

HAWKE'S BAY PHILOSOPHICAL INSTITUTE.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. 3rd February, 1879.

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

New Members.—Dr. T. Hitchings, J. W. Carlile.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1879:—*President*—The Right Rev. the Bishop of Waiapu; *Vice-president*—Dr. Spencer; *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer*—W. Colenso; *Council*—Messrs. Bold, Colenso, Kinross, Locke, M. R. Miller, Smith, Sturm; *Auditor*—T. K. Newton.

ABSTRACT OF ANNUAL REPORT.

During the past winter session six ordinary meetings were held, at which eleven papers by members were read.

The number of members is 74, being an increase on the previous year.

During the last year several Zoological, Botanical, and Geological Specimens have been collected by the members of the Institute for the Museum.

The audited statement of accounts shows a balance of £210 19s. 7d. remaining to the credit of the Institute after paying for all its ordered books.

FIRST MEETING. 12th May, 1879.

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

1. "Note and Description of a possibly new Species of *Aplysia*," by F. H. Meinertzhagen. (*Transactions*, p. 270.)

The paper was illustrated with both wet and dry specimens of that mollusc.

2. "Notes and Observations on the Animal Economy and Habits of one of our New Zealand Lizards, supposed to be a new Species of *Naultinus*," by W. Colenso, F.L.S. (*Transactions*, p. 251.)

The Hon. Secretary also exhibited three living specimens of this animal to illustrate his paper.

SECOND MEETING. 9th June, 1879.

The Right Rev. the Bishop of Waiapu, President, in the chair.

1. "Contributions towards a better knowledge of the Maori Race," by W. Colenso, F.L.S. (*Transactions*, p. 108.)

This was the *second* of a series intended by the author on this subject. An interesting discussion followed.
