

NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE.

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

MEETINGS of the Board were held on the following dates:—21st July, 19th November, 1879, and 17th February, 5th April, and 20th April, 1880.

The members who retired from the Board in conformity with the Act were Messrs. Travers, Mason, and Waterhouse. The two former gentlemen were reappointed, and the Hon. G. Randall Johnston was appointed by His Excellency in the room of the Hon. Mr. Waterhouse.

The Gentlemen elected Governors of the Institute by the incorporated societies, under clause 7 of the Act, are Dr. Buller, F.R.S., C.M.G.; Mr. T. Kirk, F.L.S.; and Captain Russell, M.H.R.

The list of honorary members of the Institute having reached the number prescribed by section 4 of the Rules and Statutes (viz., thirty), no nominations took place during the past year.

The number of members now on the roll of the Institute is as follows:—

Honorary members	...	...	...	...	...	80
Ordinary members—						
Auckland Institute	...	...	...	...	...	274
Hawke's Bay Philosophical Society	...	...	...	...	...	78
Wellington Philosophical Society	...	...	...	...	...	269
Nelson Association	...	...	...	...	...	50
Westland Institute	121
Philosophical Institute, Canterbury	229
Otago Institute...	226

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The printing of Vol. XII. was commenced in January and finished early in May, but, owing to delay in getting the lithographed plates printed, the volume was not ready for issue until the 8th of June.

Vol. XII, contains 59 articles, and several Presidents' Addresses and abstracts of papers which appear in the Proceedings and Appendix. There are 14 plates and 538 pages of letterpress.

The following are the sections of the work, compared with last year's volume :—

	1880.	1879.
	Pages.	Pages.
Miscellaneous	240	186
Zoology	76	216
Botany	84	66
Chemistry	14	26
Geology	6	22
Proceedings	52	66
Appendix	66	42
	538	624

The volumes of the Transactions now on hand are—

Vol. I., second edition, 430 ; Vol. II., none ; Vol. III., 4 ; Vol. IV., 2 ; Vol. V., 70 ; Vol. VI., 60 ; Vol. VII., 165 ; Vol. VIII., 30 ; Vol. IX., 170 ; Vol. X., 20 ; Vol. XI., 100 ; Vol. XII., not yet fully distributed.

The balance-sheet herewith shows the sum of £4 8s. 3d. to the credit of the Board, to which must be added the sum of £31 2s. 6d. due by the Auckland Institute, making in all £35 10s. 9d., against which there is an outstanding balance of account for printing of £66 6s. 6d.

To meet the deficiency of £30 15s. 9d. it will be necessary to make a call of 1s. per volume on the present issue.

The usual annual reports of the various departments connected with the Institute are appended. (Published in a separate form. See Geological Reports, 1879–80 ; Museum and Laboratory Reports, 1880.)

JAMES HECTOR,
Manager.

Approved by the Board, 21st July, 1880.

W. B. D. MANTELL,
Chairman.