

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for year ended 31/3/1950.

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Subs., 1949, and arrears	140	5 0	"N.Z. Bird Notes"—		
Donations	16	9 3	Vol. 3, Nos. 6—9	97	4 9
Sales (back numbers)	21	5 1	Illustrations	17	9 6
Interest, P.O.S.B.	7	6 6	Envelopes	13	13 1
			Stationery	6	15 6
			Typing	5	14 6
			Postages	13	5 6
			Sundry		11 11
			Library Expenses	6	3 10
			Rings and Records Cards,		
			£62/7/10, less Ringing		
			Fund transferred, £50	12	7 10
			Excess of Income over Ex-		
			penditure transferred to		
			General Fund	11	19 5
	£185	5 10		£185	5 10

BALANCE SHEET as at 31/3/1950.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Subs. paid in advance	153	10 0	Subs. in arrears, estimat-		
Sundry Creditors (a/cs.			ed to realise	2	0 0
due but unpaid)	26	0 0	Stationery on hand	11	6 0
General Reserve	133	12 10	Cash	2	4 0
			Bank of New Zealand	1	6 9
			P.O. Savings Bank	301	6 1
	£318	2 10		£318	2 10

Audited and found correct.—F. E. Wells, 2/5/50.

(A more detailed audited statement of the accounts was presented to the annual meeting and copies may be obtained on application.)

RINGING IN NEW ZEALAND.—As mentioned elsewhere in this issue, members who have carried out ringing of birds are invited to make their records available to the society. It is suggested that this be done not only to duplicate records in case of possible loss, but also because it is desirable to have all records kept in a uniform system in a single file, for future reference. Forms suitable for this are available from the undersigned and will be sent to any member who requests them. A different form should be used for each species, and the approximate number required should be stated. Each sheet holds about 45 ring numbers. It is emphasised that all records of any species ringed are desired, however insignificant they may appear. It is proposed to publish a summary of the numbers of all species ringed on the lines of overseas summaries. It would be appreciated if those members who have large numbers of records, which will naturally take some time to duplicate, would in the meantime provide a list of species ringed to date, and the number of "recoveries" (birds recorded more than two miles from "where ringed," more than three months later, and dead birds).—J. M. Cunningham, Masterton.

A HUIA-BILLED STARLING.—A report that a huia had been seen in a Masterton garden recently caused me to raise my eyebrows, but when I saw the bird in my own garden I realised at once that there was some justification for that statement. The bird, a starling, had a perfectly formed down-curved bill, resembling that of the female huia, and about three times the usual length of a starling's bill; that is, it was about three inches long. The bird was watched for some minutes feeding on scraps with two normal starlings and it appeared to have considerable difficulty in gathering up its food, as its tongue, which was of normal length, was not of much assistance. The food was picked up in the bill and the head and bill were then elevated to allow the food to drop downwards, a fair amount falling out of its bill in the process. It wiped its bill frequently on the ground with a scythe-like motion. The bird looked to be in good fettle. It was seen on December 20, 1949.—R.H.D. Stidolph, Masterton.