

the Committee on Native and other Grasses is also appended, and will serve to show the importance of the subject and the difficulties which surround its prosecution. The Council hopes that the revised Code of Rules recently adopted, and the removal of the Institute to the more commodious and accessible rooms which it now occupies, will greatly facilitate the operations of the Society, and enable it to prosecute, with increased vigour and success, its investigations in the various branches of science and philosophy.

CHARLES FRASER, *Hon. Sec.*

APPENDIX NO. 1.

*Report of the Committee appointed to confer with the Provincial Government on the Institution of Lectureships in connection with the Museum.*

The appointment of the Committee is in the following terms:—  
 “That a Committee be appointed to communicate with the Provincial Government, with a view to the establishment of an annual course of lectures on Natural Science, in connection with the Museum; the Committee to consist of his Honor Mr. Justice Gresson, the Hon. John Hall, Dr. Haast, Dr. Turnbull, Rev. Canon Wilson, and Rev. Charles Fraser.” Owing to various circumstances the Committee has been unable to have an interview with his Honor the Superintendent and his Executive Council, but it has reason to believe that the Provincial Government is not unfavourable to the object held in view, and further believes that this object has been as effectively promoted as was possible by the Committee itself, by the examination of several of its members before a Select Committee of the Provincial Council. It is hoped that a bill now before the Provincial Council for the establishment upon a permanent basis of the Museum, a Public Library, and School of Science, will, if passed, meet the views of the Institute in appointing this Committee. It is satisfactory to know that the importance of establishing lectureships in connection with the local Museums of the colony, has been formally recognized under the New Zealand University Bill of this present year.

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APPENDIX NO. 2.

*Report of the Committee appointed to obtain information as to Native and other Grasses.*

Your Committee, in bringing up their second Report, have to state that, owing to the season of the year having been unfavourable for