

HAWKE'S BAY PHILOSOPHICAL INSTITUTE.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. 2nd February, 1880.

Dr. SPENCER, Vice-president, in the chair.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1880 :—*President*—The Right Rev. the Bishop of Waiapu; *Vice-president*—Dr. Spencer; *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer*—W. Colenso; *Council*—Messrs. Baker, Bold, Colenso, Holder, Kinross, M. R. Miller, Sturm; *Auditor*—T. K. Newton.

ABSTRACT OF ANNUAL REPORT.

During the past winter session six ordinary meetings were held, at which seven papers prepared by members were read.

The number of members is 78, being an increase of four on the previous year.

Throughout the year several Zoological, Botanical, and Geological specimens have been collected by the members of the Institute for the Museum.

Books for the Library to the amount of £40 have been ordered from England, and £21 has also been paid for Scientific works obtained in New Zealand; a further sum of £10 has also been remitted to the Manager of the New Zealand Institute, towards defraying the expenses of publishing Vol. XI. of "Transactions of New Zealand Institute."

The audited statement of accounts shows a balance of £193 2s. 1d. remaining to the credit of the Society.

FIRST ORDINARY MEETING. 4th June, 1880.

Dr. SPENCER, Vice-president, in the chair.

Dr. Spencer, with the help of his large compound microscope, exhibited several curious and interesting specimens of *Diatoms*, obtained from the ocean-bed of the Atlantic, the West-India Islands, etc.; also some minute microscopic fresh-water *Alga*, from Napier and its neighbourhood; illustrating the whole with descriptions and explanatory remarks.

The Hon. Secretary showed several specimens of gold ores, and of auriferous quartz and other gold-bearing rocks, from various parts of New Zealand and from Australia.

SECOND ORDINARY MEETING. 12th July, 1880.

The Right Rev. the BISHOP OF WAIAPU, President, in the chair.

1. "On certain Historical incidents of the Ancient East Coast Maoris; showing much of their peculiar manner of living and ways of thinking in the olden time,—long before they were visited by Europeans," by W. Colenso, F.L.S. (*Transactions*, p. 38.)