

Obituary

O. H. LIPFERT

Otto H. Lipfert, of the staff of the Western Australian Museum, died on June 3, 1942, at the age of 77. A biography by Major Whittell, with a portrait, has already appeared in *The Emu*, vol. XL, 1940, p. 118, and this note, in announcing Lipfert's passing, is intended also as the writer's personal tribute to his memory. Besides Lipfert's material services—his labours on the collections at the Western Australian Museum—a succession of ornithologists remember him for the ungrudging and conscientious aid he gave them during the 48 years he was attached to the institution. The writer first learnt the elements of collecting from Lipfert, who was one of the two men (the Curator, L. Glaucert being the other) who played a large part in guiding and encouraging his ornithological interests.—D.L.S.

C. A. BARNARD

Charles Ashmale Barnard was born in Tasmania in 1867 and died at 'Coomooboolaroo,' Duaringa, Queensland, to where the family had moved in 1873, on July 24, 1942, aged 75.

The Barnards were all naturalists. The father, George Barnard, specialized in lepidoptera and coleoptera, and two of the sons (Charles and our member Harry) followed ornithology. One brother, Wilfred, took up entomology and formed one of the finest collections of Australian butterflies and moths, which he bequeathed to the Queensland Museum. The only daughter was a lepidopterist, her collection ultimately passing to the Tring Museum.

The young Barnards had excellent mentors in the aborigines, who were numerous in those days and were the best of field naturalists. Given a tomahawk Charles and Harry could climb like the blacks and no tree was too difficult. They were good taxidermists and their collection eventually joined that of Mr. G. M. Mathews, passing thence to Lord Rothschild and finally to America.

Charles Barnard shunned publicity and wrote but little—a matter for regret, for he was a fund of information concerning animal life in the bush. He was a most agreeable naturalist companion, and indeed a gentleman in his outlook and mode of life. He was an original member of the R.A.O.U., and a past president, and had attended a number of the annual camps. He also took a genuine interest in local government affairs and was a member of the Duaringa Shire Council for fifty years and president for a considerable period.—F.L.B.

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