

—By F. E. Parsons.—

While surveying in the hills near Adelaide on 9th March of this year, a bush had to be cut down in which a New-Holland Honey-eater (*Meliornis novae-hollandiae*) had built its nest, which contained two fresh eggs. The twig which sustained the nest was cut off and tied into a bush close by. When the nest was visited again on 25th March I was agreeably surprised to find that the nest had not been deserted, for it contained two just-hatched chicks. The foregoing, while interesting in regard to the birds not deserting the nest, also shows how late they are nesting this season. Another nest of the same species was noticed just ready for eggs on 8th March, and it also contained two chicks when visited on 25th March.

At Glen Osmond, one still evening in February, just after the sun had set, but before the Magpies had gone to roost, I was watching the erratic flight of a small bat which had evidently just left its roosting hollow, when it passed about 30 or 40 feet from a gum-tree in which a Magpie was just settling down for the night. Suddenly the Magpie made a fast swoop, catching the bat in its bill, and, returning to the same tree, made its supper off the unfortunate early bat.