

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS.

Dr. K. A. Wodzicki and Mr. J. M. Cunningham recently spent a weekend at Porangahau, to complete a visit to this area in every season of the year. They have in hand a paper dealing with the bird life of the district.

Among those attending the society's annual meeting in Wellington was Mr. H. L. Secker, who has returned from service overseas, where he had interesting experiences with the birds of Italy and Egypt.

Members will regret to hear of the recent illness of Mr. L. E. Richdale and will join in wishing him a speedy and complete recovery.

A pleasing feature of the annual meeting was the presence of several members from a distance, these including Dr. R. A. Falla (Christchurch), Messrs. R. B. Sibson (Auckland), J. M. Cunningham and E. O. Welch (Masterton) and H. T. Wenham (Levin). There was a good representation of Wellington members.

Several members did wartime duties on the meteorological stations established in the Auckland and Campbell Islands. These included Dr. R. A. Falla (Christchurch), Messrs. C. A. Fleming (Wellington), E. G. Turbot (Auckland) and J. H. Sorenson (Invercargill). Some notable ornithological information was obtained.

Members will congratulate Mr. Peter Bull, of Auckland, on his marriage, which took place following on his return after serving in the Navy during the war.

Members of the Society are appreciative of the sterling service given by Dr. R. A. Falla as president, and by Professor B. J. Marples, as secretary, and also as co-editors of "Bird Notes," from the inception of the Society, in 1939, until 1946. Practically the whole burden of running the society in that period fell on their shoulders.

Members having notes for the classified list are requested to send them to their district organiser before July 31.

Copies of the "Emu," and of other bird literature, can be obtained on loan from the hon. secretary, Mr. J. M. Cunningham, 39 Renall Street, Masterton. Members should send stamps to cover the cost of postage.

Members are invited to send contributions to "Bird Notes," addressed to the Editor, 114 Cole Street, Masterton.

Readers are invited to offer suggestions for the improvement of "Bird Notes."

OCCURRENCE OF MYNA (*Acrodothores tristis*) AT FOXTON.—On 30/1/45 I saw two Mynas in the grounds of the maternity hospital at Foxton. There has been a pair of these birds in that locality (Lady's Mile) for the past three years. They are the only birds of this species I have ever seen throughout the district southward from there to Paekakariki.—A. A. Savell, Levin.