

Mr. W. B. Hemsley, who had previously contributed the volumes on the Botany, had almost completed an article on the geographical distribution of the Flora, practically bringing this subject up to date, when, I regret to state, his health completely failed, and he was reluctantly obliged to relinquish his task. Recently he has, however, been able to furnish me with a *précis* of his conclusions, which forms a valuable addition to our knowledge of the subject.

It now only remains for me to offer my grateful acknowledgments to all those who have assisted me with their various contributions, and without whom the work could not possibly have been undertaken. To my Secretary, Mr. G. C. Champion, I am specially indebted for the valuable assistance he has rendered as collector, contributor, and also as subeditor, in which last capacity his advice has been of inestimable value. His knowledge of Entomology, especially of Coleoptera and Rhynchota, has made him one of our most important contributors, and he has either undertaken alone, or shared in the production of, no less than nine volumes of the 'Biologia.' My warm thanks are also due to my assistant, Mr. A. Cant, who has given very important help during the progress of the work, both in setting the insects, in labelling and arranging them, as well as in making very careful dissections and preparing slides for microscopic examination.

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