

Dr. A. B. RENDLE, F.R.S., read the following appeal for contributions in aid:—

“Some of our British Botanists will remember the misfortune that overtook Monsieur Jules Cardot, the eminent French bryologist, early in the war. Driven by the German advance from his home at Charleville, with less than twenty-four hours' notice, he had to abandon all his possessions and leave them to the enemy's tender mercies. Able at last to return to Charleville he finds that the greater part of his property has been destroyed; his family furniture and possessions, his books and MSS. notes, his instruments, and a large portion of his collections, either ruined or disappeared.

“The one part of his belongings left practically intact is his mounted Herbarium of Mosses, consisting of above 10,000 species, represented by 30,000 or 40,000 specimens.

“The Herbarium is a valuable one, containing as it does the types of a large number of new species—those described by him jointly with F. Renault, a large number from India and tropical West Africa, the materials on which are based his *Mousses de Madagascar*, *Sphaignes d'Europe*, *Recherches Anatomiques sur les Leucobryacées*, *Monographie des Fontinalacées*, *Diagnoses Préliminaires de Mousses Mexicaines*, etc.

“It is M. Cardot's desire that his herbarium should find a permanent place in the Paris Museum of Natural History. Unfortunately, with his present restricted means he is not in a position to make a gift of it to the nation; while, on the other hand, the funds at the command of the Museum authorities scarcely permit of its purchase at what would be an adequate value. The suggestion has been made that if the Museum authorities were able to find half the necessary amount, the remaining half might be raised, partly in this country, partly in America, among botanical friends and sympathisers, to enable the purchase to be made.

“The Museum authorities have signified their willingness to agree to such a scheme, and bryological friends in the United States have intimated their willingness to enter upon it—indeed, a proposal on exactly similar lines has been made on their part to M. Cardot. An agreed price of 10,000 f. has been mentioned between the Museum and M. Cardot; and the proposal to raise one-fourth of that amount in this country would at present rate of exchange entail a sum of between £60 and £70.”

Mr. H. N. Dixon, F.L.S., is acting as Treasurer of the fund, and contributions will be gladly received by him at

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Northampton.



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