

WESTLAND INSTITUTE.

ANNUAL MEETING. 13th December, 1882.

J. Giles, President, in the chair.

ABSTRACT OF ANNUAL REPORT.

This is the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Institute. Its financial position is considered satisfactory, there being a credit balance of £20 14s. 5d.

The number of members on the roll is 90, showing an increase of 10 on the roll for 1881.

During the year there have been twelve committee meetings called and one special meeting.

A meeting of the Institute was held on the 2nd of March, when a paper was read by Dr. Bakewell "On some Difficulties of Darwinism," there was also one read by the same gentleman "On the Fallacies of Evolution," being a continuation of his former paper.

One hundred and ninety-one new books have been added to the library, which makes 2,276 volumes in the library at present.

The visitors to the Public Reading Room have been considerably more numerous than in the previous year, owing chiefly to the large influx of miners to the new rush at Rimu; and your committee intends applying to the Harbour Board and Borough and County Councils for subsidies to supplement the funds of the Institute.

The committee has much pleasure in acknowledging donations to the Library and Museum and in thanking the donors.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1883:—*President*—W. A. Spence; *Vice-President*—T. O. W. Croft; *Hon. Treasurer*—J. P. Will; *Secretary*—Richard Hildrup.
