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anterior $\frac{1}{3}$ of ventral. Caudal slightly and obliquely emarginate. Caudal peduncle $2\frac{3}{5}$ as long as deep. Traces of dark spots on the upper surface of the head. Dorsal fin with the posterior part of each interradiat membrane dusky.

One specimen 240 mm. in total length, from the Rio Piracicaba, São Paulo, Brazil.

This species is closely allied to *P. Garmani*, Regan. I have named it after my father, Dr. H. von Ihering.

LXXVI.—*Description of a new Snake from Venezuela.*

By G. A. BOULENGER, F.R.S.

Leptognathus latifrontalis.

Body strongly compressed. Eye large, its diameter once and a half its distance from the oral border. Rostral a little broader than deep, just visible from above; internasals two thirds the length of the prefrontals; frontal slightly broader than long, as long as its distance from the end of the snout, shorter than the parietals; nasal divided, the posterior part fused with the loreal, which enters the eye; a single preocular; two postoculars; temporals 2+3 or 2+4; eight or ten upper labials, third, fourth, and fifth, or fourth, fifth, and sixth entering the eye; first lower labial in contact with its fellow behind the symphysial; three pairs of chin-shields, anterior as long as broad. Scales in 15 rows, vertebrals enlarged and a little broader than long. Ventrals 194; anal entire; subcaudals 95. Reddish brown above, with darker cross-bands broader than the spaces between them; lower parts pale brown, speckled with whitish.

Total length 800 mm.; tail 220.

A single female specimen collected at Aricaqua, 1000 m. altitude, by Sr. Briceño.

LXXVII.—*A new Cavernularid from Ceylon.*

By JAMES J. SIMPSON, M.A., University of Aberdeen.

[Plate XVII.]

THE collection of Alcyonarians made by Professor W. A. Herdman, D.Sc., F.R.S., in Ceylon Seas (1902) included a small specimen of much interest which was overlooked in the report by Prof. J. Arthur Thomson and Mr. W. D. Henderson