

Nile, and six exotic species have been purchased, making a total of one hundred specimens. Twenty new Canadian birds have been added, some of which are new to our series. The new British and exotic species have been named as far as possible, and have been arranged in a temporary manner until proper cases are provided for their reception.

REPTILES.—Dr. Gunther, of the British Museum, has kindly given thirty-five species of exotic reptiles; seven have been acquired by purchase; and Mr. Vining has given two Geckos from Jamaica. This portion of the collection has more than doubled during the past year. With the exception of about half the exotic snakes, all the specimens have been labelled and arranged.

FISHES.—Mr. Leeming's donation above referred to consisted of twelve species from the Portland coast; Mr. Morland gave the head of a Tunny caught at Gaspé; Dr. Gunther seven species of exotic fishes; and other donors six specimens of Canadian fresh-water fishes. A specimen of the rare Port Jackson Shark, and four species from the Pacific Ocean have been purchased.

INVERTEBRATES.—Thirty species of shells, principally fine cones, have been presented by Mr. B. M. Wright. A collection of beetles and butterflies from Jamaica was given by Mr. Vining, and some of the rarer Canadian moths by Mr. Fowler. The insect cabinet has been re-arranged. Seventeen species of crustacea (from Dr. Dawson and Mr. Wright), three of corals and five of Echinodermata, have been received during the year.

BOTANY.—In this department a set of specimens of the woods of New Zealand has been presented by Mr. Wright, and a beautiful specimen of the fibre of the lace-bark tree of Jamaica by Mr. Vining. In the Aquarian room a space has been set apart for the illustration of structural botany and botanical economics after the plan adopted by the British Museum.

GEOLOGY.—About one hundred and thirty species of fossils have been added during the past session, mainly through the kindness of Mr. Henry Woodward, Mr. Wright and Mr. Mason. These have been mounted on tablets, labelled, and arranged in their respective places in the Museum. Sixty-six fine specimens of rare exotic minerals have been presented by Mr. Wright; these are named, and have been provisionally placed in one of the cases in the gallery.