

1. Mr. Colenso gave an oral address respecting some of the smaller indigenous vegetable products of the country, their uses and economic value, illustrated with specimens.

2. The following indigenous zoological specimens were exhibited:—*Podiceps cristatus*, now very rare in the North Island; jaws of a large shark (*Carcharias*, sp.); specimen of *Ommastrephes*, etc., etc.

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THIRD MEETING. 13th August, 1883.

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

New Members.—Miss L. Large, Mr. R. Dobson.

“Notes on Zoological Specimens,” exhibited by Mr. Hamilton.

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FOURTH MEETING. 10th September, 1883.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Waiapu, President, in the chair.

New Members.—J. F. Matthews, M.R.C.S., Dr. von Mirbach.

1. “On the Men of Science who preceded us in these Seas and Lands, with particular reference to their labours, adventures, and tragical ends” (illustrated with portraits of Sydney Parkinson, La Perouse, David Douglas, the two brothers Richard and Allan Cunningham, Dr. Darwin, Sir J. D. Hooker, and Wm. Swainson; and, also, with some striking views and scenes from La Perouse's Voyage, and Sir J. Ross's Antarctic Expedition); by W. Colenso, F.L.S.

2. Several exhibits (mostly artificial) of the Ancient Maoris, and also small living Cryptogams, chiefly *Hepaticæ* in fruit, were shown.

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FIFTH MEETING. 8th October, 1883.

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

1. The Hon. Secretary read, from a late June number of “Nature,” a lecture, lately delivered before the University at Cambridge, England, by Professor Huxley, on “Evolution.”

2. Newly received specimens, zoological, botanical, and geological, were exhibited.

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SIXTH MEETING. 12th November, 1883.

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

1. “Descriptions of several newly discovered indigenous Plants, consisting mostly of Cryptogams,” by W. Colenso, F.L.S. (*Transactions*, p. 327.)

Specimens of the plants referred to were exhibited.