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## FOREWORD.

At the R.A.O.U. Congress held in Adelaide in 1922 a paper was read, entitled "Private Collections and Permits," by Edwin Ashby, F.L.S., M.B.O.U., C.F.A.O.U., etc. This was published in "The Emu," Vol. XXII, pp. 210-16, and a few adverse criticisms appeared in the following number of that paper. But although well-known ornithologists both in Australia and elsewhere offered papers more or less in support of Mr. Ashby's contentions, the Council of the R.A.O.U. decided to close down the discussion after giving the author an opportunity of a brief reply.

We consider the matters raised in Mr. Ashby's valuable paper before referred to are of so great importance to the scientific study of Australian ornithology that we have decided to open the pages of one number of "The S.A. Ornithologist" to the further discussion of the subject.

So much material bearing on the discussion has been offered to us that we have been compelled to abridge greatly many of the articles, and we ask the various authors' forgiveness for such curtailment.

The report of meetings of the South Australian Ornithological Association and monthly bird notes will be held for the next number.

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