

in the local newspapers, and an abstract is also sent to "Nature" for the early information of English scientific circles. The Library has received large additions during the past year by donation, purchase, and deposit. Works of reference have been ordered to the value of £26 17s. 6d., and a case of type insects has been sent for which will cost about £50. There are now 142 members, 20 having joined during the year.

The balance brought forward from the previous year was £97 19s. 6d.; the subscriptions amounted to £141 13s. 6d.; the expenditure being £144 2s. 4d., and the balance in hand £95 10s. 8d.

The President said the Council had considered the advisability of altering the rules of the Society. These rules had originally been framed for the New Zealand Society, and adopted without alteration by the Philosophical Society. The subsequent establishment of the New Zealand Institute had rendered alterations advisable, and he was instructed by the Council to lay before the meeting the suggested alterations.

The amended rules were gone through seriatim and adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1873.—*President*—Charles Knight, F.R.C.S., F.L.S.; *Vice-Presidents*—J. C. Crawford, F.G.S., F. W. Hutton, F.G.S., C.M.Z.S. *Council*—W. T. L. Travers, F.L.S., H. F. Logan, James Hector, M.D., F.R.S., John Kebell, W. S. Hamilton, J. R. George, C. C. Graham. *Hon. Treasurer*—F. M. Ollivier; *Hon. Secretary*—R. B. Gore; *Auditor*—A. Baker.

*New member.*—Arthur Baker.

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