

NELSON PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

FIRST MEETING: 22nd April, 1891.

A. S. Atkinson, Vice-president, in the chair.

Exhibits.—A pair of eggs of the giant penguin, from Macquarie Island, by Mr. Marris; a pair of eggs of the wandering albatros, from Auckland Islands, by Mr. E. Lukins; a piece of black marble, from Takaka, by Mr. H. P. Washbourne; a pair of cuttle-fish bones, by Mr. E. Lukins; a stuffed shark, by Mr. R. I. Kingsley; a large cornelian, from Matakītaki, by Mr. R. I. Kingsley.

Paper.—"On the Recent Annual Session of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science, held at Christchurch, January, 1891," by Mr. Sidney Black.

The author dealt with the evening papers, and excursions taken by the members. The paper was of an interesting character, and considerable discussion ensued.

A resolution was passed expressing the Society's regret at the continued severe illness of the President, the Right Reverend Dr. Suter, Bishop of Nelson.

SECOND MEETING: 16th June, 1891.

A. S. Atkinson, Vice-president, in the chair.

Presentations.—A collection of moa-bones, by Mr. Washbourne; a preserved specimen of the kelp-fish, by Mr. Martin; two pieces of cloth, made from New Zealand flax by a newly-discovered process of the donor, Mr. Haycock.

Exhibits.—A number of very old papers and engravings, by Mrs. Beaver; three boxes of specimens of shells and minerals, also a piece of sponge from the Boulder Bank (good enough for commercial purposes), by Mr. E. Lukins; a piece of marble, containing a large cavity lined with crystals, Mr. Holyoak, Motueka; a genuine Brahmin spoon, used in idol-worship, and also a number of valuable old documents, by Mr. R. I. Kingsley.

Papers.—1. "On the Sectional Work of the Australasian