

thousand species of named Coccids; over 1,300 mounted specimens for the microscope of Coccididae, Desmidiæ, Algæ, and Diatomaceæ; 750 named, but unmounted species of Coccids; manuscript books containing a catalogue of Mr. Maskell's collection; Signoret's Essai sur les Homopteres-Coccides, 1867 to 1875, with an analytical index by Mr. Maskell in manuscript. Specimens were transmitted to him for identification or original description from all parts of the world, and the accumulation of specimens and correspondence since he became incapacitated for work in January last is very large, and awaits the attention of an entomologist who will continue Mr. Maskell's good work in this most important branch of science.

"Maori Art": The publication of this work is progressing as rapidly as circumstances will permit. Part II. was issued in October last, and Part III., which treats of Maori weapons, implements of agriculture and handicraft, the snares and implements used in hunting rats and birds for food, list of words used in connection with the subject, and plates with descriptions, is now published. On revising the large amount of material accumulated by Mr. Hamilton on the "Habitation of the Maori," it was found necessary to make Part II., which relates to that subject, a double part, which will slightly increase the cost of the whole work to subscribers. The work has everywhere been received by most favourable reviews and cordial recognition as a contribution to anthropology of the highest merit.

The volumes of Transactions now on hand are: Vol. I. (second edition), 233; Vol. V., 8; Vol. VI., 15; Vol. VII., 98; Vol. IX., 98; Vol. X., 129; Vol. XI., 27; Vol. XII., 29; Vol. XIII., 30; Vol. XIV., 53; Vol. XV., 164; Vol. XVI., 164; Vol. XVII., 163; Vol. XVIII., 135; Vol. XIX., 154; Vol. XX., 155; Vol. XXI., 87; Vol. XXII., 89; Vol. XXIII., 163; Vol. XXIV., 167; Vol. XXV., 167; Vol. XXVI., 173; Vol. XXVII., 176; Vol. XXVIII., 180; Vol. XXIX., 450; Vol. XXX., not yet fully distributed.

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8th September, 1898.

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Wellington, 3rd September, 1898.

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