

returned to me along with the first series of duplicates, whenever the collection has been gone over, and the first series for description selected out.

4. For easy reference, each naturalist who undertakes the working out of a group will be provided with a large number of small vellum labels, marked thus :—

Ast.	(Asteridea.)
St.	(Station.)

and he need simply enter, *with a dark pencil*, the number which he has associated with the particular species, and the number of the station where the specimens were found ; and put the label *into* the bottle or the muslin bag, as the case may be.

Special arrangements must be made in every individual case as to publication, but it is the general intention that the account of the voyage shall be in a series of volumes quarto, of the size of the Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society. It will probably consist of—

1. Two volumes, containing—(1) such a general account of the voyage, and such hydrographic details, illustrated by charts and sections, as may be necessary for the clear comprehension of the scientific observations ; and (2) a full discussion of the general results of the voyage, physical and biological. To these volumes will be appended tables of the routine observations in meteorology, &c., made during the voyage.

2. A volume containing an account of the physical and chemical observations and investigations, with a special discussion thereon. To this volume will be appended tables of analyses, tables of specific gravities, reports on the microscopical examination of minerals, &c.

3. A series of volumes, probably not less than six in number, containing a detailed account of the fauna, and plates illustrating the undescribed or imperfectly known forms.

In case of plates being required, the space available for figures on each plate is not more than 10 by 8 inches ( = 25·5 by 20 centimetres). It is intended that the plates shall be, generally speaking, in lithograph ; but if any form of engraving seem preferable in any case, a special arrangement may be made. Woodcuts will be given where required.

The intention at present is that the preparation of all the volumes shall go on simultaneously, and it is earnestly desired that the different parts may be done as speedily as is consistent with the utmost care and accuracy. Authors are invited to enter into any anatomical or other details which may be desirable for the full illustration of the groups in their hands ; and their consideration is particularly requested of all questions bearing upon geographical distribution, and upon the relation of the deep-sea fauna to the faunæ of the later geological periods.

Authors will be at liberty to publish abstracts of the results of their work, during its progress, in the proceedings of Scientific Societies ; but such communications should be made through me, or with my knowledge, and “ by permission of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.”

I am directed to report to Government, and to furnish my accounts at certain intervals ; and in order that I may be able to do so, authors are requested to report progress and to render accounts and vouchers for any expenses which they may have incurred, to me quarterly ; on or before the 1st of March, of June, of September, and of December.

The work has been carried on up to the present time very much according to the programme. Several Monographs are now (September 1880) completely finished, and the specimens returned and lodged in the British Museum ; and most of the remaining Memoirs are in a state of greater or less progress.