STATION 254.

25.4 milligrammes per litre. At 1 P.M. commenced heaving in trawl, but at 3 P.M. the trawl-rope carried away, the trawl with three tow-nets and a few thousand fathoms of rope being lost. A manganese nodule was procured in the water-bottle. At 3.20 P.M. made sail. Albatrosses still followed the ship.

Honolulu distant at noon, 852 miles. Made good 150 miles. Amount of current 3\frac{1}{4} miles, direction S. 28° W.

ORGANISMS FROM SURFACE-NETS.

Surface Organisms.—The following species are recorded from the surface at this Station:—

RADIOLARIA (Haeckel, Zool. pt. 40).

Cenosphæra cristata, Haeckel.
Octodendron spirale, Haeckel.
Heliodrymus setosus, Haeckel.
Acanthonia quadrifolia, Haeckel.
Xiphacantha mucroptera, Haeckel.
Tessaraspis hexagonalis, Haeckel.
Phatnaspis cristata, Haeckel.
Plagiacantha furcata, Haeckel.
Sethoconus trochus, Haeckel.
Theocampe cryptoprora, Haeckel.
Castanella wyvillei, Haeckel.
Calodendrum bifurcum, Haeckel.

Siphonophoræ (Haeckel, Zool. pt. 77).

Porpita fungia, n.sp.

Pteropoda (Pelseneer, Zool. pts. 58 and 65).

Pneumonoderma pacificum, Dall.

" souleyeti, n.sp.

Clionopsis modesta, n.sp.

Clio (Hyalocylix) striata (Rang).

" (Styliola) subula (Quoy and Gaimard).

" pyramidata, Linné.

" cuspidata (Bosc).

Cuvierina columnella (Rang).

Cavolinia tridentata (Forskål).

Cymbulia sp. (?).

In addition, the following are recorded in the note-books:—Pyrocystis (two forms), Peridinium (in catena), Ethmodiscus, Rhizosolenia, and Diatoms attached to Copepods, Coccospheres and Rhabdospheres abundant on the surface, Globigerina, Orbulina, Hastigerina, Pulvinulina menardii and Pulvinulina micheliniana, Tintinnus and other Infusoria, Medusæ, Velella, Sagitta, Alciopa, Tomopteris, Distomum, Cypridina, Copilia and other Copepods, Zoëæ of Lepas fascicularis, Hyperids, Euphausia with Zoëæ and larvæ, Atlanta, Oxygyrus, Tiedemannia [= Gleba], Appendicularia, Fritillaria, Doliolum. A haul from over 100 fathoms brought up a few Challengeridæ and other Radiolaria. There were again a good many small pieces of pumice covered with mould or Algæ, and some seeds which did not seem to have come from the ship. Several specimens of Pyrocystis noctiluca were observed to be in process of division, two distinct individuals being surrounded by a common chitinous membrane. Some of the specimens of Orbulina had very thin shells, and the Globigerinæ inside, attached to the inner surfaces of the Orbulinæ by long spines could be seen with great distinctness.