

AUCKLAND INSTITUTE.

FIRST MEETING. 18th March, 1880.

Rev. Dr. PURCHAS, M.R.C.S.E., President, in the chair.

The Right Rev. W. G. Cowie, D.D., Bishop of Auckland, gave a lecture on "Afghanistan and Central Asia."

SECOND MEETING. 22nd April, 1880.

Rev. Dr. PURCHAS, President, in the chair.

Mr. J. Martin, F.G.S., gave a lecture on "Chromatics."

THIRD MEETING. 20th May, 1880.

Rev. Dr. PURCHAS, President, in the chair.

A lecture was delivered by Mr. E. A. Mackechine on "Edgar Allen Poe, a study in Morbid Psychology."

FOURTH MEETING. 21st June, 1880.

Rev. Dr. Purchas, President, in the chair.

New Members.—T. Ching, J. Coates, W. H. Connell, Dr. Elam, J. B. Esam, C. A. Harris, Miss Harrison, Dr. Honeyman, W. L. Murray, J. Maclean, A. Shrewsbury, Rev. R. Somerville, A. K. Taylor, H. E. Williams.

1. The President, in opening the Proceedings, apologised for not being able to deliver the usual anniversary address. Professional work and other duties had prevented him from obtaining the time necessary for its preparation. He then proceeded to make some remarks on the present position of the Institute and the Museum under its charge, and briefly alluded to the progress made during the last two or three years.

2. "On the Larva of *Lasiorrhynchus*," by Captain T. Brown. (*Transactions*, p. 228.)

Besides giving a full description of the larva and pupa, Captain Broun also alluded to some interesting peculiarities in the habits of the perfect insect.

3. "On the Fertilization of *Thelymitra*," by T. F. Cheeseman, F.L.S. (*Transactions*, p. 291).