

OTAGO INSTITUTE.

FIRST MEETING. 8th May, 1883.

A. Montgomery, President, in the chair.

New Members.—E. A. Petherick, J. R. Wilkinson, M.A., T. Cheyne Farnie, M.A., G. A. Chalmers.

1. "On the *Pycnogonida*, with Descriptions of Species," by G. M. Thomson. (*Transactions*, p. 242.)
2. "On a new *Daphnia*," by G. M. Thomson. (*Transactions*, p. 240.)
3. "On a *Torpedo* recently caught near Dunedin," by Professor Parker. (*Transactions*, p. 281.)
4. The Secretary exhibited, and described, some embryos of the Elephant Fish (*Callorhynchus antarcticus*), which he had obtained from Wickliffe Bay, Otago Peninsula.

SECOND MEETING. 12th June, 1883.

A. Montgomery, President, in the chair.

New Members.—A. Croke, P. Goyen, J. B. Mason, Miss Wimperis.

The meeting resolved itself into a conversazione.

THIRD MEETING. 10th July, 1883.

A. Montgomery, President, in the chair.

1. "On a Specimen of the Great Ribbon Fish (*Regalecus argenteus*, n. sp.), recently obtained at Moeraki, Otago," by Professor Parker. (*Transactions*, p. 284.)
2. "On the Occurrence of the Spinous Shark (*Echinorhinus spinosus*) in New Zealand Waters," by Professor Parker. (*Transactions*, p. 280.)
3. The following resolution was proposed by Mr. G. M. Thomson; seconded by Mr. Petrie, and carried unanimously:—"That, as a new Flora of New Zealand is now very much wanted, the members of this Institute would ask the Governors of the New Zealand Institute to request the Government to place a sum of money on the Estimates for bringing out a new edition of the *Phanerogamia* of the 'Handbook of the New Zealand Flora.'"
4. The Secretary exhibited, and described, some recent additions to the museum, including the disarticulated skull of a calf with the cartilaginous parts preserved.

FOURTH MEETING. 14th August, 1883.

A. Montgomery, President, in the chair.

Mr. F. R. Chapman opened a discussion on "The Nationalization of Land," considering the present aspects of the question, and bringing forward a scheme by which freeholds might be acquired by the State.