

manner gained the regard and confidence of all who knew him and his courage throughout his long and painful fatal illness was an example to us all.

G. S. C.

## REVIEW

BIRDS OF CEYLON—I. By W. W. A. PHILLIPS. *Ceylon Daily News Press, Lake House, Colombo.* In full cloth, 9s. In thin board cover, 5s. 6d.

In his interesting introduction to this small but colourful book the author tells us that there are in the neighbourhood of 386 species, residents and visitors, on the bird list of Ceylon. Twenty of these are described in this volume and illustrated with plates from the able brush of Mrs. G. L. Lushington.

Exceptionally useful features of the book are the map, the short description of the climatic zones of the island, and the Tamil and Sinhalese names of the birds. The few photographs hardly do justice to the birds portrayed, partly due no doubt to poor reproduction, but the coloured plates are an important part of the book and should be a real help in recognition.

Descriptions of plumage are good and concise, but perhaps fuller details of voices might be included with advantage. Many of these birds have clear and distinctive notes, for example the attractive "twit-oo-lee" of the Red-vented Bulbul; then have neither the resident nor the migratory Paradise Flycatcher in Ceylon the lovely "I'm wide awake, I'm wide awake" call of the same species at its nesting site in Kashmir?

The book ends with some general hints on bird watching, which must bring great rewards in Ceylon with her wealth of lovely birds. We look forward with pleasure to further books in this series.

C. L. B.

## THE SOCIETY'S BUSINESS

Since the publication of the last *Journal* in March, 1950, four General Meetings have been held, five meetings of the Council, and one meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. A summary of the points of most interest to members generally is given below.

*The Council.*—The following members of Council have resigned owing to their inability to attend meetings regularly :—

Francis Hemming, Esq.  
Mrs. S. Massingham.  
Major The Hon. Simon Ramsay.

The following have been elected :—

G. S. Cansdale, Esq.  
Sir T. Shenton Thomas.

The following Committees have been formed :—

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

*Chairman* : Sir William Gowers.  
W. Ameer Ali, Esq.  
Major W. R. Barker.  
Captain Keith Caldwell.  
Oswald Lewis, Esq.  
I. D. Malcolmson, Esq.  
S. A. Neave, Esq.  
The Honorary Treasurer (*ex-officio*).

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

*Chairman* : Sir William Gowers.  
Major W. R. Barker.  
Oswald Lewis, Esq.  
I. D. Malcolmson, Esq.  
S. A. Neave, Esq.  
The Marquess of Willingdon.

*Honorary Treasurer and Secretary.*—Mr. Geoffrey Dent, after thirty years' service, has retired from the post of Honorary Treasurer, but remains on the Council.

Mr. Ian Malcolmson has been appointed Honorary Treasurer.

Lieut.-Col. C. L. Boyle, late Royal Artillery, has been appointed Secretary with effect from 22nd June, 1950.

*Incorporation.*—During 1949 a Sub-Committee considered the advantages of legal incorporation of the Society and drew up the necessary Memorandum and Articles of Association. Finally, however, the Council decided to defer incorporation indefinitely, as it was considered that the advantages were not sufficient to justify the cost, which would approach £100.

*Change of Name.*—With the unanimous approval of the

General Meeting on 5th June, 1950, the name of the Society was changed to "The Fauna Preservation Society" and the name of the Executive Committee to "The Council".

*Publications.*—As members will see, a new *Journal* cover has been designed and it is hoped that it will meet with approval.

The pamphlet "Going, Going, Gone" which we distribute free and which is our chief form of advertisement has been rewritten and copies will be sent to any members who would use them to make known the objects of the Society.

The purchase of picture postcards of wild life in national parks has been approved and these will be available in packets of twelve cards at 3s. a packet, post free. Each card in the packet will have a different photograph and each will bear on the back in the centre a small oryx head with "Fauna Preservation Society" scrolled below. The address of the Society will be printed in small letters along the left-hand side.

*Christmas Cards.*—This year the Society is providing Christmas cards in colour, and it is hoped that the demand will be very heavy. An order form is included with this issue of the *Journal*. The design for the card and for the *Journal* cover are the gifts to the Society by a member, Miss Barbara Prescott.

The Council has approved the sale of surplus copies of the *Journal* and at recent meetings there has been a good demand for them. Copies of all numbers except 6, 8, 9, 34, 50, and 51, are available at 1s. each.

The gift to the Society of any *Journals* not required by members would be greatly appreciated.

*Publicity.*—It has been decided, with the approval of the Secretary of the Zoological Society of London, to send a letter to all Fellows of that Society inviting their attention to the Fauna Preservation Society.

The London Appreciation Society has been invited to visit the Fauna Preservation Society on Wednesday, 1st November, when our President will speak to them about our objects and work. It is hoped to arrange a General Meeting for the same day.

*Subscriptions.*—It has been decided to send a letter to all ordinary members, whose addresses are in England, inviting them to pay their subscriptions under a seven-year Deed of Covenant.

*Times of Meetings.*—The Council have carefully considered whether the present times of General Meetings are suitable. A change to 5 p.m. was considered, as was also a letter from a member suggesting 8 p.m. for at least some meetings. In the

absence of any general demand for a change, it was decided to keep to the present time, 4.30 p.m.

*Gift by Dr. Van Name.*—A gift of \$500 to the Society by one of its Vice-Presidents, Dr. Willard G. Van Name, has been gratefully accepted.

*General Meetings.*—General Meetings were held during March, June, July, and August, and talks illustrated by films given as follows :—

- 16th March : *Elephant Catching and Training in Madras.*  
By Major C. C. Wilson, C.I.E., M.V.O., late  
head of Southern Indian Forest Department.
- 5th June : *Wild Life in Tanganyika.* By Dr. T. H.  
Bassett and Mr. D. K. Thomas, M.C.  
*Animal Oddities* and a film showing the  
opening of an Agricultural College in New  
Guinea. By Mr. E. J. Hallstrom, President  
of Taronga Zoological Park Trust, New  
South Wales.
- 11th July : *Kenya National Parks.* By Lieut.-Col. M. H.  
Cowie.
- 3rd August : *Wanagatha Ahlaya (Love of the Wild).* Wild  
Nature in Ceylon. By Mr. A. C. Tutein-  
Nolthenius.

The Society is most grateful to all the above gentlemen for their most interesting talks and films, provided at the cost of so much time and trouble.

*Membership.*—On 3rd August, 1950, the state of the Society was as follows :—

Life Members . . .	149
Ordinary Members . . .	803
Honorary Members . . .	28
	980

*Accounts.*—The Income and Expenditure Accounts for 1949 and the Balance Sheet at 31st December, 1949, are given overleaf.

## BALANCE SHEET,

1948.	LIABILITIES	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
195	SUNDRY CREDITORS . . . . .				38	7	2
25	SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED IN ADVANCE . . . . .				37	1	6
	BALANCE, being Excess of Assets over Liabilities :—						
	<i>Life Membership and Legacies Fund—</i>						
	Balance at January 1st, 1949 . . . . .	£2,648	4	3			
	Add Fees received during year . . . . .	120	0	0			
					2,768	4	3
	<i>Propaganda and Investigation Fund—</i>						
	Balance at January 1st, 1949 . . . . .	773	1	5			
	Add Income for year . . . . .	24	14	7			
					797	16	0
	<i>General Purposes Account—</i>						
	Balance at January 1st, 1949 . . . . .	£1,456	19	0			
	Deduct Excess of Expenditure over Income for year . . . . .				11	3	2
					1,445	15	10
4,878					5,011	16	1

£5,098

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We have examined the Balance Sheet as above set forth and the accompanying Income and Expenditure Accounts 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.

FELLOWS, CRABB & Co.  
*Chartered Accountants.*

1 SOUTHWARK BRIDGE,  
LONDON S.E. 1.  
14th February 1950.

# 31st DECEMBER, 1949

		ASSETS			
1948.	£		£	s.	d.
		<b>SUNDRY DEBTORS.</b>			
		Income Tax Recoverable—			
		General Purposes Account . . . . .	95	12	4
		Propaganda and Investigation Fund . . . . .	13	3	9
103			108	16	1
		4 TYPEWRITER (at cost) less Depreciation . . . . .		4	0 0
		<b>INVESTMENTS AT COST :—</b>			
		<i>Life Membership and Legacies Fund.</i>			
		£3,004 17s. 10d. Conversion 3½% Stock . . . . .	2,681	14	3
		<i>Propaganda and Investigation Fund.</i>			
		£399 16s. 5d. Conversion			
		3½% Stock . . . . .	£371	1	0
		£200 Defence Bonds 2½% . . . . .	200	0	0
		£229 7s. 8d. Consols 2½% . . . . .	177	0	2
			748	1	2
		<i>General Purposes Account.</i>			
		£503 9s. 3d. Conversion			
		3½% Stock . . . . .	£501	6	2
		£525 Savings Bonds 3%, 1965-75 . . . . .	525	0	0
		£100 Newcastle 3% Cons. Red. Stock, 1957 . . . . .	99	3	0
			1,125	9	2
4,555			4,555	4	7
		(Market Value 31st December, 1949, £4,585.)			
		<b>BALANCES AT BANK.</b>			
		Life Membership and Legacies Fund . . . . .	86	10	0
		Propaganda and Investigation Fund . . . . .	36	11	1
		General Purposes Account . . . . .	296	3	0
436			419	4	1
	£5,098		£5,087	4	9

# INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

## GENERAL PURPOSES

### EXPENDITURE

1948.	£		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	285	To Salaries . . . . .				320	0	0
	200	„ Secretary's Honorarium . . . . .				200	0	0
	302	„ Printing of <i>Journal</i> (two volumes) . . . . .				258	12	6
	131	„ Printing of Occasional Papers and Pamphlets etc. . . . .				16	17	6
	37	„ Printing and Stationery . . . . .				28	1	5
	51	„ Office Expenses, Insurance Stamps, etc. . . . .				39	15	11
	18	„ Refreshments at Meetings . . . . .				18	1	0
	45	„ Postages, etc. . . . .				39	15	4
	5	„ Accountancy and Audit . . . . .	7	7	0			
	—	„ Do. Income Tax 1948 . . . . .	3	3	0			
						10	10	0
	17	„ Grant—British Co-ordinating Committee I.U.P.N. . . . .				25	0	0
						956	13	8
	1,091	„ Balance, Excess of Income over Expenditure for year . . . . .				—		
						£956	13	8
	£1,512							

## PROPAGANDA AND

£		£	s.	d.
22	To Balance, Income for year carried to Balance Sheet.	24	14	7
		£24	14	7



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(Signature).....

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