

4. "On the Result of Crossing with the Muscovy Duck and Andalusian Drake," by Coleman Phillips. (*Transactions*, p. 56.)

The author exhibited a specimen of the bird described.

The following additions to the Colonial Museum were exhibited at the meeting:—

1. Chrome-ore: newly discovered vein, 9 ft. wide, in Croixelles Harbour, Nelson.

2. *Stringops habroptilus* (the kakapo), of a pure canary-yellow colour.

In the Museum there is a specimen of the kaharike (*Platyercus*, sp.) with exactly the same colouration.

3. Feather-mat made by Maori women; presented by Mr. E. Best.

4. Ferret (*Mustella furo*); mounted by Mr. Yuill.

5. Two small kind of guinea-pigs; mounted by Mr. Yuill.

6. Drake, result of cross; presented by Mr. C. Phillips.

7. Tamil bell, formerly belonging to the late Rev. W. Colenso.

8. *Holothuria radis*.

9. *Squilla armata*; presented by Mr. Hebblerley.

10. Flax; presented by Mr. Potter.

11. Cassowary; presented by Dr. De Vis, of Queensland.

12. Homing pigeons.

13. Photograph of the tuatara; presented by Mr. F. J. Denton.

The President read a letter from Mrs. M. Thomas in which she presents, on behalf of the subscribers, the portrait of the late Mr. C. Hulke.

The picture was accepted with thanks, and placed in the Museum.

SECOND MEETING: 8th August, 1899.

Mr. E. Tregear, President, in the chair.

New Members.—Mr. E. W. Newman and Dr. J. Smith Purdy.

The President laid on the table a copy of Mr. G. V. Hudson's new work on "New Zealand Moths and Butterflies."

He congratulated Mr. Hudson on his having produced a valuable addition to the scientific literature of New Zealand.

Sir James Hector also considered the work most valuable.

Papers.—1. "On the Tohunga-Maori: a Sketch," by S. Percy Smith, F.R.G.S. (*Transactions*, p. 253.)