

3. "A Description of two New Zealand Ferns, believed to be new to Science (*Cyathea polyneuron*, and *Hymenophyllum erecto-alatum*)," by W. Colenso, F.L.S. (*Transactions*, p. 429.)

4. Several novel and curious specimens, both Zoological and Botanical, and all indigenous, were then shown by Mr. Colenso, and minutely examined. Among them were (1) the peculiar long flat aquatic worms (*Gordius aquaticus*, Gml.), obtained from the waters of the "Forty-Mile Bush," which, when living, were very elastic; collected by Mr. Thomson. (2) A small sea-fish, *C. sprattus*, var. *antipodarum*, Hector, ("Edible Fishes of New Zealand," p. 133), obtained on the south shore of Hawke Bay, at a time when they were observed to be in large shoals; collected by Mr. W. J. Miller. (3) A Marine Spider, from the Bay of Islands, captured by the exhibitor (Mr. Colenso) in 1836, in deep water, and believed to differ from the one recorded at p. 299; *Transactions*, Vol. X. (4) Specimens of several elegant Ferns, among them were those of the two new ones (*C. polyneuron* and *H. erecto-alatum*) to illustrate the paper read.

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COUNCIL MEETING. 22nd November.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond, M.H.R., President, in the chair.

*New Members*.—Miss J. Herbert, Sir Thomas Tancred, Bart., Rev. F. E. T. Simcox, E. H. Bold, H. Campbell, W. Heslop.

The Hon. W. B. D. Mantell, F.G.S., of Wellington, was chosen to vote in the election of the Board of Governors for the ensuing year, in accordance with clause 7 of the New Zealand Institute Act.

The nomination for the election of an honorary member of the New Zealand Institute was made in accordance with Statute IV.

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