

Geological Room.—The floor cases in this room have been cleaned and varnished, and the collection of fossils has been entirely rearranged, and space made for the collection of rocks, and for specimens illustrating physical geology. All the fossils, except the tertiary vertebrates, have been mounted on wooden tablets and labelled; a laborious undertaking, which gave Mr. Suter uninterrupted work for seven months. The collection of rocks has been arranged, but not yet mounted or labelled. The principal additions are casts of the bones of a fossil ostrich from the Himalaya, and a cast of the femur of the supposed Queensland moa in the Museum at Brisbane, received in exchange.

New Zealand Room.—Most of the work of the staff during the year has been in this room. The Museum assistant has printed a large number of labels, and the Taxidermist has stuffed fourteen birds and two fishes, new to the collection, and has made skeletons of a seal and of several birds and fishes.

Desk cases have been put round two sides of the gallery, and a shelf for the exhibition of specimens in spirit. This has enabled me to arrange the New Zealand collections; the geological specimens being placed on one side of the gallery, and the zoological and botanical specimens on the other side; while a large collection of moa bones has been mounted and placed in cases at the end of the gallery. This collection is undoubtedly the most complete in the world, for out of thirty-three species of moas, which have been described in various publications, leg-bones of thirty-two are now represented in the Museum, and exhibited to the public. The other fossil birds of New Zealand and the Chatham Islands have been mounted on wooden tablets and placed in cases.

The collection of "Pakeha" relics has been added to and removed into a larger case. The chief additions are a copy of the programme of the first concert in Canterbury, presented by Mr. E. W. Seager, and an old steel flour-mill, used by the first settlers, presented by the Rev. Canon Cholmondeley.

To the Maori collection has been added a Maori canoe, and other manufactures, received in exchange from the Auckland and Wanganui Museums.

The principal additions to the natural history collections are: Skeleton of New Zealand fur seal, presented by Mr. R. G. Warnes; pigeon and land-rail from the Chatham Islands, purchased; collection of sea-birds from the Kermadec Islands, by exchange; moa bones, received in exchange from the Otago Museum, the Wanganui Museum, Mr. A. Hamilton, and Mr. J. J. Kinsey; the breast-bone of a moa, containing gizzard-stones *in situ*, presented by Dr. de Lautour; two lizards, new to the collection, presented by Dr. de Lautour and Mr. D. Witte; a thresher shark, presented by Mr. Carter, of Lyttelton; a porbeagle shark, presented by Mr. R. G. Warnes; fresh-water fishes from Milford Sound, presented by Dr. G. Porter; eleven stuffed fishes, presented by Miss Gordon Rich; collection of New Zealand shells and fossils, presented by the Curator; shells from Bounty and Antipodes Islands, presented by Miss G. Robison; a named collection of New Zealand ants, presented by Mr. H. Suter; Oriental rubies from Westland, presented by Mr. W. Goodlet.

Library and Herbarium.—The duodecimo catalogues of the British Museum, and the "Transactions of the New Zealand Institute," as well as a few other volumes, have been bound during the year.

In addition to the usual donations from scientific societies the following books have been added to the library: By purchase: "Transactions of the Linnæan Society of London (1791 to 1888)," "Zoological Records" (vols. 1 to 25), "Yarkand Scientific Mission," "Mammalia and Aves," "Challenger Reports," "Botany and Deep-Sea Deposits," Sharpe's "Birds of Paradise" (parts I. and II.), Tryon's "Manual of Conchology" (second series), Denny's "Anopleurorum Britannia," Leidy's "Fresh-water Rhizopoda." By presentation: "Catalogue of Australian Mammals, Sydney Museum;" "Catalogue of Birds (vols. 16 and 17), British Museum;" Legge's "Birds of Ceylon," the Curator; "Anales des Muses Nacional de Costa Rica," Costa Rica Museum; "Anales des Muses Nacional de Buenos Ayres," Buenos Ayres Museum; Yack and Etheridge's "Geology of Queensland," the Curator; Johnstone's "Geology of Tasmania," the Curator.

The Herbarium has been augmented by some named New Zealand mosses, presented by Mr. Naylor Beckett and Mr. R. Brown.

The Chairman, Board of Governors.

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F. W. HUTTON, Curator.

IV.—STATEMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE CANTERBURY COLLEGE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1892.

School of Agriculture, Capital Account.

<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance, 1st Jan., 1892 ..	53,175	12	1	By Share of insurance on Saxton's estate ..	5	3	6
Payments on account of excess acreage				Cost of inspecting securities ..	1	12	10
in land purchased out of Reserve 1574	5	8	6	Legal expenses ..	14	6	1
				Refund for deficient acreage in sections			
				purchased out of Reserve 1574 ..	0	7	6
				Balance ..	53,159	10	8
	£53,181	0	7		£53,181	0	7
To Balance, 1st Jan., 1893 ..	£53,159	10	8				