

2. Specimens of rare indigenous ferns, chiefly contributed and lent for the occasion, by Messrs. Winkelmann, Hamilton, Norton, and Colenso, were exhibited.

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COUNCIL MEETING. *8th October, 1883.*

Dr. Spencer, the Vice-president, 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.

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COUNCIL MEETING. *12th November, 1883.*

Nomination was made for the election of an honorary member of the New Zealand Institute.

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ANNUAL MEETING. *4th February, 1884.*

ABSTRACT OF ANNUAL REPORT.

During the past Session six ordinary meetings have been held.

Only one original paper, viz., on Botany, was read at those meetings.

During the year 13 meetings of the Council were held.

There is a total of 113 members now on the roll; 2 members having died during the year; others resigned; and 13 new members were elected.

Several books have been added to the Library; and £50 additional voted and sent to England for the purchase of more.

The statement of accounts shows a credit balance of £170 17s. 11d. The total expenditure for the year having been £163 8s. 8d.

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