

the third brachial, the next between the eighth and twelfth, and others at intervals of five to nine joints.

The first pair of pinnules are relatively small and of tolerably equal size, consisting of little over a dozen short joints. The second pair have longer joints, and those of the sixth and following brachials have the third and the two or three next joints considerably expanded so as to enclose the genital glands, which are protected by plates. The fourth joint is larger than the rest, but not markedly so.

Disk and arms distinctly but not extensively plated; the pinnule-ambulacra have fairly defined side plates with intervening sacculi, which are also abundant in the plating over the genital glands.

Colour in spirit,—white.

Disk about 4 mm.; spread probably 12 cm.

Locality.—Station 192, September 26, 1874; near the Ki Islands; lat. 5° 49' 15" S., long. 132° 14' 15" E.; 140 fathoms; blue mud. One specimen.

Remarks.—This species comes very near to *Antedon tuberosa* (Pl. XXIII. fig. 2), but is quite free from the numerous blunt spines which are so characteristic of that species, its calyx and arms being almost completely smooth. Furthermore, the first pinnules are relatively shorter and much less flagellate than in *Antedon tuberosa*, consisting of a smaller number of joints and having an altogether stiffer appearance.

17. *Antedon flexilis*, n. sp. (Pl. XLII.).

Specific formula— $A.(2).\frac{b}{ab}$.

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Remarks.—This species will be described in the bidistichate group;¹ but its ten-armed variety finds a place here. It resembles *Antedon tuberosa* in the uniform expansion of the lower joints in the genital pinnules; but it differs altogether from that species in the appearance of the first radials externally and in the absence of spines on the arm-bases, while the cirri are stouter and have a larger number of joints than in either that type or *Antedon parvipinna*.

18. *Antedon aculeata*, n. sp. (Pl. XXIII. fig. 3).

Specific formula— $A.\frac{b}{a}$.

Description of an Individual.—Centro-dorsal subconical, bearing about fifteen cirri in five irregular rows which are radial in position. The cirri have about eighteen joints,

¹ See p. 217.