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PREFACE TO PART I

THE following pages constitute the first part of a text-book of entomology that the writer has in preparation. This first part is published in advance of the completion of the entire work in response to the request of some teachers who desire that it be available for the use of their classes.

The early publication of this part of the book will not only render it immediately available but will also afford an opportunity for the suggestion of desirable changes to be made before it is incorporated in the complete work. Such suggestions are earnestly invited by the writer.

In writing this text-book much use has been made of material published in my earlier works, notably in "An Introduction to Entomology" published in 1888 and long out of print, "A Manual for the Study of Insects," in the preparation of which I was aided by Mrs. Comstock, and in the "Wings of Insects," more recently published. The more important of the other sources from which material has been drawn are indicated in the text and in the bibliography at the end of the volume. References to the bibliography are made in the text by citing the name of the author and the year in which the paper quoted was published.

A serious obstacle to the popularization of Natural History is the technical names that it is necessary to use. In order to reduce this difficulty to a minimum the pronunciation of these names is indicated by indicating the length of the vowel that receives the primary accent.

The original figures and the copies of published figures in the first chapter were drawn by Miss Anna C. Stryke; those in the three following chapters, by Miss Ellen Edmonson. I am deeply indebted to each of these artists for the painstaking care shown in her work.

Two objects are kept constantly in mind in the preparation of the text-book of which this volume is a part: first, to aid the student in laying a firm foundation for his entomological studies; and second, to make available, so far as possible in the limited space of a hand-book, a knowledge of the varied phenomena of the insect world. It is hoped that those who use this book will find delight in acquiring a more intimate acquaintance with these phenomena.

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