

AUCKLAND INSTITUTE.

FIRST MEETING: *4th June, 1894.*

Mr. J. H. Upton, President, in the chair.

The President delivered the anniversary address, taking as his subject "The History of Money."

The President said: In opening a new session of this branch of the work of the Institute, I cannot refrain from inviting you to allow your thoughts to dwell for one moment on the memory of our late President, Professor Pond. Mr. Pond took a warm interest in the progress of this Institute, and by his death we suffer a great loss. His sympathies were, however, not confined to this Institute, but were freely open to every movement for the welfare of the community. His gentle temper and his modest character endeared him to all who had the privilege of his friendship, while his lofty sense of duty and his great abilities marked him out for a career of the widest usefulness amongst us: his loss is one not easily to be repaired. He was ever anxious to do what he could for the general weal, and deeply earnest in the doing of what he undertook. But even when he entered upon what was to prove his last service to this Institute—namely, his year of office as President—already the Silent Shadow stood waiting, and, with all the bright possibilities of a brilliant career opening out before him,

"God's finger touched him, and he slept."

SECOND MEETING: *18th June, 1894.*

Mr. J. H. Upton, President, in the chair.

New Member.—Mr. F. G. Ewington.

Mr. E. Withy gave a popular lecture, illustrated by diagrams, on "The Economic Effects of Various Land-tenures."

Mr. Ewington spoke at some length, arguing that the private ownership of land was not the only cause of the existence of the unemployed classes. There always had been, and always would be, the careless and improvident; and, besides that, famine, fire, floods, changes of fashion, &c., might, and did, create unemployed people. He considered that Mr. Withy had overlooked many social and economic facts of the first order when dealing with his subject.

The President, in moving a vote of thanks, said that Mr. Withy must have forgotten that, if there were no unemployed in primitive times, there was slavery. Now, in civilized countries men were free, and with their freedom came additional responsibilities, one of them being the care of the poor.

Mr. Withy briefly replied.