

## OBITUARY.

THE LATE REAR-ADMIRAL LYNES, C.B. Admiral Lynes, the authority on that difficult group of birds, the Cisticolae (Grass-warblers), died in England on November 10th, 1942. He visited Kenya in 1937, when he rendered much assistance to the Coryndon Museum in both field and laboratory work and made a handsome donation towards the cost of one of the habitat groups in the Exhibition Hall. Many of our members had the privilege of his personal friendship.

THE LATE SIR EDWARD POULTON, F.R.S. Sir Edward Poulton, a life-member of the Society died on November 20th, 1943, at the age of 87. A staunch exponent of Darwinism, he was Hope Professor of Zoology at Oxford from 1893-1933. His main interest lay in the coloration of animals and, in particular, mimicry. An article from his pen, on *Papilio dardanus*, appeared in this *Journal* (No. 20, 4).

THE LATE A. J. KLEIN. A. J. Klein was a member of the Society from 1910 until the time of his death. Trained as a taxidermist, he came to the Colony and for many years followed the profession of a White Hunter. In this capacity he collected extensively for the American Museum of Natural History, New York, as well as conducting many safaris for wealthy Americans. Soon after the outbreak of war he undertook the collection of shark livers for their oil and at the time of his death was intimately associated with the Government Fishing Station at Shimoni.

The deaths of three other well-known naturalists are reported. Professor Einar Lönnberg, who died on October 21st, 1942, was the author of many papers on African vertebrates. Mr. H. F. Witherby, M.B.E., ornithologist and member of the well-known publishing firm of works on Natural History, H. F. & G. Witherby, died on December 11th, 1943. The death of Sir David Prain, director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, occurred on March 16th, 1944.