

4. "Miscellaneous Communications on Land and Fresh-water Mollusca," by H. Suter; communicated by Professor F. W. Hutton. (*Transactions*, p. 283.)

5. "On the Dentition of some New Zealand Land and Fresh-water Mollusca, with Descriptions of New Species," by H. Suter; communicated by Professor F. W. Hutton. (*Transactions*, p. 286.)

6. "The Farm: Winter Pasture and its Grazing," by J. R. Wilkinson, M.A.; communicated by the Secretary. (*Transactions*, p. 628.)

7. "Notes on the Earthquake of the 24th June, 1891, at Auckland," by G. Hogben, M.A. (*Transactions*, p. 574.)

8. "Note on the Boulders in the Port Hills, Nelson," by Captain F. W. Hutton. (*Transactions*, p. 365.)

9. "On New Species of Lepidoptera," by E. Meyrick, B.A., F.Z.S. (*Transactions*, p. 216.)

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

In accordance with the laws of the Institute, the Council begs to submit to members the annual report for the year ending the 31st October, 1891. During the year seven ordinary meetings have been held, at which eighteen papers have been read. They may be classified as follows: Geological, 6; zoological, 9; botanical, 1; seismological, 2. These were contributed by seven authors. This shows an increase of three in comparison with the number read last year. On the other hand, there is a decrease in membership, the number now on the roll being 65, as against 98 in 1890. Three new members were elected, but 36 were struck off the list. There has been an almost continuous decrease since 1879, when there were 219 members on the roll; but it must be noted that, of those, 103 had joined that year. There was a temporary increase in 1890.

As will be seen, the balance-sheet which the Treasurer will submit to you shows a total receipt of £66 3s., and a total expenditure of £48 13s. This leaves a credit balance of £41 19s. 1d., including the amount carried over from last year (£24 10s. 1d.).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1892.—*President*—Professor Bickerton, F.C.S.; *Vice-presidents*—W. H. Symes, M.D., H. R. Webb, F.R.M.S.; *Treasurer*—G. E. Mannering; *Hon. Secretary*—Robert M. Laing, M.A., B.Sc.; *Council*—T. Danks, F. Barkas, B. Bull, S. Page, R. Speight, and Dr. Thomas; *Auditor*—C. R. Blakiston.

The retiring President, Professor F. W. Hutton, then read his presidential address, "The History of the Moa." (*Transactions*, p. 93.)