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MONTHLY PROCEEDINGS.

—Meeting held on the 24th June, 1921.—

Mr. F. M. Angel in the Chair.

A letter was read from Mrs. E. T. Angove donating the late Dr. Angove's Egg Collection to the Association. The Secretary was instructed to thank Mrs. Angove for the valuable gift.

Mr. Geo. Weidenhofer was nominated for membership by Mr. Edquist and seconded by Mr. E. Ashby.

Mr. E. Ashby exhibited nest and eggs of the Yellow-rumped Tit taken from an apple tree at Blackwood during the month, also specimens of *Melithreptus chloropsis* from Moora, West Australia.

Captain White gave an interesting account of his trip to Queensland on behalf of the Queensland Government; his mission was to investigate bird-life in relation to forestry, but more particularly in connection with the Cedar Twig-borer, an insect causing much destruction to the valuable red cedar. He found that several species of birds fed largely on this insect, particularly the Crested Shrike-tit and Yellow-breasted Robin. A number of skins of birds taken to secure a record of stomach contents was handed round and much admired.

—Meeting held on 29th July, 1921.—

Professor J. B. Cleland in the Chair.

Mr. Geo. Weidenhofer nominated at last meeting was duly elected a member of the Association.

A letter was received from Miss N. E. Hawke thanking the Association for the trophy which was given for competition amongst schools. Uraidla had secured it for the current year.

A letter and circular from the National Parks and Fauna

and Flora Reserves Committee was read and explained by the Chairman. It was desired to have a large public meeting at the Town Hall on August 16. It was decided that this Association assist and also pay its proportion of any expense incurred.

The Chairman suggested that a bird census be made. If members when travelling about the country were to make a list of all birds observed, a very reliable census of the birds inhabiting these parts could be obtained and this would be a valuable record. The Chairman mentioned that in 2,200 miles of travelling he had seen one magpie for every three miles.

Mr. E. Ashby spoke on several birds from Tasmania and showed specimens of the various Pardalotes, and a very interesting comparison was made in these very closely allied forms. A series of *Myzantha* skins were shown and fully commented upon. Mr. Ashby showed some highly coloured American birds which were much admired.

Mr. F. R. Zietz tabled some skins collected by Mr. A. S. LeSouef at Ooldea on the East-West Railway. The *Malurus* was *M. callainus* and not *M. melanotis* as Mr. LeSouef was reported to have observed there last November.

—Meeting held on the 26th August, 1921.—

Mr. F. M. Angel in the Chair.

The Chairman pointed out that the egg cabinet had been delivered, and considered it a good piece of work. The amount of £34 18/6 for cabinet and lock was passed for payment.

Captain White brought forward the matter of the Zoological Gardens combining together to exploit our fauna. After much discussion the following resolution was carried unanimously—"That this Association discountenance the proposal of our Zoological Societies, in association or otherwise, engaging a general trading in our native animals."

The Chairman regretted he had to announce the death of Mr. A. Zietz, one of our foundation members, and tendered the sympathy of the Association to his son, Mr. F. R. Zietz. Captain White referred to the well-known ability of the late Mr. Zietz.

The Chairman mentioned that all were sorry to hear of the long illness of Dr. Morgan, but he was glad to hear that the Doctor expected to resume his professional duties in a week or two. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Doctor expressing the regret at the Doctor's long illness.

Nomination for new member.—Mr. C. E. Simson, Roseneath, Casterton, Victoria. Proposed by Mr. J. Neil McGilp and seconded by Captain White.

Mr. A. Crompton reported that he had heard the Pallid Cuckoo calling at Upper Kensington on 22nd August.

Captain White exhibited some very fine specimen plates of birds and eggs from "Caley's 'Birds of Australia.'"

Captain White mentioned that during Show Week the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals intended holding an "Animal Week," and he asked all members to give all the assistance possible to this deserving Society.

The birds for discussion for the evening were the Falcons.

Captain White tabled a skin of *Falco lunulatus melanotis*, the Flinder's Island Little Falcon. Mr. Zietz, on behalf, exhibited skins of *Falco lunulatus*, Little Falcon; *Falco Hypoleucus*, Grey Falcon; *Falco melanogenys*, Black-cheeked Falcon and *Falco subniger*, Black Falcon. It was noticed that while the adult Little Falcon was of a bluish shade of colour on the back, the young birds are of a brownish colour.

Much interesting information respecting the Falcons was given.
