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NEW ZEALAND.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE, 1877-78.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

MEETINGS of the Board have been held during the past year on 29th of August, and 8th September, 1877; and 2nd of January, 29th of May, and 28th June, 1878.

In accordance with the Act the following members retired from the Board :—Mr. W. T. L. Travers, the Hon. Mr. G. M. Waterhouse and the Hon. Mr. E. W. Stafford. The two former gentlemen were re appointed, and Mr. Thomas Mason was appointed in the room of the Hon. Mr. Stafford.

In compliance with clause 7 of the Act, the Incorporated Societies elected the following gentlemen as Governors of the Institute :—Mr. J. C. Crawford, F.G.S., Mr. Thomas Kirk, F.L.S., and the Bishop of Nelson.

The honorary members elected under Statute IV. of the rules of the Institute, are :—His Excellency Governor F. A. Weld, C.M.G., Tasmania; Professor Spencer Baird, U.S.A.; and Dr. D. Sharp, Scotland.

The following is a list of members now on the roll of the Institute, showing an increase of 113 during the past year :—

Honorary Members	...	...	...	...	27
ORDINARY MEMBERS.					
Auckland Institute	...	...	...	...	278
Hawke Bay Philosophical Institute	...	...	...	...	68
Wellington Philosophical Society	...	...	...	...	222
Nelson Association	...	...	...	...	50
Westland Institute	...	...	...	...	175
Canterbury Philosophical Institute	...	...	...	...	99
Otago Institute	...	...	...	...	224
Total					1143

Volume X. is now being issued to members, and also to the various Libraries, Societies, and persons mentioned in the list appended.

The publication of the volume was commenced on the 2nd of January, and the first copies were received from the publisher towards the end of May.

The large accession of members to the affiliated Societies, not having been notified to the Manager at a sufficiently early date, the number of copies of Volume X. was not increased, so that the edition will be at once exhausted, and no spare copies of this volume will remain on hand.

Volume X. contains 78 articles besides several short notices which appear in the Proceedings, 23 plates, and 629 pages of letter-press.

The following is a comparison of the sections of the work, with last year's volume :—

	1878	1877
	Pages.	Pages.
Miscellaneous	190	316
Zoology	154	173
Botany	78	61
Chemistry	36	7
Geology	48	42
Proceedings	63	62
Appendix	60	63
	629	724

The number of Volumes of Transactions now on hand, is as follows :—

Volume I., 2nd edition, 448: Volume II., : Volume III., 10: Volume IV., 8: Volume V., 74: Volume VI., 80: Volume VII., 169: Volume VIII., 36: Volume IX., 177: Volume X., .

The appended statement of accounts shows a balance to the credit of the Board of £37 1s. 10d.

The annual reports of the various departments attached to the Institute, are also appended, together with a list of the additions to the Library.

JAMES HECTOR,
Manager.

Approved by the Board, 4th September, 1878,
W. B. D. MANTELL, Chairman.