

FIFTH MEETING: 11th September, 1894.

Mr. Edward Melland, President, in the chair.

New Member.—Dr. W. M. Smith.

Dr. Hocken read a paper on the earliest literature relating to New Zealand, and also traced the voyages of the earliest-known explorers by the aid of maps and of copies of rare and curious charts. (*Transactions*, p. 616.)

SIXTH MEETING: 9th October, 1894.

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

The Rev. Dr. Belcher read a paper "On Recent Discoveries at Megalopolis, in Arcadia," illustrating his remarks by drawings and plans of the theatre and other buildings, and explaining the bearing of the recently-discovered facts upon our knowledge of the Greek theatre.

Professor Parker exhibited and made remarks upon the leg of a moa (*Megalapteryx*) recently found in a cave at the Old Man Range, at the head of the Waikaia River. The specimen, which is the property of Mr. A. Hamilton, is in a remarkably fine state of preservation, considerable portions of skin, muscle, tendons, and feathers being retained, the study of which has added several minor facts to our knowledge of the *Dinornithidæ*.

Professor Parker drew attention to skeletons of rhinoceros, moose, eland, and elephant lately added to the Museum, and to the polished transverse section of a large kauri-tree presented by the Public Works Department.

The Secretary read a paper by Mr. D. Petrie, entitled "Descriptions of New Native Plants." (*Transactions*, p. 405.)

SEVENTH MEETING: 13th November, 1894.

Mr. Edward Melland, President, in the chair.

Professor Parker exhibited and made remarks upon a collection of New Zealand fishes, mounted in alcohol in such a way as to display their form to great advantage. The majority of the specimens were collected by Mr. F. Sandager at Mokohinou, in 1889, and were by him presented to the Museum.

Mr. A. Hamilton read a paper on his recent visit to Macquarie Island on behalf of the Museum, giving an account of his observations on the topography, zoology, and botany of