

## SIXTH MEETING: 11th September, 1888.

A. Wilson, M.A., President, in the chair.

Professor Parker gave an account of the methods now adopted in the best natural-history museums of mounting animals in as naturalistic a manner as possible, and exhibited a number of photographs (taken by Mr. A. H. Burton) of New Zealand birds so grouped, with their appropriate surroundings.

Professor Parker also exhibited a series of diagrams, intended for use in the Otago Museum, illustrating the distribution of animals in geological time.

*Papers.*—1. "On the Distribution and Varieties of the Freshwater Crayfish (*Paranephrops*) in New Zealand," by Charles Chilton, M.A. (*Transactions*, p. 237.)

Professor Parker congratulated the author on having worked out his subject in a thoroughly scientific manner, and expressed the hope that others would work out the questions of distribution of our New Zealand forms in as thorough a way.

2. "On a Striated Rock-surface from Boatman's, near Beefton," by George J. Binns, F.G.S. (*Transactions*, p. 335.)

3. "On the Conservation and Extension of the Amenities of Dunedin and its Neighbourhood," by Alexander Bathgate.

After an animated discussion, in which the Chairman, Messrs. Meland, Thomas Brown, and M. Cohen took part, it was unanimously resolved, "That a committee, consisting of Messrs. Adams, Brown, Bathgate, Dymock, Henderson, Hocken, Shelton, J. C. Thomson, White, Wilson, and Rev. R. Waddell, be appointed to draw up a memorial to the Mayor, asking him to convene a public meeting with the object of forming an association to carry out the aims of the paper."

4. "On some Nepheline-bearing Rocks (Nepheline-Phonolites) from the Neighbourhood of Dunedin," by Professor Ulrich.

## SEVENTH MEETING: 9th October, 1888.

A. Wilson, M.A., President, in the chair.

Dr. Hocken delivered a lecture on "The Early History of Otago," being the tenth of the series on "The Early History of New Zealand."

Mr. W. Martin, one of the immigrants to Otago by the "Philip Laing," expressed the pleasure which Dr. Hocken's lecture had yielded him and other "old identities," and moved a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was carried by acclamation.