

CORRESPONDENCE

THE RHINOCEROS IN NEPAL

WITH REFERENCE TO THE LETTER from Mr. F. R. Lee, I.C.S. (Ret.), in the *Field* of February 2nd, describing the characteristics of the *châra*, or Khyber knife, and expatiating on its merits as a fighting instrument in comparison with other eastern weapons, Lieut.-Col. R. L. Kennion sends us an extract from the *Fighting Forces*, in which the claims of the Gurkha *kukri* are upheld against those of the *châra*. Col. Kennion continues: "I notice that Mr. Lee refers to the rhinoceros as an animal 'now eking out a precarious existence in the forests of Nepal.' As a matter of fact, the rhinoceros is protected in Nepal, and in large areas in that country the existence of hundreds, if not thousands, of these animals is probably less precarious than that of any other game animal in the continent of India."