

Preface

exploring the German Protectorate that the German Colonial Office was induced to devote a notable sum to the exploration of the German territory over which we travelled.

The example set by the Imperial Colonial Office was followed by the German Colonial Company, the Royal Prussian Academy of Sciences, and the Museum for Folklore, Berlin.

Meanwhile, the interest in the undertaking had penetrated to private circles. Thus in some cities committees had been formed for the purpose of furthering the enterprise. It is due to their help that after the return of the expedition, the great collections, portions of which were exhibited publicly in Berlin, in 1909, were enabled to be made over to German museums and German scientific institutions.

I am no less grateful to the military authorities in command of the colonial troops, as well as to the Government of German East Africa, for the readiness with which they met my wishes in every way.

I must beg an indulgent reader not to criticise the style of writing too severely. Brought up as a soldier, and grown to maturer years on a horse's back, I have devoted myself to most pursuits except writing. Should the narrative but suffice to satisfy modest demands, I owe it to the kindness of Professor Dr. Steinmann, of Schwerin, who, in the most obliging and friendly way, looked the manuscript through for me.

I must not close these lines without an expression of grateful recognition to the members of the expedition for their work during the undertaking. It is to their strenuous, indefatigable efforts alone that the expedition owes the splendid acknowledgment paid to it on its return to the Home Country.

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