

## WESTLAND INSTITUTE.

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FIRST MEETING. 11th August, 1880.

Mr. JOHN NICHOLSON, in the chair.

Mr. F. E. Clarke read a paper "On a new species of *Trachypterus*, found at Jackson's Bay." (*Transactions*, p. 195).

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SECOND MEETING. 18th February, 1881.

Dr. GILES, President, in the chair.

Mr. F. E. Clarke read a paper "On a Bird new to Science, found at the mouth of the Mikonui River."

### ABSTRACT OF ANNUAL REPORT.

During the year eleven ordinary and three special meetings have been held. One hundred and eighty-three new books have been received from Mudie and Co., of London, and this addition to the Library increases the number of volumes to upwards of 2170.

The reading-room has been well attended during the year, the number of visitors availing themselves of its advantages being considerably more than for the year 1879.

The sum of £70 17s. 10d. was received, being the society's portion of the amount voted by Government to free libraries, and £25 as share of rent derived from the Government House, Hokitika.

The accounts show:—Balance in the Bank of New Zealand, £77 6s. 6d.; cash in hand, £1 5s.; overdue subscriptions, £15 15s.; rent due for the society's reserve, £6; and subsidies of £15 each due from the Borough and County Council, making a total of £130 6s. 6d.; liabilities, £7 0s. 5d.; thus showing a credit balance to the Society of £123 6s. 1d.

The number of members on the roll for 1879 was 115; and for this year 110, thus showing a decrease of 5 members for the year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1881:—*President*—Dr. Giles; *Vice-president*—Mr. Spence; *Hon. Treasurer*—Mr. Croft; *Council*—R. C. Reid, A. H. King, J. Pearson, M. W. Jack, Dr. James, D. Macdonald, J. Nicholson, R. W. Wade, H. R. Rae, F. A. Learmonth, E. F. Rich, G. A. Paterson; *Auditors*—H. Harvey, J. P. Virtue.

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