

£10. has been voted for the purchase of certain German works recommended by Dr. Haast and Dr. Powell.

Though without their province, the Council cannot pass by without comment the strenuous efforts which are being made by the Collegiate Union, School of Science, and other educational bodies, to provide a higher education for the youth of the province by the establishment of a University College, and they think that the Society should use all the influence it possesses to further the endeavour.

The number of members is now eighty.

The total amount of receipts for the past year was £127 12s. 1d., and the expenditure £104 4s. 7d., of which the amount of £20 16s. 1d. was expended on books and an aquarium. The balance in hand is £23 7s. 6d.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1873.—President, H. J. Tancred; *Vice-Presidents*—T. H. Potts, F.L.S., Robert Wilkin; *New Members of Council*—Mr. Justice Gresson, Dr. A. C. Barker, W. Montgomery *vice* J. W. S. Coward, J. S. Turnbull, and J. F. Armstrong retired. *Hon. Treasurer*—J. Inglis; *Hon. Secretary*—C. M. Wakefield.

Resolved on motion of Mr. Carruthers—That in order to give effect to the recommendation of the Council a committee be appointed, consisting of his Honour Mr. Justice Gresson, Messrs. H. J. Tancred, W. B. Bray, Dr. Powell, and the mover, to draw up a petition to the Provincial Council and his Honour the Superintendent, praying them to take steps for the establishment of a University College in Canterbury.

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EXTRA MEETING. 12th December, 1872.

Julius Haast, Ph.D., F.R.S., in the chair.

1. "On the Birds of New Zealand, Part III." by T. H. Potts, F.L.S. (See *Transactions*, p. 171.)

2. "On the Direct Injuries to Vegetation in New Zealand by various Insects, especially with reference to Larvæ of Moths and Beetles feeding upon the Field Crops; and the Expediency of introducing Insectivorous Birds as a Remedy," by R. W. Fereday, C. M. Ent. Soc. Lond. (See *Transactions*, p. 289.)

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