THE RESULTS OF DEEP-SEA INVESTIGATIONS IN THE TASMAN SEA.

I.-THE EXPEDITION OF H.M.C.S. "MINER."1

5.—The Polyzoa.

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(Plates lxxv.-lxxviii.)

I.-INTRODUCTION.

Some time ago I received for examination from Professor W. A. Haswell a very interesting collection of Polyzoa which had been dredged in about eighty fathoms at about twenty-two miles east of Port Jackson, by H.M.C.S. "Miner." Most of the specimens were "dead" and somewhat worn, showing, I consider, that the place from which they were obtained was a resting-place for an accumulation of material carried from a considerable distance by ocean currents. Very few, if any, seem to have been living on the spot.

The collection consisted of some roughly-sorted specimens and a small portion of unsorted material. I was doubtful when I received them whether I could undertake the examination. I am sorry to say that I cannot at present complete the task, but I have been able to deal with the most striking forms.

The Bipora are by far the most interesting of them, of which there are six new species. A detailed description is given of these, and some other new species and one new genus, below.

The known species which I have been able to identify are as follow :----

Caberea grandis, Hincks.

Membranipora gemmata, Waters. ,, profunda, McGil. ,, bellula, Hincks. Cellaria australis, McGil.

Lunutites canaliculata, McGil.

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Selenaria punctata, Ten. Woods. maculata, Busk. •• concinna, Ten. Woods •• Caleschara denticulata, McGil. Micropora coriacea, Esper, sp. Cribrilina radiata, Moll., sp. Microporella ciliata, Linn., sp. Adeona mucronata, McGil. parvipuncta, McGil. Schizoporella flabellata, Maplestone. cecilii, Audouin, sp. Bipora angulopora, Ten. Woods. Smittia reticulata, McGil. Mucronella praestans, Hincks. Rhyncopora longirostris, McGil. Porina gracilis, Milne Ed., sp. Cellepora fossa, Haswell, sp. Lagenipora nitens, McGil. Lekythopora hystrix, McGil. Idmonea contorta, Busk. Hornera foliacea, McGil. Lichenopora holdsworthii, Busk, sp.

II.—DESCRIPTIONS OF NEW SPECIES.

BIPORA BIARMATA, sp. nov.

(Plate lxxv., figs. 1a, 1b.)

Zoarium conical, 2 mm. high, 1.5 mm. broad at the base; apex rounded. Zooecia immersed, in directly vertical series. Thyrostome elliptical, 0.1 to 0.15 mm. high; 0.07 to 0.1 mm. broad, elevated above the surface with a deep sinus in the lower lip. Peristome slightly raised. An avicularium on each side of the lower part of the thyrostome, bearing an acute mandible pointing horizontally outwards and having a cross-bar, with a central ligula, near the base. Base of zoarium flat, with uneven surface but with no indication of the position of the zooecia ; avicularia similar to those on the front of the zooecia scattered about.

BIPORA MULTIARMATA, sp. nov.

(Plate lxxv., figs. 2a, 2b.)

Zoarium conical, $2\cdot 2$ mm. high, $1\cdot 7$ mm. broad at the base. Zooecia immersed, in vertical, but slightly slanting series. Thyrostome 0.1 to 0.15 mm. high; 0.07 to 0.1 broad, raised,

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