

## OBITUARY

DR. A. CHENERY (1869-1948)

Arthur Chenery, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., a member of the South Australian Ornithological Association since 1917, died at Melbourne on June 6, 1948, aged 79. For many years Dr. Chenery lived at Wentworth, New South Wales, and although unable to take an active part in the Association, he maintained a lively interest in its affairs to the last.

Dr. Chenery, who was born at Mansfield, Victoria, gained his medical degrees at King's College Hospital, London, and subsequently practised at various country centres in South Australia, Victoria, and finally New South Wales.

Although he made no claim to be anything more than a nature lover—ornithology was his chief "hobby"—Dr. Chenery had a sound knowledge of birds and was a keen oologist. He made many extended "holiday trips" with his close friend, the late Dr. A. M. Morgan, to various parts of South Australia, including the Gawler and Flinders Ranges, and also visited the mallee areas adjacent to the Rivers Darling and Murray. He was associated in the field with the late

Dr. W. MacGillivray on several occasions, and also with several members of this Association.

Of somewhat retiring personality, Dr. Chenery was an indefatigable worker for the cause of ornithology and bird protection, and in this direction his loss will be felt keenly. It was almost entirely due to his efforts that Lake Victoria, near Wentworth, N.S.W., was proclaimed a sanctuary for birds and fish.

Although he did not publish extensively, due no doubt to the demands of a busy country practice, Dr. Chenery had a wealth of ornithological knowledge and a genuine love of nature. The following are his principal contributions to this journal:

"A Visit to South-West Queensland." Vol. VI, pp. 37, 61, 82; Vol. VII, p. 215.

"A Visit to the Western Darling." Vol. VI, pp. 110, 134, 153.

"Birds Seen during a Visit to the Murchison and Gascoyne Districts, W.A." Vol. IX, p. 222.

"Obituary of Dr. A. M. Morgan." Vol. XIII, p. 1.

"The Birds of the Rivers Murray and Darling, etc." Vol. V, pp. 41, 69. (In collaboration with A. M. Morgan.)