

4. "New *Pycnogonida*," by G. M. Thomson. (*Transactions*, p. 242.)

ABSTRACT OF ANNUAL REPORT.

Eight general meetings were held during the session, eleven original papers have been read: of these—7 are on Zoological Subjects, 3 on Botanical, while the eleventh treats of the proposed works for the Otago Harbour.

There were also discussions on the "Nationalization of Land," and on "Technical Education."

Fifteen new members have joined the Institute, making the total number on the roll 190.

The receipts of the session, including a balance from last year of £27 6s., amount to £179 11s.; the total expenditure has been £178 3s. 5d., leaving a balance in hand of £1 7s. 7d. The reserve fund in the Post Office Savings Bank is now about £170.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1884 :—*President*—Donald Petrie, M.A.; *Vice-presidents*—Alex. Montgomery, Professor Scott; *Hon. Secretary*—Professor Parker; *Hon. Treasurer*—J. C. Thomson; *Council*—F. R. Chapman, W. Arthur, C.E., Professor Mainwaring Brown, Professor Ulrich, R. Gillies, F.L.S., G. M. Thomson, F.L.S., T. M. Hoeken, M.R.C.S.; *Auditor*—D Brent, M.A.

7. The President delivered an address on "Science and Ordinary Knowledge."