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INTRODUCTION.

This issue is the first printed publication of the Society. Printing will be a strain on our resources, but is much more satisfactory than the old method, and will provide us with a larger number of copies. It is hoped that members will continue to contribute to the Publication Fund, and will endeavour to obtain new members whenever possible. To assist in this a printed circular has been prepared, and copies will be sent on request to anyone who can pass them on to prospective new members. The Society acknowledges with thanks an anonymous donation of 36/- to cover the cost of the circular, and the loan of the block by Mr. Richdale; also 5/- from Dr. Falla and 1/11 from Mr. Graham. The Society is also very thankful to have received two separates of papers from the British Trust for Ornithology. These are reviewed below, and are available for loan to members on receipt of postage.

The response of members to the special investigation appeals has been disappointing, and it is hoped that more information will be forthcoming. Don't just read other people's observations; make your own and join in the organised efforts. It is much more interesting. Everyone should have some information on some of our special topics: the Banded Dotterel, the Dabchick, the White-eye, the dates of singing and nesting and the sizes of clutches. We have added another investigation in which most members should be able to take part; that is, the spread and distribution of the introduced Australian Magpies. In the next issue we hope to publish a statement on this subject by Mr. McCaskill (Training College, Christchurch), who is the organiser, and to whom notes should be sent.