

the death of Mr. J. T. Mackelvie, for many years a most liberal donor to the museum and library.

The total revenue paid into the general account has been £975 1s. 8d. The members' subscriptions have yielded £263 11s., and £582 10s. 10d. have been received as interest on investment. The expenditure has reached a total of £1,078 3s. 3d., thus leaving a debit balance of £103 1s. 7d. The investments standing in the name of the Institute have reached a total of £10,063.

Acting on the authority of a special general meeting of the Institute, the real and personal property of the Institute has been vested in the hands of the Trustees appointed under the Auckland Museum Endowment Act. The Trustees have been incorporated under the provisions of "The Religious, Charitable, and Educational Trust Boards Act, 1884," under the name of the Auckland Institute and Museum Trust Board.

Seven meetings have been held during the year, at which 21 papers on various literary and scientific subjects have been read.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1886 :—*President*—Professor F. D. Brown, B.Sc. ; *Vice-presidents*—J. A. Pond, H. G. Seth Smith ; *Council*—J. Baber, C.E., C. Cooper, Hon. Colonel Haultain, E. A. Mackechnie, J. Martin, F.G.S., J. M. Moore, M.D. ; T. Peacock, M.H.R., Rev. A. G. Purchas, M.R.C.S.E., S. P. Smith, F.R.G.S., J. Stewart, C.E., Professor A. P. Thomas, F.L.S. ; *Secretary and Treasurer*—T. F. Cheeseman, F.L.S., F.Z.S. ; *Auditor*—J. Reid.

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