

lated with the examination of the developing embryos of existing representatives of mammals, are making plain many of the details of the long story of mankind.

The importance of preserving the wild life of our Colony further comes home to us when we realise that men and women from all over the world are beginning to want to make regular pilgrimage to this Mecca of animal life, for one of the greatest attractions of East Africa is the marvellous abundance of its wild fauna. From the point of view of the sportsman and the naturalist, it would be an evil day when the herds of game disappeared from the veldt. Government has wisely guarded against a repetition of the meaningless slaughter which has destroyed the interest and recreation of thousands of men and women in other parts of the world, by carefully considered Game Regulations. These, while liberal to the sportsman, are framed with a due regard to the protection of game. Yet better still are the efforts of those who with imagination and foresight seek to preserve in National Parks and reserved areas, the wild life of our Colony. If the present system is continued and expanded, there appears to be no reason why East Africa should not retain its happy hunting grounds for generations to come.

Today in our National Parks, the plains at most seasons of the year, teem with game of all description and nothing can be happier than an afternoon spent amongst these lovely creatures who are beginning to lose their fear of man and of his weapons of destruction. Nothing could be sadder than the time which is coming and faster than we think, unless we make adequate provision, when the habits and haunts of our wild creatures will be but memories, recorded in books cherished and preserved, written by those who remember, back in those wonderful days, when wild animals once roamed over our Colony and where nature once put on her most glorious show.

### OBITUARY

As we go to press we very deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. H. J. Allen-Turner. Mr. Turner was closely associated with the Society from its inception and was a member of committee and vice-president for many years. When the Natural History Society started the first Nairobi Museum in 1911 Allen-Turner prepared the initial exhibits, and from then on he was intimately associated with the work of the Society and of the three successive Museums.

Mr. Allen-Turner first came to Kenya in 1908 as chief taxidermist to the Smithsonian Institution Expedition led by Colonel, later President, Theodore Roosevelt. He is deeply mourned by a widow and four children. A detailed obituary will appear in our next Journal.