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— CARD —



THE LEFT HALF OF THIS SIDE MAY BE USED FOR CORRESPONDENCE.

I am sending him
Copy of my note to
you of yesterday
also paper on Perulids
& telling him about
you & see you
Sally will greet you if
not already met.
Love Ashby

Mr A. J. Campbell Esq
18 Wellington St
Box Hill
Victoria

Wittunga Blackwood

14/4/1923

Sorry in my hasty letter
I omitted to ask you to call
on Dr Casey Wood. He will
now be installed at the "Oriental
Hotel" Melbourne & stays there
till May 1st. Please call on
him at once & remember me
to him, I have only corresponded.
I should so like to see him &
missed him in England.

- Letter of ornithologist -

"WITTUNGA"
BLACKWOOD
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Miss Cora Raymond. 7 Madison St. Chicago. Illinois. 2nd May 1924

U.S.A.

Dear Miss Raymond.

Will you be good enough to convey to Dr. Casey Wood my hearty congratulations on his having safely reached California, I take it on his homeward journey. Also please express my warmest thanks for the very interesting copy of his observations of his journeyings, I am very glad to have it, and although I have not yet quite finished it, I have found much of interest and will share it with others ^{who} ~~that~~ are interested in Bird Life.

Tell Dr. Casey Wood I am more than ever deploring the few numbers of Student Collectors in this vast Continent, I have in a short paper in this Months number of the South Australian Ornithologist identified the little Blue-breasted Wren, Malurus pulcherrimus, Gould in a South Australian specimen which extends its range 1200 to 1500 miles, the history is that it was named by Gould ^{at} from spms. secured in the Wogan Hills, W.A. in 1869 but no more specimens were seen till about 1903, when Conigrave rediscovered it, in ~~about~~ ^{at} the old locality, next in abt. 1912 it was discovered in the Stirling Hills in W.A. and now it is found to occur a good thousand miles east of that, it probably occurs and has occurred during all these ^{years} in all suitable localities between, and has never been a rare bird, but but there have been no collectors throughout this immense area throughout these sixty years. Can Dr. Casey Wood help true ornithologists to cultivate a better and saner Australian outlook in the matter of true protection and permits to collect for students?

Yours sincerely

Edwin Ashby.

January 25, 1930

Edwin Ashby, Esq.,
"Wittunga",
Blackwood,
South Australia.

My dear Mr. Ashby:-

It was very good of you to send me those interesting separates from the 'Auk' and the 'Royal Society'. I have read them with great satisfaction.

The deaths of Campbell and Dr. Leach were a great shock to me. So many of my old friends seem to have passed away this last year.

I am in Rome for the winter but expect to return to London in May to complete a work on Vertebrate Zoology on which I have been engaged for the last four or five years. If there is any chance of your coming to England this next summer be sure and let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Smith. letter

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"WITTUNGA"

BLACKWOOD
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

[4. 4. 1923]

If you can manage to come to
Blackwood I could make any day
fit except Sunday on which day I have
several engagements. So any week day
we could spend all our time at Blackwood
which is in the Hills. Any City engagements
I would cut out. We have 9 or 10 species of
Honey Eaters now in my
Garden.

Dear Mr Wood

Thanks much for your letter
of 21st inst. I have just realised that
you are really in Melbourne -
Would you manage to run over
here to see my collection & your
humble servant.

I should so like to meet you &
can find a spare bed somewhere.

You could leave the Express at ~~Blackwood~~
Blackwood (without going on to Adelaide.)

You would have to give notice at or
before Murray Rdg to find a conductor.

We would meet you at station
with motor. I fear there is no

likely hour of my getting to Mel. at all
you are there - I am loaded with work

have just cleared off a small monograph
(mollusca) have other papers to work up.

I have asked Mr A Campbell to call upon
you if not yet met.

I send by this mail reprint of my
paper on Permits & collections. You will

see by the "Evening" that they want to
do for me out of this.

Write my collections my daughter is painter & painter in particular of your former & daughter
I have never thanked the typist particularly of your former & daughter
I can most interestingly

I enclose a copy of a rough
Memo I wrote to Campbell today
so you may see the way the wind
blows in Melbourne.

Very few members of the Union have
any conception that Australia is
a Continent, I could tell them stories
of ^{Certain} species of birds ^{parrots} number thousands &
which have been lost for 35 years & were by
many counted to be extinct but when
they ~~at~~ again turn up they are in thousands.

In our Assoc. I prophesied that several
species that ~~were~~ were published as extinct
would turn up & so they have -

The President of a deputation told the minister
in my hearing that one of them was hunted
& I think it was 4 pairs & drew a dreadful
ape of the danger to extinction, there is just
as much likelihood of there being a thousand
birds extant. Please come all this
perhaps you may be able to help
the Melbourne folk to wider outlooks.

I am afraid my concern for truth
in ornithology is unpopular with many
of the Melbourne men, some of whom
I have hardly if ever met -

With kindest regards & hoping that
some how we shall meet, come over to
see me if possible. Yours sincerely
Campbell is first class. Edwin Ashby

aus. Apr. 8/23

"WITTUNGA"

BLACKWOOD

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Dr Casey Wood G.P.O. Wellington N.S. 19.3.1927

Dear Dr Wood.

I am right glad to learn that you will before long be in Australia & it will be a great pleasure to meet you should I get the chance. I certainly am not likely to get to Sydney till the last week in Sept. when I have to attend a Conference there & shall hope to do a lot of field work as well. It is not impossible that I may be called to Melbourne on an educational matter but it is not certain. I have simply been crowded since my return to England & have at the moment material (polyplacophora not ornithological) awaiting my working up also some fossils from Taormina, New Zealand West Aust. & Newfoundland so I fear trips are out of the question unless one

other duties make me visit the
the states. Any how please
keep me in touch with your move-
ments. When you reach Austr.
I heard of you - England &
was sorry to have missed you,
with kind regards.

Sincerely

Edmund Ashby

I happen by same mail to be writing
Mr. W.R.B. Oliver of the Dominion
Museum. Please remember me to
him if you meet him.