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MONTHLY PROCEEDINGS.

—Meeting held on 30th September, 1921.—

Mr. F. M. Angel in the chair.

Mr. J. Sutton read a cutting from *The Argus*, 26/9/21, in which particulars were given of a large shipment of Australian animals and birds by the Australian Zoological Control Board.

Mr. C. E. Simson, of Casterton, Victoria, nominated at last meeting, was duly elected a member.

Mr. H. O. Love, of 24 Rose Terrace, Wayville, was nominated as a new member.

The resignations of Messrs. R. G. and W. G. Thomas were accepted with regret.

Mr. F. R. Zietz mentioned that Mr. R. E. P. Osborne had just returned from Kadina, and had told him he had observed a great many Magpies, fully 1,500 being seen in a week's travelling. Seagulls were noted well inland, and were following up behind the ploughs after the insects unearthed.

Mr. W. Weidenbach reported having noted two Shell Parrots at Glen Osmond, and Mr. A. Crompton mentioned that Red-backed Grass Parrots were in fair numbers in National Park, Belair.

Professor J. B. Cleland reported that at Glen Osmond he had noted a Crow being chased and mobbed by a flock of Starlings. Mr. G. Weidenhofer said he had often seen the same thing at Payneham.

The rest of the evening was taken up in examination and discussion of birds of the Wm. White Collection, that had been presented to the S.A. Museum. Members are indebted to Mr. F. R. Zietz for bringing along such a large selection from the collection, and for describing many of the habits of birds that,

though now rarely seen, were at one time numerous close to Adelaide.

—Meeting held on 28th October, 1921.—

Mr. F. M. Angel in the chair.

Mr. H. O. Love, of Wayville, nominated at last meeting, was duly elected a member of the Association.

Mr. F. R. Zietz exhibited a pair of skins of the new parrot, the Naretha Parrot (*Psephotus naretha*). These skins had been presented to the S.A. Museum by Mr. H. L. White, of New South Wales. This new parrot is the most notable find in ornithology of Australia for a considerable time, and Mr. White was congratulated upon his good fortune, which he thoroughly deserved.

Before asking Dr. Morgan to give an address on his recent trip to North-West Australia, the Chairman said he was pleased to welcome Dr. Morgan after his long illness, and he hoped he would soon be in good health again.

Dr. Morgan gave a most interesting account of his trip from Perth to Derby, in North-West Australia, explained the habits of many of the birds he had seen, tabled fine skins he had taken for identification, and showed photographs depicting the country over which he had travelled. A very interesting exhibit was a small collection of articles secured from the playground bower of the Great Bower Bird. This bird was remarkably tame, and was common in the streets of Derby.

Dr. Morgan promised to write up his notes on the trip so that members who were not present could have the opportunity of reading them in our journal.

The Chairman thanked Dr. Morgan for his interesting lecture, and regretted that the trip was the cause of the Doctor's illness.

—Meeting held on 26th November, 1921.—

Mr. F. M. Angel in the chair.

Mr. J. Sutton gave an interesting account of the R.A.O.U. Congress in Sydney, and described many observations made at the camp out at Ellerslee, where about 116 different birds were identified.

The main business of the evening was set down as Inspection of the Dr. Angove Egg Collection. The Secretary apologised for the non-arrival of this collection. All arrangements had been made to have the eggs ready for inspection, but at the last moment these arrangements had been upset. The collection will be available to members by the next meeting.

During the evening members viewed some of the eggs received from Mr. H. L. White.

Professor J. B. Cleland mentioned that Mr. A. M. Lea, Entomologist at the Museum, had made a study of the contents of the stomachs of birds received at various times and had them all tabulated. The result was of great value, and it was desirable that Mr. Lea's work should be published. It was decided to bring this matter under the notice of the Government with a view of having it published.

As the next meeting would fall so close to the holidays, it was decided to meet on the 16th December next.

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