

RHINOCEROSES LIVING WITHOUT WATER.

SIR,—I see in your issue of Dec. 18 under this heading, that Mr Lydekker is under the impression that the African rhinoceros is not found to the east of the Bur Dab range of hills. This is not a fact, as it is found throughout the Nogal Valley, in the Sorl, in both the Warsangali and Mijertain countries. As regards their living without water, this also is incorrect, for even in the dry season there are small pools only known to the nomadic Somalis throughout the Ain Valley and to the east of this country.

Mr Stockley's rhinoceroses on the Bur Dab range in all probability were in the habit of refreshing themselves in a pool on the top of the range known to the Somalis as Gal Wiyiled and which in the driest season contains water which, although not potable according to European standards, serves the rhinoceroses for drinking and bathing purposes. The very name of this water-hole means "The rhinoceroses' pool." There are other places similar to this where these rhinoceroses might trek for water during the course of a single night, but for obvious reasons I would rather not enumerate them.

I recollect that the same question as to where rhinoceroses obtained water struck me in 1901 while on an expedition in the Suk country to the north of Lake Baringo during the last month of the dry season when there was a scarcity of water in the country lying between Lakes Baringo and Sugota. I ascertained from the native guides that there were a few pools to be found, and some of these we camped near and found evidences of rhinoceroses all around.

The very fact of the rhinoceroses being in the neighbourhood of Bur Dab is to my mind sufficient evidence of the presence of pools of water somewhere within a radius of thirty miles or so.

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LAST year Herr Jacob Schenk, of the Central Bureau of Orni-