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November 20th 1879. — Mr. J. Christy exhibited two skulls of Australian natives send by Dr. Bancroft to show an occipital thickening supposed to be induced by the blows of Knobkerries? Mr. Alfred Haddon read a paper »On the Extinct Land Tortoises of Mauritius and Rodriguez«; his Communication being founded on an extensive series of remains obtained by Mr. Edw. Newton and deposited in the Cambridge Univ. Museum.

The author states that an examination of these bones corroborates the two Mauritian species *Testudo triserrata* and *T. inepta* described by Dr. A. Günther, but it adds no fresh example to that apparently unsatisfactory species *T. leptocnemis*. Moreover though possessing a large series of remains from the Island of Rodriguez Mr. Haddon like Dr. Günther cannot distinguish more than one species the *T. Vosmaeri*. As examples of the inherent tendency to Variation in these animals attention is drawn to the ankylosis of the coracoid with the rest of the shouldergirdle in one specimen of *T. inepta* (a circumstance which is unique) also to peculiarities in the coracoid of *T. triserrata*. The free coracoid of *T. inepta* is now for the first time recorded. The coracoid of *T. Vosmaeri* is shown to be exceedingly irregular in its ankylosis with the rest of the shouldergirdle. — There followed a paper by Mr. Edw. J. Miers entitled »On a small Collection of Crustacea made by Edw. Whymper, chiefly in the N. Greenland Seas; with an appendix on additional species collected by the late British arctic Expeditions«. Great novelties in Crustacea could not be expected from this region of late equally explored by Scandinavian and English naturalists, but the material nevertheless gives an earnest of richness of fauna. The dredging was chiefly confined to the neighbourhood of Hare Island north of Disco, in about 30 fathoms of water and here animal life abounded. Some 29 species are mentioned and notes thereon given. Of *Crangon* (*Cheraphilus*) *boreas* the author says that Mr. Kingsby holds that the genus *Cheraphilus* as defined by Kinahan cannot be maintained. Mr. Miers retains it as a sectional division of *Crangon* and as applied to those species of large size with median and lateral series of spines on the cephalothorax and with postabdominal segments all keeled; thus in contradistinction to the smaller, less robust species (e. g. *C. vulgaris*, *franciscorum*) in which the parts in question are smooth. A probable new species of *Idotea* is described, the Cetacean parasites *Cyamus nodosus* and *C. monodontis* from the Narwhal referred to, and corrections made respecting *Brachinecta arctica*.

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