

naturalist, had a large mind, and a heart to match. He was a hater of meanness, a lover of truth and generosity. Those of us who knew John Hopson, the rare and beautiful nature of the man, when he died, felt that Australia had lost one of her noblest sons—a hackneyed tribute, truly, but noble is the word that must be linked with the name of the Eccleston naturalist. He loved all living things, and knew the ways of birds on the Barrington Plateau, and in his home river valley.—C.B.

F. G. LAWRENCE.

Mr. Frederick George Lawrence, R.A.O.U., of Fremantle, Western Australia, died suddenly on June 8 last, after a period of ill-health. He was 61 years of age at the time of his death, having joined the R.A.O.U. in 1920, and had been a member of the old Natural History and Science Society (now the Royal Society), and the Western Australian Naturalists' Club. Of a quiet and retiring disposition, he rarely came in contact with his brother naturalists, but took a keen interest in various branches of science. Besides ornithology, he was interested in microscopy, and had prepared a number of slides of local foraminifera. Other interests included photography, chess and bowls. Mr. Lawrence, who was a bachelor, was born in London, coming to Western Australia at the end of 1897. He joined the firm of Lionel Samson and Son immediately on his arrival, and attained the position of accountant to the company in 1902. He was deeply respected by the business community with which he came in contact.

News and Notes

Nature-Study Expedition.—The fifth of the Nature-Study Expeditions organised by Mr. E. F. Pollock, F.R.G.S., of the Royal Zoological Society of New South Wales, and the Royal Australasian Ornithologists' Union, has been timed to take place immediately after Christmas, and during the summer educational vacation. The locality chosen is the Kuring-gai Chase National Park, Broken Bay, and the Hawkesbury River. An ideal situation in the park, fronting a beach opening on to Broken Bay, has been selected for the camp-out. Some of the grandest scenery in Australia is within easy reach, and all the many accessible beauty spots will be visited during the four weeks the expedition will be operating. The camp will be on similar lines to those conducted in recent years by Mr. Pollock to the Great Barrier reef area and Lord Howe Island. Scientists from other States have notified their intention to participate. Ladies and gentlemen interested in Nature Study—Zoology, Ornithology, Botany, etc.—should

communicate at once with Mr. Pollock, at his address, Carrington-avenue, Strathfield, if they desire to take part in the expedition. Members of the R.A.O.U. are specially invited to participate.

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The Editor, *The Emu*.

Sir,—Referring to our Article on the Kangaroo Island Emu (*The Emu*, Volume XXVIII., part 1), we wish to state that the inverted commas should be placed after the word Museum on the 4th line of page 5, and not after the word Ostrich on the 6th line. The fact that the wings were copied from those of an Ostrich is our observation, and apparently had not previously been noticed.—Yours, etc.,

A. M. MORGAN.

J. SUTTON.

Meetings of Council of R.A.O.U.

The July meeting was held on Tuesday, the 10th, Dr. Leach occupying the chair. Arrangements for the holding of Congress at Canberra were discussed. Correspondence was received expressing satisfaction that the Federal Capital had been chosen, and supplying information which will help materially to make the function a success.

Capt. E. V. Sanderson, of New Zealand, wrote, resigning from the Union, because of the prominence given to collecting. The Council is composed of members of all shades of opinion, and it is claimed that collecting is not unduly favoured. It is felt that, with a more tolerant attitude on both sides, collectors and non-collectors can work together amicably for the betterment of the Union. Capt. Sanderson was asked to reconsider his resignation.

Mr. Bryant was appointed Assistant Editor.

At the August meeting, on the 14th, Mr. Ross acted as chairman. The Commissioner of Police at Hobart wrote,