

references to the Memoirs in their present bindings, that any advantages to be gained from rebinding would not make up for the inconveniences and confusion thereby introduced. In order to facilitate reference to the several Memoirs, a systematic list of the contents of the whole Report is appended to these notes, as well as a list of the separate volumes and their contents.

The completed Report contains Memoirs from seventy-six authors who, for the most part, are natives of Great Britain and her colonies, but scientific men of nearly all civilized countries are represented among the contributors. In addition to the authors whose names appear on the title-pages of the Special Memoirs, many other investigators have taken part in the various physical and chemical researches, in the examination of the collections, in the preparation of the illustrations, in the editorial work, and in various other ways have contributed to the elaboration of the Scientific Results of the Expedition.

From beginning to end the history of the Challenger Expedition is simply a record of continuous and diligent work. There were few opportunities for any brilliant exploits during the voyage. The daily and hourly magnetic and meteorologic observations, the handling of the ship during the tedious deep-sea investigations, the work connected with boat excursions and expeditions on land, in addition to the usual operations of the marine surveyor and navigator, all demanded from the naval officers and seamen an amount of constant care and attention, far surpassing what is required during an ordinary commission of one of Her Majesty's ships. The labour connected with preserving, cataloguing, and packing the biological and other collections on board ship was enormous, so also was that involved in their subsequent examination on the return of the Expedition, and their distribution to specialists in many parts of the world. All this was, however, accomplished with success, and the typical collections have now been deposited without any mishap in the British Museum. The majority of the authors of the Special Memoirs have spent years in the examination of the collections and in the preparation of their manuscript and illustrations for the press, without other remuneration than either a copy of the Challenger Publications or a small honorarium to cover the outlay necessitated by their researches. The payments to the Civilian Staff have been very moderate, and in my own