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NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE, 1883-84

(SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF).

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

MEETINGS of the Board have been held on the following dates : 3rd August, 1883 ; 20th December, 1883 ; and 20th March, 1884.

The three members who retired from the Board in conformity with clause 6 of the Act were : Mr. W. T. L. Travers, Hon. Mr. G. Randall Johnson, and Dr. Hector ; Mr. Travers and Dr. Hector were reappointed, and Hon. Mr. G. M. Waterhouse fills the place of the Hon. Mr. G. R. Johnson.

The members elected under clause 7 of the Act are : Mr. James McKerrow, Hon. Mr. Rolleston, and Dr. Buller.

A distinguished honorary member of the institute has been lost in Dr. Ferdinand von Hochstetter, the news of whose death lately reached here. Dr. Hochstetter was among the first to be elected in 1870. There are now three vacancies in the roll of honorary members.

The following are the number of members now on the books of the institute : Honorary members, 27 ; Auckland Institute, 305 ; Hawke's Bay Philosophical Society, 111 ; Wellington Philosophical Society, 246 ; Westland Institute, 110 ; Philosophical Institute of Canterbury, 163 ; Otago Institute, 193 ; Southland Institute, 70 ; Nelson Philosophical Society, 86 : total, 1,311.

The printing of Volume XVI. of Transactions for the year was commenced the latter end of January and completed the end of April, and issued early in May. The volume contains fifty-seven articles, and also addresses and abstracts of articles, which are included in the Proceedings and Appendix. There are 639 pages of letter-press and forty-four plates. The following is a comparison of the contents of the volume with that for the previous year :—

	1884.	1883.
	Pages.	Pages.
Miscellaneous	72	90
Zoology	324	236
Botany	118	124
Chemistry	4	—
Geology	13	60
Proceedings	46	26
Appendix	62	50
	639	586

The volumes of Transactions now in stock are : Vol. I. (second edition), 400 ; Vol. II., none ; Vol. III., none ; Vol. IV., none ; Vol. V., 48 ; Vol. VI., 47 ; Vol. VII., 146 ; Vol. VIII., none ; Vol. IX., 150 ; Vol. X., 180 ; Vol. XI., 60 ; Vol. XII., 65 ; Vol. XIII., 68 ; Vol. XIV., 90 ; Vol. XV., 203 ; Vol. XVI., not fully distributed.

The Honorary Treasurer's statement of accounts is appended, from which it will be seen that there is a liability amounting to £67 16s. 11d., the balance due on account of printing of Vol. XVI., against which there is a sum of £39 5s. 1½d. in the hands of the London agent, making a deficiency on the years' accounts of £28 11s. 9½d.

Approved by the Board.

WM. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS, Chairman.

30th September, 1884.

JAMES HECTOR,

Manager.

NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE ACCOUNTS, 1883-84.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£ s. d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£ s. d.
To Balance in hand, 3rd August, 1883	77 14 7	By Balance due for printing Vol. XV.	76 11 4
Parliamentary vote for 1883-84	500 0 0	Printing Vol. XVI. (on account)†	543 10 8
Contribution from Wellington Philosophical Society, one-sixth of annual revenue	35 3 6	Miscellaneous items	0 2 1
Sale of volumes*	7 6 0		
	<u>£620 4 1</u>		<u>£620 4 1</u>

* Exclusive of balance in hands of London agent, £39 5s. 1½d.

† Liability for printing Vol. XVI., £67 16s. 11d.

ARTHUR STOCK, Honorary Treasurer.