

PHILOSOPHICAL INSTITUTE OF CANTERBURY.

FIRST MEETING: *1st May, 1901.*

Captain F. W. Hutton, President, in the chair.

New Member.—Miss N. A. Greensill.

Address.—Professor Dendy delivered an address on "Some Conditions of Progress."

SECOND MEETING: *5th June, 1901.*

Captain F. W. Hutton, President, in the chair.

New Members.—Rev. R. T. Mathews, Miss M. F. Olliver, M.A.

Address.—Mr. L. Cockayne delivered an address on "The Chatham Islands."

The address was illustrated by a large series of lantern-slides from photographs taken by the lecturer to illustrate the characteristics of the vegetation of the islands, and by specimens of Moriori carving and other exhibits.

THIRD MEETING: *3rd July, 1901.*

Captain F. W. Hutton, President, in the chair.

New Members.—Rev. J. Campbell, Mr. A. T. Pycroft.

Papers.—1. "On the Occurrence of *Alepisaurus ferox* on the Coast of New Zealand," by Captain F. W. Hutton. (*Transactions*, p. 197.)

2. "On a Small Collection of *Diptera* from the Southern Islands of New Zealand," by Captain F. W. Hutton. (*Transactions*, p. 169.)

Dr. Chilton explained the action taken by the Council to promote the publication of an "Index Faunæ Novæ-Zelandiæ"—*i.e.*, a list of all species of animals recorded from New Zealand, with at least one reference for each species.

A petition prepared, asking the Governors of the New Zealand Institute to undertake the publication of the index, was laid on the table for signature.