

OTAGO INSTITUTE.

FIRST MEETING: 3rd May, 1910.

The President, Professor Waters, in the chair.

The President delivered his presidential address, entitled "Mining Education in relation to the Mining Industry."

The President referred in feeling terms to the serious illness of the Vice-President, Dr. Hocken, and commented on the very great interest which Dr. Hocken had always taken in the Otago Institute, and he moved a hearty vote of thanks to him for the gift of some valuable periodicals which he had recently presented to the Institute. This was carried with hearty applause.

SECOND MEETING: 7th June, 1910.

The President, Professor Waters, in the chair.

The President announced certain changes which had taken place in the *personnel* of the Council, Dr. Fitchett having been elected in the place of Dr. Malcolm (resigned), Mr. Alexander Bathgate having been elected Vice-President in place of Dr. Hocken (deceased), and Mr. E. J. Parr in place of Mr. Bathgate.

New Members.—Messrs. R. W. Brickell, Cuthbert Fenwick, Charles Butterworth, W. T. Glasgow, George Howes, and J. C. McGeorge.

The President referred to the inestimable loss sustained by the Institute through the death of Dr. Hocken, and on the motion of Dr. Colquhoun the following resolution was carried in silence, the members standing:—

That the members of the Otago Institute record their keen sense of loss at the removal by death of Dr. T. M. Hocken, who has been a member since the inception of the Institute in 1869. During these forty-one years Dr. Hocken was a member of the executive for thirty-seven years, and held the position of President on three occasions. As a member he was most enthusiastic, and ever ready to contribute to the proceedings. Whilst taking a keen interest in all subjects brought before the Institute, and in its aims and objects, he devoted himself to investigating and recording the early history of New Zealand. Endowed with a temperament favourable to close study, and possessed with perseverance, his investigations in this his labour of love remain as an undoubted authentic record for all times in his volumes entitled "Contributions to the Early History of New Zealand," and "Bibliography of New Zealand Literature." He has by his priceless gift to New Zealand of all the documentary and other evidence upon which his records are based enhanced the value of these records beyond estimation. This evidence, now forming portion of the Hocken collection, housed in the Hocken wing of the Otago Museum, will ever be a history of the Dominion defined and traced from the earliest beginnings. This Institute joins in the hope that his collection, freely given, will ever be under good guardianship, and expresses its appreciation of his high ideal of citizenship and his fine personality, which endeared him to all who knew him

Dr. Benham showed some very interesting and valuable mats of Maori workmanship. These mats had been presented by the late Dr. Hocken, and some of them were of historical value. They were of different kinds, were used for various ceremonies and different occasions, and each had its own special Maori name. He also showed a very valuable tattooed dried Maori head from Dr. Hocken's collection.