

INTRODUCTION.

THIS Volume includes the enumeration of the species belonging to the families Acridiidæ and Phasmidæ. The Phasmidæ, as explained in the introductory remarks to that group on p. 343, are placed at the end of Volume II. for the sake of convenience, no other course being possible, our material having been entrusted many years ago to Hofrath C. Brunner von Wattenwyl, to include in his general Monograph of the family. The concluding portion of this important memoir was issued during the past year, just as Prof. L. Bruner was finishing his studies of the Acridiidæ. Mr. R. Shelford then set to work and compiled from it a list of the Mexican and Central-American Phasmids, and a key to the genera and species, which we published in November last (pp. 343-377).

The available material for the Acridiidæ was so very limited, especially from Northern Mexico, that Prof. Bruner has considered it advisable to include in his enumeration all the species that are likely to occur in the region under investigation, those brought in for comparison only being placed in square brackets, as in the Phasmidæ and in Volume I. of this subject. The subfamily Tettiginæ, the account of which has been contributed by Mr. Albert P. Morse (pp. 3-19), is illustrated by figures in the text; and the rest of the Acridiidæ and the Phasmidæ each by four uncoloured Plates, the original drawings for which were made under the supervision of Prof. Bruner and Hofrath C. Brunner v. Wattenwyl respectively, though they were all lithographed in Vienna.

The illustrations having been prepared in advance, various alterations in the names, noted in the "List of Plates" and individually in the text, have since become necessary.

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