



THE OTAGO HON. SECRETARY OF THE
SOCIETY,
With young black backed gull.

IN the past the white man has robbed the birds of their homeland, most of their homes, persecuted them and destroyed them in all manner of ways, laid waste the forests with fire, and imported plant-eating animals in a seemingly hopeless endeavour to attain prosperity. The Maori did not daily toil from eight to five and lived in health and strength in the same land for 800 years without laying the land waste. It has been aptly said that we should give the country back to the Maori and apologise for making such a mess of it. A ray of light is now, however, appearing on the distant horizon, and it may be that the white man will before long realise that he must work with Nature, not against her, lest he perish.