

The President considered that what had been said, proved that this interesting point in the natural history of New Zealand was far from being satisfactorily settled, and hoped that no time would be lost in collecting authentic information on the subject from the natives, before it was too late.

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EIGHTH MEETING. 31st October, 1883.

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

It was announced that Dr. Buller had been chosen to vote in the election of Governors of the New Zealand Institute for the ensuing year.

1. "On the Anatomy of the Cuttle-fish, (*Septoteuthis bilineata*)," by H. B. Kirk, M.A.; with drawings and preparations in spirit. (*Transactions*, p. 145.)

2. "On some rare Species of New Zealand Birds," by Dr. Buller, F.R.S. (*Transactions*, p. 308.)

3. Dr. Buller also communicated some notes made by Mr. C. H. Robson on the Eastern Golden Plover, *Charadrius fulvus*. (*Transactions*, p. 308.)

Dr. Hector said that the fact that the Golden Plover was found breeding at sea-level was curious, as he had only met with it formerly at great altitudes on Black Peak, Otago, in 1862.

4. "On *Hieracidea novæ-zealandiæ* and *H. brunnea*," by W. W. Smith, communicated by Dr. Buller. (*Transactions*, p. 318.)

5. Dr. Hector exhibited a specimen containing silver, and associated with Tellerium, found at the Thames, which latter mineral is thus discovered for the first time in New Zealand. He had recognized it among some specimens shown to him by Mr. Pond of Auckland, and his identification had been confirmed by Mr. Skey's analysis of the mineral. The locality is reported to be near Karangahape Mine.

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NINTH MEETING. 14th November, 1883.

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

*New Member*.—James Lambert.

A nomination was made for the election of an honorary member of the New Zealand Institute.

1. "On the Occurrence of a Species of *Rhagodia* at Port Nicholson," by T. Kirk, F.L.S. (*Transactions*, p. 369.)

2. "Description of a new Pine, *Podocarpus acutifolius*," by T. Kirk, F.L.S. (*Transactions*, p. 370.)

3. "Notes on the *Parapara* and *Puka*," by T. Kirk, F.L.S. (*Transactions*, p. 367.)

4. "Notes on a Fragment of Samaritan Pentateuch," by T. W. Pennefather, LL.M. (communicated by the President.)