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NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE, 1887-88.

(TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT.)

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

THE Board held meetings on the 30th August, 30th September, 1877, and on the 13th February, 23rd March, and 9th May, 1888.

The following members retired from the Board in conformity with clause 6 of the New Zealand Institute Act, namely: Mr. W. T. L. Travers, Mr. Thomas Mason, and the Ven. Archdeacon Stock. These gentlemen were all reappointed by His Excellency the Governor.

The members elected as Governors of the Board by the incorporated societies are: Mr. J. McKerrow, F.R.A.S.; Mr. T. Kirk, F.L.S.; and Dr. Hutchinson.

There having occurred three vacancies in the list of honorary members of the institute, the following elections took place: Professor McCoy, Baron C. von Ettinghausen, and Professor van Beneden.

The following are the members now belonging to the institute: Honorary members, 30; ordinary members—Auckland Institute, 254; Hawke's Bay Philosophical Institute, 121; Wellington Philosophical Society, 253; Philosophical Institute of Canterbury, 117; Nelson Philosophical Society, 36; Westland Institute, 78; Otago Institute, 137; Southland Institute, 72: making a total of 1,098.

The volumes of Transactions now in stock are—Vol. I. (second edition), 280; Vol. V., 35; Vol. VI., 30; Vol. VII., 130; Vol. IX., 130; Vol. X., 165; Vol. XI., 50; Vol. XII., 55; Vol. XIII., 55; Vol. XIV., 80; Vol. XV., 190; Vol. XVI., 200; Vol. XVII., 230; Vol. XVIII., 170; Vol. XIX., 200; Vol. XX., not yet fully distributed.

The Volume XX. was published in June last, and contains fifty-two articles; also addresses and abstracts of articles which appear in the proceedings. The volume contains 528 pages of letter-press and 22 plates.

The following is a comparison of the contents with that of the previous year's volume:—

	1888. Pages.	1887. Pages.
Miscellaneous	80	120
Zoology	140	212
Botany	116	114
Geology	96	134
Proceedings	47	48
Appendix	49	52
	528	680

The cost of printing Vol. XIX. (new series) was £535 15s. 5d. for 680 pages, and the cost of the present volume—XX.—is £415 10s. for 528 pages.

The Honorary Treasurer's statement of accounts is appended, from which it will be observed that there is a credit balance of £130 4s. 9d., besides the sum of about £50 in the hands of the London Agent.

Approved by the Board.

G. M. WATERHOUSE, Chairman.

23rd July, 1888.

W. B. D. MANTELL, Acting Manager.

NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE ACCOUNTS, 1887-88.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£ s. d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£ s. d.
Balance in hand on 29th August, 1887 ..	36 10 9	For Printing Vol. XX. of Transactions ..	415 10 0
Vote for 1887-88	500 0 0	Miscellaneous items, purchase of books, &c... ..	16 17 6
Contribution from Wellington Philosophical Society, one-sixth annual revenue ..	26 1 6	Balance in hand	130 4 9
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23rd July, 1888.

G. M. WATERHOUSE, Honorary Treasurer.

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