

## 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.)

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## 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.)

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## 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

the island, and of the collections made by Mr. E. Jennings, taxidermist to the Museum, and himself. (*Transactions*, p. 559.) The paper was illustrated by numerous photographs taken by the author, a painting of a king-penguin rookery by Miss Hamilton, and several specimens.

Mr. G. M. Thomson read a paper "On some Crustacea from Macquarie Island." (*Transactions*, p. 210.)

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ANNUAL MEETING: 13th November, 1894.

Mr. Edward Melland, President, in the chair.

ABSTRACT OF ANNUAL REPORT.

During the session seven ordinary meetings and ten Council meetings have been held.

Eleven papers have been read: four on geological, one on botanical, and six on general subjects. Five new members have joined; and the Council has to regret the loss of Mr. D. Petrie, M.A., who has removed to Auckland, and of Mr. D. Wilkinson, A.R.S.M., who has left New Zealand.

The Council has nominated Mr. J. McKerrow to vote in the election of Governors of the New Zealand Institute, and Dr. Anton Dohrn, of the Zoological Station, Naples, as honorary member of the New Zealand Institute.

Satisfaction is expressed at the appointment of a curator (Mr. R. Henry) to the reserve for native birds at Resolution Island, and the regret of the Council is once more recorded that no steps have yet been taken towards the publication of a new Flora of New Zealand.

The balance-sheet showed the total receipts for the year to be £76 6s., which, together with the balance of £72 17s. 9d. brought forward from last year, made a sum of £150 3s. 9d. The expenditure for the year was £124 7s. 6d., leaving a credit balance of £25 16s. 3d.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1895.—*President*—Charles Chilton, D.Sc.; *Vice-presidents*—Edward Melland, Augustus Hamilton; *Hon. Secretary*—Professor T. Jeffery Parker, D.Sc., F.R.S.; *Hon. Treasurer*—Professor F. B. de M. Gibbons, M.A.; *other Members of Council*—T. M. Hocken, M.R.C.S., F.L.S., Professor John H. Scott, M.D., F.R.S.E., the Rev. Henry Belcher, M.A., LL.D., Frederick R. Chapman, C. W. Adams, C.E., J. S. Tennant, B.A., B.Sc., G. M. Thomson, F.L.S.; *Auditor*—Daniel Brent, M.A.