

ELEPHANTS AND RHINOCEROS

SIR,—The following is an extract from the letter of a friend in Kenya Colony :

“I was watching one herd (of elephant) when I saw a rhino, his wife and ‘Toto’ grazing among them, and a young elephant sparring with one of them; this is, I think, an unheard of thing as rhino will generally clear miles when a herd of elephant are about. On coming back I ran right into the old rhino far too close to be nice, so I dropped him, and found he had quite nice horns.

Three days afterwards I revisited the carcass and found that the elephants had returned to their dead pal, and carried the remains some 300yds. into the forest, which they thought a more appropriate burial ground.

“They must have had a great funeral, as the ground was trodden flat for 20yds. round where he had fallen; they must have taken some time, as their dung was thick all round.”

Yours truly,
J. B.