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England, built up over a period of about 25 years contact with naturalists in the area (initiated by Alfred Hazelwood) and have very little in the way of published notes on the area.

How did Andrew Mayoh of Adlington, near Chorley, Lancashire, acquire this item before he gave it to us? He bought it from W. Dodd of 17 Oxford Street, Barrow-in-Furness who was selling off his library of bird books in 1946 and there the story ends. Incidentally, W. Dodd had a collection of 6,000 Birds' Eggs (of which 500 were destroyed in the Blitz on Barrow). Does anyone know where they are now?

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Bolton Museum.

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MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE -
SPECIALIST SESSION - WEDNESDAY 11 JULY

Provisional arrangements for the BCG Specialist session are as follows:

Meet at Cumberland House, Portsmouth by 10.30 a.m. A tour round the Museum will be followed by a local field trip. Lunch (will anyone not having the official lunch let Peter Sewell, Keeper of Natural History at Portsmouth, know) will be followed by an afternoon session devoted to 'The relevance of natural history collections in the leisure age'. Speakers will include Peter Sewell and Peter Morgan, and it is hoped that a representative from the British Museum (Natural History) will be present to speak about exhibition policy at that establishment.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 1978/'79

In reviewing the last year of BCG activities, the first thing to notice is that it had lasted fifteen months. The only benefit the group appears to have gained from this is that the officers have had an extra three months to produce their reports, but in the case of the Chairman's remarks this has not been used to much advantage.

It is a temptation in annual reports to recite the year's activities, but most of these have been well reported in the Newsletter. Unfortunately the two meetings held since last year's AGM have only