

to provide water for Mombasa would have raised by eight feet the level of one of the Mzima pools. This would have ruined the pools as a hippopotamus breeding ground, spoiling for ever the most attractive feature of the Tsavo Park.

To help in arresting the threatened calamity, Colonel R. S. Clarke, on 1st July, asked in the House of Commons that detailed examination should first be given to the alternative suggestions put forward by the trustees of the park, suggestions which had the support of the highest engineering authorities. In reply the Colonial Secretary gave an assurance that everything possible was being done to avoid damage to natural amenities, but that the water supply to Mombasa would have to take first place. In December news came from Kenya that the pools had been saved. An article giving the whole story will be published in the next issue of *Oryx*.

Society's Film Library.—At the end of 1953 the library consisted of eight wild life films, all of which were frequently shown in Great Britain. Besides this, the film "Wild Animals of the Indian Jungle" was exhibited in Northern Rhodesia. "Wild Life of East Africa" and "Animal Kingdom" went on tour in the Belgian Congo.

Acknowledgements.—The Council desires to express its thanks to those who spoke and showed films at general meetings, to contributors to *Oryx*, including Mr. Ian Menzies for his work in preparing maps, to members who gave original film material and thus made the F.P.S. films possible, to those who gave drawings for Christmas cards, and to many other helpers. Special thanks are due to the Zoological Society of London for the provision of office accommodation and for the unstinted help given by the Society's staff throughout the year.

THE AUDITORS' REPORT

*To the Council and Members of the
Fauna Preservation Society.*

9th February, 1954.

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1953.

We have completed the audit of the Books and Accounts of the Society for the year ended 31st December, 1953, and report thereon as follows.

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BALANCE SHEET,

1952.	LIABILITIES	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
121	SUNDRY CREDITORS				660	8	9
67	SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED IN ADVANCE .				84	10	2
	BALANCE, being Excess of Assets over Liabilities :—						
	<i>Life Membership Fund—</i>						
	Balance at 1st January, 1953	£3,989	12	9			
	Add Fees received during year	94	15	10	4,084	8	7
	<i>General Purposes Account—</i>						
	Balance at 1st January, 1953	3,045	8	11			
	Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	1,625	15	6			
7,185	Secretary's Travelling Expenses Account .	147	18	7	4,819	3	0
					8,903	11	7

£7,373

£9,648 10 6

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 Balances and the Investments of the various Funds.

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 8th February, 1954.

W. B. KEEN & Co.
 Chartered Accountants.

31st DECEMBER, 1953

1952.	ASSETS		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		
£							
	SUNDRY DEBTORS.						
	Income Tax Recoverable :—						
57	General Purposes Account				66	19 1	
4	TYPEWRITER (at cost) less Depreciation				—		
—	STOCK OF CHRISTMAS CARDS						
	IN HAND (at Cost)				181	2 1	
	INVESTMENTS (AT COST) :—						
	<i>Life Membership Fund.</i>						
	£3,057 5s. 9d. Conversion						
	3½% Stock	2,731	14	3			
	£1,224 19s. 2d. 2½% Sav-						
	ings Bonds, 1964-7	1,131	18	5			
	£245 9s. 6d. British Gas						
	3½% Gtd. Stock 1969						
	71	220	15	11	4,084	8 7	
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	<i>General Purposes Account.</i>						
	£200 Defence Bonds 2½%	200	0	0			
	£903 5s. 8d. Conversion						
	3½% Stock	872	7	2			
	£525 3% Savings Bonds,						
	1965-75	525	0	0			
	£100 Newcastle-on-Tyne						
	3% Cons. Red. Stock,						
	1957	99	3	0			
	£229 7s. 8d. Consols 2½%	177	0	2			
	£500 2½% Savings Bonds,						
	1964-67	470	8	3			
	£509 6s. 6d. Funding	500	0	0			
	Stock 1¾% 1954						
	£1,017 12s. 2d. Funding						
	Stock 2½%, 1956-61	1,000	0	0			
	£1,075 1s. 1d. British Gas						
	3½% Gtd. Stock, 1969-						
6,608	71	1,000	0	0	4,843	18 7	
		<hr/>				8,928	7 2
	(Market Value at 31st December, 1953, £8,579.)						
	BALANCES AT BANK AND CASH IN HAND.						
	General Account				468	11 3	
704	Secretary's Petty Cash Account				3	10 11	
		<hr/>				472	2 2
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	£7,373				£9,648	10 6	
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

GENERAL PURPOSES

EXPENDITURE

1952. £		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
370	To Salaries		370 0 0
200	„ Secretary's Honorarium		200 0 0
586	„ Printing of <i>Journal</i> (3 Issues)		690 14 11
92	„ Cost of Production—Christmas Cards	216 6 4	
74	„ „ „ „ „ „ “Going, Going, Gone”	—	216 6 4
64	„ Stationery, etc.		50 8 2
	„ Rent of Offices	250 0 0	
—	Less Donation from Zoological Society	250 0 0	—
60	„ Office Expenses, Insurance Stamps, etc.		84 15 5
77	„ Postages, etc.		75 1 7
1	„ Refreshments at Meetings		11 19 0
94	„ Advertising		—
30	„ Production of Films		29 10 8
—	„ Assistant Secretary's Pension—Premium		100 0 0
	„ Accountancy and Audit—		
	Audit Fee, 1953	10 10 0	
	Accountancy, 1953	15 15 0	
16	Income Tax Claim, 1953	5 5 0	31 10 0
100	„ Secretary's Travelling Expenses Account—		
	Grant for year 1953	100 0 0	
50	Balance of grant for 1951 not spent	—	100 0 0
18	„ Subscriptions to other Bodies (including		
	£40 for a game guard at Mjeti Hill,		
	Nyasaland)		53 5 0
—	Depreciation on Typewriter		4 0 0
1,832	„ Balance—Excess of Income over		2,017 11 1
	Expenditure for year carried to Balance		
596	Sheet		1,625 15 6
£2,428			£3,643 0 7

for the Year ended 31st December, 1953.

ACCOUNT

		INCOME					
1952.	£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	By Subscriptions—						
	„ Arrears				13	12	0
	„ Current	909	6	6			
1,028	„ Tax recovered on Covenants to 5/4/53	136	17	7	1,046	4	1
915	„ Donations					1,942	2 4
—	„ Legacies					100	0 0
207	„ Interest on Investments (gross)					238	13 5
62	„ Journal, Sale of					49	14 9
200	„ Sundry Sales—Christmas Cards				250	10	0
11	—Post Cards				2	10	0
5	—Reports				—		
						253	0 0

£2,428

£3,643 6 7

GENERAL PURPOSES ACCOUNT.

The Balance on this Account at the end of the year was £4,819 3s. after transferring £1,625 15s. 6d. being excess of Income over Expenditure on the year's working.

We feel that we should point out that this surplus arises after taking into account the receipt during the year of Donations and Legacies amounting to £2,042 2s. 4d. without which the year's working would have resulted in a deficit of £416 6s. 10d.

The figure of £1,625 15s. 6d. referred to above compares with £596 7s. in respect of the previous year and is after transferring £100 to the Secretary's Travelling Expenses Account in accordance with the minutes of the Society.

NUMBER OF MEMBERS AND ARREARS OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

The number of Members on the Roll at 31st December, 1953, was 1,218, made up as follows :—

Honorary Members	21
Life Members	245
Ordinary Members	952
	1,218

a decrease of 3 Honorary Members and 5 Life Members and an increase of 9 Ordinary Members.

At 31st December, 1953, the number of Members in arrear for Subscriptions was 75, made up as follows :—

16 Members owing 2 years
59 Members owing 1 year
75

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

The balance to the credit of the Fund is now £4,084 8s. 7d., an increase of £94 15s. 10d. over the figure for the previous year.

INVESTMENTS

The total investments at 31st December, 1953, at cost amounted to £8,928 7s. 2d. and the market value at that date was £8,579 5s. 11d., showing a net depreciation of £349 1s. 3d.

SURPLUS

The surplus of Assets over Liabilities at the end of the year amounted to £8,903 11s. 7d.

W. B. KEEN & Co.,
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