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The **SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Society will be held at the **ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS, UPTON-BY-CHESTER**, on **SATURDAY**, the **18th day of JANUARY, 1941**, at **4-0 p.m.**

Signed,

G. S. MOTTERSHEAD,

Secretary.

COUNCIL'S REPORT.

The membership on the 30th April, 1940, was:—

7 Patrons, 8 Life Members, 198 Annual Members. Total 213.

In presenting their Sixth Annual Report the Council wish to say that owing to the war we find ourselves faced with many difficulties, but feel that every effort should be made to maintain the valuable collection and keep the Gardens open.

At the outbreak of hostilities an effort was at once made to meet the new situation. The feeding problem underwent a very drastic change and it can now be safely said that hardly any food is used at the Zoo suitable for human consumption.

As members are no doubt aware we started an "Adoption Scheme"—since copied by London, Edinburgh and Bristol Zoos—and this has been largely responsible for our ability to feed the animals without incurring a further liability for food stuffs.

During the past twelve months we have received some very valuable gifts of animals, and these together with our present stock, will be of inestimable value at the close of hostilities.

Drastic economies were made as soon as practicable and at the present time the Zoo is being conducted on most economical lines.

The loss of nearly £536 cannot all be attributed to war conditions, for in the year 1940 we suffered one of the severest winters in living memory. This had a very adverse effect upon our gate receipts, whilst at the same time the cost of feeding and heating became heavier.

There is little doubt that if the war had not come in September, 1939, we would have been able to have presented a Balance Sheet without a loss. Our cash receipts for the month of August, 1939, alone amounted to £700.

The summer of 1939 was an exceptionally good one and the September had been very heavily booked for parties, but when war broke out these were cancelled in almost every case, which of course meant a considerable loss of income to the Society.

The Council hopes that all members will continue to support the Zoo during these trying times, as they feel it would be a pity to lose the progress so hardly won.

**COMPARISON OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR YEARS
ENDED 30th APRIL, 1939 and 1940.**

April 30th.	1939			1940			April 30th.	1939			1940		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Provisions, Sweets, Minerals, Tobacco, etc.	339	1	6	507	17	3	By Gate Receipts	1386	16	3	1409	4	9
— Animal and Bird Food	712	3	0	662	10	2	— Cafe and Shop Receipts	556	11	8	835	3	11
— Wages and Salaries	888	19	5	1058	2	5	— Sundry Receipts	41	17	1	47	7	5
— Rates and Water	104	18	11	97	5	8	— Subscriptions	232	17	6	169	16	0
— Insurance	29	0	8	30	5	3	— Donations and Special Efforts, including Adoption Scheme						
— Lighting and Heating.....	228	7	5	227	16	7	Donations	430	4	4	343	17	3
— Advertising	40	16	10	47	17	2	— Net Loss for year	282	12	11	535	18	5
— Printing, Stationery & Postages	45	15	0	90	18	8							
— Telephone	27	18	8	26	4	3							
— Travelling Expenses	18	17	9	41	18	0							
— Bank Charges and Cheque Books	11	13	1	9	17	9							
— Repairs and Renewals	15	4	2	78	7	2							
— Miscellaneous Expenses	40	2	9	42	10	2							
— Laundry & Cleaning Materials	61	15	7	53	12	3							
— Mortgage Interest—Gross	225	0	0	225	0	0							
— Debenture Interest—Gross	141	5	0	141	5	0							
	<u>£2930</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>£3341</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>£2930</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>£3341</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>

