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OF

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

THE Council have on the present occasion to lay before the Society a detailed statement of the progress of its affairs since the last Anniversary; and in submitting the following Report (being the ninth of the series since the establishment of the Society,) they have again to congratulate the Members on the continued prosperity which has marked the proceedings of the past year.

Members.

The number of Fellows elected since the last Anniversary is 291. The removals ordered by the Council, in conformity with the 9th section of the 1st chapter of the By-Laws, have amounted to 36. Of the number removed at the commencement of 1836, three, who have since paid the arrears severally due by them, have been restored by the Council. The resignations have been 30, and the losses occasioned by death 56. The actual number of Fellows and Fellows Elect on the present day amounts to 3050. The Candidates for the Fellowship now on the books are 43.

Corresponding Members.

The Corresponding Members amount to 111, and the Foreign Members, as at the last Anniversary, to 24.

Honorary Members.

An addition has been made to this important class of the Members by the election of Sir Thomas Reade, His Majesty's Consul-General at Tunis, whose munificence and zeal in promoting the objects of the Society, on numerous occasions, justly

entitled him to this particular mark of its gratitude. The present number of Honorary Members is 10.

Finance.

The Finances of the Society continue to present a prosperous and encouraging aspect, and it is worthy of remark that the support received from Members during the past year was nearly equal in amount to the sum received from the public Visitors, exceeding that of the previous year by £790. 8s. The sum received from the former, on account of Subscriptions, Compositions, Fees, &c., being £8800. 7s. 6d., and from the latter for admissions to the Gardens, £9463. 2s.; this is an important circumstance, as it exhibits an increase in the more permanent source of Income.

The total income of the year 1836 amounted to £19,123 14s. 10d., being greater than that of any previous year by the sum of £1560. 18s., and it exceeded that of 1835 by the sum of £3090. 12s. 1d.

The expenditure paid in the year 1836 amounted to £19,637. 3s. 6d., of which sum £5150 may be regarded as an extraordinary outlay, viz.

£2400	on account of the Giraffes,	
£750	„ „	Building for ditto,
£2000	„ „	Museum.

The necessity of this unusually large expenditure is thus shown to have been occasioned, in a considerable degree, by the importation of the Giraffes, and by the establishment of a Museum in which to deposit and exhibit the valuable and rapidly increasing Preserved Collections of the Society.

The following comparison of the available assets at the end of the years 1835 and 1836 will demonstrate the highly gratifying fact, that notwithstanding the heavy demand made on the Funds in 1836, the property of the Society at the end of last year was only reduced by the sum of £1099. 7s. 3d., and in that sum is included £585. 18s. 7d., the amount paid during

the year on account of the Well, which may be fairly considered as a beneficial investment.

	1835.			1836.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash	859	10	2	1,259	1	5
3 per Cents.	10,760	11	1	9,261	12	7
	11,620	1	3	10,520	14	0
Decrease				1,099	7	3
	11,620	1	3	11,620	1	3

The amount received for Life Compositions up to December 31st, 1836, is £11,310, viz. 438 at £20 each, and 85 at £30 each. These Compositions the Committee of Auditors consider as deposits in *Trust*, and as such, in their judgement, ought to be permanently invested.

It is therefore the intention of the Council, acting upon the suggestion and using the words of the Auditors, that henceforward the *minimum* of the Investment Fund should be the amount which has been received for Life Compositions, and that in future all the moneys received for Compositions should be invested permanently; and such other sums as the Council may be able to spare for Investment from time to time may be added, or kept on other distinct securities, as in their judgement may seem most advisable.

For further details connected with the Finances of the Society the Council refer the Members to the Report of the Committee of Auditors.

Before concluding this portion of their Report the Council desire to record their sense of the valuable and efficient aid which has been afforded the Society by the Auditors and the Committee of Finance, to whom the thanks of the Society are justly due for the able and judicious manner in which they have discharged the duties assigned to them.

Library.

The formation of a collection of Books, embracing works on Zoology and of general interest, has always been considered by the Council as one of the objects contemplated by the Founders of the Society; the delay which has hitherto taken place in effecting this object has arisen from the desire of the Council to devote, in the first instance, the resources of the Society towards the acquisition of a Vivarium and Museum. These objects having been attained, it is intended in future to devote annually to the purchase of Books such sums as may conveniently be spared from the general receipts.

The Council take this opportunity of directing the special attention of the Society to the valuable and important addition which has been made to this department in the course of the last two years by the late Secretary, their lamented colleague, Edward Turner Bennett, Esq.

The collection presented to the Society by that gentleman, and selected by him with that excellent judgement for which he was ever distinguished, consists of two hundred and eighteen volumes, including the following standard works: Cuvier, *Les Ossemens Fossiles*; Sir Everard Home's Lectures on Comparative Anatomy; *Linnæi Systema Naturæ*; *Annales du Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle*; Edwards's Natural History; Latham's General History of Birds; Lamarck's *Histoire Naturelle des Animaux sans Vertèbres*; Richardson and Swainson's *Fauna Boreali-Americana*; Brisson, *Ornithologie*; Transactions of the Linnean Society; Le Vaillant's *Histoire Naturelle des Perroquets*; Buffon's *Histoire Naturelle*; *Plinii Naturalis Historia*; Carus, *Traité élémentaire d'Anatomie*; Buffon's *Histoire Naturelle des Oiseaux*; Vieillot's *Galérie des Oiseaux*; Philosophical Transactions, &c.

By these magnificent gifts did Mr. Bennett manifest his generous interest in that department of the Society with which the Council would now associate his name. One of the last acts of his life was to direct the presentation to the Library

of a work which the Society will preserve with the esteem due, not less to its intrinsic interest than to the merit of the Donor, the edition of White's Natural History of Selborne, enriched by him with a fund of new and valuable information. The Council have noticed this book merely in connexion with the melancholy circumstances under which it came into the Society's possession, and in explanation of their having delayed the expression of their reverence for the memory of their late Secretary till the condition of the Library came to be reported on.

But they are well aware that in the present state of the Finances, of the Gardens, of the Museum, and of the Publications of the Society, equally valuable memorials exist to testify the zeal, the diligence, the industrious and ever-watchful care bestowed by Mr. Bennett upon whatever related to the prosperity or credit of the Society.

The various negotiations and the often difficult arrangements which have put the Society in possession of some of the rarest, most beautiful, and most interesting living animals to be found in any menagerie in Europe, were by Mr. Bennett conducted and brought to a successful issue; nor did his industry relax when dealing with the unobtrusive and less inviting matters which came under his cognizance. He directed his accurate attention to the specification of every contract and to the particulars of every work required in the Gardens and Museum.

The Museum, that centre of the Society's scientific usefulness, was the object of his anxious care. He left no means unemployed to maintain this most important department on the scale contemplated by its Founders, Sir Stamford Raffles and Mr. Vigors.

That however which has chiefly raised the Society to the reputation it now holds among the scientific bodies of this country and the continent, the state of its published papers, is greatly due to the unwearied diligence and to the comprehensive acquirements of Mr. Bennett. With respect to the

many contributions furnished by this gentleman to the Transactions or Proceedings of the Society, the Council do not in this place refer to them otherwise than to express their sense of the value of the labour which he exerted in the cause of science. To decide on the merit of those papers is the province of others.

The Guardians of the scientific character of the Society,—the Committee of Publication,—well know how much of its scientific reputation is due to the patient care in revising the press, the diligence in examining the plates and proofs of engravings, to that general attention to minute particulars afforded in the judicious and skilful superintendence of their late Secretary.

In truth there were united in him attainments seldom found even when separate, but most rare and powerful in combination: wide comprehensiveness of observation and penetrating accuracy of discernment.

The genius and high integrity of this ever-lamented friend of the Society were united with singular amiability and gentleness of disposition. He died after a short illness, scarcely consenting to relinquish the fulfilment of the duties of his office when physical strength was wanting to perform them.

The Council have a melancholy satisfaction in recording the manifestation of respect exhibited by the Fellows of the Society to the memory of their Secretary. The first meeting for scientific business which occurred after his decease was adjourned in consequence of that melancholy event, and at the monthly General Meeting next ensuing, September 1, 1836, a resolution, of which the following is a copy, was unanimously carried.

“It was moved by Joseph C. Cox, Esq., seconded by N. A. Vigors, Esq., and unanimously resolved,

“That this Meeting deeply lament the announcement which has been made in the Report of the death of the late Secretary Mr. Edward Turner Bennett; and they desire to record their deep sense of the loss which the Society and

science has sustained in the decease of so excellent and amiable a man."

It only remained that the Council, when submitting to the attention of their constituents this state of the various departments of the Society, and recognising in each the effects of his zeal, his knowledge, his diligence, and devotion to the best interests of the Society, should endeavour to express their sense of the obligations which the Society has received from that highly gifted and most estimable gentleman.

Since the last annual report, the 5th part of the Transactions, forming the 1st part of the 2nd volume, has been published, and has been received with the same favour as those which preceded it. The printed Proceedings of the Society have also been distributed in the usual way, and a Catalogue for the use of the visitors to the Garden, and a second of the contents of the Museum are in preparation.

In addition to the liberal donation of books referred to, the Council have also the gratification further to report, that they have received from time to time from various learned bodies, and from individual wellwishers to this part of the establishment, other valuable and interesting works on subjects of Natural History; among which may be specially noticed,

The Transactions of the Berlin Academy; the Transactions of the Royal Academy of Turin; the Transactions of the American Philosophical Society; the Transactions of the Geological Society of London; the Proceedings of the Academy at Paris; Mémoires of the Imperial Academy at Petersburg, and of the Imperial Society of Naturalists at Moscow; Memoirs of the Physical and Natural History Society of Geneva; also the Journal of the Royal Geographical Society; and the Catalogue from the Royal College of Surgeons.

To Mr. Gould the Society is indebted for the whole of his published works on Ornithology, so remarkable for the beauty and accuracy of the illustrations. Among other contributors, the Council have to mention the Rev. Mr. Kirby, Dr. Roget, Mr. Cox, Mr. Hardisty, &c., &c.

The Library at the present time consists of 420 volumes, of which number 353 have been presented, and the remaining 67 purchased.

THE GARDENS

during the past year have proved unusually attractive to the Members and to the public. The visitors to that establishment have amounted to 263,392; of which number 64,102 consisted of Members and their companions; 10,028 were admitted by means of named Ivory Tickets; and 189,262 on the orders of Fellows on the payment of 1s. each: these last receipts amount to 9463*l.* 2*s.*, being a sum of 2119*l.* 16*s.* beyond that received in the previous year.

Works.

The chief work undertaken by the Council has been the house erected for the accommodation of the Giraffes, which has been constructed on a scale commensurate with the value and importance of those rare and interesting animals. The space allotted to them consists of two apartments, of the dimensions of 40 feet by 20, and 20 feet by 20, with a door of communication, by closing which a separation of the animals may at any time be effected should circumstances render it necessary. The other portion of the building is appropriated to the use of the visitors.

The mode of warming this building has been the subject of the Council's best attention; and after a careful consideration of various plans for that purpose, that of Mr. Sylvester has been finally adopted.

Additional contracts have been made for the formation of a path of access to the east and west doors of the building; for making suitable yards and paddock in connexion with the building; and for oak fencing to inclose the paddock.

The intention of the Council to have commenced early in the past year the erection of a series of dens for the reception of Carnivora having been abandoned for a time on the arrival of the Giraffes, the Council were induced, at the suggestion

of some of the influential Members of the Society, to alter the dens in the winter Repository appropriated to the Felidæ, so as to afford them improved accommodation; these alterations have been completed, and it is hoped that they will prove effectual.

Among other works which have been completed since the last spring may be mentioned the following: moveable sheds for the protection of the stock on the pasturage land; the removal of the Pheasantries from the North Garden (part of the present site of the Giraffe Paddock) into the north-west part of the South Garden; an additional porch to the Elephant House; a copper cover to the exit gate in the North Garden; the interior of the Elephant House, appropriated to the visitors, has been paved with stone; and also the passage and corridor of the Wapiti House; some cross fencing of division has been placed on the pasturage land; and walks and paddocks in different parts of the Garden have been formed.

In reference to the Steam-engine and the Well the Council would confine themselves to reporting the present condition of this department, and stating that they have no reason to anticipate that it will in future be found less favourable.

The Steam-engine at present is worked on an average eight hours per day, and the average supply is 180 tons of water daily. This quantity the Council consider ample for all the purposes of the Garden and the Menagerie.

The Menagerie

in the course of the past year has been enriched by the acquisition of many valuable and interesting animals.

The following List contains the

Names of the Animals exhibited,

for the first time, in the year ending April 1837.

CLASS MAMMALIA.

Giraffes. *Camelopardalis Giraffa*, Gmel.

Parry's Kangaroo. *Macropus Parryii*, Benn.

- Vic Musk Deer. *Moschus Stanleyanus*, Gray.
 Himalayan Deer. *Cervus Elaphoides*, Hodgson.
 Viverrine Opossum. *Didelphis viverrinus*.
 Striped Squirrels. *Tamias Lysteri*.
 African Antelope. *Antilope Kob*.
 Black Spider Monkey. *Ateles Belzebub*, Geoff.
 Buffalo from Manilla.

CLASS AVES.

- Temminck's Horned Pheasant. *Tragopan Temminckii*.
 Sand Grouse. *Pterocles arenarius*, Temm.
 Sooty Petrel. *Procellaria fuliginosa*, Lath.
 Yellow-bellied Shrike. *Saurophagus sulphuratus*.
 Serin Finches. *Serinus flavescens*, Gould.
 Macquarrie Ground Parrakeet. *Platycercus Pacificus*, Vig.
 African Sparrow. *Pyrgita simplex*.
 Brazilian Love Birds. *Psittaculus passerinus*, Spix.

The total number of ~~species~~ species (including those in the foregoing lists) which have been exhibited in the Menagerie up to the present time, amounts to 236 Quadrupeds and 318 Birds; and the entire collection in the Menagerie (exclusive of the Water Fowl on the lake in the interior of the Regent's Park) now consists of 307 Quadrupeds, 704 Birds, and 14 Reptiles.

The Giraffes.

The various arrangements entered into by the Council up to April, 1836, in reference to the Giraffes, were detailed in the Annual Report of last year. The safe arrival of four of these rare and beautiful animals in the Regent's Park on the 24th of May last, has formed an era in the history of the Society highly creditable to its resources, and to its zeal in promoting one of the leading objects for which the Society was established; and it is no less encouraging to be able to add that the expenses attendant on their importation have been fully defrayed

by the increased attraction afforded by their exhibition in the Menagerie.

The success which had attended the arrangements of the Council in accomplishing the long-desired object of introducing Giraffes into the Society's Menagerie, has subsequently been checked by the loss of one of them by death, which took place in January last after an illness of several months; in fact, very shortly after their arrival at the Gardens, one of them exhibited symptoms of disease, and always appeared inferior to its companions in general condition. On a post-mortem examination there were no indications of its death having been hastened by any cause connected with the locality of the Gardens; and as a confirmation of that view the Council refer with pleasure to the present fine state of health of the remaining three.

Donations to the Menagerie.

The Society continues to be indebted to numerous friends for contributions to this department, the particulars of which have been regularly reported at the Monthly General Meetings, and are contained in a book which is now laid before the Meeting.

Among the Donors, the Council have great pleasure in announcing the name of Her Majesty, who has again been pleased to confer on the Society further marks of her most valuable patronage by adding two Curassows, one rose-crested Cockatoo, and one rose hill Parrakeet to the collection at the Garden. They have also the gratification to call the special attention of the Members to a donation from Her Royal Highness the Princess Victoria, consisting of two Musk Deer. They wish also to record their sense of obligation to Sir Thomas Reade, Hon. Memb., for a present of a young Lion; to J. Russell Reeves, Esq., of Canton, for a specimen of the Temminck's Horned Pheasant, the first instance of the introduction into this country of that most rare and splendid bird; to His Excellency Hamilton Hamilton, Esq. British Minister at the Court of Rio, for two Guanacos; to R. Mackay, Esq., Cor. Memb., for a King Vulture; to Alex. N. Shaw, Esq.,

Cor. Memb., for a young Tiger; to J. Forster, Esq., for a Kob Antelope; to Capt. Moyes for two Reindeer; and to Capt. Alexander for a Touraco.

Among the other Donors to this Establishment the Council have to mention the Honourable the Commissioners for the Affairs of India, to whom the Society is indebted for a specimen of a *Trionyx*, forwarded to this country by Col. Chesney, the Commander of the Euphrates expedition; and also to the following friends: Dr. Montgomerie, of Singapore, who presented a Malayan Bear; Sir Rowland Hill, for a Persian Lynx; Mrs. Walkinshaw, two Musk Deer; Robert Ker, Esq., a Buffalo from Manilla; Thomas Arthur, Esq., a Kangaroo (*Macropus Parryii*); Capt. Beaufort, R.N., two Crowned Cranes; and Edward Fuller, Esq., some three-quarter-bred Pheasants.

Other presents have been received from Members and friends to the Society: amongst these the Council desire to include the names of Admiral Heming; John Hearne, Esq.; J. Willimott, Esq.; J. W. West, Esq.; Sir J. Tyrrell, Bart.; R. C. Mellish, Esq.; Capt. Wetherall; C. B. Viveash, Esq.; — Cobbe, Esq.; J. B. Zincke, Esq.; R. Small, Esq., &c. &c.

Institution of Premiums.

In the Report of last year it was stated that the Council had appointed a Committee to consider the best mode of carrying into effect the views of the Society on this subject, in conformity with the Resolution passed at the Monthly General Meeting, February 4, 1836: since that time the Members of the Committee have applied themselves to the duties assigned to them, and in October last their recommendations were submitted to the Council and approved.

The intentions of the Council were subsequently made known to the Fellows and to the public by advertisements in four morning papers. Two designs for the proposed medal have been drawn by an eminent artist, which have been approved of by the Council, and further steps have been taken for the preparation of dies.

Museum and its contents.

In the Annual Report of April, 1836, it was stated that the Council had taken on lease, terminable at various short intervals, extensive premises in Leicester Square, which appeared in most points of view, well adapted to the present purposes of the Society as a Museum. Since that period the whole of the interior has been fitted up either for exhibition or for the use of the Meetings or Officers of the Society. The walls of the Museum have been furnished with glazed cases, in which the extensive preserved collection of Vertebrate Animals is arranged and exhibited, and the Anniversary Meeting has been directed to be held in this place, that the Members of the Society present might be able to judge for themselves of the state of their Collection and the labours of the Museum Committee.

The number of specimens of Quadrupeds now exhibited in the Museum amounts to	870
Of this number upwards of 200 were not exhibited in the former Museum.	
The number of Birds	4800
Of which nearly 2000 are labelled.	
1250 not in the former Museum.	
Reptiles	450
Fishes	600
	—
Total of Vertebrate Animals	6720

The number of Visitors to the Museum in 1836 (exclusive of the months of April, May, and June, during which the removal from Bruton Street to Leicester Square took place,) was 3660, and the sum received for Admissions was £38 17s.

. Donations.

The Contributions have been numerous. To Sir Thomas Reade, Hon. Memb., renewed thanks are due for a collection of Birds' Skins. Presents have been received from the under-mentioned gentlemen, who are Corresponding Members of the

Society:—Charles Darwin, Esq., for an extensive and rich collection of Mammalia and Birds, collected chiefly in South America; J. B. Harvey, Esq.; Prof. Boyer; B. Houghton Hodgson, Esq.; Capt. Mallard; Lieut. Breton; Robt. Inglis, Esq.; R. Mackay, Esq.; and C. Read, Esq. The Society is also indebted to R. C. Mellish, Esq., for a collection of Birds' Skins; to Lady Amherst for several Skins of rare Mammalia, including the Thar; and to Lady W. Bentinck, for Specimens from New Holland; from the Duke of Northumberland has been received the Skin of a *Leucoryx*; and some Argus Pheasants from Lady C. Boileau; from Mrs. Alex. Kerr, a small collection of Birds' Skins; from J. Taylor, Esq., a collection of Birds' Skins; and skins of two young Giraffes from Mons. Thibaut.

Among other Donors to the Museum may also be mentioned J. Hearne, Esq.; C. Appleyard, Esq.; J. Capper, Esq., G. Vaughan, Esq.; Capt. Green; W. Taylor, Esq.; — Schomberg, Esq.; Lord Teignmouth, &c. &c.

Farm at Kingston.

The House and leasehold portion of the Society's late Farm at Kingston continues let to James Wardrop, Esq., for the same amount of rent at which it is held by the Society.

On the 31st of October last the Council authorized the offering by Auction 2A. 1R. 10P. of the freehold part of the Society's Land at Kingston, in the same lot with some adjoining land not belonging to the Society, and the sum of £281 3s. has been awarded to the Society for the above-mentioned quantity, together with the fence standing thereon. When the purchase shall have been completed, which it is expected to be in a short time, the Council propose to sell the remaining portion of the Society's Freehold Land at Kingston, consisting of 5A. 0R. 17½P. by public auction; unless in the mean time an eligible offer should be made by private contract.

RECEIPTS

REPORT

OF THE

AUDITORS OF THE ACCOUNTS.

The Committee of Auditors, having carefully examined the various Books and Vouchers usually referred to for that purpose, beg leave to lay before the Society the following Report and Abstract of the Receipts and Payments during the year 1836.

RECEIPTS.

	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Balance of Cash brought from 1835			859 10 2
INCOME.			
Belonging to year.			
1831 Annual Subscriptions		4 0 0	
1832 Annual Subscriptions		6 0 0	
1833 Annual Subscriptions		10 0 0	
1834 { Admission Fees	15 0 0		
{ Annual Subscriptions	26 0 0		
		41 0 0	
1835 { Admission Fees	165 0 0		
{ Annual Subscriptions	349 0 0		
{ Rent (Farm)	15 0 0		
{ Rent (Garden)	60 0 0		
{ Garden Sales	7 15 0		
		596 15 0	
1836 { Admission Fees	1330 0 0		
{ Annual Subscriptions	5326 5 0		
{ Compositions	670 0 0		
{ Ivory Tickets	415 16 0		
{ Admissions to Gardens	9463 2 0		
{ Garden Guides.....	73 6 0		
{ Garden Sales	170 2 1		
{ Admissions to Museum	38 17 0		
{ Dividends on Bank Annuities, &c.....	335 17 9		
{ Transactions	394 7 6		
{ Proceedings	18 19 0		
{ Rent (Farm)	45 0 0		
{ Rent (Gardens)	95 0 0		
{ Profit on £3000 Exchequer Bills	19 7 6		
		18395 19 10	
1837 Annual Subscriptions (anticipated)		70 0 0	
INCOME RECEIVED IN 1836.....		19123 14 10	19123 14 10
Proceeds of £2191 15s. 7d. Consolidated 3 per cents. sold in March			2000 0 0
			21983 5 0

PAYMENTS.

		Farm.	Gardens.	Museum.	General Establishmt.	Total.
EXPENDITURE.						
Belonging to year.		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
1835	Rent, &c.	30 0 0	592 4 0	41 5 9	41 5 9	704 15 6
	Bills	16 8 10	1312 11 9	14 15 6	312 18 5	1656 14 6
		46 8 10	1904 15 9	56 1 3	354 4 2	2361 10 0
1836 {						
	Rent, Taxes, Rates, &c. ..	76 3 10	729 3 2	272 18 11	404 16 4	
	Salaries and Wages.....		2658 8 8	419 18 11	748 12 11	
	Keepers' Dresses.....		89 16 6			
	Cost of Animals		1478 4 11			
	Carriage of Animals		1040 12 1			
	Keepers' Travelling Ex- } penses		6 14 6			
	Provisions		1853 12 6			
	Menagerie Expenses		453 12 4			
	Buildings.....		750 0 0			
	Works, Materials & Repairs.....		1981 4 5	51 9 5	202 18 4	
	Garden Expenses		572 19 6			
	Museum Formation.....			2075 3 9		
	Cost of Subjects			44 14 0		
	Carriage of Subjects			12 14 10		
	Cost of Preparations			135 10 7		
	Library			31 3 6		
	House and Office Expenses.....		68 13 7		320 7 7	
	Stationery and Printing		69 10 1	6 16 3	230 16 6	
	Transactions				445 18 3	
	Disbursements for Cor- } responding Members. }				3 11 4	
	Returned Subscriptions				39 6 0	
Paid on account of the current } year		76 3 10	11752 12 3	3050 10 2	2396 7 3	17275 13 6
EXPENDITURE PAID IN } 1836.....		122 12 8	13657 8 0	3106 11 5	2750 11 5	19637 3 6
Purchase of £560 4s. 6d. Consolidated 3 per Cents. in October						500 0 0
Paid for a Power of Attorney for the sale of Consolidated 3 per Cents.						1 1 6
Paid on account of the Well						585 18 7
Cash in hand, Dec. 31, 1836						1259 1 5
						21983 5 0

The Assets and Liabilities of the Society on the 31st December, 1836
were as follow :

ASSETS.

	Living and Preserved Collections.	Arrears of		Invested in Land.	Capital Funded.	Cash.
		Previous Years.	Current Year.			
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Cash at the Banker's						1259 1
£5904 1s. Consolidated 3 } per Cents					4931 17 7	
£4756 14s. 2d. Reduced 3 } per Cents					4329 15 0	
Cost of Land at Kingston Hill				1100 0 0		
Annual Subscriptions		96 0 0	569 0 0			
Ivory Tickets		18 18 0				
Transactions			22 9 6			
Proceedings			1 16 0			
Farm Rent			15 0 0			
Garden Rent			75 0 0			
Garden Stock sold, unpaid for.		7 10 0	5 0 0			
Uncertain.		122 8 0	688 5 6	1100 0 0	9261 12 7	1259 1

LIABILITIES.

	Debts.		Contracts Pending.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Bills, &c. unpaid, estimated at			
For the Gardens	377 3 7		1453 18 6
— Museum	62 3 6		
— General Establishment.....	40 1 10		
— Farm.....	28 13 0		
		508 1 11	
Rent, &c. unpaid, say,			
For the Farm.....	37 11 0		
— Gardens	240 7 2		
— Museum	322 8 11		
— General Establishment.....	273 13 7		
		874 0 8	
		1382 2 7	1453 18 6

From the foregoing Statement, it appears that the Receipts for admission to the Gardens have exceeded those of the preceding year by upwards of £2000, notwithstanding the very unfavourable state of the weather during the greater part of the summer and autumn, which increase, in the opinion of your Committee, is chiefly to be attributed to the attraction of the Giraffes.

On an average of the last three years, the permanent and unavoidable annual Expenditure has been upwards of £10,000, including Rent, Taxes, Parochial Rates, Salaries, Labourers' Wages, Materials, Provisions for the Animals, and other similar expenses.

The average annual Subscriptions during the same period have been about £5200 exclusive of Compositions paid for life. Provision for the remainder of the annual expenditure is chiefly dependent on the Garden Admissions, the amount of which has varied largely during the last seven years, the highest (1831) having been £11,425 16s. and the lowest (1835) only £7,343 6s. The Garden Admissions in 1836 amounted to £9,463 2s.

The state of the "Investment Fund" has occupied the attention of your Committee. It appears that the Funded Stock on the 31st of December, 1836, consisted of

£.	s.	d.	
5904	1	0	Consolidated 3 per Cents.
4756	14	2	Reduced 3 per Cents.

£10,660 15 2

In the month of March 1836, the Council borrowed from this Fund the sum of £2000, with the distinct understanding that the amount should be reinvested at the earliest period at which it might be found practicable; but your Committee regret to find that the sum of £500 only has been so re-invested; nor has any part of the general receipts of the last year been invested in conformity with the Report of the Council in 1832. This is not, however, matter of surprise, when the extraordinary expenditure of the year 1836 is considered.

It appears to be generally understood by the Fellows of the

Society, that the object for which the "Investment Fund" was originally created was twofold: first, to accumulate the means for providing a Museum for the preserved Collection. That object having now been partially accomplished, all anxiety on that account is set at rest for the present, and the amount which has been thus expended may be considered as a legitimate application of so much of that fund. Secondly, to place the Society on a basis of stability and permanency, and to provide a resource in case of sudden emergency, or for any considerable purchase of extraordinary interest. The purchase of the Giraffes, and the attendant expenses, may therefore be considered in the same light as the Museum.

But another circumstance of paramount importance has gradually arisen, to which the Committee of Auditors beg leave to invite the attention of the Council.

The amount received for life compositions up to December 31, 1836, is £11,310; viz. 438 at £20, and 85 at £30. These compositions your Committee consider as deposits *in trust*; and as such, in their judgement, ought to be permanently invested. The Auditors therefore beg permission to suggest, that henceforward the *minimum* of the Investment Fund should be the amount which has been received for life compositions, and that in future all the moneys received for compositions should be invested permanently; and such other sums as the Council may be able to invest from time to time may be added, or kept on other distinct securities, as in their judgement may seem most advisable.

The Committee of Auditors have great satisfaction in bearing testimony to the correctness, zeal, and ability with which the system on which the Books are arranged is followed up by the Assistant Secretary.

In the following summary is comprised a portion of the Investment, Expenditure, and property of the Zoological Society on the 31st December 1836:

	£.	s.	d.
Cash balance at the Banker's	1259	1	5
The amount paid for £10,660 15s. 2d. } funded 3 per Cent. Stock	9261	12	7

	£.	s.	d.
Land at Kingston, which cost the Society ..	1100	0	0
The expenses consequent on entering, and the fittings of the Museum, have cost about	2000	0	0
The cost of the Giraffes, including their freight and other attendant expenses, about	2400	0	0
The Well, Steam Engine, Pipes, and other attendant expenses, have cost about	2000	0	0

To which may be added, the Rhinoceros, Elephants, and other purchased animals, with their Houses; Iron fencing to a considerable extent; a Preserved Collection, and upwards of 1000 Living specimens, many of which are rare and valuable.

In concluding this Report, the Committee of Auditors beg leave most respectfully to impress on the Council the absolute necessity of blending judicious economy with liberality in the administration of the affairs of the Society.

(Signed) **RICHARD WALFORD.**
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28, Leicester Square, February 24th, 1837.