

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. Crooke, 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.

The discussion was continued by Mr. J. A. Connell, Mr. W. D. Stewart, Professor Mainwaring Brown, Mr. C. Y. O'Connor, and Mr. W. N. Blair.

FIFTH MEETING. 28th August, 1883.

A. Montgomery, President, in the chair.

1. The adjourned discussion on "The Nationalization of Land," was begun by Mr. J. E. Denniston, and continued by Mr. W. Arthur and Mr. C. Y. O'Connor.

Mr. Chapman replied, answering the objections which had been made to nationalization, and to his scheme for effecting it, and the discussion was brought to a close by a few remarks from the President.

SIXTH MEETING. 11th September, 1883.

A. Montgomery, President, in the chair.

1. "The Lower Harbour and Bar of Otago," by G. M. Barr, C.E.

2. "On the Structure of the Head in *Palinurus*, with especial reference to the Classification of the Genus," by Professor Parker. (*Transactions*, p. 297.)

3. The Secretary exhibited some recent additions to the Museum, including the skeleton of a Porbeagle Shark (glycerine jelly preparation), and the baleen of a large specimen of *Balanoptera*, the skeleton of which had lately been purchased.

SEVENTH MEETING. 9th October, 1883.

A. Montgomery, President, in the chair.

New Members.—S. P. Seymour, J. C. Thomson.

A discussion on "Technical Education" was opened by Professor Mainwaring Brown, who considered the various methods which had been adopted or proposed for the training of artizans in their various handicrafts, and promulgating a scheme which he considered to be applicable to New Zealand.

The discussion was continued by Mr. R. Gillies, the Secretary, Mr. G. M. Thomson and Mr. G. M. Barr.

Professor Brown replied, and a few concluding remarks were made by the President.

ANNUAL MEETING. 13th November, 1883.

A. Montgomery, President, in the chair.

New Members.—Lawrence V. Woods, M.A., Grant P. Farquhar, F. A. Bulau, Ph.D., Mungo Watson, M.A., and J. de Zouche, M.D.

1. "On the Brown Trout introduced into Otago," by W. Arthur. (*Transactions*, p. 467.)

2. "Notice of *Olearia hectori*," by D. Petrie. (*Transactions*, p. 393.)

3. "New Species of *Coprosma*," by D. Petrie.