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Mollusca (excepting Cephalopods), and Mr. Smith has been authorized to undertake to name our more select acquisitions in future, on condition that duplicates and cotypes are retained for the National Collection.

Mr. G. F. Hampson named a miscellaneous collection of moths belonging to the Trustees' collections, and has consented to an arrangement similar to that concluded with Mr. Edgar A. Smith.

It is greatly to be hoped that arrangements of this kind, which lead to solid reciprocal benefit, may be confirmed and extended in the future.

To Messrs. G. B. Buckton, A. Fauvel, A. Forel, L. O. Howard, W. M. Maskell and F. Moore, the Superintendent is greatly indebted for identifications of insects destructive to agriculture.

The collections of Alcyonarian Corals, Hexactinellid Sponges, and Cephalopod Mollusca, entrusted respectively to Mr. W. L. Sclater, Professor F. E. Schulze, and Professor E. Ray Lankester, have not yet been returned.

Exchanges for mutual benefit have been effected with (1) the British Museum—squirrels' skins given for specimens of Indian Amphibia before wanting to the Trustees' collection; (2) Professor de Loriol of Geneva and Dr. Koehler of Lyons—Indo-Pacific Echinoderms for named European Echinoderms; (3) Cambridge University—Indian deep-sea Invertebrates for several Mediterranean Invertebrate types of which the Museum was much in need for teaching purposes; (4) Mr. H. Fulton—Indian deep-sea Mollusca, for various Mollusca not previously represented in the collection; (5) the Lucknow Museum—a Rhinoceros skeleton in return for the skeleton of a female elephant.