

# The North of England Zoological Society.

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NOTICE.

The ELEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held at the ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS, UPTON-BY-CHESTER, on SATURDAY, the 16th day of FEBRUARY, 1946, at 3.30 p.m.

The Meeting will be preceded at 3 p.m. by a Talk "Building a Zoo" by the Director-Secretary, and followed by a Cinematograph Show of Animals at Chester Zoo.

Signed,

G. S. MOTTERSHEAD, Secretary.

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

As my last Report covered the period from April, 1944 to the end of May, 1945, this Report covers the period from the end of May, 1945 to the end of January, 1946. With the return of peace and, we hope, a gradual return to normality, I expect this will be the last Report that I shall make in place of a Council's Report, which is usual for the General Meeting.

I am happy in being able to once again present a Balance Sheet which, after allowing for depreciation, shows a nett profit on the year's working. There is one item in the Balance Sheet to which I would specially draw attention—the stock of Animals, Reptiles, and Birds. Ever since the formation of the Society, this item has been shown in the Balance Sheets "at cost less sales". During the last few years we have been very successful in our efforts at breeding (especially Lions), and substantial sums have been made by the sale of stock. These sums of money have been used in maintaining our collection of specimens. The present Balance Sheet shows a depreciation in the value of stock, but actually our commercial value of animals is considerably higher, even at pre-war figures the value is higher than that shown. The health of the stock during the period under review has been good, despite the difficulties of feeding and accommodation.

The labour problem has worsened with the return of peace and, so far, shows little signs of improving as regards reliable keepers with a genuine interest in their work. The problem of food for the animals is still considerable, and prices very high.

**CAFE.** The gross profit on the Cafe receipts (almost £1300) is slightly up on the previous twelve months, and shows over 100 per cent.

**BUILDING.** Members will no doubt recall the remarks which I made in my last Report regarding the building

of new enclosures. Several of these are now completed and are proving a very great attraction.

Public Conveniences at the Zoo have always been inadequate and, with the great increase in the numbers of visitors (not shown in this Balance Sheet), this became a most urgent problem. I am pleased to say that adequate and up-to-date Conveniences have now been erected.

In the death on 27th November of Miss Tomkyns-Grafton, the Society has lost a very kind friend. As stated in my last Report, Miss Tomkyns-Grafton defrayed the cost of the new Swimming-Pool for the Polar Bears, and I have been informed by the Solicitors to the Executors of her Will that she has left the residue of her Estate to the Society. It is not yet possible to give anything like an accurate estimate as to the amount by which the Society will benefit, but the Solicitors concerned inform me that this should be in the neighbourhood of £12,000.

The Society also owes a very great debt of gratitude to Miss A. C. Hewitt. Apart from her many substantial money gifts, Miss Hewitt was a very great help to the Society in its darkest days, and I am sure we all appreciate everything that she has done.

Another Member to whom the Society is greatly indebted is Miss A. L. Bulley, who has donated several hundreds of pounds towards the construction of the open-air Lion enclosure and other improvements.

There are many others who have helped to a lesser degree and to whom, on behalf of the Society, I offer our grateful thanks. I am confident that, with the exercise of wise judgment, the Society is now in a financial position to go forward on progressive lines.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
30th APRIL, 1945.

| 1945. April 30th.                              |     | £    | s. | d.    | 1945. April 30th.                          |   | £    | s. | d.    |
|--|-----|------|----|-------|--|---|------|----|-------|
| To Provisions, Sweets, Minerals, Tobacco, etc. |     | 1213 | 4  | 6     | By Gate Receipts                           |   | 2630 | 12 | 3     |
| — Animals and Bird Food                        |     | 1294 | 11 | 3     | — Cafe and Shop Receipts                   |   | 2512 | 15 | 3     |
| — Wages, Salaries and Keep                     |     | 1847 | 5  | 10    | — Subscriptions                            |   | 149  | 13 | 6     |
| — Rates, Water and Tithe                       |     | 130  | 11 | 10    | — Donations and Special Efforts, including |   |      |    |       |
| — War Damage Contribution                      |     | 11   | 18 | 0     | Adoption Scheme Donations                  |   | 276  | 19 | 7     |
| — Insurance                                    |     | 35   | 19 | 5     | — Entrance Fees                            |   | 7    | 7  | 0     |
| — Lighting and Heating                         |     | 175  | 0  | 9     | — Commission on Slot Machines              |   | 104  | 18 | 6     |
| — Advertising                                  |     | 89   | 3  | 9     | — Elephant Rides                           |   | 335  | 8  | 2     |
| — Printing, Postages and Stationery            |     | 98   | 9  | 5     | — Proceeds of Sale of Zoo News             |   | 60   | 6  | 1     |
| — Telephone                                    |     | 33   | 19 | 3     | — Sundry Sales                             |   | 2    | 19 | 6     |
| — Travelling Expenses                          |     | 55   | 3  | 6     | — Special Donations towards cost of Bear   |   |      |    |       |
| — Bank Charges and Cheque Books                |     | 10   | 7  | 9     | Pits and Lion Enclosure                    |   | 550  | 0  | 0     |
| — Repairs and Renewals                         |     | 255  | 17 | 11    |  |   |      |    |       |
| — Miscellaneous Expenses                       |     | 40   | 4  | 7     |  |   |      |    |       |
| — Laundry and Cleaning Materials               |     | 13   | 1  | 5     |  |   |      |    |       |
| — Mortgage Interest—Gross                      |     | 225  | 0  | 0     |  |   |      |    |       |
| — First Mortgage Debenture Interest—Gross      |     | 141  | 5  | 0     |  |   |      |    |       |
| — Second Debenture Interest—Gross              |     | 29   | 13 | 6     |  |   |      |    |       |
| — Depreciation:                                |     |      |    |       |  |   |      |    |       |
| Fixtures and Fittings, etc.,                   |     |      |    |       |  |   |      |    |       |
| at 5 per cent. per annum                       | 167 | 16   | 8  |       |  |   |      |    |       |
| Furniture at 5 per cent. p.a.                  | 10  | 7    | 0  |       |  |   |      |    |       |
| Machinery and Loose Tools                      |     |      |    |       |  |   |      |    |       |
| at 5 per cent. per annum                       | 13  | 8    | 5  |       |  |   |      |    |       |
|  |     |      |    | 191   | 12   | 1 |      |    |       |
| — Net Profit for year                          |     |      |    | 738   | 10   | 6 |      |    |       |
|  |     |      |    | £6631 | 0  | 3 |      |    | £6631 |
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## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL, 1945.

| LIABILITIES.   | £ s. d.    | ASSETS.  | £ s. d.   | £ s. d.    |
|--|------------|--|-----------|------------|
| First Mortgage Debentures.   |            | Land and Buildings at Oakfield,<br>Upton, at cost.   |           |            |
| 113 First Mortgage Debentures of £25 each<br>at 5 per cent. per annum of a series of 120 | 2825 0 0   | Balance as at 30/4/44  | 6386 7 8  |            |
| Second Mortgage Debenture Stock  | 989 0 9    | Less: Mortgage thereon   | 5000 0 0  | 1386 7 8   |
| Mortgage and Debenture Interest Accrued  | 2328 17 10 | Fixtures, Fittings, Cages and<br>Accessories at cost.  |           |            |
| Sundry Creditors   | 1417 2 7   | Balance as at 30/4/44  | 1687 17 3 |            |
| Loan Accounts  | 109 10 0   | Additions during year at cost  | 1669 1 5  |            |
| Bank Overdraft   | 145 2 0    |  | 3356 18 8 |            |
|  |            | Less: Depreciation at 5 p.c. p.a.  | 167 16 8  | 3189 2 0   |
|  |            | Furniture at cost.   |           |            |
|  |            | Balance at 30/4/44   | 206 18 0  |            |
|  |            | Less: Depreciation at 5 p.c. p.a.  | 10 7 0    | 196 11 0   |
|  |            | Tools and Utensils appertaining<br>to the health and maintenance<br>of the Zoological Specimens,<br>Garden Tools, Machines and<br>Equipment. |           |            |
|  |            | Balance as at 30/4/44  | 164 15 8  |            |
|  |            | Additions during year at cost  | 103 10 9  |            |
|  |            |  | 268 6 5   |            |
|  |            | Less: Depreciation at 5 p.c. p.a.  | 13 8 5    | 254 18 0   |
|  |            | Stock of Crockery and Table<br>Utensils and Cafe Equipment<br>at cost.   |           |            |
|  |            | Balance as at 30/4/44  | 100 17 8  |            |
|  |            | Additions during year at cost  | 98 19 6   | 199 17 2   |
|  |            | Stock on hand at cost.   |           |            |
|  |            | Provisions, Minerals, Tobacco,<br>etc.   | 61 3 3    |            |
|  |            | Animal Food  | 15 6 0    | 76 9 3     |
|  |            | Stock of Animals, Reptiles, Birds,<br>etc., at cost, less sales.   |           |            |
|  |            | Balance as at 30/4/44  | 903 0 5   |            |
|  |            | Sales less Additions during year   | 35 0 0    | 868 0 5    |
|  |            | (Curator's Valuation £2262)  |           |            |
|  |            | Debtors  |           | 41 11 11   |
|  |            | Cash in hand   |           | 10 15 9    |
|  |            | Deposits   |           | 86 0 0     |
|  |            | Formation Expenses as at 30/4/44   |           | 64 17 2    |
|  |            | Debenture Issue Expenses as at 30/4/44   |           | 63 7 9     |
|  |            | Income and Expenditure Account.  |           |            |
|  |            | Balance as at 30/4/44  | 2115 5 7  |            |
|  |            | Less: Net Profit for year  | 738 10 6  | 1376 15 1  |
|  |            |  |           | £7814 13 2 |
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### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have audited the Balance Sheet of the North of England Zoological Society Ltd., dated 30th April, 1945, as above set forth. I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required and subject to the fact that no credit has been taken for the value of the animals, birds and reptiles which have been given to the Society, I am of the opinion that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Society's affairs according to the best of my information and explanations given to me and as shown by the books of the Society.

N. T. AFFORD,  
Chartered Accountant.

18th January, 1946.