

"Cause of the 'Fishy' Flavour of the Flesh of Wild Ducks."
W. L. M'Attee. *Auk*, vol. xxxv., p. 474.

The author shows that the fishy flavour met with at times in Ducks and other birds is not caused by their feeding on fish, as is commonly supposed, but is probably due to lack of condition and a consequent breaking-down of fats. A similar taste is sometimes found in butter and cheese under circumstances that preclude its being derived from fish. On the other hand, many birds that feed mainly on fish, and cattle and pigs fed on fish meal, commonly have no fishy taste.

"The Reversed Under Wing Coverts of Birds and their Modifications." G. L. Bates. *Ibis*, vol. vi., p. 529.

About Members.

MR. M. Symonds Clark, of Knightsbridge, South Australia, who is an original member of the R.A.O.U., celebrated his eightieth birthday on the 19th January last. We all congratulate Mr. Clark on his many years of usefulness, especially in bird-protection matters. The *Adelaide Register* gave a column extolling his work in that direction and his sterling character. Mr. Clark told his interviewer that when in England, the land of his birth, "I met the great J. Gould—that wonderful bird writer. I went to his place of business in London in 1865. He was a publisher, and I bought his book on the birds of Australia. He was a most interesting man, and chatted of the many new birds he had discovered in my adopted land." Mr. Clark first arrived in Adelaide in 1850, so he must have observed many Australian birds in their native haunts.