

INTRODUCTION

This issue contains a report on an extensive collecting trip by Mr. A. D. O'Brien of Grafton, Australia, which should be of interest to many readers.

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