

NOTICES

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

The Special General Meeting called for 8 November 1955 took place in the library of the Auckland War Memorial Museum. There was an attendance of twenty.

On the motion of the President, it was decided to raise the subscription for ordinary members from 7/6 to 10/-, the subscription for endowment members from 10/- to £1 per annum, and the cost of life membership from £6/6/- to £10, as from 31 March 1956. After some animated discussion, it was decided that the subscription for junior members should remain at 5/-.

When the formal business was concluded, coloured slides and films locally taken of sea- and shore-birds were shown by Miss N. Macdonald, and Messrs Beatson, Prickett and Urquhart; and through the courtesy of Dr Falla a Canadian film showing Spotted Sandpiper, Barrow's Goldeneye and Sora Rail was presented.

RINGING FUND

A Ringing Fund has been set up by the Council to help pay for future supplies of rings so that the Society can fairly claim to own its own scheme and thus deserve future help from Internal Affairs. To charge the individual for rings which he uses would involve much work for the convener and would be unfair to the enthusiastic operator of modest means. Under the present scheme those operators who use appreciable numbers of rings are asked to make a donation which they feel is within their powers, and even non-ringers may wish to encourage this aspect of the Society's work. Donations should be sent to the hon. treasurer. The Society gratefully acknowledges a new grant of £25 from the Department of Internal Affairs to purchase rings. The Department states: 'The grant has been made in view of the value of the ringing scheme to research into ornithology in New Zealand.'

LIBRARY

The Council has appointed Miss Enid A. Evans, B.A., A.L.A., as the Society's Hon. Librarian in place of E. G. Turbott, who resigned on account of pressure of other work. This post is not one of the elective offices of the Society, but an appointment made by the Council. Miss Evans, who is the Librarian, Auckland Institute and Museum, had already done much work for our Library. As she is a professional librarian the Society is doubly fortunate to secure her interest, and thanks her for consenting to accept this position.