

AN ADDITION TO THE LACERTILIAN FAUNA OF THE  
SOLOMON ISLANDS.

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(Fig. 2).

The Trustees have received a fine female Gecko from Mr. Charles M. Woodford, British Resident, Solomon Group.

Mr. Woodford's knowledge of the fauna of the group under his administration led him to suggest that the Gecko was an undescribed species; though previously known, it indeed proves to be new to the Solomon Islands. This is the more interesting as the group has been so well worked by Messrs. Guppy and Woodford. In this connection Dr. G. A. Boulenger remarks<sup>1</sup>:—"The fact that, in spite of the extent of the collection (over 200 specimens) and the special attention paid by the collector [Mr. Woodford] to this group of animals, only four species are thereby added to the herpetological list of the Solomons, shows that our knowledge of this part of the fauna approaches completion." In the paper quoted Boulenger gives a complete list (28) of the reptiles of the Solomon Group, to the date of publication. Several species have, however, been added since that time, and it is now my privilege to add another.

Mr. Woodford's Gecko proves to be:—

GYMNODACTYLUS LOUISIADENSIS, *De Vis*.

Ann. Rep. Brit. New Guinea, App. cc., 1892, p. 5, and Ann. Queensland Mus.; ii., 1892, p. 11.

The type was obtained at Sudest Is. (Tagula Is.) Louisiade Archipelago. A species from Moroka, British New Guinea, was described and figured by Boulenger<sup>2</sup> under the name *G. lorica*. Dr. Franz Werner<sup>3</sup> thoroughly reviewed these two forms and inclined to the belief that they are not specifically distinct. For present purposes I assume this to be so. Mr. Woodford's specimen, however, seems to be a typical example, differing from the type only in respect to arrangement of the colour bands, in having the internasal plates broken up into four, and the subdigital lamellæ and labial plates slightly different in number,

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<sup>1</sup> Boulenger—Proc. Zool. Soc., 1888, p. 88.

<sup>2</sup> Boulenger—Ann. Mus. Civ. Sto. Nat. Genova, (2), xviii., 1897 (1898), p. 695, pl. vi.

<sup>3</sup> Werner—Verh. Zool.-bot. Ges. Wien, li., 1901, p. 604.