

INTRODUCTION.

PART 1 of this Volume contains Canon Fowler's enumeration of four families of Homoptera—the Membracidæ, Cercopidæ, Tettigoniidæ, and Gyponidæ. The material of the Jassidæ was entrusted several years ago to a well-known Homopterist, who volunteered to prepare an account of them for this work. Unfortunately, nothing has been finished by him, nor have the specimens been returned to us, in spite of repeated applications to that effect. We are therefore compelled to close Volume II. as it stands, the concluding portion of Canon Fowler's contribution having been received in 1903. Twenty-five species of Membracidæ and four of Cercopidæ have since been added by other authors to the Central-American fauna, the Membracidæ mainly by the late G. B. Buckton, either in his 'Monograph' (1903) or in a paper published in the 'Transactions of the Linnean Society' [Zoology, (2) ix. pp. 329-338, pls. 21 & 22 (1905)], and a list of them is appended on pp. 318-322, with some notes by Canon Fowler. For the four families, exclusive of those mentioned in the Supplement, 659 species are enumerated, of which 385 are treated as new, with 42 new genera. Of the twenty-one coloured Plates issued in Volume II., which were all drawn and printed by Mr. E. Wilson, of Cambridge, ten are devoted to the extraordinary insects belonging to the family Membracidæ.

Part 2 of this Volume includes the enumeration of the families Aleurodidæ and Coccidæ by Professor T. D. A. Cockerell. This section of the subject is separately paged and indexed, and it is illustrated by figures in the text.

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