

2. "Description of Three Species of Newly-discovered New Zealand Ferns," by W. Colenso, F.R.S., F.L.S., &c. (*Transactions*, p. 394.)

Specimens of these three ferns, in their various stages, were shown by the author.

3. "A Description of some Newly-discovered Indigenous Plants, being a Further Contribution towards the making known the Botany of New Zealand," by W. Colenso, F.R.S., F.L.S., &c. (*Transactions*, p. 387.)

4. "A List of New Species of *Hepaticæ novæ-zelandiæ*, named by F. Stephani, Leipzig," by W. Colenso, F.R.S., F.L.S., &c. (*Transactions*, p. 398.)

Mr. Taylor White sent papers as follows, which were taken as read:—

5. "Crescent Shadows."
6. "Language and the Cow."
7. "Language and Water."

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 22nd February, 1892.

H. Hill, B.A., President, in the chair.

ABSTRACT OF ANNUAL REPORT.

Six ordinary meetings were held during the year, which were well attended. The number of papers and addresses read was fifteen, compared with twelve for the previous year. The Council report a noticeable improvement in the financial position. The year commenced with a debit of £78 3s. 3d. The present liability is £39 7s., against which there are subscriptions amounting to £47 5s. still due. The value of the books belonging to the society is about £350, and there are articles of great value in the Museum. The number of members now on the roll is 100. The thanks of the Institute are given to Mr. Hamilton for his generosity in presenting so many articles to the Museum; to Dr. Moore for a presentation of the "Science Series" to the library; and to Mr. Large, the Honorary Treasurer, for his efforts in connection with a concert which added £10 to the funds. Seven Council meetings were held during the session. A satisfactory arrangement has been made for compiling a complete catalogue of the articles owned by and deposited with the Institute.

The report and balance-sheet were adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1892.—*President*—H. Hill, B.A.; *Vice-president*—Dr. Moore; *Hon. Secretary*—George White; *Hon. Treasurer*—J. S. Large; *Auditor*—T. K. Newton; *Council*—Dr. Spencer, and Messrs. Lessong, Pinckney, Craig, Ringland, and Humphries.

Votes of thanks to the retiring officers were unanimously accorded.

It was stated that the President had consented to deliver a lecture at the first meeting of the coming session (in May next), the subject being "The Volcanic District from Ruapehu to the Bay of Plenty." It was also stated that the lecture would be illustrated by photographic transparencies, shown with the aid of the oxy-hydrogen light.