

Annual Session.

THE Union's fourteenth annual session will be held in Melbourne in November, with a working excursion to Mallacoota Inlet.

PROGRAMME.

Wednesday, 4th November.—Inter-State delegates arrive.

4 p.m.—Members and friends entertained by Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Leach, at the Tea Kiosk, Botanical Gardens, South Yarra.

8 p.m.—Town Hall, Melbourne. Presidential address, election of office-bearers and members, and official business.

Thursday, 5th November.

10 a.m.—Town Hall. Papers and discussion on Cuckoos, and exhibition of any specimens. Members requested to assist.

2 p.m.—Town Hall. Papers and discussion on Australian mud-nest-building birds.

Friday, 6th November.

10 a.m.—Town Hall. Papers, discussion, and general business

1.15 p.m.—Outing to Black Rock, by train leaving Flinders-street 1.15 p.m. Guests of Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Nicholls.

8 p.m.—Illustrated public lectures in the Athenæum—subjects, "Mallee Scrubs" and "Murray Swamps"—to be given by Dr. J. A. Leach, C.M.B.O.U., &c., and Mr. A. H. E. Mattingley, C.M.Z.S.

Saturday, 7th November.

Meet at 2.30 p.m. at the Zoological Gardens, Parkville, at the invitation of Mr. D. Le Souëf, C.M.Z.S., the Director. Afterwards delegates will be the guests of the President and Mrs. Mattingley at afternoon tea.

Sunday, 8th November.

Excursion to Ringwood, 10.40 a.m. train from Flinders-street station.

Monday, 9th November.—Leave Melbourne for Mallacoota Inlet. Leader, Mr. A. H. E. Mattingley. Members of the party will travel by rail to Sale, thence by steamer to Cunninghame. The voyage to Mallacoota will be made by special steamer. A landing will probably be made at Gabo Island or Boat Harbour.

The main party will be housed at the hotel at Mallacoota, and working parties can camp out in different directions if desired. It is proposed to spend ten or twelve days in the locality. Early notification of intention to join the "working expedition" is needed, so that proper arrangements may be made. Probable total cost, about £8 10s. Negotiations are being made whereby the cost may be reduced to about £4 per head.