

Dr. E. B. TYLOR exhibited a collection of objects illustrating Mr. Howarth's paper (page 275), including the scourge and flagellum figured in Plate XII. The objects were obtained by Mr. Howarth in the Azores, and are now exhibited in the Anthropological Department of the Museum of the University of Oxford.

Dr. MARTINDALE WARD exhibited the flagellum and cingulum obtained by him at Santiago in Chili, and figured in Plate XIII.

EXHIBITION of an ANCIENT PERUVIAN GOLD BREASTPLATE.

By F. GALTON, Esq., F.R.S., President.

THE PRESIDENT exhibited a gold breastplate, $9\frac{1}{4}$ by 13 inches in extreme measurement, rudely embossed, that had been found attached to the body of a Peruvian whose tomb was accidentally discovered in 1824, on removing some mounds of earth in the valley of Camaná, on the sea coast of Peru, lat. $16^{\circ} 8' S$. Alongside this body were found many others but not equally adorned, each under a different mound. This specimen, which belonged to him, was brought home by a relative of his, Captain, afterwards Admiral, Malin, then in command of the Pacific Station. The interest of the specimen lay in the fact that the use to which it had been applied had been observed and described. There were two similar plates of gold in the British Museum, but he had there been informed by Mr. Franks that their use was previously unknown, and that the information accompanying the present specimen was very acceptable. The buried Peruvian ornaments that were made of gold were at one time very easy to be procured, but now, owing to the long established practice of rifling the graves and of melting all the gold found in them, specimens of any kind were seldom met with, and one of the large size of that now exhibited was exceedingly rare.

EXHIBITION of ETHNOLOGICAL OBJECTS from SOUTH AMERICA.

By F. W. RUDLER, F.G.S.

Mr. RUDLER exhibited a collection of objects of ethnological interest from the head waters of the Amazons and from the interior of British Guiana. The former included (1) a long girdle, or necklace made of the brilliant elytra of *Chrysophora chrysochlora*, associated with a few iridescent wing-cases of *Buprestis gigas*, each case being perforated and strung on cotton