

The ordinary return fare (1st class) from Melbourne to Hobart is £7/9/6 (boat £5 and train £2/9/6) and 2nd class £5/2/5 (boat £3/10/- and train £1/12/5), but these figures are subject to a reduction if a number travel. Concession rail fares (available if six travel) from other capitals to Melbourne are as follows:—

From Sydney: 1st Return, £5/6/8; 2nd Return, £3/10/8.

From Brisbane: 1st Return, £10; 2nd Return, £6/13/4.

From Adelaide: 1st Return, £4/13/4; 2nd Return, £3/2/8.

The Tasmanian members are most anxious to make a success of the Conference and Camp-out and in order that arrangements may be made well in advance *it is hoped that members will forward an early intimation of their intention to attend the meeting, as this will help very considerably as regards the management.*

News and Notes

Members are invited to make nominations for the position of members of Council for the year 1932-33. Attention is particularly drawn to the provisions of Article 31 of the Union's Articles of Association, which, as amended last year, provides that all nominations must be in writing and must be accompanied by the consent of the nominee. Members are especially required to make the nominations for their own States' representatives.

The following new members have been enrolled:—R. Friedlander & Son, 11 Karlstrasse, Berlin, Germany; Donald Thomson, Cape York, Qld.; R. N. Molesworth, "Ballark," Morrisons, Vic.

Some criticism has been made of late regarding "bird lists" and to some extent the Editor is in agreement with the objections raised. Whilst such lists are of extreme value to those engaged upon the compilation of bird maps, and upon the habitat and range of different species, often the bird census that is a mere list with but little accompanying data, especially when the area dealt with is a well-settled and well-known one, is of interest to a small number of members only. Contributors should bear in mind that full notes on a few species are, generally speaking, of more general interest than a list of birds, concerning which the only remarks are "rare" or "common" as the case might be.

The next species to be figured in colour will be the White-tailed Kingfisher (*Tanysiptera sylvia*).