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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

IN reporting to the Annual General Meeting on the progress of the Society since the last Anniversary, and on its general concerns, the Council have the satisfaction of being enabled to renew the statement, hitherto uniformly made on such occasions, that during the past year there has been a continued advance towards the attainment of the Society's objects, and a continued increase of support to it by the accession of new members. In the past year also, as in the two years which immediately preceded it, there has been an improvement, to a considerable extent, of the Society's capital.

Members.

The increase of Members during the past year has been considerable ; no fewer than 257 Fellows having been elected since the last Annual General Meeting. The total increase in this class, however, has been only 177 ; for the Society has been deprived of 39 of its Fellows by death, and of 41 by resignation. The total number of Fellows and Fellows elect on the present day is 2546. The Candidates for the Fellowship now on the books are 62.

Of the Foreign Members of the Society, one, the distinguished Meckel, has been removed by death since the last Anniversary : the present number of Foreign Members is consequently reduced to 21. It will be the duty of the

Council, at an early opportunity, to suggest to the General Meeting fitting persons to fill the vacancies now existing in this list.

The Honorary Members remain, as at the last Anniversary, 10 in number.

The present number of Corresponding Members is 95,—extensively distributed in various parts of the world, including most of the remote dependencies of the British crown.

Finance.

By the Report of the Auditors of the Accounts for 1833, it will be seen that the Receipts in that year amounted to £14,843 5s. 3d. In this amount there is, as compared with the Receipts of 1832, a deficiency of £650 1s. 6d. Under the head of Admissions to the Gardens the receipts have been diminished to the extent of £1047 7s. ; but under that of Annual Contributions they have exceeded those of the previous year by £362 12s. The income from Admission to the Gardens in 1833 was £7954 9s.: the payments made to the Society by its Members amounted to £5645 5s.

In the current year, up to the present time, there is, as compared with the corresponding period of 1833, a considerable increase in the Receipts, as well from the Gardens, as on the General Establishment account. But this increase, although affording hopes of an increase on the gross Receipts of the present year, by no means implies the certainty of such an improvement. The receipts at the Gardens vary with circumstances ; and it is probable that they have been hitherto increased by the mildness of the season, which has allowed of an influx of visitors to that establishment greater than has usually been attracted to it during the winter months. The increased amount of the receipts from the Members is also, perhaps, attributable in some measure to the same cause, the collector having been enabled to make his calls at an earlier period, and with more activity than in ordinary seasons. As regards the income from Members, it is evident that limited as it necessarily is in amount by the

number of the Fellows, the total sum to be received in 1834 cannot greatly exceed that obtained in 1833, and that if the earlier months of the year have furnished a larger proportion than usual of the revenue derivable from this source, the subsequent months must fall short in a corresponding proportion.

The experience of the past year has rendered the Council cautious in forming anticipations as to future income. During the first six months of 1833 the Receipts, as compared with those of the corresponding period of 1832, were considerably increased; and it could by no means be regarded as sanguine to assume that the remaining six months of the year should furnish an income at least equal to that of the concluding half of the previous year. So far, however, was this from being the case that, during the latter half of 1833, there occurred in the receipts so great a deficiency as to render it necessary to have recourse, for the discharge of the claims outstanding against the Society, to the sale of a portion of the Capital funded. The necessity for this sale was reported by the Council to the General Meeting in December last, and the sale having been subsequently effected the debts were discharged. The amount thus withdrawn from the Investment Fund was regarded as a loan, to be repaid as soon as possible, and it has already been replaced; the increased receipts of the early months of the current year having authorized the re-investment at a much earlier period than had been anticipated.

Throughout the past year the Council have constantly borne in mind the necessity of persevering in the system of investing one-fifth of the gross receipts of the Society, and the investment has accordingly been made whenever the state of the Cash Balance was such as to authorize it. The amount so invested since the last Annual General Meeting is £2231 8s. 3d.; and there still remains due to the Investment Fund a sum which will be added to it as soon as it is rendered practicable by the increased Garden Receipts of the approaching summer months.

That the total amount accruing, during the last year, due to the Investment Fund, was not actually invested, was owing chiefly to the great expense of the works undertaken and completed at the Gardens. Of these the principal part, such as the enclosing and laying out of the newly acquired ground, could not with propriety have been longer delayed; while the remainder were highly desirable, with the view of avoiding the necessity of removing from the Gardens, as had been done in the previous year, some portion of the stock, to premises temporarily hired for their accommodation. The expenditure incurred in the Garden Establishment during 1833, for buildings, works, repairs, materials, and Garden Expenses, was £3569 1s. 10d.

The total expenditure paid in the year was £13,154 12s. 6d.

In the checking of this large expenditure, the Council have continued to receive the assistance of the Committee of Finance, to whom are referred for examination, previously to their payment, all bills, except for articles purchased or specially ordered by the Council. To the Committee have also been referred the tenders for the supply on contract of the various articles of ordinary use; as well as the tenders for most of the works performed during the last year. The zeal and punctuality with which the Members of the Finance Committee have discharged their arduous duties have been acknowledged with gratitude by the Council, and they are highly deserving of the thanks of the Society at large.

The Council conclude their review of this department by the remark, that the improvement in the Society's Finances on the 31st of December last, as compared with their condition at the end of 1832, was £1769 3s. 11d. In 1832 the improvement was £3058 16s. 2d., and that of 1831 was £2133 19s. 0d. The total improvement in the financial condition of the Society during the last three years is consequently £6961 19s. 1d.

In calculating the financial improvement the Council have abstained from reckoning on the

Arrears,

the value of which is too uncertain to admit of being estimated with any approach to correctness. The Arrears are a constantly increasing head in the Society's Accounts, and necessarily so, for those who are in arrear of their Annual Contributions for several years, without the intention of discharging them, add annually on the 1st of January a new amount to the already outstanding account against them. The Council have felt strongly the importance of removing such persons from the Society, and of relieving the books from accounts representing an uncertain and almost fictitious value : and they have accordingly again directed that those Fellows who are in arrear prior to 1833 should be written to and be urged to make good their payments. Failing this, the Council would be anxious to remove them from the Society, to the support of which they in no degree contribute. At present their removal could only be effected by expulsion, the forms attendant on which involve an exposure so nearly public as to render it unpleasant to resort voluntarily to so marked a proceeding. The Council have therefore been induced to devise a method by which the removal of any Fellow who shall be two years in arrear, shall, after due notice given to him, be compulsory, unless on special grounds : the removal to be effected by an act of the Council, and the person to be capable of being re-instated on the payment, within two years, of his arrears. A By-law to this effect has been submitted to a General Meeting of the Society, and is now suspended in the Meeting-Room : it will be balloted for on June 5.

Publications.

The Committee of Publication, which was first formally appointed at the last Annual General Meeting, has performed throughout the year the several duties intrusted to it.

The Proceedings of the General Meetings for Scientific Business have been published under its superintendence, and have been extensively distributed both at home and abroad,

in a manner similar to that which had previously been followed with respect to the Proceedings of the Committee of Science and Correspondence.

Of the Transactions one Part has also appeared. It was published in August last, and has been favourably received as well by the Members of the Society as by the public. The number of copies already sold is 262. Copies have been presented to the libraries of many of the most important scientific societies in Great Britain, on the Continent of Europe, and in the United States of America; as well as to some of those situated in the more distant dependencies of this country. The Memoirs contributed to the Transactions by the active Zoologists of the Society will consequently be made extensively known.

A second Part of the Transactions is nearly ready for publication. It will appear in the middle of May. A copy of it is now on the table for the inspection of the Members.

Lectures.

During the early months of 1833, the Society was indebted to the liberality of Dr. Grant for a course extending to about forty lectures on the structure and classification of animals. It included a general outline of the existing state of zoological knowledge, and was illustrated by specimens, and by an extensive series of diagrams prepared by the Professor.

THE GARDENS

in the Regent's Park have maintained throughout the past year their attractions, as well for the Members as for the public.

The Number of Visitors

in 1833 amounted to 211,343; and the sum received for admission was £7954 9s. The total number of visits made to the Gardens in 1833 was 7242 less than those of 1832: the number of visits made by Members and their friends in 1833 exceeded those of 1832 by 13,705.

The Works

have included the completion of those which were in progress at the last Anniversary,—the formation of the ha-ha and glacis along the western boundary of the South Garden; the enclosing and securing of the additional ponds in the newly acquired ground; and the laying out and draining of the paths and grass-plots in the South Garden. A house has been erected which is at present appropriated to the reception of the Parrots. The open Aviary in the South Garden has undergone considerable alterations, so as to fit it both for the summer and winter habitation of various groups of birds; and the range of Pheasant Aviaries, set up a few years since at the Farm, has been removed from thence and re-erected in the North Garden. The walks adjoining to these Pheasantries are laid out, and require only gravelling for their completion.

The embellishment of the Gardens with ornamental plants, at all times an object of interest to the Council, has in the present season been especially attended to. Partly by means of purchase, but to a much greater extent as presents, there have been acquired for the Gardens, within the last few months, 2447 new or additional kinds of ornamental shrubs and herbs. For the presents, the Society is principally indebted to the Curator of the Royal Botanic Garden at Kew; to the several Curators of the Botanic Gardens of Oxford, Cambridge, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Manchester, and Birmingham; to Sir Robert Heron; to Mr. Hamilton; to Mr. Cox; to Mr. W. Taylor, who has for many years liberally assisted the Society, both in its Gardens and in its Menagerie; and, finally, to Mr. Sabine, under whose directions the purchases were made, and by whose exertions the greater number of the presents were obtained.

The Menagerie

has continued to exhibit a collection of animals of great extent and interest. The number of species and marked

varieties of *Mammalia* contained in it has rarely fallen, at any period of the year, below 140: of the species of *Birds* the average number has been nearly 200. The total number of individual animals in the Gardens and at the Lake has generally exceeded 1000; on the present day it amounts to 1002.

The

Additions to the Lists of Animals exhibited

in previous years have not been in the present year numerous, as was, indeed, anticipated in the Report of the Council at the last Anniversary; but they include several of considerable rarity, and others which appear to have been unknown to science previously to their arrival in the Society's collection.

CLASS MAMMALIA.

- Egyptian Dog. *Canis familiaris*, Linn. var.
 Malbrouck Monkey. *Cercopithecus tephrops*, Benn.
 Bearded Capuchin Monkey. *Cebus barbatus*, Geoff.
 Red-handed Tamarin Monkey. *Midas rufimanus*, Geoff.
 Black Lemur. *Lemur niger*, Geoff.
 Red-fronted Lemur. *Lemur rufifrons*, Benn.
 Bush Kangaroo. *Macropus Oualabatus*, Less.
 Bristly Kangaroo-Rat. *Hypsiprymnus setosus*, Ogilby.
 Irish Hare. *Lepus Hibernicus*, Yarr.

CLASS AVES.

- Secretary Vulture. *Gypogeranus serpentarius*, Ill.
 Egyptian Vulture. *Neophron Percnopterus*, Sav.
 Kolbe's Vulture. *Vultur Kolbii*, Daud.
 Grenadier Grosbeak. *Loxia Oryx*, Linn.
 Weaver Bird. *Ploceus Philippinus*, Cuv.
 Golden-eyed Parrot. *Psittacus chrysophthalmus*, Gould.
 Grey-breasted Parrakeet. *Psittaca murina*.
 New Holland Ground Parrakeet. *Platycercus Novæ Hollandiæ*, Vig.
 Purple-crested Touraco. *Corythaix porphyreolopha*, Vig.

Red Grouse. *Tetrao Scoticus*, Lath.

Cape Crowned Crane. *Anthropoides Regulorum*, Licht.

Buff-headed Heron. *Ardea russata*, Temm.

By the addition of the animals just enumerated to those of which Lists have been published in previous Reports of the Council, it will be seen that the Menagerie has already contained 209 species of *Mammalia*, and 276 species of *Birds*; besides numerous marked varieties and many hybrids.

In the preservation of the health of this extensive collection some improvements have been attempted since the last Anniversary, from which beneficial results are anticipated. The Medical Superintendent not only visits the Gardens at stated periods in each week, attends to the ailments of the animals, and records in his Journal their diseases and the remedies employed for them; but he also, in conjunction with the Head-Keeper, reports to each regular meeting of the Council as to the general state of the Menagerie, and on any special case of recent occurrence. These Reports, together with the Journal, are preserved for reference; and the arrangement will probably prove not merely of present advantage, but of permanent utility, by the collection of a body of facts for future guidance.

Of the additions to the collection of living animals which have been made during the past year, a large proportion is due to the liberality of the Members and friends of the Society. The

Donations to the Menagerie

are recorded, with the other presents, in the Donation Book which is now on the table. But the Donors, upwards of a hundred in number, are too numerous to be here particularized. The President, Lord Stanley, has added from his private collection various animals which were desirable for that of the Society; the Earl of Egremont has continued to assist it; Major General Sir C. Colvile, and Lieutenant

General Sir Lowry Cole, have each, on their return from their respective governments, presented animals brought by them from the Mauritius and the Cape of Good Hope; Lady William Bentinck has forwarded from India some of the zoological treasures of that country; Captains Lindsay, Innis, Bathie, Redman, Fremantle, Willis, Stevens, Heathorn, Percival, &c. have also been donors to the Menagerie in the course of the past year; and donations of interest have been received from Mr. J. H. Lance of Demerara, the Rev. R. Davis of Montreal, Admiral Briggs, Mr. E. C. Newcome, Mr. Audubon, and Mr. J. Hearne of Hayti; as well as from Mr. Hornby and Mr. Blackburn, to the latter of whom the Society is indebted for a pair of Tigers. Sir Thomas Reade, His Majesty's Consul-General at Tunis, whose munificent donation was recorded in the last Annual Report, has increased his claims on the gratitude of the Society by presenting to it, at several times in the course of the present year, three Kolbe's Vultures, an Egyptian Vulture, a Læmmer-Geyer, and numerous Pigeons.

From among the duplicate animals of the Collection at the Gardens, and from the stock at the Farm, selections have been made from time to time, which have been disposed of by public auction. A few have also been sold by private contract, the Council having availed themselves of a favourable opportunity which occurred at the commencement of the year for parting with several upon terms highly advantageous to the Society.

The Council have also the satisfaction of stating that they have been enabled to offer to present, on the part of the Society, to the Menagerie of the King of Prussia, several animals which were stated to be desirable for that collection. The offer has been graciously and thankfully accepted.

Among the additions to the Collection by breeding, there are some of sufficient interest to require that they should be specially noticed. Such are the rearing of several broods of the Carolina or Summer Duck, and of a brood of the rare and beautiful Mandarin Duck of China. From the magnifi-

cent Reeves's Pheasant, of which an individual has for several years attracted universal notice in the Gardens, a cross race was obtained during the last summer, of which one male remains alive; no female of the Reeves's Pheasant has yet been brought to Europe, or even, it is believed, to Canton. A Crested Porcupine has produced young at the Gardens, as has also a Rhesus Monkey; and in the course of the last two or three years young have been repeatedly bred from the Weasel-headed Armadillo. The Cereopsis Geese, the Emeus, the Wapiti, Axis and Virginian Deer, and several other animals, have continued to breed freely at the Farm.

The Council have been for the present disappointed in the expectation which they had entertained of obtaining, through the kind exertions of Mr. Hodgson, British Resident in Nepal, an extensive collection of the splendid and interesting Pheasants of that country, as well as of other birds. Of nearly a hundred of them dispatched from Katmandoo, many perished in the sultry plains of India, and nearly the whole of the remainder died in Calcutta. Of the few that were embarked for England not one survived the voyage. The active and valuable correspondent who interested himself in this speculation is aware of its failure, and is prepared to repeat his endeavours with increased precautions: it is hoped that his renewed attempt may be attended with success.

THE MUSEUM

has continued throughout the year which has just elapsed to receive great accessions both by purchase and by donations. The

Donors to the Museum,

almost equally numerous with those to the Menagerie, have included among the Foreign Members of the Society, Pro-

fessor Savi of Pisa, and Mr. W. Cooper of New York. Among the Corresponding Members, many have contributed most liberally to the increase of this department: Mr. B. H. Hodgson has presented upwards of three hundred skins of birds collected in Nepal, together with the skulls and skins of many Mammalia:—the Rev. R. T. Lowe has given an almost complete series of the land and fresh-water shells of Madeira, and an extensive collection of the fishes of that island:—the late Mr. Telfair continued until the time of his lamented death to contribute various productions of the Mauritius and of Madagascar:—and Mr. F. D. Bennett, Mr. Henly Clarke, Dr. Weatherhead, Captain Redman, Lieutenant Maw, Lieutenant Breton, &c. &c., have also added interesting specimens obtained in the several localities visited by them. The Society is indebted to the President for several additions to its Museum. To Mr. Auldjo it owes an extensive collection of the Mollusca, Radiata, and other animals of the Mediterranean sea:—to the liberality of Mr. J. M. Heath of Madras, it is again indebted for a very numerous collection of skins of Birds and Quadrupeds from that locality:—Lady William Bentinck has presented sixty-four bird-skins from the Himalaya Mountains:—Mr. H. Hillier, eighty-eight skins of Birds and Quadrupeds from India:—the Honourable Admiral Dundas, forty-one skins from New Holland and New Zealand:—Mr. G. Folliott, forty-six mounted bird-skins and one quadruped from North America:—Mr. H. T. De la Beche, a large collection of Fishes and Crustacea from the West Indies, &c. &c. Captain Belcher, R. N., Mr. Cuming, Mr. Reeves, Mr. Yarrell, Mr. Grove, and Dr. Leach, have renewed their claims on the gratitude of the Society by various presents made in the course of the year which has just elapsed, in addition to those repeatedly made by them in previous years.

The Council have also to acknowledge the receipt of a present of various skins of European Birds from the Directors of the Museum at Geneva,—a present in return for

one previously forwarded to that institution by the Society. An extensive and interesting collection of skins of Mammalia, chiefly collected in Nubia by Dr. Rüppell, and forwarded to the Society by the Directors of the Frankfort Museum, has been acknowledged by the return to that establishment of a series comprising some of the most valuable of the duplicates from the stores of the Museum.

Other duplicates from the Museum stores have been presented in the course of the past year to several of the provincial Museums of this country, including those of Canterbury, Ipswich, Truro, and Saffron Walden; the Council believing that in thus acting towards other institutions with a liberality analogous to that which has hitherto been constantly extended towards the Society, they were acting in accordance with the wishes of the donors of the various articles so disposed of to the promotion and diffusion of zoological knowledge.

If, for several years past, it has been evident that the

Acquisition of a Museum

of sufficient extent for the due display of the preserved collections, was required, not merely for their security, but in furtherance of the essential objects of the Society, the increase of subjects which has taken place during the last two or three years has rendered that necessity still more imperative. In their last Annual Report the Council expressed their trust that no long time would elapse before they might be enabled to make some definite arrangement in a matter so important to the welfare of the institution; and their attention accordingly continued to be directed to the consideration of the best means by which that object could be attained.

In August last the Council directed that plans should be prepared by the Society's Architect of a building adapted for a Museum; and on view of those plans they subsequently ordered a model to be made, as more fitted for showing the general effect of the building. In the preparation of the model a considerable delay took place, and it was not

until February that the Council were enabled to refer it and the plans to the consideration of a Committee, consisting at first of six members only, but subsequently of the entire Council. In the discussions of the Committee suggestions were made that it might be desirable to institute inquiries respecting houses already in existence; and with the view of authorizing the extension of the investigation to the acquiring as well as to the building of a Museum, the then-existing Committee was dissolved, and the whole subject was referred to another Committee, appointed about three weeks since, who were requested to report to the Council immediately as to the most eligible plan. That Committee has reported as follows :—

“The Committee appointed on the 9th day of April ‘to consider both as to building or acquiring a Museum, and to report to the Council as soon as possible the plan which appears to them to be the most eligible,’ have agreed to this Report, which they regret is necessarily limited and imperfect, from the short period which has elapsed since the commencement of their labours.

“The various points connected with the proposed Museum, either as an appendage to the Garden, or as a building situate in a central part of London, have been considered.

“The advantages of the first proposition are stated to be, less outlay of money in procuring a site; power of building gradually and by separate portions, and thereby avoiding the necessity of borrowing in the first instance so large a sum of money as would be required to complete the purchase of an adequate house; purer atmosphere; more freedom from smoke; greater facilities of comparing living with preserved specimens; consolidation of all the scientific establishments; the probability that a Museum in the Garden might attract a great number of visitors; and the prospect of ultimately constructing a suite of appropriate galleries worthy of the collections, of the capital expended, and of the general character of the Society.

“The disadvantages are stated to be, the dampness of the soil; the exhalations from the canal, which it is feared may be prejudicial to the specimens; the distance as inconvenient for meetings, especially those appropriated to scientific purposes, which are generally held in the evening, and which might, if the Museum were at any inconvenient distance, be entirely discontinued; the necessity of incurring the additional expense of an office in London for the meetings of the Council and the dispatch of the ordinary business of the Society; the inconveniences that would arise from the length of time which must elapse before an adequate portion of the proposed galleries could be built and made available for the reception of the collections; and the comparatively small value of such portion as a convertible asset.

“The advantages of the second proposition are stated to be, the convenience of Members who attend meetings, especially scientific meetings, held in the evening; the greater probability of a good attendance at Lectures; facility of referring to collections or libraries belonging to public bodies or individuals; the expectation that the Museum, situated in a central part of London, would be more numerously visited, especially in the winter or during bad weather; the consolidation of such a Museum with the office of business; the more early arrangement and display of the present admirable collections; the better chance of defining the outlay of money; the greater facility of borrowing in the first instance the required sum upon a building so situated; and the possession of a valuable and convertible asset for future contingencies.

“The disadvantages are stated to be, the necessity of raising at once a considerable sum of money more than would be required for building an adequate portion of the proposed galleries as an appendage to the Garden, and the probable want of perfect adaptation to scientific purposes in any building already constructed.

“After duly comparing these advantages and disadvantages, the great majority of the Committee beg leave to express an

opinion, that the interests of the Society are less likely to be advanced by building in the immediate neighbourhood of the Gardens, than by acquiring a Museum in a more central part of London.

“ To attain this object, various inquiries have been made. The hope of purchasing the Colosseum was early abandoned in consequence of the very high price demanded for it ; and the great value of land in the best situations appeared to render it inexpedient to purchase a site.

“ The Committee subsequently directed their attention to several houses which had been suggested to them as suitable for purchase or hiring. Lord Hertford's house in Piccadilly ; Lord Lyndhurst's house in George-street, Hanover-square ; Oxford-street Bazaar ; Crockford's Bazaar ; some contiguous houses in Leicester-square ; and Uxbridge House. Of these, the last, being freehold, containing spacious rooms, possessing abundance of light, and having an exterior of an architectural character, is, unquestionably, the most suitable, especially as the premises afford great capabilities of future extension.

“ The Committee feel it their duty to state, that, as only a few thousand pounds could be advanced from the general funds of the Society for the purpose of acquiring a Museum, either the erection of a commodious gallery in the Garden adequate to the reception of the collections, or the purchase of a spacious house in London, would involve the necessity of incurring a debt of more or less magnitude. They have reason to believe that a large sum might be raised with facility on the security of Uxbridge House, at four per cent. ; and they suggest the propriety of the Council appealing to the liberality of the Members, and strongly urging them by additional subscriptions, or donations, to aid the payment of the interest of any loan which it may be expedient to raise, and establish a fund for its redemption. To such fund, the receipts for visitors to the Museum should be added ; receipts which, the Committee hope they are not too sanguine in thinking, may amount to a considerable sum.

“ In offering this Report to the favourable consideration and better judgment of the Council, the Committee take the liberty of suggesting, with a view of giving a determinate character to any future inquiries, that the sentiments of the Society at large, with reference to the question of building or purchasing, should be ascertained at the earliest practicable period ; and the Committee conclude with expressing their readiness to resume their labours in any way, or at any time, that may best promote the wishes and interests of the Council and the Society.”

In laying before the Society the Report which they have received from the Museum Committee, the Council think it necessary to state that they are not now prepared either to concur in or dissent from the opinion expressed in that Report “ that the interests of the Society are less likely to be advanced by building in the immediate neighbourhood of the Gardens than by acquiring a Museum in a more central part of London :” but the Council propose that a Special Meeting of the Society shall be called on an early day to take into consideration all questions connected with the locality, purchasing, renting, or building a Museum, with the view of ascertaining the sentiments of the Society in aid of the Council on these subjects.

With the view of furthering the acquisition of a Museum, by providing a portion at least of the requisite funds, the Council have directed that a book should be opened to receive the names of individuals disposed to contribute, either by Annual Subscriptions or by Donations, towards a Museum Fund. A book has been accordingly opened for that purpose, and is now on the table.

The number of

Visitors to the Museum

in 1833 was 5333 ; and the sum received for admission was £104 1s.

THE FARM,

in process of reduction at the last Anniversary, has since been completely reduced.

The diminution of the stock previously kept at that establishment having been effected in May and June last, the persons employed there were reduced in July to three, a number that was still required for the care of those animals which it had appeared desirable to retain. The property was subsequently placed for disposal in the hands of an Estate Agent in the neighbourhood.

On the approach of Lady Day in the present year, the period at which the notice to quit the leasehold land held under Mr. Pallmer expired, a further sale of stock was ordered, preparatory to the quitting of that portion of the Farm. The removal of the animals for sale was interrupted by proceedings, under which the rent due by the conditions of the lease was paid. The stock having been subsequently removed, possession of this land was quitted at the time fixed by the previous notice under the power reserved in the lease.

Notice to quit the Society's service was afterwards given to the several persons employed at the Farm, which notices expire on Friday next. After that day the only individual employed there will be a person engaged by the agent to take care of and show the house and property.

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1832. From the active measures which have recently been adopted for disposing of the Society's freehold land, and of the leasehold house and grounds at Kingston Hill, the Council hope that no long time will elapse before the whole of the Farm is parted with.

The Council also hope to be enabled to complete very shortly a negotiation into which they have entered with the Commissioners of His Majesty's Woods, &c., for the renting, at a grass rent, of a portion of the land within the area of the Regent's Park, adjoining to the South Garden. By the acquisition of this land, pasturage will be secured for various animals which require it, including many of those

removed from the Farm, and others previously kept at the Gardens.

The Council conclude their statement of the proceedings of the past year by referring to

The Report of the Auditors

for the sums received and paid by the Society, in 1833, under each of the several heads of Income and Expenditure. They also refer to it for an exposition of the Assets and Liabilities of the Society at the close of that year.

The Auditors of the Accounts of 1833 are entitled to the best thanks of the Society for the diligence and care with which they have investigated the subject referred to them, and for the readiness with which they have applied themselves to the discharge of their important duties.

R E P O R T

OF THE

AUDITORS OF THE ACCOUNTS.

The Auditors of the Zoological Society of London, appointed at the their proceedings.—They have carefully examined the account books, They lay before the Society the following abstract of the Receipts and

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance of Cash brought from 1832							256	15	11
INCOME.									
Belonging to Year									
1829 Annual Subscriptions				4	0	0			
1830 { Annual Subscriptions	6	0	0						
{ Ivory Ticket	1	1	0						
				7	1	0			
1831 { Annual Subscriptions	64	0	0						
{ Admission Fees	25	0	0						
{ Garden Sales	20	0	0						
				109	0	0			
1832 { Annual Subscriptions	262	0	0						
{ Admission Fees	170	0	0						
{ Ivory Ticket	1	1	0						
				433	1	0			
1833 { Annual Subscriptions	3325	0	0						
{ Admission Fees	1025	0	0						
{ Ivory Tickets	192	3	0						
{ Dividends on Bank Annuities	175	7	7						
{ Farm Sales	323	17	11						
{ Garden Sales	241	5	9						
{ Admissions to Garden	7954	9	0						
{ Garden Guides	156	9	0						
{ Admissions to Museum	104	1	0						
{ Museum Catalogues	0	5	0						
{ Sale of Proceedings	9	14	0						
{ Sale of Transactions	127	11	0						
1834 Annual Subscriptions (anticipated)				13635	3	3			
				85	0	0			
INCOME RECEIVED IN 1833				14273	5	3			
Compositions				570	0	0			
Sale of £726 15 5 Reduced 3 per Cents				635	0	4			
Total Receipts in 1833				15478	5	7	15478	5	7
							15735	1	6

General Meeting in January last, submit to the Society the result of the orders for the various payments, and the accompanying vouchers. Payments during the year 1833.

PAYMENTS.

		Farm.	Garden.	Museum.	Gen. Estab.	Total.
EXPENDITURE.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Belonging to Year	1832 { Rent	30 0 0	666 6 1	50 0 0	35 18 9	782 4 10
	{ Bills, &c.	101 14 2	788 19 9	59 12 10	73 4 7	1023 11 4
		131 14 2	1455 5 10	109 12 10	109 3 4	1805 16 2
1833 {	Rent, Rates, &c.	85 17 11	380 8 7	134 7 1	144 18 1	
	Salaries and Wages	249 18 6	2206 19 1	304 0 0	538 18 0	
	Keepers' Dresses	16 4 6	86 11 0			
	Cost of Animals.....	2 6 0	160 8 8			
	Carriage of ditto	28 11 3	73 18 11			
	Keepers' Travelling } Expenses	3 10 0	29 10 9			
	Provisions	265 7 0	1609 11 5			
	Menagerie Expenses....	27 5 5	290 2 6			
	Buildings		150 0 0			
	Works, Repairs, and } Materials	15 11 11	2004 5 0	37 8 0	18 13 0	
	Garden & Land Expenses	57 18 1				
	Garden Expenses		1174 5 4			
	Cost of Subjects.....			195 9 10		
	Carriage of ditto			17 10 10		
	Cost of Preparations....			137 14 1		
	House & Office Expenses	38 6 11	42 19 7		158 8 10	
Stationery and Printing..	0 3 6	119 17 4		282 8 1		
Disbursements for Cor- } responding Members }				3 0 10		
Transactions				253 17 6		
Paid on account of the current } year.....		791 1 0	8328 18 2	826 9 10	1400 4 4	11346 13 4
EXPENDITURE PAID IN } 1833		922 15 2	9784 4 0	936 2 8	1509 7 8	13152 9 6
Cost of £1791 18 11 Consol. 3 } per Cents., added to the Ca- } pital funded						1596 7 11
Cost of £111 14 8 Reduced } 3 per Cents., reserved for } unclaimed Rent.....						100 0 0
Cost of £726 15 5 Reduced ..						655 0 1
Cost of two Powers of Attorney						2 3 0
Total payments in 1833						15506 0 6
Cash in hand, Dec. 31, 1833 ..						229 1 0
						15735 1 6

The Assets and Liabilities of the Society on the 31st of December, 1833, were as follows:—

ASSETS.

	Living and Preserved Collection.	Fund reserved for Pallmer's Rent.	Estate at Kingston.	Arrears of		Capital Funded.	Cash at Bankers, &c.
				Previous Years.	Current Year.		
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cash in hand.....							229 1 0
Farm Stock sold, unpaid for.....					4 2 6		
£7011 4 8 Consol. 3 per Cents., cost						5926 4 5	
£319 9 Reduced 3 per Cents., cost..		275 0 0					
Estate at Kingston cost			1100 0 0				
Annual Subscriptions				662 0 0	732 0 0		
Ivory Tickets				18 18 0			
Living & Preserved Collections, value considerable, amount uncertain	Uncertain						
	Uncertain	275 0 0	1100 0 0	680 18 0	736 2 6	5926 4 5	229 1 0

LIABILITIES.

	Debts.		Unclaimed Rent, invested in Reduced 3 per Cents., as above.	Museum Building Fund.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
Bills, &c., unpaid, estimated				
For the Farm	44 10 5			
Garden	686 8 11			
Museum.....	77 13 6			
General Establishment.....	294 14 8			
		1103 7 6		
Rent unpaid, for Farm	68 16 4		275 0 0	
Garden	510 0 0			
Museum	31 5 0			
General Establishment.....	31 5 0			
		641 6 4		
Museum Building Fund				5 0 0
		1744 13 10	275 0 0	5 0 0

It may be proper to observe that the preceding account of Receipts and Payments deals only with the sums actually received, and the sums actually paid, in the year to which it refers. There are therefore included in the column of Payments, sums belonging to the expenditure of 1832, but which, owing to the bills not having been presented, could not be paid within that year. For the same reason, this statement does not include certain Debts contracted in 1833, for which the Society was consequently liable on the 31st of December last. The gross amount of these sums will be found charged to the Society's Liabilities for the years to which they respectively belong. Thus in the present statement, £150 is charged for Buildings. This refers to the building for small quadrupeds in the South Garden which was constructed in the course of last year. The entire cost of this building was £355 1s. 9d.; the remaining £205 1s. 9d. is therefore included in the column of Liabilities, the account not having been paid in full on the 31st of December last.

The Auditors have not altered the classification of Receipts and Payments adopted by the Auditors for the two preceding years, further than by the addition of one head, that of Transactions, it having originated in the course of the last year. They, however, think it proper to notice two charges which have considerably exceeded the corresponding ones of the former year.

WORKS, REPAIRS, AND MATERIALS. *Garden.*—£2004 5s. Here the ordinary charge for repairs is classed with the occasional and contingent outgoing for works and materials. The Auditors have great satisfaction in informing the Society that not more than the fourth part of the sum can be charged to repairs.

GARDEN EXPENSES.—Of the large total payment, £1174 5s. 4d., not more than £460 should be ascribed to the charge for keeping the Gardens in their present excellent state; the remaining £714 5s. 4d. is due to the new walks, turfing, &c.

There is one remaining subject to which the Auditors wish to direct the particular attention of the Society. In the abstract of Liabilities for the year 1833, a claim amounting to £294 14s. 8d. is specified as arising from the General Establishment. The Auditors conceive it important to the Society at large, and due to one of its principal officers, to state explicitly how the chief part of this charge has arisen, and why it is unpaid. They therefore submit the following extract from the Minutes of Council, dated May 15, 1833:—

“ Resolved unanimously, That the salary attached to the office of Secretary be £200 per annum.

“ Mr. Bennett having been made acquainted by the President with the proceedings which had taken place during his absence, expressed his thanks to the Council for the kindness which had induced them to appropriate a compensation for the time necessarily occupied by the duties of the Secretaryship, but added his conviction that no member of the Council ought to derive emolument from the Society's funds. In accepting the salary which the Council had attached to the office, he felt therefore bound to declare his intention of appropriating no part of it to his individual purposes.”

It now only remains that the Auditors express their approbation, both of the present clear arrangement of the Society's accounts, and of the diligence and punctuality with which they are kept.

(Signed)

JOHN BARLOW.
W. H. BLAAUW.
W. CHARLESLEY.
I. HOFFMANN.
ROBERT HUDSON.
JAMES WHISHAW.
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33, *Bruton-street*, March 17, 1834.

Z... of London, Bruton-street,
 the 4th, 1834.

It having been Resolved, at the Special General Meeting held at the Lowther Rooms, on Saturday, May 31,—

“That this Meeting do concur in the opinion expressed by the Museum Committee that the interests of this Society are less likely to be advanced by building in the immediate neighbourhood of the Gardens, than by acquiring a Museum in a more central part of London:”
 the Council have, in furtherance of this Resolution, advertised for proposals from persons having houses or sites for houses adapted for the purposes of a Museum.

Pending these inquiries the Council are desirous of ascertaining, as far as practicable, the amount of the means which may be placed at the disposal of the Society, by the liberality of its Members and Friends, in aid of this essential object of the Institution. A book has been opened to receive the names of individuals disposed to contribute, either by Annual Subscriptions or by Donations, towards a Museum Fund; and the Council earnestly solicit from the Members, generally and individually, the addition of their names to the subjoined List, and the contribution of such assistance as shall secure the acquisition of an adequate Museum for the preservation, arrangement, and due display of the extensive collections of the Society.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS TOWARDS THE MUSEUM FUND.

	Donations.		Annual Subscriptions.		
	£.	d.	£.	s.	d.
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T. B. L. Baker, Esq.			2	0	0
W. R. Baker, Esq.			2	0	0
F. Baring, Esq., M.P.			2	0	0
C. J. Barnett, Esq., M.P.			2	0	0
Jacob Bell, Esq.....	10	0			
Edward T. Bennett, Esq.	10	0			
Edward Blount, Esq.....			2	0	0
Thomas Boddington, Esq.,.....	10				
W. H. Booth, Esq.....	5	0			
Charles Bouchier, Esq.	10	10			
E. W. Brayley, Esq.	10	0			
Thomas Bridges, Esq.	5	5			
Thomas Bridges, Esq.	10	0			
D. Browne, Esq., M.P.	2	0	2	0	0
James Browning, Esq.	10	0			
Captain Bryan	20	0			
Sir F. Burdett, Bart., M.P.			2	0	0

Donations.			Annual Subscriptions.		
£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.

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.....	10	0	0			
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- A Friend

TOTAL

Books for the reception of the Names of Subscribers are
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 filled in with the Names of Subscribers and the Amount of subsc
 33, Bruton-street, at as early a period as may be convenient.