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MONTHLY MEETINGS.

—June, 1933.—

The monthly meeting was held at the Royal Society's Rooms on Friday evening, 30th June, 1933. The President (Professor J. B. Cleland, Ch.M., M.D.), was in the chair.

The decease of Dr. W. D. K. MacGillivray on 25th instant was referred to by the President, who eulogised the work of this great Australian ornithologist. A resolution of deep sympathy to his widow and family was carried by members rising and maintaining silence. He had been a member of the Association since 1914.

A letter of condolence was directed to be sent to Mr. N. Hiles Fears on the death of his father.

Professor T. Harvey Johnston, M.A., D.Sc., gave an address on the Parasites of Birds. He was thanked by the President, on behalf of the members, for his interesting lecture. Mr. H. Womersley referred to two parasites of *Platycercus elegans*.

Correspondence.—A communication was received from Tasmania re a Gannetry in Bass Strait, and it was decided to advise the writer of our experience in this State on a similar matter.

—July, 1933.—

The monthly meeting was held at the usual place and time on Friday, 28th July, 1933. The President was in the chair.

Quail.—A deputation from the Field Shooters' Association of South Australia to the Minister of Agriculture asked, on 27th

instant, for an extension of the Quail shooting season from 30th June to 31st July (open from 1st February). This request was made for the reason that it would not interfere with nesting or young birds. Our records of nests with eggs found near Adelaide and in the South-East of this State were as follow with regard to the Quail usually sought after:—Stubble Quail (*Coturnix pectoralis*), November and December; Little Quail (*Turnix velox*), October to December. After discussion it was decided not to interfere.

Dr. R. H. Pulleine, M.B., Ch.M., gave a very interesting account of the birds he had met with in New Zealand (1874), Tasmania, Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales, Queensland, Hawaiian Islands, and California. He mentioned that after his experience with the species in Tasmania he felt sure he had seen a Pink Robin (*Petroica rodinogaster*) in the Mount Lofty Ranges near Adelaide, about 1882. He had also seen the Pratincoles (*Stiltia isabella*) about Adelaide suburbs in November, 1884.

—August, 1933.—

The monthly meeting was held at the usual place and time on Friday, 25th August, 1933. The President was in the chair.

New Members.—Dr. Ian MacGillivray, of Broken Hill, N.S.W., and Mr. Herbert T. Condon, c/o S.A. Museum, Adelaide, were nominated as members.

Correspondence.—A letter from the General Secretary of the Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery of South Australia was received conveying the information that the Board of Governors would permit the Association to use Box No. 386A, G.P.O., Adelaide, for its correspondence.

Mr. H. H. Finlayson gave an address entitled "A summer in the South-West Centre of Australia," illustrated with lantern slides showing the type of country, vegetation, and inhabitants. Specimens of some of the species of birds were shown from the collection of the S.A. Museum. At the conclusion of the lecture Mr. Finlayson was heartily thanked by the President on behalf of the members.