10. On the Actinogonidiate Echinoderms collected by Mr. J. Stanley Gardiner at Funafuti and Rotuma. By F. Jeffrey Bell, M.A., F.Z.S.

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The Echinoderms, other than Holothurian forms, collected by Mr. Stanley Gardiner do not present so many points of interest as those to which Mr. Bedford's paper is devoted (see p. 834). I very much regret that the recent demands on my time prevented me from availing myself as fully of Mr. Gardiner's kindness as I at first hoped, but I am glad to have been able to introduce Mr. Bedford to original systematic work.

I. CRINOIDEA.

The only Crinoid obtained was an Actinometra from the outer part of the reef at Rotuma, which I have not been able to specifically determine.

II. ASTEROIDEA.

The only Asteroids collected were Culcita grex M. Tr.; Gymnasterias carinifera Lamk.; Ophidiaster cylindricus Lamk., which was taken both at Rotuma and Funafuti; and a number of most interesting and instructive examples of the 'comet-form' of Linckia (probably both L. multiforis and L. miliaris) from Rotuma, which will be of great service to workers at this extraordinary means of reproduction.

III. OPHIUROIDEA.

The species found were all common and well-known:-

- 1. Pectinura gorgonia M. Tr. Rotuma.
- 2. Ophiolepis cincta M. Tr. Rotuma.
- 3. Ophioplocus imbricatus M. Tr. Rotuma.
- 4. Ophiactis savignii M. Tr. Funafuti, outer reef.
- 5. Ophiocoma erinaceus M. Tr. Funafuti, outer reef.
- 6. , scolopendrina Ag. Funafuti, outer reef, and also Rotuma.
- 7. Ophiarthrum elegans Peters. Rotuma.
- 8. ,, pictum Lyman. Rotuma.

IV. ECHINOIDEA.

These also are common reef-species:—

- 1. Cidaris metularia Lamk. Rotuma.
- 2. Echinothrix diadema L. 1 Rotuma and Funafuti,
- 3. Tripneustes variegatus Leske. Rotuma.

See Lovén, Bih. Sv. Vet.-Akad. Hdlgr. xiii. 4, no 5, p. 137.

4. Echinometra lucunter Leske. Rotuma and Funafuti, lagoon, 15-25 fms.

5. Echinometra oblonga de Bl. Funafuti, lagoon, 15-25

6. Heterocentrotus mammillatus Leske. Funafuti.

- 7. Echinoneus cyclostomus Leske. Funafuti, lagoon, 18 fms., and Rotuma.
- 8. Laganum depressum Less. Funafuti, lagoon, 15-25 fms.
- 9. Maretia planulata Lamk. Funafuti, lagoon, 15-25 fms.

10. Brissus unicolor Leske. Rotuma, reef.

It will be seen that all the species are common and widely distributed, and that there is no occasion to dilate at any length on the subject.

11. On a new Antelope of the Genus Hippotragus. By OSCAR NEUMANN.1

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I propose to designate a new geographical form of the Roan Antelope (Hippotragus equinus) from East Africa by the name of :-

HIPPOTRAGUS RUFO-PALLIDUS, sp. nov.

General markings as in H. equinus, but the colour without any brownish or grevish tints, being of a pale reddish, lighter in some specimens and more red in others, but never of a dark red as in the West-African form.2

The legs of H. rufo-pallidus are of a dark reddish colour, the oldest specimen in my collection having black markings on the legs. The base of the tail is black, this colour extending to the hind part of the back. The ears are tufted, but the hairs are not so long as in H. bakeri.

Hab. German and British East Africa.

I believe that all the Roan Antelopes mentioned from German and British East Africa (Uganda Protectorate), also that which Mr. Hinde shot at Machako's (cf. de Winton, P.Z.S. 1898, p. 127), belong to this species. I am, however, of opinion that the Antelope is very rare in these countries, as I met with it only on one occasion during the two years of my travels in East Africa. was a herd, out of which I shot five specimens, unfortunately all females, on the 24th September, 1893, on the upper part of the River Bubu, about halfway between Irangi and Mount Gurui. When approached the herd did not make off at full speed but

1 Communicated by the Secretary.

² I am quite of the opinion of Herr Matschie that it is impossible to attribute the Antilope kob of Erxleben to a Hippotragus, as it must be either an Adenota or a Bubalis. The original French description of Buffon indicates a Bubalis, while the plate represents an old Adenota kob, and the plate of Antilope kob depicts a young specimen of the same animal.



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