

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTICES.

A Handbook of British Mosquitoes. By WILLIAM DICKSON LANG. Pp. 125 & pls. i.-v. London: printed by Order of the Trustees of the British Museum. 1920.

THIS Handbook gives an account of the twenty-one species of mosquito inhabiting the British Islands, illustrated by 132 excellent text-figures and 5 coloured plates; the latter represent the females of *Anopheles maculipennis* (the common malaria-conveying mosquito of Europe), *bifurcatus*, and *plumbeus*, and *Ochlerotatus caspius* and *nemorosus*. Nine genera are enumerated, and the earlier stages, as well as the imago, of most of the species are described and figured in detail. *A. maculipennis*, it may be observed, is stated to be abundant in Britain, wherever breeding conditions are suitable, and the larva has even been found in brackish-water dykes on the coast of Kent.

The price charged for the Handbook is unfortunately high, due to the great cost of illustrations and printing at the present time, and this may to some extent restrict the sale of a very useful publication.

Barbados-Antigua Expedition.—Narrative and Preliminary Report of a Zoological Expedition from the University of Iowa to the Lesser Antilles under the auspices of the Graduate College. By Prof. C. C. NUTTING. *University of Iowa Studies in Natural History*. Vol. VIII. No. 3. Iowa City: year of publication not given [? 1920], Preface dated May 5th, 1919. Pp. 274 & pls. 1.

THIS work, as stated in the Preface, is intended as a companion volume to the 'Narrative and Preliminary Report of the Bahama Expedition from the State University of Iowa,' published in 1895. The islands visited by the present expedition were St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. Kitts, Antigua, Dominica, and Barbados, and headquarters were made on Pelican Island, off the coast of Barbados, and English Harbour, Antigua. These Lesser Antilles were found to be a much poorer field than the Bahamas, Cuba, and the Florida Keys, and the amount of dredging that could be done in water over 100 fathoms deep was much less; hence the deep-sea novelties were by no means so conspicuous as those described in the Reports of the Bahama Expedition. Notes on the zoology, geology, and botany of Antigua are given on pp. 174-223, a few insects (Lepidoptera and Hemiptera) being mentioned by Mr. D. Stoner. The work is illustrated by a sketch-map and forty-nine extremely good photographic plates. The collections made have been placed in the hands of specialists, and doubtless will be dealt with by them in subsequent Reports.

Furniture-beetles, their Life-history, and how to check or prevent the damage caused by the Worm. By CHARLES J. GAHAN, D.Sc. British Museum (Natural History): Economic Series, No. 11. 1920.

THIS very useful illustrated pamphlet of twenty-four pages, issued at the extremely low price of 6d., contains an account of the five



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