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ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NEW
ZEALAND INSTITUTE, 1878-79.

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

THE following are the dates on which meetings of the Board have been held since the publication of the last report—namely, 4th September and 10th December, 1878; 23rd January and 17th May, 1879.

The members who retired from the Board in compliance with the Act were Messrs. Travers, Waterhouse, and Mason, all of whom were reappointed by His Excellency the Governor.

The following gentlemen were elected Governors by the incorporated societies, under clause 7 of the Act:—The Hon. Robert Stout, M.H.R.; Thomas Kirk, F.L.S.; and Dr. Buller, C.M.G., F.R.S.

The undermentioned names were added to the list of honorary members of the Institute:—Professor Max Müller, the Rev. Tenison Woods, and Professor Garrod.

The following list will show the number of members now on the roll of the Institute:—

Honorary members	...	...	...	...	...	30
<i>Ordinary Members.</i>						
Auckland Institute	...	...	...	...	...	276
Hawke's Bay Philosophical Society	...	...	...	...	...	74
Wellington Philosophical Society	...	...	...	...	...	251
Nelson Association	...	...	...	...	...	50
Westland Institute	...	...	...	...	...	133
Canterbury Philosophical Institute	...	...	...	...	...	109
Otago Institute	...	...	...	...	...	212
Total	...	...	...	...	...	1,135

The volume for the year (XI.) was received from the publishers towards the end of May, and copies are now being distributed to the members of the incorporated societies, and those persons and institutions mentioned in the appended free list.

It has been found necessary this year, owing to the large increase in the number of members, which requires a corresponding increase in the number of volumes printed, to levy a proportional contribution (under clause 4 of the regulations) from each society of 2s. 6d. per volume, in order to meet the cost of publication, the annual vote being now insufficient for that purpose.

Volume XI. contains 86 articles and several short notices and abstracts, which appear in the Proceedings, 19 plates, and 625 pages of letterpress.

The following are the sections of the work, as compared with last year's volume:—

	1879.	1878.
	Pages.	Pages.
Miscellaneous	186	190
Zoology	216	154
Botany	66	78
Chemistry	26	36
Geology	22	48
Proceedings	66	63
Appendix	42	60
	625	629

The volumes of Transactions now on hand are,—

Vol. I., second edition, 440; Vol. II., none; Vol. III., 8; Vol. IV., 6; Vol. V., 70; Vol. VI., 75; Vol. VII., 165; Vol. VIII., 33; Vol. IX., 170; Vol. X., 20; Vol. XI.,

The statement of accounts herewith shows a balance to the credit of the Board of £140 16s. 3d.

The annual reports of the several departments attached to the Institute are also appended.

JAMES HECTOR,
Manager.

Approved by the Board, 21st July, 1878.

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Chairman.