

the two species of rhinoceros which live or used to live in Malaya, are just touched upon. Surely Mr. Foenander is optimistic in giving the present distribution of *Rhinoceros sondaicus*, the Javan Rhinoceros, as Lower Burma, Siam, Indo-China, Malaya and Java, and his argument that where rhinoceroses cannot be properly protected, permission to shoot should not be withheld, is difficult to accept.

There is much good natural history, much that shows intimate knowledge of seladang and elephant, the jungles they inhabit and the people who live there with them. It is very interesting to learn of the close relationship between the seladang and sakai, the jungle people who, by their shifting cultivation, make the stretches of open country where the grass, essential for the seladang, can grow. The vegetation also is adequately named and well described; one does not feel that the animals are living in a mass of homogeneous greenery.

Unfortunately the author is not content with natural history where he is at his best. Even making allowance for the interval of the war there seems little justification for filling two whole chapters with reprints of his own hunting stories published in 1938 and 1939. There is also far too much old material from the pen and camera of the late Mr. Theodore Hubback, although it is fully and even lavishly acknowledged. The maps are good, the photographs, generally speaking, poor.

C. L. B.

ROYAL NATIONAL PARKS OF KENYA. REPORT, 1946-1950

This is no mere report, it is also a fascinating description of the National Parks of Kenya and a moving plea for their extension.

We are shown conclusively that there can be no complacency about the wild life situation in Kenya to-day nor in the outlook for to-morrow. Only in national parks is there any certainty of permanent wild life conservation. In Kenya there are six national parks but only Nairobi and Tsavo are important sanctuaries for the larger animals. Nairobi, though unique for its animal display, is small. Of Tsavo the Trustees, looking to the future, say "only here will there be any reasonable chance of preserving an adequate number of wild animals, unless marked changes of policy can be achieved in regard to game preservation within the national reserves". There is the crux of the matter, forthrightly stated and convincingly proved. In the reserves the demands of man override the requirements of

nature and will gradually absorb them. The parks within their present boundaries are insufficient alone to preserve even a typical remnant of Kenya's game.

This report is not devoted to fauna parks and national reserves only. The Mountain National Parks and Historical and Archæological Sites are well described and illustrated. There are sections on publicity, tourist traffic, finance and future plans.

There is a map of the Nairobi National Park and rather a poor one of the Tsavo. A simple map of Kenya showing the position of all the parks and reserves would have added a finishing touch to a most excellent report.

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Twelve copies of the above report have been presented to the Fauna Preservation Society. They are for sale at 5s. each. Further copies may be had from the Royal National Parks Office, Box 2076, Nairobi, Kenya, at the same price.

APPEAL BY THE PRESIDENT

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Willingdon.

THE SOCIETY'S BUSINESS

Annual General Meeting.—The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at the Offices of the Zoological Society of London, Regent's Park, N.W. 8, on Thursday, 17th April, at 4.15 p.m.

The Marquess of Willingdon, President, in the Chair.

Tea will be served at 3.45 p.m., price 1s.

Agenda

1. Consideration of the proposed rules of the Society, *vide* Appendix to *Oryx*, Vol. I, No. 4.