the ever-increasing cost of postage and printing and the withholding of the refund on Deeds of Covenant already referred to.

Membership.—The Council is pleased to report an increase of eighty-one members during the year to a total of 1,417. Though our numbers rise steadily they are still far below those required even to meet our normal running expenses, without the aid of generous donations.

Acknowledgments.—The Council expresses the Society's thanks to Miss Robin Tomkinson and Mr. Maurice Wilson for their pictures of sable antelope and lions used as Christmas cards.

Thanks are offered also to those who gave lectures and showed films at General Meetings.

The Society is most grateful to the Zoological Society of London for office accommodation and for the unstinted help given by that Society's staff throughout the year.

THE AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Council and Members of the Fauna Preservation Society.

25th February, 1958.

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1957

We have completed the audit of the Books and Accounts of the Society for the year ended 31st December, 1957, and report thereon as follows :---

GENERAL PURPOSES ACCOUNT

The balance on this account at the end of the year was $\pounds 4,370$ 18s. 10d. after transferring $\pounds 30$ from the Life Membership Fund in respect of subscriptions of deceased Life Members and deducting $\pounds 1,658$ 5s. 11d. being the excess of Expenditure over Income on the year's working.

The figure of £1,658 5s. 11d. referred to above compares with an excess of expenditure over income of £475 2s. 1d. in respect of the previous year.

The expenditure incurred by the Secretary on his African tour was £1,235 13s. £235 13s. of this amount has been met from the accumulated surplus at the beginning of the year on the Secretary's Travelling Expenses Account. Perhaps it should be mentioned in this connection that the Secretary's Annual Honorarium of £200 has not been paid this year, neither has the annual grant of £150 to the Secretary's Travelling Expenses Account been made.

It will be noticed that nothing has been included under the item "Tax recovered on Covenants" for the year. In common with many other societies, the Inland Revenue have withheld payment of the claim which was made pending consideration of the effect of the "National Book League" decision.

NUMBER OF MEMBERS AND ARREARS OF SUBSCRIPTION

The number of Members on the Roll at 31st December, 1957, was 1,417, made up as follows :---

Honorary Members	•	•	16
Life Members .	•	•	277
Ordinary Members	•	•	1,124
			1 418
			1,417

a decrease of 1 Honorary Member, an increase of 12 Life Members and an increase of 70 Ordinary Members.

At 31st December, 1957, the number of Members in arrear for subscriptions was 97, made up as follows :---

	Members			
77	,,	"	1	year
97				
-				

GENERAL RESERVE FUND

A further sum of £161 16s. 2d. has been placed to reserve which represents the amount of the donations received during the year. The balance on the Fund at 31st December, 1957, was £4,864 5s. 1d.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

The balance standing to the credit of the Fund is now $\pounds 8,230$. This is after crediting $\pounds 180$ in respect of Life Membership subscriptions received during the year and transferring $\pounds 30$ to the General Purposes Account which represents the value of subscriptions of those Life Members who died during the year.

INVESTMENTS

During the year certain investments were realized and the total investments at 31st December, 1957, at cost amounted Annual Report

to £12,037 4s. 11d. and the Market Value at that date was $\pounds 9,909$ 10s. 10d. showing a net depreciation of $\pounds 2,127$ 14s. 1d.

SURPLUS

The surplus of Assets over Liabilities at the end of the year amounted to £11,965 3s. 11d. as compared with £13,628 2s. 6d. at the end of the previous year.

> W. B. KEEN & Co., Chartered Accountants.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

GENERAL PURPOSES

EXPENDITURE

	EXPENDITORE		
1956.			
£		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
539	To Assistant Secretary's Salary		$552 \ 10 \ 0$
200	"Secretary's Honorarium		
887	" Printing of Journal (3 Issues)		998 18 1
379	" Cost of Production—Christmas Cards .		$266 15^{+} 2$
92	"Stationery, etc		53 2 9
	" Rent of Offices	250 0 0	
	Less Donation from Zoological Society.	250 0 0	
		·	
143	"Office Expenses, Insurance Stamps, etc.		250 2 3
143	" Postages, etc.		196 3 4
5	"Refreshments at Meetings		6 11 6
93	"Maintenance of Films		6 11 0
100	" Assistant Secretary's Pension—Premium		100 0 0
	"Accountancy and Audit—		
	Audit Fce, 1957	10 10 0	
	Accountancy, 1957	15 15 0	
42	Income Tax Claim, 1057	$15 \ 15 \ 0$	42 0 0
1 50	"Secretary's Travelling Expenses Account—		
$\begin{array}{c} 150 \\ 25 \end{array}$	Grant for year 1957		
لانتم	, Subscriptions and Donations :		
	British Committee for International		
	Nature Conservation	20 0 0	
	International Committee for Bird		
	Preservation	550	
0	Wild Life Preservation Society of		a a a
8	Ceylon	3 3 0	28 8 0
	Sarangati Summar	<u></u>	
	" Serengeti Survey :— Professor Pearsall's Ex-		
	penses	291 15 7	
	Cost of Printing Report . 74 19 0	201 10 1	
	Less Sales 40 14 0	34 5 0	326 0 7
		0.000	020 0 1
	" Sceretary's African Tour	1,235 '13 0	
	Less Secretary's Travelling Expenses	1,200 10 0	
	Account—Balance at 1st Jan., 1957	235 13 0	1 000 0 0
	Account-Datance at 18t San, 1957	235 13 0	1,000 0 0

£2,806

£3,827 2 8

for the Year ended 31st December, 1957.

ACCOUNT

INCOME

		INCOME						
1956.	•							
£		£ s. d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	By	y Subscriptions—						
21	•	Arrears	15	19	11			
:	1,033	Current	1,063	12	8			
1,284	201	Tax recovered on Covenants \cdot .		<u> </u>		1,079	12	7
	382	Donations and Legacies	161	16	2			
	382	Less Transfer to General Reserve Fund	161	16	2		—	—
105		Serengeti Survey (net)	<u> </u>					
490		Interest on Investments (gross)				552	18	2
50		Journal, Sale of				74	14	7
431		Sundry Sales—Christmas Cards				461	16	5
		Balance—Excess of Expenditure over Income for year carried to Balance						
475		Sheet				1,658	5	11

£2,806

£3,827 2 · 8

BALANCE SHEET,

1956. £££ 605	LIABILITIES Sundry Creditors Receipts in Advance—	£	s.	d.	£ 591	s. d. 13 11
$ \begin{array}{c} 50\\ 132\\\\ 787 \end{array} $	Life Membership Fees		0 13	0 10	$\frac{121}{713}$	13 10 7 9
4,202	BALANCE, being Excess of Assets over Liabilities : General Reserve Fund Balance at 1st January, 1957. Transfer of Donations and Legacies from Income and Expenditure Account.	4,202 161			4,364	5 1
	Life Membership Fund— Balance at 1st January, 1957 3,080 0 0 Add Fees received during year 180 0 0 Deduct Transfer to General Pur- poses Account—	3,260	0	0		
3,080	Subscriptions of deceased Life Members	30	0	0	3,230	0.0
6,681 140	Add Transfer from Life Member-	6,345 30	13 0	7 0		
6,821	Deduct Net Loss on Sale and Re- demption of In- vestments . 110 15 10 Secretary's Tra- velling Expense Account — Bal- ance at 1.1.1957 Transferred to	6,375	13	7		
0,340 475 £14,365	Income and Ex- penditure A/c. 235 13 0 Excess of Ex- penditure over Income for year 1,658 5 11	2,004	14		4,370 	18 10 11 8

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and the accompanying Income and Expenditure Account with the books and Accounts of the Society and certify them to be in accordance therewith. We have verified the Bank Balance and the Investments of the various Funds.

FINSBURY CIRCUS HOUSE, BLOMFIELD STREET, LONDON, E.C. 2. 25th February, 1958. W. B. KEEN & CO., Charlered Accountants.

31st DECEMBER, 1957

1956.	Assets						
£		£	3.	d.	£	s.	d.
	SUNDRY DEBTORS.						
118	Income Tax Recoverable	131		8			
38	Sundry Persons	34	17	3	166	6	11
	STOCK OF CHRISTMAS CARDS IN HAND (at						
	Cost)				342	16	3
	INVESTMENTS (at Cost) :						
	£3,960 11s. 5d. Conversion 31% Stock .	3,604	1	5			
	£525 3% Savings Bonds 1965-75 .	525					
	£229 7s. 8d. Consols $2\frac{1}{2}\%$	177	0	2			
	£1,724 19s. 2d. 2½% Savings Bonds						
	1964-67	1,602	6	8			
	£1,320 10s. 7d. British Gas 31% Gtd.						
	Stock 1969–71	1,220	15	11			
	£266 10s. British American Tobacco Co.,			_			
	Ltd. Ordinary Stock (10s. Units)	1,138	8	6			
	£1,162 Thomas Firth and John Brown,	7 450	30	0			
	Ltd. £1 Ordinary Shares	1,450	10	6			
	£250 Shell Transport and Trading Co.,	1 000	70	ß			
	Ltd. Ordinary Stock (Registered) • £290 Associated Electrical Industries	1,323	10	U			
13,494	Ordinary Stock	995	3	3	12,037	4	11
,	(Market Value at 31st December, 1957, £9,010.)				,		
	BALANCE AT BANK AND CASH IN HAND.						
	General Account	125	12	10			
715	Petty Cash Account		10	9	132	3	7
							•

£14,865

£12,678 11 8