

AUCKLAND INSTITUTE.

FIRST MEETING. 4th June, 1883.

The Rt. Rev. W. G. Cowie, D.D., President, in the chair.

New Members.—Professor F. D. Brown, A. J. Hunter, Dr. Mackellar, J. K. Nicholls, Professor A. P. Thomas, Professor T. G. Tucker.

1. The President delivered the anniversary address.

ABSTRACT.

In thanking the members for his election he referred to the improved position of the Institute, due to the munificent bequest of the late Mr. Edward Costley, and to the endowment in land granted to the Museum by Parliament. The work of the Society was next reviewed, and the increased facility provided for the study of science by the recent establishment of the Auckland University College was pointed out. The important function which is exercised by courses of popular lectures and Sunday lectures was impressed on the Institute as one of its duties in the promotion of science. The facilities which the Institute affords for the pursuit of literature and art as a recreation and means of mental development, and the importance of enlarging and improving the Museum as one of the most powerful educational institutions in the midst of a city population, was urged on the members.

2. "Notice of the Discovery of the Australian genus *Rhagodia* in New Zealand," by T. F. Cheeseman, F.L.S. (*Transactions*, p. 408.)
3. "On a new Genus of *Silphida*," by Captain T. Broun, M.E.S.
4. "Our Water-supply," by Mr. Justice Gillies.

SECOND MEETING. 2nd July, 1883.

The Rt. Rev. W. G. Cowie, D.D., President, in the chair.

New Members.—E. Champtaloup, G. H. Moore, Rev. G. H. S. Walpole.

1. "On the Effect of extreme Cold on Fishes," by Neil Heath. (*Transactions*, p. 275.)
2. "Descriptions of some new Species of Beetles of the genus *Sagola*," by Captain T. Broun, M.E.S.
3. "On the Botany of the Thames Goldfields," by J. Adams. (*Transactions*, p. 385.)
4. "The Law of Tolerance," by E. A. Mackechnie.

THIRD MEETING. 20th August, 1883.

The Rt. Rev. W. G. Cowie, D.D., President, in the chair.

New Members.—T. Maben, J. Mayo.

1. "Further Experiments with *Sorghum*," by Mr. Justice Gillies. (*Transactions*, p. 512.)