

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The following address was given at the Annual General Meeting, held on 26th April, by our outgoing President, R. A. Anderson, Esq., C.M.G. Unfortunately, Mr. Anderson has, at least for the time being, been compelled to relinquish the office of President owing to increased and urgent demands on his time.

The Council have had regular meetings every three weeks during the past twelve months, and in addition the different sub-committees have met to consider special business. The principal matters dealt with were the deer menace, the shooting of godwit and game birds from motor-cars, bird collecting and bird-liming, the German owl menace, the destruction of hawks and shags, godwit shooting, Little Barrier Sanctuary, destruction by opossums, and poaching. Conditions in all these matters have been bettered.



MAORI SYMPATHISER FEEDING WILD DUCKS.

A short season of seven days was, however, granted by the authorities for Paradise duck shooting. Pukeko shooting is prohibited except in a limited area in Central Otago where, it was alleged some harm was being done by these birds. The Department of Internal Affairs agreed to our

request to prohibit shooting from motor-cars and a regulation was gazetted accordingly. Matters dealing with Little Barrier have been and are being attended to in order to improve this remarkable sanctuary. We have had expeditions out to secure films of birds, and have secured many hundreds of feet of excellent films of birds for picture purposes. The godwit shooting season has been shortened by one month and restricted to certain districts as a result of the Society's efforts, which always include the work of many outside the actual Executive. The objects of the Society are to advocate and obtain sufficient protection and preservation of our native birds, and we ask ourselves what is the best way to secure such a desirable end. One way this can be done is by the preservation of sanctuaries