

The Australian Naturalist, vol. iii., part 10.

There are no bird notes in this number.

The Australian Zoologist, vol. i., part 3.

No bird notes. An interesting article on colour-variation of Australian phalangers of the genus *Trichosurus*, and describing one new sub-species, by A. S. Le Souëf.

The Victorian Naturalist, vol. xxxii., parts 11 and 12; vol. xxxiii., part 1.

No. 12 has an account of the wild bird life in the Melbourne Zoological Gardens, by D. Le Souëf.

The Royal Australasian Ornithologists' Union.

THE Council of the Royal Australasian Ornithologists' Union has received with gratitude the first half-year's interest on the £1,000 donated by a member, who wishes to remain anonymous. Messrs. Z. Gray (hon. treasurer), A. H. E. Mattingley (ex-president), and Dr. J. A. Leach (vice-president) have been appointed trustees. They have secured a room in Temple Court (Room 2, second floor), 424 Collins-street west, Melbourne. It is large enough for the Council and ornithological meetings other than public lectures.

Committees have been appointed to supervise fittings and furnishings, to build up working collections of skins, nests, and eggs, to care for the scientific collections which it is hoped will in course of time be possessed by the Union, and to provide for the library. It is hoped to secure, as far as possible, a complete set of the literature concerned with the Australian avifauna. A prominent supporter of the Union has already announced his intention of presenting John Gould's great work, "The Birds of Australia," in eight volumes. A Melbourne member has donated a table of polished Australian timber; others have provided chairs, hat rails, and bookshelves. Enlargements of famous bird photographs have already been presented, and a large photograph of John Gould has been promised. An electric lantern for showing lantern slides has also been presented. Members wishing to assist in furnishing or fitting up the room are requested to communicate with the hon. secretary.

The next meeting of the Council will be held in the new room. Visiting members are requested to communicate with the hon. secretary, and members of the Council will be pleased to meet them at the Union's room, thus realizing the wishes of the donor.

New Members.—So many members have volunteered for the front that there is a danger that our membership roll will be reduced in these times of increased costs and reduced incomes. Will each member try to send to the hon. secretary the name of *one* bird-loving friend who may become a member of the Union?