

NELSON PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

4th April, 1887.

J. Meeson, B.A., President, in the chair.

Exhibits.—Mr. R. T. Kingsley exhibited a large specimen of obsidian from Tuhua, presented by Captain Fairchild.

Mr. A. S. Atkinson exhibited: (1.) Slab of limestone from Collingwood coalmine, with very fine impressions of leaves of exogenous trees; (2.) Three shells from the Pacific Islands; (3.) A cuirass of cocoa fibre, from Kingsmill Island.

The President exhibited a new species of the Dodder (?), and read a short paper on the same.

Paper.—"A few Suggestions on Matter and Energy," by W. Wells.

COUNCIL MEETING: 21st April, 1887.

J. Meeson, B.A., President, in the chair.

The Bishop of Nelson made a request that the valuable painting, "Tasman's Bay," by J. Gully; also two paintings by the same artist, his own property, might be hung in the Museum. Agreed to.

The Council decided to form a School of Mines in connection with the Philosophical Society.

2nd May, 1887.

J. Meeson, B.A., President, in the chair.

Papers.—1. "Notes on Natural History," by Hugh Martin, junior.

2. "On a Recent Ascent of Mount Arthur and Mount Peel," by Dr. Hudson; illustrated by photographs taken by R. T. Kingsley, and a sepia drawing by J. Gully.