

"The Emu."

IN this number we publish a coloured figure of the White-throated Shrike-Robin. The generosity of that enthusiastic bird-lover and keen ornithologist, H. L. White, Esq., of Belltrees, Scone, is responsible for that important development of our illustrations. He offered to pay half the cost of a coloured plate in each number of *The Emu* on condition that members contributed the other half of the cost, which totalled approximately £36 a year. Members have now provided annual donations of £18, and Mr. White has sent his cheque for £18 for the present volume.

Through an oversight, no acknowledgment was made that Professor Baldwin Spencer, Director, and Mr. J. A. Kershaw, Curator, of the National Museum, Melbourne, had kindly provided and mounted the specimen of the new Honey-eater, *Macgillivrayornis claudi*, figured in the October issue of this journal. We take this opportunity of apologizing for the omission.

A recent criticism stated that *The Emu* was neglecting popular ornithology and was becoming too technical. The editors are keenly alive to the necessity of developing popular interest in Australian birds, and have not lost sight of that plank in the Union's platform. All papers dealing with the popular side of ornithology that have reached the editors have been printed in full. This year we have had the good fortune to obtain two valuable scientific papers from Dr. Shufeldt, the veteran American ornithologist. Writing from Washington, U.S.A., he states that he considers *The Emu* "one of the best of the numerous ornithological journals" that come to his table. It is pleasing to the Council that a scientist of Dr. Shufeldt's standing should do us the honour of contributing to our pages. Dr. Shufeldt is an honorary member of the R.A.O.U. Articles dealing with the habits and life of birds will be welcomed.

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