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## MONTHLY MEETINGS.

—September, 1933.—

The monthly meeting was held at the Royal Society's Rooms on Friday evening, 29th September, 1933, at 8 p.m. The President, Professor J. B. Cleland, Ch.M., M.D., was in the chair.

New Members.—Dr. Ian MacGillivray and Mr. Herbert T. Condon, nominated at the August meeting, were duly elected as members.

Bird Notes were supplied by Professor Cleland, Dr. A. Chenery, J. Neil McGilp, and J. Sutton.

Subject.—The subject for the evening was an account of a trip to the border country, near Pinnaroo, S.A., in September, 1933, given by Messrs. J. Neil McGilp and F. E. Parsons. Specimens from the latter's collection and that of the S.A. Museum were exhibited.

—October, 1933.—

The monthly meeting was held at the usual place and time on Friday, 27th October, 1933. The President was in the chair.

Contents of Birds' Stomachs.—The President advised that our member, Mr. J. T. Gray, of Orroroo, had agreed to prepare for publication the great number of cards made out by the late A. M. Lea on the contents of birds' stomachs. Members expressed appreciation of Mr. Gray's undertaking this laborious work, but which is nevertheless of great value.

Bird Notes were supplied by Messrs. F. M. Angel, J. Neil McGilp, and S. E. Terrill.

Rearing Parrots.—Mr. Simon Harvey reported that he had been successful during this season in rearing in his aviaries—six

Princess Parrots (*Polytelis alexandrae*), 11 Scarlet-breasted (*Neophema splendida*), some Turquoise (*N. pulchella*), and Elegant (*N. elegans*).

Subject.—Mr. J. Neil McGilp then gave an account of his recent trip to the River Murray and country beyond the north bank, between Morgan and the New South Wales border. Specimens of the birds referred to were supplied from the collection of the S.A. Museum.

—November 1933.—

The monthly meeting was held at the usual place and time on Friday, 24th November, 1933. The President was in the chair.

*Parasite*.—Professor J. B. Cleland showed a specimen of the East African White-capped Starling (*Heteropsar albicapillus*), specimens of which, together with those of the Superb Glossy Starling (*Spreo superbus*) had died from an infestation with the tape-worm (*Syngamus trachea*) at the Zoological Gardens, Adelaide, after being kept in captivity in one cage for fifteen months since their arrival. The cage was impervious to sparrows. A wide range of birds is stated to be affected by these parasites. It was thought that danger might exist if the droppings from this cage had been thrown out and possibly eaten by other birds if, as some have suggested, the life history is a direct one, and not through an intermediate host. Professor Cleland emphasized the danger of the introduction of foreign birds.

Subject.—Mr. N. B. Tindale, B.Sc., gave an address on his recent journeys in the neighbourhood of the Musgrave, Mann, and Tomkinson Ranges in the north-western corner of South Australia, illustrated with lantern slides, showing the aboriginals, types of country, vegetation, mammals, and birds. Specimens of some of the birds obtained were exhibited by the S.A. Museum.

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