

Review.

The Lore of the Lyrebird, by Ambrose Pratt. Seventy-one pages and sixteen plates. Third edition. Price, 5s. Our copy is from Robertson and Mullens, Ltd., 107-113 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne.

This book gives information in detail of the life-history of the Superb Lyrebird (*Menura novae-hollandiae*) and a full description of an exceptional male bird, which became very friendly with a lady who lived on one of the slopes of Mount Dandenong, twenty-four miles from Melbourne, V. The statement, on page 20, that one of the moulted lyre-shaped plumes was deposited by the bird as a farewell offering on the doorstep of the lady's house taxes one's credulity. In the list, pages 27, 28, of the bird-songs mimicked by the Lyrebird—number 4, the bell-bird (*Oreoica gutturalis*).—As this species is usually found in dry-country areas it would be interesting to learn where the call could have been picked up. Number 13, Scrub Wren.—The scientific name given, *Hylacola pyrrhopygia*, is that of the Chestnut-tailed Ground-Wren!

The work is interesting and informative.