

## INTRODUCTION.

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THIS Volume is devoted to the enumeration of eight families of Homoptera—the Cicadidæ, Fulgoridæ, Flatidæ, Derbidæ, Cixiidæ, Achilidæ, Issidæ, and Delphacidæ; the first two have been dealt with by Mr. W. L. Distant and the remainder by Canon Fowler. Altogether 323 species are enumerated, of which 208 are treated as new, with twenty-five new genera. The other families of Homoptera are reserved for Vol. II. of this series, and considerable progress has already been made with them. The Index to the two volumes will be given at the end of Vol. II. Of the thirteen coloured Plates accompanying Vol. I., six have been drawn by Mr. Purkiss and the remainder by Mr. Wilson. In the Appendix, four species are illustrated in the text.

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