

OTAGO INSTITUTE.

FIRST MEETING: 11th June, 1889.

Dr. de Zouche, President, in the chair.

New Members.—J. Hendry, B.A.; G. D. Braik, M.A.; D. A. Graham.

Papers.—1. "Observations on the Mokohinou Islands, and the Birds which visit them," by F. Sandager. (*Transactions*, p. 286.)

2. "Note on the Foetal Membranes of *Mustelus antarcticus*," by Professor T. J. Parker, F.R.S.; with an Analysis of the Pseudamniotic Fluid, by Professor A. Liversidge, F.R.S. (*Transactions*, p. 331.)

3. "On some New Plants found in the Otago District," by D. Petrie. (*Transactions*, p. 439.)

Resolved: (1.) That, as no work dealing with the systematic botany of New Zealand is now available at a reasonable price, this Institute brings under the notice of the New Zealand Institute the desirability of urging the Government to undertake as early as possible the publication of a "Flora of New Zealand." (2.) That the other affiliated branches of the New Zealand Institute be asked to co-operate in this matter. (3.) That the Secretary also be requested to bring the matter directly under the notice of the Government.

Exhibits.—A specimen of Drew's perch, and a bird's skeleton prepared for teaching purposes, by Professor Parker.

SECOND MEETING: 9th July, 1889.

Dr. de Zouche, President, in the chair.

Paper.—"Description of a New Species of *Celmisia*," by F. R. Chapman; illustrated by numerous living specimens. (*Transactions*, p. 444.)

Exhibits.—A rocking microtome, by Dr. Scott. Frozen sections of the red cod, by Professor Parker.

THIRD MEETING: 12th August, 1889.

Dr. de Zouche, President, in the chair.

New Members.—Dr. Macpherson, A. Boot.