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in such a condition as to reflect credit on the institution as far as their size is concerned, and until someone can devote the major part of their attention to this work only limited progress can be made. The fact that insects outnumber all other forms of animal life and that the mere technique of preparation for the collection is often slow and laborious, makes this problem a formidable one. Since training in taxonomy is a basic part of the students equipment we must have large collections in different groups available for study. Larval forms, so important in economic entomology, must be secured, treated, etc., since at present we have no larval collection worth the name.

We are now embarking on instruction work in the field of parasitology and must start from the beginning. The situation demands that we secure or develop a worker in the field of taxonomy. Since this field it is much too large to engage only the part of one man's time, the allocation of one man entirely to taxonomic investigations and the development of our various collections would round off our departmental organization and place our instruction work on a firmer basis.

The present departmental budget makes reasonable provision for maintenance and will enable us to gradually make good present deficiencies with respect to ordinary classroom material and equipment. The fitting up of a laboratory for physiological and taxonomy work is a basic need. Special provision to complete this would have to be made to the extent of approximately \$500 per annum for over a period of 5 years.