

November 13, 1906.

HOWARD SAUNDERS, Esq., Vice-President,
in the Chair.

The Secretary read the following report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie in June, July, August, and September, 1906 :—

The registered additions to the Society's Menagerie during the month of June were 366 in number. Of these 125 were acquired by presentation and 36 by purchase, 161 were received on deposit, 24 by exchange, and 20 were born in the Gardens. The total number of departures during the same period, by death and removals, was 192.

Amongst the additions special attention may be directed to :—

A Collection of Indian Animals presented by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, K.G., on June 9th, amongst which may be mentioned an Indian Elephant, an Indian Rhinoceros, 3 Tigers, 2 Leopards, 2 Himalayan Bears, 2 Nylghai, 5 Indian Antelopes, 2 Albino Barking-Deer, and 2 Swamp-Deer.

A fine pair of Siberian Tigers from Vladivostock, presented by H.G. the Duke of Bedford, K.G., President of the Society, on June 11th. This is the first occasion on which this fine race of Tiger has been exhibited in the Society's Gardens.

A young male Banteng (*Bos sondaicus*), received in exchange on June 9th.

The registered additions to the Society's Menagerie during the month of July were 393 in number. Of these 249 were acquired by presentation and 22 by purchase, 66 were received on deposit, 2 by exchange, and 54 were born in the Gardens. The total number of departures during the same period, by death and removals, was 188.

Amongst the additions special attention may be directed to :—

A Collection of 81 South-American Birds, including three Violet-tailed Humming-birds (*Lampornis violicauda*), an *Ænone* Humming-bird (*Chrysuronia ænone*), new to the Collection, a Sun-Bittern (*Eurypyga helias*), as well as representatives of many other interesting species, presented by Capt. Albert Pam, F.Z.S., on July 3rd.

Twenty-four birds, including four Great Saltators (*Saltator magnus*) and two Red-breasted Guiana Marsh-birds (*Leistes guianensis*), from British Guiana, presented by Mr. E. W. Harper, F.Z.S., on July 14th.

A Japanese Bear (*Ursus japonicus*) and a White-whiskered Boar (*Sus leucomystax*) from Japan, presented by Mr. Frederick Ringer on July 17th.

Thirteen birds, including a Levaillant's Parrot (*Pæocephalus robustus*), a White-necked Crow (*Corvus scapulatus*), a White-

bellied Amethyst Starling (*Pholidauges leucogaster*), from Senegambia, presented by Dr. E. Hopkinson, D.S.O., F.Z.S., on July 20th.

An African Rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros bicornis*), and two Grant's Zebras (*Equus granti*), deposited on July 24th.

The registered additions to the Society's Menagerie during the month of August were 298 in number. Of these 104 were acquired by presentation and 11 by purchase, 96 were received on deposit, 66 by exchange, and 21 were born in the Gardens. The total number of departures during the same period, by death and removals, was 136.

Among the additions special attention may be directed to:—

A female Dusky Gelada (*Theropithecus obscurus*) from Abyssinia, new to the Collection, presented by the Hon. George Savile on August 16th.

A Collection of 53 South-African Birds, including many species new to the Menagerie, amongst which a Two-banded Courser (*Rhinoptilus africanus*), and a Lesser Red-shouldered Glossy Starling (*Lamprocolius phœnicopterus bispecularis*) are of special interest, presented by Capt. Horsbrugh, F.Z.S., on August 7th.

The registered additions to the Society's Menagerie during the month of September were 211 in number. Of these 92 were acquired by presentation and 9 by purchase, 74 were received on deposit, 6 by exchange, and 30 were born in the Gardens. The total number of departures during the same period, by death and removals, was 319.

Among the additions special attention may be directed to:—

A specimen of Hamlyn's Mangabey (*Cercocebus hamlyni*) from the Upper Congo, new to the Collection, deposited on Sept. 18th.

A specimen of Chapman's Squirrel (*Sciurus chapmani*) from Trinidad, new to the Collection, presented on Sept. 22nd by Mr. A. Giuseppi.

A specimen of a new local race of the Serow (*Capricornis sumatrensis*) from Selangore, new to the Collection, presented on Sept. 13th by the Government of Selangore.

A specimen of the Chilean Mocking-bird (*Mimus thenca*) from Chile, new to the Collection, deposited on Sept. 28th.

Dr. P. L. Sclater, F.R.S., read some extracts from a letter of Capt. P. H. G. Powell-Cotton, F.Z.S., about the Okapi (*Okapia johnstoni*), published in 'The Times' of Sept. 27th, 1906, and made the following remarks:—

In his very interesting letter to 'The Times' on the Okapi, Capt. Powell-Cotton states that he fancies "there must be some misunderstanding as to Dr. David having himself hunted the Okapi in its native wilds." To this I reply that Dr. David certainly *claims* to have performed this feat, as I have already