

THIRD MEETING: 1st September, 1890.

The Bishop of Nelson, President, in the chair.

New Members.—Revs. W. Evans and F. W. Isitt.

Exhibits.—Specimens of *Gorgonidæ*, or marine tree, from Big Bay, South Island, exhibited by Messrs. Lukins and Marris; hæmatite-iron pot from Parapara, presented by Mr. Washbourne; a number of fossil leaves in sandstone from the Port Hills, by Mr. T. B. Huffam; and stuffed specimens of *Hæmatopus longirostris*, or pied oyster-catcher, by Master Kempthorne.

The Hon. Curator reported that a new fern had been discovered by Mr. J. Campbell, of Nelson, and a full description of it, by Mr. Kirk, would be available in a short time.

Papers.—1. "Notes on *Sceloglaux albifacies*, the Laughing Owl of New Zealand," by R. I. Kingsley. (*Transactions*, p. 190.)

A specimen of this bird, stuffed, which was captured at the Tadmor, was exhibited, and presented to the Museum.

2. "Alaska," by T. B. Huffam.

The paper elicited considerable discussion. Numerous photographs of the scenery, natives, and objects of scientific interest of this wonderful and almost unexplored region were exhibited.

ANNUAL MEETING: 11th November, 1890.

The Bishop of Nelson, President, in the chair.

New Members.—Messrs. Greenwood and L. R. Turnbull.

ABSTRACT OF ANNUAL REPORT.

The Hon. Secretary's report showed that there was a growing interest in the work of the Society. The papers read were original, and the meetings well attended. During the session five new members joined the Society; and Dr. Coleman, who for five years past had filled the position of Hon. Secretary, resigned, owing to his departure for England.

The Hon. Curator's report showed that the Museum was in good condition, and the list of donations compared most favourably with those of previous years.

The Hon. Treasurer's report showed a satisfactory credit balance.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1891.—*President*—The Bishop of Nelson; *Vice-presidents*—A. S. Atkinson and Dr. Boor; *Hon. Secretary*—Sidney Black; *Hon. Curator*—R. I. Kingsley; *Hon. Treasurer*—Dr. Hudson; *Council*—J. Holloway, Dr. Mackie, Dr. Cressy, Rev. W. Evans, and Rev. F. W. Isitt.

Exhibits.—A large piece of greenstone, by the President; a boulder from Jackson's Bay, by the Hon. Curator: both exhibits were cut and polished at Aberdeen. Dr. Tatton

presented a large fossil from Mid-Buller, West Coast. Specimen of mica, by Mr. Bayfeild. Mr. W. Martin exhibited a beautiful yellow parroquet (*Platycercus auriceps*), shot near the Reservoir, Brook Street, Nelson.

Papers.—1. "On a Remarkable Variety of *Asplenium umbrosum*, J. Sm.," by T. Kirk, F.L.S. (*Transactions*, p. 424.)

2. "On the Occurrence of *Danaïd plexippus* and *Sphinx convolvuli* (?) in Nelson," by R. I. Kingsley. (*Transactions*, p. 192.)

Specimens of these insects were exhibited by the Hon. Curator.

3. "Description of a Remarkable Variation in the Colour of *Platycercus auriceps*," by R. I. Kingsley. (*Transactions*, p. 192.)
