

&c., to Winton, so as to catch the yearly teams travelling to the station nearest to our objective. Some of the goods, purchased in Sydney, went by sea to Townsville, thence per rail to Winton. Communications beyond Winton being very uncertain, we decided that the party should travel per car, so as to have a vehicle always available. This decision was carried out in spite of warnings that the far end of the road was impassable for a heavily-loaded motor-car. Mr. Bettington provided a new 30 h.p. six-cylinder Buick, in which Jackson and an expert driver left Belltrees on the 8th June, reaching their destination on the 26th, travelling the 1,400-mile journey by easy stages without as much as a tyre puncture. Readers of *The Emu* may decide for themselves whether good luck or good management enabled the party to cover 1,400 miles without the slightest mishap, the greater part of the last 250 miles over tracks hitherto untravelled by a motor; to fix camp at its destination at a clump of timber in which the birds were nesting, and to secure eggs upon the very day of arrival.

Messrs. Bettington and son joined the camp later, having travelled *via* Townsville to Winton, thence per car.

The collecting trip was a success, skins, eggs, and much valuable data being obtained. I shall leave it to Mr. Jackson to supply particulars of his observations and experiences. All the skins obtained will join the "H. L. White Collection" in the National Museum, while the R.A.O.U. oological collection receives typical clutches of eggs.

NOTE.—In searching for a name for the beautiful little Wren discovered by Jackson and party (see *Emu*, ante, p. 121) I could think of nothing more appropriate than "*diamantina*," as I am an advocate for naming sub-species after their locality rather than after some relation or friend of my own. I selected *diamantina*. The river bearing that name was discovered by M'Kinlay in 1862, and was called after the wife of Sir George Ferguson Bowen, Governor of Queensland, 1859-1868. Lady Bowen was the Countess Diamantina Roma, daughter of Count Candiano Roma, President of the Ionian Senate, a nobleman of an ancient Venetian family, who possessed large estates on the Island of Zante.

Acanthizas.—In my note on a northern form of *A. nana* mentioned in *The Emu*, ante, p. 122, I omitted to state that I received the specimens from our Queensland member, Mr. H. G. Barnard. Now he has been good enough to send me another specimen, this time *A. albiventris* (North)—an extension of locality, as I think this species has hitherto only been recorded for "interior of New South Wales." While on the subject of Acanthizas, I may state that my collector, Mr. F. L. Whitlock, has sent me from Sharks Bay, W.A., specimens of two interesting kinds—*A. morgani (iredalei)* and *A. whitlocki*. The former, I think, links up with *A. winiamida*, recently described by Mr. F. E. Wilson, from the Mallee, Victoria (see *Emu*, xvi., p. 169).—
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