

*Papers.*—1. "Notes on a Paper entitled 'The Takahe in Western Otago,' by James Park, F.G.S.," by E. Melland. (*Transactions*, p. 295.)

2. "A Chapter of German Literature," by Dr. Bülau.

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FOURTH MEETING: 10th September, 1889.

Dr. de Zouche, President, in the chair.

*Paper.*—"On the Development of the Kiwi," by Professor Parker.

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FIFTH MEETING: 8th October, 1889.

Dr. de Zouche, President, in the chair.

*Paper.*—"Notes on the Land-system of the Iliad," by Henry Belcher, Fellow of King's College, London, Rector of the High School, Otago. (*Transactions*, p. 21.)

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ANNUAL MEETING: 12th November, 1889.

Dr. de Zouche, President, in the chair.

*Papers.*—1. "Revision of the New Zealand *Idoteidae*," by Charles Chilton, M.A., B.Sc. (*Transactions*, p. 189.)

2. "On Parasitic Forms of *Crustacea Entomostraca*," by G. M. Thomson. (*Transactions*, p. 353.)

3. "Descriptions of New Species of New Zealand *Araneæ*, with Notes on their Habits," by P. Goyen, F.L.S. (*Transactions*, p. 267.)

The annual report and balance-sheet were read and adopted.

The balance-sheet shows that the total receipts, including a balance of £82 17s. 5d. from last year, were £212 10s. 11d., and the expenditure £136 8s. 10d., thus leaving a credit balance of £76 2s. 1d. The Institute has also a fixed deposit of £254 9s. 2d.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1890. — *President* — Dr. Belcher; *Vice-presidents* — Dr. de Zouche, Dr. Hocken; *Council* — Messrs. Chapman, Wilson, Petrie, Scott, Parker, Adams, G. M. Thomson; *Secretary* — Professor Gibbons; *Treasurer* — E. Melland; *Auditor* — D. Brent.

The retiring President then read an address on "Bacteria and their Relation to Disease." (*Transactions*, p. 31.)