

THIRD MEETING: 9th April, 1894.

Mr. A. S. Atkinson, Vice-president, in the chair.

Exhibits.—Nest of rat found in a hedge, by Mr. A. S. Atkinson; some rare endemic plants, by Mr. R. I. Kingsley; *Poranthera microphylla*, and several specimens of *Veronica* of rare forms, &c.

FOURTH MEETING: 18th June, 1894.

Mr. A. S. Atkinson, Vice-president, in the chair.

Mr. A. S. Atkinson read an appendix to his notes on the Maori-Polynesian Dictionary.

Mr. Kingsley read an article by the Rev. Theodore Wood, F.L.S., "On the Apparent Cruelty of Nature."

Mr. E. Lukins exhibited fruit of coco-de-mer from Seychelles Islands.

FIFTH MEETING: 30th August, 1894.

The Bishop of Nelson, President, in the chair.

Dr. Hudson read an article "On the Bacilli of Tetanus."

Mr. Kingsley read a paper "On Tombs of a Prehistoric Race of Colombia, South America," exhibiting diagrams to illustrate the same. (*Transactions*, p. 606.)

Presentations.—From Mr. C. James, third engineer of s.s. "Hinemoa": Pair of large limpets from Kermadec Islands; pair of candleberry nuts from Rarotonga Island.

Mr. Huffam exhibited a live lizard and young ones (*Naultinus elegans*).

The following resolution was passed: "That the attention of the Board of Governors of the New Zealand Institute be directed to the importance, in the interests of science, of Mr. Atkinson's criticism of Mr. Tregear's Maori-Polynesian Dictionary, and that the Board be asked to publish it in the *Transactions* of the Institute."

SIXTH MEETING: 5th November, 1894.

Mr. A. S. Atkinson, Vice-president, in the chair.

Paper.—"On the Preparation and Preservation of Botani-