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MONTHLY PROCEEDINGS.

—April 1st, 1921.—

Mr. Edwin Ashby in the chair.

Dr. A. M. Morgan proposed that, as the cost of publishing the "S.A. Ornithologist" appeared very heavy, the Editorial Committee be asked to go into the cost and supply of the journal. Seconded by Mr. J. W. Mellor. Carried.

This being the Annual Meeting, the Chairman opened the nominations for the Officers of the Association.

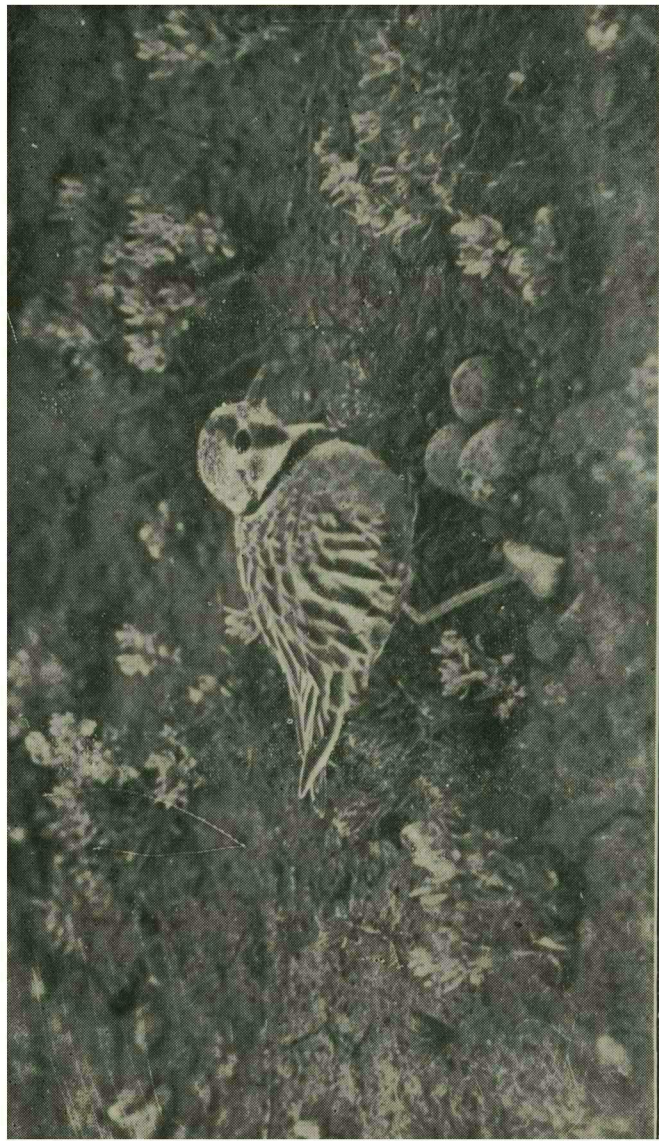
There being only one nomination for President and Vice-President, the Chairman declared Mr. F. M. Angel and Professor J. B. Cleland respectively elected, and asked Mr. F. M. Angel to take the Chair. Mr. Angel thanked members for their confidence and the honour they had given him, and hoped that, with the support of members, he would be able to carry out the duties.

There being no nomination for Secretary or for the Editorial Committee, the Chairman considered that members were satisfied with the services rendered by those responsible for these duties, and declared those members re-elected.

The Secretary read a Statement of the Cash Accounts as follows—

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	£	s.	d.
1920, March 1.—To Balance	32	19	2
“ June 30.—To Interest	1	9	1
1921, March 31.—To Donations to Egg Cabinet	1	6	0
“ March 31.—To Entrance Fees and Subscriptions	42	9	6
	£78	3	9



Pecthyas australis (Australian Dotterel). Locality—Lake Frome, S.A. December, 1920.
Photo. S. A. White.

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	£	s.	d.
1921, March 31.—			
By Postages	6	19	10
“ Rent to Royal Society	2	2	0
“ Lease of Coorong Islands	0	1	0
“ Stationery	0	10	0
“ Printing S.A.O.	33	12	7
“ Balance	34	18	4
	£78 3 9		

The Balance Sheet was adopted on the motion of Mr. E. Ashby, seconded by Mr. T. G. Souter.

It was resolved to secure a renewal of the Licence of the Protected Islands in the Coorong.

Mr. J. W. Mellor exhibited a dainty nest and eggs of the Short-billed Tree-tit, taken in the S.E. of the State.

Mr. F. E. Parsons exhibited a skin of the Mallee Emu Wren, taken in South Australia, and was congratulated upon being the first collector to secure a record of this bird in South Australia.

Mr. Keith Ashby reported that the Blue Mountain Parrots and Little Lorikeets were now plentiful in the Blackwood district.

Mr. E. Ashby continued his lecture on the Birds of Western Australia, and gave some very useful information for the benefit of members present. A fine collection of skins was handed round and compared with those from South Australia.

The Chairman congratulated Mr. E. Ashby on his fine lecture, and for his hard work in securing so much valuable information during his short holiday in West Australia.

—April 29th, 1921.—

Mr. F. M. Angel in the chair.

The Chairman read a quotation for an Egg Cabinet by Messrs. Pengelley & Co. for £35. The price was considered, and it was resolved to call for other quotations.

A specimen copy of “A Manual of the Birds of Australia,” by Mathews & Iredale, was handed round for inspection.

Mr. W. Weidenbach and Mr. J. W. Mellor reported having observed the Golden-breasted Whistler at Glen Osmond and Lockleys respectively.

Mr. J. W. Mellor, Dr. A. M. Morgan, Mr. E. Ashby, and Capt. S. A. White reported having seen the Rosella Parrot close to the city. Capt. S. A. White mentioned that a few of these parrots appear every autumn. Mr. F. R. Zietz observed the Singing Honey-eater at Kingswood for two or three weeks.

Capt. S. A. White reported that he had visited the protected islands on the Coorong. Pelicans were rearing from seven to eight hundred young on a new island, and were not being molested.

Capt. S. A. White referred to the results of the court cases against game-shooters at Meningie, and on his proposition, a letter was to be sent to Mr. J. G. Hastings, thanking him for his efforts to protect the birds in the Meningie district.

Mr. F. E. Parsons proposed and Mr. E. Ashby seconded, that a letter be sent to the Justices' Association, commenting upon the conduct of the justices at Meningie in the cases against bird-shooters. Carried.

Mr. J. W. Mellor exhibited the sternum of the Alfred Honey-eater.

Mr. E. Ashby showed eggs of the Fantailed Cuckoo, Red Throat and the Yellow-fronted Honey-eater, also skins of the Carter Honey-eater and the Honey-eater he had obtained near Geraldton, in Western Australia. Mr. A. J. Campbell had given the same name to both birds.

A motion was carried, showing that in the opinion of this Association these two Honey-eaters are different, and worthy of distinct names.

Capt. S. A. White gave an account of a short visit to the Lake Frome district; many interesting observations were given, and numerous photographs were handed round. A large number of Australian Dotterels and Pratincoles were seen, but on the whole, birds were not numerous. A very valuable photograph of the Australian Dotterel standing over its nest and eggs, was secured, the photograph being taken at a distance of six feet from the bird. Numerous Kangaroo remains were noted round the waterholes.

Capt. S. A. White concluded an interesting lecture by showing a photograph of a young Bustard, that he had taken near Ooldea, on the East-West Railway.

—May 27th, 1921.—

Mr. F. M. Angel in the chair.

It was resolved to purchase an Egg Cabinet at a cost of £30 10/-, to house the Association's Egg Collection, and that subscriptions to meet this expense be called for.

The Chairman introduced our new member, Dr. W. Ray, to the members present, and welcomed Mr. Lea, Entomologist from the S.A. Museum.

A letter was received from Mr. A. S. LeSouef, of Sydney,

re observations on East-West Railway line. It was decided to publish this in the S.A. Ornithologist.

A letter was received from the publisher of the "Scientific Australian," asking that reports of our meetings be sent on for publication; the Secretary was directed to comply with this request.

The Chairman referred to the sad bereavement that one of our members, Mr. T. G. Souter, had sustained, and requested the Secretary to forward a letter of sympathy from the Association.

Mr. F. R. Zietz mentioned that the S.A. Museum had just received a large collection of bird skins and eggs from Mr. W. White. It was a very generous gift, and would add many fine specimens to the Museum collection. Mr. Zietz invited members to inspect the new additions.

The rest of the evening was taken up by a discussion on Eagles and Hawks, and skins of the Wedge-tailed Eagle, Little Eagle, Whistling Eagle, White-headed Sea Eagle, Osprey, Fork-tailed Kite, Square-tailed Kite, Black-shouldered Kite, and Letter-winged Kite were examined. Mr. Lea was able to give a valuable report on the contents of the stomachs of some of the birds.

The skin of the Square-tailed Kite was carefully examined. These birds are rarely seen in South Australia, although this particular skin was obtained from a bird shot by Mr. E. Ashby at Blackwood.
