

*Papers.*—1. “Transcendental Geometry and Mr. Frankland,” by Mr. G. Hogben, M.A. (*Transactions*, p. 510.)

2. “Notes on the Anatomy of the Limpet,” by Mr. J. A. Newell, B.A. (*Transactions*, p. 157.)

3. “On the New Zealand *Noctuid*,” by Mr. E. Meyrick, B.A., F.E.S. (*Transactions*, p. 3.)

POPULAR LECTURE, No. 4: 11th October, 1886.

Dr. W. H. Symes, President, in the chair.

“What is Art, and Who are Artists?” by Mr. S. Hurst-Seager, A.R.I.B.A.

ANNUAL MEETING: 4th November, 1886.

Dr. W. H. Symes, President, in the chair.

*New Member.*—Mr. G. Anderson.

*Papers.*—1. “On the so-called *Gabbro* of the Dun Mountain,” by Professor F. W. Hutton. (*Transactions*, p. 412.)

2. “On Poisoning by Metallic Antimony,” by Dr. W. H. Symes.

3. The Annual Report and Balance-Sheet were read and adopted.

ABSTRACT.

Six ordinary meetings have been held, at which 10 papers have been read. During the year 12 new members have joined the Institute, but 31 have retired. At present the number on the books is 116. Several additions have been made to the library, and an order for a considerable number of new books has lately been sent to London. Mr. S. H. Cox, F.G.S., has been appointed to represent the Institute at the preliminary meetings of the proposed Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science, to be held in Sydney.

The balance-sheet shows: Total receipts, £146 8s.; total expenditure, £105 14s. 3d., leaving a credit balance of £40 13s. 9d. The reserve, consisting of the subscriptions of life-members, is now £59 16s. 9d.

The following officers were elected for the session 1887:—*President*—G. Hogben, M.A.; *Vice-Presidents*—Professor F. W. Haslam, M.A.; Dr. W. H. Symes, M.D.; *Treasurer*—H. R. Webb; *Secretary*—W. Dinwiddie; *Committee*—Professor F. W. Hutton, F.G.S., R. W. Fereday, S. Hurst-Seager, A.R.I.B.A., T. Crook, Dr. J. Irving, S. C. Farr; *Auditor*—C. R. Blakiston.