

Eight meetings have been held during the year, at which twenty-one papers on various scientific and literary subjects were read.

Arrangements were made early in the year for the erection of an addition to the Museum, intended to contain the ethnological specimens. The building is well advanced, and will probably be completed in a few months' time. As the whole of the collections will be rearranged when it is finished, few changes of importance have been made in the Museum during the past year. The chief additions have been some valuable exchanges of mammals, birds, and minerals received from the National Museum, Washington, and some fine mammals from the Imperial Museum of Natural History at Florence. The valuable collection of Maori ethnological specimens deposited in the Museum by Captain Gilbert Mair, and alluded to in the last report, has been fully arranged and labelled, and has attracted much attention.

Reference was made to the crowded state of the library, which now contains over five thousand volumes, and a recommendation was made that additional accommodation should be provided at an early date.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1892.—*President*—Professor F. D. Brown; *Vice-presidents*—James Stewart, C.E., and J. Martin, F.G.S.; *Council*—Rev. J. Bates, W. Berry, Rev. J. Campbell, C. Cooper, T. Peacock, Professor Pond, J. A. Pond, E. Robertson, M.D., Professor A. P. Thomas, F.L.S., J. H. Upton, E. Withy; *Secretary and Treasurer*—T. F. Cheeseman, F.L.S., F.Z.S.; *Auditor*—J. Reid.

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