

by Dr. Brooke Nicholls to the tremendous distances covered by these birds, an example of which was the record of an Albatross released near New Zealand, and four or five weeks later taken off the coast of Peru. The Congress concluded with a display by Mr. Beck of a certain method of bird drawings conceived by Mr. R. H. May, R.A.O.U., a method working on the lines of constructing the outline of a bird upon a sketch of the bird's egg. The method should appeal to children and should aid them to acquire a greater knowledge of birds. Dr. Nicholls devoted a few minutes to one or two further matters, including a reference to the nature of Presidential addresses for some years past. The Congress was then adjourned to the Camp-out, and the Chairman wished those who were attending a successful camp-out.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS.

On September 27 the Congress was resumed at Wyperfeld. Mr. Bryant was voted to the Chair. Mr. Dickison's paper on early records of ornithology in Victoria was read. A vote of thanks for the entertainment provided was moved by Mr. Ross and seconded by Mr. Mattingley, and on behalf of the visitors to the camp, who were invited to listen to the reading of the paper, Mr. R. H. Croll, a former Assistant Editor of *The Emu*, expressed their thanks. On September 29 Mr. Mattingley's paper "Cormorants in Relation to Fisheries" was read and a discussion on the value of Cormorants and the biological balance generally followed. The business of the Congress concluded on October 3, when it was proposed and carried that the next Congress should be held in Tasmania, the arrangements to be left to the local members, and when it was also agreed that Mr. Souter should be asked to convey to the members in South Australia the desire of the Union to have a State Secretary appointed in that State.

Eggs of the White-throated Tree-Creeper (*Climacteris leucophæa*).—At Bayswater, Victoria, on September 11, 1920, I found a nest of this bird containing four young birds, each of which had a *bright rufous rump*. Again in October of 1929 a nest was found at Croydon, containing four eggs. On October 3, 1931, I found a nest by seeing the birds taking bark into a hollow some twenty-five feet up in a hollow trunk of a White Gum growing on the bank of a creek at Mitcham, Victoria. The tree was climbed on October 24, and the nest contained four very even and perfectly fresh eggs.—F. E. HOWE, R.A.O.U., Canterbury, Vic., November 10, 1931.