

Note.

On the occasion of Mr. G. M. Mathews' visit to South Australia the S.A. Ornithological Association conferred an Hon. Membership upon him, this being the first Hon. Membership made by the oldest ornithological body in Australia. Mr. Mathews attended the monthly meeting of the Association on Friday evening, February 27, and on Friday, March 6 a special meeting was called to bid farewell to the distinguished ornithologist, also to discuss some most important notes in reference to Australian Teal, *Genus Virago*.

During Mr. G. M. Mathews' recent visit to South Australia he most kindly handed over for publication in this Journal the notes on *Platycercus*, which appear in this issue, also a number of valuable notes made by Capt. T. H. Bowyer-Bower in the Northern Territory in the early eighties, and in conjunction with these, notes by Mr. Mathews on bird skins collected between Cairns and Herberton in 1884-5 by the above brilliant young ornithologist, who died at Palmerston, N.T., at the early age of 24 years in December, 1886. The above notes will appear from time to time in this Journal.

