

Trobe Section of the State Library of Victoria to accept, *on loan as a separate collection*, the material entrusted to me. This will be held by the Library in safe keeping, and made available only on Library premises for the purposes of serious research.

I would be most grateful to hear from anyone holding such material who would be prepared to seriously consider the desirability of its being safely housed in the La Trobe Library, or to having it photo-copied, or to simply letting me have a list of their collections. It should be realized that all records, however trivial they seem, may be of great significance in the future, and should be preserved. My address is 8/114 Shannon Street, Box Hill North, Victoria. 3129. (Mrs.) TESS KLOOT (Archivist: R.A.O.U.).

ORNITHOLOGICAL BIBLIOGRAPHIES, BIOGRAPHIES AND ARCHIVES—With the co-operation of people connected with Australian ornithology I am continuing the work commenced by H. M. Whittell in his *The Literature of Australian Birds*, i.e. compiling bibliographies and biographies of those who have made a contribution to Australian ornithology. Taking up in 1950 where Major Whittell left off, I am bringing the work up to 1975. In time I will contact everyone who merits an entry. Although I have found that many people keep their own bibliographies, I am prepared to compile these myself. However, I will need assistance with the biographies and, as I hope to give these a personal touch, I would be very happy if visitors to Melbourne would contact me at 89 7631.

I have also commenced a "Catalogue of Archival Material." This was originally intended to merely record the location of archival material relating to Australian ornithology such as field note-books, diaries, letters, drawings and photographs, thus ensuring that these valuable sources of ornithological information were not only preserved but also made available to serious workers. However, in response to some previous notices of this plan, I have not only been advised of its location, but been sent the material itself. It will be appreciated that the custody of this material imposes a great responsibility on me and, for this reason, I have made arrangements with the La