired, undertake all arrangements for the parties, including camping and transport facilities away from the railway.

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Exhibits.—Mr. S. Harvey exhibited from his aviaries four specimens of the Regent Bower-Bird (*Sericulus chrysocephalus*), three males and a female. One male was about seven years old and in full plumage; another, about five years old, was assuming the full plumage, but the flight feathers in both wings were moulted, consequently the bird could not fly, but ran about the aviary; the third male was about four years old, with the same plumage as the female. (See article.)

Subject.—The subject for the evening was an account of a "Trip round about the Islands near the Murray Mouth," given by the Hon. Secretary. Specimens were shown from the S.A. Museum collection.
