

INTRODUCTION.

THIS Volume includes the enumeration of the Families Syrphidæ, Conopidæ, Pipunculidæ, and Platypezidæ, contributed by Prof. S. W. Williston, the date of publication of his work extending from December 1891 to May 1892, the closing-up of the subject having been deferred till Vol. II. was completed. As with the preceding Volumes, a list of the species described from Mexico or Central America by other authors during the progress of the work is appended, this list including only such as have been recorded since 1891. These have been mainly contributed by Dr. Giglio-Tos; and as the date of publication of his paper is later by one month than that of the final instalment of Prof. Williston's, the last-mentioned has priority in every case where the same species has been described by both authors. The two coloured Plates of Syrphidæ and Conopidæ have been prepared by Mr. Wilson, of Cambridge, from drawings made by Van der Wulp.

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