

by Ehrenberg only by the short diagnosis, "Radii stellæ tribus apice truncatis." It is probably identical with his figure of *Dictyastrum angulatum* (*loc. cit.*). This latter name I have retained for the similar Porodiscid (above, p. 526), mainly because the genera *Dictyastrum* and *Rhopalodictyum*, according to the insufficient diagnosis of Ehrenberg, seem to be identical. (Compare my Monograph, 1862, p. 466.)

*Dimensions.*—Radius of each arm 0·13, basal breadth 0·09, distal breadth 0·1.

*Habitat.*—Tropical Pacific, Philippine Sea, Station 200, depth 250 fathoms; Atlantic (Mexican Gulf Stream).

### 3. *Rhopalodictyum subacutum*, Ehrenberg.

*Rhopalodictyum subacutum*, Ehrenberg, 1861, Monatsber. d. k. preuss. Akad. d. Wiss. Berlin, p. 301.

Arms of equal size and equidistant, club-shaped, three times as long as the diameter of the central disk, which equals the breadth of the thickened distal end; the latter is armed with a strong pyramidal terminal spine. (The diagnosis of Ehrenberg is "Radii stellæ tribus, apice cuneatis subacutis.")

*Dimensions.*—Radius of the arms 0·2, basal breadth 0·04, distal breadth 0·07.

*Habitat.*—North Atlantic, surface and various depths; Greenland; Mexican Gulf Stream; Færøe Channel (John Murray).

### 4. *Rhopalodictyum bifidum*, n. sp.

Arms of equal size and equidistant, in the distal half forked, twice as long as the diameter of the central disk; both fork branches half as broad as the simple basal part, truncated at the distal end.

*Dimensions.*—Radius of the arms 0·16, basal breadth 0·08, distal breadth 0·04.

*Habitat.*—North Pacific, Station 237, surface.

Subgenus 2. *Triactinosphæra*, Dunikowski, 1882, Denkschr. d. k. Akad. d. Wiss. Wien, vol. 45, ii. p. 192.

*Definition.*—Triangular shell bilateral or irregular, with three arms of different size or distance.

### 5. *Rhopalodictyum zittelii*, Haeckel.

*Triactinosphæra zittelii*, Dunikowski, 1882, Denkschr. d. k. Akad. d. Wiss. Wien, vol. 45, ii. p. 192.

Arms of different size and at unequal distances, one odd arm being a little shorter than the two paired arms; the odd angle between the latter is larger than the paired angles between them and the