

SEVENTH MEETING. 4th October, 1877.

Dr. J. S. Coward in the chair.

*New Member*—A. C. Baines.

1. "On the Influence of the Earth's Rotation on Rivers," by A. C. Baines. (*Transactions*, p. 92.)

2. "Sketch of the Traditional History of the South Island Maoris," (second paper), by the Rev. J. W. Stack. (*Transactions*, p. 57.)

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. 1st November, 1877.

*New Member*—H. Lee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1878:—*President*—Professor von Haast, F.R.S.; *Vice-presidents*.—The Rev. J. W. Stack, Professor Cook; *Council*—Professor Bickerton, Dr. Powell, W. M. Maskell, R. W. Fereday, Dr. Coward, G. W. Hall; *Hon. Treasurer*—John Inglis; *Hon. Secretary*—J. S. Guthrie.

*Resolved*—That in future the subscription be one guinea per annum, without entrance fee, dating from 1st November.

*Resolved*—That the Council be requested to take into early consideration the holding of periodical scientific excursions and to arrange for the same.

*Resolved*—That the Council revise the rules and report to a special meeting in December.

ABSTRACT OF ANNUAL REPORT.

The Council state that the number of members has been maintained. Nine new members have been elected, four of whom have fulfilled the condition of election, and are entitled to the privileges of membership.

Owing to various circumstances, fewer papers have been read this session than in former years; but the Council have reason to expect that next session will be a more productive one, the more so as a microscopical section has been formed, several of the members of which are pursuing original research.

The Council, this year, instead of making arrangements for holding the usual annual *conversazione*, accepted an invitation from the Board of Governors of the Canterbury College to assist that institution in arranging an Art Exhibition in the Museum buildings on the occasion of the opening of the Canterbury College buildings. The president, Professor von Haast, acted as superintendent of the Exhibition. The Exhibition was a thorough success. It was opened the 7th June in the presence of his Excellency the Governor, and was closed on 16th June, having been visited during that time by about 30,000 people.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance in hand of £160 14s. 8d.

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