

## REGIONAL ORGANISERS.

Under the new constitution the council has made the following appointments of regional organisers:—

Mr. E. W. Dawson, 271 Papanui Road, Merivale, Christchurch, for the Canterbury Region (bounded roughly by the Waitaki River, the Main Divide and the Conway River).

Mr. A. Blackburn, 10 Score Road, Gisborne, for the Gisborne Region (bounded roughly by the Waihou River in the south and by a line running west of Lake Waikaremoana northward through the Urewera country and eastward to Hick's Bay through the upper reaches of various Bay of Plenty rivers).

The list of regional organisers is now as follows:—

Southland (east to the Mataura River and including Stewart Island and Gore).—Mrs. C. A. B. Smith, Home Street, Winton.

Otago (south to the Mataura River, north to the Waitaki River and including Queenstown).—Mrs. L. E. Walker, 15 Cornwall Street, Vauxhall, Dunedin.

Canterbury (defined above).—Mr. E. W. Dawson.

Marlborough (south to the Conway River and including Havelock and the Sounds).—Mr. B. D. Bell, 6 Graham Street, Blenheim.

Nelson.—Mr. L. Gurr, c/o The Cawthron Institute, Nelson.

Wellington (including Upper Hutt and Waikanae).—Vacant.

Wairarapa (including Woodville).—Mr. J. M. Cunningham, 39 Renall Street, Masterton. (At present overseas.)

Manawatu (south to Waikanae and north to the Rangitikei River and Ashhurst).—Mr. E. Dear, Kopane R.D., Palmerston North.

Wanganui (south to the Rangitikei River, north to Waitotara and inland to Waiouru).—Rev. H. W. Austin, c/o Collegiate School, Wanganui.

Taranaki (south to Waitotara, north to Awakino).—Vacant.

Hawke's Bay (south to Woodville, north to Wairoa).—Mr. D. H. Brathwaite, 11 May Avenue, Box 360, Napier.

Gisborne (see above).—Mr. A. Blackburn.

Rotorua-Taupo (including Mamaku, the Rotorua Lakes and Kaingaroa).—Mr. M. J. S. Black, "Savernake," Tarewa Road, Rotorua.

Bay of Plenty (Waihi to Hick's Bay).—Vacant.

Waikato (south to Awakino and Taumarunui, north to Rangariri and Hikutaia, east to Paeroa and Putaruru).—Vacant.

South Auckland (south to Te Kauwhata and Ngatea, north to Awhitu Peninsula, Karaka, Papakura and Whitford and including the Firth of Thames and Thames).—Mr. H. R. McKenzie, Clevedon.

Auckland (south to Manurewa and Howick, north to Helensville and Warkworth).—Mr. J. C. Davenport, 718 Remuera Road, Remuera, Auckland.

North Auckland.—Vacant.

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**BIRDS PREENING ON THE WING.**—During recent launch trips on the Hauraki Gulf it has been noticed that several sea birds have paused in mid-air to shake their tails or preen their feathers. This may be quite usual but it struck the writer as being a remarkable feat of balance. A gannet which had just taken off the rookery at Horu Horu paused in a swift glide to shake his tail vigorously before resuming his flight, while at several times white-fronted tern have been observed to turn their heads to preen their wing feathers and one bird was seen to scratch its head in mid-air without apparently losing height.—Noelle Macdonald, Howick.