

## AUCKLAND INSTITUTE.

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FIRST MEETING: 4th June, 1888.

S. Percy Smith, F.R.G.S., President, in the chair.

*New Member.*—Rev. P. Walsh.

The President delivered the anniversary address.\*

The President drew attention to a large and valuable collection of ethnological specimens from the Admiralty Islands, New Britain, and New Ireland, recently purchased for the Museum from Mr. G. Stuart, U.S. Vice-Consul.

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SECOND MEETING: 18th June, 1888.

S. Percy Smith, F.R.G.S., President, in the chair.

The Rev. E. H. Gulliver delivered a lecture entitled "The Realms of Imagination."

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THIRD MEETING: 2nd July, 1888.

S. Percy Smith, F.R.G.S., President, in the chair.

*New Member.*—H. F. Greenway.

*Papers.*—1. "Notice of the Capture of a Specimen of the Shy Albatross (*Diomedea cauta*) near Auckland," by T. F. Cheeseman, F.L.S. (*Transactions*, p. 125.)

2. "The Habits and Home of the Wandering Albatross," by A. Reischek, F.L.S. (*Transactions*, p. 126.)

Mr. Carlaw gave some interesting particulars respecting the nesting habits of the albatross, which he had gathered during a three months' visit to the Auckland Islands shortly after the wreck of the "General Grant."

3. "Poor-relief," by the Rev. W. Tebbs.

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FOURTH MEETING: 16th July, 1888.

Professor A. P. Thomas, Vice-President, in the chair.

Professor F. D. Brown delivered a lecture, with experimental illustrations, on "Electrolysis."

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