

place I engaged Mateo Trujillo, a half-breed Indian, who accompanied me during the greater part of the time I was in Mexico and proved a very skilful collector. He was a first rate climber, and amongst other things made a considerable collection of the frogs, newts, and insects which inhabit epiphytical Bromelias growing on the trees in the neighbourhood of Jalapa. We made an excursion to Misantla and Papantla, on the low ground near the coast at the foot of the mountain range, which proved to be very good collecting ground and added considerably to our birds and insects. On leaving Misantla we returned to Jalapa and over the Cofre de Perote to Esperanza, and thence by train to Mexico City. From the Capital I made two expeditions, the first in company with Mr. Flohr to the pretty town of Cuernavaca, and thence to the caves of Cacahuimilpa, where he hoped to have found some blind insects. The second and also interesting expedition was to Morelia and Lake Patzcuaro, where I added to the collection of Birds, but it was attended with no very valuable results.

On returning to the Capital I next visited Yucatan, crossing the Gulf of Campeche from Vera Cruz to Progreso by steamer, thence to Merida by train, where the railway then ended. My first object was to visit the well known naturalist Dr. Gaumer, who kindly accompanied me to the celebrated ruins of Ticul and Uxmal, a distance from Merida of about forty miles, which journey was performed on horseback. The low forest through which we passed is said to be still frequented by the beautiful 'Pavo real' (*Meleagris ocellata*), but it has become so rare in the neighbourhood that we ourselves did not meet with it. Leaving Yucatan I went back to Mexico City, where I was joined by Mr. and Mrs. Elwes, and together we went to Jalapa, thence riding across the country to Cordova, a most delightful journey of three days, and obtaining magnificent views of the Volcano of Orizaba, with its snow-clad peak. We continued our journey to Puebla and Mexico City, and thence to Amecameca at the foot of the volcanoes Iztaccihuatl and Popocatepetl; the latter we ascended as far as the pine belt, shooting many interesting birds and collecting plants and insects. We left Mexico in the spring of 1888, having been absent from home about five months, and returned to England *via* California and New York.

For several years after my return from Mexico, Salvin and I continued diligently to work out the material on hand and the ever increasing amount sent over by our collectors. Salvin's failing health finally obliged him to relax his efforts, and though he still came to London as formerly, he was unable to take the same active part in the work and the difficulty of concentrating his attention on any one subject became increasingly great. He died suddenly at Hawksfold, Fernhurst, Sussex, June 1st, 1898, leaving me alone to complete the 'Biologia.'

The severance of a friendship such as ours had been for forty-four years was a terrible blow to me, for we were more intimately connected than most brothers, and, besides the personal loss, I missed his knowledge and experience in all things connected with our book. At the time of Salvin's death, 141 Parts of Zoology (completing 13 volumes),