

difficulty in deciding which animals were dredged from the bottom and which were caught by the instruments in the surface or subsurface waters. With some Fish, Crustaceans, Medusæ, and other groups, however, there is considerable difficulty; in these cases the organisation is often a guide, and the specialist who has made a careful study of the group to which the species belongs, is best able to form an opinion as to the depth at which the specimens were probably captured. These circumstances should therefore always be borne in mind when the depths at which animals have lived are being discussed, and only after careful consideration should it be inferred that they were procured at the depths ascribed to them in the lists.

We desire on our own behalf, and on that of the members of the Expedition generally, to offer most grateful thanks for the liberal hospitality and ready assistance we received in all parts of the world, not only in the British Colonies but also in Foreign Countries. It has not been possible to refer in every instance to those who extended a friendly welcome to members of the Expedition and added so much to the pleasure of the Cruise, but the remembrances of many incidents and friendly acts appear, to the members of the Naval and Civilian Staffs who survive, to grow brighter rather than more dim with the lapse of time.