

Mr. Hamilton exhibited a very large kiwi-egg, sent to the Museum by Mr. Brill, of Tarawera; and also a number of carved perches and snares for native birds from the Taupo district.

3. "On the *Diatomaceæ*," by W. I. Spencer.

Dr. Spencer gave an interesting address on diatoms found in the vicinity of Napier; and in the course of his remarks proposed a new theory to account for the curious motions of some of the diatoms.

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FIFTH MEETING: 9th September, 1889.

Papers.—1. "On Sponges, their Life-history," by A. Hamilton.

2. "On some of the peculiar and little-known Arts of the Old New-Zealanders," by W. Colenso, F.R.S., F.L.S.

This paper was not completed, and will be finished by Mr. Colenso at a future meeting.

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SIXTH MEETING: 7th October, 1889.

Papers.—1. "The Artesian-well System of Hawke's Bay," by H. Hill, F.G.S. (*Transactions*, p. 429.)

2. "A Description of some Newly-discovered Indigenous Phænogamic Plants, being a Further Contribution towards the making-known the Botany of New Zealand," by W. Colenso, F.R.S., F.L.S. (*Transactions*, p. 459.)

3. "A Description of some Newly-discovered Indigenous Cryptogamic Plants," by W. Colenso, F.R.S., F.L.S. (*Transactions*, p. 452.)

Specimens of these plants were at the same time exhibited by the describer.

4. "Descriptive Geology of the District between Napier and Ruapehu Mountain *via* Kuripapanga and Erehwon," by H. Hill, B.A. (*Transactions*, p. 422.)

5. "On the Deposit of Moa-bones at Te Aute," by A. Hamilton. Part III.

6. "Contributions to the List of New Zealand Fishes, being a List of the Fishes recorded on the East Coast of New Zealand," by A. Hamilton.