

THIRD MEETING: 29th August, 1887.

Professor A. P. Thomas, President, in the chair.

New Member.—H. M. Wilson.

Papers.—1. "On the Ingenuity and Destructiveness of Rats," by A. Reischek. (*Transactions*, p. 125.)

2. "On the Growth of Transplanted Trees," by J. Baber, C.E. (*Transactions*, p. 186.)

3. "Notes on Hot Springs Nos. 3 and 4, Great Barrier Island," by C. P. Winkelmann.

This paper gives the result of the analyses of the waters of the two hot springs discovered last (see "Trans. N.Z. Inst.," vol. xix., p. 388), and an account of the discovery of a third and fourth spring in the same locality.

4. "On the Nature of Government, with special Reference to Property in Land," by J. Buchanan.

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POPULAR LECTURE: 12th September, 1887.

Professor A. P. Thomas, President, in the chair.

"Foods and Beverages," by J. A. Pond.

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FOURTH MEETING: 3rd October, 1887.

Professor A. P. Thomas, President, in the chair.

Papers.—1. "New Genera and Species of Plant-eating Coleoptera," by Captain T. Broun.

2. "Notes on the Three Kings Islands," by T. F. Cheeseman, F.L.S. (*Transactions*, p. 141.)

3. "Personal Representation: a Modification of Hare's System," by Professor Aldis.

A long discussion took place, in which the President, Mr. Speight, Mr. Vaile, Dr. Puchas, and others took part. Professor Aldis shortly replied.

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POPULAR LECTURE: 17th October, 1887.

Professor A. P. Thomas, President, in the chair.

"Brains and Character," by Dr. Bond.