

The revenue for the year has been £970 10s., of which £171 3s. consisted of members' subscriptions, and £591 0s. 6d. interest on the investments of the Costley bequest. The expenditure reaches a total of £888 18s. 6d., leaving a balance of £81 11s. 6d. in hand. The invested funds of the Institute amount to £10,702, showing an increase of nearly £400 during the year.

Thirteen meetings have been held during the session, at which 25 papers on various scientific and literary subjects have been read.

Brief mention was made of the principal additions to the Museum and Library, and the various changes of importance in the arrangement of the collections were given in detail.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1889.—*President*—Josiah Martin, F.G.S.; *Vice-presidents*—S. Percy Smith, F.R.G.S., Professor A. P. Thomas, F.L.S.; *Council*—Professor F. D. Brown, C. Cooper, Mr. Justice Gillies, W. Fidler, E. A. Mackechnie, T. Peacock, M.H.R., J. A. Pond, Rev. A. G. Purchas, M.R.C.S.E., J. B. Russell, Rev. W. Tebbs, Jas. Stewart; *Secretary and Treasurer*—T. F. Cheeseman, F.L.S., F.Z.S.; *Auditor*—J. Reid.

Attention was drawn to the recent departure of the late President of the Institute, Mr. Percy Smith, for Wellington, and several members spoke in reference to the valuable services rendered by him to the Institute during his many years' membership. It was agreed to present Mr. Smith with a valedictory address, and he was also elected an honorary member of the Institute.

On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided to present Mr. Reischek, the ornithologist, with an address previous to his departure for Europe.

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