

tion of West Indian micro-Coleoptera, and is practically unique in its large series of coleopterous larvæ and pupæ in alcohol.

The death of Mr. M. L. Linell, in the spring of 1897, was a severe blow to the Department, but a rearrangement has been effected by which an excellent working force has been secured. The Department has been extremely fortunate in attaching to it Dr. Harrison G. Dyar. Since the departure of Dr. John B. Smith there has practically been no Lepidopterist in Washington, and Dr. Dyar's advent is especially welcome. He has entirely rearranged the collection of Lepidoptera, and has deposited in the Museum his own large collection of some 15,000 specimens. The force as at present constituted is: L. O. Howard, Honorary Curator; Wm. H. Ashmead, Assistant Curator and Custodian of Hymenoptera; Harrison G. Dyar, Custodian of Lepidoptera; E. A. Schwarz, Custodian of Coleoptera; D. W. Coquillett, Custodian of Diptera; and R. R. Currie, Aid.

For a department which has bought no large collections, the Department of Insects is rich in type material. The catalogue shows the existence of over 4,000 types in the different orders.

Recent accessions of special value are a collection of European bees, representing all of the genera known except one; the Hubbard material in all orders recently collected in Arizona; the African material collected in Liberia by Cook and Currie; the African and Siamese material collected by Dr. W. L. Abbott; a collection of Coccinellidæ and Psyllidæ made by Albert Koebele in Japan, Australia, China, and Mexico; a collection of parasitic Hymenoptera made by the same collector in the countries above indicated; a very large collection of Japanese insects in all orders presented by the Imperial University of Tokio through Professor Mitsukuri; the T. A. Williams collection of Aphididæ, comprising over 800 slides of forms collected in the Northwest. Smaller donations are constantly being received from collectors and specialists and the number of those received in the course of the year form very important additions to the collection.

The facilities for the preservation of specimens have been very considerably increased, several hundred of the permanent glass-covered drawers having been added.

It is with profound regret that we record the death of DR. GEORGE H. HORN, the eminent Coleopterist, which took place at Beesley's Point, N. J., on the 24th of November last. He was President of the American Entomological Society and Director of the Entomological Section of the Academy of National Sciences of Philadelphia, and one of the few honorary members of the Entomological Society of Ontario.