

*Lepralia porcellana* var. *normani* Livingstone, 1926: p.92, pl.8, fig.1

Now *Plesiocleidochasma normani*

(?LEPRALIA) PORCELLANA Busk var. NORMANI var. nov.

(Pl. viii, fig. 1.)

*Lepralia porcellana* Busk, Quart. Journ. Micro. Sci., viii, 1860, p. 283, pl. xxxi, fig. 3 (type).

*Lepralia porcellana* Norman, Journ. Linn. Soc., Zool., xxx, 1909, p. 305, pl. xl, figs. 1-2 (type).

For the release of the type species from obscurity we are indebted to Canon A. M. Norman. This author has identified the species with *L. cleidostoma* Smitt, using Busk's original specimen. As a result of his examination he has placed the latter species in the synonymy of the former. Waters, however, in his paper on the Zanzibar collections<sup>8</sup> does not follow Norman, and states that "as it has been impossible to recognise it [Busk's *L. porcellana*] from Busk's figures the name *cleidostoma* must stand."

The specimen before me is typical of Busk's description and Norman's figure save for the avicularia. On the present specimen these appendages are much longer and broader at the base than those figured by Norman. Indeed they are more like those figures by Miss Thornely<sup>9</sup> for *Gemellepora protrusa*.

On young zooecia one to three spines are seen above the zooecial aperture, but these are very delicate and no doubt this fact is responsible for their scarcity on the specimens in the collection.

*Locality*.—28 fathoms over Surprise Shoal, Cairns-Townsville "Section," Great Barrier Reef, Queensland.

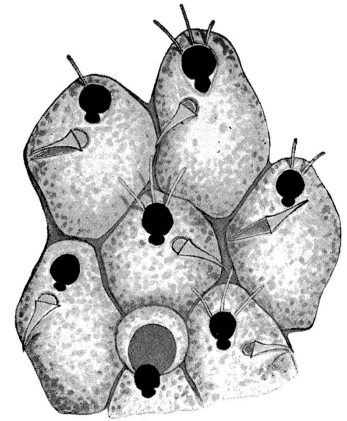


Fig. 1. Zooecial detail of (?*Lepralia*) *porcellana* Busk var. *normani* Livingstone.