

through the year in holes on the cliff face and it is quite possible that the 'Sea-hawk' has found young pigeon an attractive addition to its normal diet.

Although I have kept a watch on the area since, I have been unable to record any return of this interesting visitor.

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PRESENTATION TO H.M.N.Z.S. LACHLAN

On 9th September, 1966, two members of the 1964 Kermadecs Expedition, D. V. Merton and M. J. Hogg, and the Editor, visited H.M.N.Z.S. Lachlan, which was looking very smart after her refit, to make a presentation on behalf of the Society and to express the Society's gratitude for help and kindness received from the Royal New Zealand Navy in the course of that unlucky and short-lived expedition.

Subsequently the following letter, which we have pleasure in publishing, was received from Commander I. S. Monro:—

Dear Sir,

This is to record our deep appreciation of the magnificent gifts your Society has presented to this ship. We are a little overwhelmed by the splendour of both the silver cigarette box and the photograph, and would state that rarely, if ever, in its lifetime does a ship receive such gifts. For these we are most grateful.

To carry people, such as members of your Society, is our pleasure, for in such a small community new faces in the Mess are most welcome, and the diversion from the purely surveying routine can be a welcome break.

It has been our pleasure to be associated with your Society, and we trust that this contact will remain firm and that we will see more of your Society in the future.

Yours sincerely,

I. S. MONRO,

Commander, R.N.Z.N.,
Commanding Officer.



LETTER

Sir,

The article on Pukeko (*Notornis* 13, 133) makes no mention of eggs in their diet. To my knowledge they eat vast quantities of duck eggs as well as those of domestic geese and poultry who lay under farm-garden hedges. Eggs may be undetectable in the stomach contents.

In the article on the breeding of Song Thrushes and Blackbirds (pp. 142-149) the writer fails to mention the use of mud with which Song Thrushes plaster the inside of their nests. Blackbirds don't do this; but they use quite a lot of partly decayed leaves from cabbage trees, where available.

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