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### INTRODUCTION.

\* This number, though delayed for various unavoidable reasons, is the first for the current year, 1944-45. It is proposed for the present to aim at producing four numbers for each year, unless special circumstances require an extra number to be issued, and the year of issue is now included in the heading. While every effort will be made to space out the numbers throughout the year, this is not always possible, especially with the last number containing the short notes. The appeals which have been made to members to send in articles for publication has so far produced little response. Many members must have worth-while observations which should be published. You can help the editors by writing up any such interesting observations which you have made in the form of articles of any length between about 200 and 3000 words. Short articles are especially useful when trying to arrange the contents of a number to fit the available space, but we need more of all lengths.

It is hoped that everyone will make an effort to supply the information about the White-eye asked for by Mr Cunningham, 39 Renall St., Masterton, in the recent circular to members. Mr Cunningham has been studying the abnormal scarcity of White-eye flocks last winter, and needs more data for comparison. No bird could be more suitable than the White-eye for prolonged special study by the Society as a whole, as it is familiar to everyone and is a conspicuous feature of almost every garden. The Society has already made a good contribution to the knowledge of this species. Let us continue to concentrate on it and study it in the future also.

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