FISHES FROM THE GREAT BARRIER REEF COLLECTED BY MR. MELBOURNE WARD.

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(Figures 1-2.)

A collection of fishes made by Mr. Melbourne Ward in November, 1927, amongst the islets of the Bunker Group, Queensland, is a small one, but contains several interesting species. Hoskyn, Lady Musgrave, and Fairfax Islands were visited; these are situated at the southern extremity of the Great Barrier Reef. I have already given an account of the fishes of the adjacent Capricorn Group, which may be consulted for references to literature and notes which are not repeated here. Several species of fishes have, however, been recorded from those islands since the appearance of my paper. These are: Pseudochromis (Leptochromis) tapeinosoma Bleeker from Masthead Island,2 Pomacentrus wardi Whitley from Heron Island,3 Epinephelus merra Bloch, Pomacentrus sufflavus Whitley, and Glyphisodon hedleyi Whitley from North-West Islet,4 and Petrocephalus grammistes C. & V. (of which P. lineatus De Vis is a synonym) from Masthead and North-West Islets.5

Family PSEUDOCHROMIDÆ.

Genus DAMPIERIA Castelnau, 1875.


4 Whitley.—Rec. Austr. Mus. xvi, 1, 1927, pp. 1-32, pl. 1, and text-fig. 1.