

REPORTS  
OF THE  
COUNCIL AND AUDITORS  
OF  
THE ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
OF LONDON,

READ AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,

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## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

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THE Council, in offering on the present occasion to the Annual Meeting the yearly Report of the progress and general affairs of the Society since the last Anniversary, although they cannot refer to a continuance of that progressive increase in the number of its Members through which the Society has so rapidly attained its present extent, or to a corresponding augmentation in the financial Receipts, have at the same time no cause to consider its present condition as otherwise than flourishing. The amount of Members is now so considerable as almost to preclude the expectation of any material annual addition to their number, while the fluctuation in the Receipts at the Gardens during the past year, as compared with 1836, is mainly referable to unavoidable contingencies, and cannot therefore be regarded as indicative of a prospective *permanent* diminution in the funds arising to the Society from that important source of income.

The Council have the gratification of being able to announce to the Members the pleasing intelligence that Her Majesty has most graciously intimated her pleasure to become the Patron of the Society.

### *Members.*

The number of Fellows elected since the last Anniversary is 172; of these 148 have paid the entrance-fee and subscription for the current year. The removals ordered by the Council, in conformity with the ninth section of the 1st chapter of the By-Laws, have amounted to 114. Of the



number removed at the commencement of 1837, 5, who have since paid the arrears severally due by them, have been restored by the Council. The resignations have been 36, and the losses occasioned by death 56. The actual number of Fellows and Fellows Elect on the present day amounts to 3023.

The Candidates for the Fellowship now on the books are 34.

*Honorary and Foreign Members.*

The Honorary and Foreign Members remain the same as at the last Anniversary.

*Corresponding Members.*

This class of Members, to which both the Society's Menagerie and Museum are indebted for very many interesting and valuable objects, has received an addition in the election of Mr. Gould, the Society's ornithological Curator, now upon the point of quitting England for a temporary residence in Australia, with a view to complete the publication of an extensive work which he has undertaken upon the birds of that portion of the globe. The Council embrace this opportunity of recording their sense of the great scientific value of the results which have hitherto attended the zealous labours of Mr. Gould in one most extensive branch of Zoology; and they would also express the warm and anxious interest which they entertain that the present enterprise on which he is about to embark may be crowned with that success which has hitherto accompanied his efforts in the cause of Science.

The number of Corresponding Members amounts to 117.

*Finance.*

On a review of the Financial Statements for the past ten years, it will be found that the average Annual Receipts of the Society have amounted to £15,500; the receipts of the year ending December 1837 produced the sum of £13,960, being £1500 under the average of former years. The expenditure of the year has also been reduced to an extent



corresponding with the reduced receipts: the total sum paid in 1837 amounted to £14,350, which exceeded the receipts of the year by the sum of £320; in the previous year the excess of expenditure over the income was £514.

The Funded Property of the Society, and the Cash Balance at the end of the past year, amounted to £10,335, which shows a trifling decrease of £185, on a comparison with the corresponding period of the preceding year.

The outstanding claims on the Society, including Debts and Contracts pending, were £915 less than those of the year 1836.

The Council have not been unmindful of the pledge made by them in their Report of last year, to fund at least all moneys hitherto received on account of Compositions. They regret that it has not been possible to carry this object fully into effect; but they have the satisfaction of stating that the sum of £500, received on that account during the past year, has been invested in the 3 per Cents. The first investment of £320 took place in June 1837, and the remaining £180 in January last.

The state of the Composition Account will stand thus:

Total Amount of Life Compositions received from	£.
1825-6 to Dec. 1837 .....	11,810
Available for general purposes, in consequence of the death of Life Compounders .....	1,030
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	10,780
Invested in 3 per Cents. ....	10,080
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	£700
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The Council have also to report that a second instalment of £500 has been re-invested in the course of the past year in part payment of the loan of £2000 borrowed in March 1836.

In the Report of the Auditors reference is made to a sale of £200 Exchequer Bills: in explanation, the Council have to observe that the necessity for this sale arose from the state of the Cash Balance towards the close of the past year,



which being unusually low, was insufficient to meet the current expenses of the Society without this appropriation; but, at the same time, the replacement of these securities was contemplated by the Council at the earliest possible opportunity: and accordingly, in the succeeding month of January, when the funds at their disposal were increased by the receipt of the Annual Subscriptions, which became due on the first of that month, Exchequer Bills to the amount of the sum thus temporarily borrowed were purchased on the account of the Society.

In the same Report, the Auditors state, that the sum placed under the head of Salaries and Wages is higher than any year since the formation of the Society, although there does not appear to have been any increase of Animals so as to warrant an increased expense. In explanation of this increase, which on comparison with the Auditors' Report of 1836 amounts to £94, the Council have to remark, that it has been occasioned, chiefly, by the necessity of appointing an additional keeper, in August 1836, to take charge of the Giraffes on the departure of the three Nubians from the Gardens; which appointment was judged to be indispensable, and it is the only addition that has been made to the establishment of the Society.

The Auditors also express their surprise that upwards of £717 should have been expended in the purchase of specimens and preparations for the Museum, on the grounds that the locality selected for the exhibition of the Preserved Collection must remove all hope of its ever becoming a source from which the income of the Society may be materially increased. The Council, in expressing their regret at the small amount arising from the exhibition of the Society's valuable Collection in the Museum, have only to observe, that in the selection of the present premises they were guided by the opinions of scientific and practical gentlemen, who considered that the central situation of Leicester Square, and its proximity to other places of amusement, justified a reasonable expectation that it would meet with a fair share of public support.

The Auditors in their Report have remarked that the



principal source of reduction in the year's income consists in the comparatively small amount which has been derived from the admission of the public to the Gardens; and they attribute this diminution of the Receipts to the backward Spring of the past year and the shortness of the succeeding Summer. The Council consider that the deficiency may, in a great measure, be satisfactorily explained upon the above-mentioned grounds; but they would at the same time remind the Members, that during the year 1837 no opportunity presented itself of introducing to the Gardens any new object of paramount attraction. A natural consequence of the success which has hitherto attended the exertions of the Society, in its attempt to give the public at large an opportunity of becoming acquainted with such of the productions of the animal kingdom as had been, prior to its formation, rarely or *never* imported alive to this country, is, that the number of these desiderata becomes diminished, and the difficulty of procuring new objects of attraction proportionately increased. The Council, however, are fully sensible of the importance to the Society, both as regards its immediate interests and scientific objects, of having in the Menagerie as complete a series of living animals as possible; and they have determined to spare no exertion in their endeavours to carry into effect the accomplishment of this purpose. The animals to which the Council have recently directed their attention and inquiries, with a view to the importation of living specimens, are the Hippopotamus and Chimpanzee. The frequent but unsuccessful attempts made by friends of the Society to procure individuals of the latter prove the extreme difficulty which exists in the attainment of this object; but the recent success which has crowned the efforts of the Council in the preservation of a nearly allied species, the Orang, during the late severe winter, holds out to them a strong incentive to persevere in their endeavours to obtain so desirable an acquisition to the Collection.

While on the subject of the Finances, the Council think it proper to state, that they have appointed a Sub-committee



of their own body, to inquire into the Receipts and Expenditure of the Society, with a view to adopt measures for the increase of the former and to diminish the latter; and it is their intention to enter into a most rigid examination of the expenditure, with a full determination to reduce it to the lowest possible scale consistent with the efficient carrying on the objects of the Society.

The Council, before closing this part of their Report, feel it to be their duty to refer to the valuable assistance they have received from the Committee of Finance for the past year; to whom the thanks of the Society are justly due, for the care and attention with which they have discharged the unobtrusive but most important duties of their office. They also desire to record their sense of obligation, in common with their fellow Members, to the Auditors, for the trouble they have taken in the examination and investigation of the accounts of the Society during the past year.

#### *Library.*

In the Report of last year the Council intimated their intention of devoting to the purchase of scientific works, and the increase of the Library generally, such sums as might conveniently be spared from the Annual Receipts. In accordance with this determination the sum of £100 was voted in the early part of the past year for the above purposes; and this Fund has been increased by a most liberal donation of twenty-five guineas from Charles Morris, Junr., Esq. The Council at the same time ordered a book to be placed in the Meeting-room, in which Members might recommend such works as might be deemed expedient for purchase. A part only of the Library Fund has as yet been expended; and this has been principally laid out upon such works, (recommended either by individual Members or the Museum Committee, and subsequently confirmed by the Council) as were likely to prove of essential use in the cataloguing and arrangement of the Society's Collection. Among the works so purchased may be mentioned,



M. Cuvier and Valenciennes' Fishes; *La Dictionnaire des Termes Usités dans les Sciences Naturelles*; M. F. Cuvier's *Dents des Mammifères*; M. Walckener, *Hist. Nat. des Arachnoïdes*; Griffith's Translation of Cuvier's Animal Kingdom (*Reptiles*); Temminck's *Mammalogie*; Guerin's Magazine, 1836-37; *Annales des Sci. Naturelles*, 1837; Wagler, *Amphibien*; Schoenher *Synonymia*; *Suites à Buffon* in reference to Reptiles.

#### *Donations.*

Among the acquisitions to the Library by donation may be mentioned the *Fauna Italica*, by the Prince of Musignano; the commencement of a Work on the Birds of Australia, and the concluding part of the Birds of Europe, by Mr. Gould; the Abyssinian *Fauna*, by Dr. Ruppell; a History of British Quadrupeds, by Prof. T. Bell; &c. &c.

The Society has also continued to receive, in exchange for its Transactions and Proceedings, the publications of various Scientific Societies in this country and the Continent.

#### *Publications.*

A new Part of the Transactions is now ready, consisting of a selection of the more valuable Memoirs communicated to the Society's Scientific Meetings. The materials for another Part are also in a considerable state of forwardness; in addition to which, the Council anticipate the publication of the fourth Part before the next Anniversary, completing a second Volume.

The Volume of Proceedings for the past year, which, with the Numbers up to the present date, will shortly be completed, will be found to contain the descriptions of a very large number of new species in the Classes *Mammalia* and *Birds*.

A new Catalogue of the Menagerie, for the use of the Visitors at the Gardens, has also been published; and another, on a less popular plan, of the Specimens contained in the Society's Museum.



## THE MUSEUM.

During the past year the Collection exhibited has been greatly increased, not only by donations and purchases, but in bringing into view, and rendering useful, the hitherto unexamined stores, more particularly the Reptiles and Fishes, and the Skeletons of *Mammalia*. It may be remarked that a great number of Reptiles and Fishes have, from an early period, been kept in store-jars, owing to the want of room for their exhibition and arrangement in separate glass bottles; and the annual expense of preserving these specimens, which have constantly required fresh spirit, has been considerable. A great portion of them have, during the last year, been properly put up in bottles; and, although this mode of preserving them has been the cause of more than usual outlay, it has the advantage of rendering the subjects convenient for reference and study, and moreover they will not require in future the constant expense of spirit which has hitherto been necessary.

The number of specimens of Reptiles which have thus been added to the Museum during the past year is 470; a number more than doubling those hitherto contained in the Museum. The specimens are now all of them arranged and catalogued, and the greater part of them are named.

The number of Fishes exhibited for the first time during the past year is 277, and the total number is 877; all of which are catalogued and arranged, and are undergoing final examination for the purpose of naming.

The number of Skeletons exhibited in the Museum is 75, the greater part of which have been selected from the stores, either on account of their rarity, or to exhibit the principal modifications observable in the osteological structure of the classes *Mammalia* and *Aves*.

The total number of Birds now exhibited in the Museum is 5117, of which upwards of 2000 have names attached to them: the increase since the last Anniversary is 317.

In the collection of *Mammalia* there has been a greater increase probably than in any year since the time in which



the two splendid collections, which form the foundation of the Museum, were presented. The collection of *Mammalia* now contains 1152 specimens and nearly 700 species; 665 are named and published in the Catalogue which has recently been printed, and which contains the English and scientific names of each species, and the country which it inhabits, together with the names of the donors of such as have been presented, and references to the publications of the Society, or other works, in which the new species from this Collection have been described.

#### *Donations.*

Among the additions made to the Museum by donations, which the Council allude to as especially worthy of notice from their great scientific interest, is the present of two very perfect skins of the *Apteryx Australis*, received from the New Zealand Association, through Major Campbell, and the body of this extremely rare bird from the President, the Earl of Derby. The anatomical examination of this long wished-for desideratum to the Collection has been undertaken by Professor Owen, and the results will be made public through the medium of the Society's scientific publications.

The Society is likewise indebted to James Farrell, Esq., for an extensive and valuable collection of Bird Skins, consisting of more than 100 specimens, from the Himalaya Mountains; to Lord Teignmouth, for an Eagle (probably of a new species) from the same region; to John Hearne, Esq., for a new species of *Ibis*, and several other Birds from Hayti; to John Auldjo, Esq., for a collection of Bird Skins from the Falls of Niagara; to the Saffron Walden Museum, for a Skin of the Harte-Beest Antelope; to Alexander John Ker, Esq., for the body of a Dugong, in spirit, from Penang; to Professor Savi, for the Nest and five young Birds of *Sylvia cisticola*, with Skins of *Mammalia* from the Southern parts of Italy; to J. B. Harvey, Esq., for numerous specimens of preserved *Radiata* and Fish.



The number of Visitors to the Museum in 1837 was 4431; and the sum received for admission was £59 15s.

### MENAGERIE.

The Council have much pleasure in referring the Members to the very satisfactory state of the living Collection: all the larger and more important animals are at the present time apparently in perfect health; and notwithstanding the extraordinary severity of the past winter, by far the most intense since the establishment of the Society, the mortality during the past year is considerably below the average. Among the Feline *Carnivora* only two deaths have occurred since the last Annual Report, and the present state of this interesting and attractive portion of the Society's Collection is in every respect most promising. So small a proportion of deaths among the *Carnivora*, compared with that of previous years, may probably, in some measure, depend upon an improvement in the system of feeding the animals, and also a better ventilation in the larger repository. The Giraffes have been removed into the building erected for them at the western extremity of the North Gardens; and the excellent condition of these valuable animals, at the expiration of a second year, must be a matter of the highest gratification to every Member of the Society.

Among the animals for the first time exhibited at the Gardens during the past year, the Council have to notice a most important acquisition, that of an Indian Orang, *Pithecus Satyrus*, Geoff., purchased for the sum of one hundred guineas. Only one living specimen of this genus had previously been in the Society's possession, and in this case the animal unfortunately died before it could be removed from Bruton-street to the Menagerie. Upon obtaining the present specimen, the Council deemed the most eligible place for her exhibition, both as regarded the comfort of the creature herself and the accommodation of the Members and the Public, would be the Giraffe-house; and a



portion of the interior of this building has accordingly been railed off, and converted into a commodious apartment for her use. During the six months that the Orang has been in the Menagerie, she has increased in height and very considerably in weight, and exhibits every indication of being in the enjoyment of robust health and excellent spirits.

The very great interest excited by the Chimpanzee in 1836, during the six months that it lived in the Society's possession, justify the Council in anticipating that the Orang will prove a source of considerable attraction during the forthcoming summer.

*Animals new to the Collection.*

The following animals have been exhibited for the first time during the past year.

MAMMALIA.

- Orang Utan. *Pithecus Satyrus*, Geoff.  
 Negro Tamarin Monkey. *Midas Ursulus*, Geoff.  
 Feline Genet. *Genetta felina*.  
 Nestor Monkey. *Semnopithecus latibarbatu*s.  
 Garnett's Galago. *Otolicnus Garnettii*, Ogilby.  
 Long-tailed Deer. *Cervus leucurus*, Douglas.  
 Cross' Paradoxure. *Paradoxurus Crossii*? Gray.  
 The Anubis. *Cynocephalus Anubis*, F. Cuv.

AVES.

- Night Jar. *Caprimulgus Europæus*, Linn.  
 Purple Gallinule. *Hyacinthina porphyrio*, Temm.  
 Ortolan Bunting. *Emberiza hortolana*, Linn.  
 Fieldfare. *Merula pilaris*, Selby.  
 Pauline's Touracou. *Corythaix Paulina*, Shaw.  
 Reed Warblers. *Salicaria arundinacea*, Selby.  
 Rose-coloured Pastor. *Boscis roseus*, Brehm.



The total number of species which have been exhibited in the Menagerie up to the present time, amounts to 244 Mammals and 326 Birds; and the entire Collection consists of 268 Mammals, 645 Birds, and 18 Reptiles.

#### *Donations.*

Among the donations which have enriched the Menagerie during the past year, is a fine Tigress, from Sir F. Adam, Honorary Member; a pair of Leopards, from Francis Burdett, Esq.; a Chilian Eagle, from His Excellency Hamilton Hamilton, Esq., Cor. Memb.; a striped Hyæna, from Sir Thomas Reade, Hon. Memb.; a Leopard, from J. P. Beavan, Esq.; a Gazelle Antelope, from Sir Rowland Hill, Bart.; an Osprey, from Captain Cable; a Snowy Owl, from H. Mackenzie, Esq.; a Black Swan and Emu, from Miss Millner; and three Monkeys, from Captain Irving and James Becroft, Esq.

The number of Visitors in 1837 amounted to 173,778; of which were,

Fellows .....	20,619
Strangers accompanying ditto .....	31,414
HOLDERS OF IVORY TICKETS .....	4,620
Strangers accompanying ditto .....	4,160
Persons paying for admission .....	112,965
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	173,778

#### WORKS.

Under the head of Works, the Council have to report, that the Paddock and its oak fence, adjoining the Giraffe-house, have been completed; that a mound has been raised between the south side of the Paddock and the public road, as well as on the west side, on which a low wooden fence has been placed, so as to screen the house and paddock from the public view. The approach to the entrance of the Giraffe-house, raised upon brick arches, has also been finished; and the arches fitted up for the accommodation



of poultry. The north side of the pond in the paddock, appropriated to the use of the Elephant and Rhinoceros, has been substantially repaired, and rendered secure against any further consequences arising from the increased and increasing bulk of the massive creatures for whose use it has been constructed.

An apparatus for the warming and ventilating of the Giraffe-house has been fixed up by Mr. Sylvester, and successfully put into operation.

Among the other works of less importance, may be mentioned the following:—a Cage for the Orang Utan, placed at the west end of the Giraffe-house; the fitting up the apartment of the Rhinoceros with a Gallery, and a means of access to it, as a precautionary measure against possible danger to the keeper in charge of the animal; the iron fence surrounding the tunnel-pond has been extended, and an addition made to it so as to preserve the birds placed within it from the attacks of rats and other noxious animals.

The fences generally, and a portion of the buildings, have been painted; the walks throughout the Gardens have been put in order, and the borders have been dressed.

#### *Steam Engine and Well.*

The average supply of water continues to be sufficient for the purposes of the establishment in the Regent's Park, and the attention of the Council has therefore been confined to the important object of making that supply available at the least possible cost to the Society. The Council have had the assistance of the Committee on the Receipt and Expenditure in their consideration of this subject; and, acting on the advice of that Committee, they have accepted the offer of an Engineer to work the Engine, at a fixed annual remuneration, including the necessary supply of fuel and the execution of all requisite repairs.

#### *Farm at Kingston Hill.*

In the Report of last year it was stated, that the sum of £281 3s. had been awarded to the Society for 2A. 1R. 10P.



of this freehold property; and that it was the intention of the Council to sell the remaining portion of the land, consisting of 5A. 0R. 17½P., upon the completion of this purchase. An unavoidable delay having taken place in concluding this arrangement, the final disposal of the property is, for the present, postponed.

#### RESIGNATION OF THE SECRETARY.

The recent resignation of the Secretaryship by Mr. Yarrell is a subject to which the Council refer with regret, as they cannot but be sensible of the value of the services of a gentleman who has long been an active and warm friend to the Society's best interests, and whose zoological attainments, and general acquaintance with business details, have enabled him to fill the responsible office of Secretary in a manner equally creditable to himself and advantageous to the Society.

The Council, however, are well aware that the time devoted by Mr. Yarrell to the business of the Society has been only spared from his professional engagements at considerable personal sacrifice; and it therefore only remains for them, in lamenting the loss which the Society sustains in his resignation, to record their sense of the extremely zealous and efficient manner in which, as Secretary, he has discharged the duties of that office.

#### *Breeding of Animals.*

A wish having been expressed, at a recent monthly meeting for general business, that some details should be furnished to the Fellows of the results attending the Society's efforts in the breeding of animals, the Council have selected from a more extended list the following instances, as worthy of notice.



*Names of Animals which have produced Young while in the  
Society's possession.*

## MAMMALIA.

Dromedary. <i>Camelus Dromedarius.</i>	1
Burchell's Zebra. <i>Equus Burchellii.</i>	1
Nylghau. <i>Antilope picta.</i>	9
Stanley Musk Deer. <i>Moschus Stanleyanus.</i>	2
Napu Musk Deer. <i>Moschus Javanicus.</i>	1
Bush Kangaroo. <i>Macropus Bennettii.</i>	2
Greater Kangaroo. <i>Macropus major.</i>	7
Peccary. <i>Dicotyles torquatus.</i>	2
African Porcupine. <i>Histrix cristata.</i>	1
Weasel-headed Armadillo. <i>Dasypus Encoubert.</i>	5
Puma. <i>Felis concolor.</i>	3
Persian Cat. <i>Felis domesticus, var.</i>	8

## AVES.

Emu. <i>Dromaius Novæ Hollandiæ.</i>	12
Gold Pheasant. <i>Phasianus pictus.</i>	5
Silver Pheasant. <i>Phasianus nycthemerus.</i>	1
Cross-bred Reeves' ditto. <i>Phasianus Reevesii.</i>	6
Sonerat's Jungle Fowl. <i>Gallus Soneratii.</i>	16
American Quail. <i>Ortyx Virginianus.</i>	18
Bronze-winged Pigeon. <i>Columba chalybeata.</i>	4
White Crowned Pigeon. <i>Columba leucocephala.</i>	2
Black Swan. <i>Cygnus atratus.</i>	12
Cereopsis Goose. <i>Cereopsis Novæ Hollandiæ.</i>	1
Sandwich Island Goose. <i>Bernicla Sandvicensis.</i>	8
Egyptian Goose. <i>Anser Ægyptiacus.</i>	34
Canada Goose. <i>Anser Canadensis.</i>	3
Chinese Goose. <i>Anser cygnoïdes.</i>	5
Summer Duck. <i>Anas sponsa.</i>	34
Mandarin Duck. <i>Anas galericulata.</i>	9



RECEIPTS

1837	0 0 11	0 0 0	0 0 0
1838	0 0 2	0 0 0	0 0 0
1839	0 0 10	0 0 0	0 0 0
1840	0 0 11	0 0 0	0 0 0
1841	0 0 11	0 0 0	0 0 0

# REPORT

OF THE

## AUDITORS OF THE ACCOUNTS.

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The Committee of Auditors, having carefully examined the Books, Vouchers, and Accounts, have to lay before the Society the following abstract of the Receipts and Payments for the year 1837, with their Report thereon.



## RECEIPTS.

	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Balance of Cash brought from 1836 .....			1259 1 5
<b>INCOME.</b>			
Belonging to year.			
1832 Admission Fees .....		10 0 0	
1833 Annual Subscriptions .....		2 0 0	
1834 { Admission Fees .....	5 0 0		
{ Annual Subscriptions .....	6 0 0		
		11 0 0	
1835 { Admission Fees .....	10 0 0		
{ Annual Subscriptions .....	8 0 0		
		18 0 0	
1836 { Admission Fees .....	95 0 0		
{ Annual Subscriptions .....	243 0 0		
{ Transactions . .....	11 14 6		
{ Garden Sales .....	5 0 0		
{ Farm Rent .....	15 0 0		
		369 14 6	
1837 { Admission Fees .....	780 0 0		
{ Annual Subscriptions .....	5375 7 0		
{ Compositions .....	500 0 0		
{ Ivory Tickets .....	461 19 0		
{ Admissions to Gardens .....	5648 5 0		
{ Garden Guides.....	15 12 0		
{ Admissions to Museum .....	59 15 0		
{ Dividends on Bank Annuities .....	333 5 9		
{ Transactions .....	107 16 6		
{ Proceedings .....	17 10 0		
{ Garden Sales .....	44 16 6		
{ Farm Rent .....	37 0 0		
{ Garden Rent .....	35 0 0		
{ Donations to Library .....	26 5 0		
{ Sale of Fixtures at Bruton Street .....	26 14 6		
		13469 6 3	
1838 Annual Subscriptions (anticipated) .....		80 0 0	
<b>INCOME RECEIVED IN 1837.....</b>		<b>13960 0 9</b>	<b>13960 0 9</b>
Proceeds of £200 Exchequer Bills sold .....			205 19 7
			<b>15425 1 9</b>



PAYMENTS.

		Farm.	Gardens.	Museum.	General Establishmt.	Total.
EXPENDITURE.						
Belonging to years.		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
1835 and 1836	Rent, &c. ....	41 12 3	240 7 2	322 8 11	273 13 7	878 1 11
	Bills .....	24 11 9	393 0 7	23 0 6	44 19 4	485 12 2
		66 4 0	633 7 9	345 9 5	318 12 11	1363 14 1
1837						
	Rent, Taxes, Rates, &c. ..	30 0 0	289 5 6	235 3 6	114 0 11	
	Salaries and Wages.....		2704 5 0	610 3 6	607 2 4	
	Keepers' Dresses.....		87 11 0			
	Cost of Animals .....		437 7 0			
	Carriage of Animals .....		61 5 2			
	Keepers' Travelling Ex- penses .....		8 9 6			
	Provisions .....		2094 7 4			
	Menagerie Expenses .....		685 2 6			
	Buildings.....		1160 0 0			
	Works, Materials & Repairs.....		1876 16 1	218 6 0		
	Garden Expenses .....		275 16 7			
	Cost of Subjects .....			241 19 6		
	Carriage of Subjects .....			12 16 4		
	Cost of Preparations .....			476 17 0		
	Library .....			76 19 1		
	House and Office Expenses.....		48 1 2		268 6 2	
	Stationery and Printing ...		19 5 9	3 10 0	170 13 0	
	Transactions .....				66 0 0	
	Law Expenses on Cu- mingian Collection ... }				83 10 8	
	Returned Subscriptions ...				23 9 0	
Paid on account of the current year .....		30 0 0	9747 12 7	1875 14 11	1333 2 1	12986 9 7
EXPENDITURE PAID IN 1837.....		96 4 0	10381 0 4	2221 4 4	1651 15 0	14350 3 8
Purchase of £549 9s. Reduced 3 per Cents. in part payment of loan borrowed in March 1836.....						500 0 0
£348 15s. 6d. amount of Compositions received from January to June 1837.....						320 0 0
Cash in hand, Dec. 31, 1837 .....						254 18 1
						15425 1 9



The Assets and Liabilities of the Society on the 31st December, 1837  
were as follow :

ASSETS.															
	Living and Preserved Collections.			Arrears of											
				Previous Years.			Current Year.			Invested in Land.	Capital Funded.			Cash.	
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.		£.
Cash at Banker's.....													254	18	1
£5904 1s. Consolidated 3 } per Cents.....													4931	17	7
£5654 18s. 8d. Reduced 3 } per Cents.....													5149	15	0
Cost of Land at Kingston Hill.....							1100	0	0						
Annual Subscriptions.....				240	0	0	704	0	0						
Ivory Tickets.....				18	18	0									
Transactions.....				10	15	0									
Proceedings.....				1	16	0									
Farm Rent.....								44	0	0					
Garden Rent.....				75	0	0	102	0	0						
Garden Stock sold, unpaid for.....				7	10	0									
Uncertain.....				353	19	0	850	0	0	1100	0	0	10081	12	7
													254	18	1

LIABILITIES.									
	Debts.						Contracts.		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Bills, &c. unpaid, estimated at									
For the Gardens.....	537	13	2				340	15	4
— Museum.....	51	13	0						
— General Establishment.....	142	17	7						
							732	3	9
Rent, &c. unpaid, say,									
For the Farm.....	89	12	10						
— Gardens.....	645	17	0						
— Museum.....	74	8	2						
— General Establishment.....	37	4	1						
							847	2	1
							1579	5	10
							340	15	4



## INCOME.

The prominent feature in the foregoing Statement is the large deficit in the Income of the year 1837, as compared with the preceding year; the falling off in the Receipts at the Gates, under the head of Admissions to Gardens, amounting to upwards of £3800. This large reduction may be in part attributed to the very cold, inclement spring, and late summer of the past year. In the Admission Fees of new Members there is a deficit of £550, which, in addition to the cause stated above, may be accounted for by the probability of the Society's having now attained nearly its maximum as to the number of Members. To these two heads may be added a smaller amount of arrears of debts from preceding years, being £288 less in the lapsed year than in 1836. A reference to the foregoing abstract will show that the diminution in the Income of the Society is chiefly embraced under the three heads above alluded to.

Your Committee are sorry to see under the head of "Receipts" the sale of £200 Exchequer Bills.

## EXPENDITURE.

Your Committee of Auditors approach the subject of Expenditure with an earnest feeling of respect towards the Council; they feel themselves bound, nevertheless, to notice that the recommendation of the Auditors of 1836, urging "the absolute necessity of blending judicious economy, with liberality, in the administration of the affairs of the Society," has not been carried to the extent of satisfying their reasonable expectations, although it must have been evident to the Council, from an early period in the year, that the Income would fall short as compared with previous years. The heads of Salaries and Wages are referred to as being higher than any year since the formation of the Society, although there does not appear to have been any increase of animals so as to warrant an increased expenditure.

While on the head of Expenditure, your Auditors have to express their surprise that upwards of £717 should be sunk in *Subjects* and *Preparations*, when it must be evident to every



Member of the Society that the inconvenience, inappropriateness, and ill-chosen locality of the premises selected for the Exhibition of their already most valuable Collection, must destroy any hopes of the Museum ever becoming a source from which the income of the Society may be materially increased.

There has been £820 added to the Investment Fund during the year; but your Auditors are bound to notice that such investment is made at the expense of the balance, leaving the amount of cash in hand only £254 18s. 1d. on the 31st of December 1837, whereas at the same period in the preceding year it amounted to £1259 1s. 5d.

#### ASSETS.

The only material alteration in the Assets of the Society during the year 1837, is an increase of the Funded Capital to the amount of £820, making that Investment Fund amount to £10,081 12s. 7d. on the 31st of December 1837.

#### LIABILITIES.

With respect to the Liabilities, the outstanding debts of the Society are £200 more than in 1836; but under all circumstances it is gratifying to be able to state, that the contracts pending on the 31st of December 1837, are £1119 less than at the corresponding period of the previous year.

In closing this Report, your Committee of Auditors have to express their unqualified approbation of the zeal and assiduity manifested by the Assistant Secretary, in the distinctness and order with which he keeps the Books and Accounts of the Society.

(Signed)

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