

SEVENTH MEETING. 3rd August, 1876.

Dr. Coward, Vice-president, in the chair.

New Member.—F. G. Stedman.

EIGHTH MEETING. 6th September, 1876.

Dr. Coward, Vice-president, in the chair.

1. "Notes on *Mesoplodon floweri*," by Julius von Haast, Ph.D., F.R.S. (*Transactions*, p. 442.)
 2. "On *Oulodon*: a new Genus of Ziphoid Whales," by Dr. von Haast, F.R.S. (*Transactions*, p. 450.)
 3. "On Scientific Instruction in New Zealand," by Professor Bickerton, F.C.S.
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NINTH MEETING. 5th October, 1876.

Dr. Coward, Vice-president, in the chair.

1. "On the New Zealand Curlew" (second notice), by Dr. von Haast, F.R.S. (*Transactions*, p. 429.)
 2. "Notes on some Points connected with the Construction of the Bridge over the Grey River, at the Brunner Gorge," by Professor C. H. H. Cook, M.A. (*Transactions*, p. 310.)
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. 2nd November, 1876.

Pr. Powell, President, in the chair.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1877:—*President*—Dr. Julius von Haast, F.R.S.; *Vice-presidents*—Dr. Powell, Professor Bickerton; *Council*—Rev. J. W. Stack, Rev. Charles Fraser, R. W. Fereday, Dr. Coward, G. W. Hall, Professor Cook; *Hon. Treasurer*—J. Inglis; *Hon. Secretary*—J. S. Guthrie.

ABSTRACT OF ANNUAL REPORT.

The Council state that the position of the Society continues without any material alteration. Five new members have joined, and the Society now numbers 94 members. Ten general meetings have been held, but the attendance has not usually been large. At a general meeting of the Society, held on 24th November, 1875, Mr. C. M. Wakefield was elected an honorary member in recognition of his services to the Society during the years he had acted as honorary secretary.

Twelve papers have been read during the year.

The sub-committee appointed in 1875 to enquire into the nature, causes, and prevention of ergot in rye and other grasses, have brought up their report, which has been printed for distribution among those gentlemen who kindly assisted the committee in prosecuting their enquiries.