

approved. Dr. Herbert Smith was elected to fill the vacant Vice-Presidency created by the death of Mr. H. G. Maurice. The invitation of the Venezuelan Government to hold the Third Session at Caracas in 1952 was accepted.

THE SOCIETY'S BUSINESS

A letter has been received from Sir Ulrick Alexander, Keeper of the Privy Purse, informing the President that His Majesty has been graciously pleased to grant his Patronage to The Fauna Preservation Society.

His Majesty's Patronage had been previously granted to our Society under its old name of The Society for the Preservation of the Fauna of the Empire.

A suitable letter of thanks has been sent.

Presidency of the Society.—At a General Meeting held on 22nd February, 1951, the Marquess of Willingdon was unanimously elected President of the Society.

Meeting.—A General Meeting was held on 1st November, 1950, at which about thirty members of the London Appreciation Society were guests. After the President had spoken about the objects and work of our Society, two films on wild life in Canada and the U.S.A. were shown—"Life on the Western Marshes" and "High over the Border".

One Meeting of the Council and one each of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and the Publicity Committee have been held since the last issue of *Oryx* in October, 1950. A summary of the points of interest to members generally is given below :—

Fauna Preservation Film.—It was decided to proceed with the collection of a library of fauna films. The first of the series "The African Elephant" is in process of construction; it is being made from a film presented by Sir Geoffrey de Havilland.

Other wild life photographers have sent films and it is hoped that a series worthy of the Society can be built up.

Festival of Britain.—His Grace The Duke of Bedford having been so good as to agree to open the grounds of Woburn Park for a Fauna Preservation Society's Week from 28th May to 2nd June, 1951, the proposal was approved in principal.

(Further details will be found in "Editorial Notes".)

Teas at General Meetings.—The Council has decided that a charge of one shilling, being the actual cost, shall be made for each tea served.

Christmas Cards.—All cards were sold by 1st December, 1950.

Wild Life Postcards.—The wild life picture postcards mentioned in *Oryx* No. 1 are now available at 3s. a packet of 12 different cards, post free.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the gift of their pictures by the following photographers :—

Sir Geoffrey de Havilland—Elephant, Giraffe, Gnu, Wart-hog,
Waterbuck, Zebra.

Captain Keith Caldwell —Hippopotamus, Rhinoceros.

Dr. G. C. L. Bertram —Fur Seal family.

Lieut.-Colonel C. L. Boyle—Chital.

E. P. Gee, Esq. —Gaur.

C. S. Webb, Esq. —Tapir.

Broadcast and Lecture.—On 23rd December, 1950, Captain C. R. S. Pitman, late Game Warden, Uganda, broadcast in "In Town To-night" on the subject of Wild Life Preservation.

The Secretary, at the request of the Chichester Young Farmers' Club, gave an illustrated lecture entitled "Wild Life Preservation" on 15th January, 1951, at Chichester.

Covenants.—Up to the end of 1950, seventy-nine members had answered the appeal to sign a seven-year Covenant for their subscription. As there are so many Life Members, and many members who live abroad and who do not pay British income tax, this result is encouraging. Will members who have not yet sent in Covenants and who are willing to do so, please note that the covenant greatly benefits the Society at no cost to the member, and that the appropriate form is at the back of this Journal?

Membership.—As a result of the appeal sent to all Fellows of the Zoological Society of London, about a hundred new members joined the Society. The Society has now passed the one thousand mark but many more members are needed and all present members are earnestly asked to do their utmost to obtain them.

The membership of the Society at 31st December, 1950, was as follows :—

Honorary Members	.	.	25
Life Members	.	.	190
Ordinary Members	.	.	859
Total	.	.	1,074

Audit.—Messrs. W. B. Keen and Co., Finsbury Circus House, Blomfield Street, E.C. 3, have agreed to audit the Society's accounts for 1950.

FORM OF COVENANT

Deed No.....

I,

of

HEREBY COVENANT WITH THE FAUNA PRESERVATION SOCIETY whose Office is c/o The Zoological Society of London, Regent's Park, N.W. 8, that for a period of seven years from the date hereof, or until my death (whichever shall be the shorter period) I will pay annually to the said Society on the..... day ofin each year such a sum as will after the deduction of Income Tax at the standard rate for the time being in force leave in the hands of the Society the nett sum of (.....) such sum to be paid from my general fund of taxed income.

IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal

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Note.—The date chosen for the annual payment must be later than the date on which the Deed is signed.

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