

Nelson, and in this the undersurface was of a uniform yellow colour; in another, from Manawatu, the undersurface was perfectly black; and between these two extreme forms the specimens now on the table exhibited almost every intermediate shade of colour. The size is not a criterion of specific value, for it is very variable, and evidently dependent on age. Some of those now exhibited were larger than the type figured by Hochstetter, whilst others were much smaller. One of those from Manawatu was quite as yellow on the undersurface as the example from Nelson. He concluded, therefore, that there was only one species of this form.

ANNUAL MEETING: 20th February, 1895.

Major-General Schaw, President, in the chair.

*New Members.*—Mr. T. H. Hustwick, Dr. Ewart, and Mr. G. W. Wilson.

The annual report for 1894–95 was read and passed; also the balance-sheet, showing the receipts to be £169 11s. 3d. (including the balance carried forward, £57 4s. 3d.), the expenditure £114 9s. 9d., and the balance in hand £54 11s. 6d. There was also a sum of £24 1s. 6d. lodged in bank at interest, which increased the available balance to £78 13s. Seventeen new members have been added to the roll during the year, making a total now on the list of 150.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1895.—*President*—Thomas Kirk, F.L.S.; *Vice-presidents*—W. T. L. Travers, F.L.S., R. C. Harding; *Council*—W. M. Maskell, G. V. Hudson, F.E.S., Sir James Hector, F.R.S., Edward Tregear, F.R.G.S.; Major-General Schaw, C.B., R.E., Sir Walter L. Buller, F.R.S., H. Farquhar; *Secretary and Treasurer*—R. B. Gore; *Auditor*—T. King.

*Papers.*—1. "Note on the Vegetable Caterpillar (*Cordiceps robertsii*)," by Sir W. L. Buller. (*Transactions*, p. 155.)

2. "On a New Shell (*Anomia walteri*)," by Sir J. Hector. (*Transactions*, p. 292.)

3. "On the Utilization of Mineral Springs in New Zealand for the Production of Ornamental Objects in Stone," by C. Smith.

4. "Notes from the Chatham Islands," by Major Gascoyne; communicated by Sir W. L. Buller.

ABSTRACT.

The author recorded the occurrence at Waitangi of two specimens, which were cast up on the beach, of *Regalecus*—the skin of one being like