

Mr. Richardson thought we had the wireworm here. The reason why so many were captured was that the light of this lantern was so much greater than ordinary lights.

Mr. Phillips did not claim to have invented this lantern; he had only adapted and improved it for this purpose. He intended supplying them to his neighbours. He said that one of the moths he caught did terrible damage to the grass, oats, and turnips—the fields swarmed with them.

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ANNUAL MEETING: 24th February, 1892.

W. M. Maskell, F.R.M.S., in the chair.

The annual report and balance-sheet were read and adopted.

ABSTRACT.

The report stated that eight meetings had been held during the year, and the attendance had been larger than usual. This was no doubt owing to the fact that the subjects treated in the papers read were more varied than had generally been the case. Twenty papers were read. Five new members had joined the Society during the year, and the total number now on the roll was 155. The statement of accounts showed that the receipts amounted to £137 1s. 3d., and the expenditure to £103 18s. 7d., leaving a balance of £33 2s. 8d. There was also a fixed deposit of £21 towards the prize fund.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1892.—*President*—Sir Walter Buller; *Vice-presidents*—A. McKay, G. V. Hudson; *Council*—A. de B. Brandon, W. T. L. Travers, C. Hulke, W. M. Maskell, Sir James Hector, Dr. Evans, E. Tregear; *Secretary and Treasurer*—R. B. Gore; *Auditor*—T. King.

Mr. Travers moved that a vote of thanks should be awarded to the retiring President (Mr. E. Tregear) for his past services, with an expression of regret at the illness which had caused his absence from the Society's meetings and from the meeting that evening.

Sir Walter Buller, in seconding the motion, expressed great admiration of the Maori-English lexicon brought out by Mr. Tregear. It was a remarkable work, and it would be a landmark in Polynesian history.

Other members also expressed admiration of the work, and the motion, with the addition of an expression of appreciation of the book, was then carried.

*Papers.*—1. "*Status quo* : a Retrospect.—A Few More Words by way of Explanation and Correction concerning the First Finding of the Bones of the Moa in New Zealand; also Strictures on the Quarterly Reviewer's Severe and Unjust Remarks on the Late Dr. G. A. Mantell, F.R.S., in connection with the same," by W. Colenso, F.R.S. (*Transactions*, p. 468.)

The paper evoked some discussion, the Hon. W. B. D. Mantell expressing himself strongly in sympathy with the author, but stating that he would reserve further remarks until the paper was printed.

The Chairman expressed regret that so many years had elapsed