

known generic names. In opinion 67 the International Committee finally accepted *Gallinago* with 101 other generic names. Both the B.O.U. and Sclater's list discard *Gallinago* in favour of the prior name *Capella* for the widely-spread Snipe. It was at one time hoped that the *Systema Avium* when finally prepared and issued as an authoritative list would be the final word in ornithological nomenclature. That day is not yet in sight. Meanwhile thanks and congratulations are offered to Mr. W. L. Sclater and to the B.O.U. Committee (Mr. A. H. Evans, Dr. E. J. O. Harbert, Mr. Tom Iredale, The Rev. F. C. R. Jourdain, Mr. G. M. Mathews, Mr. W. L. Sclater, Dr. N. F. Ticehurst, Mr. H. F. Witherby and Mr. E. C. Stuart Baker, Hon. Secretary of the Committee) for securing a distinct advance in the naming of the world's birds.

R.A.O.U. Conference

ROCKHAMPTON — OCTOBER, 1924.

Leave Melbourne not later than 11th October.

13th—Leave Brisbane per train, 9.30 p.m.

14th—Party arrives at Rockhampton, 3.45 p.m.

Evening—Civic reception.

15th—10 a.m.: Conference opens.

(His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan in the chair.)

Presidential Address, Dr. J. A. Leach: "Naming Australian Birds."

2 p.m.: Outing—Lakes Creek.

8 p.m.: Lecture—"Birds of Australia," Dr. J. A. Leach.

16th—10 a.m.: Conference continues.

"Birds Observed during the past 50 years at Coomoolabaroo, Duaringa," by C. A. Barnard.

"Birds Likely to be Met in Rockhampton District," Mr. W. B. Alexander, M.A., C.F.A.O.U.

"Bird Notes from Willis Island," by J. Hogan, Meteorological Observer (communicated by A. J. Campbell, C.M.B.O.U.)

2 p.m.: Visit Botanic Gardens. Guests of his Worship the Mayor.

Lecture—"Birds in the Field," Capt. S. A. White. Park Avenue State School.

8 p.m.: Lecture—"Early Australian Bird Pictures," Mr. W. B. Alexander.

17th—10 a.m.: Visit to Gracemere. Guests of R. S. Archer, Esq.

2 p.m.: Conference continues.

8 p.m.: Lecture—"Economic Value of Birds," Capt. S. A. White, C.M.B.O.U., at the School of Arts.

18th—9 a.m.: Visit Olsen's Caves (all day trip).

19th—All day Trip on Fitzroy River.

20th—Outing to be arranged.

4.45 p.m.: Train for Yeppoon.

20th—Arrive at Yeppoon.

21st-27th—Camp at Byfield, 25 miles from Yeppoon, in good scrub. Lecture at St. Faith School.

FARES.

Rail from Brisbane to Rockhampton—

Free, by courtesy of Hon. E. G. Theodore, Premier.

Rail from Sydney to Brisbane (each way).—

First Class, £4/4/-; Second Class, £2/16/-. Sleepers (First Class only), 17/6 each way.

Rail from Melbourne to Brisbane (each way).—

First Class, £7/10/-; Second Class, £5. Sleepers extra.

Steamer Fares—

Melbourne to Brisbane (each way).—

First Class, £8/15/-; Second Class, £5/10/-.

Sydney to Brisbane (each way).—

First Class, £4/5/-; Second Class, £2/15/-.

Concession railway fares are two-thirds of ordinary fare above. A good party from the southern States is assured.

Any member desiring to attend should communicate at once with the Hon. Gen. Sec., 376 Flinders Street, Melbourne.

Notes.

ABOUT MEMBERS.

Members will learn with regret that an esteemed ex-president, Mr. A. F. Basset-Hull, C.F.A.O.U., has been compelled by pressure of many interests and new duties to resign as a member of the R.A.O.U., and also as an *ex-officio* member of the Council. Members wish Mr. Hull much success and enjoyment in his new labours in connection with the Great Barrier Reef. Like much other matter, this note was crowded out of our last issue.

With regret members have received the announcement that Dr. J. A. Leach is not available for nomination as Hon. Editor of *The Emu*. The recent promotion of Dr. Leach to an important administrative position at headquarters in the Education Department of Victoria renders it impossible for him to find time to continue to fill the important and arduous position of Editor, an office held by Dr. Leach for over 10 years.

Pressure of official duties has also caused the resignation of Mr. R. T. Littlejohns as Assistant Editor. Mr. Littlejohns did very good work during his term of office, and was requested by the Council to "carry on" until the appointment of his successor.

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