

POLYCHÆTE WORMS.

“*Matla bengalensis*”: A CORRECTION.—In a previous number of this Journal (*Rec. Ind. Mus.*, vol. ii, p. 39) I gave a description of a form which I supposed to belong to a new genus of the Naididæ. The animals, discovered in the brackish ponds at Port Canning, showed no sexual organs; but on the other hand asexual reproduction was equally not to be observed.

Last summer, while working at the Millport Marine Biological Station on the west coast of Scotland, I came across countless numbers of *Capitella capitata*; and on examining a number of very young forms, I was surprised to find that they resembled in an extraordinary degree my previous specimens of *Matla*.

By a curious coincidence I received within the following week a letter from Prof. Michaelsen of Hamburg, in which he wrote that, after reading the description of *Matla*, he was of opinion that it was no Oligochæte but a Polychæte belonging to the Capitellidæ.

It is easy to see that the fact that my Port Canning specimens showed no signs of asexual division ought to have put me on my guard. I think there can be no doubt that the worms were very young specimens of a Capitellid, and hence that the name given to them ought now to disappear.

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