

collected by A. Forrer in N.W. Mexico and the Tres Marias Islands; a second set of the very large number of Coleoptera obtained by C. T. Höge in his two expeditions to Mexico, the first set now in the Berlin Museum, having been retained by his employer, Mr. Flohr; collections of insects from Messrs. Becker, Biolley, Blancaneaux, Conradt, Gaumer, Janson, Lankester, Morrison, Staudinger, Underwood, Van Patten, Wittkugel, &c. In addition to this material, we had, of course, the whole of that procured by our other collectors, E. Arcé, G. C. Champion, and H. Rogers. Further details are appended on pp. 44, 45.

All the insects from Mexico and Central America, the Sallé and Janson collections of beetles, our own general collections of birds and butterflies, and the Henshaw collection of birds, have been presented by us to the British Museum, and are being gradually incorporated with the National Collection.

The various accessions are enumerated in detail in Vol. II. of the 'History of the Collections contained in the Natural History Departments of the British Museum' (1906) and in the subsequent Annual Reports of that Institution. The first instalment of Neotropical birds (50,120 specimens) was presented in January 1885, and other instalments followed from time to time till the whole of them became the property of the Nation. Amongst the insects, up to 1906, the total number of specimens given in the 'History' is as follows: Coleoptera (85,920), Lepidoptera Rhopalocera (17,829), Lepidoptera Heterocera (12,883), Diptera (17,525), Hymenoptera (10,004), Rhynchota Heteroptera (5543), &c. These figures do not include the Rhynchophora or weevils (22,793), the Staphylinidæ and water-beetles (9474), the Odonata (3000), the Rhynchota Homoptera (5509), the supplementary unworked parasitic Hymenoptera (6293), &c. From 1906 onwards the remaining collections have been handed over to the Museum as soon as the enumeration of the species was completed; that of the Coleoptera was finished in 1911. Our own general collection of butterflies probably included nearly 100,000 specimens, and the beetles alone from Mexico and Central America perhaps double that number. Besides these a considerable number of mammals, reptiles, fish, &c., of which no account was kept, were presented to the National Museum.

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