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THE Honorary Committee have the honour to submit their report for the year ending 31st March 1912, the contents of which, as usual, include, among other items,—

- (1) The Superintendent's report upon the menagerie.
- (2) Monthly returns of visitors and a list of donors.
- (3) Abstract of accounts of ordinary and extraordinary receipts and expenditure.

5. VISITORS.

The total number of paying visitors to the Garden during the year amounted to 629,151, showing an increase of 92,029 as compared with the previous year. This large attendance may be accounted for by the presence of His Majesty's collection of Nepal animals, by the Hindu festival *Churamoni Yoga* and by the increased attractiveness of the Gardens generally.

Comparative table of visitors during the last three years :—

Year.		Visitors.
1909-10	...	499,628
1910-11	...	537,122
1911-12	...	629,151

In addition, a large number of children under four years of age and school children attended by their teachers were admitted free. On the day of the Fancy Fair about 15,000 people entered the Garden. Besides these, 51,154 persons visited the Garden on the free days. A list of free days with the number of visitors is given in Appendix C.

6. EXHIBITION OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING'S COLLECTION OF NEPAL ANIMALS.

The most important event of the year was the exhibition of a fine collection of animals presented to His Majesty by the Nepal Durbar. By the request of the Zoological Society of London, they were accommodated in the Garden prior to their

New paths and lawns were laid out and much clearing was done throughout the year. A large number of new shrubs and plants were planted. The show of flowering annuals was particularly good and was much appreciated by the public.

CONCLUSION.

The thanks of the Committee are due to the ladies and gentlemen who have added to the collection of the Garden by their donations, a list of which is given in Appendix D. Thanks are also due to those who kindly offered to present animals to the Garden, but whose offers could not be accepted, either because the particular species of animals was already sufficiently well represented, or owing to the want of accommodation.

The Committee also desires to express their sincere thanks to the Officers Commanding 27th Punjabis and 40th Pathans for allowing their bands to play on Sunday evenings without charge.

W. K. DODS,
Honorary Secretary.

F. W. DUKE,
President.