A REVISION OF THE TYPES OF THE MARINE SHELLS OF THE CHEVERT EXPEDITION.

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(Plates xvi. - xvii.)

THE largest collection yet made of the marine mollusca of tropical Queensland, is that taken under the direction of Sir William Macleay, in 1875, by the staff of the "Chevert," and now in the Macleay Museum, Sydney. This collection was partly described by Mr. J. Brazier in the earlier volumes of the Proceedings of the Linnean Society of New South Wales.

Later writers, who have studied the marine mollusca of this region, have failed to identify species therein described, and have complained that the account given is inadequate for recognition.1 In fairness to the Sydney Conchologist, it should be remembered that a debased style, dispensing with figures or dimensions in diagnoses, introduced by the Brothers Adams, then prevailed in London, and naturally lowered the level of work abroad.

It has resulted that recent Monographs include the names of the "Chevert" shells among the doubtful or unknown species. Where these species have been again taken, they have in several cases been described and named anew.

My intention has been to correct synonomy, and to rehabilitate neglected species. The "Chevert" novelties are treated in the order in which they were described, under the names which I consider they ought now to bear. As the drawings and measurements now given, in addition to details already published, should suffice to indicate the species, I have held redescription to be beyond the limits of this article.

I am indebted to Professors Haswell and David, custodians of the collection, for permission to examine the types and to embody the results in the present paper. To these gentlemen, and to Mr. George Masters, Curator of the Macleay Museum, my thanks are

due.

Drillia mastersi, Brazier.

Drillia mastersi, Brazier, Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W., i., 1876, p. 153. No example of this could be found.

¹ Watson-Chall. Rep., Zool., xv., 1886, p. 42, note to Puncturella, sp.; and Melvill and Standen-Journ. Linn. Soc., Zool., xxvii., 1899, p. 153.