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INTRODUCTION

THIS monograph is the outcome of several years' study of this predominantly subantarctic genus. The work was undertaken in the first place with a view to obtaining accurate determinations of the specimens in the British Museum Herbarium, and the recognition of the fact that this would necessarily involve the revision of all accessible material led to its expansion to a monographic study of all the known species. As in many other genera of this neglected group of plants, the taxonomy was confused and uncertain, and reference to the original type specimens was necessary. Existing collections being relatively scanty (with the exception of *P. gelida*), I have in many cases been unable to test the uniformity and validity of the distinguishing characters of many species, and have therefore made a point of giving in every case a detailed description of the type specimen. The purpose of this is twofold: firstly, although many of the minuter characters described have little or no bearing on the classification here proposed, it is realised that subsequent generations of workers with more refined methods and a greater amount of material for comparison may find some of them of considerable taxonomic importance; and secondly, there are reasons for believing that several entities here classed as of subspecific rank may eventually be regarded as good proper species, and a full description of the types in this work will obviate the necessity of re-examining and further demolishing the already often sadly exiguous type

material. The type specimens always provide the nucleus of reference around which the circle of taxonomic distinction, whether narrow or wide according to individual views, is drawn.

GENERAL ACCOUNT

History of the genus. --- The name Placopsis was first proposed by Nylander in Ann. Sci. nat., Bot., sér. 4, XV. 376 (1861) with reference to the two species P. gelida and P. rhodocarpa (= P. parellina var. rhodocarpa), in the following words: "et thallus et apothecia typum peculiarem a Squamariis recedentem exhibent. Cephalodia thallina, paraphyses graciles, thecae cylindricae pariete apice vix vel non incrassato, gelatina hymenea iodo dilute (nec apice thecarum intensius) coeruleascens typum hunc designant satisque determinant, forsan melius sicut sectionem peculiarem generis Lecanorae considerandum." Nylander was uncertain whether to regard Placopsis as of generic or of subgeneric rank, for in his next reference to it, in J. linn. Soc. (Bot.) IX. 251, footnote (1865), he classes it as Lecanora subgen. Placopsis, and in this has been followed by Hue (in Nouv. Arch. Mus. Hist. nat., Paris, sér. 3, III. 58; 1891), Crombie (Mon. Lich. Brit. I. 355; 1894), and Harmand (in Bull. Soc. Sci. Nancy, sér. 2, XV. fasc. xxxii. 200; 1898). Müller Argoviensis regarded it as a section of Placodium (in Bot. Jb. V. 135; 1884), and Zahlbruckner as a section of Lecanora (apud Engler & Prantl, Nat. Pflanzenfam. I. Teil, Abt. 1*, 202; 1907). The latter (loc. cit.) describes its characters as follows: "Lager am Rande gelappt, im Zentrum krustig, mit groszen, in das Lager versenkten Zephalodien,

welche blaugrüne Gonidien enthalten; Apothecien sitzend, Schläuche linearisch, Sporen einreihig angeordnet, Pyknokonidien fädlich, mäßig gekrümmt oder fast gerade." Vainio regarded Placopsis as a proper genus, and in Ann. Acad. Sci. fenn. ser. A, XIX. no. 15, 36 (1923) described it in these words: "Thallus crustaceus, arcte adnatus, areolis effiguratis, parathallis (cephalodiis) tuberculaeformibus, gonidia cyanophyceae continentibus. Apothecia lecanorina aut zeorina. Paraphyses apice ramosae aut ramoso-connexae, ceterum laxae cohaerentes. Asci cylindrici. Sporae 8-nae, monostichae, mediocres, simplices. Gonidia dactylococcoidea aut pleurococcoidea." More recent authors who have accorded generic rank to Placopsis are Bouly de Lesdain (in Ann. Cryptog. exot. IV. 100; 1931) and Räsänen (in Ann. bot. Vanamo, II. 25; 1932).

My delimitation of the genus differs from that of previous authors in the inclusion in it, as a special section, of Aspiciliopsis (Müll. Arg.) (Syn. Placodium sect. Aspiciliopsis Müll. Arg. in Bot. Jb. V. 135; 1884; Lecanora sect. Aspiciliopsis Zahlbr. apud Engler & Prantl, Nat. Pflanzenfam. I. Teil, Abt. 1*, 203; 1907; Aspiciliopsis B. de Lesd. in Ann. Cryptog. exot. IV. 101; 1931), which is characterised by the immersed apothecia, and is analogous to the section Aspicilia of Lecanora; it is represented by a single species, P. macrophthalma (Tayl.) Nyl.

Affinity. -- Placopsis is very closely related to Lecanora, and, as mentioned above, is sometimes regarded as a subgenus or section of the latter. Different authors have held somewhat divergent views of the characters upon which the segregation is based, but those quoted above all agree on two points, namely the presence

of cephalodia and the cylindrical asci. Examination of much material has shown that of these only the former criterion is of value for purposes of classification, for certain species of Placopsis (notably P. illita and P. subparellina) possess clavato-cylindric asci with the spores partly biserially arranged. In view of the evidence on the nature of cephalodia reviewed in the following pages (pp. 12 - 14), there seems to be sufficient justification for the treatment of Placopsis as a proper genus on account of the constant presence of these bodies. Its nearest allies are the species of Lecanora possessing an effigurate thallus (sect. Placodium, sometimes known as Squamaria or Parmularia). There is however every indication that evolutionary divergence was accomplished from the latter at a very remote period, and no link of "bridging" affinities can now be traced.

It is almost certain that we have here a monophyletic genus derived from the phylogenetic efflorescence of probably a single original species, and this hypothesis is supported by certain features such as the anatomical structure and the almost constant positive CaCl_2O_2 reaction. The distribution of the species is interesting (see p. 38), and appears to indicate that the genus originated in the southern hemisphere.

Principles of classification. -- Of recent years taxonomic workers have for the most part realised the importance of anatomical structure in the classification of lichens, and Magnusson, in his monograph of the crustaceous genus Acarospora (1929), has made full use of such characters as cell-size, relative depth of the various layers of the thallus, etc. Similar close attention was paid to anatomical detail in the present study. It was found, however, that considerable uniformity of structure

prevailed as regards the thallus and thalline investment of the apothecia, and apart from the shape and size of the spores the most useful microscopic criteria were afforded by the degree of development of the lower excipular stratum and the height of the thecium. In one species (P. baculigera) the peculiar form of the pycnospores is the most salient distinguishing character. It is possible that future study of the genus will reveal the importance and constancy of certain other anatomical features, and it is hoped that the descriptions of type specimens given here may then furnish the necessary data for comparative research.

As regards the external characters, experience has shown that the difference between the immersed apothecia of P. macrophthalma and the sessile fruit bodies met with in all other species of the genus is sufficiently important to justify the inclusion of the former type in a distinct section, Aspiciliopsis (Müll. Arg.) M. Lamb. Other characters found serviceable in the delimitation of species are (taken approximately in order of importance): the chemical constitution as elucidated by Asahina's "Diaminprobe" (p. 26), the presence or absence of isidia (p. 10), the morphology of the thallus -- whether squamulose, continuous, rimose, or areolate, plane or verruculose, effigurate or indeterminate (p. 9), the colour of the thallus (p. 10), and the morphology of the apothecia -- whether widened at the base or constricted-discoid (p. 17). The presence or absence of soredia, an important character in other groups, was found to be of relatively little taxonomic significance in Placopsis, because in the few species possessing them their occurrence tends to be somewhat inconstant. The cephalodia afford no basis for classification within the genus (see p. 13).

Time and further accumulation of material must show to what extent the classification here tentatively proposed holds good.

Mention should be made in this section of the view, which has gained ground in recent years, that lichens should not be regarded as belonging to a separate class, but should be interpolated in the taxonomic framework of the fungi. This view is based on three considerations: (a) the presence of symbionts is not regarded in other organisms (corals, etc.) as of any great systematic importance; (b) there is no hard and fast dividing line between lichens and fungi, because in certain genera (Biatorella for instance) the symbiosis appears in some cases to be of a facultative nature, thus giving rise to the artificial separation of closely related species (or even perhaps of different individuals of the same species) and their inclusion in different classes; and (c) a taxonomic epithet must be based upon a single organism, a unit, and cannot be applied to a combination of two or more distinct groups.

These three statements appear to be valid and imply therefore the necessity of a revision of the commonly held view that a lichen, although compounded of fungus and alga, is in some way a single organism and may be classified as such. This is clearly not so, as has been adequately pointed out by Sernander (1908) and Nannenga (1939), and hence it seems that, even if lichens are to retain their status as a separate class (and it seems relatively unimportant whether they do so or are regarded as "lichen-fungi" -- they are in most cases so distinct that it is a matter of change of name only), considerable modifications will have to be made in that part of their classification which is based on the nature of the algal symbionts. Attention has been drawn to the necessity of

this by Feldmann (1937).

Nicol (1940) considers the lichen species as "a sort of living monogram", "as if one were to add F to A and call the result L". This does express in a neat way the conception commonly held at the present time of the nature of species in lichens, but this conception is incompatible with the unquestionably valid arguments reproduced above, and hence will have to be abandoned.

In view of these considerations, it is pointed out that in this monograph the taxonomic epithets are regarded as applying to the fungal component only.

Thallus. -- All species of Placopsis possess a well-developed crustaceous thallus; no athalline species are known. The thallus is usually more or less distinctly lobed-effigurate at the circumference, with discrete or conerescent lobes, but in one species at least (P. effusa) it is indeterminate, and in two other cases (P. albida and P. parellina var. microphylla) is composed entirely of small, rounded or crenulate squamules. The central part of the thallus may be continuous (P. rhodophthalma), irregularly rimose (P. parellina), areolate (P. gelida and others), crowded-papillate (P. perrugosa), contortuplicate-verrucose (P. contortuplicata), or irregularly glebose-verrucose (P. terricola).

Attention should be paid to the distinction between the rimose and the areolate types of thallus, for the separation of the P. parellina-group from P. gelida and allied species depends largely on this character. Theoretically the difference between the two types is one of degree only, depending upon whether or not the cracks in the thallus anastomose at their ends to delimit more or less regular areolae. Cracking and areolation of lichen thalli is almost certainly brought about by purely mecha-

-nical agencies; it is of interest in this connection to study Plate I, figs. 1 & 2 of Wulff's work "Botanische Beobachtungen aus Spitzbergen" (1902) in order to appreciate how closely the polygonal cracking of soil may simulate the areolation of lichen thalli. Nevertheless there appears to exist in Placopsis a definite boundary between the two types, and not much difficulty should be experienced in distinguishing one from the other; in rimose thalli the cracks, even if they show a limited tendency to anastomose, usually have sharp edges, whereas the cracks dividing the areolae of the second type are to a greater or less degree rounded off at the edges (expressed in Latin by the word "limatus", i. e., filed down).

The colour of the thallus is usually dirty whitish, cream-coloured ("flori lactis concolor"), or pale buff; in specimens preserved for many years in herbaria a slight darkening, a brownish tinge, frequently manifests itself. Two species are noted for their oxydated thalli (P. baculifera and P. bicolor), the colour, which varies from orange-yellow to deep ferruginous red, being due to the deposition of iron oxide in amorphous granules between the cells of the upper cortex. The surface of the thallus is nearly always matt, and may in some species be covered with a fine whitish pruina. All species have a white medulla.

Isidia occur on the thallus of the following species: P. cribellans, P. isidiophora, P. papillosa, and the f. subcribellans of P. parellina var. carnea. In the first of these they are peculiar in being very easily detachable, and leave after falling off small pit-like depressions which are characteristic of the species.

Soredia are found in two species, P. gelida and P. parellina var. rhodocarpa; as a rule they are circum-

-scribed (\pm orbicular or radially elongated), but in the f. argillacea of the latter they become confluent and cover the greater part of the surface of the thallus.

A vertical section through the thallus (Fig. 1) shows that it is bounded by an upper, paraplectenchymatic cortex of variable depth. The only exception to this rule is P. macrophthalma, in which the uppermost layer is formed by a palisade-like tissue of vertically parallel, conglutinated hyphae. The cortex itself is not infrequently covered by a hyaline, almost structureless stratum derived from the disintegration of the outer cell-layers. The cortical cells are more or less isodiametric, irregularly angulose or somewhat rounded, with thin walls usually between 0.7 and 1.0μ in thickness. Directly below the cortex, and separating it from the medulla, occurs the zone of symbiotic algae (gonidia); these photosynthetic symbionts lie in a fairly even stratum of variable depth usually interrupted at intervals by bands of parallel, adnate, medullary hyphae running upwards to join the cortex. The medulla is commonly compact, with few and small air cavities, but tends to be looser in the species of the P. perrugosa-group. It is formed of interwoven, branched, septate hyphae from 2 to 4μ thick, with usually thin walls (about 0.7μ), and running either irregularly in various directions, or with a tendency to lie in a predominantly horizontal or vertical plane. In certain rare instances, as in P. parellina var. rhodocarpa, parts of the medulla may be paraplectenchymatic in structure, like the cortex. Often the lower parts of the medulla, by which the thallus is anchored to the substratum, are brownish in colour by degeneration, but as a rule no proper hypothalline tissue is formed. P. albida and P. illita are exceptional in

this respect; they both possess a well developed hypothallus formed of densely compacted hyphae with darkened walls. Both cortex and medulla are commonly interspersed (nubilated) with minute, dull yellowish granules adhering to the cells, and are then somewhat opaque in section, as shown in Fig. 1.

Cephalodia. -- These are a conspicuous feature of all species of Placopsis. Out of hundreds of specimens examined, only two were destitute of cephalodia, and as these two plants (P. gelida) were obviously morbose individuals, such rare instances may well be considered as pathological abnormalities.

There has been some difference of opinion regarding the nature of cephalodia. Th. Fries (1866) and recently Kaule (1931, 1934) regarded cephalodia as abnormal gall-like structures produced by the presence of a foreign alga. On the other hand, a considerable body of evidence has accumulated to show that they are more likely to be definite organs of the thallus fulfilling a metabolic function. Forssell (1884) considered this to be the case, and Cengia Sambo (1924, 1931) has shown that the Cyanophyceous algae of cephalodia are constantly associated with nitrogen-fixing bacteria (Azotobacter); she considers the cephalodia to be organs of the lichen thallus comparable to the root nodules of the Leguminosae. Goebel (1926) arrived independently at the same conclusion. Whether or not this be so, it seems certain that the presence of cephalodia is a genetically conditioned feature suitable for use at least as a generic character; Kaule (1931, p. 41) writes: "Wie jede Gallenbildung, setzt eben auch jedes Cephalodium eine Empfänglichkeit der befallenen Pflanze für den vom Gallenerreger ausgehenden Reiz voraus", and adds in a

footnote: "Wie die Hyphen auf diesen Reiz antworten, das ist natürlich eine Eigenschaft des Pilzes."

Johnson (1938), as a result of his statistical study of the various types of cephalodia occurring in the genus Stereocaulon, came to the conclusion that the form of these bodies is correlated with the morphology of the other parts of the lichen, and is hence important in the classification of the species. My investigation of hundreds of specimens of Placopsis has shown that in this genus there is no such correlation; it would have been fortunate had this been the case, but it was not so, at any rate in P. gelida, the only species of which sufficient material was studied to make possible a definite decision on this point. It is true that I have never come across different types of cephalodia occurring on the same thallus, but this can be explained by the fact that all the cephalodia on a fully grown specimen are derived from the single cephalodial fundament originally surrounded by the primary thallus (see Sernander's account, 1908). The fact, however, that individuals, obviously of the same species, and occurring in close proximity to each other -- I refer particularly to some Novaya Zemlya specimens of P. gelida collected by the Norwegian Expedition of 1921 -- may differ only in the form of the cephalodia which they bear, makes one doubt whether specific significance can be attributed to the morphology of the latter. A classification of species based on cephalodia would be completely unnatural, as we can see from the fact that P. cribellans, a most distinct species differing from all others in several conspicuous features, produces at least two distinct types of cephalodia. It seems more likely that the form of the cephalodia is conditioned by the nature of the Cyanophy-

-ceous algae accidentally met with and taken up as symbionts; in the case of the specimens of P. gelida from Novaya Zemlya mentioned above, one type of cephalodium was found to contain Nostocoid, the other Scytonemoid, algae.

The origin of the cephalodia in P. gelida was investigated by Sernander (1908), working with Swedish material. He found that two types of initial thalli are developed, one with bright green, the other with blue-green, symbiotic algae. These start as independent thalli, but as soon as they come into contact, the thallus with Pleurococcooid symbionts, growing faster, surrounds and encloses the other, which is raised up into a central position on the developing thallus, and establishes communication with the latter by means of rhizoidal hyphae. Sernander attributes the origin of the small primary thalli to soredia, and that of the cephalodial fundamentals to soredial hyphae commencing their growth among Cyanophyceous algae.

From the morphological viewpoint, the cephalodia met with in Placopsis-species fall into seven types, between which, however, transitions sometimes occur. The first type (Fig. 2, a) is the commonest, and is found in many species; the cephalodia are sessile, closely adpressed to the thallus, flattened and more or less orbicular. There is marked effiguration due to the development of radiating folds and cracks. In some species, notably P. stenophylla, the cephalodia are similar, but without cracks (Fig. 2, c). The third type (Fig. 2, d) found in P. parellina and P. rhodophthalma, differs from the foregoing in the irregular nature of the superficial plication; such cephalodia are usually less flattened than the other radially effigurate types. Fig. 2, b

represents what is perhaps the simplest form, in which the cephalodia occur as simple, rounded tubercles; such are characteristic of P. contortuplicata, in some specimens at least. Fig. 2, e & f represent two hardly separable types in which the cephalodia are convex to subglobose, usually somewhat constricted at the point of attachment, and with a more or less distinctly verruculose surface; the former is occasionally found in P. gelida, and the latter minutely papillate type is known only in P. Amabilis, a somewhat problematical species from Mexico. Lastly, there is the completely immersed cephalodium of P. macrophthalma (Fig. 2, g); it is level with the thallus, and similar to the latter in its irregular cracking, and by superficial observation can be distinguished from the surrounding thalline tissue only by its somewhat deeper colour.

The anatomy of Placopsis-cephalodia is comparatively uniform, and Fig. 3, which represents a vertical section through a cephalodium of P. gelida, may be taken as an illustrative type. An outermost, hyaline, necrotic layer of variable thickness is often present; it is derived from the disintegration of the outer cortical cells, the faint outlines of which are usually visible. Below this is the paraplectenchymatic cortical tissue, commonly faintly yellow-brown or nubilated, and composed of more or less isodiametric, irregularly angular cells with thin or moderately thickened walls. The inner medullary tissue is hyaline, without air spaces, and formed of upward-striving, fairly thin-walled hyphae which are coalescent into a prosoplectenchymatic tissue; particularly towards the base of the cephalodium a tendency to form a paraplectenchymatic tissue of isodiametric cells is evident. The symbiotic Cyanophyceous algae lie in an ill-defined layer

of variable depth in the medullary tissue, and often fill the latter entirely; when they are Scytonemoid or Stigonemoid (as in the figure), they form separate nests (trichomes) separated by hyphal bands, but in the case of Nostocoid symbionts they are evenly dispersed and entangled in the medullary tissue.

Paracephalodia. -- The new term "paracephalodium" is here proposed as a designation for certain peculiar outgrowths occurring on the thallus of two specimens of P. pycnotheca and P. parellina var. rhodocarpa. These outgrowths have the colour and general appearance of cephalodia, but when sectioned prove to contain only Pleurococcoid symbiotic algae derived from the gonidial layer of the thallus. They are thus comparable to isidia, but are distinct from the latter in being differently coloured from the rest of the thallus, and may be defined as follows: "paracephalodia: thalline outgrowths similar to cephalodia in form and colour, but containing the same bright green algal symbionts as the thallus". For a full description and figure of these bodies in P. pycnotheca, see p. 88 and Fig. 6 on p. ; a note on their occurrence in an Antarctic specimen of P. parellina var. rhodocarpa is given on p. 114. They do not appear to possess any taxonomic significance.

Apothecia. -- Apothecia are usually present in specimens of most species of Placopsis, but are rarely developed in the common northern hemisphere species P. gelida. The reason for this is obscure. Except in the case of species presenting well marked types either as regards thalline morphology or geographical distribution -- P. gelida for instance -- a study of the apothecial structure and spores is necessary for certain determination.

As mentioned on p. 7, the apothecia in this genus are of two main types: the immersed or aspicilioid, met with in sect. Aspiciliopsis, and the sessile, lecanorine type found in all other species (sect. Euplacopsis). In P. (Aspiciliopsis) macrophthalma the apothecia are level with the thallus, and the non-prominent thalline margin is not clearly delimited from the latter except by random circumscission. All the other species, grouped together in sect. Euplacopsis, have elevated, sessile, discoid apothecia. The size of such apothecia is fairly constant for each species, ranging from 0.6 - 0.8 mm. diam. in P. Lesdainii and P. Asahinae up to 3.5 mm. in P. contortuplicata. In the majority of species the apothecia are distinctly constricted below, but P. ampliata, from New Zealand, is characterised by the conical thalline margin sloping down gradually into the thallus. The apothecia always originate within the thallus itself, forming at first closed perithecia-like warts with an apical pore; soon, by expansion of the thecium and flattening, the discoid form of the mature fruit body is produced.

Seen from above under a hand lens, the lecanorine apothecia of species of the section Euplacopsis show two, or sometimes three, distinct parts, namely, thalline margin and disc, the third being the often absent proper margin or lateral excipulum. The outermost thalline margin is a continuation of the thallus, and resembles the latter in colour and structure; it is usually rounded and entire, rarely rugose or subcrenulate (in P. baculigera and P. rugosa), and is either persistently prominent or finally depressed and attenuated. In the extreme case of P. contortuplicata, the thalline margin may be excluded altogether, the apothecia then acquiring a lecideoid or biatoroid appearance. The disc is the

upper surface of the thecium, and is more or less plane and at first overhung by the thalline margin; it may be either smooth or minutely scabrid owing to inequalities in the epithecium, and rarely sparingly cracked (probably by mechanical contraction). The apothecial discs of most species are somewhat variable in colour, but this character, to which older workers attached considerable taxonomic importance (as is seen from the epithets "rhodocarpa", "rhodomma", and "rhodophthalma"), is of very limited value as a systematic criterion. This is due to the facts that age and degeneration often bring about a progressive darkening of the disc, and that the bright red colour, which is such a conspicuous feature of certain species in a comparatively fresh state, is derived from the presence of rose-pink oil guttules in the plasm of asci and spores, and suffers a change to a more dingy hue after a number of years in the herbarium. Certain species, however, such as P. Asshinae, P. baculigera, and P. papillosa, appear to have from the first dark brown or blackish apothecial discs. P. baculigera is peculiar, among other respects, in having a distinctly shining or nitidous disc; in all other known species the surface is matt. Not uncommonly a more or less plentiful whitish or ochraceous pruina may be present, tending to mask the genuine colour of the epithecium. The proper margin is the lateral rim-like termination of the excipulum, and is often visible in older apothecia as a thin, rounded, entire ring between the thalline margin and the disc; it is always more or less concolorous with the latter, and may occasionally be slightly shining or, more rarely, pruinose.

Fig. 4 shows the appearance of part of a thin vertical section through an apothecium of P. gelida (Icelandic material). The cup-like structure is bounded at the

sides by a corticated, thalline margin possessing in all essential respects the same structure as the rest of the thallus, i. e., with a paraplectenchymatic cortex, a sub-cortical, rather interrupted zone of symbiotic algae, and nubilated, often reduced and densely compacted, medullary tissue. Within and adnate to this outer receptacle is the inner cup or excipulum, the structure of which appears to afford an important taxonomic criterion in this genus. Two types of excipulum may be distinguished: (a) the entire type, in which a continuous, paraplectenchymatic base is developed below the hypothecium, and (b) the di-midiate type, which is formed only at the sides, and is absent below. The first of these two types is by far the commonest in Placopsis, and the section shown in Fig. 4 belongs to this category. The basal stratum, when present, is conspicuous in vertical section on account of its paraplectenchymatic structure and almost constant nubilation by minute dull yellowish granules; it is sharply differentiated from the hyaline hypothecium which it subtends. Its depth is variable, but probably fairly constant within each species, the most massive development being found in P. pycnotheca, in which it reaches a depth of 300μ . The cells of which the lower excipulum is composed are more or less isodiametric, irregularly angular or rounded in outline, usually from 5 to 7μ in diameter, and with thin or medium walls (up to 1μ). At the sides the paraplectenchyma goes over gradually or abruptly into a usually hyaline tissue of indistinctly prosoplectenchymatic structure; this part consists of parallel, concentric, thin-walled hyphae about $1.5 - 3.0\mu$ diam. running outwards and upwards in such a way as to form a wall of variable thickness separating the margins of hypothecium and thecium from the outer thalline covering. At the emergence of this lateral wall on the surface of the apo-

-thecium a protruding rim is often formed in older apothecia; this is the inner or proper margin mentioned above.

Inside the inner cup formed by the excipulum lie the remaining two layers of the fruit body: the hypothecium below, and the thecium, or hymenium, above.

The hypothecium is bowl-shaped or obconical in section, and consists of a mass of very compact tissue formed by adnate and intricately interwoven, thin-walled hyphae running either indiscriminately in various directions or with a predominantly vertically parallel arrangement. Commonly it is colourless and hyaline, but in some species a yellowish tinge is apparent in thick sections, and in one case (the type specimen of P. gelida var. canariensis) it is coloured dark reddish in the centre; it remains to be decided from the study of further material, however, whether this feature is sufficiently constant to be taxonomically important. The hyphae composing the hypothecium are sometimes very fine (1.0 - 1.5 μ), the average thickness being 2 - 4 μ . In the hypothecium of P. Räsänenii larger hyphae were observed in the midst of the ordinary tissue; they appeared to be the ascogenous elements which give rise to the spore-sacs (asci). It seems probable that the blue coloration of the hypothecium obtained with iodine in many specimens depends on the presence of such ascogenous hyphae or their remains. The depth of the hypothecium is fairly constant for each species, but by no means so much as that of the thecium.

The upper, spore-producing stratum of the fruit body is the thecium or hymenium. It consists of spore-sacs (asci) intermingled with, and held apart by, sterile hyphal filaments (paraphyses). The depth of this layer varies considerably from species to species; the lowest thecium occurs in P. illita (80 - 140 μ), the highest in

P. subgelida (285 - 320 μ). This feature is of great importance in distinguishing the species. In section, the thecium is seen to be colourless and hyaline except for an upper covering (epithecium), which commonly consists of minute, sordid yellowish granules or crystals, and which gives to the surface of the disc its characteristic colour when viewed macroscopically. In some cases the epithelial covering is provided by loose hyphal particles abstricted, like conidia, from the tips of the paraphyses.

Paraphyses are essentially space-filling elements in the thecium, and may also be assumed, in the light of recent research on their function in the saprophytic Ascomycetes, to play an important role in the ejaculation of the spores. Except in length, they vary but little from species to species; each paraphysis is a single, simple or slightly branched, septate hypha about 1.5 - 2.0 μ in thickness, not constricted at the septa except near the apex, where there may be either a slight, simple, clavate swelling or a series of constrictions separating moniliform particles which sometimes become abstricted, as explained above, to form an epithelial covering. In all species of Placopsis the paraphyses are thin-walled and entirely free from each other (discrete) when crushed out in water; mucilaginous conglutination of paraphyses is unknown in this genus.

The asci are morphologically the terminal cells of certain specialised hyphae which have emerged from the underlying hypothecial tissue. Each of them contains at maturity eight (sometimes by abortion six or seven) spores. In Placopsis the asci are commonly cylindrical with the spores in a single row (uniseriate or monostichous); less often, as in P. illita and P. subparelli-

-na, the spores show a tendency to group themselves in two rows (biseriate or distichous arrangement). The ascus-wall is moderate in thickness (1 - 2, rarely 3μ), often apparently thicker at the apex (up to 8μ , or more), but this thickening seems to be due, not to an increase in the size of the cell-wall itself, but to the presence of a plug of hyaline, gelatinous material probably functionally connected with the rupture of the ascus and the discharge of the spores. Immature asci are filled with a granular protoplasm containing numerous small oil-droplets; in species possessing bright red apothecial discs, e. g., P. rhodophthalma, these oil-guttules have, in fresh material, a delicate rose-pink colour.

The spores are as a rule abundantly developed in mature apothecia, and are soon delimited by cleavage of the cytoplasm and subsequent wall-formation. At maturity they are simple, i. e., unicellular, and bounded by a smooth, even, colourless wall about 1μ in thickness. In certain species, notably P. bicolor, two apical vacuoles may be present in the protoplasm of the spores, giving the latter a spurious polari-bilocular appearance, but there is never any true septation. Both the size and the shape of the spores are important in the taxonomy of Placopsis, having been found to be subject to a strictly limited degree of variation. The smallest spores found in this genus measure between 12 and 17μ in length and 6 to 9μ in breadth, and occur in P. cribellans, P. illita, and P. Lesdainii; the largest are met with in P. subgelida, in which they reach a size of 30 by 21μ . As regards shape, the majority of species of Placopsis produce ellipsoid spores approximately twice as long as broad, but the following species are characterised by elongate-ellipsoid spores in which the length/breadth ratio is greater

than 2: Asahinae, pycnotheca, and subparellina. Placopsis-spores are always equally rounded at both ends when mature.

Pycnidia. -- Pycnidia are known in twenty out of the thirty species of Placopsis. They are completely immersed, usually causing slight swellings, and irregularly dispersed over the more central parts of the thallus. Each pycnidium when mature is provided with an apical ostiole visible in most instances under a $\times 10$ lens as a minute, point-like, brown or blackish spot up to 0.1 mm. in diameter and perforated in its centre by an extremely fine opening through which the pycnoconidia are extruded. In section, the pycnidia of most Placopsis-species are simple, either spherical or flask-shaped, but in two species (P. baculigera and P. kerguelensis) the area of the sporiferous tissue is greatly increased by convolution of the perifulcral wall, so that a number of chambers are formed communicating with the main channel which leads out by the ostiole.

The pycnidium is bounded at the sides by a colourless wall, or perifulcrum, formed of para- or prosoplectenchymatic, often indistinct tissue. From the inner sides of this perifulcrum, and perpendicular to it, spring the closely packed conidiophores or fulcra. These are in Placopsis of the "Placodien-Typus" of Glück (1899), and belong to the exobasidial group in the classification of Steiner (1901). Their structure is simple: each consisting of a usually branched, septate hypha giving rise directly to single conidiospores at the ends of each of its branches. In many genera having pycnidia of this exobasidial type the conidia are borne on specialised, filamentous sterigmata, but this is not the case in Placopsis. The conidiospores, or pycnoconidia, are, with the exception of a single species, almost identical in the

different species as regards shape and size, being thread-like, 15 to 29μ long and about 0.5μ thick, commonly slightly curved, sometimes almost straight. The single remarkable exception is the case of P. baculigera, in which they are shortly staff-shaped (bacillar), straight, truncate at the ends, and 6 to 10 by 0.8 to 1.0μ .

When a pycnidium reaches maturity, vast numbers of pycnoconidia must be extruded from its ostiole in a colourless or yellowish liquid. In the type specimen of P. parellina var. carnea I observed the dried and gelified remains of these extruded droplets still in position on the ostioles. One might suspect, from analogy with the Uredinales, that the secreted fluid might contain a sugary substance making it attractive to insects, but unfortunately I have not had the opportunity of studying the exudate in the fresh condition. Eventual discovery of a dispersal of these pycnoconidiospores by insects would open up the possibility of their being gametic bodies taking part in some sort of sexual fertilisation, but at the present time we possess no real evidence for the existence of such a process in the lichens.¹⁾ Until such evidence comes to light, it seems advisable to use the terms "pycnidia" and "pycnoconidia" for these structures and the spores which they produce, rather than "spermogonia" and "spermatia" which have an exclusively sexual connotation.

Chemical reactions. -- The reactions given by lichens with potassium hydroxide and calcium hypochlorite, discovered by Nylander about 1867, have been generally accepted by lichenologists and acknowledged to be of value for the easy recognition of morphologically variable species. Nylander and others have described numerous "chemical species", i. e., species differing not on mor-

-phological, but only on chemical grounds, and recognisable only by testing with one or other of these substances. Of quite recent times a cleavage of opinion has occurred concerning the validity of such a procedure. On the one hand, Asahina, in his discussion of the taxonomic value of lichen products (1937), states quite definitely that when two morphologically closely related lichens contain chemically different substances, they must be regarded as distinct species. On the other hand, Dege-lius, in a recently published paper (1939, on p. 102), protests against this view, pointing out that such physiological differences are not considered taxonomically important in other groups of plants, and expressing the opinion that it is the ease with which certain chemical differences can be demonstrated by striking colour reactions that has led to their formulation as valuable systematic criteria. He considers chemically different but morphologically indistinguishable individuals to be at most mere races of the same species, and adds: "Die Systematik muss sich jedoch in erster Linie auf die Morphologie stützen, nicht auf die Chemie".

My own view at present is that they are of considerable systematic importance and cannot properly be altogether neglected. Nevertheless, in view of the complex, physiological interrelationship between fungus and symbiotic alga, I am very doubtful whether the separation of species on purely chemical grounds is justified, and in the present study I have regarded chemical differences as specific only when accompanied by rather important and apparently constant, morphological peculiarities. This view is in entire agreement with that put forward by Hillmann in his treatment of the central European Parmeliaceae (1936).

By far the most important discovery of recent years in the practical chemistry of lichens is the "Diamin-Probe" of Asahina (1934), the use of which enables one to recognise the presence of certain lichen acids known as depsidones by the coloured condensation products which they give with certain aromatic amines, notably paraphenylenediamine, $C_6H_4(NH_2)_2$. One of these depsidones, fumarprotocetraric acid, $C_{22}H_{16}O_{12}$, has been found in P. brachyloba, P. chilena, P. patagonica, P. stenophylla, P. subparellina, P. terricola, P. gelida var. subreagens, and P. parellina f. semireagens. In P. brachyloba and P. terricola its occurrence seems to be inconstant. It is usually localised in the medulla, but in P. parellina f. semireagens is produced in the cortex of the thallus. In all cases it gives a vivid reaction with paraphenylenediamine -- intense yellow quickly changing to bright vermilion or miniate red. Instructions for preparing and using this reagent are given on p.42. It is conventionally abbreviated in descriptions as "Pd". Occasionally in P. gelida, and in most specimens of P. cribellans, the surface of the thallus alone gives a faint flesh-pink coloration when moistened with this reagent. This effect is probably due to a very low concentration of fumarprotocetraric acid in the cortical tissues, and appears to be neither very constant nor systematically important.

A second type of substance present in Placopsis is that which gives the red reaction with calcium hypochlorite in the medulla and often also in the cortex of almost every species. Such substances are the depsides of the lecanoric acid group, comprising lecanoric acid, gyrophoric acid, olivetoric acid, anziaic acid, etc. They cannot be distinguished from each other by macroscopical means, but Asahina (1936) has elaborated a microchemical method

whereby they can be recognised by the form of the crystals to which they give rise after heating in a mixture of glycerin, alcohol, and water. By the use of this method with fragments of the thallus of a specimen of P. gelida from Norway, Kåfjord, I obtained crystals similar to those figured by Asahina (loc. cit.) for gyrophoric acid, $C_{24}H_{20}O_{11}$, and hence it seems justified to assume that it is the latter lichen acid which causes the red reaction with $CaCl_2O_2$ in species of Placopsis. This reaction, since it appears to be common to all species except those with an oxydated thallus (P. baculigera and P. bicolor)²⁾, is of very little importance in their classification.

Finally, it is necessary to refer to the reactions obtained in the thecium with iodine. The paraphyses are never affected by this reagent, but the ascus-walls commonly take on a paler or deeper blue colour, which in certain species (P. fuscidula, P. gelida, and P. rhodoph-thalma) may give place within a few seconds to a faint wine-red tint. This difference in the iodine reaction appears to be due to the presence of distinct chemical substances in the ascus-wall: isolichenin, $C_6H_{10}O_5$, causing a persistently blue coloration, and glycogen, apparently an isomer of the latter with a structural difference in the molecule, giving the wine-red reaction. The iodine test has been found to be important in the classification of other groups of lichens (notably the Pyrenolichenes); whether it is an equally valuable character in the present case is a question which can be decided only by the study of more material at different stages of development. In no species of Placopsis does the medulla of the thallus react with iodine.

Symbiotic algae. -- Two kinds of algae live symbiotically with Placopsis-species: bright green (Pleurococ-

-coid) in the thallus, and blue-green (Cyanophyceous) in the cephalodia.

Those which occur in the thallus of all species of this genus are bright green and unicellular, corresponding to the type defined as Pleurococcus Näg. by Geitler (1938). They are rounded cells from 4 to 12 μ in diameter, bounded by a colourless wall up to 1 μ thick, and containing a green, parietal chromatophore adhering to the wall for its greater part. Sometimes a central pyrenoid is visible as a globose body about 2 μ in diameter. The cells increase by transverse segmentation, never by internal sporulation as in Cystococcus.

The Cyanophyceous algae found in Placopsis-cephalodia belong to three types, probably identical with the genera Nostoc, Scytonema, and Stigonema, but which I prefer to call Nostocoid, Scytonemoid, and Stigonemoid respectively on account of the difficulty of referring such forms, much reduced by their mode of life, to the typically developed, free living genera. The Nostocoid type consists of small, rounded, blue-green cells not over 5 μ in diameter, and arranged in chains; often these chains are much broken up in the cephalodium, so that the concatenate arrangement is not apparent. Very rarely a mucilaginous sheath surrounding the cells is visible; were it not for this, one might well regard the alga as an Anabaena, members of which genus occur in Azolla and in the root nodules of Cycads. In the Scytonemoid type the cells are also singly united in chains, but are much larger (up to 12 μ broad), and often strongly transversely flattened; their colour varies from blue-green to orange, and an investing, colourless slime-sheath is of not uncommon occurrence. Finally, there is the Stigonemoid type, in which a mucilaginous envelope is constantly present,

containing rounded or oblong, blue-green cells arranged in one or more rows side by side. In the section through a cephalodium shown in Fig. 3 the symbiotic algae are of this Stigonemoid type.

Some idea of the difficulties met with in attempting to classify reduced forms of Cyanophyceous algae as they occur in the body of the lichen may be obtained by reading Geitler's earlier account (1934). In one instance quoted by him, the symbiotic algae from Placynthium nig-rum, having very much of the appearance of the Scytone-moid chains described above as occurring in Placopsis-cephalodia, could on inspection in situ be referred to either Nostoc macrosporum or to one of the family Scyto-nemataceae. On culturing the organism, however, he found it to grow out into an entirely different form belonging to a distinct family (Rivulariaceae) !

Regarding recent views on the impracticability of using the nature of the symbiotic algae as a criterion in the classification of lichens, see p. 8 .

Ecology. -- Very little is known concerning the ecology of Placopsis-species in general, except that all (with the exception of P. isidiophora, which has been found on dead wood) are restricted to non-calcareous rocks or soil, and are not ornithocoprophilous; the remaining available data refer solely to the relatively common, northern hemisphere species P. gelida.

As explained in the following section, this species shows a marked peculiarity in its altitudinal distribution, in that in the more southern and hyperoceanic part of its range in Europe it descends almost to sea-level. It may be found therefore in the company of either arctic or atlantic-temperate species, according to the climatic nature of the region where it occurs. Thus in the Arc-

-tic, in Spitsbergen, it is not uncommonly found growing together with Polyblastia Sommerfeltii Lynge (an exclusively arctic species); in S. W. Sweden, on the island of Norra Skaftö, Degelius (1939) gathered it together with Stereocaulon pileatum, which is a subarctic-temperate species ranging from N. Norway (Tromsø) in the north to the northern borders of Italy in the south; and in Ireland, Knowles (1929) found it with Pilophorus Cereolus, a species having much the same area of distribution as Stereocaulon pileatum and often confused with the latter, and Opegrapha zonata, a temperate species extending in latitude from southern Sweden to northern Italy.

My own observations on the ecology of this species were made in western Scotland (Argyll), where it is common in the vicinity of Loch Awe. In two cases I noted its occurrence on fairly large and even faces of rock, upon which I was able to mark out a given area and to estimate the relative degrees of population of the various species according to the phytosociological method used in Sweden and explained by Du Rietz (1932). In the other cases the substrata were so broken up (stone walls and moraines) that they did not lend themselves to a quantitative study of population. Although the two profiles observed are in themselves insufficient to throw much light on the question of relative constancy of the accompanying species, they are tabulated here in the hope that similar and directly comparable observations may eventually be forthcoming from other parts of this species' area. [Table on next page.]

	Species	Station I	Station II
Lichens	<u>PLACOPSIS GELIDA</u>	1	1
	<u>Lecidea tumida</u> ³⁾	1	1 - 2
	<u>Parmelia conspersa</u>	-	2 - 3
	<u>Parmelia fuliginosa</u>	4	-
	<u>Parmelia omphalodes</u>	-	1
	<u>Rhizocarpon obscuratum</u>	-	1
	<u>Stereocaulon evolutum</u>	-	1
Bryophytes	<u>Frullania fragilifolia</u>	-	1
	<u>Grimmia trichophylla</u>	-	1
	<u>Pterogonium gracile</u>	-	1
	<u>Racomitrium sudeticum</u>	2	-

Station I: North Port Sonachan on Loch Awe, altit. circ. 35 m. s. m., on a gatepost of schistose rock by the roadside, about 15 m. from shore of lake. Surface investigated was facing S., and inclined at an angle of about 70° to the horizontal. Dry position; moisture only from direct rainfall. A rectangle 60 × 40 cm. (= 24 dm.²) was marked out on this surface.

Station II: North Port Sonachan on Loch Awe, altit. circ. 30 m. s. m., on large schistose rocks forming a low cliff at side of lake. Surface investigated facing S. E., and inclined at an angle of about 30° to the horizontal; 3 m. above normal water level. Probably damp from trickling moisture in wet weather. A square with sides of 50

cm. (= 25 dm.²) was marked out on this surface.

Signification of numerals (after Du Rietz, 1932):

1, up to 1/16 of area covered; 2, 1/16 - 1/8 of area covered; 3, 1/8 - 1/4 of area covered; 4, 1/4 - 1/2 of area covered.

Two other sociations may be mentioned here, although, as explained above, quantitative analyses were not possible on account of the disjunct surface occupied by the synusiae:

Station III: North Port Sonachan on Loch Awe, altit. circ. 75 m. s. m., on a field wall of irregular, schistose blocks, about 100 m. away from shore of lake. Surface investigated was facing S., and almost vertical. Dry position; moisture only from direct rainfall. P. gelida in scattered patches on open faces of blocks (not in crevices). Accompanying species: Lecanora intricata (scattered patches), Lecidea fuscoatra (scattered patches), L. leucophaea (rare), L. macrocarpa (scattered patches), Ochrolechia tartarea (abundant), Parmelia omphalodes (abundant), P. physodes f. vittatoides (common), P. saxatilis (abundant), Pertusaria corallina (common to abundant), Rhizocarpon Oederi (rare), Sphaerophorus globosus (common).

Station IV: North Port Sonachan on Loch Awe, altit. circ. 75 m. s. m., on small, rounded, schistose boulders forming a moraine in a field on the hillside, about 200 m. distant from shore of lake. Slope of moraine about 20° to the horizontal. Stones probably kept moist by trickling water after rain. P. gelida (f. neglecta) fairly common on exposed faces (not in crevices). Accompanying species: Lecidea lithophila (scattered patches), L. tumida (common), Stereocaulon coralloides

(common).

P. gelida is certainly a hygrophilous species; this fact was first noted by Withering (1812), who remarked that it occurs on "rocks in the Highland mountains, and on large stones, generally near water". In some circumstances its tendency to seek moisture appears to be intensified, so that it may be regarded as a directly hygrophilous species; thus Degelius (1939) mentions that on the island of Norra Skaftö it grows on rock surfaces which are irrigated by trickling water (Sickerwasserflächen), and Knowles (1929) records it on "damp shady rocks" in Ireland, stating that it may be found also on stones which are submerged for long periods on the shores of the Wicklow lakes. That this species shows the same peculiarity in the Arctic is seen from Zahlbruckner's remark on its occurrence in Novaya Zemlya (1928): "Lecanora gelida ist recht häufig auf den Steinen im Geröll am Fusze der Berge, besonders da, wo Wasser vorbeisickert". I have found it growing in quite dry situations, where water in the liquid state was obtainable only during and directly after rainfall (see the preceding paragraphs). Its constant proximity to water, however, impressed me in the field; it is useless to seek the species on open moors and mountainsides more than half a kilometer away from a torrent or a lake. Hence its hygrophily is obviously facultative, but its hygrophily certainly obligate.

P. gelida is not vague in the choice of its substratum, as many lichens are, but grows as a rule only on siliceous rocks. Two irregular exceptions were seen by me in the case of specimens from Spitsbergen and Jan Mayen growing over tufts of moss.

Occasionally the thalli and more particularly the apothecial discs of Placopsis-species are damaged by ani-

-mals (slugs and snails). An interesting account of this ecological factor and its modifying effect on the morphology of various lichens are contained in a paper by Schade (1933). P. gelida does not seem to be much subject to such attacks, but some of the southern hemisphere species may be badly damaged, as in the instance of P. parellina f. semireagens, in the type specimen of which (from Tristan da Cunha) the upper cortex, in spite of its impregnation with the extremely bitter fumarprotocetraric acid, had been almost entirely eroded, and appeared on casual inspection to be sorediate. The same type of erosion was seen in an indeterminable specimen from Chile in herb. Räsänen. Species with red apothecial discs seem to be particularly attractive to browsing gastropods, probably on account of the copious pink oil-droplets contained in the thecium; one sometimes finds specimens of P. parellina var. rhodocarpa with the apothecia entirely hollowed out, only the outer thalline cup being left.

Changes due to fungal parasites are discussed separately (p. 166).

Distribution. -- As in all other groups of plants, the propagation of Placopsis-species takes place by means of diaspores, which according to the definition given by Sernander (1927), who introduced the term, consist of the reproductive germ or germs together with the accompanying complex of organs which the plant may release for purposes of dissemination. Lichens being dual organisms, their diaspores may be either simple (ascospores) or amphigenous, i. e., containing initials of both fungus and alga, in the form of isidia and soredia. All three types of diaspores are found in Placopsis.

Ascospores have been recorded for all species except

one, which is doubtful (P. Amabilis). The majority are entirely dependent upon ascospores for their propagation.

Degelius (1935) has drawn attention to the great importance of the amphigenous diaspores (isidia and soredia) in making possible quick, vegetative propagation in lichens, and it is of interest in the present connexion to note that the only two species of our genus in which soredia occur (P. gelida and P. parellina var. rhodocar-pa) are both characterised by a remarkably wide distribution in the northern and southern hemispheres respectively. None of the other, non-sorediate and non-isidiate species colonises such large areas, and this is a very striking demonstration of the effectiveness of soredia in the dispersal of crustaceous species.

Isidia occur in four species of Placopsis (cribellans, isidiophora, papillosa, and the f. subcribellans of P. parellina var. carnea). In the first of these the isidial tubercles are apparently very easily detached, leaving the characteristic pock-like pittings ("cribellations") in the surface of the thallus, and probably as a result of this peculiarity the species in question has spread over a very wide area in both hemispheres of the globe (see Map 2). In the other three the isidia are firmly attached to the thallus, and this is perhaps the cause of their comparatively restricted distribution (Java and the Philippines; Fuegia and New Zealand).

A fourth method of propagation, that effected by fragmentation of the thallus, is an important factor in the dispersal of many fruticose and foliose lichens, but for purely mechanical reasons can hardly play a significant role in crustaceous genera such as Placopsis.

Of the three species mentioned above as having a par-

-ticularly wide range of distribution, two, P. gelida and P. parellina (var. rhodocarpa), are extremely variable, their variability probably indicating incipient speciation. The third species, P. cribellans, however, shows entire morphological uniformity throughout the whole of its range (the f. tuberculifera not being a variation of any importance). Hence it is clear that wide distribution, with the accompanying differences in climatic and edaphic conditions, does not necessarily imply a high degree of morphological variability.

Considerable interest has been focussed on the problem presented by plants having bipolar distribution. Epizoid dispersal on the plumage of migrating birds may account for this in cases where the diaspores are very small or are provided with clinging appendages, but gradual dispersal overland is assumed also to have played a significant role. Du Rietz, who has made a study of this phenomenon in the lichens (1926, 1929) considers that land migration from one hemisphere to the other may have been along two possible routes: along the high Andean mountain chain of S. America, and via the mountainous regions of S. E. Asia to Australia and New Zealand. The former route is a very likely one so far as Placopsis is concerned, for we know that the genus occurs in the Andes at least as far north as Bolivia (P. parellina var. rhodocarpa), and again in the Mexican highlands (P. Amabilis); possibly further collections will link up these occurrences with the N. American area of P. gelida (southwards as far as Oregon). The second route, that from N. Asia via the Himalayas, cannot have been used by Placopsis on account of the inability of this genus to colonise continental regions (see p. 40). Du

Rietz was led to consider the possibility of the S. E. Asiatic route through finding in New Zealand certain lichens, e. g., Solorina crocea, which are widely distributed in the northern hemisphere but apparently lacking altogether in S. America. So far as is known at present, the same holds good for Placopsis gelida,⁴⁾ and thus it does not seem necessary to postulate migration over S. E. Asia for species occurring in the northern hemisphere and New Zealand, but not in S. America. Further collections in the Magellan Straits region (such as that being made at the time of writing this by Dr. R. Santesson on the Swedish Magallanic Expedition) will probably prove that a good many of the species in question occur there also. Steffen (1939), who has developed an interesting hypothesis according to which plant migration between the hemispheres has been facilitated by displacement of the poles and consequently of the equatorial zone in Tertiary times, also considers the S. American path of dispersal to be the most probable. A third route between the hemispheres, and one almost certainly used by P. cribellans, is that along the coasts of the Pacific Ocean (see Map 2).

Du Rietz (1929), assuming the truth of the hypothesis that a genus has originated in the region of its present greatest differentiation, came to the conclusion that certain preponderantly southern hemisphere genera such as Sphaerophorus and Neuropogon might be regarded as having originated there and subsequently spread into the northern hemisphere. This view that a concentration of closely related forms in a particular region indicates that the group in question originated there is shared by Steffen (1939), who considers that such mainly southern hemisphere genera as Empetrum, Deschampsia, and Acaena may on these grounds be said to have had their original

homes in the subantarctic zone. Placopsis is a good example of such a southern group, which, if this hypothesis corresponds to fact, has succeeded in introducing its representatives into the northern hemisphere by two different routes.

The following analysis of the distribution of all Placopsis-species is constructed on the lines of a key in order to make reference easier. It is of course only provisional, and alterations will be necessary as further material is collected and new distributional records come to light.

1. Species occurring in the northern hemisphere.

2. Widely distributed in arctic and temperate oceanic Europe and N. America south to about 45° N. lat.; New Zealand; a variety in the Canary Islands and a chemically distinct form in Chile and Juan Fernandez P. gelida (p. 136).
- 2a. Confined to the Pacific coastline in the northern hemisphere: Alaska, Aleutian Islands, Japan, Korea, Formosa; New Zealand; Juan Fernandez; Galapagos Islands; [Tristan da Cunha⁵⁾] . . P. cribellans (p. 70).
- 2b. Mexico P. Amabilis (p. 163).
- 2c. Formosa P. Asahinae (p. 90).
- 2d. Philippine Islands; Java . . P. isidiophora (p. 77)
and P. papillosa (p. 75).

1a. Species restricted to the southern hemisphere.

3. Distribution bicentric, i. e., in both the S. American and the Australian sectors of the tropical, temperate, or subantarctic zones⁵⁾ . . P. bicolor (p. 82), P. parellina (vars. rhodocarpa, microphylla, and carnea) (p. 106-119), P. perrugosa (p. 94), P. rhodophthalma (p. 121), and P. rugosa (p. 102).

3a. Distribution not bicentric.

4. Restricted to the S. American sector.⁵⁾

5. Temperate or subantarctic . . . P. baculigera (p. 79), P. chilena (p. 61), P. effusa (p. 459), P. fuscidula (p. 131), P. parellina (typica and f. semireagens) (p. 106 & 119), P. patagonica (p. 65), P. pycnotheca (p. 87), P. Räsänenii (p. 104), P. stenophylla (p. 68), and P. terricola (p. 59).

5a. Antarctic P. contortuplicata (p. 99).

4a. Restricted to the Australian sector.⁵⁾

6. In tropical zone P. albida (p. 85).

6a. In temperate or subantarctic zone . . . P. amp-
liata (p. 127), P. brachyloba (p. 63), P.
illita (p. 161), P. kerguelensis (p. 129), P.
Lesdainii (p. 92), P. (Aspiciliopsis) mac-
-rophthalma (p. 55), P. subgelida (p. 125),
and P. subparellina (p. 57).

It is a well known fact that a phytogeographical link exists between the S. American and the Australian sectors of the Subantarctic. Skottsberg (1915) has published a list of phanerogams of this bicentric type, and it is interesting to observe that several of the cases there mentioned can be matched almost exactly by the distribution of some of the bicentric Placopsis-species listed above (see Map 1). The range of P. parellina var. microphylla, for example, is identical with that of Geran-
nium sessiliflorum (S. America south to Fuegia; New Zealand; Tasmania). From the agreement thus shown it can be seen that lichens in their distribution are subject to the same influences as are the higher plants, and as phytogeographical indicators are not less valuable than

the latter. In some instances they may be even more so, as for example in deserts and polar regionsⁿ where higher vegetation is almost or completely absent.

Placopsis as a genus is oceanic in its distribution. This can best be seen by comparing the range of the various species with the chart prepared by Rosenkranz (1936) showing the regions of equal "Ozeanitätsindex" throughout the world. This "Ozeanitätsindex" is the product of a formula in which rainfall, humidity, and temperature are the factors under consideration. Expressed in the terms of this formula, regions of very low oceanity have an index up to 25, those of moderate oceanity from 25 to 50, and those of high oceanity from 50 to 200. Tracing the distribution of the various Placopsis-species on this map, we find that they are conspicuously absent from the continental regions of the world in which the index of oceanity is 25 or lower.

The distribution of P. gelida in Europe (Map 3) is distinctly oceanic. In the distributional classification of oceanic plants given by Degelius (1935) it appears to come into the second, less extremely oceanic group, and in this group is intermediate between the "northern suboceanic element" and the "northern central European suboceanic element" of Degelius. It appears to find optimal conditions in the colder temperate and arctic regions. In the southern part of its range it occurs at higher altitudes in the few continental stations known, but in hyperoceanic western Europe, notably in S. W. Ireland, it is found down to sea level (Knowles, 1929). The same phenomenon has been observed with arctic-alpine phanerogams; Praeger (1934) cites as examples such species as Sedum roseum, Galium boreale, and Juniperus sibirica, which in the southwesternmost part of Ireland all descend

to within 20 m. of sea level.

It seems fairly clear that P. gelida may be classed with the group called by Hultén (1937) "Atlantic-Pacific plants". These are arctic circumpolar plants which are oceanic and have spread southwards along the coasts of the Pacific and Atlantic oceans. Leaving aside for the moment the question of whether P. gelida has spread north from the subantarctic regions or south from the Arctic, the known distribution of this species in the northern hemisphere corresponds very closely to the area indicated for this group by Hultén on Pl. 15 of his work. The same comparison leads one also to recall the apparent absence of P. gelida from the more eastern tracts of the Siberian Arctic, a fact which is rather surprising in view of its abundance in Novaya Zemlya. Several comprehensive lichen collections have been made on the arctic coast in the Taimir region, but as far as I know P. gelida has never been collected there. One is led to assume that if it does occur in the Siberian eastern Arctic it must be rare there. Hultén quotes the case of two phanerogams the circumpolar distribution of which is broken in N. E. Siberia: Honckenya peploides and Mertensia maritima. They are supposed to have been exterminated in that region by the ice during the Glacial Epoch, and been unable subsequently to fill in the gap thus caused in their distributional area.

The altitudinal distribution of Placopsis-species is very imperfectly known at present. P. gelida in western Europe occurs indiscriminately at sea level and at higher altitudes, as in Britain, where it ascends to about 1340 m. (Ben Nevis, coll. Lauder Lindsay). The continental finds are for the most part from heights of some 1000 m. or over; the highest known record is that of 1900 m. from the German Ostmark, Schladmingertauern,

coll. Frey. The greatest altitude known to be reached by any species of Placopsis is 3100 m. (P. parellina var. rhodocarpa in the Bolivian Andes).

Technique of examination. -- Before using the key on p. 47 to determine the identity of a specimen of Placopsis, the following data additional to those apparent on superficial examination must be obtained: the chemical constitution of the thallus (presence or absence of fumarprotocetraric acid); the height of the thecium; and the size and shape of the spores. In certain cases other microscopic characters, such as the structure of the excipulum or the form of the pycnoconidia, must be taken into account.

The presence or absence of fumarprotocetraric acid is determined by Asahina's diamine test (see p. 26). The paraphenylenediamine solution is prepared by dissolving 0.1 gm. of the pure crystalline substance in 5 c.c. of absolute alcohol; it decomposes rapidly, and for this reason should not be kept for longer than a few hours. With a sharp scalpel or razor blade a small cut is made in the thallus to expose the medulla, and a droplet of the solution applied on the end of a fine glass rod. If fumarprotocetraric acid is present, an intense yellow colour rapidly deepening to miniate- or vermilion-red instantaneously results.

For the determination of the height of the thecium it is necessary to cut a thin vertical section through a mature apothecium. This is best done by inserting the detached apothecium sideways into a cleft stick of Sambucus pith which has been kept in alcohol until thoroughly impregnated, and cutting thin sections with a razor blade under a dissecting microscope or with the aid of a watchmaker's eyeglass. Satisfactory sections are removed

from the razor (which is kept constantly moistened with alcohol) by means of a fine hair brush, and deposited in a drop of water or mounting fluid on a glass slide. The measurements given in the following taxonomic account were made on material mounted in water; if it is desired to make permanent preparations of the sections, they can be transferred from water or spirit to a chloral hydrate medium made up according to the following formula:

Chloral hydrate	50 gm.
Gum arabic	25 gm.
Glycerine	20 gm.
Distilled water	50 c.c.

The gum arabic should be suspended in the solution in a muslin bag, and left for several days to become completely dissolved; if put directly into the liquid it would hardly dissolve at all. This medium, which is suitable only for unstained sections, dries quickly, requires no ringing, and appears to be reasonably permanent.

From thin sections obtained as described above the height of the thecium can be accurately measured, and the structure of the hypothecium and excipular layer also studied. By pressing on the cover slip the thecium can then be disintegrated, allowing the individual paraphyses to be observed, and causing the mature spores to be erupted from the asci. As the size and shape of the spores is an important character in classification, it is absolutely necessary to measure only those which are mature and floating freely in the medium. Measurement of immature spores inside the ascus invariably gives rise to wrong and misleading results.

The reaction of the ascus-walls with iodine solution may sometimes be useful as a slight confirmatory test. The solution (iodine, 0.06 gm.; potassium iodide, 0.20

gm.; distilled water, 14 c.c.) is drawn under the cover slip on an aqueous preparation by placing a fragment of blotting paper on the opposite side.

List of herbaria consulted. -- Material in the herbaria of the following institutions was examined:⁶⁾

Sectio Botanica Musei Nationalis Hungarici, Budapest (BP.); Farlow Herbarium, Cambridge, Mass. (FH.); Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh (E.); Institute de Botanique systématique de l'Université de Genève, Geneva (G.); Botaniska Trädgård, Göteborg (GB.); Helsingin Yliopiston Kasvitieteellinen Laitos, Helsinki (H.); Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (K.); Rijksherbarium, Leiden (L.); British Museum (Natural History), London (BM.); Botanische Anstalten, München (M.); Universitetets Botaniske Museum, Oslo (O.); Laboratoire de Cryptogamie, Muséum d' Histoire Naturelle, Paris (PC.); Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, Mo. (MO.); Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet, Bot. Avd., Stockholm (S.); Turun Yliopiston Kasvitieteellinen Laitos, Turku (TUR.); Botanical Department, Dominion Museum, Wellington, New Zealand (WELT.); Botanische Abteilung des Naturhistorischen Museums, Wien (W.).

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Prof. Y. Asahina, Tokyo (Asah.); Dr. Bouly de Lesdain, Dunkerque (B. de Lesd.); Dr. H. des Abbayes, Rennes (des Abb.); Dr. Ed. Frey, Bern (Frey); Dr. E. W. Jones, Oxford (Jones); Dr. V. Räsänen, Kurkijoki (Räs.); Dr. K. Redinger, Berlin (Redgr.); Dr. Ö. Szatala, Budapest (Szat.); Dr. W. Watson, Taunton (Wats.); Mr. E. C. Wallace, Sutton (Wallace).

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SYSTEMATIC ACCOUNT

Synonymy, generic description, and conspectus of sections. --

PLACOPSIS Nyl. in Ann. Sci. nat., Bot., sér. 4, XV, p. 376 (1861) emend. Nyl. apud Cromb. in J. Bot., Lond. XV, p. 106 (1877). Vain. in Ann. Acad. Sci. fenn. ser. A, XIX, no. 15, p. 36 (1923).

Synon. -- Lecanora subgen. Placopsis Nyl. in J. linn. Soc. Lond., Bot. IX, p. 251, footnote (1865); apud Hue in Nouv. Arch. Mus. Hist. nat., Paris, sér. 3, III, p. 58 (1891). Cromb. Mon. Lich. Brit. I, p. 355 (1894). Harm. in Bull. Soc. Sci. Nancy, sér. II, XV, fasc. xxxii, p. 200 (1898).

Generic description. -- Thallus crustaceus, superne modo corticatus, effiguratus effususve, areolatus vel rimosus vel continuus, laevigatus vel verrucosus vel verruculosus, vulgo albescens aut flori lactis concolor,

algas Pleurococcoideas continens; cephalodiatus, cephalodiis sessilibus vel (in sect. Aspiciliopsis) thallo immersis, discoideis subglobosisve, effiguratis vel irregulariter plicatis, continuis rimosisve, carneis vel rufescentibus vel rufofuscis. Apothecia sessilia aut (in sect. Aspiciliopsis) thallo immersa, discoidea, lecanorina, margine thallino ac proprio necnon disco munita varie colorato. Excipulum integrum dimidiatumve; hypothecium incoloratum (raro in medio rufescens); paraphyses discretas; asci elongato-cylindrici, cylindrico-clavati, vel clavati; sporae in asco uniseriatae vel subbiseriatae, simplices, ellipsoideae vel elongato-ellipsoideae vel subfusiformae. Pycnidia thallo immersa, perifulcrio incolorato, integro contortove; fulcra exobasidialia; pynoconidia filiformia (raro bacillaria), leviter curvata rectave.

Genolectotype of the genus:⁷⁾ P. gelida.

The following two sections are distinguished:

1. Sect. Aspiciliopsis (Müll. Arg.) M. Lamb, comb.

nov.

Synon. -- Placodium sect. Aspiciliopsis Müll. Arg. in Bot. Jb. V, p. 135 (1884). Lecanora sect. Aspiciliopsis Zahlbr. apud Engler & Prantl, Nat. Pflanzenfam.

I. Teil, Abt. 1*, p. 203 (1907). Aspiciliopsis B. de Lesd. in Ann. Cryptog. exot. IV, p. 101 (1931).

Apothecia thallo immersa. -- Holotype of the section:

P. macrophthalma.

2. Sect. Euplacopsis M. Lamb, sect. nov.

Synon. -- Placopsis Nyl. in Ann. Sci. nat., Bot. sér. 4, XV, p. 376 (1861). Lecanora sect. Placopsis Zahlbr. apud Engler & Prantl, Nat. Pflanzenfam. I. Teil, Abt. 1*, p. 202 (1907). Placodium sect. Placopsis Müll. Arg. in Bot. Jb. V, p. 135 (1884).

Apothecia supra thallum elevata. -- Holotype of the section: P. gelida.

Obs. -- Nylander's original description of the genus Placopsis was in the sense of my sect. Euplacopsis, and his circumscription remained thus until 1877, when (apud Crombie in J. Bot., Lond. XV, p. 106) he extended it to cover also P. macrophthalma.

Key to all known species (Clavis specierum omnium generis Placopseos hactenus cognitarum). --

1. Apothecia persistenter in thallo immersa, aspicilioi-
-dea (sect. Aspiciliopsis) . . P. macrophthalma
(p. 55)
- 1a. Apothecia supra thallum sessilia (sect. Euplacopsis).
2. Medulla Pd + flavescens deinceps + celeriter minia-
-to- vel aurantiaco-rubescens.⁸⁾
3. Sporae elongato-subfusiformae (ratione longit./
latit. circa 3.0 - 3.3) . . P. subparellina
(p. 57)
- 3a. Sporae ellipsoideae (ratione longit./latit.
circa 1.7 - 2.0).
4. Thallus crassus, tartareus, verrucosus, ad
peripheriam haud vel obsolete effiguratus.
5. Thallus in centro verrucosus, haud areolatus
. . . . P. terricola (p. 59).
- 5a. Thallus in centro verrucoso-areolatus . . .
. . . . P. chilena (p. 61).
- 4a. Thallus modice incrassatus vel subtenuis, in
centro areolatus rimosusve, haud verrucosus,
ad peripheriam plus minusve distincte effigu-
-ratus.
6. Apothecia primitus hemisphaerico-tumida,
basi haud constricta, pertusarioidea, deinde
plana discoideaque evadentia; laciniis

- marginalibus brevissimis . . P. brachyloba
(p. 63)
- 6a. Apothecia ab initio plus minusve deplanata
discoideaque.
7. Extremitates laciniarum ad peripheriam
obscuriores (olivaceo-fuscescentes);
thecium 175 - 225 μ altum . . P. patagonica
(p. 65)
- 7a. Lacinae ad extremitates haud obscuratae;
thecium ad 165 μ altum.
8. Lacinae ad peripheriam eximie applanatae,
substratum arctissime obducentes
. . . . P. stenophylla (p. 68)
- 8a. Lacinae ad peripheriam substrato plus
minusve laxae affixae, leviter convexius-
-culae . . P. gelida var. subreagens
(p. 157)
- 2a. Medulla Pd - .
9. Thallus isidiatus⁹⁾ vel isidiis attritis quasi
cicatricibus variolarum insignis.
10. Sporae 12.0 - 16.5 \times 6 - 8 μ ; thecium 90 - 150 μ
altum P. cribellans (p. 70)
- 10a. Sporae crassitie 8 μ excedentes.
11. Isidia sparsa; sporae ad 18 μ longae . . .
. . . P. parellina var. carnea f. subcribellans
(p. 119)
- 11a. Isidia crebra; sporae 18 - 21 μ longae.
12. Disci apotheciorum nigrescentes; thecium
120 - 180 μ altum . . P. papillosa (p. 75)
- 12a. Disci apotheciorum fusco-carnei (tantum
degeneratione nigrescentes); thecium
185 - 285 μ altum . . P. isidiophora (p.
77)
- 9a. Thallus haud isidiatus.

13. Thallus saltem pro parte ferrugineo- vel flavo-oxydatus.
14. Thecium 240 - 285 μ altum; pycnoconidia baculiformia, 6 - 10 μ longa . . P. baculigera (p. 79)
- 14a. Thecium 165 - 240 μ altum; pycnoconidia filiformia, plerumque arcuata, 18 - 24 μ longa P. bicolor (p. 82)
- 13a. Thallus nulla parte oxydatus.¹⁰⁾
15. Thallus omnino microphyllinus, i. e. omnibus partibus e squamulis constans contiguus vel plus minusve dispersis, adnatis, rotundatis elongatisve, interdum crenatis.¹¹⁾
16. Thallus sorediatus . . P. parellina var. microphylla (p. 109)
- 16a. Thallus haud sorediatus . . P. albida (p. 85)
- 15a. Thallus crustosus, nunquam microphyllinus.
17. Thallus in centro omnino verrucosus vel rugoso-verruculosus, continuus rimosusve.
18. Sporae elongato-ellipsoideae vel subfusiformae (ratione longit./latit. circa 2.6 - 3.0).
19. Apotheciorum disci rufofusci, modo aetate fuscescentes vel fusconigrescentes; pars basalis excipuli eximie solida, ad 300 μ crassa . . P. pycno-theca (p. 87)
- 19a. Apotheciorum disci ab initio nigrescentes vel fusconigrescentes; pars basalis excipuli haud insigniter incrassata, ad circa 100 μ crassa P. Asahinae (p. 90)
- 18a. Sporae ellipsoideae (ratione longit./

latit. 2.5 non excedente).

20. Apothecia parva, ad 0.8 mm. diam.; excipulum dimidiatum, i. e. infra deficiens . . . P. Lesdainii (p. 92)
- 20a. Apothecia majora; excipulum paraplectenchymaticum infra evolutum.
21. Thallus in centro papillato- verruculosus vel contortuplicato-verrucosus.
22. Thecium 114 - 200 μ altum.
23. Thallus in centro papillato-verruculosus; laciniae ad peripheriam discretas et pterygoideo-expansas; apothecia ad 1.5 mm. diam., margine thallino persistenter prominulo . . . P. per-rugosa (p. 94)
- 23a. Thallus in centro contortuplicato-verrucosus; laciniae ad peripheriam connatas vel modo leviter expansas; apothecia ad 2.5 (- 3.5) mm. diam., margine thallino cito depresso exclusoque . . . P. contortuplicata (p. 99)
- 22a. Thecium 200 - 240 μ altum; laciniae ad peripheriam discretas . . . P. rugosa (p. 102)
- 21a. Thallus in centro irregulariter plicato-verruculosus, continuus vel rimosus vel areolatus.
24. Sporae ad 20 μ longae.
25. Laciniae ad peripheriam connexae; thallus in centro rimoso-areola-

- tus, areolis verruculosus . . .
 . . . P. Räsänenii (p. 104)
- 25a. Laciniae ad peripheriam discretae
 vel interdum deficientes; thallus
 in centro continuus vel irregula-
 -riter rimosus, haud rite areo-
 -latus.
26. Thallus grosse et inaequaliter
 verrucosus, verrucis 0.8 - 2.0
 mm. diam. . P. terricola (p.
 59)
- 26a. Thallus tenuiter verruculosus,
 verruculis ad 0.5 mm. diam. . .
P. parellina var. rhodocarpa
 (p. 110)
- 24a. Sporae majores, 20 - 28 μ longae.
27. Thecium (150 -) 170 - 240 μ
 altum.
28. Sporae 21 - 28 \times 12 - 14 μ ; thal-
 -lus nunquam sorediosus . . .
 . . . P. parellina (p. 106)
- 28a. Sporae 18 - 21 (- 24) \times 9 - 11
 (; - 12) μ ; thallus saepe so-
 -rediosus . . . P. parellina var.
rhodocarpa (p. 110)
- 27a. Thecium 210 - 310 μ altum; sporae
 20 - 25 \times 10.5 - 18.0 μ . . . P.
rhodophthalma (p. 121)
- 17a. Thallus in centro plus minusve laevigatus,
 nec verrucosus nec rugoso-verruculosus;
 continuus vel rimosus vel areolatus.
29. Sporae 25.5 - 30.0 \times 12 - 21 μ ; thecium
 285 - 320 μ altum . . . P. subgelida (p.
 125)



- 29a. Sporae ad 25μ , raro ad 27μ longae.
30. Sporae elongato-ellipsoideae vel sub-fusiformae, $16 - 18 \times 6 - 7\mu$ (ratione longit./latit. circa 2.6 - 2.8) . . .
. . . . P. Asahinae (p. 90)
- 30a. Sporae ellipsoideae (ratione longit./latit. circa 1.5 - 2.2).
31. Apothecia infra haud constricta, ibi ampliora, hanc ob rem quasi pertusarioidea apparentia.
32. Lacinae ad peripheriam brevissimae (longitudine 1 mm. haud excedentes); thallus in centro areolatus, areolis planis vel leviter convexis; apothecia denique discoidea basique constricta evadentia; disci apotheciorum carneofuscescentes . . P. brachyloba
(p. 63)
- 32a. Lacinae ad peripheriam bene evolutae (1 - 4 mm. longae); thallus in centro rimosus vel obsolete areolatus; apothecia basi persistenter expansa; disci apotheciorum roseo-rubescetes
. . . P. ampliata (p. 127)
- 31a. Apothecia basi bene constricta, discoidea.
33. Thallus bene areolatus.¹²⁾
34. Apotheciorum disci obscure purpurascetes; thecium $195 - 245 \mu$ altum; sporae $17.5 - 18.5 \times 9 - 10\mu$. . P. kerguelensis (p. 129)

- 34a. Apotheciorum disci roseo-rubescens, carnei, rufofusci vel fusci, haud purpurascens.
35. Laciniae ad peripheriam bene evolutae.
36. Thallus fuscidulus, sub lente albopruinosus, haud soresdiatus; thecium 140 - 210 μ altum; sporae 18.5 - 22.5 \times 10 - 12 μ . . P. fuscidula (p. 131)
- 36a. Thallus albidus, olivaceo-albidus, flori lactis concolor, vel sordide alutaceus, fere semper epruinosus, saepissime soresdiatus.
37. Thecium (105 -) 114 - 165 (- 183) μ altum; hypothecium incoloratum
 . . P. gelida (p. 136)
- 37a. Thecium 180 - 225 μ altum; hypothecium in medio rufofuscum . . P. gelida var. canariensis (p. 156)
- 35a. Thallus ad peripheriam haud laciniatus; thecium 140 - 165 μ altum; sporae 17.5 - 21.0 \times 9.0 - 12.5 μ
 . . . P. effusa (p. 159)
- 33a. Thallus continuus vel rimosus, sed haud rite areolatus.
38. Thecium 80 - 140 μ altum; thallus ad peripheriam haud vel parum laciniatus, saepe hypotheca-

- llo nigricante cinctus . . .
 . . . P. illita (p. 161)
- 38a. Thecium altitudine 150 μ excedens.
39. Apotheciorum disci obscure pur-
 -purascentes; thecium 195 -
 245 μ altum; sporae 17.5 -
 18.5 \times 9 - 10 μ . . P. kerguelen-
-sis (p. 129)
- 39a. Apotheciorum disci roseo-rubes-
 -centes, carnei vel rufofusci,
 haud purpurascentes.
40. Thecium (150 -) 170 - 240 μ
 altum.
41. Sporae 21 - 28 \times 12 - 14 μ ;
 thallus esorediatus . . .
 . . P. parellina (p. 106)
- 41a. Sporae minores.
42. Thallus nunquam soledia-
 -tus; sporae (15 -)
 16.0 - 18.5 \times (7.5 -)
 9 - 11 μ . . P. parellina
 var. carnea (p. 117)
- 42a. Thallus saepe solediatus;
 sporae (17 -) 18 - 24 \times
 8 - 14 μ . . P. parellina
 var. rhodocarpa (p. 110)
- 40a. Thecium 210 - 310 μ altum;
 sporae 20 - 25 (- 27) \times
 10.5 - 18.0 μ . . P. rhodoph-
-thalma (p. 121)

Description of the species, varieties, and forms. --

Sect. 1. ASPICILIOPSIS (Mull. Arg.) M. Lamb

1. PLACOPSIS MACROPHTHALMA (Tayl.) Nyl.

apud Cromb. in J. Bot., Lond. XV, p. 106 (1877), cum
descript.

Synon. -- Urceolaria macrophthalma Tayl. in Lond. J. Bot. III, p. 640 (1844), cum descript. Lecanora macrophthalma Nyl. in Mém. Soc. nat. Sci. Cherbourg, V, p. 336 (1857), in Flora, Regensburg, XLI, p. 499 (1858), in ibid. LXIX, p. 320 (1886), cum descript.; Tuckerm. in Bull. Torrey bot. Cl. VI, p. 58 (1875), cum descript.; Cromb. in J. linn. Soc. Lond., Bot. XV, p. 185 (1876); Hue in Nouv. Arch. Mus. Hist. nat., Paris, sér. 3, III, p. 59 (1891); Zahlbr. in Deutsch. Südpolar-Exped. 1901 - 3, VIII, p. 48 (1906), Cat. Lich. Univ. V, p. 670 (1928). Placodium macrophthalmum Müll. Arg. in Bot. Jb. V, p. 135 (1884), Flechten in Forschungsreise S.M.S. "Gazelle", IV. Teil, p. 10 (1889), cum descript.; F. Wils. in Mém. Herb. Boissier, no. 18B, p. 87 (1900). Aspiciliopsis macrophthalma [sic] B. de Lesd. in Ann. Cryptog. exot. IV, p. 101 (1931).

Descr. -- Thallus determinatus, substrato arcte adnatus, ad peripheriam laciniatus, in centro rimosus sed haud areolatus, 0.15 - 0.50 mm. crassus, sordide albidus vel flori lactis concolor, nec nitidus nec pruinosis, extus intusque KHO + sordide flavescens vel fuscenscens, CaCl₂O₂ + roseo-rubescens, Pd + leviter roseo-carneus vel -, superficie laevigatus, rimis numerosis 0.05 - 0.10 mm. latis abrupte incisus. Laciniae marginales adnatae, planae, apice rotundatae, breves, 0.6 - 1.5 mm. latae, rimis separatae angustissimis vel indistinctis. Hypothallus nullus visibilis; isidia ac soredia desunt. -- Cephalodia in thallo immersa (innata), sordide sublutescentia vel leviter roseola, irregulariter rimoso, marginibus in thallum sensim abeuntia, a thallo tantum colore paulum obscuriore secernenda. -- Apothecia

in parte centrali thalli numerosa, omnino immer-
-sa (aspicilioidea), 1.0 - 1.5 mm. diam., margine
thallino irregulariter abrupteque circumscisso, haud pro-
-minenti; margine proprio interdum visibili, angusto,
thallo subconcolori; disco plano vel leviter concavo,
thallum aequanti, obscure rufofusco, haud nitido nec prui-
-noso. Excipulum inferne leviter sordideque flavo-fus-
-cescens, paraplectenchymaticum; hypothecium incoloratum;
thecium 195 - 300 μ altum, superne nubilatatum, ceterum in-
-coloratum. Paraphyses apice haud incrassatae. Sporae
8nae, in asco uniseriatae, ellipsoideae, 22.5 - 26.0 \times 14 -
16 μ .

Icon. -- Pl. 4, fig. 16 (syntype specimen ex herb.
Churchill Babington).

Hab. -- Rocks.

Distr. -- Apparently endemic to the islands of Kergu-
-elen and St. Paul in the southern Indian Ocean.

KERGUELEN. Exact locality not stated, coll. J. D.
Hooker (syntype) (fert.) (H., BM.); Christmas Har-
-bour, coll. R. M'Cormick, 1840 (fert.) (BM.); Christ-
-mas Harbour, "on hills 1 - 700 ft.", coll. ? (fert.)
(BM.); Swain's Bay, coll. A. Eaton (Venus Transit
Exped.) (fert.) (H.).

ST. PAUL. "Sommet de l'ile", coll. Vélain (Expéd.
astron. St.-Paul et Amsterdam, 1874 - 5) (ster.)
(H.).

Obs. 1. -- In the British Museum syntype specimen, no
visible hypothallus is present; thallus not corticate,
the upper surface being formed of nubilated, closely ad-
-nate, vertically parallel, thin-walled hyphae 2 - 3 μ
thick, forming a layer 60 - 75 μ deep; medulla nubilated,
compact, of irregularly intertexted, thin-walled hyphae
3.5 - 5.0 μ thick. Symbiotic algae 4 - 7 μ diam., forming
an interrupted stratum 180 - 215 μ deep. Cephalodia with
an upper, \pm nubilated cortex 45 - 60 μ deep, formed of
 \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 3 - 6 μ diam.; medullary
tissue colourless, of conglutinated hyphae 4 - 6 μ thick

running in various directions; symbiotic algae Scytone-moid, forming nests in the medullary tissue. Excipulum entire below hypothecium, pallid yellow-brown in section, composed of \pm isodiametric, angular cells $4.5 - 6.0\mu$ diam. with walls up to 1μ thick; hypothecium about 90μ deep, colourless or faintly nubilated, of densely compacted hyphae up to 2μ thick running in various directions. Paraphyses often submoniliform at tips, septate, with septa $5 - 12\mu$ apart; asci cylindric-clavate, $150 - 200 \times 14 - 27\mu$, with walls $1.5 - 3.0\mu$ thick at sides, not thicker at apex, persistently blue with iodine. [No pycnidia seen; pycnoconidia, according to a drawing and manuscript note by Nylander with the Swain's Bay specimen (no. 23866 in herb. Nyl.), filiform, arcuate, $26 - 36 \times 0.5\mu$; see also Obs. 3 below.]

Obs. 2. -- This species, occupying a section by itself is analogous to the section Aspicilia of Lecanora.

Obs. 3. -- Zahlbruckner, apud Engler & Prantl, Nat. Pflanzenfam. I. Teil, Abt. 1*, p. 203 (1907), states that the pycnoconidia of this species are up to 60μ in length.

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2. PLACOPSIS SUBPARELLINA Nyl.

apud Stizenb. in Flora, Marburg, LXXII, p. 367 (1889), cum descript., Lich. Ins. Guineens. p. 45 (1889), cum descript.

Synon. -- Lecanora subparellina Hue in Nouv. Arch. Mus. Hist. nat., Paris, sér. 3, III, p. 59 (1891); Zahlbr. Cat. Lich. Univ. V, p. 670 (1928).

Descr. -- Thallus effusus, ut videtur indeterminatus, c o n t i n u u s, v e r r u c o s u s, leviter inaequalis, $0.2 - 0.9$ mm. crassus, glauco-albidus, eburneus, vel flori lactis concolor, opacus, epruinosis, extus intusque KHO + flavescens, $CaCl_2O_2$ + roseo-rubescens, Pd + m i n i a t o - r u b e s c e n s (superficiei nonnuncquam maculatim reagens); verrucis thallinis subhemisphaericis aut varie tumidis, $0.3 - 1.0$ mm. diam. Thallus isidiis carens atque sorediis; hypothallus nullus.--

Cephalodia sparsa, sessilia, arcte adpressa, formam valde irregularia, varie lobata plicataque, interdum leviter rimosa, 0.5 - 1.0 mm. lata, ad 0.4 mm. crassa, obscure flavido-carnea, opaca. -- Apothecia thallo supersparsa, sessilia, basi modice beneve constricta, discoidea, 1.0 - 2.5 (- 3.0) mm. diam.; margine thallino mediocri, prominenti, integro, tumido, opaco, saepe tenuissime albidopruinoso, demum fere excluso; margine proprio in apotheciis majoribus evoluto, parum prominenti, integro, rufofusco, epruinoso; disco obscure rufofusco, plano vel leviter concavo, albidopruinoso, aetate vulgo fissuris fracto. Excipulum sub hypothecio continuum, circa 150 μ crassum, paraplectenchymaticum, nubilatum; hypothecium incoloratum; thecium 120 - 165 μ altum, sursum nubilatum, ceterum hyalinum. Paraphyses apicibus haud vel parum incrassatae. Sporae 8nae, in asco biserialatae, elongato-ellipsoideae aut ellipsoideo-fusiformae, (15 -) 17 - 21 (- 24) \times 5 - 6 (- 7.5) μ . -- Pycnidia verrucis thallinis insidentia, ostiolo vulgo incolorato; omnino immersa, subsphaerica, ad 350 μ lata, perifulcrio hyalino vel levissime nubilato, subparaplectenchymatico. Fulcra acuminata, ramosa, 10 - 18 \times 1.3 - 2.0 μ . Pycnoconidia filiformia, leviter arcuata aut subrecta, 18 - 24 \times 0.5 μ .

Icon. -- Pl. 4, fig. 18 (the scanty holotype specimen in herb. Nyl., no. 23869).

Hab. -- Seen only on soil.

Distr. -- Known to me only from New Zealand; see Obs. 4 below.

NEW ZEALAND. Exact locality not stated, coll. Colenso (no. 4731) (holotype) (fert.) (H.); exact locality not stated, coll. Colenso (probably paratype) (fert.) (BM.); South Island: Canterbury Province, exact locality not stated, coll. Haast (fert.) (K., W.).

Obs. 1. -- In the holotype specimen (no. 23869 in herb. Nyl.), the cortex of the thallus is 15 - 30 μ deep, $\frac{1}{2}$ nubilated, paraplectenchymatic, of cells 4 - 6 μ diam.; medulla compact, densely nubilated, of interwoven hyphae 3 - 6 μ thick, brownish and more compacted below where it joins the substratum; symbiotic algae 4 - 10 μ diam., bright green, forming a $\frac{1}{2}$ continuous stratum 45 - 90 μ deep. Cephalodia with a dull yellowish, paraplectenchymatic cortex 38 - 60 μ deep composed of $\frac{1}{2}$ isodiametric, thin-walled cells 3 - 7 μ diam.; inner medullary tissue hyaline, of para- or prosoplectenchymatic, fairly thin-walled cells 4 - 13 \times 3 - 9 μ ; symbiotic algae Nostocoid, blue-green, forming a deep stratum in the medullary tissue. Paraphyses 1.3 - 1.6 μ thick, often branched, abstricting nubilated, conidia-like, epithelial particles from their tips; septate with septa 5 - 12 μ apart. Asci persistently blue with iodine.

Obs. 2. -- No good sections of apothecia were obtained from the above-mentioned holotype specimen, and the following details additional to the above description were obtained from a specimen in the British Museum Herbarium also collected by Colenso, and hence probably a paratype; paraplectenchyma of lower excipular stratum consisting of $\frac{1}{2}$ isodiametric, fairly thin-walled cells 6 - 11 μ diam.; hypothecium about 160 μ deep in centre, of compacted, closely interwoven hyphae 2 - 3 μ thick running in various directions. Asci elongate-clavate, 90 - 120 \times 12 - 17 μ , with wall 1.0 - 1.5 μ thick at sides, not thicker at apex, but apparently so on account of a plug of hyaline material on its inner side.

Obs. 3. -- P. subparellina appears to be a morphologically constant species, easily recognisable by the verrucose thallus, positive Pd reaction, and elongated spores.

Obs. 4. -- Hue, in Nouv. Arch. Mus. Hist. nat., Paris, sér. 3, III, p. 59 (1891), mentions the occurrence of this species in Java as well as in New Zealand. I have not come across any specimens of it from Java.

3. PLACOPSIS TERRICOLA (Cromb.) M. Lamb, comb. nov.

Synon. -- Lecanora gelida f. terricola Cromb. in J. linn. Soc. Lond., Bot. XV, p. 232 (1876), cum descript.; Zahlbr. Cat. Lich. Univ. V, p. 668 (1928).

Descr. -- Thallus plagas suborbiculares irregularesve ad 4.5 cm. latas vel majores formans, ambitu haud vel tantum indistincte effiguratus (leviter radiatim plicatus); 0.25 - 1.00 mm. crassus, s u b c o n t i n u u s (rimis paucis ad 0.25 mm. latis), g r o s s e g l e - b o s o - v e r r u c o s u s, verrucis irregularibus, 0.8 - 2.0 mm. diam., tumido-convexis; impure flavido-albicans vel flori lactis concolor, epruinosis, haud nitidus; extus KHO - , CaCl_2O_2 + roseo-rubescens, Pd + roseus; intus KHO + plus minusve flavescens, CaCl_2O_2 + roseo-rubescens, Pd + miniato-rubescens; nec isidiatus nec sorediatus; hypothallus deest.-- Cephalodia thallo supersparsa, deformia, 3 - 6 mm. diam., ad 0.7 mm. crassa, radiatim plicata rimosaque, flavido-carnea, haud nitida.-- Apothecia adpresso-sessilia, discoidea, basi leviter constricta, 1.2 - 1.6 mm. diam., margine thallino integro, haud vel parum nitido, haud prominulo; margine proprio interdum conspicuo, plus minusve prominulo, tenui, integro, fuscocarneo, epruinosis, haud nitido; disco plano, obscure rufofusco, laevigato, nec nitido nec pruinoso. Pars basalis excipuli sub hypothecio 50 - 65 μ crassa, paraplectenchymatica, inferne nubilata; hypothecium incoloratum; thecium 155 - 200 μ altum, superne zona 27 - 35 μ lata indistincte flavidum, ceterum incoloratum. Paraphyses apicibus haud incrassatae. Sporae 8nae, in asco uniseriatae, ellipsoideae, 17 - 18 \times 8 - 11 μ . -- Pycnidia verruculis thallinis 0.2 - 0.4 mm. diam. immersa, apicibus ostiolis minutis punctiformibus fuscis perforatis, plus minusve sphaerica, ad 390 μ diam., perifulcrio hyalino, paraplectenchymatico; fulcris acuminatis, plerumque ramosis, 15 - 20 \times 1 - 2 μ ; pycnoconidiis filiformibus, arcuatis vel rarius fere rectis, 15 - 24 \times 0.5 μ .

Icon. -- Pl. 4, fig. 19 (part of the syntype specimen in the British Museum Herbarium).

Hab. -- The collector's original field note preserved with the Kew syntype reads: "Common on rocks at high-water mark forming rather large patches"; the material seen by me is on sandy soil, which presumably formed a soil-cap over the rocks mentioned.

Distr. -- Up till now known only from the Chilean island of Chiloe.

CHILE. Chiloe: Huite near Ancud, coll. R. Cunningham, 1868 (syntype) (fert.) (K., BM., W.).

Obs. 1. -- In the syntype specimen in the British Museum Herbarium, the thalline cortex is 12 - 24 μ deep, nubilated, paraplectenchymatic, of cells 3 - 6 μ diam.; medulla compact, nubilated, of interwoven hyphae 3.0 - 4.2 μ thick and mainly upwards-striving; symbiotic algae 6 - 12 μ diam.; the stratum formed by them slightly interrupted, 60 - 120 μ deep. Cephalodia with an outer, yellow-brownish, paraplectenchymatic cortex 15 - 30 μ deep (of thin-walled, slightly flattened cells about 4.5 μ diam.), and overlaid in most places by an outermost, hyaline layer 4 - 8 μ deep derived from disintegrated cell layers; medullary tissue colourless, of densely interwoven, thin-walled hyphae 2 - 3 μ thick, between which are entangled the symbiotic algae (Nostocoid, blue-green). Paraplectenchymatic basal part of excipulum composed of $\frac{1}{2}$ isodiametric, thin-walled cells 5 - 7 μ diam.; hypothecium 60 - 105 μ deep, of compacted hyphae 2 - 3 μ thick running in various directions. Paraphyses sometimes branched, septate with septa 7 - 15 μ apart. Asci cylindric, 110 - 135 \times 9 - 15 μ , with wall about 1 μ thick at sides and up to 6 μ at apex, with iodine persistently blue.

Obs. 2. -- Apparently the paraphenylenediamine reaction of the medulla is fluctuating, and no great reliance should be placed upon it, for in the syntype specimen in the Vienna herbarium no red coloration could be obtained.

4. PLACOPSIS CHILENA M. Lamb, sp. nov.

Descr. -- Thallus determinatus, plagas efficiens 3 cm. diam. vel majores, ad peripheriam obsolete effigurat- tus, laciniis marginalibus indistinctis, 1.5 - 3.0 mm. longis, 0.7 - 1.3 mm. latis, 0.3 - 0.5 mm. crassis, ad-

-natis, tumidis, rimis ad 0.2 mm. latis separatis, apicibus rotundatis et saepe vage crenulatis; in centro verrucoso-areolatus, areolis tumidis, irregulariter angulosis, 0.7 - 1.5 mm. diam., ad 0.8 mm. crassis, rimis profundis limatis acutisve 0.10 - 0.25 mm. latis separatis; flori lactis concolor vel eburneus, subtiliter albopruinosus (per vitrum $\times 10$!), haud nitidus, extus KHO - , CaCl_2O_2 - , Pd - vel + leviter roseus; intus KHO + indistincte flavescens, CaCl_2O_2 + roseo-rubescens, Pd + rubescens. Isidia sorediaque desunt; hypothallus haud evolutus. -- Cephalodia thallo insidentia, sessilia, discoideo-deplanata, 2 - 6 mm. diam., ad 0.6 mm. crassa, radiatim plicata rimosaque, sordide fuscoflavescentia, haud nitida. -- Apothecia irregulariter sparsa, sessilia, ab initio discoidea, basi modice beneve constricta, 1.0 - 1.3 mm. diam., margine thallino albopruinoso, integro, primum tumido, prominenti, demum depresso vel fere excluso; margine proprio in apotheciis vetustioribus bene visibili, prominenti, integro, carneo, haud pruinoso; disco plano, laevigato, obscure rufofusco, interdum leviter albopruinoso, haud nitido. Stratum paraplectenchymaticum excipulare sub hypothecio evolutum, nubilatatum, ad 90μ crassum; hypothecium incoloratum; thecium $180 - 220\mu$ altum, superne zona $20 - 30\mu$ lata sordide fuscoflavescens, ceterum incoloratum vel levissime roseum. Paraphyses apicibus vix incrassatae. Sporae 8nae, in asco uniseriatae, ellipsoideae, $18 - 21 \times 9 - 12\mu$.

Icon. -- Pl. 4, fig. 17 (the holotype specimen).

Hab. -- On granitic rock. "Sobre rocas graniticas, expuestas al sol" (collector's field note).

Distr. -- Chile.

CHILE. Valdivia: Corral, altit. 25 m., coll. H. Gunckel, 1935 (no. 5159) (holotype) (fert.) (Räs.).

Obs. 1. -- In the holotype specimen, the thallus has a shallow, paraplectenchymatic cortex 12 - 18 μ deep, colourless and hyaline (degenerating) in outer 3 - 6 μ , within nubilated, composed of cells 3 - 5 μ diam. Medulla fairly compact, nubilated, of intertexted hyphae about 3 μ thick running in various directions; at its base the medulla is densely felted and brown by degeneration. Symbiotic algae 5 - 9 μ diam., forming an interrupted stratum 65 - 95 μ deep. Cephalodia with an outer, hyaline, paraplectenchymatic cortex 15 - 20 μ deep, of \pm isodiametric cells 3 - 5 μ diam., their walls 1.0 - 1.3 μ thick; medullary tissue colourless, proso- or paraplectenchymatic, with thin-walled cells 3.0 - 4.5 μ wide. Symbiotic algae Scytonemoid, reddish, dispersed in nests throughout the medullary tissue. Lower paraplectenchymatic stratum of excipulum formed of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 4 - 6 μ diam.; hypothecium of compacted hyphae 1.5 - 4.5 μ thick running in various directions. Paraphyses often branched, septate with septa 8 - 18 μ apart. Asci cylindric-clavate, 160 - 180 \times 13 - 18 μ , with wall about 2 μ thick at sides, hardly thicker above, and blue (then becoming \pm decolorised) with iodine. [No pycnidia seen.]

Obs. 2. -- This species differs from P. terricola in the areolate thallus, and from P. gelida var. subreagens in the verrucose areolae, higher thecium, and slightly larger spores.

5. PLACOPSIS BRACHYLOBA (Müll. Arg.) M. Lamb, comb. nov.

Synon. -- Placodium brachylobum Müll. Arg. in Bull. Herb. Boissier, IV, p. 93 (1896), cum descript. Lecanora brachyloba Zahlbr. Cat. Lich. Univ. V, p. 665 (1928).

Descr. -- Thallus determinatus, ambitu obsolete effiguratus, lobis vel areolis marginalibus haud elongatis, 0.4 - 0.9 mm. diam., substrato arcte adpressis, apicibus rotundatis vel indistincte crenulatis, circa 0.2 mm. crassis, haud vel parum nitidis, flori lactis concoloribus; in centro concinne areolatus, ad 0.5 mm. crassus, areolis angulosis rotundatisve (rimis angustis separatibus) 0.4 - 0.9 mm. diam., sordide ochraceis vel pallide

fuscoflavescentibus, pro parte leviter cinereo-pruinosis; extus KHO - , CaCl_2O_2 - vel (in lobis marginalibus dilutius coloratis) + rubescens, Pd - ; intus KHO + sordide flavofuscescens, CaCl_2O_2 + rubescens, Pd + r u - b e s c e n s (saltem in areolis fertilibus). Isidia sorediaque desunt; hypothallus ambitu haud visibilis, in centro evolutus, ferrugineus, 0.3 - 0.4 mm. crassus. -- Cephalodia thallo irregulariter supersparsa, sessilia, postremo discoideo-deplanata, ad 1.8 mm. diam., 0.6 mm. crassa, rimis radiantibus tangentialibusque fissis, fuscocarnea vel ochracea, haud pruinosa. -- Apothecia singulatim ex areolis oriunda, primum verrucoso-tumida et apice punctiformi-depressa, dein plana discoidea-que, basi constricta, sessilia, ad 1.3 mm. diam., margine thallino crasso, prominenti, integro, flori lactis concolori; margine proprio haud visibili; disco marginem haud aequanti, carneo-fuscescenti, roseo- vel cinereo-pruinoso. Excipulum sub hypothecio evolutum; paraplectenchymaticum, incoloratum. Hypothecium incoloratum. Thecium 135 - 210 μ altum, incolor, superne granulatis flavofuscescentibus onustum. Paraphyses apicibus vix incrassatae. Sporae 8nae, in asco uniseriatae, ellipsoideae, 21 - 24 \times 10.5 - 15.0 μ (aut 18 - 20 \times 12 μ , sec. Müll. Arg. descr. orig.).

Icon. -- Text-fig. 5 (part of the holotype specimen).

Hab. -- On dark basaltic rock.

Distr. -- Eastern Australia.

AUSTRALIA. Queensland: exact locality not stated, coll. Shirley, 1893 (holotype) (fert.) (G.).

Obs. -- In the holotype specimen, the thallus is bicolorous, the peripheral areolae being cream-coloured and the inner part ochraceous brownish-yellow on account of a superficial deposit; this feature is perhaps a random variation. In section, the inner part of the thallus is covered with a dull brownish-yellow layer 4 - 9 μ

deep, composed of indistinct, disintegrating cells; the underlying cortex is 9 - 24 μ deep, colourless, paraplectenchymatic, of cells 3 - 5 μ diam. The medulla appears to be entirely paraplectenchymatic, colourless, of cells similar to those of the cortex. Hypothalline layer made up of interwoven, colourless, thin-walled hyphae 2 - 3 μ thick, entangling a copious, rusty-red, granular deposit. Symbiotic algae 6 - 13 μ diam., forming a $\frac{1}{2}$ continuous stratum 15 - 57 μ deep. Cephalodia with an outer, paraplectenchymatic, faintly brownish cortex 37 - 75 μ deep, of $\frac{1}{2}$ isodiametric, thin-walled cells 3 - 5 μ diam.; medullary tissue colourless, of parallel-conglutinated, mainly upwards-striving, thin-walled hyphae about 3 μ thick; symbiotic algae Scytonemoid, forming large clumps in the medullary tissue. Paraplectenchymatic, lower, excipular stratum mixed with symbiotic algae, 190 - 250 μ deep, interspersed with air-bubbles, formed of $\frac{1}{2}$ isodiametric, thin-walled cells 3 - 5 μ diam.; hypothecium 60 - 90 μ deep in centre, composed of compacted hyphae 2 - 3 μ thick running in various directions, staining blue-green with iodine. Paraphyses occasionally branched, 1.5 - 2.0 μ thick, septate with septa 8 - 18 μ apart. Asci cylindrical-clavate, 120 - 170 \times 12 - 20 μ , with wall about 3 μ thick, at apex thickened up to 9 μ and persistently blue with iodine. [No pycnidia seen.]

6. PLACOPSIS PATAGONICA (Zahlbr.) M. Lamb, comb. nov.

Synon. -- Lecanora patagonica Zahlbr. in K. svenska VetenskAkad. Handl. LVII, no. 6, p. 35 (1917), cum descript., Cat. Lich. Univ. V, p. 668 (1928).

Descr. -- Thallus plagas plus minusve orbiculares, 1.0 - 4.5 cm. latas, confluentes formans, effiguratus, laciniis ad peripheriam contiguus, rimis angustis separatis, 1.5 - 3.0 mm. longis, expansis, deplanatis, tenuibus (circa 0.1 mm. crassis), substratum arc-tissime obducentibus, apicibus subrotundatis vel subcuneatis, ibi zona angustata obscurius coloratis (olivaceofuscescentibus); in centro laevigatus, rimosus (haud rite areolatus), rimis circa 0.1 mm. latis; ad 0.7 (- 1.0) mm. crassus, ochraceo-glauescens vel sordide flavidoalbidus, opacus, epruinosis, extus intusque KHO + sordide lutescens (dein fuscens), CaCl₂O₂ + roseo-

rubescens, P d + r o s e o - r u b e s c e n s; sorediis isidiisque destitutus. Hypothallus nullus visibilis. -- Cephalodia irregulariter sparsa, suborbicularia, deplanata, sessilia, 1-4 mm. diam., 0.3 - 0.5 mm. crassa, radiatim rimoso-effigurata, flavidocarnea ferrugineo-fusca, haud nitida. -- Apothecia thallo supersparsa, sessilia, basi bene vel modice constricta, rotundata vel passim mutua pressione angulata, 1.0 - 1.7 mm. diam., margine thallino mediocri, integro, haud nitido, epruinoso; margine proprio interdum visibili, tenui, integro, subolivaceo; disco rufofusco (aetate nigrescenti), leviter concavo planove, laevigato, opaco, haud pruinoso. Excipulum sub hypothecio evolutum, 60 - 100 μ crassum, paraplectenchymaticum, dense nubilatum; hypothecium subincoloratum; thecium 175 - 225 μ altum, superne pallide flavofuscescens, ceterum subincoloratum. Paraphyses apice haud incrassatae. Sporae 8nae, in asco uniseriatae, ellipsoideae, 19 - 21 \times 10 - 11 μ . -- Pycnidia thallo immersa, haud vel parum prominula, extus ostiolo punctiformi minutissimo thallo concolori indicata; sphaerica, ad 70 μ diam., perifulcrio levissime flavidulo, paraplectenchymatico; fulcris simplicibus ramosisve, acuminatis, 10 - 15 μ longis, 0.7 - 1.0 μ crassis; pycnoconidia filiformia, leviter arcuata vel fere recta, 20 - 30 \times circa 0.6 μ .

Icon. -- Pl. 1, fig. 5 (lectotype specimen from Peel Inlet).

Hab. -- Igneous rock.

Distr. -- Subantarctic South America.

CHILE. Magallanes: Peel Inlet on south side of Chat-ham Island, coll. ? (Swedish Antarct. Exped.) (lectotype) (fert.) (W.).

Obs. 1. -- In the lectotype specimen, the thallus has an upper, paraplectenchymatic cortex 15 - 25 μ deep, pale

yellow-brownish in its outermost 6 - 10 μ , within almost colourless, composed of cells 3 - 7 μ diam.; medulla pale sordid yellowish or almost colourless, compact, of closely interwoven, chiefly \pm horizontally running hyphae about 3 μ thick, becoming gradually yellow-brown in its lower part where it joins the substratum. Symbiotic algae small (4 - 6 μ diam.), pale green, forming an interrupted stratum 35 - 65 μ deep. Cephalodia with an outer, in places orange-ferruginous, paraplectenchymatic cortex not well delimited from the inner medullary tissue, of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 3 - 5 μ diam.; medullary tissue colourless, para- or prosoplectenchymatic, of conglutinated, thin-walled cells 5 - 18 \times 3 - 5 μ , the elongated cells \pm vertically arranged; symbiotic algae Scytonemoid, blue-green to orange-yellow, forming vertical bands 18 - 45 μ broad in the medullary tissue. Lower paraplectenchymatic stratum of excipulum of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 4 - 5 μ diam.; hypothecium of compacted and interwoven hyphae 2.5 - 3.5 μ thick running in various directions. Paraphyses 1.3 - 1.8 μ thick, occasionally branched, septate with septa 10 - 25 μ apart. Asci cylindrical, 165 - 185 \times 12 - 15 μ , with wall about 1 μ thick, at apex (in immature asci) thickened up to 6 μ , and persistently blue with iodine.

Obs. 2. -- A somewhat striking species, easily recognisable by its very flattened marginal lobes, which are for the most part darker in colour (olive-brownish) on their outer edges. The positive paraphenylenediamine reaction is a useful confirmatory character.

Obs. 3. -- Zahlbruckner in his original description of this species mentions a second locality: Fuegia, Beagle Canal, Darwin Glacier. I have not seen this specimen.

Obs. 4. -- In his contribution to Skottsberg's "Natural History of Juan Fernandez", II (1924), on p. 382, Zahlbruckner has published a form of this species as Lecanora patagonica f. sorediosula, and Köfaragó-Gyelnik has subsequently raised this form to specific rank as Lecanora sorediosula (Zahlbr.) Gyel. in Acta Fauna Flora univ. ser. ii, I, p. 10 (1933). In the original description two localities are mentioned, both in Juan Fernandez (Masafuera). I have seen these two specimens; one is a sterile sorediate thalline crust,

Pd = , not specifically determinable, but certainly not referable to P. patagonica; the other is non-sorediate, although in places with insect bites looking like sorediate, Pd † intense red, sterile, and is identical with P. gelida var. subreagens M. Lamb. As the latter is considered as a variety, it is not necessary to use the prior but unsuitable epithet sorediosula.

7. PLACOPSIS STENOPHYLLA (Hue) M. Lamb, comb. nov.

Synon. -- Lecanora stenophylla Hue in Ann. mycol., Berl. XII, p. 523 (1914), cum descript.; Zahlbr. Cat. Lich. Univ. V, p. 670 (1928).

Descr. -- Thallus rosulas orbiculares ad 2.5 cm. diam. vel majores formans, ambitu pulchre laciniato-effiguratus, laciniis adnatis, rimis 0.1 - 0.2 mm. latis separatis, deplanatis et substrato arctissime adpressis, sublinearibus vel nonnihil cuneatis, 2 - 6 mm. longis, 0.7 - 1.5 mm. latis (apicibus saepe expansis, rotundatis subcrenatisve, 1 - 2 mm. latis), 0.1 - 0.4 mm. crassis, varie ramosis, centrum versus fissuris transversalibus ruptis; in centro ad 0.4 mm. crassus, rimosus aut subareolatus, rimis tenuibus saepe anastomosantibus et areolas irregulariter angulosas, 0.3 - 1.0 mm. diam., planas tumidasve circumsecantibus; albidus aut eburneus, haud nitidus, epruinosis; extus intusque KHO - vel † indistincte flavofuscescens, CaCl_2O_2 † roseo-rubescens, Pd † minima - ato - rubescens (praecipue in medulla, thallo superne saepe Pd - vel modo maculatim rubescenti). Isidia sorediaque desunt; hypothallus haud evolutus (sed thallus saepe inferne et in rimis ferrugineo-conspurcatus). -- Cephalodia sparsa, sessilia, adpressa, orbicularia, deplanata, 0.8 - 1.4 mm. diam., ad 0.4 mm. crassa, radiatim plicata et effigurata, haud rimosas,

obscure carnea, opaca subnitentiave. -- Apothecia irregulariter disposita, sessilia, ad basin bene constricta, discoidea, 1.0 - 1.6 mm. diam., margine thallino mediocri, prominulo vel demum subdepresso, integro, opaco, nudo; margine proprio interdum evoluto, tenui, integro, leviter prominenti, carneo, nec nitido nec pruinoso; disco plano, obscure fuscorufescenti (madefacto laetius rufescenti) vel rufofusco, opaco, nudo vel interdum subtiliter ochraceo-pruinoso. Excipulum basale sub hypothecio integrum, modice incrassatum, paraplectenchymaticum, nubilatatum; hypothecium incoloratum; thecium 120 - 162 μ altum, incoloratum, sed sursum pallide flavidum nubilatatumve. Paraphyses apice leviter incrassatae. Sporae 8nae, in asco uniseriatae, ellipsoideae, 14 - 20 \times 7.5 - 11.0 μ .

Icon. -- Pl. 5, fig. 20 (paratype specimen, no. 3640 in herb. Nyl.); fig. 21 (specimen from Chiloe in herb. Räsänen).

Hab. -- Schistose rocks.

Distr. -- Known only from Chile.

CHILE. Exact locality not stated, coll. Gay (paratype) (fert.) (H.); Chiloe: exact locality doubtful, coll. C. Junge, 1932 (Herb. Gunckel no. 6376) (fert.) (Räs.).

Obs. 1. -- In the paratype specimen studied (no. 3640 in herb. Nyl.), the thallus has an upper, nubilated, paraplectenchymatic cortex 17 - 24 μ deep, composed of cells 3 - 6 μ diam.; medulla compact, nubilated, of closely intertexted hyphae 1.7 - 3.0 μ thick showing chiefly \pm horizontally parallel arrangement; towards the base the hyphae are brownish by degeneration, and intermingled with fragments of the substratum; symbiotic algae 4.5 - 10.0 μ diam., bright green, forming an even, slightly interrupted layer 35 - 75 μ deep. Cephalodia covered by an outermost, hyaline, amorphous sheath 4 - 9 μ deep; the underlying cortex 45 - 95 μ deep, pale yellowish in outer part, otherwise colourless, paraplectenchymatic, of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 3 - 7 μ diam.; inner medullary tissue hyaline, indistinctly paraplectenchyma-

-tic; symbiotic algae Scytonemoid, blue-green, scattered in clumps of various size throughout the medullary tissue. Lower paraplectenchymatic stratum of excipulum formed of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 3 - 6 μ diam.; hypothecium of compacted, interwoven hypae 1.5 - 2.0 μ thick running in various directions. Paraphyses 1 - 2 μ thick (at tips up to 3 μ), occasionally branched, abstricting conidia-like, rounded, epithelial particles at tips; septate with cells 7 - 12 μ long. Asci elongate-clavate, 90 - 110 \times 12 - 15 μ , with wall 1.0 - 1.3 μ thick at sides (at apex thickened up to 4 μ) and persistently pale blue with iodine. [Mature spores not found in the paratype specimen; according to Hue, *descript. orig.*, 18 - 20 \times 8 - 12 μ , and in the Chiloe specimen in herb. Räsänen 14 - 20 \times 7.5 - 11.0 μ . No pycnidia seen.]

Obs. 2. -- A neat and habitually distinct species, differing from P. patagonica in the form of the thallus, higher thecium, etc., and from P. gelida var. subreagens in the very flattened and closely adpressed peripheral laciniae.

8. PLACOPSIS CRIBELLANS (Nyl.) Räs.

in *J. Jap. Bot.* XVI, p. 90 (1940).

Synon. -- Lecanora cribellans Nyl. *Lich. Japon.* p. 42 (1890), cum descript.; Hue in *Nouv. Arch. Mus. Hist. nat.*, Paris, sér. 3, III, p. 59 (1891), cum descript., in *Ann. mycol.*, Berl. XII, p. 524 (1914), cum descript.; *Zahlbr. Cat. Lich. Univ. V*, p. 665 (1928). Placopsis pacifica Wain. in *Bot. Mag. Tokyo*, XXV, p. 53 (1921), cum descript. Lecanora iwashiroensis *Zahlbr. Cat. Lich. Univ. V*, p. 668 (1928).

Descr. -- Thallus determinatus, effiguratus, plagas plus minusve orbiculares ac saepe confluentes efficiens, laciniis marginalibus substrato arcte adpressis, 0.6 - 2.5 mm. longis, 0.5 - 1.2 mm. latis, 0.1 - 0.2 mm. crassis, deplanatis, simplicibus vel irregulariter ramosis, adnatis, rimis angustissimis separatis, apicibus rotundatis subcrenulatisve; in centro rimosus vel indistincte areolatus, ad 0.5 mm. crassus, rimis ad 0.1 mm. latis

passim areolas irregulariter angulosas 0.4 - 1.8 mm. diam. circumscribentibus, creberri me cribellato-punctatus vel isidiis erosis minute confertimque defossulatus, foraminibus tantum per vitrum X 10 rite visibilibus, plus minusve rotundatis, ad 0.1 mm. diam., thalli superficie concoloribus, interdum margine tenuissimo et parum prominulo cinctis; eburneo-albidus, haud nitidus nec pruinosis, extus KHO + indistincte flavescens vel -, CaCl_2O_2 + roseo-rubescens (vel interdum -), Pd + roseo-carneus; intus KHO + indistincte flavescens vel -, CaCl_2O_2 + roseo-rubescens, Pd - . Isidia (in forma typica speciei) desunt (omnino erosa); soredia nulla; hypothallus haud evolutus. -- Cephalodia thallo sessilia, irregulariter sparsa, discoideo-deplana-ta vel tumido-depressa, 0.8 - 5.0 mm. diam., 0.4 - 0.8 mm. crassa, radiatim plicata rimosaeque vel tantum effiguratoplicata, pallide sordideque flavidula vel carnea, haud nitida. -- Apothecia thallo irregulariter super-sparsa, sessilia, rotundata, basi constricta, 0.5 - 1.3 mm. diam., margine thallino mediocri, persistenter prominulo, integro vel demum levissime crenulato, haud nitido; margine proprio interdum visibili, tenuissimo, haud prominulo, subcarneo; disco plano vel leviter concavo, carneo vel rufofusco, raro fusconigrescenti, epruinosis vel interdum albido-pruinosisuffuso, haud nitido. Excipulum sub hypothecio evolutum, paraplectenchymaticum, nubilatum; hypothecium incoloratum; thecium 90 - 180 μ altum, superne leviter flavescens, ceterum incoloratum. Paraphyses apicibus nonnihil incrassatae. Sporae 8nae, in asco uniseriatae vel subbiseriatae, ellipsoideae, 12.0 - 16.5 \times 6 - 9 μ . -- Pycnidia thallo immersa, leviter protuberantia, ostioliis minutissimis punctiformibus fuscescentibus extus indicata, sphaerica, circa 120 μ diam., perifulcrio incolorato paraplectenchymatico ad 14 μ crasso; fulcra

subulata, 9 - 13 × 1.0 - 1.5 μ; pycnoconidia filiformia, leviter arcuata vel fere recta, 21 - 29 × circa 0.5 μ.

Icon. -- Pl. 5, fig. 22 (the sterile syntype fragment in herb. Nyl., no. 23862); fig. 23 (a fertile specimen from New Zealand, no. 23846 in herb. Nyl.).

Hab. -- Rocks.

Distr. -- With the exception of the outlying Atlantic station in Tristan da Cunha, this species is confined to the coasts of the Pacific Ocean in both hemispheres:

Alaska, Aleutian Islands, Japan, Korea, Formosa, New Zealand, Juan Fernandez, and Galapagos Islands; see Map 2.

ALASKA. Seward Peninsula: Port Clarence, coll. W. Trelease & D. Saunders, 1899 (f. tuberculifera) (ster.) (MO.); Aleutian Islands: Unalaska, coll. Eyerdam, 1932 (f. tuberculifera) (ster.) (FH., S.).

JAPAN. Honshiu, Rikuchu: Morioka, Mt. Gansu, altit. 2000 m., coll. Faurie, 1898 (no. 755) (ster.) (BM., W.); Uzen: Ubayu, coll. Faurie, 1904 (no. 5845) (fert.) (W.); [Sado Island, coll. Faurie, 1898 (no. 949), recorded by Hué in Ann. mycol., Berl. XII, p. 525 (1914);¹³⁾] Iwashiro: Mt. Bandai, coll. A. Yasuda, 1916 (no. 164) (holotype of Placopsis pacifica Wain.) (fert.) (TUR.), coll. Faurie, 1898 (no. 966) (fert.) (B. de Lesd.); Kozuke: Mt. Nabewari, coll. A. Yasuda, 1920 (ster.) (Räs.); Etchu: Mt. Tateyama, coll. Y. Asahina, 1928 (fert.) (Asah.); Shinano: Matsumoto, coll. Faurie, 1905 (no. 6928) (holotype of f. tuberculifera M. Lamb) (ster.) (B. de Lesd.); Mt. Yatsugatake, coll. Faurie, 1903 (no. 5618) (ster.) (W.), coll. Y. Asahina, 1926 (f. tuberculifera) (ster.) (Asah.); Musashi: Mt. Chichibu, coll. Y. Asahina, 1933 (fert.) (Asah.); Sagami: Hakone, coll. Y. Asahina, 1925 (ster.) (Asah.), coll. Y. Asahina, 1930 (fert.)

(Asah.); Izu: Mt. Amagi, coll. Y. Asahina, 1930 (ster.)
 (Asah.); Suruga: Mt. Fujiyama, altit. circ. 2000 m.,
 coll. E. Almquist, 1879 (syntype of the species) (ster.)
 (H.), ("Lecanora gelida" Nyl. Lich. Japon. p. 42; 1890)
 (fert.) (S.); Mt. Fujiyama, coll. Y. Asahina, 1924
 (fert.) (Asah.); Kiushiu, Osumi: Yakushima Island,
 coll. F. Fujikawa, 1933 (ster.) (Asah.).

KOREA (CHOSEN). Quelpaert Island (Chedshu), Mt.
 Hallaisan, coll. Faurie, 1906 (no. 729) (ster.) (B.
de Lesd.).

FORMOSA (TAIWAN). Tainan: Mt. Arisan, coll. Y. Asa-
 -hina, 1925 (no. 143) (f. tuberculifera) (ster.)
 (Asah.).

NEW ZEALAND. Exact locality not stated, coll. C.
 Knight, 1867 (no. 325) (fert.) (H.), coll. C. Knight
 (f. tuberculifera) (ster.) (BM., W.), (fert.)
 (WELT.), coll. Jelinek (f. tuberculifera) (fert.)
 (M.); North Island, Hutt: near Wellington, coll. J.
 Buchanan (f. tuberculifera) (ster.) (BM.).

JUAN FERNANDEZ. Masatierra: near Tres Puntas, altit.
 200 m., coll. C. & I. Skottsberg, 1917 (ster.) (GB.),
 coll. C. & I. Skottsberg, 1917 (f. tuberculifera) (ster.)
 (S., W.).

GALAPAGOS. Exact locality not stated, coll. ?, 1872
 (Hassler Exped.) (f. tuberculifera) (ster.) (K.).

TRISTAN DA CUNHA. Above potato patches, altit. 200 m.,
 coll. Y. Mejland, 1938 (no. 1653) (ster.) (O.); the
 crater, altit. 1950 m., coll. E. Christophersen & Y. Mej-
 -land, 1938 (no. 761 pr. p.) (ster.) (O.).

Obs. 1. -- In the sterile syntype specimen in herb.
 Nyl. (no. 23862), the characteristic excavations in the
 thallus are very numerous and crowded, giving it a "pock
 marked" appearance. Thallus with a paraplectenchymatic
 cortex (faintly yellowish in section) of cells 3 - 5 μ
 diam.; medulla colourless, $\frac{1}{2}$ compact, of interwoven hy-
 -phae 2.5 - 4.5 μ thick running in various directions, and

in the lower parts sometimes brown by degeneration. Symbiotic algae 6 - 11 μ diam., forming an interrupted layer 30 - 60 μ deep. Cephalodia up to 1 mm. diam., dull yellowish, with obsolete, radial plication at periphery, not rimose; the cortex not differentiated from the inner medullary tissue, the whole structure being paraplectenchymatic, of $\frac{1}{2}$ isodiametric cells 3.0 - 5.5 μ diam. with walls 1.0 - 1.3 μ thick; symbiotic algae Stigonemoid, with obvious slime-sheaths, occurring in clumps in the interior.

Obs. 2. -- In the fertile holotype specimen of "Placopsis pacifica" Wain. (no. 4152 in herb. Vain.), the lower paraplectenchymatic stratum of the excipulum is 23 - 60 μ deep, of $\frac{1}{2}$ isodiametric, thin-walled cells 4 - 6 μ diam.; hypothecium 195 - 270 μ deep in centre, of compacted hyphae 2 - 3 μ thick running chiefly upwards into the thecium; thecium 140 - 180 μ high. Paraphyses often branched, 1.5 - 2.0 μ thick, up to 3 μ at tips. Asci cylindrical or elongate-clavate, 95 - 130 \times 7 - 13 μ , with wall about 1 μ thick at sides, at apex thickened up to 9 μ in immature asci, and persistently blue with iodine. Spores 14 - 15 \times 7 - 9 μ .

Obs. 3. -- The pycnidia are described from a syntype specimen in herb. Nyl. (no. 23843).

Obs. 4. -- Nylander recorded "Lecanora gelida" from Japan in his Lich. Japon. p. 42 (1890), but the only Japanese specimen in his herbarium under this name is P. cribellans with the characteristic pittings sparingly present. These minute, crowded, pock-like pittings, which are derived from the erosion of isidia, enable one to recognise P. cribellans even in small and sterile examples. Wainio's description of a sorediate thallus in "Placopsis pacifica" was an error; it is easy to mistake the eroded hollows in the thallus for the depressions left by worn-off soredia.

Obs. 5. -- The surface of the thallus in this species almost invariably gives a delicate, flesh-pink reaction with paraphenylenediamine, as mentioned on p.26. The same type of reaction is sometimes met with in P. gelida, and does not appear to have any taxonomic significance.

F. TUBERCULIFERA M. Lamb, f. nov.

Diagn. -- Thallus isidiis integris (haud erosis), verruculiformibus, subglobosis; ceterum sicut in forma typica speciei.

Obs. 1. -- Possibly a growth-stage of the species. Its distribution is included above together with that of the typical state.

Obs. 2. -- The holotype specimen from Japan, Matsu-moto, is similar both morphologically and anatomically to the primary form, but differs in the absence of "cribellations" and in the presence of numerous, subglobose, concolorous isidia 0.15 - 0.20 mm. diam. scattered over the surface of the thallus. In a few places, where they have been eroded, punctate depressions are visible and can be seen to have originated from the dropping out of the isidia.

In section of thallus, cortex pale yellowish, paraplectenchymatic, 18 - 24 μ deep, of cells 3 - 5 μ diam.; medulla compact, densely nubilated; symbiotic algae 6 - 12 μ diam., forming an interrupted layer 30 - 60 (- 75) μ deep. The isidia have the same structure, containing algae. Thallus externally Pd + pale flesh-pink, internally Pd - . Cephalodia as in the typical species, with Scytonemoid algae. [No apothecia present.]

9. PLACOPSIS PAPILLOSA Wain.

in Philipp. J. Sci. sect. C, VIII, p. 102 (1913), cum descript.

Synon. -- Lecanora papillosa Zahlbr. Cat. Lich. Univ. V, p. 668 (1928).

Descr. -- Thallus effusus vel vix determinatus, ambitu haud vel passim indistincte lobatus, laciniis parum evolutis, 0.5 - 1.0 mm. longis, 0.4 - 0.5 mm. latis, 0.1 - 0.2 mm. crassis, radiantibus aut irregulariter dispositis, planis aut leviter convexis, varie ramoso-divisis, apicibus rotundatis ac saepe obsolete crenulatis; in

centro subsquamulosus, (cum isidiis) ad 0.8 mm. crassus, irregulariter fissus, haud areolatus, eburneus vel florilactis concolor, passim fuscidulo-conspurcatus, epruinus, haud nitidus, extus intusque KHO - vel + sordide fuscens, CaCl_2O_2 + roseo-rubescens, Pd - ; c r e b r e i s i d i a t u s, isidiis congestis, subglobosis, 0.1 - 0.2 mm. diam., thallo concoloribus, ambitum vitantibus; soredia nulla; stratum hypothallinum ochraceum tenue passim visibile. -- Cephalodia thallo irregulariter super-sparsa, irregularia, tuberculiformia vel nonnihil deplanata, sessilia, ad 1 mm. lata et 0.5 mm. crassa, varie plicata rugosaque, semipellucida, obscure rufofusca ac dein (degeneratione) fusconigrescentia. -- Apothecia sparsa, sessilia, discoidea, basi bene constricta, ad 1.3 mm. diam., margine thallino mediocri crassiusculove, saepe crenulato, interdum leviter albido-pruinoso, haud nitido; disco nonnihil concavo planove, primum obscure rufofusco, m o x n i g r e s c e n t i (etiam madefacto), in apotheciis novellis pruina albida vel pallide ochracea saepe obtecto. Excipulum sub hypothecio integrum, paraplectenchymaticum, flavofuscidulum, nubilatam; hypothecium pallide flavofuscescens; thecium 120 - 180 μ altum, superne flavofuscescens, ceterum incoloratum. Paraphyses apicibus haud incrassatae. Sporae 8nae, in asco uniseriatae, ellipsoideae, 17.0 - 19.5 \times 10 - 11 μ .

Icon. -- Pl. 6, fig. 25 (the holotype specimen, no. 4151 in herb. Vain.).

Hab. -- "On rocks, earth, etc." (collector's field note); seen by me on rocks of often friable consistency.

Distr. -- Philippine Islands and Java, occurring apparently at high altitudes.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. Negros: Canlaon Volcano, altit. 1830 m., coll. E. Merrill, 1910 (no. 6866) (holotype) (fert.) (TUR.).

JAVA. Preanger: Mt. Gede, altit. circ. 3000 m., coll. W. Seifrizz, 1920 (fert.) (W.).

Obs. In the holotype specimen, the thallus (and isidia) have an outer, colourless or faintly yellowish, indistinctly paraplectenchymatic cortex 8 - 17 μ deep, of cells 3 - 5 μ diam.; medulla colourless or faintly yellowish in section, compact, of interwoven hyphae 2.0 - 4.3 μ thick running in various directions; hypothallus not distinctly separated from medulla, spongy, of closely or loosely intertexted hyphae 2 - 5 μ thick, with thin-walled, brownish cells; symbiotic algae 5 - 11 μ diam., forming a somewhat diffuse, \pm continuous stratum 30 - 78 μ deep. Cephalodia covered by a pale brownish, indistinctly paraplectenchymatic cortex 20 - 45 μ deep, of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 3 - 5 μ diam.; medullary tissue colourless, of closely-packed, thin-walled hyphae; symbiotic algae Stigonemoid, blue-green, in conspicuous, hyaline slime-sheaths. Lower paraplectenchymatic stratum of excipulum of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 4 - 7 μ diam.; hypothecium of compacted, intricated hyphae 1.3 - 2.0 μ thick running in various directions. Paraphyses often branched, 1.0 - 1.7 μ thick, the tips covered with minute, yellowish, epithelial granules. Asci cylindrical, 100 - 170 \times 10 - 14 μ , with wall 1.0 - 1.3 μ thick at sides, at apex (in immature asci) thickened up to 6 μ , and pale blue with iodine. [No pycnidia seen.]

10. PLACOPSIS ISIDIOPHORA Wain.

in Philipp. J. Sci. sect. C, VIII, p. 102 (1913), cum descript.

Synon. -- Lecanora isidiophora Zahlbr. Cat. Lich. Univ. V, p. 668 (1928).

Descr. -- Thallus determinatus, ambitu effiguratus, substratum late tegens, laciniis ad peripheriam rimis separatis vel nonnihil discretis, 1.5 - 2.0 mm. longis, 0.5 - 1.0 mm. latis, 0.2 - 0.5 mm. crassis, tumido-conconvexis vel partim deplanatis, simplicibus vel irregulariter ramosis, apicibus rotundatis; in centro irregulariter rimosus (haud areolatus), rimis 0.1 - 0.3 mm. latis; ad 0.8 mm. crassus, subrugosus vel passim subsquamulosus, albidus vel flori lactis concolor, epruinosis, haud nitidus, extus intusque KHO \pm indistincte flavescens,

CaCl₂O₂ + roseo-rubescens, Pd - , c r e b r e i s i d i
- a t u s, isidiis subglobosis, congestis et passim co-
 -acervatis, 0.1 - 0.2 mm. diam., lacinias marginales vi-
 -tantibus; soredia nulla; hypothallus nullus visibilis.--
Cephalodia thallo supersparsa, sessilia, deplanata, sub-
 -discoidea, 0.9 - 2.0 mm. diam., ad 0.6 mm. crassa, obso-
 -lete radiatim plicata, rarius rimosa, obscure flavidocar-
 -nea, haud nitida. -- Apothecia in centro thalli sparsa,
 sessilia, rotundata, basi bene constricta, 0.8 - 1.5 mm.
 diam., margine thallino mediocri, integro vel obsolete
 crenulato, haud nitido et epruinoso; margine proprio in-
 -terdum visibili, disco concolori, parum prominulo, tenui,
 haud nitido; disco obscure fuscocarneo flavidofuscove,
 in apotheciis vetustioribus degeneratione fusconigrescen-
 -ti, plano aut leviter concavo, saepe primum ochraceo-pru-
 -inoso, haud nitido. Excipulum integrum, sub hypothecio
 stratum paraplectenchymaticum pallide fuscidulum efficiens;
hypothecium pallide flavofuscidulum vel fere incoloratum;
thecium 185 - 285 μ altum, superne flavofuscidulum, ceterum
 incoloratum. Paraphyses apicibus haud vel parum increas-
 -atae; sporae 8nae, in asco uniseriatae, ellipsoideae,
 18 - 24 \times 9 - 12 μ .

Icon. -- Pl. 6, fig. 24 (the holotype specimen, no.
 4150 in herb. Vain.).

Hab. -- Apparently vague in its choice of substratum;
 the holotype occurs on dead wood, the Javan specimen on
 rock.

Distr. -- Philippine Islands and Java, occurring appa-
 -rently at high altitudes.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. Negros: Canlaon Volcano, altit.
 1830 m., coll. E. Merrill, 1910 (no. 6876) (holotype)
 (fert.) (TUR.).

JAVA. Preanger: Mt. Gede, altit. circ. 3000 m., coll.
 Schiffner, 1894 (fert.) (FH.).

Obs. 1. -- In the holotype specimen, the thallus has an upper, faintly nubilated, paraplectenchymatic cortex 13 - 23 μ deep, of cells 4.5 - 6.0 μ diam.; medulla slightly nubilated, \pm compact, of interwoven hyphae 2.8 - 5.0 μ running in various directions, or at the apices of the marginal lobes chiefly horizontally-parallel; symbiotic algae 5 - 10 μ diam.; the stratum formed by them \pm continuous, 24 - 54 μ deep. Cephalodia with an outer, faintly yellowish, paraplectenchymatic cortex 12 - 21 μ deep, of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 3 - 6 μ diam.; medullary tissue para- or prosoplectenchymatic, colourless; symbiotic algae Scytonemoid, blue-green or yellow-green, forming a stratum in the upper medullary tissue. Lower, paraplectenchymatic excipulum formed of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 4 - 6 μ diam.; hypothecium of compacted, pale yellowish or colourless hyphae 1.2 - 1.5 μ thick running in various directions; thecium 200 - 285 μ high. Paraphyses often branched, 1.3 - 2.0 μ thick, septate with septa 7 - 12 μ apart. Asci cylindrical, 165 - 190 \times 12 - 14 μ , with wall 1.0 - 1.3 μ thick at sides, at apex (in immature asci) up to 8 μ , blue then greenish-yellow with iodine. Spores 18 - 21 \times 9 - 12 μ . [No pycnidia seen.]

Obs. 2. -- This species and P. papillosa are very closely allied, and may even prove to be varieties of one and the same species. On the basis of the scanty material of both at present available for study their distinction as separate species seems to be justified.

11. PLACOPSIS BACULIGERA M. Lamb, sp. nov.

Descr. -- Thallus effiguratus, plagas ut videtur sat latas (ad circa 8 cm. diam., vel etiam majores ?) formans, laciniis ad peripheriam substrato arcte adpressis, tota longitudine adnatis, rimis angustissimis separatis, 4 - 10 mm. longis, 1 - 2 mm. latis, 0.2 - 0.5 mm. crassis, varie dichotome vel sympodialiter ramosis, tumido-convexis, tantum apicibus applanatis expansisque; in centro verrucoso-areolatus, areolis tumidis, confertis, 0.5 - 1.0 (- 1.3) mm. diam., ad 1 mm. crassis, marginem versus sensim in lacinias marginales abeuntibus; omnino aurantiaco-ochraceus (oxydatus), laevigatus, haud nitidus nec pru-

-inosus, extus intusque KHO - , CaCl_2O_2 - , Pd - . Hypo-
-thallus deest; isidia ac soredia nulla.--- Cephalodia
 thallo irregulariter supersparsa, sessilia, primum tumida,
 deinceps leviter deplanata discoideaque, 1 - 3 mm. diam.,
 0.8 - 1.2 mm. crassa, inferne vix constricta, superficie
 irregulariter verruculoso-rugosa, haud effigurata, thallo
 concoloria, haud nitida. -- Apothecia thallo insidentia,
 irregulariter disposita, sessilia, basi bene constricta,
 1.5 - 3.0 mm. diam., m a r g i n e t h a l l i n o
 c r a s s o, p r o m i n e n t i, integro vel minute
 radiatim rugoso, introrsus incurvato, discum bene superan-
 -ti; margo proprius nullus; discus subplanus, olivaceo-
 fuscus, n i t i d u s, haud pruinosis. Excipulum i n -
 - f e r n e h a u d e v o l u t u m; hypothecium i n -
 -color; thecium 240 - 285 μ altum, superne p a l l i d e
 v i r i d i - f l a v e s c e n s, ceterum incoloratum.
Paraphyses apicibus vix vel parum incrassatae. Sporae
 8nae, in asco uniseriatae, ellipsoideae, 24 - 29 \times 14 - 15
 μ . -- Pycnidia verrucis thallinis immersa, extus ostio-
 -lis punctiformibus, plus minusve impressis, rufofuscis,
 ad 0.3 mm. latis indicata; sphaerica, ad 570 μ diam.,
 nullo perifulcricio circumdata, l a m i n a s p o r i g e -
 - r a c o n v o l u t a; fulcra simplicia, leviter at-
 -tenuata, 12 - 21 μ longa, circa 1 μ crassa; pycnoconidia
 fulcrorum apicibus enata, b a c u l i f o r m i a,
 r e c t a, u t r o q u e t r u n c a t a, 6 - 10 \times 0.8 -
 1.0 μ .

Icon. -- Pl. 1, fig. 3 (the holotype material).

Hab. -- Granitic rocks.

Distr. -- Fuegia.

CHILE. Magallanes: Isla Desolación, Puerto Angosto,
 altit. 400 - 700 m., coll. P. Dusén, 1896 (no. 197)
 (Nordenskjöld's Eldslandsexped.) (holotype) (fert.)
 (S.); Rio Azopardo, "in saxibus alpinis", altit. 700 m.,

coll. P. Dusén, 1896 (no. 154) (Nordenskjöld's Elds-
-landsexped.) (fert.) (S.).

Obs. 1. -- In the holotype specimen the colour of the thallus corresponds to the colours "cinnamon-buff" (Pl. XXIX. 17" b) and "tawny" (Pl. XV. 13' i) in Ridgway's "Color Standards" (1912); in Séguy's "Code Universel" (1936) the nearest equivalent is Pl. XVII. nos. 247 -9. Thallus with an outer cortex 50 - 65 μ deep; this cortex is paraplectenchymatic, in its outer 15 - 20 μ yellow (due to amorphous pigment in the cell-walls), otherwise hyaline, of cells 5.5 - 9.0 μ diam. Medulla hyaline, compact, of intertexted hyphae 3.0 - 4.5 μ thick running in various directions. The verrucose thallus is anchored to the substratum by a $\frac{1}{2}$ continuous, lower layer of medullary hyphae, as in P. contortuplicata. Symbiotic algae 6 - 9 (- 11) μ diam., forming a $\frac{1}{2}$ even, slightly interrupted stratum 115 - 185 μ deep. Cephalodia with an outer, paraplectenchymatic cortex 70 - 90 μ deep, pale yellow in outermost 25 - 35 μ , of $\frac{1}{2}$ isodiametric, thin-walled cells 5 - 11 μ diam.; medullary tissue hyaline, of strands of parallel-conglutinate, fairly thin-walled hyphae 3 - 5 μ thick; symbiotic algae Stigonemoid, in clumps throughout almost whole depth of cephalodium. No lower, paraplectenchymatic, excipular stratum is differentiated; the colourless hypothecium, composed of densely compacted hyphae 2.0 - 4.5 μ thick running in various directions, rests directly on the scattered groups of sub-hypothecial algae. Paraphyses not constricted at septa, which are 9 - 18 μ apart; 1.5 - 2.5 μ thick, occasionally branched, at apices sometimes slightly conglutinated and yellow-greenish (due to pigment in the cell-wall). Asci cylindrical to cylindrical-clavate, 195 - 220 \times 17 - 21 μ , with colourless, $\frac{1}{2}$ gelatinised walls 1.5 - 2.5 μ thick at sides, at apex thickened up to 5 μ ; blue then paler blue with iodine.

Obs. 2. -- A very remarkable species, differing widely from all other members of the genus in the staff-shaped pycnoconidia and in the apothecia with their prominent, inflexed, thalline margin and smooth, shining disc. The greenish tinge of the epithecium also is not found in any other known species of Placopsis. Other distinctive features are the absence of any lower, paraplectenchymatic, excipular stratum, and the greatly convoluted walls of the pycnidia.

12. PLACOPSIS BICOLOR (Tuckerm.) B. de Lesd.
in Ann. Cryptog. exot. IV, p. 100 (1931); Räs. in Ann.
bot. Vanamo, II, p. 25 (1932).

Synon. -- Placodium bicolor Tuckerm. in Bull. Torrey
bot. Cl. VI, p. 57 (1875), cum descript., in Proc. Amer.
Acad. Arts Sci. XII, p. 184 (1877); Müll. Arg. in Bot.
Jb. V, p. 135 (1884), cum descript., Flechten in For-
-schungsreise S.M.S. "Gazelle", IV. Teil, p. 10 (1889),
cum descript. Lecanora bicolor Zahlbr. in Deutsch. Süd-
-polar-Exped. 1901 - 3, VIII, p. 48 (1906). Lecanora
gelida var. β . vitellina Hook. f. & Tayl. apud Hook. Bot.
Antarct. Voy. Erebus and Terror, I, Flora Antarctica, Part
II, p. 535 (1847), cum descript. Placopsis gelida var.
vitellina B. de Lesd. in Ann. Cryptog. exot. IV, p. 101
(1931). Squamaria lateritia Nyl. in Mém. Soc. nat.
Sci. Cherbourg, V, p. 111 (1858) (nomen nudum), in
Flora, Regensburg, XLIV, p. 718 (1861) (nomen nudum).
Placopsis gelida f. lateritia Nyl. apud Cromb. in J. linn.
Soc. Lond., Bot. XV, p. 184 (1876), cum descript.;
Cromb. in J. Bot., Lond. XV, p. 106 (1877). Lecanora
gelida f. lateritia Nyl. apud Hue in Nouv. Arch. Mus.
Hist. nat., Paris, sér. 3, III, p. 59 (1891).

Descr. -- Thallus determinatus, ambitu effiguratus (aut
nonnunquam ut videtur haud rite lobatus), 0.3 - 1.0 mm.
crassus, laciniis ad peripheriam adnatis, rimis limatis
ad 0.1 mm. latis separatis, 3 - 5 mm. longis, 1.5 - 2.5
mm. latis, apicibus rotundatis, varie ramosis; in centro
areolatus, areolis irregulariter angulosis, 1.0 - 2.5 mm.
diam., planiusculis, rimis profundis ad 0.2 mm. latis se-
-paratis; omnino vel pro maxima parte o c h r a c e o -
f l a v e s c e n s , a u r a n t i a c o - f l a v e s -
- c e n s , v e l f e r r u g i n e o - r u f u s (o x y -
-datus), interdum pro parte decolor, i. e. impure albidus

vel flori lactis concolor; haud nitidus nec pruinus; superne KHO - , CaCl_2O_2 - , Pd - ; stratum medullare KHO - vel + indistincte flavescens, CaCl_2O_2 - vel in partis albidis saepe + roseo-rubescens, Pd - . Hypothallus nullus; isidia ac soredia desunt. -- Cephalodia supra thallum sessilia, plus minusve orbicularia, 2 - 8 mm. diam., circa 1 mm. crassa, plicato-effigurata et radiatim fissa, ferrugineo-rufa vel rufofusca, interdum obscure carnea, haud nitida. -- Apothecia thallo irregulariter supersparsa, sessilia, basi bene constricta, discoidea, 1.2 - 2.3 mm. diam., margine thallino modice beneve incrassato, integro vel saepe minute crebreque radiatim fisso, haud prominenti, thallo concolori vel dealbescenti, haud nitido; margine proprio nonnunquam visibili, prominulo, integro, rufo- vel purpureo-carneo; disco planiusculo, rufofusco vel purpureo-lateritio, laevigato vel scabrido, haud nitido, epruinoso. Stratum paraplectenchymaticum excipuli sub hypothecio evolutum, 30 - 100 μ crassum, hyalinum nubilatunve; hypothecium incoloratum; thecium 165 - 240 μ altum, sursum pallide fuscoflavescens, ceterum levissime flavescens vel subincolor. Paraphyses apicibus submoniliformes et parum incrassatae. Sporae (6 -) 8nae, in aëco uniseriatae, ellipsoideae, (19 -) 20 - 24 \times 10.5 - 15.0 μ . -- Pycnidia areolis immersa, saepe leviter protuberantia, ostiolis maculiformibus concaviusculis fuscis ad 0.2 mm. diam., plus minusve sphaerica vel ampullacea, ad 380 μ diam., perifulcrio subincolorato paraplectenchymatico 6 - 18 μ crasso; fulcris saepe ramosis, acuminatis, 9 - 14 \times 1.0 - 2.5 μ ; pycnoconidiis filiformibus, arcuatis (interdum fere rectis), 18 - 24 \times circa 0.6 μ .

Icon. -- Pl. 1, fig. 1 (the holotype specimen); fig. 2 (holotype of "Placopsis gelida f. lateritia" Nyl.).

Hab. -- Rocks.

Distr. -- Bicentric, in Kerguelen and Fuegia; see Map 1.

KERGUELEN. Exact locality not stated, coll. ?, 1875 (U. S. Transit Exped.) (holotype) (ster.) (FH.); exact locality not stated, coll. ? (fert.) (K.), coll. Schimper (fert.) (W.), coll. ?, 1874 (Challenger Exped.) (fert.) (K., BM.); Swain's Bay, coll. Eaton (Venus Transit Exped.) (holotype of "Placopsis gelida f. lateritia") (fert.) (BM.); Cumberland Bay, coll. R. M'Cormick, 1840 (ster.) (K.); Stationsee, coll. Urbansky, 1902 (fert.) (W.); "au mont de l'Abri", coll. E. Aubert de la Rue, 1931 (fert.) (B. de Lesd.).

CHILE. Magallanes: Isla Desolación, Puerto Angosto, "in saxis litoralibus", coll. P. Dusén, 1896 (no. 199) (Nordenskjöld's Eldslandsexped.) (fert.) (S.).

Obs. 1. -- In the holotype specimen of "Placodium bicolor" no apothecia now remain; thallus well effigurate at periphery; its cortex nubilated in outermost 6 - 11 μ with small, orange-red granules, otherwise hyaline, in all 18 - 30 μ deep, paraplectenchymatic, of cells 4 - 6 μ diam. Medulla hyaline, compact, of hyphae 3 - 5 μ diam. running in various directions, often predominantly \pm vertically. Symbiotic algae 4.5 - 8.0 μ diam., forming an interrupted layer 90 - 140 μ deep. Cephalodia with an outer, paraplectenchymatic cortex 21 - 45 μ deep, orange-yellow in section and composed of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 4.5 - 7.5 μ diam. Medullary tissue hyaline, of parallel-conglutinated, thin-walled hyphae 3 - 5 μ thick. Symbiotic algae in clumps throughout the medullary tissue, Scytonemoid.

Obs. 2. -- In the holotype specimen of "Placopsis gelida f. lateritia", no peripheral lobes are present (incomplete specimen ?); the lower paraplectenchymatic excipulum of the apothecia is 30 - 48 μ deep, hyaline or faintly brownish, of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 4 - 6 μ diam. Hypothecium hyaline, up to 120 μ deep in centre, of compacted hyphae 2 - 3 μ thick running in various directions, chiefly \pm vertically. Thecium 190 - 240 μ high. Paraphyses 1.5 - 2.5 μ thick, frequently branched, septate, the septa 10 - 22 μ apart. Asci cylindrical or cylindrical-clavate, 150 - 210 \times 12 - 23 μ , with walls 1.0 - 2.5 μ thick at sides, not or very slightly

thicker at apex, and stained blue then greenish-blue with iodine.

Obs. 3. -- P. bicolor seems to be a common lichen in Kerguelen. The Fuegian specimen does not differ in any appreciable respect. The degree of oxydation of the thallus is variable, some of the examples being partly cinereous-whitish or cream-coloured, and in these places a light red CaCl_2O_2 reaction of the medulla can be obtained.

Obs. 4. -- I have not seen an authentic specimen of the "Lecanora gelida var. β . vitellina" of Hooker & Taylor, but there is no doubt that it is identical with this species. Tuckerman in his original description of "Placodium bicolor" stated: "the infertile specimen called (notwithstanding the orange colour) Lecanora gelida by Taylor (herb.) appears to me to belong here".

Obs. 5. -- A specimen in the Kew herbarium from Kerguelen, Cumberland Bay, shares the piece of rock upon which it was growing with Lecanora (Urceolina) kerguelensis (Tuckerm.) Cromb. and the doubtful "Placodium antarcticum" Müll. Arg. (= Lecanora sublateritia Zahlbr.; see p. 165).

Obs. 6. -- The two Kerguelen specimens collected by Aubert de la Rue have been recorded by Bouly de Lesdain in Ann. Cryptog. exot. IV, p. 100 & 101 (1931) as Placopsis bicolor and "Placopsis gelida var. vitellina" respectively.

Obs. 7. -- The records of this species from Fuegia by Räsänen in Ann. bot. Vanamo, II, p. 25 (1932) are not applicable to the true P. bicolor; one of the plants is P. Räsänenii and the other is P. parellina var. microphylla.

13. PLACOPSIS ALBIDA (Krphb.) M. Lamb, comb. nov.
Synon. -- Squamaria albida Krphb. apud Nyl. in Ann.

Sci. nat., Bot. sér. 4, XX, p. 277, footnote (1863), cum
descript., Reise Oesterr. Fregatte Novara, Bot. Teil, I,
 p. 111 (1870), cum descript. Lecanora (subgen. Placo-
psis) albida Nyl. in J. linn. Soc. Lond., Bot. IX, p.
 251, footnote (1866), apud Hue in Nouv. Arch. Mus. Hist.
 nat., Paris, sér. 3, III, p. 59 (1891); Forss. in Bih.
 svensk. VetenskAkad. Handl. VIII, no. 3, p. 55 (1883);
 Zahlbr. Cat. Lich. Univ. V, p. 665 (1928); Groenh. in
 Ned. kruidk. Arch. XLVI, p. 737 (1936).

Descr. -- Thallus o m n i n o l a c i n i a t u s,
 laciniis confertis, discretis vel imbricatis, varie ramo-
 -sis, planis vel levissime convexis, apicibus rotundatis
 et obsolete crenulatis, 1 - 3 mm. longis, 0.4 - 1.0 mm.
 latis, 0.1 - 0.3 mm. crassis; albidus vel glauco-albidus,
 haud nitidus nec pruinosis, nec isidiatus nec sorediatus,
 KHO - vel + indistincte flavescens, CaCl_2O_2 + roseus,
 Pd - ; medulla KHO + flavescens, CaCl_2O_2 + rubescens, Pd
 - . Hypothallus evolutus, ochraceus, leviter spongiosus.
 -- Cephalodia e hypothallo oriunda, ochraceo-carnea,
 demum planata et radiatim laciniata, ad 2 mm. diam., 0.2 -
 0.3 mm. crassa. -- Apothecia supra lacinias sessilia,
 discoidea, urceolata, ad 1.8 mm. diam., basi bene const-
 -ricta, margine thallino thallo concolori, integro vel
 levissime crenato, mediocri; disco concavo planove, rufo-
 -carneo fuscove, interdum ochraceo-pulverulento, haud ni-
 -tido. Excipulum inferne evolutum, ibi paraplectenchy-
 -maticum, pallide flavidum vel incoloratum; hypothecium
 leviter flavofuscidulum; thecium 175 - 235 μ altum, su-
 -perne sordide pallideque flavidum, ceterum incoloratum.
Paraphyses apice haud vel parum incrassatae. Sporae 6 -
 8nae, in asco uniseriatae, ellipsoideae, 21 - 25 \times 10.5 -
 12.0 μ . -- Pycnidia laciniis immersa, maculis minutis
 parum prominulis flavofuscis indicata, sphaerica, 120 -
 250 μ diam., perifulcrio incolori vel leviter flavido;

fulcris congestis, 8 - 15 × 1.0 - 1.5 μ ; pycnoconidiis filiformibus, arcuatis vel fere rectis, 15 - 25 × circa 0.5 μ .

Icon. -- Pl. 6, fig. 27 (syntype specimen in herb. München). Further: Krphb. Reise Oesterr. Fregatte Novara, Bot. Teil, I, Tab. XII, fig. 3a, b, c, d, e (haud bona).

Hab. -- On decomposing rock.

Distr. -- Java.

JAVA. Exact locality not stated, coll. Jelinek (syntype) (fert.) (M., W.).

Obs. 1. -- In the Vienna syntype, the thallus has an upper cortex 15 - 20 μ deep composed of cells 3 - 6 μ diam.; medulla of loosely interwoven, colourless hyphae 2.5 - 5.0 μ thick running in various directions, and passing gradually down into the chiefly horizontally contexted, yellow-brown hyphae of the hypothallus. Symbiotic algae 5 - 10 μ diam., forming a continuous and \pm even stratum 30 - 40 μ deep. Cephalodia with an outer cortex 18 - 26 μ deep, formed of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 3 - 5 μ diam.; medullary tissue colourless, compact, of interwoven, thin-walled hyphae 3 - 4 μ thick running chiefly \pm vertically; symbiotic algae Nostocoid, in large clumps in the medullary tissue. Paraplectenchymatic cells of lower excipulum \pm isodiametric, thin-walled, 5 - 9 μ diam., staining blue with iodine; hypothecium up to 80 μ deep, of compacted hyphae 1 - 2 μ thick running in various directions, staining dirty green-blue with iodine. Paraphyses septate, the septa 6 - 12 μ apart; asci cylindrical, 150 - 200 × 9 - 18 μ , with walls 1 - 3 μ thick at sides, at apex thickened up to 7.5 μ , persistently blue with iodine.

Obs. 2. -- P. albida is a small but elegant species, easily recognisable by its finely lacinate thallus. It is unfortunate that no records of exact locality or altitude have been preserved.

14. PLACOPSIS PYCNOTHECA M. Lamb
apud Räs. in An. Soc. cient. argent. CXXVIII, p. 139
(1939), cum descript. (excl. synon.)

Descr. -- Thallus (effiguratus ? ¹⁴) plagas ut videtur sat latas efficiens, 0.2 - 1.0 mm. crassus, haud rimosus, p l i c a t o - v e r r u c o s u s, verrucis irregularibus, subhemisphaericis vel subglobosis, 0.3 - 0.9 mm. diam., passim concretescentibus ac superficiem inaequatam plicatamque formantibus; sordide eburneus vel fuscocinerascens, opacus, haud vel partim subtiliter albidopruinosus, extus intusque KHO - , CaCl₂O₂ + rubescens, Pd - . Isidia ac soredia nulla; hypothallus deest. -- [Paracephalodia ¹⁵) saltem in specim. orig. evoluta; numerosa, thallo irregulariter supersparsa, sessilia, subglobosa, 0.40 - 0.75 mm. diam., laevigata, integra, basi bene constricta, sordide flavofuscescentia, opaca, epruinosus.] -- Cephalodia sessilia, sparsa, deplanato-discoidea, 1.0 - 2.5 mm. diam., ad 0.3 mm. crassa, radiatim plicato-effigurata, haud rimosa, paracephalodiis concoloria vel demum obscurioria (ferrugineofuscescentia), haud nitida. -- Apothecia thallo irregulariter supersparsa, sessilia, basi bene constricta, discoidea, 1.2 - 1.8 mm. diam., margine thallino primum prominulo, modice incrassato, integro, opaco, interdum leviter albo-pruinoso, dein fere excluso; margine proprio demum subprominenti, tenui, carneo-fusco, opaco, saepe pruina subtili alba superfuso; disco plano, laevigato, interdum rimosulo, obscure rufofusco vel aetate nigrofusco vel nigrescenti, opaco, nudo; s t r a t u m p a r a p l e c t e n c h y m a t i c u m b a s a l e e x c i p u l i p e r b e n e e v o l u t u m (225 - 300 μ crassum), firmum, nubilatatum; hypothecium incoloratum; thecium 135 - 155 μ altum, superne leviter flavofuscescens, ceterum incoloratum. Paraphyses apicibus haud incrassatae. Sporae 6 - 8nae, inasco uni- vel partim biseriatae, e l o n g a t o - e l l i p s o i d e a e v e l r a r i u s e l l i p s o i d e a e, (15 -) 18 - 24 X

(6 -) 7 - 8 (- 8.5) μ . -- Pycnidia verrucis thallinis immersa, maculis fusconigrescentibus circa 0.1 mm. latis indicata; subpyriformia, ad 285 μ diam., perifulcrio obsolescenti, hyalino, indistincte paraplectenchymatico. Fulcra (copia visa pallide rosea) saepe ramosa, acuminata, 12 - 18 μ longa, 1.0 - 1.2 μ crassa. Pycnoconidia filiformia, leviter arcuata vel fere recta, 16 - 21 \times circa 0.5 μ .

Icon. -- Text-fig. 6 (portion of the holotype specimen).

Hab. -- On soil.

Distr. -- Chile.

CHILE. Llanquihue: Rio Manso, altit. circ. 850 m., coll. A. Donat, 1936 (no. 854) (holotype) (fert.) (Räs.).

Obs. 1. -- In the holotype specimen the thallus is in most places covered by a semi-amorphous, colourless stratum 4 - 8 μ thick. Cortex 18 - 30 μ deep, pallid brownish, not nubilated, paraplectenchymatic, of cells 4.5 - 8.0 μ diam. Medulla compact or with a few small air spaces, nubilated, formed of interwoven hyphae 3 - 4 μ thick running in various directions; towards the base this tissue is more compacted and brown by degeneration. Symbiotic algae 8 - 12 μ diam., bright green, forming an interrupted stratum 45 - 90 μ deep. Paracephalodia not covered by any semi-amorphous layer; their cortex light brown, less distinctly paraplectenchymatic than that of the thallus, made up of compacted, shortly septate, thin-walled hyphae 3 - 5 μ thick running in various directions; inner medullary tissue as in the thallus; directly below the cortex they contain a \pm even layer 45 - 80 μ deep of bright green thalline algae derived from upward invagination of the gonidial layer of the thallus. Cephalodia covered by an outer, hyaline, semi-amorphous layer 8 - 20 μ deep; underlying cortex 12 - 25 μ deep, yellow-brown (colourless in inner half), paraplectenchymatic, of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 3.5 - 5.0 μ diam.; medullary tissue colourless, paraplectenchymatic, of \pm isodiametric or slightly elongated, thin-walled cells 4 - 6 (- 8) μ diam.; symbiotic algae Nostocoid, pale blue-green, orange-red, or almost colourless, filling up most of interior of cephalodium. Lower, paraplectenchymatic,

excipular layer composed of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 6 - 10μ diam.; hypothecium up to 120μ deep at centre, formed of compacted, interwoven hyphae 2 - 4μ thick running in various directions. Paraphyses 1.5 - 2.0μ thick, often branched, not moniliform at tips, septate with septa 8 - 18μ apart. Asci clavate or cylindrical-clavate, 90 - $130 \times 10 - 14\mu$, with colourless wall 1.0 - 1.2μ thick at sides, at apex not or only slightly thicker (up to 3μ), and blue (subsequently decolorised) with iodine.

Obs. 2. -- Distinct chiefly by reason of the massive, paraplectenchymatic excipulum and the elongated spores. The paracephalodia are perhaps not of constant occurrence.

15. PLACOPSIS ASAHINAE M. Lamb, sp. nov.

Descr. -- Thallus determinatus, effiguratus, plagas plus minusve orbiculares, saepe confluentes, substrato arcte adhaerentes, 0.5 - 2.0 cm. diam. efficiens; ad peripheriam lobatus, laciniis fere tota longitudine adnatis, plicis (nec rimis) separatis, 1.0 - 1.5 mm. longis, 0.8 - 1.0 mm. latis, 0.15 - 0.20 mm. crassis, irregulariter ramosis, apicibus rotundato-sinuatis vel lobatis; in centro subcontinuus, haud areolatus, parce rimosus, ad 0.4 mm. crassus, tuberculis thallinis (pycnidia continentibus) subglobosis, 0.15 - 0.20 mm. diam. (apicibus ostioli punctiformibus fusciscentibus munitis) creberrime obtectus; flori lactis concolor, nec nitidus nec pruinosis, extus intusque KHO -, $\text{CaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{O}_2$ + roseo-rubescens, Pd - ; hypothallus nullus visibilis; isidia et soredia desunt. -- Cephalodia in parte centrali plagarum minorum, in plagis majoribus irregulariter dispersa, sessilia, deplanata, plus minusve discoidea, 0.3 - 0.8 (- 1.25) mm. diam., ad 0.3 mm. crassa, obsolete effigurata, haud rimosae; carnea lateritiave, haud nitida. -- Apothecia numerosa, irregulariter sparsa, sessilia, discoidea, basi bene constricta, 0.6 - 0.8 (- 1.0) mm. diam., margine thallino mediocri, integro, deinceps depresso; margine proprio interdum visibili,

n i g r e s c e n t i, tenui, haud prominenti; disco plano vel leviter concavo, n i g r e s c e n t i f u s - c o n i g r e s c e n t i v e, nec nitido nec pruinoso. Excipulum inferne evolutum, ibi paraplectenchymaticum, nubilatum; hypothecium incolor; thecium 98 - 156 μ altum, sursum nubilatum, ceterum incoloratum. Paraphyses apicibus parum incrassatae. Sporae 8nae, in asco partim bipartim uniseriatae, e l o n g a t o - v e l f u s i - f o r m i - e l l i p s o i d e a e, 16 - 18 \times 6 - 7 μ .-- Pycnidia extus verruculis indicata (vide supra), globosa subpyriformiave, ad 210 μ diam., perifulcrio nubilato, haud paraplectenchymatico, 15 - 20 μ crasso; fulcris ramosis, 10 - 15 \times 1.0 - 1.5 μ ; pyconoconidiis filiformibus, leviter arcuatis vel fere rectis, 15 - 18 \times circa 0.5 μ .

Icon. -- Pl. 8, fig. 35 (paratype specimen in Vienna herbarium).

Hab. -- On basaltic rock.

Distr. -- Formosa.

FORMOSA (TAIWAN). Tainan: Mt. Arisan, coll. Y. Asahina, 1925 (holotype) (fert.) (Asah.), (paratype) (fert.) (W.).

Obs. 1. -- In the holotype specimen, the thallus is covered by an outermost, colourless, amorphous layer 4.5 - 8.0 μ thick; cortex 12 - 15 μ deep, nubilated, paraplectenchymatic, of cells 4.5 - 6.0 μ diam.; medulla partly nubilated, fairly compact, of interwoven hyphae 2.5 - 4.0 μ thick running in various directions. Symbiotic algae 6 - 11 μ diam., forming a continuous and even stratum 35 - 50 μ deep. Cephalodia with an outer, $\frac{1}{2}$ hyaline, paraplectenchymatic cortex 40 - 45 μ deep composed of $\frac{1}{2}$ isodiametric, thin-walled cells 5 - 8 μ diam.; medullary tissue similar in structure to the cortex, but with smaller and often vertically elongated cells; symbiotic algae Scytonemoid, filling up almost entire inner part of cephalodium. Cells of lower excipular stratum $\frac{1}{2}$ isodiametric, thin-walled, 5 - 9 μ diam.; hypothecium of compacted, indistinct hyphae 1.5 - 2.0 μ thick running in various directions. Paraphyses often branched, septate, the septa (visible on staining with iodine) 8 - 12 μ

apart; asci clavate, $96 - 120 \times 12 - 15\mu$, with walls about 1.5μ thick at sides, not or only slightly thickened at apex, and persistently pale blue with iodine.

Obs. 2. -- P. Asahinae bears a superficial resemblance to the f. tuberculifera of P. cribellans, on account of the very numerous tuberculate swellings in the central parts of the thallus, but on examination under a lens the pycnidial nature of the swellings is revealed by the brown ostioles at their apices. It is distinguished from P. parellina by its blackish apothecial discs, lower thecium, longer, narrower spores, etc.

Obs. 3. -- The paratype specimen of this species was recorded as "Lecanora gelida" by Zahlbruckner in Repert. nov. Spec. Regn. veg. XXXIII, p. 53 (1933).

16. PLACOPSIS LESDAINII M. Lamb, sp. nov.

Descr. -- Thallus determinatus, plagas plus minusve orbiculares 2.5 - 3.5 cm. latas efficiens, ambitu effiguratus; laciniis ad peripheriam adnatis, 2.5 - 7.0 mm. longis, 0.8 - 2.0 mm. latis, rimis tenuibus separatis, irregulariter ramosis, t u m i d o - c o n v e x i s (apicibus deplanatis, substrato arcte adhaerentibus, rotundatis vel obsolete crenulatis); in centro inaequalis, parce et irregulariter rimosus, o m n i n o v e r - r u c u l o s u s, 0.6 - 0.7 mm. crassus, verruculis congestis, 0.15 - 0.40 (- 0.6) mm. latis, plus minusve hemisphaericis vel etiam subglobosis, inferne in strato thallino continuo unitis; cinerascens vel flavidocinerascens, opacus, haud pruinosus, extus intusque KHO - vel + obsolete flavescens, CaCl_2O_2 + roseo-rubescens (vel passim superne -), Pd - ; exisidiatus, esorediatus; hypothallus haud evolutus. -- Cephalodia thallo irregulariter supersparsa, primo varie tumida plicataque, dein deplanata, suborbicularia, parva (ad 1 mm. lata, 0.3 mm.

crassa), leviter plicato-effigurata, haud rimosa, car-
 -neo-flavida, opaca. -- Apothecia sparsa, numerosa, ses-
 -silia, discoidea, basi leviter vel bene constricta,
 p a r v a (0.6 - 0.8 mm. diam.); margine thallino in-
 -tegro, prominulo vel demum nonnihil depresso; margine
 proprio interdum visibili, tenuissimo, integro, haud pro-
 -minenti, disco concolori, opaco; disco leviter concavo
 aut plano, flavidocarneo, opaco, epruinoso, haud rimoso
 sed saepe irregulariter sulcato. S t r a t u m i n -
 - f e r i o r e x c i p u l i d e e s t; hypothecium
 incoloratum; thecium 135 - 165 μ altum, superne nubilatum,
 ceterum incoloratum. Paraphyses apicibus haud incrassa-
 -tae, ibi moniliformi-proliferentes. Sporae 8nae, in
 asco uniseriatae, ellipsoideae, 13.5 - 15.0 \times 7 - 8 μ .

Icon. -- Text-fig. 7 (portion of the holotype speci-
 -men).

Hab. -- On basaltic rock.

Distr. -- S. E. Australia.

AUSTRALIA. Victoria, Evelyn: Yarra Bend, coll. F.
 Wilson (no. 296) (holotype) (fert.) (B. de Lesd.).

Obs. 1. -- In the holotype specimen, the thallus is in
 places covered by an outermost, hyaline, amorphous layer
 up to 6 μ thick; the underlying cortex is 12 - 27 μ deep,
 densely nubilated, paraplectenchymatic, of cells 3 - 5 μ
 diam. Medulla fairly compact, but with small air-cavi-
 -ties, nubilated, composed of interwoven hyphae 3.0 - 4.5
 μ thick running in various directions. Symbiotic algae
 5 - 9 (- 11) μ diam., bright or pale green, forming a
 slightly interrupted stratum 75 - 95 μ deep. Cephalodia
 with an outer, pale yellowish, paraplectenchymatic cortex
 21 - 36 μ deep and formed of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled
 cells 4 - 6 μ diam.; inner medullary tissue colourless,
 \pm paraplectenchymatic, of cells 4.5 - 6.0 \times 3.0 - 4.5 μ ;
 symbiotic algae Scytonemoid, blue-green, forming a deep
 and \pm even stratum extending through whole depth of cepha-
 -lodium. Hypothecium rests directly on underlying medul-
 -lary tissue of thallus, no basal excipular layer being
 present; obconical in section, composed of compacted and
 interwoven hyphae 3 - 4 μ thick running in various direc-

-tions, but chiefly \pm vertically (or obliquely upwards at sides); staining blue with iodine. Paraphyses 1.5 - 2.0 μ thick, frequently branched, budding off copious, minute, conidia-like fragments, which form a nubilated epithecium; septate with septa 9 - 18 μ apart. Asci cylindrical or cylindrical-clavate, 100 - 120 \times 8 - 15 μ , with wall 1.0 - 1.5 μ thick at sides, at apex not or slightly thicker (up to 3 μ); persistently blue with iodine. [No pycnidia seen.]

Obs. 2. -- This species evidently belongs to the P. perrugosa-group, as shown by the morphology of the thallus and the rather lax medulla. The absence of any basal, paraplectenchymatic, excipular layer below the hypothecium seems to be a constant character, for several apothecia were sectioned, and the same structure found in all of them.

17. PLACOPSIS PERRUGOSA (Nyl.) Nyl.
Lich. Nov. Zel. p. 57 (1888), ¹⁶⁾ cum descript.

Synon. -- Lecanora perrugosa Nyl. in Flora, Regens-
-burg, XLVIII, p. 338 (1865), cum descript., in J. linn.
Soc. Lond., Bot. IX, p. 250 (1866), cum descript.; Hue
in Nouv. Arch. Mus. Hist. nat., Paris, sér. 3, III, p. 59
(1891); Zahlbr. in K. svenska VetenskAkad. Handl. LVII,
no. 6, p. 36 (1917), Cat. Lich. Univ. V, p. 669 (1928).
Squamaria perrugosa Nyl. apud Kn. in Trans. Proc. N. Z.
Inst. VII, p. 363 (1875), cum descript. Placodium
perrugosum Müll. Arg. in Nuovo G. bot. ital. XXI, p. 40
(1889); Hellb. in Bih. svensk. VetenskAkad. Handl. XXI,
afd. III, no. 13, p. 60 (1896). Squamaria thaumasta
Stirt. in Ann. Rept. Trans. Soc. Field Natural., Glasgow,
I, p. 17 (1873), cum descript., in Trans. Proc. N. Z.
Inst. VI, p. 237 (1874), cum descript., in J. linn. Soc.
Lond., Bot. XIV, p. 462 (1875), cum descript. Placodi-
-um thaumastum Müll. Arg. in Bull. Herb. Boissier, II,
append. I, p. 47 (1894); Hellb. in Bih. svensk. VetenskAkad.
-skAkad. Handl. XXI, afd. III, no. 13, p. 60 (1896).

Descr. -- Thallus effiguratus, laciniis ad peripheriam substrato arcte adnatis, discretis, pterygoideo-expansis, 1.5 - 3.0 mm. longis, 0.7 - 1.5 mm. latis, 0.2 - 0.4 mm. crassis, irregulariter subdichotome vel sympodialiter ramosis, apicibus rotundatis subcuneatisve; in centro omnino papillato-verruculosus et saepissime rimosus, rimis hiantibus 0.2 - 0.3 mm. latis areolas vel insulas angulosas 0.6 - 1.3 mm. latas circumscribentibus, verruculis congestis hemisphaericis 0.2 - 0.5 mm. diam., substrato thallino enatis, apicibus saepe ostioliis solitariis nigrescentibus pycnidiorum munitis; 0.3 - 1.0 (- 2.0) mm. crassus, colorem haud paulum varians: florilactis concolor, flavidocinerascens, fuscocinerascens vel olivaceo-fuscescens; opacus, haud vel interdum non-nihil albidopruinosus, extus KHO + leviter sordide flavescens vel - , CaCl₂O₂ + roseo-rubescens vel - , Pd - , intus KHO + indistincte flavescens vel - , CaCl₂O₂ + roseo-rubescens, Pd - . Isidia ac soredia desunt; hypothallus nullus visibilis. -- Cephalodia thallo sessilia, irregulariter disposita, aut deplanata suborbicularia, 2 - 5 mm. diam., 0.4 - 0.7 mm. crassa, laciniato-effigurata vel radiatim rimosa, aut rotundato-tuberculiformia, solitaria congestave, 1.0 - 2.8 mm. diam. et ad 1 mm. crassa, aut (raro) verrucoso-glomerata, haud effigurata, 3 - 5 mm. diam., ad 2 mm. crassa; sordide flavescencia, carnea, vel ferruginea, haud nitida. -- Apothecia thallo enata et irregulariter supersparsa, sessilia, basi modice vel bene constricta, rotundata, 1.0 - 1.3 mm. diam., margine thallino mediocri, prominulo, integro vel leviter crenulato, opaco, haud pruinoso cincta; disco plano, fuscocarneo fuscove (aetate fusconigrescenti), opaco, nudo. Excipulum sub hypothecio evolutum, paraplectenchymaticum, pallide sordide flavescens, saepe

nubilatum. Hypothecium incoloratum vel subflavescens. Thecium (100 -) 120 - 190 (- 200) μ altum, superne pallide flavescens vel fuscoflavescens, praeterea incoloratum. Paraphyses apicibus parum vel modice incrassatae. Sporae 8nae, in asco uniseriatae, ellipsoideae, 15 - 18 (- 21) \times 7 - 9 (- 10) μ . -- Pycnidia verruculis thallinis immersa, vulgo numerosa, solitaria, extus ostioli punctiformibus fusconigrescentibus 0.1 - 0.2 mm. diam. indicata; sphaerica vel ampullacea, 120 - 225 μ diam., perifulcrio hyalino; fulcris acuminatis, 1.0 - 1.5 μ crassis; pynoconidia filiformia, arcuata vel fere recta, 18 - 24 \times 0.5 μ .

Icon. -- Pl. 1, fig. 4 (the holotype specimen, nat. size); Pl. 10, fig. 41 (part of the same, magnified); fig. 42 (an abundantly fruiting specimen from Australia, Mount Macedon). Further: Kn. in Trans. Proc. N. Z. Inst. VII, tab. XXIII, fig. 19 (1875) (section of thallus and of apothecium, and an ascus with spores).

Exsicc. -- Lojka, Lich. Univ. 126 ("Lecanora perrugosa") (K,M).

Hab. -- Rocks.

Distr. -- Bicentric, or perhaps better expressed as circumpolar -- New Zealand, Tasmania, Australia, Tristan da Cunha, and southernmost S. America (with an equatorial outlier in the Galapagos Islands); see Map 1.

NEW ZEALAND. Exact locality not stated, coll. Jelinek (fert.) (M.), coll. C. Knight (fert.) (H., M., WELT.), coll. C. Knight (Lojka, Lich. Univ. 126) (fert.) (K., M.); North Island, Coromandel: Stony Bay, coll. L. Cranwell, 1933 (fert.) (Redgr.); Hutt: Tararua Mts., altit. circ. 600 m., coll. E. Chamberlain, 1933 (no. 194) (fert.) (W.); near Wellington, coll. J. Buchanan, (holotype of "Squamaria thaumasta" Stirt.) (ster.) (BM.); South Island, Akaroa: Banks Peninsula,

Little River, coll. S. Berggren, 1874 - 5 (fert.) (S.);
Waikouaiti: Lamb Hill near Dunedin, coll. J. Thomson,
 1933 (fert.) (W., Redgr.); Ross Creek Reservoir near
 Dunedin, coll. J. Thomson, 1933 (fert.) (W.); Blue-
 -skin Bay, coll. S. Berggren, 1874 (fert.) (S.);
 Dunedin, coll. Lauder Lindsay, 1861 (holotype) (fert.)
 (H.).

TASMANIA. Exact locality uncertain, coll. Archer
 (fert.) (K.).

AUSTRALIA. Victoria, Bourke (or Dalhousie ?): Mt.
 Macedon, coll. F. Wilson, 1889 (no. 296) (fert.) (B.
de Lesd.); Victoria (or N. S. Wales ?): "Australian
 Alps", altit. circ. 460 m., coll. Haast (fert.) (K.).

CHILE. Magallanes: Basket Island, off Brecknock Penin-
 -sula, coll. Spegazzini, 1882 (no. 52) (fert.) (H.,
 W.); Peel Inlet, on south side of Chatham Island, coll.
 ?, (Swed. Antarct. Exped.) (fert.) (W.); Isla
 Desolación, Puerto Angosto, coll. P. Dusén, 1896 (nos.
 198 & 201) (Nordenskjöld's Eldslandsexped.) (fert.)
 (S.); Llanquihue: Rio Aisen, altit. circ. 1500 m.,
 coll. A. Donat, 1933 (no. 22) (ster.) (Räs.).

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS. Exact locality not stated, coll.
 ?, 1872 (Hassler Exped.) (fert.) (BM.).

TRISTAN DA CUNHA. East end of Inaccessible Plateau,
 altit. 350 m., coll. E. Christophersen, 1938 (no. 2512)
 (ster.) (O.); Cave Gulch, altit. 700 m., coll. Y.
 Mejland, 1938 (no. 1524) (fert.) (O.).

Obs. 1. -- In the holotype specimen (no. 23872 in
 herb. Nyl.), the thallus has an upper, nubilated, para-
 -plectenchymatic cortex 12 - 20 μ deep composed of cells
 3 - 5 μ diam. Medulla lax, nubilated in patches, of
 loosely interwoven hyphae 3 - 4 μ thick running in various
 directions; towards the base of the thallus the medullary
 hyphae are more densely packed and yellowish or yellow-
 brown (by degeneration), thus forming the continuous
 hyphal layer upon which the thalline verruculae are borne.

Symbiotic algae 6 - 12 μ diam., bright green, occurring only in the upper parts of the thalline verruculae as a layer 35 - 75 μ deep. Cephalodia of the flattened, effigurate type, with an outer, paraplectenchymatic cortex 18 - 45 μ deep (yellow-brown in outer 15 - 20 μ) composed of \pm isodiametric, fairly thin-walled cells 2.5 - 4.0 μ diam.; medullary tissue colourless, para- or prosoplectenchymatic, of conglutinated, isodiametric or somewhat radiately elongated cells 6 - 12 \times 6 - 9 μ with walls 1.3 - 2.0 μ thick; symbiotic algae Scytonemoid, blue-green, in irregularly distributed masses throughout almost whole depth of cephalodium. Lower paraplectenchymatic stratum of excipulum faintly brownish-yellow, of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 4 - 7 μ diam.; hypothecium bowl-shaped, up to 270 μ deep in centre, of compacted and interwoven hyphae 1.0 - 1.5 μ thick running in various directions. Thecium 114 - 150 μ high. Paraphyses 1 - 2 μ thick, frequently branched, septate with septa 4 - 15 μ apart. [No mature asci or spores seen in the holotype specimen.] Walls of immature asci persistently blue with iodine.

Obs. 2. -- Apparently a common species in the southern hemisphere, and most common in New Zealand. The tessellate-verruculose thallus and the discrete, flattened, expanded, peripheral lobes are very characteristic, and allow the species to be recognised without difficulty. P. rugosa, the only species which might be confused with it, is a coarser plant and has a much higher thecium. The thallus of P. perrugosa varies considerably in colour in different individuals, probably in response to the degree of exposure and illumination; in extreme cases it may be dark olive-brown, as in a specimen from Chile, Rio Aisen, coll. Donat, in which it corresponds to Pl. XL. 19 $'''$ m or Pl. XLVI. 17 $'''$ k in Ridgway's "Color Standards" (1912). The spores are as a rule up to 18 \times 9 μ , but in a specimen from Tasmania, coll. Archer, they reach a size of 21 \times 10 μ .

Obs. 3. -- A specimen from S. Chile, Peel Inlet, collected by the Swedish Antarctic Expedition, was growing together with P. parellina var. carnea f. subcribellans, and one from Isla Desolación, coll. Dusén, was accompanied by P. rugosa, the habitual difference between these two

related species being well shown.

Obs. 4. -- C. Knight, in Trans. Proc. N. Z. Inst. VII, p. 364 (1875), published a new variety, "Squamaria per-rugosa var. neglecta", found by him in New Zealand, and said to differ from the typical species in thalline characters and larger spores. It is listed as "Lecanora per-rugosa var. neglecta" in Zahlbr. Cat. Lich. Univ. V, p. 669 (1928). I have not succeeded in obtaining any type or authentic material of this variety, and as Knight's description is insufficient to allow of certain recognition, I propose to discard it as a doubtful entity, at any rate until such time as the original specimen may be found.

18. PLACOPSIS CONTORTUPLICATA M. Lamb, sp. nov.

Descr. -- Thallus plus minusve orbicularis, ad 13.5 cm. diam., sed plerumque ut videtur minor; ambitu effiguratatus, lobis connatis vel leviter discretis, indeterminatis, tumidis, verrucosis, apicibus haud vel parum dilatatis, 0.5 - 1.0 mm. latis, centrum versus sensim in verrucas thallinas abeuntibus; in centro omnino c o n - t o r t u p l i c a t o - v e r r u c o s u s vel fere cerebriformis, verrucis substrato thallino (vel hypothallino ?) continuo enatis, congestis, 0.4 - 1.0 mm. diam., rotundatis, ad basin constrictis, varie contortis vel passim breviter intestiniformibus; 0.6 - 1.5 mm. crassus, albidocinerascens, opacus subnitidusve, haud pruinosis, extus KHO - vel + sordide subflavescens, CaCl_2O_2 - , Pd - , intus KHO + obsolete flavescens, CaCl_2O_2 + roseo-rubescens, Pd - . Isidia ac soredia nulla. -- Cephalodia in thallis majoribus numerosa, subconcentrice dispersa, substrato continuo thallino (aut hypothallino ?) enata, verrucas thallinas haud vel parum superantia, plerumque simplicia, subglobosa, 0.8 - 1.6 (- 2.5) mm.

diam., basi constricta, aut interdum verrucoso-lobata; aurantiaco-rufescentia vel flavido-ferruginea, superficie laevigata, haud nitida. -- Apothecia sessilia, discoidea, *d e m u m m a g n a* (1.0 - 2.5, etiam 3.5 mm. diam.), basi bene constricta, margine thallino integro, haud prominulo, *m o x e x c l u s o* (ita faciem lecideinam simulanti); margine proprio plerumque evoluta, prominenti, integro, tenui, fusco nigrescentive (disco subcolori); disco plano vel leviter convexo, laevigato vel minute scabridulo, nigro,¹⁷⁾ opaco. Stratum paraplectenchymaticum excipuli sub hypothecio bene evolutum, 150 - 240 μ crassum, nubilatatum; hypothecium leviter subflavescentens vel fere incoloratum; thecium 140 - 170 μ altum, superne fuscidulum, ceterum hypothecio concolor. Paraphyses apicibus haud vel parum incrassatae. Sporae 8nae, in asco uniseriatae vel interdum partim biseriatae, ellipsoideae, 18 - 21 \times 8.5 - 13.0 μ . -- Pycnidia verrucis thallinis immersa, apicibus maculis minutis punctiformibus fuscidulis notata; sphaerica, ad 425 μ diam., perifulcrio hyalino et indistincte paraplectenchymatico. Fulcra subulato-acuminata, ramosa, ad 30 μ longa, 1.0 - 1.5 μ crassa. Pycnoconidia filiformia, fere recta vel leviter arcuata, 21 - 25 \times circa 0.5 μ .

Icon. -- Pl. 3, fig. 15 (the holotype specimen); Pl. 10, fig. 44 (a portion of the same magnified); fig. 45 (apothecia of a specimen from the South Orkneys).

Hab. -- Rocks and stones. A collector's note attached to the small fertile South Orkneys specimen states: "Found growing on little stones in the mud and water of sluggish streams on the scree slope".

Distr. -- The South Orkneys and South Shetlands, islands off the Graham Land promontory of Antarctica.

SOUTH ORKNEYS. Signy Island: Borge Bay, coll. ?,

1933 (no. 254) ("Discovery" Exped.) (fert.) (BM.).

SOUTH SHETLANDS. King George Island: Visca Anchorage, Martel Inlet, Admiralty Bay, coll. T. Hart, 1934 ("Discovery" Exped.) (holotype) (fert.) (BM.), (nos. 7 & 33) (ster.) (BM.); Admiralty Bay, E. side of Mackellar Inlet, "on level stoney ground a yard or two behind sea", coll. ?, 1937 ("Discovery" Exped.) (ster.) (BM.).

Obs. 1. -- In the holotype specimen, the thallus is covered by an outermost, hyaline, indistinctly stratified layer 6 - 10 μ deep derived from degeneration of the upper, cortical cells; cortex 20 - 60 μ deep, nubilated, paraplectenchymatic, of cells 3 - 6 μ diam. Medulla lax, hyaline, composed of loosely interwoven hyphae 2.5 - 4.5 μ thick running in various directions. The lower, continuous, hypothalline (?) layer is similar in structure to the medulla, but much more compact in texture. Symbiotic algae 4.5 - 10.0 μ diam., bright green, forming an interrupted, uneven stratum, 40 - 120 μ deep. Cephalodia with an outer, paraplectenchymatic cortex 25 - 45 μ deep (orange-yellow in outer 9 - 16 μ , otherwise colourless) of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 3 - 5 μ diam.; inner medullary tissue colourless, prosoplectenchymatic, of thin-walled cells 3.0 - 4.5 μ broad with parallel arrangement in strands running between the algal nests; symbiotic algae Nostocoid, pale blue-green to orange-yellow, lying in rounded clumps throughout almost whole depth of cephalodium. Lower, paraplectenchymatic stratum of excipulum consists of \pm isodiametric, fairly thin-walled cells 4.5 - 7.0 μ diam.; hypothecium up to about 300 μ deep in centre, of compacted, interwoven hyphae 2.0 - 3.5 μ thick running in various directions. Paraphyses 1.3 - 2.0 μ thick, sometimes branched, abstracting nubilated, conidia-like, epithelial particles from their tips; septate, with septa 8 - 18 μ apart. Asci cylindrical-clavate, 110 - 150 \times 15 - 18 μ , with wall 1.5 - 2.5 (- 3) μ thick all round, and persistently light blue with iodine.

Obs. 2. -- In outward appearance this is the most striking species of the genus, and peculiar not only in morphological respects but also in its Euanarctic distribution. It must be a characteristic constituent of the lichen-vegetation of exposed rock faces in the South Orkneys and Shetlands. The affinity to other members of

the P. perrugosa-group is unmistakable, but nevertheless by its remarkably plicate-verrucose thallus, large and finally almost immarginate apothecia, and other distinctive features it stands widely separated from all other species. Is it perhaps a relic of the ancestral type of the group, once widely distributed round the coasts of the Antarctic continent from which the bicentric species are by some considered to have had their origin ?

19. PLACOPSIS RUGOSA M. Lamb, sp. nov.

Synon. -- Lecanora perrugosa var. brevilobata Zahlbr. mscr. in herb.

Descr. -- Thallus determinatus, effiguratus, plagas circa 7 cm. latas formans, laciniis ad peripheriam adnatis, rimis tenuibus separatis, substrato arcte vel laxe adhaerentibus, 2 - 13 mm. longis, 0.7 - 1.0 mm. latis, 0.25 - 0.50 mm. crassis, varie sympodialiter vel subdichotome ramosis, tumidis (modo extremitatibus deplanatis), laevigatis vel interdum transversim \pm corrugatis, apicibus haud vel parum expansis, ibi rotundatis; in centro areolato-papilloso (ut in P. perrugosa), ad 0.9 mm. crassus, areolis irregulariter angulosis 0.7 - 2.0 mm. diam. (rimis fere hiantibus ad 0.25 mm. latis separatis), superficie congesto-verruculosus (verruculis 0.3 - 0.7 mm. diam., saepe pycnidia continentibus); albido-eburneus vel flori lactis concolor, opacus, nudus, extus KHO - vel \pm subflavescens, CaCl_2O_2 - , Pd - , intus KHO - , CaCl_2O_2 \pm rubescens, Pd - . Isidia et soredia desunt; hypothallus nullus visibilis. -- Cephalodia numerosa, thallo irregulariter supersparsa, sessilia vel inter verruculas sita, demum rotundata, deplanata, radiatim plicato-effigurata, 1 - 5 mm. diam., ad 0.3 mm. crassa, carnea vel fuscorufescentia, opaca. -- Apothecia sparsa, sessilia, basi bene constricta, 1.0 - 1.5 mm. diam., discoidea,

marginē thallino persistenti, crassiusculo, integro vel rugoso-crenulato, thallo concolori aut discum versus pallide rufescenti; marginē proprio indistincto vel nullo; disco subconcauo planove, rufofuscescenti, haud nitido, interdum pallide ochraceo-pruinoso. Excipulum sub hypothecio evolutum, ad 120μ crassum, paraplectenchymaticum, dense nubilatum; hypothecium fere ejusdem crassitudinis, incoloratum; thecium $200 - 240\mu$ altum, sursum nubilatum, ceterum incoloratum. Paraphyses apicibus leviter incrassatae. Sporae 8nae, in asco uniseriatae, ellipsoideae, $20 - 23 \times 10 - 13\mu$. -- Pycnidia verruculis thallinis immersa, extus ostiolis punctiformibus fuscis circa 0.1 mm. latis indicata; subsphaerica, ad 390μ diam., perifulcricio nubilato, paraplectenchymatico; fulcris acuminatis, plerumque ramosis, $10 - 18\mu$ longis, $1.0 - 1.5\mu$ crassis; pycnoconidiis filiformibus, arcuatis vel interdum fere rectis, $18 - 21 \times 0.5\mu$.

Icon. -- Pl. 2, fig. 8 (specimen -- not type -- from Fuegia, Isla Desolación).

Hab. -- Rocks.

Distr. -- Bicentric: New Zealand and Fuegia.

NEW ZEALAND. South Island, Waikouaiti: Abbot's Hill near Dunedin, coll. J. Thomson, 1934 (holotype) (fert.) (W.).

CHILE. Magallanes: Isla Desolación, Puerto Angosto, "in saxis litoralibus", coll. P. Dusén, 1896 (no. 201*) (Nordenskjöld's Eldslandsexped.) (fert.) (S.).

Obs. 1. -- In the holotype specimen from New Zealand, the peripheral laciniae are not so well developed as in the Fuegian example, being only 1.5 - 2.5 mm. long; thallus covered in places by a colourless, semi-amorphous layer $4 - 9\mu$ thick, derived from disintegration of cortical cells. Cortex $9 - 15\mu$ deep, nubilated, paraplectenchymatic, of cells $4 - 5\mu$ diam. Medulla lax, with numerous air-spaces, nubilated, of loosely interwoven hyphae $3 - 4\mu$ thick running in various directions. No

distinctive hypothalline tissue developed. Symbiotic algae $8.5 - 14.0\mu$ diam., bright green, forming an interrupted stratum $60 - 120$ ($- 150$) μ deep. Cephalodia with an outer, orange-brown-nubilated, paraplectenchymatic cortex $20 - 30\mu$ deep composed of $\frac{1}{2}$ isodiametric, thin-walled cells $4 - 5\mu$ diam.; medullary tissue colourless, prosoplectenchymatic, of thin-walled cells $4 - 9 \times 2 - 3\mu$; symbiotic algae Scytonemoid, orange-reddish, forming irregular clumps throughout the medullary tissue. Lower, paraplectenchymatic stratum of excipulum composed of $\frac{1}{2}$ isodiametric, thin-walled cells $4.5 - 6.0\mu$ diam.; hypothecium of compacted hyphae $2 - 3\mu$ thick running in various directions, but chiefly $\frac{1}{2}$ vertically. Paraphyses $1.5 - 2.5\mu$ thick (up to 3μ at tips), often branched, septate with septa $8 - 18\mu$ apart. Asci cylindrical, $180 - 195 \times 12 - 18\mu$, with wall $2 - 3\mu$ thick all round, and persistently blue with iodine.

Obs. 2. -- This species, belonging to the P. perrugosa-group, is related to P. contortuplicata, from which it differs in the morphology of the thallus and the higher thecium.

20. PLACOPSIS RÄSÄNENII M. Lamb, sp. nov.¹⁸⁾

Descr. -- Thallus suborbicularis, ad 8 cm. diam., tartareus, 0.5 - 1.0 mm. crassus, ambitu zona 1.0 - 1.5 cm. lata plicato-effiguratus (haud vel parcissime rimosus, lobis distinctis haud evolutis), ibicontinuuus, ad peripheriam abrupte terminatus, plicis radiantibus irregularibus, 1 - 2 mm. latis; in centro rimosus vel rimoso-areolatus, areolis varie angulosis, 1 - 2 mm. diam. (rimis 0.1 - 0.3 mm. latis separatis), subplanis vel saepe verruculosoinaequalibus; glauco-albidus aut flori lactis concolor, opacus, epruinus, extus intusque KHO - vel + sordide sublutescens, CaCl_2O_2 + roseo-rubescens, Pd - . Isidia sorediaque desunt; hypothallus nullus visibilis. -- Cephalodia irregulariter vel nonnihil concentrice dispersa, deplanata, suborbicularia aut demum irregularia, 1 - 9 mm. lata, ad 1 mm. crassa, radiatim plicato-effigurata rimosaque, ochracea fuscescentiave,

haud nitida. -- Apothecia thallo irregulariter supersparsa, sessilia, discoidea, 1.0 - 2.5 (- 3) mm. diam., margine thallino primum crassiusculo, prominulo, integro, passim albidopruinoso, demum tenuiori saepeque nonnihil crenulato; margine proprio raro visibili, leviter prominenti, carneo, integro, interdum subtiliter pruinoso; disco plano (rarius aetate depresso-convexo), demum subradiatim fisso, obscure carneo vel rufofusco, opaco, vulgo pruina ochracea tenuiter oblecto. Stratum paraplectenchymaticum excipulare sub hypothecio evolutum, 90 - 120 μ crassum, nubilatum; hypothecium incoloratum vel lamina crassiori visum pallide flavidum; thecium 180 - 210 μ altum, superne sordide roseo-flavidum (haud vel parum nubilatum), ceterum hyalinum. Paraphyses apicibus haud incrassatae, moniliformi-proliferentes. Sporae 8nae in asco uniseriatae, ellipsoideae, 18.0 - 18.5 \times 9.0 - 10.5 μ . -- Pycnidia sparsa, verruculis thallinis innata, apicibus osteolis singulis punctiformibus carneis incoloratisve ad 0.1 mm. latis; sphaerica, ad 435 μ diam., perifulcricio paraplectenchymatico, nubilato. Fulcra ramosa, acuminata, 10 - 15 \times 1.0 - 1.5 μ . Pycnoconidia filiformia, leviter arcuata vel fere recta, 18 - 24 \times 0.5 μ .

Icon. -- Pl. 2, fig. 12 (the holotype specimen).

Hab. -- Sandy soil.

Distr. -- Fuegia.

ARGENTINA. Tierra del Fuego: Cabo San Pablo, coll. H. Roivainen, 1929 (Expeditio Fennica) (holotype) (fert.) (H.), (paratype) (fert.) (Räs.).

Obs. 1. -- In the holotype specimen, the thalline cortex is 18 - 36 μ deep, nubilated in upper 10 - 20 μ but otherwise hyaline; paraplectenchymatic, of cells 3 - 6 μ diam. No outermost amorphous layer present. Medulla fairly compact, nubilated, of interwoven hyphae 3.0 - 4.5 μ thick running in various directions. Symbiotic algae 6 - 12 μ diam., bright green, forming an interrupted layer 65 - 120 μ deep (with a few sporadic individuals deep down in the medulla). Cephalodial cortex 32 - 60 μ deep,

nubilated in outer $6 - 8\mu$, within hyaline; paraplectenchymatic, of \pm isodiametric, fairly thin-walled cells $3 - 5\mu$ diam.; inner medullary tissue colourless, prosoplectenchymatic, of fairly thin-walled cells $6 - 12 \times 3 - 4\mu$; symbiotic algae Scytonemoid, orange-reddish, scattered in irregular nests throughout whole depth of medullary tissue. Lower, paraplectenchymatic stratum of excipulum formed of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells $4 - 6\mu$ diam.; hypothecium composed of compacted hyphae $1 - 2\mu$ thick running in various directions, here and there with larger (ascogenous ?) hyphae up to 4.5μ thick. Paraphyses $1.3 - 1.7\mu$ thick, occasionally branched, septate with septa $9 - 15\mu$ apart. Asci cylindric-clavate, $120 - 130 \times 9 - 14\mu$, with wall $1.3 - 1.5\mu$ thick at sides (at apex thickened up to 8μ), and pale-blue with iodine.

Obs. 2. -- In small specimens, such as the paratype in herb. Räsänen, the radiating, marginal plications may abut directly on the central, primary cephalodium, the verruculose-areolate, inner part of the thallus not being shown. Even in such specimens, provided apothecia are present, the species can be recognised by the fused peripheral lobes.

Obs. 3. -- This species is based on one of the specimens recorded as "Placopsis bicolor" by Räsänen in Ann. bot. Vanamo, II, p. 25 (1932).

21. PLACOPSIS PARELLINA (Nyl.) M. Lamb
in Res. Norweg. Sci. Exped. Tristan da Cunha 1937 - 8,
no. 3, p. 3 (1940).

Synon. -- Lecanora parellina Nyl. in Ann. Sci. nat., Bot. sér. 4, III, p. 157 (1855), cum descript.; Hue in Nouv. Arch. Mus. Hist. nat., Paris, sér. 3, III, p. 59 (1891); Zahlbr. Cat. Lich. Univ. V, p. 668 (1928).

Descr.¹⁹⁾ Thallus effusus, haud (ut videtur) effiguratus, omnino verruculosus - rimosus vel verruculosus, crassitudine $0.4 - 0.6$ mm., areolis seu verruculis convexis, interdum subplanis, plus minusve rotundatis aut varie angulosis, $0.3 - 0.9$ mm. diam., aut confluentibus aut rimis tenuibus

(ad 0.1 mm. latis) separatis; flori lactis concolor, epruinosis vel passim subtiliter albidopruinosus, extus intusque KHO - vel + indistincte flavescens, $\text{CaCl}_2 \cdot \text{O}_2$ + leviter roseo-rubescens, Pd - . Isidia sorediatae de-sunt; hypothallus nullus. -- Cephalodia irregulariter sparsa, sessilia, irregularia, varie rugosa, nec rimata nec effigurata, 0.6 - 1.5 mm. lata, ad 0.4 mm. crassa, carneo-fuscidula, haud nitida. -- Apothecia thallo superpersparsa, discoidea, sessilia, basi modice vel bene constricta, margine thallino prominulo, crasso, integro, thallo concolori vel subcarneo-tincto, haud parumve pruinoso, haud nitido; margine proprio interdum evoluto, tenui, subprominulo, integro, flavidocarneo; disco plano, rufo, rufofusco, vel fusco, primo nonnihil ochraceopruinoso, opaco. Excipulum sub hypothecio evolutum, paraplectenchymaticum, nubibatum. Hypothecium incoloratum. Thecium 160 - 240 μ altum, superne fuscoflavescens, ceterum incoloratum. Paraphyses apicibus haud vel parum incrassatae (ad 2.5 μ). Sporae 8nae (interdum abortu 5 - 7nae), in asco uniseriatae, ellipsoideae, 21 - 28 X 12 - 14 μ . -- Pycnidia thallo immersa, haud prominula, extus maculis minutis rufoflavescens indicata; sphaerica irregulariave, ad 450 μ diam., perifulcrio hyalino, 9 - 30 μ crasso; fulcris subulato-acuminatis, saepe ramosis, 1 - 2 μ crassis; pycnocoonidiis filiformibus, arcuatis vel rarius subrectis, 17 - 25 X 0.5 μ .

Icon. -- Pl. 7, fig. 29 (part of the syntype specimen, no. 23868 in herb. Nyl.).

Hab. -- On soil and rocks. A collector's note with a specimen from Chile, Corral, coll. Gunckel, states: "Sobre rocas en descomposición, socialmente, formando manchas".

Distr. -- Unlike its varieties, the typical species appears to have a restricted distribution confined to

Chile.

CHILE. Exact locality not stated, coll. ? (fert.) (W.), coll. Gay (syntype) (fert.) (H., PC.); Valdivia: exact locality not stated, coll. R. Rabenhorst, 1870 - 1 (fert.) (W., Frey); Corral, altit. 10 m., coll. H. Gunckel, 1935 (no. 5212) (fert.) (Räs.).

Obs. 1. -- In the Helsinki syntype (no. 23868 in herb. Nyl.), the thallus has an upper, slightly nubilated or almost hyaline, paraplectenchymatic cortex 17 - 30 μ deep, of cells 3 - 5 μ diam.; medulla hyaline or in places slightly nubilated, fairly compact, of interwoven hyphae 1.5 - 3.0 μ thick running in various directions; in the lower part of the medulla the hyphal walls are yellow-brown by degeneration. Symbiotic algae 5 - 10 μ diam., forming a continuous stratum 25 - 90 μ deep. Cephalodia with an outer, faintly yellowish, paraplectenchymatic cortex 10 - 22 μ deep, of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 3 - 5 μ diam.; medullary tissue hyaline, para- or prosoplectenchymatic, of thin-walled, often radially elongated cells 3 - 5 μ across; symbiotic algae Scytonemoid, blue-green, forming a well-defined stratum in the medullary tissue. Lower, paraplectenchymatic excipulum composed of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 3 - 5 μ diam.; hypothecium of compacted hyphae 1.0 - 1.5 μ thick running in various directions. Paraphyses 1.0 - 1.8 μ thick, sometimes branched, septate with septa 7 - 15 μ apart. Asci cylindric-clavate, 120 - 160 \times 14 - 18 μ , with rather thick wall (2 - 3 μ), often somewhat thicker at apex (up to 6 μ), and persistently blue with iodine.

Obs. 2. -- By far the greater part of the material referable to the form-circle of this species belongs to the var. rhodocarpa, a variety which has succeeded in spreading over vast regions by means of its efficient soredial dissemination. The choice of the more local and lesser known form as the typical species rests solely on nomenclatural considerations, parellina being the earliest specific epithet within the group.

Key to the varieties and forms of P. parellina

1. Thallus omnino squamulosus, squamulis substrato adpressis, discretis vel contiguis . . var. microphyl-
-la.

1a. *Thallus crustaceus, haud squamulosus.*

2. *Thallus superne Pd ± lateritio-rubescens*
. f. semireagens.

2a. *Thallus Pd - .*

3. *Sporae 21 - 28 × 12 - 14μ; thallus verruculosus vel verruculoso-rimosus, esorediatus, ambitu haud effiguratus . . . forma typica speciei.*

3a. *Sporae minores.*

4. *Thallus saepe sorediatus; sporae (17 -) 18 - 24 × 8 - 14μ.*

5. *Soredia sparsa, ± rotundata (aut interdum nulla) var. rhodocarpa.*

5a. *Soredia late confluentia, maximam partem thalli tegentia . . var. rhodocarpa f. argillacea.*

4a. *Thallus nunquam sorediatus; sporae (15 -) 16 - 18.5 × (7.5 -) 9 - 11μ . . var. carnea, aut thallo isidiato, var. carnea f. subcribellans.*

Var. MICROPHYLLA M. Lamb, var. nov.

Diagn. -- *Dignoscitur thallo omnino interrupto-squamuloso (nec continuo).*

Thallus effusus, ambitu haud distincte effiguratus, ubique inciso- vel crenulato-squamulosus, squamulis substrato arcte adpressis, 0.4 - 1.0 mm. latis, 0.1 - 0.7 mm. crassis, aut sparsis aut vulgo connatis ac rimis sinusis separatis. Soredia sat numerosa, sparsa, rotundata, 0.3 - 0.9 mm. diam., convexo-erumpentia aut demum ± erosa et saepe confluentia; thallo concoloria, pulverulenta. -- Ceteris notis cum var. rhodocarpa omnino congruens.

Icon. -- Pl. 9, fig. 40 (the holotype specimen).

Hab. -- On soil or rocks.

Distr. -- New Zealand, Tasmania, Chile, Fuegia.

NEW ZEALAND. Exact locality not stated, coll. Knight (fert.) (WELT.).

TASMANIA. Exact locality not stated, coll. Fitzgerald, 1895 (ster.) (H.).

CHILE. Valdivia: "prope coloniam Arique", coll. Lechler (fert.) (BM.).

ARGENTINA. Tierra del Fuego: Cabo San Pablo, coll. Roivainen, 1929 (Expeditio Fennica) (holotype) (ster.) (H.).

Obs. 1. -- In the sterile holotype specimen from Cabo San Pablo the thallus is glaucous-whitish, subtly white-pruinose, matt, superficially and internally KHO - , $\text{CaCl}_2 \cdot \text{O}_2$ \pm light red, Pd - . The thalline cortex is 12 - 21 μ deep, colourless and hyaline in outer 6 - 9 μ , within nubilated; paraplectenchymatic, of cells 3 - 5 μ diam.; medulla \pm nubilated, compact, of hyphae 3 - 5 μ thick running in various directions, or in places almost paraplectenchymatic, with \pm isodiametric cells 3 - 5 μ diam.; symbiotic algae 6 - 11 μ diam., bright green, forming a slightly interrupted layer 45 - 60 (- 75) μ deep. Cephalodia irregularly scattered over the thallus, 1.0 - 2.8 mm. diam., up to 0.8 mm. thick, pallid flesh-coloured, matt, at first irregularly tumid-verruculose, later showing \pm distinct radiating plications; cephalodial cortex 85 - 120 μ deep, slightly nubilated, paraplectenchymatic, of \pm isodiametric, fairly thin-walled cells 4 - 8 μ diam.; inner medullary tissue slightly nubilated, completely paraplectenchymatic, of cells similar to those of cortex but somewhat smaller (2 - 5 μ diam.); symbiotic algae Scytonemoid, blue-green to orange-red.

Obs. 2. -- Subsequent examination of fertile specimens showed that the apothecia in this variety are externally and internally exactly similar to those of the var. rhodocarpa, the thecium being 165 - 200 μ high and the spores 18 - 21 \times 9 - 10 μ .

Obs. 3. -- The holotype specimen of this variety is one of the two recorded by Räsänen in Ann. bot. Vanamo, II, p. 25 (1932), as "Placopsis bicolor".

Var. RHODOCARPA (Nyl.) M. Lamb

in Res. Norweg. Sci. Exped. Tristan da Cunha 1937 - 8, no. 3, p. 3 (1940).

Synon. -- Squamaria rhodocarpa Nyl. in Ann. Sci. nat., Bot. sér. 4, XV, p. 376 (1861), cum descript. Lecanora (subgen. Placopsis) rhodocarpa Nyl. in J. linn. Soc. Lond., Bot. IX, p. 251, footnote (1865); Forss. in Bih. svensk. VetenskAkad. Handl. VIII, no. 3, p. 54 (1883); Hue in Nouv. Arch. Mus. Hist. nat., Paris, sér. 3, III, p. 59 (1891); (sect. Placopsis) Zahlbr. Cat. Lich. Univ. V, p. 669 (1928). Placopsis rhodocarpa Nyl. Lich. Nov. Zel. p. 56 (1888), cum descript.; Wain. in Hedwigia, XXXVIII, p. (187) (1899), cum descript. Placodium rhodocarpum Müll. Arg. in Bull. Herb. Boissier, II, append. I, p. 46 (1894); Hellb. in Bih. svensk. VetenskAkad. Handl. XXI, Afd. III, no. 13, p. 59 (1896). Placopsis rhodomma Nyl. Lich. Nov. Zel. p. 56 (1888), cum descript. Lecanora rhodomma Hue in Nouv. Arch. Mus. Hist. nat., Paris, sér. 3, III, p. 59 (1891). Placodium rhodomma Hellb. in Bih. svensk. VetenskAkad. Handl. XXI, Afd. III, no. 13, p. 59 (1896).

Diagn. -- Thallo plerumque sorediato, necnon sporis nonnihil minoribus: (17 -) 18 - 24 × 8 - 14 μ , a forma typica differt.

Thallus effusus effiguratusve (lobis marginalibus si evolutis deplanatis, substrato arcte adpressis, adnatis, rimis tenuibus separatis, 1 - 6 mm. longis, 0.8 - 1.5 mm. latis, varie ramosis, apicibus rotundatis subcrenulatis-ve), continuus vel rimis paucis anastomosantibus incisus (haud areolatus), irregulariter rugoso-verruculosus, saepe sorediatus: soredia sparsa, rotundata, subgloboso-erumpentia, ad 0.8 mm. diam., pulverulenta, thallo concoloria, aut demum confluentia aut (in f. argillacea) totam superficiem thalli obducentia. Rarius etiam paracephalodiis munitus. -- Ceterum ut in forma typica spe-

-ciei.

Icon. -- Pl. 7, fig. 30 (the holotype specimen); fig. 31 (saxicolous specimen from New Zealand, Ashburton, showing the development of peripheral laciniae); Pl. 2, fig. 10 (large saxicolous specimen from Tristan da Cunha, nat. size).

Hab. -- Soil and rocks.

Distr. -- Bicentric-antarctic-circumpolar -- the South Shetlands, S. America, Juan Fernandez, New Zealand, Java, Tristan da Cunha; see Map 1.

NEW ZEALAND. Exact locality not stated, coll. Knight, 1867 (lectotype of "Placopsis rhodomma" Nyl.) (fert.) (H.), coll. Knight, 1882 (fert.) (H.), coll. Knight (fert.) (M.), coll. Hooker (fert.) (K., BM.); North Island, Hutt: Wellington, coll. Berggren, 1874 (fert.) (S.), coll. Buchanan (fert.) (BM.); Maungaroa near Wellington, coll. Berggren, 1874 - 5 (fert.) (S.); East Taupo: Tapuaeharuru on S. shore of Lake Taupo, coll. Berggren, 1874 - 5 (fert.) (S.); Waimarino: Raetihi near Ruapehu, on volcanic plateau, coll. J. Attwood, 1935 (fert.) (Redgr.); South Island, Grey: Greymouth, coll. Helms, 1886 (fert.) (H.); Ashburton: exact locality not stated, coll. H. Allen, 1920 (fert.) (BM.); Waikouaiti: Dunedin, coll. Berggren, 1874 (fert.) (S.); Ross Creek Reservoir near Dunedin, coll. J. Thomson, 1933 (fert.) (W.); Morrison's Creek near Dunedin, coll. J. Thomson, 1933 (fert.) (Redgr.).

JAVA. Preanger: Mt. Gede, altit. circ. 3000 m., coll. V. Schiffner, 1894 (no. 3397) (fert.) (BM., M.).

CHILE. Magallanes: Isla Desolación, Puerto Angosto, "in saxis litoralibus", coll. P. Dusén, 1896 (no. 199 pr. p.) (Nordenskjöld's Eldslandsexped.) (fert.) (S.);

Concepcion: exact locality not stated, coll. ?, 1896
(fert.) (TUR.).

JUAN FERNANDEZ. Exact locality not stated, coll. ?
(Swedish Antarct. Exped.) (fert.) (W.); Masatierra:
"stark erodierter Boden im unt. Teil des Kolonie-Tals",
coll. C. & I. Skottsberg, 1916 (no. 328) (fert.)
(BM.).²⁰⁾

SOUTH SHETLANDS. Deception Island, above Whaler's
Bay, altit. 150 m., "from stones on hillside", coll. C.
Bertram & B. Roberts, 1936 (no. 1355) (Brit. Graham
Land Exped.) (fert.) (BM.).

BOLIVIA. La Paz: Pocara near Sorata, altit. 3100 m.,
coll. Mandon (no. 1774) (holotype) (fert.) (H.),
(paratype) (fert.) (BM., PC., W.).

TRISTAN DA CUNHA. Exact locality not stated, coll. H.
Mosely, 1874 (Challenger Exped.) (fert.) (K., BM.);
coll. Siggeson, 1934 (fert.) (O.)²¹⁾; above settle-
-ment, altit. 50 m., coll. E. Christophersen & Y. Mejland,
1937 (no. 411) (fert.) (O.); above settlement,
altit. 250 m., coll. E. Christophersen & Y. Mejland, 1937
(no. 256) (fert.) (O.).

Obs. 1. -- In the holotype specimen from Bolivia (no.
23860 in herb. Nyl.), no marginal effiguration is pre-
-sent; thallus \pm continuous, rugose-verruculose, up to
1 mm. thick, the irregular verruculae (0.4 - 1.2 mm.
diam.) being due to folding in growth; soredia present,
inconspicuous, rounded, slightly prominent, up to 0.6 mm.
diam. Thallus glaucous whitish with a yellowish tinge,
matt, not pruinose; surface and medulla KHO - or \pm in-
-distinctly yellowish, CaCl_2O_2 \pm reddish, Pd - . Cortex
of thallus 30 - 60 μ deep, faintly yellowish in outer 12 -
22 μ , otherwise colourless; paraplectenchymatic, of cells
6 - 13 μ diam.; medulla slightly nubilated, \pm compact,
of interwoven hyphae 2.0 - 4.6 μ thick running in various
directions, or in some places paraplectenchymatic, of \pm
isodiametric, thin-walled cells 4 - 12 μ diam.; symbiotic
algae 7.5 - 12.0 μ diam., bright green, forming an inter-
-rupted layer 54 - 105 μ deep. Cephalodia scattered over
thallus, irregular, tumid-convex, up to 1.3 mm. diam.,

0.5 mm. thick, wrinkled, not effigurate, pale yellow-brownish, matt; their cortex 11 - 30 μ deep, faintly yellowish in section, paraplectenchymatic, of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 4 - 6 μ diam.; inner medullary tissue colourless, packed with symbiotic algae (Nostocoid, blue-green). Apothecia numerous, scattered, sessile, discoid, not or slightly constricted at base, 1.0 - 2.3 mm. diam.; thalline margin moderate, \pm prominent, entire, matt, not pruinose; no proper margin developed; disc plane, rosy-red, matt, in some apothecia with an ochraceous-whitish pruina. Lower, paraplectenchymatic stratum of excipulum nubilated in section, formed of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 4 - 7 μ diam.; hypothecium faintly yellowish or almost colourless in thin section, of compacted, intricated hyphae 1 - 2 μ thick running in various directions; thecium 140 - 185 μ high, colourless except in uppermost 9 - 34 μ , where it is nubilated. Paraphyses 1 - 2 μ thick, at apex swollen up to 4 μ , often branched, septate with septa 7 - 15 μ apart. Asci cylindrical-clavate, 114 - 170 \times 12 - 19 μ , with wall 1.0 - 1.3 μ thick at sides, at apex thickened up to 4.5 μ ; persistently blue with iodine. Spores 8, uniseriate or partly biseriata in ascus, immature (in the paratype specimen in the Vienna herbarium they are fully developed, ellipsoid, 18 - 22 (- 24) \times (8 -) 9 - 11 (- 14) μ). [No pycnidia seen.]

Obs. 2. -- Pycnidia and pycnoconidia were found in specimens from Java, Tristam da Cunha, and Fuegia; they differ in no way from those of the typical species.

Obs. 3. -- The Antarctic specimen from Deception Island has scattered over its thallus numerous paracephalodia exactly similar to those described in P. pycnotheca (see p. 16 & 88). In this specimen transitions can be observed between the early stages of development, as yet concolorous with the rest of the thallus, and the characteristic, darker coloured, mature, cephalodium-like structures.

Obs. 4. -- This is a variety of wide range and great variability. On the basis of the fairly rich material which I have seen I believe that further taxonomic division is impracticable, but the final decision on this point must of course rest with those who have the oppor-

-tunity of studying whole populations in the field. One can evidently find every transition from the effuse type of thallus to one in which peripheral laciniae are very well developed, as in the specimen shown in Pl. 7, fig. 31, and also from sorediate to non-sorediate individuals. Like P. gelida, this variety may later prove to be a "Sammelart", composed of several incipient species undergoing divergent evolution.

Obs. 5. -- The two high altitude tropical stations in Bolivia and Java are of great phytogeographical interest, for they show that the phenomenon of the occurrence of Arctic lichens on the summits of mountains in the temperate zones of Europe and N. America has its parallel also in the southern hemisphere.

Obs. 6. -- In Zahlbruckner's Cat. Lich. Univ. V, p. 669 (1928) this lichen is listed as being identical with P. rhodophthalma, but the latter has been found to be quite a distinct species (see p. 123).

F. ARGILLACEA (Kn.) M. Lamb, comb. nov.

Synon. -- Placodium argillaceum Kn. in Trans. linn. Soc. Lond., Bot. ser. 2, I, p. 282 (1878), cum descript.; Lecanora argillacea Forss. in Bih. svensk. Vetensk. Akad. Handl. VIII, no. 3, p. 54 (1883); Stizbg. in Flora, Marburg, LXXII, p. 366 (1889); Lecanora rhodom-
ma var. argillacea Hue in Nouv. Arch. Mus. Hist. nat., Paris, sér. 3, III, p. 59 (1891); Lecanora rhodoph-
thalma f. argillacea Zahlbr. Cat. Lich. Univ. V, p. 670 (1928).

Diagn. -- Est forma var. rhodocarpae thallo omnino sorediis farinosis obsito.

Icon. -- Kn. in Trans. linn. Soc. Lond., Bot. ser. 2, I, Pl. XXXVIII, fig. 14 (1878) (an ascus and spores).

Exsicc. -- Lojka, Lich. Univ. 127 ("Lecanora argil-

-lacea") (non vidi).

Distr. -- Seen only from New Zealand, but probably occurs everywhere where the var. rhodocarpa is present.

NEW ZEALAND. Exact locality not stated, coll. Knight (syntype) (fert.) (H., WELT., W.); North Island, Coromandel: exact locality not stated, coll. S. Berggren, 1874 (fert.) (S.); Wairoa: Kiwi, "on hillside in grassland", coll. E. Hodgson, 1933 (fert.) (W.); South Island, Waikouaiti: above Forbury Heads near Dunedin, coll. Lauder Lindsay, 1861 (ster.) (K., M.).

Obs. 1. -- In one of the syntype specimens labelled by Knight "Placodium argillaceum" (no. 3649 in herb. Nyl.), the thallus appears to be effuse and indeterminate; almost continuous, 0.3 - 0.8 mm. thick, glaucous whitish or cream-coloured; entirely granulose-pulverulent with effuse soredia; inside and outside KHO + faintly yellowish or - , CaCl₂O₂ + light red, Pd - . In section of thallus, cortex developed only in a few places between the protruding, soredial masses of algae and hyphae; 9 - 40μ deep, slightly nubilated, paraplectenchymatic, of cells 3 - 6μ diam.; medulla and symbiotic algae as in var. rhodocarpa. Cephalodia adpressed-sessile, orbicular, flattened, 1.0 - 2.5 mm. diam., up to 0.5 mm. thick, plicate-effigurate but not cracked, dark flesh-coloured, matt; outer cortex 50 - 60μ deep, pale reddish-brown in outer 15 - 20μ, paraplectenchymatic, of ± isodiametric, thin-walled cells 4 - 7μ diam.; inner medullary tissue colourless, paraplectenchymatic, with cells similar to those of cortex; symbiotic algae Nostocoid, blue-green, forming a deep stratum. Apothecia not numerous, sessile, slightly constricted at base, discoid, 1.0 - 1.5 mm. diam., with ± irregular, persistent, granulose-pulverulent, thalline margin; no proper margin apparent; disc concave to plane, dull yellow-brown, matt, not pruinose. Internal structure of apothecia as in var. rhodocarpa [but the thecium was degenerated in the apothecium studied].

Obs. 2. -- In another of the syntype specimens labelled by Knight and preserved in the Vienna herbarium, the thecium is 150 - 175μ high; paraphyses 1.5 - 2.5μ thick, not or only slightly thicker at tips; asci cylindrical-clavate, 102 - 120 × 12 - 15μ, with wall 1.0 - 1.3μ thick all round and persistently blue with iodine; spores 8, uniseriate, ellipsoid, 17 - 18 × 9μ. In other specimens

seen the thecium is from 180 to 216 μ high, and the range of spore-size is 18 - 21 \times 10 - 11 μ .

Var. CARNEA (Räs.) M. Lamb

in Res. Norweg. Sci. Exped. Tristan da Cunha 1937 - 8, no. 3, p. 3 (1940).

Synon. -- Placopsis gelida var. carnea Räs. in Ann. bot. Vanamo, II, p. 25 (1932), cum descript.

Diagn. -- Var. rhodocarpae fere omnino similis, sporis autem minoribus: 16.0 - 18.5 \times 8 - 11 μ , et thallo nunquam soreciato.

Icon. -- Pl. 7, fig. 32 (part of a syntype specimen in the Helsinki herbarium); Pl. 2, fig. 9 (specimen from Tristan da Cunha, nat. size).

Hab. -- Rocks.

Distr. -- Fuegia, Tristan da Cunha, New Zealand; known from the latter country only in the f. subcribellans.

NEW ZEALAND. South Island, Waikouaiti: Port Chalmers near Dunedin, "on rock near sea", coll. J. Thomson, 1933 (f. subcribellans) (fert.) (W.).

CHILE. Magallanes: Brecknock Peninsula, Puerto Queta, coll. Roivainen, 1929 (Expeditio Fennica) (syntype) (fert.) (H., O., S., Räs.); (holotype of f. subcribellans) (fert.) (O.); (paratype of f. subcribellans) (fert.) (S.); Isla Desolación, Puerto Angosto, coll. P. Dusén, 1896 (no. 201) (Nordenskjöld's Eldslandsexped.) (f. subcribellans) (fert.) (S.); Peel Inlet on S. side of Chatham Island, coll. ? (Swedish Antarct. Exped.) (f. subcribellans) (fert.) (W.).

TRISTAN DA CUNHA. Inaccessible Island, altit. 350 m., coll. E. Christophersen, 1938 (no. 2490) (fert.) (O.).

Obs. 1. -- In the syntype of this variety preserved in the Helsinki herbarium, the thallus forms orbicular patches 0.5 - 2.5 cm. across, 0.2 - 0.5 mm. thick, well effigurate, with peripheral lobes reaching far in towards

the centre of the thallus, 0.8 - 2.0 mm. broad, variously branched, adnate, separated by cracks 0.1 - 0.2 mm. wide, at apices broader and very flattened; centre of thallus irregularly rimose (not areolate), plane, smooth; cream-whitish, matt, epruinose or in places slightly whitish-pruinose, outside and inside $\text{KHO} -$, $\text{CaCl}_2\text{O}_2 +$ light red, Pd - . No isidia or soredia; no visible hypothallus. Thalline cortex 12 - 40 μ deep, faintly yellowish in upper 12 - 20 μ , otherwise hyaline, paraplectenchymatic with cells 5 - 9 μ diam.; medulla compact, hyaline, of interwoven hyphae 2 - 4 μ thick running chiefly \pm horizontally; symbiotic algae 4 - 8 μ diam., forming an interrupted layer 40 - 70 μ deep. Cephalodia irregularly scattered, sessile, subdiscoid, 1.5 - 3.0 mm. diam., 0.3 - 0.6 mm. thick, radiately cracked and plicate, pale flesh-coloured, matt; bounded by an outer, paraplectenchymatic, faintly yellowish cortex 40 - 60 μ deep composed of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 3 - 6 μ diam.; medullary tissue of parallel-conglutinate, thin-walled hyphae 2 - 3 μ thick, running chiefly \pm vertically; symbiotic algae Nostocoid, pale blue-green, irregularly dispersed throughout the medullary tissue. Apothecia sessile, round, 1.8 - 2.0 mm. diam., not or slightly constricted at base, with moderate, entire, thalline margin and plane, light rosy-red, subtly whitish-pruinose disc. Excipular stratum below hypothecium pale yellowish, paraplectenchymatic, of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 5 - 7 μ diam.; hypothecium colourless or faintly yellowish, 210 - 260 μ deep in centre, of compacted, thin-walled hyphae 1.3 - 2.8 μ thick running in various directions; thecium 170 - 210 μ high, pallid yellowish in section, the epithecium indistinct. Paraphyses not thickened at tips, often branched, septate with septa 10 - 20 μ apart. Ascii cylindric, 135 - 180 \times 9 - 12 μ , with wall about 1 μ thick all round and persistently pale blue with iodine. Spores 8, uniseriate, ellipsoid, 16 - 18 \times 9 - 10 μ . Pycnidia arranged approximately in a zone about 5 mm. in from the periphery, indicated externally by \pm rounded, pink spots 0.10 - 0.25 mm. diam.; in section pyriform, up to 440 μ diam., bounded by a faintly yellowish perifulcrum 15 - 45 μ thick composed of tangentially adnate hyphae; fulcra 8 - 20 μ long, 1.0 - 1.5 μ thick, often branched, acuminate; pycnoconidia filiform, slightly bowed or almost straight, 18 - 25 \times 0.5 μ .

Obs. 2. -- Examination of other specimens has shown that apparently the only non-fluctuating distinguishing character between this variety and the var. rhodocarpa lies in the smaller spore-size. The extent of effigura-

-tion at the periphery is variable, but the interior of the thallus is always irregularly rimose, never areolate. The height of the thecium varies between 160 and 240 μ .

Var. carnea can be distinguished from non-sorediate individuals of P. gelida by the non-areolate interior of the thallus and by the higher thecium (usually below 170 μ in typical P. gelida).

F. SUBCRIBELLANS M. Lamb, f. nov.

Diagn. -- Thallus isidiatus, isidiis subglobosis 0.10 - 0.15 mm. diam., concoloribus, saepe erosis increbre ob-tectus; ceterum ut in var. carnea typica.

Distr. -- Recorded above together with that of var. carnea.

Obs. 1. -- In the holotype of this form preserved in the Oslo herbarium, the thallus is \pm orbicular and effi-gurate, and apart from the presence of isidia is similar in all respects to that of the typical variety, with which it was growing together. Some of the isidia are eroded away, leaving shallow, pock-like depressions, which are not however so well defined as in P. cribellans. Apo-thecia 1.0 - 1.8 mm. diam., with the disc dull brown-pink, matt, \pm ochraceous-pruinose.

Obs. 2. -- Other specimens of this form from Fuegia and New Zealand show good agreement with the type-speci-men; the surface of the thallus may give a very faint flesh-pink reaction with Pd. The height of the thecium varies between 180 and 240 μ ; the spores fall within the size-limits 15 - 18 \times 7.5 - 9.0 (- 10) μ .

F. SEMIREAGENS (M. Lamb) M. Lamb, comb. nov.

Synon. -- Placopsis gelida f. semireagens M. Lamb in Res. Norweg. Sci. Exped. Tristan da Cunha 1937 - 8, no. 3, p. 2 (1940), cum descript.

Diagn. -- Thallus superne Pd \pm lateritio-rubescens (medulla immutata); sporae 15 - 19 \times 9 - 11 μ .

Icon. -- Pl. 8, fig. 34 (part of the holotype speci-men).

Hab. -- Volcanic rock.

Distr. -- Known only from Tristan da Cunha.

TRISTAN DA CUNHA. "Near potato patches", altit. 50 m., coll. E. Christophersen & Y. Mejland, 1937 (no. 189) (ster.) (0.); "above potato patches", altit. 100 m., coll. E. Christophersen & Y. Mejland, 1938 (no. 354) (holotype) (fert.) (0.); "above camp", altit. 50 m., coll. E. Christophersen & Y. Mejland, 1937 (no. 266) (fert.) (0.), 1938 (no. 1350) (ster.) (0.).

Obs. 1. -- In the holotype specimen, the thallus forms a patch up to 4 cm. diam., and is shortly lobed-effigurate at the circumference; laciniae 1.5 - 2.0 mm. long, 0.7 - 1.5 mm. broad, 0.10 - 0.13 mm. thick, flattened, rounded and sometimes indistinctly crenulate at apices, contiguous, separated by narrow cracks; thallus in centre rimose (not areolate), with numerous cracks 0.1 - 0.2 mm. wide, \pm smooth, glaucous-whitish or cream-coloured, outside and inside KHO \pm indistinctly yellowish, CaCl_2O_2 \pm light red. No isidia or soredia (but numerous insect- or gastropod-bites are present, which at first sight look like soredia); no visible hypothallus. Thallus with an upper, paraplectenchymatic, nubilated cortex 15 - 24 μ deep formed of cells 3.5 - 7.0 μ diam.; medulla nubilated, compact, of interwoven hyphae 3 - 4 μ thick running in various directions; symbiotic algae 8 - 12 μ diam., forming an interrupted stratum 50 - 90 μ deep. Cephalodia irregularly scattered, sessile, flattened-discoid, 1 - 3 mm. diam., up to 0.5 mm. thick, effigurate and radiately plicate, finally also cracked, flesh-coloured, matt; with an outer, paraplectenchymatic, faintly yellowish cortex 24 - 45 μ deep formed of \pm isodiametric, fairly thin-walled cells 5 - 8 μ diam., and in most places with an outermost, amorphous, hyaline envelope 4 - 6 μ thick; medullary tissue of upward-striving, parallel-conglutinate, thin-walled hyphae about 3 μ thick; symbiotic algae Scytonemoid, blue-green to orange, dispersed throughout the medullary tissue. Apothecia irregularly scattered, sessile, well constricted at base, discoid, 1.0 - 1.6 mm. diam., with entire, matt, epruinose, thalline margin at first tumid, then \pm depressed; proper margin thin-edged, raised, entire, subnitid, flesh-pink; disc plane, yellowish-carneous, matt, not pruinose. Excipular layer below hypothecium paraplectenchymatic, nubilated, of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 4.5 - 6.5 μ diam.; hypothecium colourless, up to 210 μ deep in centre, of compacted, thin-walled hyphae 1.3 - 2.0 μ thick running in

various directions; thecium 150 - 195 μ high, nubilated in upper 28 - 45 μ , otherwise colourless. Paraphyses 1.0 - 1.2 μ thick, often branched, not thickened at tips, septate with septa 8 - 18 μ apart. Asci cylindrical-clavate, 115 - 145 \times 11 - 15 μ , with wall 1.5 - 2.0 μ thick all round, and persistently pale blue with iodine. Spores 8, uniseriate, ellipsoid, 15 - 19 \times 9 - 11 μ . [No pycnidia seen.]

Obs. 2. -- The deep brick-red reaction with Pd is obtained also on those parts of the thallus which are undamaged by animal bites, and is hence not due to an abnormal secretion due to irritation caused by the latter. The bitter fumarprotocetraric acid does not in this case give the lichen any immunity from lichen-eating organisms.

22. PLACOPSIS RHODOPHTHALMA (Müll. Arg.) Räs.

in Ann. bot. Vanamo, II, p. 25 (1932) (lapsu "rhodophthalma").²²⁾

Synon. -- Lecanora rhodophthalma Müll. Arg. in Flora, Regensburg, LXII, p. 164 (1879), cum descript., in Bull. Herb. Boissier, II, append. I, p. 48 (1894), excl. synon.; Zahlbr. Cat. Lich. Univ. V, p. 669 (1928). Lecanora argillacea f. rhodophthalma Zahlbr. in K. svenska VetenskAkad. Handl. LVII, no. 6, p. 34 (1917), cum descript.

Descr. -- Thallus subdeterminatus effususve, interdum ambitu effiguratus, (laciniis si evolutis haud distincte separatis, 1 - 3 mm. longis), c o n t i n u u s v e l p a r c e r i m o s u s (nunquam areolatus), 0.15 - 0.25 mm. crassus, leviter rugoso- vel verruculoso-inaequalis, rarius sublaevigatus; albidus, glauco-albidus, vel flori lactis concolor, opacus, epruinosis, extus KHO - , CaCl₂O₂ + rubescens, Pd - vel interdum + pallidissime carneus, intus KHO - vel + indistincte fuscescens, CaCl₂O₂ + rubescens, Pd - . Isidia ac soredia nulla; hypothallus haud evolutus. -- Cephalodia irregulariter sparsa, adpresso-sessilia, irregularia suborbiculariave, deplana-

-ta, 1 - 5 mm. diam., ad 0.3 mm. crassa, varie rugulosa aut radiatim plicato-effigurata, pallide flavido-carnea, haud nitida. -- Apothecia thallo supersparsa, sessilia, basi bene constricta, discoidea, 1.0 - 2.5 mm. diam., margine thallino crassiusculo, integro, opaco, epruinoso; margine proprio demum evoluto, subprominulo, mediocri, integro, carneo vel pallide fuscescenti, haud pruinoso; disco plano aut raro leviter convexo, laevigato, roseo-rubro, carneo, vel obscurius colorato (rufofusco), opaco, nudo vel albopruinoso. Excipulum paraplectenchy-maticum sub hypothecio evolutum, ad 180μ crassum, nubilatum; hypothecium incoloratum; thecium s u b a l - t u m ($210 - 310\mu$), superne nubilatum, ceterum incoloratum. Paraphyses apicibus haud vel modo levissime incrassatae. Sporae 8nae, in asco uniseriatae, v u l - g o l a t e e l l i p s o i d e a e (rarius angustiores), $20 - 27 \times (9 -) 13 - 18\mu$. -- [Pycnidia in forma typica ignota; vide sub f. atlantica.]

Icon. -- Pl. 6, fig. 26 (the holotype specimen).

Hab. -- Soil or rocks.

Distr. -- New Zealand, Fuegia, Chile; a distinct form in Tristan da Cunha (f. atlantica).

NEW ZEALAND. Exact locality not stated, coll. Colenso (fert.) (K.); North Island, Egmont (or Taranaki or Stratford or Hawera ?): Mt. Egmont, "vertical cutting on track in forest", coll. L. Cranwell, 1934 (fert.) (W.); Hutt: Wellington, coll. J. Buchanan (fert.) (BM.); South Island, Grey: near Greymouth, coll. F. Müller, 1879 (holotype) (fert.) (G.).

CHILE. Magallanes: Isla Desolación, Puerto Angosto, "in saxis litoralibus", coll. P. Dusén, 1896 (no. 199 pr. p.) (Nordenskjöld's Eldslandsexped.) (fert.) (S.); Valdivia: Corral, "in rupibus litoralibus", coll. P. Dusén, 1896 (no. 66) (Nordenskjöld's Eldslandsex-

-ped.) (fert.) (S.).

TRISTAN DA CUNHA. Above settlement, altit. 250 m., coll. E. Christophersen & Y. Mejland, 1937 (no. 248) (holotype of f. atlantica) (fert.) (0.); altit. 1075 m., coll. E. Christophersen & Y. Mejland, 1937 (no. 30) (f. atlantica) (fert.) (0.).

Obs. 1. -- In the holotype specimen in herb. Müll. Arg., the thallus is indeterminate, Pd=; its cortex overlaid in most places by a colourless, semi-amorphous layer 6 - 10 μ deep derived from disintegration of cortical cells; underlying cortex 30 - 45 μ deep, heavily nubilated, paraplectenchymatic, of cells 3 - 5 (- 6) μ diam. Medulla compact, nubilated, of interwoven hyphae 2.5 - 4.0 μ thick running in various directions or in places \pm vertically parallel. Symbiotic algae 7 - 11 μ diam., bright green, forming an interrupted, uneven layer 50 - 110 μ deep. Cephalodia irregularly wrinkled, not effigurate, covered by a paraplectenchymatic, superficially yellow-brown-granulate cortex 30 - 40 μ deep, formed of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 3 - 5 μ diam.; inner medullary tissue colourless, indistinctly paraplectenchymatic, packed throughout with Nostocoid, pale blue-green, symbiotic algae. Paraplectenchymatic cells of basal excipulum \pm isodiametric, thin-walled, 4.5 - 7.5 μ diam. Hypothecium up to 165 μ deep, composed of compacted, intricately branched hyphae 1.5 - 2.0 μ thick running in various directions. Thecium 230 - 310 μ high. Paraphyses 1.0 - 1.4 μ thick, often branched, budding off nubilated, conidia-like, epithelial fragments at tips, septate with septa 8 - 18 μ apart. Asci cylindric-clavate, 156 - 210 \times 15 - 18 μ , with wall about 1.5 μ thick at sides, at apex thickened up to 8 μ ; persistently deep blue with iodine. Spores 20.0 - 22.5 \times 12 - 13 μ .

Obs. 2. -- P. rhodophthalma is related to P. parellina, from which it is distinguished by the higher thecium and larger, often very broadly ellipsoid spores. Peripheral effiguration of the thallus is not well marked, often entirely absent.

Obs. 3. -- In fresh material the spores often contain rose-pink oil droplets; this colour disappears after some years in herbarium specimens. Müller Arg., in his original description of this species, stated that the

spores are "hyphematoideo-involucratae (superficiei peculiariter asperulae)". This is not so; in the holotype and all other specimens which I have examined the spore-wall is perfectly smooth, as in all other species of the genus.

Obs. 4. -- Particularly in this species it is necessary to measure only mature spores already extruded from the asci, since measurement of immature spores inside the asci may give very misleading data as regards size and shape.

F. ATLANTICA M. Lamb

in Res. Norweg. Sci. Exped. Tristan da Cunha 1937 - 8, no. 3, p. 4 (1940), cum descript.

Diagn. -- "Thallus purpureo-albescens vel roseo-albescens (nec glauco-albidus vel flori lactis concolor ut in forma typica speciei)" (descr. orig., loc. cit.).

Icon. -- Pl. 2, fig. 6 (the holotype specimen, nat. size).

Hab. -- Seen only on volcanic rock.

Distr. -- Tristan da Cunha (records incorporated above with those of the typical species).

Obs. 1. -- In the holotype specimen the thallus is effigurate; marginal lobes short and broad, 2.0 - 4.5 mm. long, 1 - 2 mm. broad, adnate, slightly tumid, rounded or subcrenulate at apices. Thallus in centre 0.5 - 0.7 mm. thick, tartareous, \pm even or in places irregularly verrucose, rimose with cracks up to 0.3 mm. wide, but not areolate; whitish with a distinct, faintly purple-pink tinge. Apothecial discs reddish flesh-coloured to dark red, not pruinose. Lower paraplectenchymatic stratum of excipulum poorly developed, 20 - 30 μ deep, not nubilated; thecium 240 - 300 μ high; spores more narrowly ellipsoid than is usual in the typical form of the species: 20 - 24 \times 10.5 - 12.0 μ . Walls of asci pale wine-red with iodine. In all other respects, external and internal, there is entire agreement with the typical P. rhodophthalma.

Obs. 2. -- Pycnidia were found in the holotype of this form; they are indicated by slight swellings of the thal-

-lus, each having at its apex a minute, punctate, yellowish-pink ostiole; irregularly pyriform in section; up to 420μ deep and 245μ across; perifulcrum indistinct, almost absent. Fulcra branched, subulate-acuminate, $15 - 19 \times 1.0 - 1.6\mu$. Pycnoconidia filiform, bowed, $15 - 18 \times 0.5\mu$.

23. PLACOPSIS SUBGELIDA (Nyl.) Nyl.

Lich. Nov. Zel. p. 57 (1888), cum descript.

Synon. -- Lecanora subgelida Nyl. in C. R. Acad. Sci., Paris, LXXXIII, p. 89 (1876), cum descript.; Hue in Nouv. Arch. Mus. Hist. nat., Paris, sér. 3, III, p. 59 (1891); Zahlbr. Cat. Lich. Univ. V, p. 670 (1928).

Descr. -- Thallus determinatus, suborbicularis, rosulatas effiguratas 2.5 cm. diam. vel majores formans; laciniae ad peripheriam latae, planae, laevigatae, 1.5 - 5.0 mm. longae, 1.0 - 2.5 mm. latae, ad 0.4 mm. crassae, apicibus tenuiores (0.1 - 0.2 mm. crassae); adnatae, rimis passim hiantibus 0.1 - 0.3 mm. latis separatae, subcuneatae, irregulariter ramosae, ad apices expansae et rotundatae vel subcrenulatae; centrum versus longe retrorsum productae, sese sensim in thallum laevigatum, i r r e g u l a r i t e r r i m o s u m (haud rite areolatum), circa 0.4 mm. crassum vertentes. Thallus eburneo-albidus, opacus, a l b o - p r u i n o s u s, extus intusque KHO - vel + indistincte flavescens, CaCl_2O_2 + roseo-rubescens, Pd - , sine isidiis sorediisque.

Hypothallus distinctus nullus est evolutus. -- Cephalodia sparsa, thallo sessilia, suborbicularia vel irregularia, deplanata, 2 - 7 mm. diam., ad 0.9 mm. crassa, plicis rimisque radiantibus effigurata, obscure carnea vel pallide fuscidula, haud nitida. -- Apothecia supra thallum irregulariter disposita, discoidea, 1.5 - 2.0 mm. diam., ad basin bene vel modice constricta; margine thallino primo crasso, deinde mediocri, integro, rotundato, promi-

-nulo subdepressove, vulgo subtiliter albopruinoso; margine proprio passim visibili, nonnihil elevato, mediocri, laevigato, carneo, opaco, nudo; disco plano aut leviter concavo, sordide rufescenti vel rufofusco, haud nitido, leviter albidopruinoso. Excipulum basale sub hypothecio modice incrassatum, paraplectenchymaticum, nubilatum; hypothecium incoloratum; thecium altissimum (285 - 320 μ), omnino hyalinum, sursum crystallis sordide flavidis onustum. Paraphyses apicibus haud incrassatae. Sporae 8nae, in asco uniseriatae, ellipsoideae vel late ellipsoideae, magna e : 25.5 - 30.0 \times (12-) 15.5 - 21.0 μ . -- Pycnidia immersa, thallum saepe leviter inflantia, apicibus punctis minutis nigricantibus notata, ampullacea, circa 300 μ lata, perifulcrio nubilato indistincte paraplectenchymatico cincta. [Fulcra pycnoconidia haud visa.]

Icon. -- Pl. 9, fig. 39 (the holotype specimen).

Hab. -- On rock; according to Nylander also on soil.

Distr. -- Campbell Island, south of New Zealand.

CAMPBELL ISLAND. Coll. Filhol, 1874 (holotype)

(fert.) (H.).

Obs. 1. -- In the holotype specimen (no. 23861 in herb. Nyl.), the cortex of the thallus is in many places overlaid by a hyaline, semi-amorphous, necrotic layer up to 13 μ deep; cortex 20 - 33 μ deep, nubilated, paraplectenchymatic, of cells 3 - 6 μ diam. Medulla slightly nubilated, compact, with few or no air-cavities, composed of chiefly horizontally-running, adnate hyphae 2.8 - 4.5 μ thick with somewhat thick walls (1.0 - 1.3 μ); in lower 1/4 of medulla the hyphal walls are brown by degeneration. Symbiotic algae 4 - 9 μ diam., bright green, forming a slightly interrupted stratum 45 - 75 μ deep. Cephalodia with an outer, paraplectenchymatic cortex 55 - 90 μ deep, faintly yellowish in its outermost 20 - 30 μ , otherwise colourless, and made up of \pm isodiametric or slightly oblong cells 4 - 7 μ diam. (their walls 1 - 2 μ thick); inner medullary tissue hyaline, paraplectenchymatic like the cortex; symbiotic algae Nostocoid, blue-green, forming a deep layer in upper part of cephalodium. Lower, paraplectenchymatic stratum of excipulum 80 - 90 μ deep,

composed of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 4 - 6 μ diam. Hypothecium 160 - 180 μ deep, of compacted, intricated hyphae 1.2 - 2.0 μ thick running in various directions. Peculiar crystals are present on top of the thecium and embedded in the lateral excipulum; they are discoid, flattened, 15 - 27 μ diam., colourless or faintly yellowish, with a distinct radial lamellation; they dissolve speedily in dilute HCl, but disintegrate only slightly in KHO. Paraphyses 1.3 - 2.0 μ thick, often branched, budding off conidia-like, epithelial fragments from their tips; septate with septa 7 - 15 μ apart. Asci cylindric-clavate, 200 - 275 \times 16 - 27 μ , with wall 1 - 2 μ thick at sides, at apex not or slightly thicker (up to 4 μ); persistently blue with iodine.

Obs. 2. -- This is the "giant" of the genus as regards internal structure, the thecium being the highest and the spores the largest known to occur in Placopsis. The thecial features are very bold and distinct under the microscope.

24. PLACOPSIS AMPLIATA M. Lamb, sp. nov.

Descr. -- Thallus effiguratus, plagas irregulares vel plus minusve orbiculares ad 2.5 cm. diam. formans, tenuis (ad 0.2 mm. crassus), lobis ad peripheriam deplanatis, substrato arcte adpressis, 1 - 2 mm. longis, 0.6 - 1.0 mm. latis, adnatis, rimis limatis angustissimis separatis, apicibus rotundatis vel obsolete crenulatis; in centro plus minusve laevigatus, rimosus, haud rite areolatus, rimis angustissimis (tantum per vitrum $\times 10$ visibilibus) et irregulariter anastomosantibus incisus; extus KHO - vel \pm indistincte flavescens, CaCl_2O_2 \pm roseo-rubescens, Pd \pm pallide flavido-carneus; intus KHO - , CaCl_2O_2 \pm roseo-rubescens, Pd - . Isidia ac soredia nulla; hypothallus deest. -- Cephalodia numerosa, thallo irregulariter supersparsa, plus minusve orbicularia, thallo adpressa, 1.0 - 2.5 mm. diam., ad 0.3 mm. crassa, primum indistincte lobata, dein plicato-effigurata, haud fissa; carnea, opaca. -- Apothecia sessilia, rotundata, 0.8 - 1.4 mm. diam., b a s i h a u d c o n s t r i c t a,

sed tumido-ampliat a (subpertusarioidea
 apparentia), margine thallino crasso, obtuse
 subconico, prominenti, integro; [margine
 proprio non viso;] disco plano, marginem haud aequan-
 -ti, laete roseo, saepissime pruina albida obtecto.

Excipulum paraplectenchymaticum nubilatum sub hypothecio
 evolutum; hypothecium incoloratum; thecium 150 - 195 μ
 altum, superne pallide flavidulum, ceterum incoloratum.

Paraphyses apicibus haud incrassatae. Sporae 8nae, in
 asco uniseriatae, ellipsoideae, 20 - 22 \times 11 - 12 μ .

Icon. -- Pl. 8, fig. 36 (heautotype or possibly para-
 -type specimen in the München herbarium).

Hab. -- On rocks and pebbles.

Distr. -- New Zealand.

NEW ZEALAND. Exact locality not stated, coll. Knight
 (holotype) (fert.) (H., no. 3644 in herb. Nyl.),
 (heautotype or possibly paratype) (fert.) (BM., M.).

Obs. 1. -- In the holotype specimen in herb. Nylander,
 where it was labelled by him as "Placopsis gelida", the
 thallus has an outer, paraplectenchymatic cortex 15 - 24 μ
 deep and hyaline in its outer 3 - 6 μ (cells dead and dis-
 -integrating), in its inner part nubilated, composed of
 cells 4 - 6 μ diam.; medulla partly nubilated, fairly com-
 -pact, of interwoven hyphae 3 - 5 μ thick running in vari-
 -ous directions (in lowermost 25 - 45 μ hyaline and $\frac{1}{2}$
 horizontally parallel-conglutinated); symbiotic algae
 4 - 8 μ diam., forming an interrupted layer 45 - 60 μ deep.
 Cephalodia with an outer, faintly yellowish, not nubila-
 -ted, paraplectenchymatic cortex 12 - 20 μ deep, of $\frac{1}{2}$ iso-
 -diametric, fairly thin-walled cells 4 - 7 μ diam.; medul-
 -lary tissue colourless, of the same structure as the cor-
 -tex; symbiotic algae Nostocoid, dispersed throughout
 the medullary tissue. Lower, paraplectenchymatic, ex-
 -cipular layer of apothecium formed of $\frac{1}{2}$ isodiametric,
 thin-walled cells 4.5 - 7.0 μ diam.; hypothecium of com-
 -pacted hyphae 1.5 - 2.5 μ thick running in various direc-
 -tions. Paraphyses often branched, 1.0 - 1.5 μ thick,
 septate with septa 7 - 10 μ apart. Asci cylindric, 120 -
 160 \times 15 - 21 μ , with wall 1.5 - 2.5 μ thick at sides, at
 apex thickened up to 7 μ ; persistently blue with iodine.
 [No pycnidia seen.]

Obs. 2. -- The thalline margin of the apothecia, instead of being constricted at the base, is produced downwards and outwards conically into the thallus. This character, together with that of the higher thecium, larger spores etc., distinguish this species clearly from P. gelida.

Obs. 3. -- The specimen in the München herbarium, photographed for the plate, occurred together with P. illita, some of which is also to be seen in the photograph.

25. PLACOPSIS KERGUELENSIS M. Lamb, sp. nov.

Descr. -- Thallus suborbicularis, ad circa 5 cm. diam., ambitu effiguratus, laciniis 2 - 5 mm. longis, 1.5 - 2.0 mm. latis, 0.20 - 0.25 mm. crassis, contiguis, rimis ad 0.1 mm. latis separatis, substrato arcte adpressis, subplanis vel leviter tumidis, apicibus rotundatis vel indistincte crenulatis; in centro irregulariter rimosus (haud rite areolatus), leviter verrucosus, ad 1 mm. crassus, eburneus vel flori lactis concolor, extus intusque KHO - vel \pm indistincte flavescens, $\text{CaCl}_2 \cdot 0_2$ + roseo-rubescens, Pd - , haud nitidus, epruinus. Isidia ac soredia desunt; hypothallus nullus visibilis. -- Cephalodia irregulariter disposita, deplanato-discoidea, 2.5 - 8.0 mm. diam., ad 1 mm. crassa, sessilia adpressaque, radiatim plicata et rimosa, rufofusca, haud nitida. -- Apothecia thallo irregulariter supersparsa, sessilia, rotundata, basi bene constricta, 1.5 - 2.0 mm. diam., margine thallino tumido, integro, epruinoso, demum tenuiori ac nonnihil depresso; margine proprio interdum visibili, subprominulo, obtuso, integro, pallide fuscidulo; disco leviter concavo aut plano, obscure purpureo, scabridulo, haud nitido, epruinoso. Stratum paraplectenchymaticum excipuli sub hypothecio evolutum, nubilatum; hypothecium incoloratum; thecium

195 - 245 μ altum, dimidio superiori laete roseum, inferne incoloratum. Paraphyses apicibus parum incrassatae. Sporae 8nae, in asco uniseriatae, ellipsoideae, 17.5 - 18.5 \times 9 - 10 μ . -- Pycnidia extus verruculis 0.3 - 0.4 mm. diam. indicata, apicibus ostiolis punctiformibus olivaceis perforata; subsphaerica, circa 400 μ diam., perifulcrio hyalino con-
-torto (lamina sporigera eximie convoluta); fulcris acuminatis, ramosis, 15 - 24 \times 1.3 - 2.0 μ ; pycnocoidiis filiformibus, leviter arcuatis vel fere rectis, 18 - 24 \times 0.5 μ .

Icon. -- Pl. 2, fig. 7 (the holotype specimen, nat. size).

Hab. -- Basaltic rock.

Distr. -- Kerguelen.

KERGUELEN. "Mont de l'Abri", coll. Aubert de la Rue, 1931 (no. 15) (holotype) (fert.) (B. de Lesd.).

Obs. 1. -- In the holotype specimen, the thallus has an upper, paraplectenchymatic, nubilated cortex 27 - 45 μ deep composed of cells 5.0 - 7.5 μ diam., and is in most places covered on the outside by a hyaline, amorphous layer 2 - 4 μ deep; medulla partly nubilated, compact, of interwoven hyphae 4.5 - 6.0 μ thick running in various directions, and in its lower part brownish by degeneration; symbiotic algae 5 - 9 (- 11) μ diam., forming a $\frac{1}{2}$ continuous layer 75 - 120 μ deep. Cephalodia with an outer, paraplectenchymatic, scarcely nubilated cortex 45 - 60 μ deep composed of $\frac{1}{2}$ isodiametric, thin-walled cells 4 - 6 μ diam.; medullary tissue hyaline, prosoplectenchymatic, of adnate, fairly thin-walled, hyphal cells 3.0 - 4.5 μ thick; symbiotic algae Scytonemoid, orange-reddish, scattered throughout the medullary tissue. Paraplectenchymatic exciple below hypothecium formed of $\frac{1}{2}$ isodiametric, thin-walled cells 4.5 - 8.0 μ diam.; hypothecium of compacted hyphae 2 - 3 μ thick running chiefly $\frac{1}{2}$ vertically. Paraphyses 1.5 - 2.5 μ thick, occasionally branched, septate with septa 12 - 20 μ apart. Asci cylindrical-clavate, 130 - 150 \times 11 - 17 μ , with wall 2 - 3 μ thick at sides, at apex slightly thicker (up to 4 μ), pale blue then sordid greenish-blue with iodine.

Obs. 2. -- Differs from P. gelida in the rimose or

only imperfectly areolate thallus, purple-brown apothecial discs, and higher thecium which is distinctively rose-pink in its upper half; from P. bicolor in the non-oxydated thallus and smaller spores; and from P. Räsänenii in the divided lobes of the periphery, colour of upper part of thecium, etc.

Obs. 3. -- The holotype of this species is one of the specimens recorded as "Placopsis gelida" by Bouly de Lesdain in Ann. Cryptog. exot. IV, p. 101 (1931).

26. PLACOPSIS FUSCIDULA M. Lamb

apud Räs. in An. Soc. cient. argent. CXXVIII, p. 138 (1939), cum descript.; M. Lamb in Res. Norweg. Sci. Exped. Tristan da Cunha 1937 - 8, no. 3, p. 1 (1940), cum descript.

Synon. -- Placopsis gelida var. pseudosorediosa Räs., loc. cit.

Descr. -- Thallus effiguratus, laciniis ad peripheriam bene evolutis, 3 - 5 mm. longis, 0.8 - 1.4 mm. latis, 0.2 - 0.5 mm. crassis, varie ramoso-divisis, leviter tumidis, tantum apicibus expansis substratoque arcte adpressis, ibi rotundato-lobatis vel obsolete crenulatis, contiguis vel discretis; in centro rimoso-areolato, ad 0.7 mm. crassus, areolis irregulariter angulosis 0.8 - 2.2 mm. diam., planis vel leviter convexis, laevigatis, rimis limatis 0.1 - 0.2 mm. latis separatis; fuscobalbidus vel pallide olivaceo-fuscescens, haud nitidus, fere omnino subtilissime albopruinosus, extus intusque KHO - vel + indistincte flavescens, CaCl_2O_2 + roseo-rubescens, Pd - . Isidia ac soredia nulla. Hypothallus nullus visibilis. -- Cephalodia numerosa, thallo irregulariter insidentia, sessilia, discoidea, 1.0 - 2.5 mm. diam., ad 0.5 mm.

crassa, leviter plicato-effigurata, deinque insuper radiatim fissa, carnea vel ferrugineo-carnea, haud nitida. -- Apothecia sessilia, basi bene constricta, rotundata, 1.0 - 1.7 mm. diam., margine thallino crasso (deinque tenuiori depressoque), integro, pruinoso; margine proprio nonnunquam visibili, tenui, integro, leviter prominulo, carneo, haud pruinoso; disco laete obscureve rubro, ochraceo-rubescenti, vel rufofusco, subplano, haud vel nonnihil pruinoso, haud vel parum nitenti. Excipulum paraplectenchymaticum sub hypothecio modice evolutum, ad 75μ crassum, hyalinum; hypothecium incoloratum; thecium $150 - 210\mu$ altum, superne plus minusve nubilatatum, ceterum incoloratum vel levissime roseum. Paraphyses apicibus parum clavatae. Sporae 8nae, in asco uniseriatae, ellipsoideae, saepe guttulis roseis oleosis impletae, $18.5 - 22.5 \times 10 - 12\mu$. -- Pycnidia areolis immersa, extus maculis minutis punctiformibus fusconigrescentibus indicata, pyriformia, circa 200μ diam.; perifulcrio hyalino, indistincte paraplectenchymatico, $15 - 23\mu$ crasso; fulcris ramosis, acuminatis, $13 - 20 \times 1 - 2\mu$; pycnoconidiis filiformibus, leviter arcuatis vel fere rectis, $17 - 21 \times 0.5 \mu$.

Icon. -- Pl. 2, fig. 11 (the holotype specimen, nat. size).

Hab. -- Volcanic rocks.

Distr. -- Southernmost S. America (incl. Juan Fernandez) and Tristan da Cunha.

ARGENTINA (or CHILE ?). Tierra del Fuego: exact locality doubtful, coll. R. Cunningham (fert.) (K.).

CHILE. Llanquihue: Ventisquero Manso, altit. circ. 1000 m., "bloques de la morene finel", coll. A. Donat, 1936 (no. 88 pr. p.) (fert.) (Räs.).

JUAN FERNANDEZ. Masafuera: near Las Torres, altit. circ. 1350 m., coll. ? (ster.) (W.).

TRISTAN DA CUNHA. Stony Beach, altit. 300 m., coll. Y. Mejland, 1938 (no. 1780) (ster.) (0.); the crater, altit. 1950 m., coll. E. Christophersen & Y. Mejland, 1938 (no. 761) (holotype) (fert.) (0.), (no. 757) (fert.) (0.), (no. 758) (ster.) (0.); the peak, altit. 2000 m., coll. E. Christophersen & Y. Mejland, 1938 (no. 701) (ster.) (0.), (no. 703) (fert.) (0.), (no. 704) (ster.) (0.).

Obs. 1. -- In the holotype specimen, the thallus has an upper, nubilated, paraplectenchymatic cortex 30 - 50 μ deep composed of cells 4.0 - 6.5 μ diam. Medulla partly nubilated, compact, of interwoven hyphae about 3 μ thick running in various directions. No special hypothalline tissue is differentiated. Symbiotic layer almost continuous, 90 - 155 μ deep, the algae 7 - 9 (- 12) μ diam. Cephalodia with an outer, non-nubilated, paraplectenchymatic cortex 40 - 60 μ deep composed of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 3 - 6 μ diam., in outermost 6 - 11 μ somewhat crushed and degenerated. Medullary tissue of cephalodium hyaline, of parallel-conglutinated, thin- or thickish-walled hyphae about 3 μ thick; symbiotic algae Scytonemoid, lying in separate clumps throughout the medullary tissue. Cells of lower, paraplectenchymatic, excipular stratum not nubilated, thin-walled, 3 - 5 μ diam., \pm isodiametric. Hypothecium up to 215 μ deep in centre, of compacted hyphae 1.5 - 2.0 μ thick running in various directions. Paraphyses often branched, 1.3 - 2.0 μ thick, septate with septa 8 - 18 μ apart. Asci cylindrical-clavate, 120 - 180 \times 15 - 18 μ , with walls up to 2 μ thick at sides, at apex up to 4 μ thick, and with iodine blue then pale wine-red.

Obs. 2. -- P. fuscidula seems to be allied to P. gelida, differing from the latter in the pruinose, olivaceous thallus and the slightly larger spores. These differences are constant in all the material which I have studied. The pruina gives the thallus a soft, velvety appearance under a X10 lens.

Obs. 3. -- A form of this species was described already in 1924 by Zahlbruckner under the name of "Lecanora gelida f. leprosula" (see below), and has been by some lichenologists considered to be identical with the typi-

-cal soorediate form of P. gelida (Magnusson, Lich. sel. Scand. exs. 272; Degelius in Acta Hort. gothoburg. XII, p. 125; 1937).

Obs. 4. -- "Placopsis gelida var. pseudosorediosa" was the name given by Räsänen to a partly eroded specimen of this species from Chile, Ventisquero Manso; the erosion was due to animal agencies (probably snails). The same appearance caused Zahlbruckner to apply the epithet "leprosula" to the material studied by him.

F. LEPROSULA (Zahlbr.) M. Lamb, comb. nov.

Synon. -- Lecanora gelida f. leprosula Zahlbr. apud Skottsberg, Nat. Hist. Juan Fernandez and Easter Island, II, p. 382 (1924), cum descript., Cat. Lich. Univ. V, p. 668 (1928).

Diagn. -- Sicut forma typica, sed strato paraplectenchymatico excipulari sub hypothecio melius evoluto, et parietibus ascorum I + persistenter caerulescentibus.

Icon. -- Pl. 6, fig. 28 (part of the lectotype specimen).

Hab. -- Rocks.

Distr. -- Seen only from Juan Fernandez.

JUAN FERNANDEZ. Masatierra: Valle Colonial, coll. C. & I. Skottsberg, 1916 (Svenska Pacificexpeditionen) (lectotype) (fert.) (GB.); near Tres Puntas, "stenig slutning", altit. 200 m., coll. C. & I. Skottsberg, 1917 (fert.) (GB., BM., S., W.).

Obs. 1. -- In the lectotype specimen, the thallus is apparently incomplete, and does not show the periphery; it is pale olivaceous-brownish and white-pruinose as in the typical species, outside and inside KHO - , CaCl₂O₂ + light red, Pd - , 0.25 - 0.60 mm. thick, irregularly² areolate with ± plane areolae 0.3 + 0.9 mm. diam. separated by narrow cracks. The thallus is not soorediate; Zahlbruckner's observation to this effect was apparently based on a slight erosion of the cortex here and there visible (caused by snails ?). Cortex of thallus ll -

21 μ deep, nubilated, paraplectenchymatic, of cells 3 - 5 μ diam.; in many places overlaid by an uneven, hyaline layer 5 - 9 μ deep. Medulla \pm compact, nubilated, of interwoven hyphae 2.7 - 4.0 μ thick running in various directions. Symbiotic algae 6 - 10 μ diam., forming a \pm interrupted stratum 45 - 75 μ deep. Cephalodia irregularly scattered, sessile, finally \pm flattened and orbicular, up to 1 mm. diam. and 0.3 mm. thick, irregularly or radially plicate but not cracked, pale yellowish or brownish; covered with an outer, hyaline, amorphous layer 12 - 20 μ deep; underlying cortex 7 - 20 μ deep, dull yellowish in section, paraplectenchymatic, of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 3 - 5 μ diam.; medullary tissue hyaline, of compacted, parallel-conglutinate, thin-walled hyphae 3.0 - 4.5 μ thick; symbiotic algae Scytonemoid, orange-reddish, dispersed in nests throughout the medullary tissue. Apothecia fairly numerous, sessile, orbicular, 1.0 - 1.3 mm. diam., with tumid, \pm entire, white-pruinose, finally somewhat depressed, thal-line margin; proper margin rarely developed as a thin, entire rim concolorous with the disc; disc plane, dull brown, matt, naked or white-pruinose. Lower, paraplectenchymatic stratum of excipulum 45 - 60 μ deep, of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 4 - 7 μ diam.; hypothecium colourless, of compacted hyphae 1.5 - 3.0 μ thick running in various directions; thecium 175 - 200 μ high, pale, dull yellowish in upper 30 - 45 μ , otherwise faintly yellowish or colourless. Paraphyses 1.2 - 1.7 μ thick, at apices up to 2 μ thick and there submoniliform (budding off conidia-like, rounded, epithelial fragments); frequently branched, septate with septa 9 - 15 μ apart. Asci cylindrical to cylindrical-clavate, 125 - 168 \times 10 - 18 μ , with colourless wall up to 3 μ thick at sides and up to 6 μ thick at apex. Spores immature. [No pycnidia seen.]

Obs. 2. -- In the other, identical specimen mentioned in the original description (from Tres Puntas), mature spores are present, measuring 18 - 21 \times 9 - 10 μ .

Obs. 3. -- The Tres Puntas specimen contains an admixture of P. cribellans f. tuberculifera.

Obs. 4. -- It is possible that the characters upon which this form is segregated will prove on examination of further material to be variable and taxonomically unimportant.

27. PLACOPSIS GELIDA (L.) Nyl.

in Ann. Sci. nat., Bot. sér. 4, XV, p. 376 (1861).

Synon.²³⁾ Lichen gelidus L. Mantissa, I, p. 133 (1767), cum descript. Parmelia gelida Ach. Meth. Lich. p. 188 (1803), cum descript. Lecanora gelida Ach. Lichenogr. Univ. p. 428 (1810), cum descript. Placodium gelidum Gray, Nat. Arr. Brit. Plants, I, p. 448 (1821), cum descript. Squamaria gelida Del. apud Duby apud De Candolle, Botanic. Gall. II, p. 659 (1830), cum descript. Patellaria gelida Trevis. in Rev. Lavor. Accad. Padova, I, p. 256 (1853). Psoroma gelidum Rabh. Krypt.-Fl. Sachsen, 2. Abt. p. 247 (1870), cum descript. Parmularia gelida Nils. Die Flechtenvegetation des Sarekgebirges, apud Hamberg, Naturw. Unters. Sarekgeb. III, Lief. 1, p. 34 (1907). Lichen heclae Oed. Icon. Plant. Daniae, III, fasc. VIII, p. 8 (1770), cum descript. Lichen gelidus β . L. Heclae Retz. Fl. Scand. Prodr. ed. 2, p. 275 (1795). Lichen gelidus β . rubellus Retz. op. cit. ed. 1, p. 225 (1779). Placodium Pöllinieri Del. ex Malbr. Cat. Lich. Normandie, p. 132 (1870), cum descript. Placodium gelidum var. obesum Körb. in S. B. Akad. Wiss. Wien, math.-naturw. Cl. LXXI, 1. Abt. p. 521 (1875), cum descript. Lecanora gelida var. obesa Zahlbr. Cat. Lich. Univ. V, p. 668 (1928). Lecanora gelida f. sorediata Zahlbr. Die Gattung Lecanora, in Rept. Sci. Res. Norweg. Exped. Novaya Zemlya, no. 44, p. 31 (1928), cum descript.

Descr. -- Thallus determinatus, e f f i g u r a t u s, plagas primum orbiculares deinceps confluentes efficiens, crustam ad 6 cm. latam (vel etiam majorem) formans, laciniis ad peripheriam substrato arcte vel sublaxe adpressis, adnatis, rimis ad 0.1 mm. latis separatis, planis vel tumidis, 1.5 - 2.5 mm. longis, vel saepe thalli centrum versus indefinite productis; 0.5 - 1.6 mm. latis,

0.2 - 0.4 mm. crassis, varie subdichotome sympodialiterve ramosis, apicibus leviter inaequalibus, rotundatis vel obsolete crenulatis, ambitu concoloribus vel interdum zona angustissima obscurius coloratis (olivaceo-fuscescentibus); in centro rimoso-areolato-latus, 0.3 - 1.5 mm. crassus, areolis irregulariter angulosis (saepe radiatim elongatis), planis vel tumidis, 0.6 - 2.0 mm. latis, rimis limatis ad 0.1 mm. latis separatis; glauco-albidus vel eburneus, saepe leviter olivaceo-fuscescens (vel interdum -- praecipue in specimenibus islandicis -- parum subpurpureo-tinctus), epruinosis vel raro albido-pruinosis, laevigatus, haud nitidus, extus KHO - vel + indistincte flavescens, CaCl_2O_2 + roseo-rubescens vel -, Pd - vel + pallide roseo-carneus; intus KHO - vel + indistincte flavescens, CaCl_2O_2 + bene rubescens, Pd - . Isidia desunt; soredia plerumque evoluta, parte centrali thalli plus minusve crebre obsita, rotundata vel radiatim elongata, 0.3 - 1.0 mm. lata, erosa planave, saepe irregulariter confluentia, pulveraceo-granulosa, olivaceo-virescentia vel thallo subconcoloria (rarius albida). Hypothallus nullus visibilis. -- Cephalodia in thallis junioribus unica ac centralia, in thallis majoribus irregulariter sparsa, sessilia, 1.0 - 3.5 (- 8.0) mm. diam. et 0.4 - 1.6 mm. crassa, orbicularia, effigurata, radiatim plicata rimosaque, vel interdum subglobosa et verruculosa; flavofuscescentia, ferruginea vel rufofusca, haud nitida. -- Apothecia sat rara, thallo supersparsa, sessilia, discoidea, basi bene constricta, 0.8 - 1.4 (- 2.0) mm. diam., margine thallino crassiusculo, prominulo vel demum depresso, integro, epruinoso vel rarius albido-pruinoso, haud nitido; margine proprio interdum visibili, tenui, integro, carneo-fusco, nec nitido nec pruinoso; disco plano, laevigato vel scabridulo, obscure

carneo vel flavofusco vel rufofusco, saepe cinereo- vel albido-pruinoso, haud nitido. Excipulum paraplectenchymaticum sub hypothecio bene evolutum, nubilatum; hypothecium incoloratum (rarius levissime roseum); thecium (105 -) 115 - 165 (- 183) μ altum (vel in specimenibus neozelandicis ad 200 μ), superne pallide flavidum vel granuloso-nubilatum, ceterum incoloratum vel interdum leviter roseo-tinctum. Paraphyses apicibus vix vel parum incrassatae. Sporae 8nae, in asco uniseriatae subbiseriatae, ellipsoideae, 12 - 19 (- 20) \times 6 - 8 (- 13) μ . -- Pycnidia immersa, thallum leviter inflantia, extus maculis punctiformibus fusconigrescentibus ad 0.1 mm. diam. indicata, sphaerica, circa 330 μ diam., perifulcrio paraplectenchymatico nubilato circumdata; fulcra saepe ramosa, acuminata, 1.0 - 1.5 μ crassa; pycnocidia filiformia, arcuata vel fere recta, 15 - 27 \times 0.5 μ .

Icon. -- Pl. 3, fig. 13 (a well-developed, fertile specimen from Norway, Voss, nat. size); fig. 14 (a dark form from British Columbia, Harrison Lake, nat. size); Pl. 7, fig. 33 (a young specimen from Iceland, Lake Medalfellvatn). Further: Acharius, Lichenogr. Univ. Pl. VII, fig. 7 (1810) (sections of apothecia) (haud bona); Bastow, in Vict. Nat. XXX, Pl. IX, fig. 50 (1914) (haud bona, dubia); Crombie, Mon. Lich. Brit. I, p. 356 fig. 60 (1894) (algae from cephalodia, spores, fulcra and pycnidiospores); Forssell, in Bih. svensk. Vetensk.-Akad. Handl. VIII, no. 3, Pl. I, figs. 1 & 2 (1883) (section of cephalodium and associated alga); Harmand, in Bull. Soc. Sci. Nancy, sér. II, XV, Pl. XV, fig. 48 (1898) (alga from cephalodium); Hedrick, in Pap. Mich. Acad. Sci. XXI, Pl. X, fig. 1 (1936) (good photograph of typical form); Hepp, Abbild. u. Beschr. Sporen Flecht. Europ. IV, Pl. LXXXIX, fig. 773 (1867)

(spores); Keißler, in Rabh. Krypt.-Fl. ed. 2, Flechten, VIII, p. 404, fig. 78 (1930) (part of thallus parasitised by Discothecium squamarioides (Mudd)); Lindsay, in Trans. roy. Soc. Edinb. XXII, Pl. XV, figs. 18 & 19 (1859) (section of pycnidium, fulcra and pycnoconidia); Migula, Krypt.-Fl. IV, 1. Teil, Pl. 29B, fig. 4 (1926) (spores); Nylander, Synops. Lich. II, Pl. I, fig. 39 (1888)²⁴) (spores and pycnoconidia); Oeder, Icon. Plant. Daniae, III, fasc. VIII, Pl. CCCCLXX, fig. 2 (1770); Sernander, in Svensk bot. Tidskr. I, p. 97 & 135, figs. 1 - 3, Pl. I, figs. 1 - 15, Pl. II, figs. 1 & 2 (1907); Smith, Lichens (Cambridge Botanical Handbook), p. 137, fig. 77 (1921) (part of thallus showing cephalodia, after Zopf); Smith & Sowerby, Engl. Bot. X, Pl. 699 (1800), ed. 2, XI, Pl. 2128 (1844) (bona); Zopf, in Nova Acta Leop. Carol. LXX, p. 114, fig. 14 (1897) (part of thallus parasitised by Sorothelia (= Discothecium) squamarioides (Mudd)).

Exsicc. -- Arn. Lich. exs. 430 ("Placodium gelidum") (H., K., M.) (f. neglecta); Des Abb. Lich. Armor. spect. exs. 74 ("Squamaria gelida") (Des Abb.); Dicks. Hort. sicc. Brit. fasc. VII, 25 ("Lichen gelidus") (K., BM.) (f. neglecta); E. Fries, Lich. Suec. exs. 361 ("Parmelia gelida") (G., K., M., O.); Th. Fries, Lich. Scand. rarior. et critic. exs. 31 ("Placodium gelidum") (K., M., O.) (typic. in O., M.; f. neglecta in K.); Harm. Lich. in Loth. 447 ("Lecanora gelida") (M.)²⁵); Havaas, Lich. Norveg. exs. 42 ("Placodium gelidum") (H., O.); Hepp, Flecht. Europ. 773 ("Lecanora gelida") (G., K., S.); Larbal. Lich.-Herb. 50 ("Squamaria gelida") (K., BM.); H. Magn. Lich. sel. Scand. exs. 272 ("Lecanora gelida f. lepro-sula") (BM.); Malme, Lich. Suec. exs. 396 ("Lecanora gelida") (non vidi); Picquenard, Lich. Finist.

116 ("Squamaria gelida") (non vidi); Salwey, Lich. Brit. III, 95 ("Squamaria gelida") (BM.); Zahlbr. Lich. rarior. exs. 54 ("Lecanora gelida") (BP.).

Hab. -- Rocks; very rarely over mosses.

Distr. -- Widely distributed in arctic and temperate oceanic Europe and N. America south to approximately 45 deg. N. lat.; in Europe the southernmost station known to me is in France: Cantal (about 45.15 deg. N. lat.), and the most continental (easterly) station recorded is in Moravia: Kahlenberg near Kunzendorf (16.29 deg. E. long.). The typical species occurs also in the southern hemisphere (New Zealand); a distinct variety is found in the Canary Islands, and a chemically distinct form in Chile and Juan Fernandez.

(A) HEMISPHAERIA SEPTENTRIONALIS

(1) A r c t i c a

JAN MAYEN. Exact locality not stated, coll. Dusén, 1899 (ster.) (S.); Nordlaguna, coll. B. Lynge, 1929 (ster.) (O.), coll. Iversen, 1930 (ster.) (O.); Scoresbykrateret, altit. 451 m., coll. J. Lid, 1930 (ster.) (O.); Vogtkrateret, coll. J. Lid, 1930 (ster.) (O.); Arnethkrateret, altit. 50 m., coll. J. Lid, 1930 (ster.) (O.); Ekerolddalen, coll. J. Lid, 1930 (ster.) (O.); Fishburn Valley, coll. Russell, 1938 (ster.) (BM.); Wallross Gat, coll. Russell, 1938 (ster.) (BM.); [Blytts Bjerg, recorded by Mathiesen in Dansk bot. Ark. IV, no. 5, p. 27 (1924)¹³] stony plains between Mohns Bjerg and Wildberg, recorded by Mathiesen, loc. cit.; between the Austrian House and Nordlaguna, recorded by Lynge in Skr. Svalb. og Ishavet, no. 76, p. 38 (1939); Beerenberg, Mathumpen, altit. 1566 m., recorded by Lynge, loc. cit.]

ICELAND. Exact locality not stated, coll. Jardin, 1866 (ster.) (H.); exact locality doubtful, coll.

Steenstrup (ster.) (H.); Sudr Thingeyjar: Husavik, coll. B. Lynge, 1937 (ster.) (O.); Myra: Gråbrok, coll. B. Lynge, 1937 (ster.) (O.); Hreðavatn, coll. B. Lynge, 1937 (ster.) (O.); Borgar Fjardar: Lake Meðalfellvatn, coll. G. D. Magub, 1937 (no. 9 pr. p.) (ster.) (BM.); Borg, coll. B. Lynge, 1937 (f. typica + f. neglecta) (ster.) (O.); Akrafjell, coll. B. Lynge, 1937 (ster.) (O.); Kjosar: Esja, coll. B. Lynge, 1937 (ster.) (O.); near Reykjavik, coll. B. Lynge, 1937 (f. neglecta) (ster.) (O.), coll. R. Rabenhorst, 1874 (fert.) (BP., W.); Gullbringu: Husfell, coll. B. Lynge, 1937 (fert.) (O.); [Krisuvik, recorded by Th. Fries in Acta Soc. Sci. upsal. ser. III, III, p. 183 (1861); Hafnarfjodr, recorded by Grønland in Bot. Tidsskr. IV, p. 162 (1870)]; Arnes: Reykir, coll. B. Lynge, 1937 (fert.) (O.); Langarvatn, coll. B. Lynge, 1937 (ster.) (O.); Almannagja, coll. B. Lynge, 1937 (ster.) (O.); [Geysir, recorded by Grønland, loc. cit.]; Rangar Valla: Siðumannaafrettur, coll. Steindorsson, 1937 (ster.) (O.); Eyja-fjall, coll. Ingram, 1936 (ster.) (Jones).

SPITSBERGEN. Bellsund, coll. N. Polunin, 1933 (ster.) (O.); Bellsund, Kolfjellet, coll. B. Lynge, 1926 (ster.) (BM., O.); Bellsund, Van Mijenfjorden, coll. B. Lynge, 1926 (f. neglecta, muscicola !) (ster.) (O.); Isfjorden, Barentsburg, altit. 75 m., coll. J. Lid, 1924 (ster.) (O.); Isfjorden, Torvedalen, coll. O. Høeg, 1924 (ster.) (H., O.), coll. O. Høeg, 1924 (f. neglecta) (ster.) (H.), coll. J. Lid, 1924 (ster.) (O.); Isfjorden, Grønfjorden, coll. Th. Fries, 1868 (ster.) (O.); Sørkapp-Hornsund, Fisnes, coll. J. Lid, 1920 (ster.) (O.); Hopen, coll. Iversen & Koefoed, 1924 (ster.) (BM.), coll. Koefoed, 1929 (ster.) (O.); Hopen, Husodden, coll. Iversen & Koe-

-foed, 1924 (ster.) (O.); Hopen, Lyngefjellet, coll. Iversen, 1930 (ster.) (O.); [Hopen, Thorkelsens-kardet, recorded by Lynges in Norges Svalb. og Ishavs-Unders. no. 44, p. 10 (1939)].

BEAR ISLAND (BJÖRNØYA, BEEREN EILAND). Mt. Misery, Irrfården, coll. Th. Fries, 1868 (ster.) (FH., H., O.); Tunheim, coll. J. Lid, 1924 (ster.) (O.).

[LAPPONIA KOLAËNSIS. Kola Peninsula, exact locality not stated, recorded by Nylander in Not. Sällsk. Fauna Flora fenn. Förh. n. s., V, p. 126 (1866); "Lapponia Rossica: pluribus locis ad Mare glaciale", recorded by Th. Fries, Lichenogr. Scand. I, p. 229 (1871)].

NOVAYA ZEMLYA. Matotchkin Shar, coll. B. Lynges, 1921 (f. neglecta) (ster.) (O.), coll. Höfer, 1872 (holotype of "Placodium gelidum var. obesum") (ster.) (L.); Matotchkin Shar, Mt. Lasareff, coll. B. Lynges, 1921 (ster.) (O.); Matotchkin Shar, Pomorskaya, coll. B. Lynges, 1921 (ster.) (O.), coll. B. Lynges, 1921 (lectotype of "Lecanora gelida f. sorediata") (ster.) (O.); [Matotchkin Shar, Saelhundsbugt, recorded by Th. Fries apud A. Blytt in Forh. VidenskSelsk. Krist. 1872, p. 15 (1873)]; Mashigin Fjord, Blomster Bay, coll. B. Lynges, 1921 (f. neglecta) (ster.) (O.); Mashigin Fjord, Dal Bay, coll. B. Lynges, 1921 (f. neglecta) (ster.) (O.); Mashigin Fjord, Sol Bay, coll. B. Lynges, 1921 (ster.) (O.); Mashigin Fjord, Strömsnes Bay, coll. B. Lynges, 1921 (ster.) (O.); Mashigin Fjord, Mt. Tveten, coll. B. Lynges, 1921 (ster.) (W.).

GREENLAND. [W. Greenland, Disko, recorded by Deichmann Branth & Grønlund in Medd. Grønlund, III, p. 476 (1887)]; W. Greenland, Disko, Blåfjell, coll. Th. Fries, 1871 (ster.) (O.); [S. W. Greenland, Igali-ko, recorded by Deichmann Branth & Grønlund, op. cit.

p. 475; S. W. Greenland, Julianehaab, recorded by Deichmann Branth & Grønlund, loc. cit.; S. W. Greenland, Tasermiut, recorded by Deichmann Branth & Grønlund, loc. cit.; S. Greenland, Ikerasarsuak, recorded by Deichmann Branth & Grønlund, loc. cit.]; S. E. Greenland, Kangerdluluk, coll. J. Vahl (ster.) (H.); [S. E. Greenland, Kangerdlugsuatsiak, Møretun, recorded by Dahl, Lyngé & Scholander in Skr. Svalb. og Ishavet, no. 70, p. 53 (1937); S. E. Greenland, Kangerdluarak, recorded by Deichmann Branth & Grønlund, loc. cit.; E. Greenland, Drottning Augustas Dal, recorded by Malme in Ark. Bot. XXIIA, no. 14, p. 5 (1929)].

(2) E u r o p a

SWEDEN. Exact locality not stated, coll. E. Fries (ster.) (G., M., O.), coll. E. Fries (f. neglecta) (fert.) (FH.); Torne Lappmark: near Lake Torneträsk, coll. Zander, 1927 (ster.) (FH.); Jebrinsuolo in Lake Torneträsk, coll. E. Vrang, 1919 (ster.) (W.); [Lule Lappmark: Nammats, recorded by Hellbom in Öfvers. VetenskAkad. Förh., Stockh. no. 3, p. 53 (1875); Sarek Mts., Alkavagge, recorded by Nilson, Die Flechtenvegetation des Sarekgebirges, apud Hamberg, Naturw. Unters. Sarekgeb. III, Lief. 1, p. 34 (1907); Sarek Mts., Mikkajokk, recorded by Nilson, loc. cit.; Sarek Mts., Tjågnårisjokotj, recorded by Nilson, loc. cit.]; Lycksele Lappmark: Björkfors, coll. Stenholm, 1924 (ster.) (FH.); Jämtland: Handöl, coll. G. Du Rietz, 1911 (ster.) (M.); Miädagsfjell Mt., coll. Norman, 1865 (ster.) (O.); [Skurdalsport, recorded by Hellbom in K. svenska VetenskAkad. Handl. XX, no. 8, p. 47 (1884); Åreskutan, recorded by Hellbom, loc. cit.; Härjedalen: Funäsdalen, recorded by Hellbom, loc. cit.]; Dalsland: exact locality not stated, coll. Hulting, 1870

(*f. neglecta*) (ster.) (W.); [Ånimskog, recorded by Th. Fries, loc. cit.; Köppmannebro, recorded by Hulting in Bih. svensk. VetenskAkad. Handl. XXVI, Afđ. III, no. 3, p. 50 (1900); Närke: Ullavi Klint, recorded by Th. Fries, loc. cit.; Bohuslän: Skaftö, recorded by Degelius in Uppsala Univ. Årsskr. no. 11, p. 163 (1939)]; Västergötland: Angered, coll. C. Stenholm, 1925 (fert.) (O.); Göteborg, coll. H. Magnusson, 1916 (ster.) (FH., BM., W., Frey); Högsbo, coll. H. Magnusson, 1925 (*f. neglecta*) (ster.) (Szat.); Hindås, coll. H. Magnusson, 1915 (ster.) (FH.); Ödenäs, coll. H. Magnusson, 1936 (ster.) (BM.); [Främmestad, recorded by Th. Fries, loc. cit.; Kviberg, recorded by Magnusson in Svensk bot. Tidskr. XIII, p. 87 (1919); Mölndal, recorded by Magnusson, loc. cit.; Ålleberg, Saleby, recorded by Magnusson in Acta Hort. gothoburg. XI, p. 56 (1936)]; Halland: Älvsåker, Hjälpared, coll. H. Magnusson, 1936 (ster.) (BM.); [Lindhult, recorded by Th. Fries, loc. cit.]; Småland: Femsjö, coll. Th. Fries, 1851 (fert.) (K.), 1857 (ster.) (W.), 1859 (fert.) (K., M., O.), 1859 (*f. neglecta*) (fert.) (K., M.), coll. Blomberg, 1859 (*f. typica* + *f. neglecta*) (pr. p. fert.) (M.), coll. Stenhammar (ster.) (M.); [Malmbäck, recorded by Th. Fries, loc. cit.; Svennarum, recorded by Th. Fries, loc. cit.].

NORWAY. Exact locality not stated, coll. Blytt, 1839 (ster.) (G.), coll. ? (ster.) (M.), coll. ? (fert.) (BM.); exact locality doubtful, coll. Blytt (ster.) (O.); Finnmark: Nordkapp, coll. Havaas, 1906 (ster.) (BM., O.); Altafjord, coll. Baur (ster.) (O.); Altafjord, Tverrelvadal, coll. Norman (ster.) (O.); Magerøy, coll. Havaas, 1906 (*f. neglecta*) (ster.) (O.); Seiland, coll. Norman (ster.) (O.); [Hammerfest, recorded by Th. Fries in Acta Soc. Sci.

upsal. ser. III, III, p. 183 (1861); Alta, Sakkobani, recorded by Degelius in Acta Hort. gothoburg. XII, p. 125 (1937)]; Troms: Tromsø, coll. J. Norman (ster.) (H.), coll. Th. Fries, 1867 (ster.) (O.), coll. B. Lynge, 1910 (ster.) (O.), 1914 (fert.) (O.); Lulle, coll. B. Lynge, 1911 (f. neglecta) (ster.) (FH., H., O., W.); Dividal, coll. J. Norman (ster.) (O.); Finnsnes, coll. B. Lynge, 1914 (fert.) (O.); Kåfjord, coll. Th. Fries, 1864 (f. typica + f. neglecta) (ster.) (BM.), coll. J. Norman, 1866 (ster.) (O.); [Reinøy, recorded by Th. Fries, loc. cit.]; Nordland: Salten, exact locality doubtful, coll. ? (ster.) (M.); Gildeskål, coll. J. Norman (ster.) (O.); Saltdal, coll. Sommerfelt, 1820 (f. neglecta) (ster.) (O.); Bodø, coll. B. Lynge, 1911 (ster.) (O.); [Moskenes-øy, recorded by Degelius in Nyt Mag. Naturv. LXXVIII, p. 282 (1938)]; Sør-Trøndelag: Knutshø, coll. Th. Fries, 1863 (ster.) (H.), coll. B. Lynge, 1925 (f. neglecta) (ster.) (O.); Gaula, coll. B. Lunde, 1929 (fert.) (O.); Trondheim, coll. ?, 1828 (ster.) (K.); Møre og Romsdal: Ålesund, coll. J. Norman, 1877 (ster.) (O.), coll. Bjørlykke, 1930 (ster.) (O.); Romsdal, coll. Havaas (ster.) (O.); Sunnmøre, coll. Bjørlykke, 1929 (f. neglecta) (fert.) (O.); Sunndal, coll. Havaas, 1902 (ster.) (B. de Lesd.); [Sogn og Fjordane: Sognefjord, recorded by Th. Fries, Lichenogr. Scand. I, p. 228 (1871); Askvoll, recorded by Degelius in Bergens Mus. Aarb. naturvidensk. rekke, no. 3, p. 22 (1934); Eid, recorded by Degelius, loc. cit.; Flekke, recorded by Degelius, loc. cit.; Vågsøy, Revvik, recorded by Degelius, loc. cit.; Sandane, recorded by Degelius, loc. cit.; Öie Bakken, recorded by Degelius, loc. cit.]; Hordaland: Granvin, coll. Ha-

-vaas, 1900 (fert.) (H., O.), coll. B. Lynge, 1915 (fert.) (O.); Voss, coll. M. Blytt, 1833 (fert.) (O.), (ster.) (BP.), (f. typica + f. neglecta) (O., W.), coll. Havaas, 1927 (f. neglecta) (ster.) (O.), coll. J. Lid, 1923 (ster.) (O.); Samnanger-fjord, coll. Havaas, 1909 (fert.) (O.); Hardanger, coll. T. Lillefosse, 1920 (fert.) (O.), 1928 (ster.) (O.), 1916 (f. neglecta) (ster.) (O.); [Moster-havn, recorded by Havaas in Bergens Mus. Aarb. naturvi-densk. rekke, no. 2, p. 30 (1918)]; Rogaland: Suldal, coll. B. Lynge, 1906 (fert.) (FH.); Sogndal, coll. Havaas, 1905 (fert.) (O.); Mosterøy, coll. Havaas & Lynge, 1915 (f. typica + f. neglecta) (ster.) (O.); Bratlandsdal, coll. B. Lynge, 1906 (fert.) (O.); Vest-Agder: Kristiansand, coll. ? (ster.) (O.); Man-dal, coll. B. Lynge, 1918 (ster.) (O.); Opland: Dovre, coll. Sommerfelt, 1823 (ster.) (O.), coll. ?, 1828 (ster.) (O.), coll. Th. Fries, 1863 (ster.) (K.), coll. ? (fert.) (O.), coll. Schimper (f. typica + f. neglecta) (ster.) (K.), coll. B. Lynge, 1916 (f. neglecta) (ster.) (O.); Fokstua, coll. B. Lynge, 1925 (ster.) (O.); Buskerud (or Vest-Agder?): Lyngdal, coll. Blytt, 1826 (fert.) (O.).

FAEROES. Strömö, near Thorshavn, coll. ?, 1821 (ster.) (K.), coll. ? (fert.) (K.), coll. Hartz & Ostenfeld, 1897 (fert.) (O., S.), (ster.) (FH., H., W.), coll. G. Rostrup, 1907 (ster.) (S.).

SCOTLAND. "Highlands of Scotland", exact locality not stated, coll. W. Withering (fert.) (K.); Caithness: Camster Cairns, coll. D. Lillie, 1906 (ster.) (B. de Lesd.); Ross and Cromarty: exact locality not stated, coll. T. Howse, 1873 (ster.) (BM.); Applecross, coll. J. Crombie, 1887 (ster.) (BM.); Inverness:

Fort Augustus, coll. Lauder Lindsay, 1856 (fert.) (K., BM.); Ben Nevis, by the lake, coll. J. Crombie (fert.) (BM.); Ben Nevis, altit. 1340 m., coll. Lauder Lindsay, 1856 (ster.) (K.); Rothiemurchus, coll. J. Crombie (ster.) (BM.); Skye, Sgurr nan Gillean, altit. 970 m., coll. Lauder Lindsay, 1856 (ster.) (M.); Skye, Sligachan, coll. Lauder Lindsay, 1856 (ster.) (M.); Skye, Quiraing, coll. Lauder Lindsay, 1856 (fert.) (K.); Barra Island, coll. ?, 1935 (Biol. Soc. Univ. Edinb. Exped.) (ster.) (E.); Argyll: Oban, coll. C. Babington, 1838 (fert.) (BM.); Ben Cruachan, coll. C. Babington, 1838 (fert.) (BM.); head of Loch Awe, coll. J. Crombie (fert.) (BM.); Loch Awe, North Port Sonachan, altit. circ. 37 m., coll. M. Lamb, 1940 (no. 910) (ster.) (BM.), altit. circ. 76 m., coll. M. Lamb, 1940 (no. 970) (fert.) (BM.), (no. 1010) (f. neglecta) (ster.) (BM.); [Kilchurn Castle near Dalmally, recorded by Hooker, Fl. Scot. II, p. 50 (1821); Lochgoilhead, recorded by Stirton in Guide Book Brit. Ass. Glasgow Meeting, p. 102 (1876)]; Aberdeen: Braemar, coll. J. Crombie (ster.) (BM.); [Linn of Dee near Braemar, recorded by Leighton, Lich.-Fl. Gr. Brit. ed. 3, p. 160 (1879)]; Braemar, Glen Candlic, coll. J. Crombie (fert.) (BM.); Invercauld, coll. R. Brown, 1792 (fert.) (BM.); Forfar: exact locality not stated, coll. ? (fert.) (BM.); Caen Lochan, coll. J. Crombie (fert.) (BM.); Perth: exact locality doubtful, coll. Joshua, 1879 (fert.) (M.), coll. J. Wheldon & A. Wilson, 1910 (ster.) (BM.); exact locality not stated, coll. J. Menzies, 1928 (ster.) (BM.); N. side of Ben Chalium, altit. 885 m., coll. A. Wilson, 1910 (ster.) (Wallace); Ben Lawers, coll. J. Crombie (fert.) (K., BM.), coll. Maingay, 1856 (ster.) (K.), coll. ?,

1842 (ster.) (BM.); summit of Ben Lawers, altit. 1226 m., coll. J. Lid, 1925 (ster.) (O.); Loch-na-Cat by Ben Lawers, coll. G. Davies, 1874 (fert.) (BM.); Finlarig, coll. W. Watson, 1929 (f. neglecta) (ster.) (Wats.); Killin, coll. ?, 1807 (fert.) (K.); Craigchaillich near Killin, coll. J. Crombie (ster.) (BM.); Craig Tulloch, coll. J. Crombie (holotype of "Squamaria gelida f. dispersa") (ster.) (BM.); [Glen Falloch, recorded by Wheldon & Wilson in J. Bot., Lond. LIII, suppl., p. 35 (1915); near Loch Tummel, recorded by Wheldon & Wilson, loc. cit.; Sidlaw Hills, King's Seat, recorded by Wheldon & Wilson, loc. cit.; Pass of Leny, recorded by Hooker, loc. cit.; Kenmore, recorded by Leighton, loc. cit.; Breadalbane, recorded by Leighton, loc. cit.; Stirling: Ben Lomond, recorded by Hooker, loc. cit.]; Kirkcudbright: New Galloway, coll. J. McAndrew (ster.) (BM.).

ENGLAND. [Isle of Man: Sulby Glen, recorded by Watson in J. Bot., Lond. LXXI, p. 315 (1933)]; Cumberland: Buttermere, coll. ? (f. neglecta) (ster.) (K.); Westmorland: Red Screes, coll. J. Martindale, 1886 (f. neglecta) (ster.) (BM.); Scandale, coll. J. Martindale, 1887 (f. neglecta) (ster.) (BM.); Stavely, coll. J. Martindale, 1873 (fert.) (BM.); [Ambleside, recorded by Mudd, Man. Brit. Lich. p. 130 (1861)]; Durham: Teesdale, coll. W. Mudd, 1863 (fert.) (M.), (ster.) (BM.); Egglestone, coll. N. Winch (fert.) (BM.); [York: Cronkley Fell, recorded by Johnson in Nat. Hist. Trans. Newcastle, VIII, p. 313 (1889); Holwick, recorded by Leighton, Lich.-Fl. Gr. Brit. ed. 3, p. 160 (1879); Winch Bridge, recorded by Leighton, loc. cit.; Caldron Snout, recorded by Leighton, loc. cit.]; Carnarvon: Llanberis, coll. W. Watson, 1919 (ster.) (Wats.); Nant Ffrancon, coll. W. Leighton (ster.)

(BM.); Glyders, coll. ?, 1871 (ster.) (BM.); Moel-y-Gest, coll. W. Leighton, 1877 (fert.) (K.); [near Capel Curig, recorded by Withering, Arr. Brit. Plants, ed. 6, IV, p. 31 (1818); Cwm Idwell, recorded by Withering, loc. cit.]; Merioneth: near Dolgelly, coll. H. Holl (ster.) (BM.); Llyn Bodlyn, coll. ? (ster.) (BM.); Talsarnau, coll. D. Jones, 1920 (fert.) (Wats.) coll. D. Jones & P. Rhodes, 1924 (fert.) (FH.); Arthog, coll. T. Salwey (fert.) (BM.); Cader Idris, coll. H. Holl (fert.) (BM.), coll. W. Leighton, 1866 (ster.) (K.), 1869 (ster.) (K.), coll. E. Price Evans, 1931 (ster.) (BM.); [Aran Mowddwy, recorded by Leighton, loc. cit.; Shropshire: Longmynd Hill, recorded by Leighton, loc. cit.; Stiperstones Hill, recorded by Leighton, loc. cit.; Devon: Bridford, recorded by Leighton, loc. cit.]; Cornwall: St. Austell, coll. R. Tellam, 1872 (fert.) (BM.).

IRELAND. Antrim: Carnlough, coll. Adm. Jones (ster.) (BM.); [Glenmakeeran, recorded by Knowles in Proc. R. Irish Acad. XXXVIII, sect. B, no. 12, p. 273 (1929); Fair Head, recorded by Knowles, loc. cit.; Tyrone: Cappagh, recorded by Knowles, loc. cit.]; Mayo: Clare Island, coll. A. L. Smith, 1910 (ster.) (BM.); [Wicklow: Glendalough, Lough Dan and Lough Tay, recorded by Knowles, loc. cit.; Lugnaquilla, recorded by Knowles, loc. cit.]; Galway: Connemara, exact locality not stated, coll. C. Larbalestier, 1876 (fert.) (H.); Letterfrack, coll. C. Larbalestier (fert.) (K., BM.); Recess, coll. C. Larbalestier, 1875 (fert.) (BM.); Lough Muck, coll. C. Larbalestier (fert.) (K.); [Lough Inagh, recorded by Knowles, loc. cit.; Salrock, recorded by Knowles, loc. cit.; Waterford: Comeragh Mts., recorded by Knowles, loc. cit.]; Cork: Bantry Bay, Fairhead, "near the level of the sea", coll. T. Taylor,

1815 (f. neglecta) (fert.) (K.); [Glengariff, recorded by Knowles, loc. cit.; Pass of Keamaneigh, recorded by Knowles, loc. cit.]; Kerry: Dingle, coll. I. Carroll (fert.) (K., BM.); Dunkerron, coll. T. Taylor (fert.) BM.); [Macgillicuddy's Reeks, recorded by Knowles, loc. cit.].

FRANCE. Calvados: Vire, coll. Delise, 1831 (fert.) (K., BM., M.), coll. Pelvet (fert.) (G., K., M., S.), coll. Pelvet (f. neglecta) (ster.) (FH.), coll. ? (fert.) (H.); [Orne: Châtellier, recorded by Harmand, Lich. France, V, p. 939 (1913)]; Cotes-du-Nord: Bon Repos near Laniscat, coll. H. des Abbayes (fert.) (Des Abb.); Finisterre: Ergué-Gaberic Mts., coll. Picquenard, 1897 (fert.) (BM.); [Scaer, recorded by Harmand, loc. cit.; Quimper, recorded by Harmand, loc. cit.; Morbihan: Napoleonville (Pontivi), recorded by Cauvin in Congr. Sci. France, I, p. 49 (1833)]; Sarthe: St.-Georges-le-Gaultier, coll. E. Monguillon, 1907 (ster.) (M.); St.-Léonard-des-Bois, coll. E. Monguillon, 1898 (fert.) (BM.); Vendée: Nicachat, coll. J. Richard, 1884 (ster.) (W.); Puy de Dome: Mont Dore, coll. Brevière, 1898 (ster.) (B. de Lesd.); [Cantal: Le Croiset, near Aurillac, recorded by Harmand, loc. cit.; Haute Savoie: Glacier des Bois, recorded by Harmand, loc. cit.]; Vosges: Bussang, coll. Claudel, 1890 (ster.) (M.); [Gérardmer, recorded by Harmand, loc. cit.; Schlucht, recorded by Harmand, loc. cit.; Tête du Houssot, recorded by Harmand, loc. cit.; Bonne-Fontaine, near Tholy, recorded by Harmand, loc. cit.].

[BELGIUM. Luxembourg: Frahan, recorded by De Wildeman & Durand, Prodr. Fl. Belge, I, p. 492 (1898).].

[LUXEMBURG. Near Bivers, recorded by Koltz in Mém. Soc. bot. Luxemb. XIII, p. 191 (1897).].

GERMANY. [Anhalt: Ramberg, near Friedrichsbrunn,

recorded by Schwabe, Fl. Anhalt. II, p. 154 (1839);
Sachsen: Zittau, recorded by Körber, Syst. Lich. German.
 p. 117 (1855)]; Schlesien: exact locality doubtful,
 coll. Schrader, 1802 (fert.) (BM.); "e Sudetis
 Siles.", coll. Ludewig, 1809 (ster.) (M.); Baden:
 Präg near Todtnau, coll. Lösch (ster.) (FH., MO.,
 Szat.); Tirol: Obergurgl, coll. Arnold, 1878 (ster.)
 (M.); Pinzgau, Hollersbacher Tal, coll. Laurer, 1865
 (ster.) (H.); Umhausen in the Oetztal, coll. Arnold,
 1870 (f. neglecta) (ster.) (H., K., M., WELT., W.);
 [Kùhtai, recorded by Dalla Torre & Sarnthein, Fl. Tirol,
 IV, p. 231 (1902); Windischmatrei, recorded by Olivier
 in Mém. Soc. nat. Sci. Cherbourg, XXXVII, p. 55 (1909)];
Steiermark: Schladmingertauern, altit. 1900 m., west ex-
 -posure, coll. E. Frey, 1930 (ster.) (Frey).

[BOHEMIA. Parchen and Haida, recorded by Migula,
 Krypt.-Fl. IV, 1. Teil, p. 316 (1926).].

[MORAVIA. Kahlenberg, near Kunzendorf, recorded by
 Körber, Syst. Lich. German. p. 117 (1855).].

[(3) A f r i c a

MADEIRA. Castello da Paiva, recorded by Stizenberger
 in Ber. naturw. Ges. St. Gallen, 1888/89, p. 194(1890).].

(4) A s i a

[KAMTCHATKA. Awatchinskaja Sopka, recorded by Du
 Rietz in Ark. Bot. XXIIA, no. 13, p. 16 (1929).].

ALEUTIAN ISLANDS. [Amchitka Island, recorded by
 Degelius in Acta Hort. gothoburg. XII, p. 125 (1937);
 Kanaga Island, recorded by Degelius, loc. cit.; Carlisle
 Island, recorded by Degelius, loc. cit.]; Amlia Island,
 coll. Eyerdam, 1932 (ster.) (FH.); Unalaska Island,
 coll. Eyerdam, 1932 (ster.) (FH.); Unimak Island,
 False Pass, coll. Eyerdam, 1932 (ster.) (FH., S.).

(5) A m e r i c a

ALASKA. Exact locality not stated, coll. F. Hess, 1905 (ster.) (W.); [Cape Lisburne, recorded by Nylander in Bull. Soc. linn. Normandie, sér. 4, I, p. 281 (1887); Seward Peninsula, Port Clarence, recorded by Cummings in Harriman Alaska Exped. V, p. 109 (1904); Alaska Peninsula, Belkoffski, recorded by Cummings, loc. cit.; Prince William Sound, Port Wells, recorded by Cummings, loc. cit.; Yakutat Bay, recorded by Cummings, loc. cit.]; Glacier Bay, Muir Glacier, coll. W. Trelease & D. Saunders, 1899 (Harriman Alaska Exped.) (f. typica + f. neglecta) (fert.) (MO.); Alexander Archipelago, Baranoff Island, Hot Springs, coll. W. Trelease & D. Saunders, 1899 (Harriman Alaska Exped.) (f. neglecta) (ster.) (MO.); Alexander Archipelago, Cape Fox, coll. W. Trelease & D. Saunders, 1899 (Harriman Alaska Exped.) (f. neglecta) (ster.) (MO.).

CANADA. British Columbia: [near Stuart Lake, recorded by Macoun, Cat. Canad. Plants, VII, p. 104 (1902)]; Vancouver Island, exact locality not stated, coll. J. Macoun, 1875 (fert.) (K.); Harrison Lake, coll. T. Bonser, 1907 (no. 22) (ster.) (B. de Lesd.).

UNITED STATES. Washington: exact locality not stated, coll. Suksdorf (ster.) (BM.); Kitsap, Orchard Point, coll. Piper, 1895 (f. neglecta) (ster.) (FH.); Mason (or Whatcom or Ferry ?), near Summit, "on exposed boulders of hills", coll. Foster, 1907 (ster.) (FH.); San Juan, Friday Harbor, coll. Trye, 1905 (f. neglecta) (fert.) (FH.); Oregon: Tillamook, Garibaldi, coll. A. Sweetser, 1899 (fert.) (FH.); [California: exact locality not stated, recorded by Fink, Lich. Fl. United States, p. 308 (1935)]; New Hampshire: White Mts., exact locality not stated, coll. E. Tuckerman

(ster.) (MO.).

(B) HEMISPHERIA AUSTRALIS

NEW ZEALAND. Exact locality not stated, coll. Colenso (fert.) (K., BM.), (ster.) (K.), coll. C. Knight (fert.) (WELT.); South Island, Grey: Grey-mouth, "on river-bed boulders near coast", coll. W. Mackay, 1935 (fert.) (W.).

Obs. 1. -- The type-specimen of P. gelida has been lost. The following supplementary description is based upon a specimen from Iceland, collected probably near to the type-locality by B. Lynge in 1937 (Arnes, Reykir), and preserved in the Oslo Museum: thallus well effigurate at periphery, irregularly areolate in centre, Pd - , so-
-rediate with eroded, pale glaucous-greenish, finally somewhat confluent soredia; corticate, the cortex 12 - 20 μ deep, dull yellowish but hardly nubilated, paraplectenchymatic, of cells 3 - 5 μ diam.; medulla compact, nubilated, of interwoven hyphae 2 - 3 μ thick; symbiotic algae 7 - 9 μ diam., forming an interrupted layer 45 - 75 μ deep. Cephalodia up to 5 mm. diam., discoid, radiately split and effigurate, rusty-brown, with an outer, hyaline, paraplectenchymatic cortex of \pm isodiametric cells 3 - 4 μ diam. (their walls 1.0 - 1.3 μ thick); symbiotic algae Scytonemoid, pale orange, dispersed in clumps throughout the medullary tissue. Lower, paraplectenchymatic, ex-
-cipular layer of apothecia formed of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 5.0 - 7.5 μ diam. Hypothecium of com-
-pacted hyphae 2 - 4 μ thick running in various directions. Thecium 150 - 165 μ high. Paraphyses often branched, 1.3 - 1.6 μ thick, septate with septa 9 - 20 μ apart. Asci cylindrical-clavate, 105 - 135 \times 12 - 18 μ , with wall 1.5 - 2.0 μ thick at sides and up to 5 μ at apex, coloured faintly red by iodine. ²⁶⁾ Spores 15 - 18 \times 9 - 12 μ .

Obs. 2. -- P. gelida is a polymorphic species, and appears to be in the process of breaking up into several new taxonomic entities. This process is however not sufficiently far advanced at the present stage to allow of reliable systematic differentiation. Statistical studies of a large number of individuals may show differential curves for various characters in material from widely separated areas. The New Zealand specimens seen, for instance, differ in being constantly esorediate and

in having a higher thecium (up to 200μ); there may be grounds for considering these as belonging to a distinct subspecies or variety, but having seen so little material I have refrained from segregating them for the present.

Obs. 3. -- There is no specimen of "Lichen gelidus" in the Linnaean herbarium. The original was collected by J. G. König during his trip to Iceland in 1765 - 6. Oeder's "Lichen heclae" seems to have been founded on part of the same gathering, and of this a rough but adequate figure is given in the "Flora Danica"; the reddish central cephalodium is clearly recognisable. Linné outlined the salient features admirably in his short description: "LICHEN crustaceus albicans, peltis tuberculis rugosis testaceis".

Obs. 4. -- The holotype of Körber's "Placodium gelidum var. obesum" is a typical, abundantly sorediate specimen, sterile. The same applies to the original material of Zahlbruckner's "Lecanora gelida f. sorediata"; ~~see photograph on Pl. 3, fig. 13, showing the development of soredia in the typical condition.~~

Obs. 5. -- Schaerer, Enum. Crit. Lich. Europ. p. 60 (1850), published a "b. rufo-fusca" of this species, based on an unnamed condition described by E. Fries in his Lichenogr. Europ. reform. p. 104 (1831), and it has been taken up as "Lecanora gelida f. rufofusca" in Zahlbr. Cat. Lich. Univ. V, p. 668 (1928). Th. Fries, who saw the original specimen in his father's herbarium, tells us that it is a form of Lecidea (Biatora) coarctata (Lichenogr. Scand. I, p. 229; 1871).

Obs. 6. -- Zahlbruckner described a form: "Lecanora gelida f. nuda" from Juan Fernandez, Masatierra, apud Skottsberg, Nat. Hist. Juan Fernandez and Easter Island, II, p. 381 (1924). Subsequently the name was also applied to non-sorediate individuals of P. gelida from

Novaya Zemlya (Die Gattung Lecanora, in Rept. Sci. Res. Norweg. Exped. Novaya Zemlya, no. 44, p. 31; 1928).

No type specimen has come to light, either in the Vienna herbarium or in Dr. Skottsberg's collections, and so it seems advisable to discard the epithet as nomen dubium.

Obs. 7. -- "Squamaria gelida f. dispersa" Cromb. in Grevillea, I, p. 171 (1873) (= Lecanora gelida f. dispersa Cromb. Mon. Lich. Brit. p. 356; 1894) refers, according to the holotype from Scotland, Craig Tulloch, to a morbose and undeveloped condition brought about by the attack of a parasite, Didymosphaeria microstictica var. alboatrae; see p. 167.

Obs. 8. -- To Dr. O. Galløe (Copenhagen) I am indebted for the information that P. gelida does not occur in Denmark. Dr. A. Schade (Dresden) kindly supplied me with data concerning its occurrence in Saxony: it appears that no reliably authenticated specimen has been collected in that region, at any rate within living memory. The most easterly record in Europe is that from Moravia, Kunzendorf, given in Körber's Syst. Lich. German. Anders, in his paper on vanishing and extinct lichens in N. Bohemia (1935) states that P. gelida cannot be found in this region nowadays: "von L. RABENHORST als bei Haida und Parchen wachsend angegeben. Dieses Vorkommen konnte trotz eifrigen Suchens bisher nicht bestätigt werden". Pollini, Fl. Veronens. III, p. 443 (1824) recorded this species "in Cenisio et in contingentibus summis alpibus Pedemontii"; this is based on a statement by Bellardi in Mém. Acad. Roy. Sci. Turin, V, p. 265 (1793). Bellardi however gives a short description, from which it is obvious that the plant to which he refers cannot have been P. gelida.

Obs. 9. -- Zahlbruckner, in Rev. chil. Hist. nat. XXXVII, p. 167 (1933), records this species from Chile:

Rio Puelo (Boca), coll. Espinosa. I have not seen this specimen, but consider it probable that the record most likely refers to another species.

F. NEGLECTA (Degel.) M. Lamb, comb. nov.

Synon. -- Lecanora gelida f. neglecta Degel. in Acta Hort. gothoburg. XII, p. 125 (1937), cum descript.

Diagn. -- "Soredia elevata, semiglobosa, albida vel cinereoalbida" (Degel., loc. cit.).

Obs. -- I have not seen the holotype of this form, but have come across it in many collections; its distribution is enumerated above together with that of the typical species. It is easily recognisable by its pulvinate, subglobose, pale coloured soredia (in the typical species the soredia are more or less eroded and usually darker, greenish to olivaceous-greenish).

Var. CANARIENSIS M. Lamb, var. nov.

Diagn. -- Thallus sorediatus, sicut in forma typica speciei; hypothecium in centro rufofuscum; thecium 180 - 225 μ altum.

Hab. -- On igneous rock (lava).

Distr. -- Canary Islands.

CANARY ISLANDS. Palma, altit. 900 m., coll. Pitard (holotype) (fert.) (B. de Lesd.).

Obs. 1. -- In the holotype specimen, the thallus is effigurate, the marginal lobes being closely adnate to the substratum, 2.0 - 3.5 mm. long, 0.6 - 1.5 mm. broad, 0.3 - 0.5 mm. thick, separated by narrow cracks, slightly tumid, rounded or slightly crenulate at ends; in centre cracked-areolate, with obtuse-edged, radial and tangential cracks up to 0.15 mm. wide delimiting subrectangular or irregularly angulose, slightly convex areolae 1.0 - 2.5 mm. diam., up to 0.5 mm. thick; cream-coloured, matt, not pruinose, on surface KHO - , CaCl₂O₂ - or + light red, Pd + pale pink; medulla KHO - , CaCl₂O₂ + rose-red, Pd - . No isidia. Soredia numerous in central part of thallus, level with the thallus or slightly erumpent, granular-pulverulent, sordid-whitish to brownish-grey. No hypothallus visible. Thallus corticate; cor-

-tex 15 - 25 μ deep, heavily nubilated, paraplectenchymatic, of cells 4 - 6 μ diam.; medulla slightly nubilated, compact, of interwoven hyphae 3.0 - 4.5 μ thick; symbiotic algae 6 - 12 μ diam., forming a \pm continuous stratum 60 - 120 μ deep. Cephalodia irregularly scattered over thallus, sessile, discoid, up to 4.5 mm. diam., up to 0.6 mm. thick, with radial cracks and folds, brownish flesh-coloured, matt. One apothecium present; 1 mm. diam., sessile, round, well constricted at base, with moderate, entire, matt, non-pruinose, thalline margin; no proper margin visible; disc minutely scabrid, plane, pink-brown, matt, not pruinose. Paraplectenchymatic, excipular stratum present below hypothecium; nubilated, of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 4 - 6 μ diam. Hypothecium colourless and hyaline at sides, but dark reddish or reddish-brown in centre; composed of compacted, thin-walled hyphae 1.5 - 2.0 μ thick running in various directions. Thecium dull yellowish or yellow-brown (nubilated) in upper 30 - 45 μ , otherwise colourless. Paraphyses 1 - 2 μ thick, often branched, budding off at the apices rounded, conidia-like, hyphal fragments which form the epithecium; septate with septa 8 - 15 μ apart. Asci cylindrical or cylindrical-clavate, 135 - 180 \times 10 - 15 μ , with wall everywhere not over 1.5 μ thick, and persistently pale blue with iodine. Spores 8, uniseriate, ellipsoid, 14.5 - 19.0 \times 8 - 9 μ . [No pycnidia seen.]

Obs. 2. -- This variety appears to be distinct both as regards its morphology and its distribution, although the constancy of the hypothecial character must be confirmed by further collections.

Var. SUBREAGENS M. Lamb, var. nov.

Diagn. -- Thallus esorediatus, in centro dupliciter rimosus (areolas duarum magnitudinum praebens), intus Pd \pm rubescens.

Hab. -- Rocks.

Distr. -- Chile and Juan Fernandez.

CHILE. Exact locality not stated, coll. Gay (holotype) (fert.) (H.); Valdivia: exact locality not stated, coll. Rabenhorst, 1869 - 70 (fert.) (M., W.); Lago Puyehue, altit. 220 m., coll. R. Hollermayer, 1936 (fert.) (Räs.).

JUAN FERNÁNDEZ. Masafuera: Las Torres, altit. 1370

m., coll. C. & I. Skottsberg, 1917 (ster.) (S.).

Obs. 1. -- In the holotype specimen (no. 23856 in herb. Nyl.), the thallus is 4 - 5 cm. diam., well effigurate at periphery, with slightly convex or flattened lobes 6 - 10 mm. long, 0.5 - 1.0 mm. broad, 0.15 - 0.20 mm. thick, contiguous, fairly closely applied to substratum, variously branched, separated by round-edged cracks about 0.1 mm. wide, at apices rounded and \pm crenulate; in centre up to 0.5 mm. thick, doubly areolate, i. e. with a first series of gaping, anastomosing cracks 0.20 - 0.25 mm. wide, and a second series of inner, very fine, almost closed-up cracks hardly visible to the unaided eye, delimiting obtusely or acutely angulose, plane or slightly convex areolae 0.5 - 1.0 mm. diam.; pallid cream-coloured with a brownish tinge, matt, not pruinose, on surface KHO \pm indistinctly yellowish, CaCl_2O_2 \pm faintly reddish or -, Pd - ; medulla KHO \pm indistinctly yellowish, CaCl_2O_2 \pm rose-red, Pd \pm red. No isidia; no visible hypothallus. Thallus with an upper, nubilated, paraplectenchymatic cortex 12 - 17 μ deep composed of cells 4 - 6 μ diam.; medulla nubilated, compact, of interwoven hyphae 3 - 4 μ thick running in various directions; symbiotic algae 6 - 10 μ diam., forming an interrupted layer 50 - 75 μ deep. Cephalodia irregularly scattered, sessile, orbicular, 1.3 - 2.8 mm. diam., up to 0.4 mm. thick, radiately plicate-ef-figurate and cracked, rusty flesh-coloured, matt; with an outer, pale brown, paraplectenchymatic cortex 24 - 34 μ deep composed of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 4 - 6 μ diam.; medullary tissue nubilated, of parallel-conglutinate, upward-striving hyphae 3.0 - 4.5 μ thick (their walls 1.0 - 1.3 μ thick); symbiotic algae Scytonemoid, blue-green, forming an irregular stratum in the medullary tissue. Apothecia irregularly disposed, sessile, slightly to well constricted at base, round, 1.0 - 1.2 mm. diam., with prominent, tumid, entire, matt or subnitid, non-pruinose, thalline margin; no proper margin differentiated; disc plane, dull flesh-coloured or light brown-red, matt, often slightly pruinose. Subhypotheacial excipulum nubilated, paraplectenchymatic, up to 75 μ deep, of thin-walled cells 5 - 8 μ diam.; hypothecium up to 140 μ deep, colourless, of compacted, thin-walled hyphae 1.5 - 2.0 μ thick running in various directions; thecium immature; no asci or spores developed (Nylander saw spores and drew them, giving the measurements as 0.016 - 20 \times 0.007 - 11 mm.).

Obs. 2. -- The peculiar, doubly areolate nature of the thallus appears in all the specimens examined, and thus seems to be a constant character. Apothecia may be up

to 1.8 mm. diam.; thecium 126 - 165 μ high; paraphyses sometimes branched, about 1.5 μ thick, at tips submoniliformly thickened up to 2.5 μ , septate with septa 9 - 18 μ apart; asci cylindric-clavate, 108 - 145 \times 15 - 18 μ , with wall about 2 μ thick at sides and up to 5 μ at apex, persistently pale blue with iodine; spores 8, uniseriate or partly biseriate, ellipsoid to broadly ellipsoid, 15 - 18 (- 21) \times 8 - 12 μ . [No pycnidia seen.]

Obs. 3. -- The material upon which Zahlbruckner based his "Lecanora patagonica f. sorediosula", apud Skottsberg, Nat. Hist. Juan Fernandez and Easter Island, II, p. 382 (1924), belongs partly to this variety and partly to another, sterile, indeterminable specimen; see p. 67.

Obs. 4. -- The specimen from Chile: Valdivia, Lago Puyehue, coll. Hollermayer, has been recorded by Räsänen in Rev. univ., Santiago, XXII, p. 200 (1937), under the name "Placopsis gelida".

28. PLACOPSIS EFFUSA M. Lamb, sp. nov.

Descr. -- Thallus effusus, indeterminatus, uniformis, tenuis (ad 0.2 mm. crassus), plagas irregulares sparsas efficiens, omnino areolatus, areolis subplanis, 0.4 - 0.7 mm. diam., rimis tenuissimis separatis et varie angulosis aut passim dispersis et tunc subrotundatis; sordide eburneus vel flori lactis concolor, nec nitidus nec pruinosis, extus intusque KHO - , CaCl₂O₂ + roseo-rubescens, Pd - . Isidia ac soredia nulla. Hypothallus nullus visibilis. -- Cephalodia sparsa, parva (0.3 - 0.8 mm. diam., ad 0.4 mm. crassa), irregulariter tuberculata, haud plicata nec effigurata, fuscoflavida vel rufofusca, opaca. -- Apothecia thallo irregulariter supersparsa, supra areolas sessilia, discoidea, basi bene constricta, 0.8 - 1.2 mm. diam.; margine thallino medi-

-ocri, integro, demum attenuato; margine proprio tenui, parum prominenti, integro, pallide carneo, opaco, epruinoso; disco obscure fuscocarneo, planiusculo, laevigato, haud nitido, haud vel interdum levissime albido-pruinoso. Stratum excipulare sub hypothecio evolutum, paraplectenchymaticum, nubilatum, modice incrassatum; hypothecium incoloratum; thecium 140 - 165 μ altum, hyalinum sed sursum pallide flavido-nubilatum. Paraphyses apicibus saepe leviter incrassatae. Sporae 8nae, inasco partim uni-, partim biseriatae, ellipsoideae, 17.5 - 21.0 x 9.0 - 12.5 μ . -- Pycnidia thallo immersa, ad apicem ostiolo minutissimo punctiformi fuscidulo notata, pyriformia, circa 100 μ lata, perifulcrio indistincte paraplectenchymatico, nubilato. Fulcra gracilia, attenuata, saepe ramosa, 13 - 18 x 1.0 - 1.5 μ . Pycnoconidia filiformia, leviter arcuata, interdum subrecta, 18 - 21 x 0.5 μ .

Icon. -- Pl. 10, fig. 43 (part of the holotype specimen).

Hab. -- Rocks.

Distr. -- Chile.

CHILE. Valdivia: exact locality not stated, coll. Krause, 1864 (holotype) (fert.) (M.).

Obs. 1. -- In the holotype specimen, the thallus is in some places covered by an outermost, hyaline, amorphous layer about 3 μ deep; the underlying cortex is 15 - 24 μ deep, \pm nubilated, paraplectenchymatic, of cells 3 - 5 μ diam.; medulla compact, nubilated, of closely interwoven hyphae 3 - 4 μ thick, becoming towards the base of the thallus more compacted and brownish; symbiotic algae 7.5 - 9.0 μ diam., pale green, forming a \pm continuous and even stratum 35 - 60 μ deep. Cephalodia covered by an outer, hyaline, semi-amorphous layer up to 9 μ deep derived from disintegration of cortical cells; cortex faintly yellowish but not nubilated, 9 - 15 μ deep, paraplectenchymatic, of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 3.0 - 4.5 μ diam.; inner mass of medullary tissue hyaline, of conglutinated hyphae, entirely filled with Nostocoid, pale blue-green, symbiotic algae. Lower, paraplectenchymatic, excipular

stratum composed of \pm isodiametric, fairly thin-walled cells 3 - 6 μ diam.; hypothecium up to 210 μ deep in centre, formed of densely packed hyphae 1.5 - 3.0 μ thick running in various directions. Paraphyses about 1.4 μ thick, up to 2.0 or rarely 2.5 μ thick at tips, occasionally branched, septate with cells 12 - 18 μ long. Asci clavate, 80 - 120 \times 18 - 21 μ , with wall about 3 μ thick at sides, at apex seemingly thickened up to 8 μ , persistently blue with iodine.

Obs. 2. -- This species differs from P. gelida in its completely effuse and non-effigurate thallus, and from P. parellina in its distinctly areolate thallus, lower thecium, etc.

29. PLACOPSIS ILLITA (Kn.) M. Lamb, comb. nov.

Synon. -- Placodium illitum Kn. in Trans. linn. Soc. Lond., Bot. ser. 2, I, p. 282 (1878), cum descript.; Lecanora illita Forss. in Bih. svensk. VetenskAkad. Handl. VIII, no. 3, p. 53 (1883).

Descr. -- Thallus plus minusve determinatus, plagas suborbiculares 1.5 - 2.5 cm. diam. efficiens, ambitu passim hypothallo fusconigro, interdum fimbriato, zonam tenuem formantia cinctus, vel ibi rarius obsolete plicato-effiguratus (lobis minutis, concretis, plicatis); in centro irregulariter minuteque rimosus (haud rite areolatus), rimis angustissimis, tantum vitro \times 10 visibilibus; tenuis (ad 0.2 mm. crassus), glauco-albidus vel flori lactis concolor, epruinus, haud nitidus, extus intusque KHO - vel \pm indistincte flavescens, CaCl_2O_2 \pm roseo-rubescens, Pd - . Isidia sorediaque desunt. -- Cephalodia thallo supersparsa, deplanato-discoidea, sessilia, 2 - 3 mm. diam., ad 0.6 mm. crassa, radiatim plicato-effigurata ac nonnihil rimosas, flavido-carnea, haud nitida. -- Apothecia sessilia, thallo adpressa, discoidea, basi parum constricta, ad 1.3 mm. diam., margine thallino prominulo depressove, integro vel levissime

crenulato, epruinoso, haud nitido; margine proprio interdum visibili, tenui, integro, fuscocinerascenti; disco plano, obscure fusco vel fusconigricanti, nec nitido nec pruinoso. Stratum excipulare sub hypothecio evolutum, paraplectenchymaticum, nubilatum; hypothecium incoloratum vel lamina crassiori visum leviter flavidum; thecium 80 - 140 μ altum, superne flavofuscescens, ceterum incoloratum. Paraphyses apicibus haud incrassatae; sporae 8nae, in asco biseriatae vel partim uniseriatae, ellipsoideae, 12 - 17 \times 6.0 - 8.5 μ .

Icon. -- Pl. 9, fig. 38 (the lectotype specimen, no. 23848 in herb. Nyl.); also shown on Pl. 8, fig. 36, where a specimen is seen growing together with P. ampliata. Further: Kn. in Trans. linn. Soc. Lond., Bot. ser. 2, I, Pl. XXXVIII, fig. 13 (ascus and spores).

Hab. -- On rocks and pebbles.

Distr. -- New Zealand.

NEW ZEALAND. Exact locality not stated, coll. C. Knight (lectotype) (fert.) (H., no. 23848 in herb. Nyl.), (paratype) (fert.) (H., nos. 3641, 3642, 3645, and 23847 in herb. Nyl.; BM., M., WELT.); South Island, Grey: Greymouth, coll. Helms (no. 251 pr. p.) (fert.) (W.).

Obs. 1. -- In the lectotype specimen, the thallus is not effigurate, but is bounded in most parts of its periphery by a somewhat fimbriate, thin, brown-black, hypothalline line. In section, its upper cortex is 7 - 30 μ deep, colourless or faintly yellowish, of cells 3 - 5 μ diam.; medulla hyaline or slightly nubilated, compact, of interwoven hyphae 1.5 - 4.0 μ thick running in various directions; symbiotic algae 5 - 15 μ diam., in a slightly interrupted, irregular, somewhat diffuse stratum 36 - 75 μ deep. Cephalodia with a faintly yellowish, paraplectenchymatic, outer cortex 10 - 30 μ deep, formed of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 2.5 - 5.0 μ diam.; medullary tissue colourless, paraplectenchymatic, or almost so, of irregularly angulose, thin-walled cells 5 - 15 μ diam.; symbiotic algae Nostocoid, blue-green, in short chains.

Lower, paraplectenchymatic stratum of excipulum composed of \pm isodiametric, thin-walled cells 3 - 9 μ diam.; hypothecium of compacted hyphae 1.3 - 2.0 μ thick running in various directions, blue-green with iodine. Paraphyses often branched, capped by irregular, yellow-brown, epithelial granules, septate with septa 8 - 15 μ apart. Asci cylindrical-clavate, 110 - 120 \times 9 - 15 μ , with wall about 1 μ thick at sides and (in younger asci) up to 9 μ thick at apex, pale blue then faintly greenish with iodine. [No pycnidia seen.]

Obs. 2. -- This species is given as a synonym of P. gelida by Zahlbruckner in Cat. Lich. Univ. V, p. 667 (1928), but it is evidently a quite distinct species characterised chiefly by the thin, thalline patches usually conspicuously bounded by a dark hypothalline edge; also by the brown or brown-black apothecial discs.

Obs. 3. -- The specimen from Greymouth collected by Helms is associated on the same stone with P. parellina var. rhodocarpa.

Excluded or doubtful species. --

1. PLACOPSIS AMABILIS B. de Lesd.

in Ann. Cryptog. exot. VI, p. 116 (1933), cum descript.

This species is known only from the type specimen, which is sterile, and therefore of uncertain systematic position. The following description is based on the holotype which Dr. Bouly de Lesdain kindly lent me for examination:

Thallus indeterminate, forming patches up to 5 cm. diam., not effigurate at circumference, up to 0.6 mm. thick, closely adnate to substratum, \pm even, cracked-areolate, with irregularly angular, plane or subverrucose areolae 0.5 - 1.5 mm. diam. separated by sharp-edged cracks 0.05 - 0.15 mm. wide; ash-grey with a faintly pinkish tinge, externally KHO - , CaCl₂O₂ - or \pm faintly red, Pd \pm faintly brownish flesh-coloured; medulla KHO - , CaCl₂O₂ \pm light red, Pd - . No visible hypothallus, no isidia or soredia. Cephalodia few, widely scattered over surface of thallus, sessile, almost hemispherical, up to 2.5 mm. diam., not constricted at base, entirely

minutely granulose, concolorous with the thallus, matt. No apothecia developed, but numerous initial fundaments present in the form of minute craters 0.2 - 0.4 mm. diam., one to several in nearly every areola, finally each sur-
-rounded by a thin, thalline rim, with the rudimentary disc pallid pinkish-brown or whitish.²⁷⁾ [No pycnidia seen.]

Thallus corticate, covered by an outer, colourless, semi-amorphous layer 6 - 30 μ deep derived from disintegration of the outer, cortical cells. Cortex dull yellowish-nubilated in upper 9 - 18 μ , within colourless and hyaline; paraplectenchymatic, of $\frac{1}{2}$ isodiametric, thin-walled cells 3 - 5 μ diam. Medulla colourless or in some places faintly dull yellowish, compact, of interwoven, thin-walled hyphae 2 - 3 μ thick. Symbiotic algae globose, bright green, 6 - 10 μ diam., forming a $\frac{1}{2}$ continuous stratum 18 - 60 μ deep. Cephalodia seen in section to be composed of a number of adnate, ramifying outgrowths whose ultimate, rounded ends form the externally visible granules; corticate, with a dull brown, paraplectenchymatic cortex 8 - 18 μ deep, composed of $\frac{1}{2}$ isodiametric, thin-walled cells 3 - 5 μ diam. (The cortex is in places overlaid by a colourless, amorphous stratum 2 - 4 μ deep.) Medullary tissue colourless, of compacted, short-celled, thin-walled hyphae 3 - 5 μ thick running in various directions, or in some places paraplectenchymatic. Symbiotic algae Microcystis (or Polycoccus), forming interrupted groups only in the upper parts of the cephalodium, directly beneath the cortex; bright green, separate, round or oblong cells 4.0 - 7.5 μ diam., with thin, non-gelatinous walls. The apothecial initials consist of spherical, perithecium-like bodies up to 190 μ diam., immersed in the thallus and surrounded by an entire, pale brown, paraplectenchymatic wall; no traces of sporogenous organs visible, and all parts merely yellowed by iodine.

Icon. -- Pl. 9, fig. 37 (part of the holotype specimen).

Hab. -- On scoriaceous, volcanic rock.

Distr. -- Mexico.

MEXICO. Puebla: Coatzing (Cuautzin), altit. 3200 m., coll. Frère Amable, 1931 (no. 857) (holotype) (ster.) (B. de Lesd.).

Obs. -- This is the only instance known to me in which the alga Microcystis (or Polycoccus) occurs in cephalodia. The cells were compared with the gonidia

of Coriscium viride, and found to be exactly similar.

2. SQUAMARIA HIULCA Nyl.

in Ann. Sci. nat., Bot. sér. 4, III, p. 153 (1855), cum descript.

Synon. -- Lecanora (subgen. Placopsis) hiulca Nyl. in J. linn. Soc. Lond., Bot. IX, p. 251, footnote (1866); Hue in Nouv. Arch. Mus. Hist. nat., Paris, sér. 3, III, p. 59 (1891); Zahlbr. Cat. Lich. Univ. V, p. 668 (1928).

Nylander in his original description of this species (from Chile, coll. Gay) made no mention of cephalodia, but subsequently included it in a list of the species belonging to his subgenus Placopsis (J. linn. Soc. Lond., Bot. IX, p. 251; 1866). On locating the holotype (no. 28250 in herb. Nyl.), I found it to be a minute fragment less than a centimeter across, with half of an apothecium wrapped in paper beside it. No cephalodia were present. As it is impossible to determine the identity of a doubtful species with certainty from such a small fragment, and as Nylander's description fails to give a clear characterisation, I propose that this species be deleted as nomen dubium.

Jatta, in Malpighia, XX, p. 9 (1906), recorded this species from Chile: near the river Aconcagua. I have not seen the specimen upon which this record is based.

3. PLACODIUM ANTARCTICUM Müll. Arg.

in Bot. Jb. V, p. 136 (1884), cum descript.

Synon. -- Lecanora (Aspiciliopsis) sublateritia Zahlbr. Cat. Lich. Univ. V, p. 671 (1928).

This species was described by Müller Arg. on material collected by Naumann in 1883 in Kerguelen. Although placing it in the section Aspiciliopsis, he made no mention of cephalodia. I received the holotype specimen

on loan through the courtesy of the Director of the Geneva Botanical Institute, and found that it was not a Placopsis. The apothecia are pertusarioid and the paraphyses branched and connected, and hence the plant would seem to belong to the family Pertusariaceae. Pertusaria itself is the only existing genus of this family to which it might belong, but I hesitate to include it here on account of the effigurate thallus and thin-walled spores.

4. PLACODIUM LECANORINUM Kn.

in Trans. linn. Soc. Lond., Bot. ser. 2, I, p. 282 (1878), cum descript.

Synon. -- Ricasolia lecanorina Mull. Arg. in Bull. Herb. Boissier, II, append. I, p. 47 (1894). Placolecania lecanorina Zahlbr. apud Engler & Prantl, Nat. Pflanzenfam. I. Teil, Abt. 1*, p. 205 (1907). Solenopsora lecanorina Zahlbr. Cat. Lich. Univ. V, p. 755 (1928).

In his original description of this species from New Zealand, Knight made mention of "cephalodia copiosa fusca v. fusco-atra madefacta indistincte radiatim rugosa". The spores are triseptate.

A specimen, probably syntype, is present in the British Museum Herbarium, and was investigated by me. The bodies described by Knight as "cephalodia" certainly contain blue-green algae, but I could not convince myself that they were true cephalodia. Their irregularity and colour seemed to indicate accidentally present Cyanophyceous colonies. However, the material was not good, and hence confirmation of this is desirable.

Appendix: parasites of Placopsis. --

Three of the specimens of Placopsis seen by me had been attacked by parasites, which in two cases produced a deformation of the thallus.

The holotype specimen of Crombie's "Squamaria gelida f. dispersa" (see p. 155) owes its depauperated habit to the presence of Didymosphaeria microstictica var. albo-atrae Vouaux; the pale violet reaction of the hymenial gelatine which is characteristic of this variety was well marked, and prevented any confusion with Discothecium squamarioides (Mudd) Keißl., in which the iodine reaction is negative. The thallus of the host plant was not galled or swollen to any noticeable extent.

A specimen of P. gelida from Ireland, Connemara, coll. Larbalestier (in herb. Nylander) was also the host of Didymosphaeria microstictica var. alboatrae, the parasite in this case causing the formation of cephalodia-like galls (parathalli) which were 0.8 - 2.0 mm. diam., irregularly rugulose-verruculose, at first concolorous with the thallus, then becoming darker like true cephalodia. The ostioles of the parasitic perithecia were visible as minute, black spots on the surface of the galls.

The typical form of Didymosphaeria microstictica (hymenial gelatine I + yellow then wine-red) was found on a specimen of P. contortuplicata from the South Shetlands, causing cephalodia-like galls 1.3 - 3.0 mm. diam. and up to 0.8 mm. thick, warted-granulate, concolorous with the thallus or somewhat paler. In section the structure of one of these parathalli was found to be similar to that of the rest of the thallus, and a stratum of thalline, symbiotic algal cells was also present. The parts of the parasite were generally somewhat larger than given by Keißler (1930) for this species, but the measurements seem to come within the limits of specific variability.

Neither D. microstictica nor its variety alboatrae had previously been recorded on Placopsis, and the parasite is not known to produce galls on its other hosts (Acarospora fuscata and Buellia alboatra).

Other parasites recorded on Placopsis (P. gelida) are:

(1) Discothecium squamarioides (Mudd) KeiBl. in Rabh. Krypt.-Fl. ed. 2, Flechten, VIII, p. 403 (1930).-- Syn. Sphaeria squamarioides Mudd, Man. Brit. Lich. p. 130 (1861).

(2) Didymosphaeria gelidaria (Mudd) A. L. Sm. in Trans. Brit. mycol. Soc. III, p. 176 (1910). -- Syn. Sphaeria gelidaria Mudd, loc. cit.

(3) Sphaeria cephalodiorum Rostr. in Bot. Tidsskr. IV, p. 98 (1871). This and the following were found on P. gelida in the Faeroes. Unfortunately the description does not mention the presence or absence of paraphyses, and hence it is doubtful whether the species should be referred to Phaeospora or to Leptosphaeria.

(4) Sphaeria ventosa Rostr. op. cit. p. 97. This may be a Physalospora, although in this genus the spores are usually hyaline.

(5) Harmand, in Bull. Soc. Sci. Nancy, sér. II, XV, p. 201 (1898), describes an unnamed parasite on cephalodia of P. gelida. It is not clear from his description to which genus it might be referable.

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- 1) [p. 24] R. B. Stevens has recently described trichogynes in Dermatocarpon aquaticum (Amer. J. Bot. XXVIII, p. 59; 1941).
- 2) [p. 27] In individuals of P. bicolor which are only partly oxydated, the medulla in the non-oxydated portions is often CaCl_2O_2 + red.
- 3) [p. 31] This is the prior and correct name for L. solediza Nyl.; see M. Lamb in J. Bot., Lond. LXXVI, p. 158 (1938).
- 4) [p. 37] The f. subreagens, found in Chile and Juan Fernandez, is not considered here because of the constant, chemical difference which would entitle it in the view of many lichenologists to consideration as a proper species.
- 5) [p. 38-9] Following the example of Skottsberg (1936) the islands of Tristan da Cunha and Kerguelen are regarded as outlying stations of the S. American and Australian sectors respectively.
- 6) [p. 44] The abbreviations in brackets are those recommended by Lanjouw (1939), and are used throughout the following taxonomic text.
- 7) [p. 46] The nomenclature of the various types followed in this systematic account is that proposed by Schuchert & Buckman (1905).

- 8) [p. 47] In P. parellina f. semireagens the upper cortex, but not the medulla, stains deep brick-red with Pd, and this colour often spreads downwards by diffusion into the gonidial stratum.
- 9) [p. 48] The verruculose pycnidia found in certain other species should not be confused with isidia. -- P. Amabilis B. de Lesd., in which the apothecia are unknown, has small, crater-like depressions with raised rims on the surface of the thallus; they are undeveloped apothecial fundaments.
- 10) [p. 49] Sometimes in non-oxydated species a ferruginous coloration is visible in the cracks of the thallus.
- 11) [p. 49] In P. effusa the thallus is non-effigurate, entirely areolate, with the areolae crowded or dispersed, not to be confused with squamules.
- 12) [p. 52] See note on distinction between areolate and rimose types of thallus on p. 9 .
- 13) [p. 72 & 140] Here and elsewhere literary records unconfirmed by me are included, unless obviously untrustworthy, in square brackets.
- 14) [p. 88] The specimen is incomplete, and does not show the periphery.
- 15) [p. 88] See definition on p. 16 .
- 16) [p. 94] Nylander is commonly regarded as having made the combination Placopsis perrugosa in J. linn. Soc. Lond., Bot. IX, p. 251, footnote (1866), but examination of his statement there shows that he is regarding it as "Lecanora (subgen. Placopsis) perrugosa".

- 17) [p. 100] Collector's note with the copiously fertile, South Orkneys specimen states that the "fructifications" are dirty pink in colour. But probably the collector was referring to the cephalodia, which to one not acquainted with this genus would appear to be fructifications.
- 18) [p. 104] The formation of this name is intentionally not in accordance with the International Rules of Botanical Nomenclature, the diacritical markings having been retained by the express wish of Dr. Räsänen. Finnish not being a Germanic language, the modified vowel "ä" cannot be adequately expressed by the Latin diphthong "æ".
- 19) [p. 106] This description refers only to the primary or typical form of the species.
- 20) [p. 113] This material was recorded by Zahlbruckner apud Skottsberg, Nat. Hist. Juan Fernandez and Easter Island, II, p. 382 (1924) as "Lecanora argillacea f. rhodophthalma".
- 21) [p. 113] This is the specimen referred to as "Lecanora gelida" by Lynge apud Christophersen in Sci. Res. Norweg. Antarct. Exped. 1927 - 1928 et sqq., no. 16, p. 13 (1937).
- 22) [p. 121] The actual specimen upon which this combination was made by Räsänen does not belong to this species, but is a morbose and indeterminable Placopsis.
- 23) [p. 136] Only the original authors of the combinations are quoted in this list; for a fuller bibliography see Zahlbr. Cat. Lich. Univ. V, p. 665 - 7 (1928).

- 24) [p. 139] The unfinished vol. II of Nylander's "Synopsis Lichenum" was published in 1885, not in 1863 as is commonly supposed. The plate of illustrations was not issued until 1888.
- 25) [p. 139] Harmand, in his Lich. de France, V, p. 939 (1913), lists as an exsiccata of this species: "HARM. Lich. Gall. rarior. n° 157". But apparently publication of this series ceased at no. 150.
- 26) [p. 153] The iodine reaction of the ascus-walls is fluctuating in this species; in European material I find it to be either negative or persistently blue.
- 27) [p. 164] These are the structures which are mentioned as "soredia" by B. de Lesd. in his description.
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