

NOTES.

PIGEON'S DEATH ON LITTLE BARRIER ISLAND.—On 5/7/1947 I picked up a sick pigeon (*Hemiphaga novaeseelandiae*) from the ground and brought it home. It seemed to recover after a couple of hours so I put it on the lawn where there is a growth of young clover and left it. Young clover leaves are one of staple foods of the pigeon on the island. Shortly afterwards I heard a cooing and on investigating found a trail of feathers right across the lawn to a clump of cannas. Another pigeon flew out from the cannas and I discovered the sick bird with a hole pecked in the top of its head. It died shortly afterwards. There was nothing else around that could have attacked the bird, and I am wondering what the reason was.—C. H. Parkin, Little Barrier Island.

FOOD OF SEA LEOPARD.—A sea leopard spent a night on the beach at Shag Rock, Sumner, on 3/11/1945. Its faeces were packed with the feathers of the white-flipped penguin (*Eudyptua albosignata*).

BLACK-BACKED GULLS ATTACKING PRION.—On 3/2/1946, at Sumner, Christchurch, when a stiff easterly was blowing, at about 8 p.m., I saw a solitary prion (*Pachyptila* spp.) fly suddenly into a group of black-backed gulls (*Larus dominicanus*) hovering about 300 feet over the sea and just off the cliffs. After a chase of over a minute, during which the gulls surrounded the prion, one gull seized the prion in its beak and immediately flew down to the sea with its prey.—G. Guy, Christchurch.

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The Society has also benefited by the gift of two reams of duplicating paper from Dr. K. A. Wodzicki.