

# HAWKE BAY PHILOSOPHICAL INSTITUTE.

FIRST MEETING, 13th May, 1878.

S. Locke in the chair.

1. "A Memorandum of my First Journey to the Ruahine Mountain Range, and of the Flora of that Region" (Part I.), by W. Colenso, F.L.S.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 3rd June, 1878.

J. G. Kinross in the chair.

*New Members.*—The Right Rev. the Bishop of Waiapu, Dr. Wood, Dr. De Lisle, Mr. W. J. Miller, Mr. J. W. Thomson.

*ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1878-9:*—*President*—The Hon. J. D. Ormond, M.H.R.; *Vice-president*—The Right Rev. the Bishop of Waiapu; *Council*—Messrs. Colenso, Kinross, Locke, Miller, Smith, Spencer, and Sturm; *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer*—W. Colenso; *Auditor*—T. K. Newton.

*Resolved*—That for the future the annual meeting shall be held in February instead of June.

## ABSTRACT OF ANNUAL REPORT.

During the past year three ordinary meetings have been held, at which five papers by members were read.

Of the sixty-nine members whose names were printed in our last year's report, one has since died (our former esteemed vice-president, the late Bishop of Waiapu, Dr. Williams, whose death the Council regrets to have to record) and five have removed from Hawke Bay, leaving sixty-three on the roll. To these will have to be added the names of five new members lately admitted, making a present total of sixty-eight.

The books for the library, mentioned in last year's report, were duly sent out per 'Queen Bee,' which ship, however, was totally lost in Cook Strait. Those books were insured, and were re-ordered, and have subsequently been received here. An additional lot, to the amount of £65, has also been selected and ordered by the Council.

During the past year a few desirable objects and botanical specimens have been collected by a few members for the Museum.

The statement of accounts shows a balance of £120 15s. 5d. to the credit of the Institute, besides the sum of £100 placed in the Bank of New Zealand as a fixed deposit.

SECOND MEETING. 10th June, 1878.

The Right Rev. the Bishop of Waiapu, Vice-president, in the chair.

1. "Notes on the Metamorphosis of one of our largest Moths, *Dasypodia selenophora*," by W. Colenso, F.L.S. (*Transactions*, p. 300.)

The reared moth was also shown.