

fragments of moa bone, and the greater part of a moa's egg which he had found, together with the femur of a *Notornis* in a tertiary deposit on an island at the mouth of the Petane River.

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THIRD MEETING. 14th July, 1884.

The Right Rev. the Bishop of Waiapu, President, in the chair.

*New Members.*—A. V. Macdonald, C.E., G. P. Donnelly, Rev. G. Penty, Miss M. Evers, John Harding of Mount Vernon, A. B. Thompson, E. Wake, F. Fulton, J. Holt, and Rev. A. S. Webb, M.A.

1. "Observations on some Hybrid Ducks," by Taylor White of Glengarry.

The author gave details of the plumage of several broods of ducks, a cross between *A. superciliosa* and *A. boschas*.

2. Mr. H. Hill exhibited a fine *Tellurium*, and drew attention to the variety of physical phenomena which could be illustrated.

3. The Hon. Secretary exhibited and made a few remarks on some specimens of an ore of manganese, obtained by him near Waimarama.

A number of moa bones from Raukawa and Mahunga were exhibited by the Hon. Secretary.

A collection of beautiful corals from Port Darwin was sent for the inspection of members by Mrs. Grimwood, of Hastings.

It was announced that Dr. Forrester Matthews had presented the Society with a valuable entomological cabinet.

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FOURTH MEETING. 11th August, 1884.

Dr. Spencer, Vice-president, in the chair.

*New Member.*—G. Ormond.

1. "A Plea for National Education," by H. Hill, B.A., Inspector of Schools.

2. The Hon. Secretary drew the attention of the meeting to a number of rare birds sent for exhibition by Mr. H. Baker, of Waipawa. Two of these were Kakas (*M. meridionalis*), one a red variety, the other nearly a pure albino.

A living specimen of the Kea was examined with much interest.

A stuffed specimen of a pied variety of the Black Stilt Plover (*H. nova-zealandia*), obtained by Mr. Hamilton at Petane, was on the table.

3. Mr. Hamilton then exhibited a collection of Echinoderms from Hawke's Bay, and gave a short description of their peculiarities.

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FIFTH MEETING. 8th September, 1884.

The Right Rev. the Bishop of Waiapu, President, in the chair.

1. "On a Species of Cuttlefish (*Ommastrephes sloanii*)," by A. Hamilton.

This fish was taken in the bay; the author exhibited a life-size coloured drawing of the specimen, and included in his remarks a variety of interesting information on the economic value of Cephalopods in various parts of the world.