

effect, without confusing the salient features with minutiae only to be seen in the museum. Even if the artist manages his colours well the block maker is apt to defeat him. Here the colours are as praiseworthy as the rest. I say that with some diffidence, because I am not familiar with many of the birds and can only test the whole by reference to a few species which occur in England as well as in America. Similar reasons preclude me from detailed criticism of the text, but the excellence of arrangement and selection of the essentials (within the author's self-imposed terms of reference) inspire confidence that the book will not be found to err in detail. The Audubon Society is to be congratulated on inspiring this Guide and the author and artists in composing it; I can give no higher praise than to say that I wish there was a similar Guide to British birds.

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SHORTER NOTICES

ANIMALS OF THE KRUGER NATIONAL PARK. Written and illustrated by C. T. ASTLEY MABERLEY. A. C. White P. & P. Co., Ltd., Whiteco House, Bloemfontein, South Africa. Price 4s. 6d.

Excellent. All the larger animals present in the Kruger are taken in turn under the headings general description, horns, distribution, habits. The very numerous sketches illustrate the animals in typical positions; where confusion between species is likely the points of difference are clearly shown in juxtaposition.

THE GRISONS. Guidebook to the Swiss National Park. Obtainable from the Swiss National Tourist Office, 458 Strand, London, W. 1. Price 2s. 6d.

An attractive guide book with an introduction by M. Ch. J. Bernard, President of the Swiss Society for the Protection of Nature. There are short, well illustrated articles on fauna, flora, and scenery. English visitors to Switzerland should not fail to visit The Grisons.

THE UFAW COURIER. Published by the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare. Price 3d.

This, the autumn number of the *Courier*, is well worthy of the silver jubilee which UFAW celebrated this year. There are

a number of interesting articles, among which "A Progress Report on Humane Electric Whaling", by Major C. W. Hume, may perhaps be specially mentioned.

THE SOCIETY'S BUSINESS

The Council.—Quarterly Council Meetings were held on 17th July and 18th October, 1951. A summary of the points of interest to members generally is given below.

The President's Forthcoming Visit to South Africa.—The President agreed to act as the Society's representative during his forthcoming tour. He will visit many South African National Parks and Reserves.

Mr. Walt Disney.—It was proposed by the President and agreed that Mr. Walt Disney should be elected an Honorary Member of the Society in recognition of the help given to the cause of conservation by his films of wild nature.

Life Membership Fees.—It was decided to put the Life Membership fee on an actuarial basis as follows:—

<i>Age.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
	£
Under 41	20
41-60	15
61 and over	10

(*Secretary's Note.*—This scale was put before the General Meeting on 20th November, 1951, and having been approved by members was brought into effect from that date.)

Rules of the Society.—The draft Rules of the Fauna Preservation Society are published as an appendix to this number. They will be brought before the Annual General Meeting on 17th April, 1952, and, if approved, will come into effect from that date.

"*Going, Going, Gone.*"—It was agreed to publish a new edition of the Society's pamphlet "Going, Going, Gone" with certain alterations to the cover.

Council Meetings, 1952.—The following dates were fixed: 17th January, 17th April, 17th July, 16th October.

Change of Address.—Will members please inform the Secretary immediately of any change of address.