

Atlantic might be justified in calling attention to the lengthy treatment of some of the New World species and the dismissal, in a few lines, of some from the Old World. Of course, this is an American book and one expects that the American species should be given precedence—but surely, Mr. Pope, we know something about some of ours?

Altogether the *Reptile World* is an excellent book. The author says that it is intended for laymen but his systematic treatment, excellent photographs and comprehensive bibliographies will make it just as valuable to professionals.

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ALWAYS LIGHTLY TREAD. By E. CRONJE WILMOT. Howard Timmins, Cape Town, 16s. 6d.

An American, Mr. Tex McRorey of the Zoological Society of San Diego, wrote of this book: "Mr. Wilmot lifted the curtain and allowed me to have a long look into that vast and stupendous region of sand, deltas, pans and endless rivers."

Those of us who know Ngamiland will be the first to agree that Mr. Wilmot—Uncle Willie, as he is known to one and all in these parts—has succeeded in painting an authentic and fascinating picture of this remote part of the Bechuanaland Protectorate.

Uncle Willie himself, with his keen blue eyes, white hair and lean, sprightly figure, is respected and well loved, and we were all delighted to learn that he intended writing his reminiscences; for so few who have trodden these remote wastelands have attempted to describe them. He is a skilled and experienced observer with a very wide knowledge of the flora and fauna of the African bushveld. His descriptions are accurate and he writes as one who loves the veld and understands it. Moreover, some of his adventures are really exciting.

Both the editing and the illustrations, so full of life and character, are by C. Astley-Maberly, who is to be congratulated on a most valuable contribution.

Even the most critical and experienced African traveller will find in this book much that is new and interesting. It is no mere hunter's tale.

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