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MONTHLY PROCEEDINGS.

—March, 1925.—

The annual meeting was held at the Royal Society's Room on Friday evening, 27th March, 1925, at 8 p.m. The President (Mr. J. Neil McGilp) was in the chair until the new President (Dr. A. M. Morgan) was elected.

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th February were read and confirmed.

Mr. Gordon Gurr was duly proposed and seconded as a new member.

It was decided to place the name of the United States Department of Agriculture upon our exchange list for future numbers of the "S.A. Ornithologist," and also to send them all the parts of Vols. VI and VII of that publication.

The statement of receipts and expenditure for the year, which is printed elsewhere, was read by the Hon. Secretary, and, on the motion of Mr. J. Neil McGilp, seconded by Mr. Edwin Ashby, it was adopted.

The following were duly elected to the positions placed against their names:—President, Dr. A. M. Morgan; Vice-President, Mr. Alfred Crompton; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Sutton; Editorial Committee, Mr. F. M. Angel, Professor J. B. Cleland, M.D., and Mr. A. G. Edquist; S.A. Advisory Committee on Export of Fauna, Mr. J. Sutton, (Deputy) Mr. F. E. Parsons.

Bird Notes.—The Hon. Secretary reported that Mr. H. Hugh Corbin had advised that he had seen Emu-Wrens (*Stipiturus malachurus*) in a boggy flat on the Kuitpo Forest country on 27th

February, 1925, about 5 p.m. Mr. Ernest Whittington, of The Register staff, also reported having seen, during February last, two flocks of Cape Barren Geese (*Cereopsis novaehollandiae*) on Long Island towards Tauwitche Island, near the Murray Mouth. One flock had 80 and the other 20 individuals. They were feeding on "Goose Grass."

The Hon. Secretary then read a description of a recent trip to the Coorong. The party included four of our members. The account is published elsewhere in this number.

—April, 1925.—

The monthly meeting was held at the Royal Society's Room on Friday evening, 24th April, 1925, at 8 p.m.

The minutes of the annual meeting, held on 27th March were read and confirmed.

Mr. Gordon Gurr was duly elected as a member.

The Hon. Secretary reported with regret that Miss H. Lilia Sanderson, of North Adelaide, had passed away on 29th March last, and that on behalf of the President and members of the Association he had sent a letter of condolence to Mr. F. V. Sanderson, whose reply was read to the meeting.

Bird Notes.—Mr. J. Neil McGilp reported that 5 Painted Finches (*Emblema picta*) came in the verandah of the house at Poontana on 23rd March, 1925. That was a new record for the Lake Frome District. Mr. Edwin Ashby reported that the Swift Parrots (*Lathamus discolor*) were at Blackwood, and that the Fan-tailed Cuckoo (*Cacomantis flabelliformis*) was heard there in the first week of April.

Mr. Edwin Ashby then had charge of the meeting, and exhibited 127 skins of birds taken on Melville Island and Buchanan Island, N.T., in 1911-12, and sent to him in exchange by Lord Rothschild of Tring. Those of especial interest were the migratory wading birds:—

Charadrius leschenaulti, Large Sand Dotterel.—♀ 17/3/1912. ♂ 10/4/1912, full breeding plumage—black face and lores; crown, upper neck, and broad pectoral band rufous; throat, under neck and rest of underside white.

Charadrius mongolus, Mongolian Sand Dotterel.—♀ 21/11/1911; ♀ 8/2/1912; ♀ 29/3/1912—non-breeding plumage.

Numenius phaeopus, Whimbrel.—♀ 13/2/1912—streaked neck, much barred on breast and flanks.

Limosa lapponica, Barred-rumped Godwit.—♂♂ 14/3/1912 with short bills; ♀ 10/4/1912, flanks much barred; ♀ 27/4/1912, flanks slightly barred—both ♀ with long bills.

Heteroscelus brevipes, Grey-tailed Tattler.—♂ 24/3/1912, shows bars on lower breast and flanks; ? 3/3/1912, no bars (Mr. Ashby obtained one at Dongara, W.A., 9/11/1920, ♂, no bars and much duller bird).

Actitis hypoleucos, Common Sandpiper.—♂ 26/1/1912; ♀ 2/4/1912; ? 3/3/1912—non-breeding plumage.

Terekia cinerea, Terek Sandpiper.—♀ 27/2/1912; ♀ 24/3/1912—non-breeding plumage.

Glottis nebularius, Greenshank.—♂ 1/3/1912; ♂ 14/3/1912—non-breeding plumage.

Pisobia ruficollis, Red-necked (Little) Stint.—♂ 3/4/1912, lower face, lower and sides of neck rufous, throat white; ♂ 6/4/1912, lower face, throat, and sides and lower neck rufous.

Erolia testacea, Curlew Sandpiper.—♀ 4/4/1912; ♀ 21/4/1912—non-breeding plumage, no sign of rufous; ♂ 3/4/1912, a good deal of rufous on the under side; ♂ 2/4/1912, a little less rufous.

Calidris canutus, Knot.—♂ 28/3/1912—non-breeding plumage.

Calidris tenuirostris, Great Knot.—♀ 30/3/1912, ♂ 19/4/1912—non-breeding plumage.

—May, 1925.—

The monthly meeting was held at the Royal Society's Room on Friday evening, 29th May, 1925, at 8 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th April, 1925, were read and confirmed.

Correspondence.—A letter from the Commissioner of Police, Hobart, in reply to our letter re the destruction of nesting swans at Moulting Lagoon, Swansea, Tasmania, was placed on the table.

The request of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., to be placed on our exchange list was agreed to, and the numbers of the "S.A. Ornithologist" are to be supplied.

Specimens of *Maluri*, from the S.A. Museum, were exhibited by Dr. Morgan, and the remainder of the evening was spent in examining and discussing those specimens.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1925.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	1924—April 1.	£ s. d.		1925—March 31.	£ s. d.
To	Balance brought forward	54 9 0	By	Printing the "S.A. Ornithologist" for the Year	49 8 10
	1925—March 31.			Postages	5 10 0
"	Members' Subscriptions Paid—1923-4, 15/-;		"	Rent of the Royal Society's Room	1 1 0
	1924-5, £30 2/; 1925-6, 15/-	31 12 0	"	Fee for Occupation of Miscellaneous Permit	-
"	Entrance Fees	0 5 0		No. 62, Coorong, to 31st May, 1925	0 1 0
"	Subscriptions to "S.A. Ornithologist"—1923,		"	Stationery	1 18 9
	8/4; 1924, £2; 1925, £4; 1926, 8/.	6 16 4	"	Duplicate Key to Egg Cabinet	0 1 6
"	Sales of Back Numbers of the "S.A. Ornitho-		"	Subscription to "Aves" of Zoological Record	0 8 3
	logist"	5 11 5	"	Exchange and Stamps on Cheques and Drafts	0 2 5
"	Donation Towards Cost of Part of "S.A.O." . .	6 14 3	"	Balance carried forward	49 7 10
"	Interest on Savings Bank Account	2 11 7			
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J. SUTTON,
Hon. Secretary.