

ANNUAL MEETING. 11th November, 1884.

D. Petrie, M.A., President, in the chair.

New Members.—A. D. Bell, James H. Wood.

1. "On some Mineral Occurrences in Dusky Sound," by Professor Ulrich.

2. "Description of new Species of Native Plants," by D. Petrie. (*Transactions*, p. 269.)

3. The Secretary remarked upon some recent additions to the Museum, including the skeleton of a Fin-whale (*Balenoptera musculus* ?),* and stuffed specimens of Sea-lions (*Otaria hookeri* ?), including adult and young male and adult female, from the Auckland Islands.

ABSTRACT OF ANNUAL REPORT.

During the present session seven general meetings have been held, including the present annual meeting. At three of these meetings eight original papers have been read, three on botanical, four on zoological, and one on mineralogical subjects.

The first meeting of the session took the form of a conversazione. At another a discussion was held on "The New Zealand Institute, its relation to the affiliated societies, and to scientific work in New Zealand generally"; at another Dr. Hocken gave his third lecture on "The Early History of New Zealand."

In addition to these meetings, three courses of popular lectures have been given: one of three lectures on "The Physiology of the Senses," by Professor Scott, M.D., in June; one of three lectures on "The Psychology of the Senses," by Professor Macgregor, M.A., in July; and a third also of three lectures on "Botanical Evolution," by Mr G. M. Thomson, F.L.S., in September.

Eight new members have joined the Institute during the session, making the total number on the roll 170.

The receipts of the session, including a balance from last year of 7s. 7d., amount to £188 12s.: the total expenditure has been £91 11s. 4d., leaving a balance in hand of £97 8s. 3d. The Reserve Fund in the Post Office Savings Bank is now £192 2s. 2d.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1885:—*President*—Professor Scott, M.D.; *Vice-presidents*—Donald Petrie, M.A., and F. R. Chapman; *Honorary Secretary*—Professor Parker; *Honorary Treasurer*—J. C. Thomson; *Council*—R. Gillies, M.H.R., W. Arthur, C.E., Professor Mainwaring Brown, M.A., P. Goyen, J. R. Wilkinson, M.A., G. M. Thomson, F.L.S., and Dr. Hocken.

3. The retiring President delivered an address on "Some Scientific Duties of the Government."

* See above, art. 1., p. 3.