

## EXHIBITIONS AND NOTICES.

June 27, 1911.

FREDERICK GILLET, Esq., Vice-President,  
in the Chair.

The Secretary read the following report on the additions made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of May 1911:—

The registered additions to the Society's Menagerie during the month of May were 445 in number. Of these 163 were acquired by presentation, 200 by purchase, 41 were received on deposit, 25 in exchange, and 16 were born in the Gardens.

The total number of departures during the month, by death and by removals, was 204.

Amongst the additions special attention may be called to the following:—

1 African Rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros bicornis*) ♂, from Nairobi, received from R. B. Woosnam, Esq., C.M.Z.S., for H.M. THE KING'S African Collection, on May 19th.

1 Californian Sea-Lion (*Otaria californiana*) ♀, from the North Pacific Ocean, purchased on May 10th.

2 Three-coloured Parrot-Finches (*Erythrura trichroa*), new to the Collection, from New Guinea, received in exchange on May 4th.

A Collection of 38 Fishes, received on May 1st, comprising the following species, all new to the Collection:—

4 Sword-tails (*Xiphophorus helleri*) from Mexico, 2 Fighting Fish (*Betta splendens*) from Singapore, 2 Fan-tailed Cyprinodons (*Rivulus flabellicauda*) from Mexico, 2 Elegant Cyprinodons (*Haplochilus elegans*) from the Niger River, 2 Chaper's Cyprinodons (*Haplochilus chaperi*) from Sierra Leone, 2 Timid Cyprinodons (*Haplochilus panchax*) from Cochin India, presented by P. Arnold, Esq.; 2 Poey's Cyprinodons (*Rivulus poeyi*) from Para, 6 Ocellated Cyprinodons (*Rivulus ocellatus*) from Santos, 10 Zebra Fish (*Dania rerio*) from Bengal, presented by G. A. Boulenger, Esq., F.Z.S.; 2 Freshwater Flying-Fish (*Pantodon buchholzi*) and 2 Gular Cyprinodons (*Fundulus gularis*) from the Niger River, and 2 Rainbow Fish (*Trichogaster labius*) from Bengal, purchased.

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Mr. D. SETH-SMITH, F.Z.S., the Society's Curator of Birds, exhibited two immature Black-backed Porphyrios (*Porphyrio melanotus*) which had been bred in the Gardens, and remarked upon their possession of a well-developed claw (text-fig. 200, p. 986) on the pollex. Although these wing-claws were said to be functional only in the Hoatzin amongst living birds, the exhibitor believed that they were so also in the present species and also probably in