

painting, and copper-engraving—a splendid equipment, truly, for an ornithologist, and of which he made full use. The Naumanns were observers pure and simple, not systematists, preferring the field to the study, but they did for Germany what Gould did for Australia, and, like his, their work remains the standard.

Carl Andreas Naumann, the younger son, was a forester in the service of the Duke of Anhalt-Cöthen. He wrote nothing himself, but from his wide experience in the field was able greatly to help his brother in the preparation of the second edition.

Australians will learn with interest that Gould once visited J. F. Naumann at the latter's home, and that the name of Baron von Mueller appears as one of the eleven signatories to the first appeal for funds to erect the Naumann memorial, which was completed in 1880. And of especial interest to Australian ornithologists, too, is the record by J. F. Naumann of the Tropic-Bird (*Phaethon*) having twice been seen on Heligoland (1842) and of the shooting of a Sooty Tern (*Sterna fuliginosa*) near Magdeburg in 1844.

The bibliographic part of Dr. Leverkühn's work has been done with characteristic German thoroughness, and should be invaluable for reference. Each volume of each work of the Naumanns is separately dealt with. The reprint also contains eight special plates and a genealogical tree of the Naumann family.

### About Members.

MR. H. Kendall, on account of pressure of office work, has asked to be relieved of his duties as one of the honorary editors of *The Emu*. While reluctantly complying with his request, and thanking him for his past valuable assistance, the Council of the A.O.U. hope to retain Mr. Kendall's services as an "advisory" editor.

At the general meeting of the B.O.U., held in London 24th May, Mr. John Macoun, M.A., F.R.S.C., Canada, and Mr. A. D. Millar, Natal, were elected Colonial Members, while Mr. Harry C. Oberholser, Washington, D.C., was elected a Foreign Member, and Dr. Paul Leverkühn, Bulgaria, an Ordinary Member.

MR. A. G. Campbell, Melbourne, is compiling a "Key" which he claims will prove serviceable to beginners and others in aiding them to easily identify any species of Australian bird. The need of some such ready help is obvious, and the system of dichotomy which was first applied by the *savant* Lamarck to plants has been found most suitable for birds. The system, which could be also applied to eggs or to any forms of the natural world, is not only easily mastered but possesses a fascination of its own. When Mr. Campbell has compiled the "Key," it is probable that the Council of the A.O.U., in the interests of its members, and as an aid to popularise ornithology, will publish the "Key."