

EDITORIAL NOTE.

THIS Volume contains a comprehensive Report on the TETRACTINELLID SPONGES collected during the Expedition, by Professor W. J. Sollas, LL.D., of the University of Dublin. It forms Part LXIII. of the Zoological Series of Reports, and extends to 622 pages of letterpress, illustrated by 44 chromolithographic plates, a map, and a large number of woodcuts. Professor Sollas has added a notice of species not met with in the Challenger collection; this Report forms therefore a complete monograph of the group.

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This Report concludes the account of the Sponges collected by the Expedition. The other Reports dealing with this large group have been published as follows :—

Part XXIV. (Volume VIII.), Report on the CALCAREA, by N. Poléjaeff, published in 1883.

Part XXXI. (Volume XI.), Report on the KERATOSA, by N. Poléjaeff, published in 1884.

Part LIX. (Volume XX.), Report on the MONAXONIDA, by S. O. Ridley and A. Dendy, published in 1887.

Part LIII. (Volume XXI.), Report on the HEXACTINELLIDA, by F. E. Schulze, published in 1887.

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