

## NELSON PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

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*3rd September, 1888.*

Dr. Boor, President, in the chair.

The Curator, Mr. Kingsley, exhibited some specimens of marble from Motueka, also some photographs of the grand waterfall in Milford Sound.

*Paper.*—"The Royston Cave (Hertfordshire, England), its History, Origin, and Use," by R. T. Kingsley.

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ANNUAL MEETING: *16th October, 1888.*

Dr. Boor, President, in the chair.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance in favour of the Society of £7 3s. 2d.

The Secretary's report, which included a retrospect of the various ordinary and Council meetings held during the past year, gave also a full report of the working of the School of Mines in connection with the Society.

The Curator's report showed that a very considerable number of specimens (chiefly mineralogical) had been added to the Museum during the past year, and chiefly at the hands of Mr. H. P. Washbourne.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1888-89.—*President*—The Bishop of Nelson; *Vice-presidents*—Dr. Boor and A. S. Atkinson; *Treasurer*—Dr. Hudson; *Secretary*—Dr. Coleman; *Council*—J. Holloway, R. T. Kingsley, Dr. Cressey, Dr. Mackie, and the Rev. H. Watson; *Curator*—R. T. Kingsley.

The President read a paper on "Germs, their Baneful and Beneficent Influence on the Human Organism."

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*November, 1888.*

A. S. Atkinson, Vice-President, in the chair.

Mr. Washbourne presented a fine specimen of arragonite, and Mr. Leversay and the Curator a number of moa-bones