

Primitifs,' i., pp. 330-535. In the Malay of Macassar, *koko* means 'to cackle.'—T. W., 19th April, 1897.

4. "Rats nesting in Trees," by Taylor White.

5. "Further Notes on the New Zealand Dog," by Taylor White.

6. "Curious Articles of Vegetable Food, and the Modes of Cooking in Use by the Maoris," by the Rev. W. Colenso.

7. "Some New Ferns," by the Rev. W. Colenso. (*Transactions*, p. 414.)

Mounted specimens of all the ferns described, with others, were exhibited.

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SPECIAL MEETING: 14th January, 1897.

*Paper*.—"A Dust-shower in Napier," by H. Hill, B.A., F.G.S. (*Transactions*, p. 571.)

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ANNUAL MEETING: 15th February, 1897.

ABSTRACT OF ANNUAL REPORT.

During the past year six ordinary meetings were held. Owing to various causes the attendance at the meetings has not been so good as in past years, with the exception of the first meeting. The number of papers received for reading was fourteen. The membership stands at seventy-seven, a slight decrease on last year. The outstanding subscriptions, when paid, will amply cover the indebtedness. During the year eight volumes have been added to the library. The Council has been able to avail itself of an offer of the Athenæum Committee to remove the Museum into the hall, and so acquire a larger space for the exhibits without any increase of rent. At the first general meeting, in May, the President, the Rev. W. Colenso, F.R.S., F.L.S., offered to donate a site and a sum of £1,500 for the purpose of erecting a suitable building for the Museum, on condition that a further sum of £2,500 was raised by the 31st December, 1896. The required sum not having been subscribed or promised, the President has withdrawn his offer. Hopes, however, are still entertained that something substantial may yet be done in that direction.

The balance-sheet shows the total receipts, including balance from previous year of £2 13s., to have been £56 10s., while the expenditure was £49 0s. 5d.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1897.—*President*—T. C. Moore, M.D.; *Vice-president*—A. Milne-Thomson, M.B., C.M.; *Council*—C. E. Adams, J. W. Carlile, M.A., H. Hill, B.A., F.G.S., J. Hislop, Dr. J. E. H. Jarvis, T. Tanner; *Hon. Secretary*—W. Dinwiddie; *Hon. Treasurer*—G. White; *Auditor*—J. Crerar.

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