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NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE, 1889-90.
(TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.)

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

MEETINGS have been held during the past year on the following dates: 5th August, 4th October, 1889; and 7th February, 17th July, 1890.

The following are the governors elected by the incorporated societies for the year: Mr. J. McKerrow, Mr. S. Percy Smith, and Mr. A. de B. Brandon.

The retiring members from the Board, in conformity with section 6 of the Act, were: Mr. W. T. L. Travers, Hon. Mr. Waterhouse, and the Ven. Archdeacon Stock; and the following gentlemen have been appointed by His Excellency the Governor to fill the vacancies: Mr. W. T. L. Travers, Hon. R. Pharazyn, and Mr. W. M. Maskell.

The members now on the roll of the Institute are: Honorary members, 29; ordinary members—Auckland Institute, 216; Hawke's Bay Philosophical Institute, 101; Wellington Philosophical Society, 185; Philosophical Institute of Canterbury, 86; Nelson Philosophical Society, 42; Westland Institute, 71; Otago Institute, 142; Southland Institute, 72: making a total of 944.

There is a vacancy in the list of honorary members caused by the death of the Marquis of Normanby.

The volumes of Transactions now in stock are—Vol. I. (second edition), 270; Vol. V., 30; Vol. VI., 28; Vol. VII., 123; Vol. IX., 123; Vol. X., 156; Vol. XI., 45; Vol. XII., 50; Vol. XIII., 50; Vol. XIV., 73; Vol. XV., 185; Vol. XVI., 185; Vol. XVII., 220; Vol. XVIII., 167; Vol. XIX., 190; Vol. XX., 190; Vol. XXI., 200; Vol. XXII., not yet fully distributed.

The last volume of the Transactions (XXII.) was issued early in June, and contains sixty-two articles; also addresses and abstracts of articles which appear in the Proceedings. The volume contains 607 pages of letterpress and 32 plates.

The following is a comparison of the contents with that of the previous year's volume:—

	1890. Pages.	1889. Pages.
Miscellaneous ...	142	114
Zoology ...	244	148
Botany ...	56	120
Chemistry ...	4	15
Geology ...	62	84
Proceedings ...	52	48
Appendix ...	47	54
	607	583

The expense of printing Vol. XXI. of the Transactions amounted to £248 11s. 4d. for 583 pages, and that for Vol. XXII. £284 6s. 9d. for 607 pages, the increase in cost being owing to extra expense on the plates.

The Honorary Treasurer's statement of accounts for the year is appended, and shows a balance in hand of £90 3s. 1d.

Appended is the correspondence regarding the handsome donation of books made by Mr. C. R. Carter.

Approved by the Board.

JAMES HECTOR, Manager.

ROBERT PHARAZYN, Chairman, 17th July, 1890.

NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE ACCOUNTS FOR 1889-90.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance in hand, 5th August, 1889..	..	95 14 11	For printing Vol. XXII. ..	..	284 6 9
Vote for 1889-90 ..	..	500 0 0	Miscellaneous items ..	..	46 15 1
Contribution from Wellington Philosophical Society ..	..	18 11 0	Carried to Memoir Account ..	..	200 0 0
Sale of Transactions ..	..	6 19 0	Balance ..	..	90 3 1
	£621	4 11		£621	4 11

23rd July, 1890.

W. T. L. TRAVERS, Honorary Treasurer.

CORRESPONDENCE RESPECTING DONATION OF BOOKS.

No. 1.—Mr. CARTER's Letter to the BOARD.

DEAR SIR,—

Wellington, 22nd January, 1890.

I am desirous of presenting to the New Zealand Institute and Colonial Museum my library of books on or relating to New Zealand, of the value of £300. One folio volume alone cost me £20. It is, I believe, the largest collection of books of its kind in any library in the colony, and contains over 100 works more than are in the collection of similar books in the Melbourne Free Library. The collection consists of 395 works on New Zealand, of which 64 are pamphlets, forming (with the 62 duplicate copies) a selection of 557 volumes, to which I have added 60 printed catalogues of the same.

I respectfully offer the collection to the New Zealand Institute and Colonial Museum on the following conditions :—

1. It is to be placed in a suitable position in the library of the Institute.
2. A properly constructed book-case, with glass doors, is, without delay, to be provided for its reception

3. The books are to be used as works of reference only, and not to pass outside the Museum.

I should part with the collection with some regret did I not think it would be more useful to the public than by remaining in my possession. I do not anticipate that the present generation will appreciate its value, but I venture to hope that a succeeding one will.

To collect and collate this small library of books on New Zealand has been to me, I may say, a labour of love, the fruits of which I now wish to entrust to your safe keeping.

I have also to present to the Museum a collection of arms gathered on the battle fields of the Franco-German war of 1870-71, and a French chassépot rifle used during the siege of Paris in 1871.

I have, &c.,

Sir James Hector, K.C.M.G., Colonial Museum.

C. R. CARTER.

No. 2.—Reply to Mr. CARTER, and RESOLUTION of BOARD.

SIR,—

Colonial Museum of New Zealand, Wellington, 18th February, 1890.

By direction of the Board of Governors of the New Zealand Institute, I have the honour to forward, for your information, an extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Board held on the 7th instant, the Hon. W. B. D. Mantell, M.L.C., in the chair.

“The Manager laid before the Board a letter from Mr. C. R. Carter, dated the 22nd January, 1890, in which he proposes to make a donation to the New Zealand Institute and Colonial Museum of a collection of published works relating to New Zealand.

“*Resolved*, That Mr. Carter's letter be entered in the minutes for permanent record. That the offer of Mr. Carter be accepted on the conditions imposed, and that the Board, on behalf of the New Zealand Institute, desires to record its thanks and its high appreciation of the value of the gift which he thus makes, and of the great ability and industry which the acquisition and collation of such a complete collection of special literature must have entailed.

“The Board thoroughly recognises that the liberal action of the donor, and the nature of the conditions he has imposed with the gift, prove that the motive which led Mr. Carter to accumulate this unique collection of rare works was purely the desire to secure a sound basis for the future study of the early history of this colony, a motive which is alike worthy of the donor's intelligence and generosity.

“That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Mr. Carter.”

I have, &c.,

C. R. Carter, Esq., Wellington.

J. HECTOR,

Manager.

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