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BANDED RAIL NESTING IN AUCKLAND SUBURB.—A friend of mine has a garden which slopes down to Portland Road, Remuera. Across the road is a small tidal creek and a swampy flat, a corner of which has already been filled in. When scything the long grass at the bottom of his section, he laid bare a nest of seven attractively marked eggs. Having only an epicurean interest in eggs my friend ate all of them except one! The remaining egg was rescued from the refrigerator and submitted by the writer to Mr. A. W. B. Powell, of the Auckland Institute, who said at once that it came from a nest of the New Zealand banded rail (*Rallus philippensis assimilis*). Mr. Powell said further that he had known of the existence of banded rail in that area and they fed, he said, on marine insects among the stunted mangroves which grow in that corner of Hobsons Bay. The eggs were discovered on 3/3/54 which might indicate a final attempt on the part of the birds to rear a family, after failing to do so earlier in the season. Auckland naturalists will be interested to know that in spite of rats, cats, hedgehogs, dogs and humans, this shy and comparatively rare native bird still survives within an easy ten minutes' drive of the roar of Queen Street traffic.—J. A. Fagan, Auckland.