

and author of that great book "Our Plundered Planet" has kindly sent a message to our Society. It is given below.

I finish by saying that I believe these personal contacts, when they can be arranged, are invaluable and help to smooth the way for the innumerable international problems which are bound to crop up in endeavouring to further the aims of our Society and the preservation and conservation of nature as a whole.

WILLINGDON.

*A Message to the Members of the Fauna Preservation Society from
Mr. Fairfield Osborn*

WILDERNESS

There are essences in human life which defy analysis. Who can measure the influence upon the human spirit of an inspiring passage of music or of a radiant line of poetry or prose? The inner being of man is forever something apart from utilitarian or material influences. The story of Christ going into the wilderness has been accepted through the ages not merely as a symbol but as an essential episode in the personality of an individual. "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help" is a prayer flowing naturally from the human heart that senses the oneness of the individual and the natural world.

Our era is one of pressures from without. There is nothing startling in this—it is the way of man, indeed of all life. Faiths have always required defence as have all precious things. Among the latter is "wilderness". We in America still possess such regions, a diminishing few—sanctuaries where even the wildest creatures are quiet and at home. Let's not let them disappear—they give strength to those who go to them, and always will.

FAIRFIELD OSBORN.

THE SOCIETY'S BUSINESS

NOTICE OF A GENERAL MEETING

A General Meeting of the Society will take place at the Offices of the Zoological Society of London on Tuesday, 2nd December, 1952, at 4.15 p.m.