

Some of the very ancient and peculiar musical instruments were exhibited, and described by Mr. Colenso, all of which were also noticed in his paper.

2. "On rare and peculiar New Zealand Insects, of the genera *Scolopterus*, *Rhyncodes*, *Mantis*, and *Hemideina*," by W. Colenso, F.L.S.

3. "On New and Undescribed New Zealand Ferns," by W. Colenso, F.L.S. (*Transactions*, p. 376.)

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COUNCIL MEETING. 11th October, 1880.

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

Capt. W. R. Russell, M.H.R., was chosen to vote in the election of the Board of Governors for the ensuing year, in accordance with clause 7, of the New Zealand Institute Act.

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COUNCIL MEETING. 8th November, 1880.

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

The books selected by the sub-committee appointed to do so, were considered and approved of by the Council, and £60 voted towards the purchasing of the same.

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During the past year there have been held eight meetings of the Council, at which the following *New Members* were duly elected: viz., Messrs. A. Price, G. W. Tiffen, C. P. Winkelmann, H. E. Kenny, W. K. White, H. Wilding, H. S. Tiffen, W. F. Wilson, J. Drummond, E. Leyland, R. Dobson, T. Hallett, J. T. Carr, G. H. Swan, H. Gallien, and Mrs. E. M. Trestrail.