

CORRESPONDENCE.**Semi-Centennial Greetings**

LONDON, 21ST MARCH, 1934.

To the Hon. Secretary,
American Ornithologists' Union.

Dear Sir,

I am instructed by the President and Committee of the British Ornithologists' Union to inform you that at the General Meeting of the Union held on 14th inst, a resolution moved by the President to the effect that "The British Ornithologists' Union heartily congratulates the American Ornithologists' Union on the celebration of their Jubilee Anniversary and sends their heartiest greetings and best wishes for the continuation of their success and great and increasing influence in the Science of Ornithology" was put to the Meeting and carried with acclamation.

May I add my personal congratulations to the Union of which I have the honour to belong and say how much I, and all British Ornithologists, have appreciated the kind and constant courtesy and help which has been extended to us in our mutual work.

Believe me dear Sir,
Yours very Sincerely,
E. C. Stuart Baker

CHARLOTTENBURG, WILMERSDORFERSTRASSE 74,
Nov. 6TH, 1933.

Dear Dr. Palmer,

I send my most hearty congratulations to the 50th Anniversary of the American Ornithologists' Union and wish it will have a long life of some thousand odd years.

With best greetings to all my friends over there.

Yours very Truly,
Prof. Oscar Neumann

Alleged Excessive Collecting.

April 27, 1934.

Editor of 'The Auk.'

Dear Sir:—

I have been considerably distressed to hear from an ornithologist friend, recently returned from the Pacific Islands, of ruthless and excessive destruction of rare birds by the American Whitney expedition. He tells me they have apparently exterminated the small lory which is only found on a mountain in the interior of Viti Levu killing no less than 47 when permission was given to take 5. 18 specimens of the rare *Pyrrhulopsis personata* were taken, again much in excess of the permit number, and the bird does not appear to have been seen since in a wild state. The Norfolk