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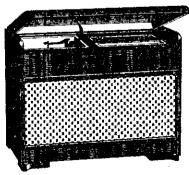
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ingly hard to force through the execution. Yet, on closer scrutiny, the balance is preserved. In a few phrases Mr Williamson shows how Charles's own incorrigible slipperiness and his precipitation of the second civil war had created the army's fanatical determination to destroy him. Further, a short, hard-hitting epilogue setting out the horrors of the vengeance wrought on the regicides, puts the king's execution in some per--F. L. W. Wood

FARMING IN KENYA

WE BUILT A COUNTRY, by J. F. Lipscomb; Faber and Faber, English price 15 -.

HE country is Kenya: the author is a man who has spent 35 years in land development and farming there; the book is the story of some of that development, its interruption by the secret society in the Kikuyu tribe known as Mau Mau, and an appeal on behalf of the white settlers of the "European Highlands." Mr Lipscomb argues strongly that a strict measure of European control over this territory is necessary to safeguard the land from destruction by desiccation and mis-use. He rejects the notion of independence: te insists that the future welfare of Africans and European settlers alike rests on the adoption of the economic system of the West, under which all the most capable and energetic Africans could become and energetic Arricans could become small "capitalists" and the rest wage-earners in a welfare state. Instead of the 600,000 peasant subsistence land-owners the aim should be about 200,000 small-holders on the same area, while the rest would be absorbed partly in agricultural employment and partly in industry and urban employment. This is a point of view we have not heard much about. It is the opinion of a man with very wide experience in the administration as well as the practice of land development in Kenya. ...L.J.W.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

MAN-EATERS AND JUNGLE KIL-LERS, by Kenneth Anderson; Allen and Unwin, English price 16/-. Another simply written but genuinely exciting series of true adventure stories by the author of Nine Man-Eaters and One Rogue. Kenneth Anderson, who seems to have spent most of his spare time in India hunting down man-killing elepliants, tigers and panthers, frequently went after them on foot in the dark, doubling the roles of hunter and bait. with the hair prickling on the back of his neck. The reader's will often prickle in sympathy.

SPECIAL BRANCH OFFICER, by Ex-Superintendent George Wilson; Odhams Press, through Whitcombe and Tombs, 16/-. The reminiscences tailored to fit the provisions of the Official Secrets Act—of a former officer of the C.I.D.'s Special Branch. Much of Superintendent Wilson's work was concerned with the security arrangements for foreign V.I.P.'s visiting Great Britain, and British V.I.P.'s travelling overseas, and the chief interest of his book is in its close-ups of celebrities: Ivan Maisky, Vishinsky, Molotov, President Truman—and, of course, Royalty, Illustrated.

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