

## SHORTER NOTICES

**60 YEARS KRUGER PARK.** The National Park Board of Trustees of the Union of South Africa, Pretoria, 25s.

On 26th March, 1898, President Kruger proclaimed the Sabi Game Reserve. On 31st May, 1926, the National Parks Bill passed through the South African Parliament with acclamation and the Sabi reserve became the Kruger National Park. So 1958 may well be called the 60th birthday of the Park and the Board of Trustees have seized the opportunity to issue this anniversary book.

It has 110 pages, is well got up and well illustrated. It has four sections—Animal Life in South Africa 1652–1898; The Kruger National Park 1898–1958 (here the name of Stevenson-Hamilton stands forth as it most rightly should); The Role of the Kruger National Park in South Africa To-day; Experiences and Adventures in the Kruger National Park. These titles show truly the purpose and scope of this book. A map would have been a valuable addition.

All who intend visiting South Africa, should possess *60 Years Kruger Park*.

**THE KENYA WILD LIFE SOCIETY.** P.O. Box 20110, Nairobi: 1957 Report. 3s. (3s. 6d. postage paid).

This is the Second Annual Report of the Kenya Wild Life Society and is worthy of the work of that active body. Containing a hundred pages of interesting and well illustrated articles, this Report is a bargain, apart from the fact that money spent on buying it helps to preserve the wild life of East Africa.

The Fauna Preservation Society has some of these Reports in London, on sale for the Kenya Wild Life Society.

**MAMMALIA.** Tome 22. Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle. Paris. Fr. 1500.

This interesting volume, in three numbers, contains the Proceedings of the International Symposium on Ungulates held in Paris in 1957.

Numbers 1 and 2, entitled *Systematique et biologie des ongulés* includes:—Observations on placental structure in some ungulates, by E. C. Amoroso and L. Harrison Matthews: Observations sur la vie sociale du cerf au parc national Suisse, by Dieter Bureckhardt: Distribution géographique des ongulés

d'Afrique equatoriale francaise en relation avec leur ecologie, by Lucien Blancou : The Muskox in East Greenland by Chr. Vibe.

Number 3 entitled *Statut des ongulés en Afrique*, after an introduction by Monsieur Jean Dorst, includes : Statut des ongulés en Guinée Portugaise, by J. J. de Sa e Melo Christino : Le statut actuel des grands ongulés du Congo Belge et du Ruanda-Urundi, by J. Verschuren : Fauna of the Serengeti National Park, by G. H. Swynnerton : Status of Ungulates in Northern Rhodesia, by I. R. Grimwood, C. W. Benson and W. F. H. Ansell.

## THE SOCIETY'S BUSINESS

*Vice-Presidents.*—At a General Meeting on 7th October, 1958, Captain C. R. S. Pitman, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., was unanimously elected a vice-president of our Society.

*Annual General Meeting and Council Meetings for 1959.*—The following have been arranged :—

Annual General Meeting : Wednesday, 22nd April, at 5 p.m.

Council Meetings : Wednesday, 14th January ; Thursday, 19th March ; Tuesday, 7th July ; Wednesday, 7th October. All at 2.30 p.m.

All meetings are held at the Offices of the Zoological Society of London, Regent's Park, N.W. 1.

*Oryx*, Volume IV, is now complete. The index will be issued free of charge with *Oryx*, Volume V, No. 1. Most numbers of *Oryx*, Volumes III and IV, are available to members at 2s. 6d. each, post free. All back numbers returned to the Society will be most gratefully acknowledged. They enable bound and indexed volumes to be prepared, for which there is a constant demand.

*Amendments to the Rules of the Society.*—The following amendments to the Rules are recommended by Council and will be considered for adoption at the first appropriate General Meeting in 1959.

*Rule 2 (Membership)* now reads : The name of any member whose subscription is two years in arrears shall be removed from the list of members.

It is proposed to delete "two years" and substitute "one year". The cost of printing, stationery and postage make it impossible to keep members on the Society's Roll who do not pay their subscriptions promptly. The Council is most grateful to members who pay on 1st January, when all subscriptions