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THE Ornithological Collection made by Mr. Hedley consists of six specimens, referable to four well known Australasian species, and one egg. Mr. Hedley has supplied an interesting note on the "Lakea" (*Micranous leucocapillus*). Although found on most islets near the line, *Totanus incanus* and *Sterna melanauchen* have not, I believe, been previously recorded from the Ellice Islands.

1. TOTANUS INCANUS.

*Grey-rumped Sandpiper.*

*Scolopax incana*, Gmel. Syst. Nat., Vol. i. p. 651 (1788).

*Totanus incanus*, Vieill. Nouv. Diet., tom. vi. p. 400 (1816).

*Totanus griseopygius*, Gould, Proc. Zool. Soc. 1848, p. 39; *id.*  
Bds. Austr. Vol. vi. pl. 38 (1848).

*Actitis incana*, Finch, Ibis, 1880, pp. 432, 434 (Gilbert Islands).

One adult female in winter plumage. Wing 6.9 in. This specimen was obtained on the margin of a mangrove-lined swamp on Funafuti. *T. incanus* in winter dress is not uncommon on the shores of Botany Bay, New South Wales, during the months of October and November.

2. DEMIEGRETTA SACRA.

*Reef Heron.*

*Ardea sacra*, Gmel. Syst. Nat., Vol. ii. p. 640 (1788); Finch,  
Ibis, 1880, pp. 432, 433 (Gilbert Islands).

*Herodias jugularis*, G. R. Gray, List Spec. Bds. Brit. Mus., p. 80  
(1844); Gould, Bds. Austr. Vol. vi. pl. 60 (1848).

*Herodias greyi*, G. R. Gray, List Spec. Bds. Brit. Mus., p. 80  
(1844); Gould, Bds. Austr. Vol. vi. pl. 61 (1848).