STATION 287.

Schizopoda (Sars, Zool. pt. 37).

Siriella thompsoni (M.-Edwards).

Tunicata (Herdman, Zool. pt. 76).

Doliolum affine, n.sp.

Salpa costata-tilesii, Quoy and Gaimard—Cuvier.

Fishes (Günther, Zool. pt. 78). Scopelus coccoi (Cocco).

In addition, the following are recorded in the note-books:—An immense number of Coccospheres of all varieties, a few Rhabdospheres, *Alciopa* and other Annelids, Hyperids, *Atlanta*, Pteropods, and *Appendicularia*. Tow-nets were sent down to 200 fathoms, but the line parted when hauling in.

STATION 288. Station 288 (Sounding 433), Tahiti to Valparaiso (see Chart 38, and Diagrams 19 and 20).

October 21, 1875; lat. 40° 3′ S., long. 132° 58′ W. Temperature of air at noon, 55° 0; mean for the day, 53° 0. Temperature of water:—

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ırface,	Surface, .				54.5	400 f	athoms,			S#31	41.9
25 fathoms, .	25 fathoms,				54.2	500	"				41.0
50 ".	50				51.1	600	"	•			40.0
75 ".	75		•		50.6	700	,,		•		39.0
00 " .	00 ,		( ■ )		49.8	800	,,	•	*		38.2
25 " .	35			1	48.3	900	"				37.5
50 ".			•		47.1	1000	,,	: :			36.9
75 ".	75				46.1	1100	"				36.5
00 ".					45.2	1200	"				36.1
25 ".	25		•	•	44.7	1300	,,			•	35.9
			•		44.2	1400	"	14		•	35.7
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Density at 60° F. at surface, 1.02561; 2125 fathoms, 1.02573; bottom, 1.02564. Depth, 2600 fathoms; deposit, Red Clay, containing only a trace of carbonate of lime (see Murray and Renard, Deep-Sea Deposits Chall. Exp.).

At 5 a.m. shortened and furled sails, and proceeded under steam to sound. At 6 a.m. sounded in 2600 fathoms. In this instance the sounding-tube had buried itself about eighteen inches into the deposit, and the section brought up was of a uniform red colour throughout, there being no evidence of different layers varying in composition, as indicated in some of the last few soundings. Obtained serial temperatures down to