

FIFTH MEETING: 11th September, 1900.

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

Professor Benham exhibited a large specimen of a spider-crab (*Prionorhynchus edwardsii*), one out of a haul that had recently been obtained by the fish-trawler "Express," off the Otago Heads, in 23 fathoms of water.

Hitherto the species had only been recorded from the Auckland and Campbell Islands.

Dr. Hocken read a paper entitled "The Beginnings of Literature in New Zealand." (*Transactions*, p. 472.)

In this paper an account was given of the early efforts of the missionaries to reduce the Maori tongue to writing, and to translate and to print the Scriptures, hymns, and simple lesson-books. A number of rare specimens of these earliest publications in the Maori language was exhibited.

SIXTH MEETING: 9th October, 1900.

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

Mr. A. Hamilton laid on the table a "Hand-list of certain Papers relating more or less directly to the Maori Race, and published in various Publications." (*Transactions*, p. 515.)

Mr. C. O. Lillie presented an article "On the New Zealand *Ephemeridæ*," and exhibited drawings of the nymph of an undescribed species. (*Transactions*, p. 149.)

Mr. H. T. Matthews then read a report on the present condition of forestry in New Zealand, giving details as to the work carried on at the various stations.

The paper was published *in extenso* in the *Otago Daily Times*.

Dr. Truby King gave an interesting address "On the Undue Weight attached to the Training of certain Intellectual Faculties."

ANNUAL MEETING: 13th November, 1900.

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

Papers.—1. "List of the Scientific Papers and Addresses by the late Sir Julius von Haast," by Mr. A. Hamilton.

2. "On the New Zealand Lancelet," by Professor Benham. (*Transactions*, p. 120.)

3. "An Account of *Acanthodrilus uliginosus*, of Hutton," by Professor Benham. (*Transactions*, p. 122.)

4. "An Account of some Earthworms from the Neighbouring Islands," by Professor Benham. (*Transactions*, p. 129.)