Casey A. Wood Collection
Letter of ornithologist

aus. May 20-23

ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION.

FOUNDED 1900, INCORPORATED UNDER ROYAL CHARTER 1910.

CO-PATRONS:
THEIR MAJESTIES
THE KING AND QUEEN.

OFFICIAL ORGAN: "THE EMU."

~~Zoological Gardens,~~ 2 Temple Court.

Melbourne, Australia, 4/5/1923

Dear Mr Casey Wood.

Yours of 24th & 30th ult, with enclosure in later one, came duly to hand. Osboldstone & Co supplied the book "Golden Wattle", I got Mr Campbell to autograph same, and Osboldstone & Co are now posting it on to you, care Librarian McGill University, and I trust it will be there waiting for you when you enquire for it. Have conveyed your regards to One who was at our Museum meeting (as per handbill here in) on 2nd inst. Mr Sutton has sent on the "Amulet" here, it is very interesting.

With all our good wishes for an enjoyable tour for dear Mrs Wood & yourself

Yours faithfully
T. Gray Hon Sec R.A.O.U.

P.S. Mr Campbell informs me that the lady (his daughter) in colored frontispiece of "Golden Wattle" was a passenger with you on your steamer from here to Sydney.

Casey A. Wood Collection

ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION.

Incorporated under Companies Act 1915 Victoria.

All Communications to be Addressed to Secretary.

2 TEMPLE COURT,

Melbourne, 21/4/1923

Memo.

Dear Mr Casey Wood

I duly received the surprise packet this morning sent by you, it is more than good of you to be so kindly thoughtful, please accept my very sincere thanks for the nice present.

It was a pleasure to me to help our Union all I could, to make your visit here as interesting and pleasant to you, as we could.

If perchance we do not meet again before your departure for Sydney, I wish you (and dear Mrs Wood) "Au Revoir", "Bon Voyage", and a safe return to your home land when (your travelling finished) you so desire it.

Yours very sincerely

H. Gray. Hon Sec R.A.O.U.

P.S. Mr Brooke Nicholls posted his "Penguin Paper" for you to Phillip Island, but when I enquired for it, it had not arrived. I have written there for its return to me and will let you have it or forward it to you in Sydney. We are getting some slides together for you, but it takes time, and these will have to be forwarded later on to you. Please briefly advised

our Sydney friends that you will be leaving here on Tuesday by steamer en route for Sydney.

Z. G.

Ridgway Collection

CO-PATRONS:
THEIR MAJESTIES
THE KING AND QUEEN.

OFFICIAL ORGAN: "THE EMU."

ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION.

FOUNDED 1900, INCORPORATED UNDER ROYAL CHARTER 1910.

~~Zoological Gardens,~~ 2 Temple Court
Melbourne, Australia. 2/5/ 1922

Dear Sir,

About the middle of October next the Royal Australasian Ornithologists' Union will celebrate its majority in the form of the 21st. Annual Congress and camp-out. This will be held in Adelaide beginning on October 16th. The inaugural meeting of the R.A.O.U. was held in Adelaide almost 21 years ago.

The R.A.O.U. sends its greetings and good wishes, and will be pleased if you can make it convenient to visit Australia at that time and take part in the congress, and also the camp-out which will, (given a favorable season) probably be held at Dalhousie Springs in the Lake Eyre district, Central Australia. The R.A.O.U. will also be pleased to welcome you to the Eastern Capital cities and show you places of ornithological interest.

Unfortunately on account of the financial stringency felt here (in common with Great Britain) the Commonwealth Government has found itself unable to act as host to the three over-seas ornithologists invited to the majority celebrations of the R.A.O.U.

Trusting you will be able to make the trip to Australia.

Yours faithfully,

H. Gray.

Hon. Secty.

Prof. Robert Ridgway,
Curator, Division of Birds, National Museum
Washington D. C.
U. S. A.