

wide and 75 long. It is hard work going over them. I explored one deep gorge with precipitous cliffs and found a great cave a long way up, with water dripping into two pools on the floor. It was evidently a harbour for wild dogs, for their tracks were plainly seen about the cave. Next day I shot an Emu at a pool in the gorge, 2 miles lower down, and laboriously carried half of it, and after much exertion and narrow escapes of having bad falls, I got it inside and poisoned. I had with me my gun and rifle, and my dog was knocked up, its feet being completely skinned. There were lots of Painted Finches (*Emblema picta*) in the gorge watering, but I failed to find any nests. I saw 30 perched on one giant boulder—it was a beautiful sight. I shot a pair of strange birds (Shrike-Robins?) in the mangroves, which I cannot make out; they may be new."

Obituary Notice.

SNOWBALL.—On the 22nd April, at "Nahoo," Narracan, Gippsland, William Snowball, M.B., aged 47 years.

THE general regret felt in widely spread medical circles at the death of Dr. William Snowball is nowhere more keenly felt than in the more inner circle of his ornithological friends and acquaintances.

Dr. Snowball was a keen naturalist, and lover of natural history books, and knew their value well. Although he had not much spare time to devote to ornithology, he had amassed an oological collection of considerable value, many of the specimens being unique. Naturally, the Doctor took much interest in the Aust. O.U., and was present at the initiatory ornithological dinners—the historical "beginnings," so to speak, of the Union. We shall miss his influence and kind advice much.

The Coloured Figure Fund.

THE Council of the Aust. O.U. hope shortly to increase the usefulness of *The Emu* by the insertion of a coloured plate of one or the other of hitherto unfigured birds. The following subscriptions have been received towards the fund:—Dr. C. Ryan (Melbourne), £1; Mr. R. B. Ritchie (Penshurst), 6s.; Col. Legge (Hobart), 6s.; T. Cullen (Wahgunyah), 5s.; Rev. W. Fielder, 1s. 8d.; Mr. A. Mattingley (H.M. Customs), a promise not exceeding £1, when required.