

- Papers.*—1. "Notes on some Glacier Moraines in the Leith Valley, Dunedin," by Professor Park. (*Transactions*, p. 444.)
2. "Notes on the Secular Movements of the New Zealand Coast-line," by Professor Park. (*Transactions*, p. 440.)
3. "Notes on the Thames Goldfields," by Professor Park. (*Transactions*, p. 435.)
4. "Reference List to the Literature of New Zealand Fishes," by Mr. A. Hamilton. (*Transactions*, p. 539.)
5. "Notice of an Electric Ray new to the Fauna of New Zealand, belonging to the Genus *Astrape*," by Mr. A. Hamilton. (*Transactions*, p. 224.)
6. "On the Method of Feeding by the Rorqual," by R. Henry.

A fine specimen of *Histopterus*, or boar-fish, caught off Napier in 1900, was exhibited.

A specimen of the brilliantly coloured fish "Opha" (*Lampris lima*) was recently caught off Timaru and exhibited in Dunedin, but was acquired for an Australian museum.

ABSTRACT OF ANNUAL REPORT.

The Council have held seven meetings for the transaction of the business of the Institute. During the session the Council have been deprived of the services of two of their number—viz., Mr. Melland, who went to England in July, and Dr. Hocken, who left Dunedin in August for a trip to Europe. Your Council did not deem it necessary to make use of their powers to fill these vacancies.

The usual number of meetings of the members has been held, and the plan adopted last year of arranging a definite programme of lectures has been again followed; yet the Council still have reason to regret the relatively small number of members that have been attracted by these lectures, which have covered a wide range of subjects. In addition to these lectures, eleven original contributions have been laid before the Institute for publication in the *Transactions*. A few years ago it was suggested that natural-history notes—records of observations scarcely worthy of being termed "papers"—might be made by members and handed to the secretary from time to time, but hitherto no response has been made. To the naturalist every careful and accurate observation, however slight and apparently unimportant, has its value, and the Council would welcome the notes, whether made by the wayside, or the seaside, or in the bush. Our native fauna and flora are rapidly disappearing, so that every opportunity should be taken of putting on record any observation of habits, of occurrence, of species, &c.

The number of new members elected during the session is eleven, and the Council hope that this is a promise of further increase, and that some of these new members will, by their efforts, contribute towards rendering the meetings interesting and varied.

During the last few years, owing to insufficiency of funds, it has been impossible to carry out the binding of the periodicals, but during the present session an attempt has been made to overtake the arrears; and, with the exception of some less important works, the periodicals up to date have been bound—namely, fifty-one octavo and twelve quarto volumes. The honorary librarian begs to point out to members the necessity of entering in the book provided for the purpose any volume borrowed