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3. WHAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN CARING FOR THE COLLECTIONS UNDER YOUR CUSTODY, i.e. IN THEIR PRESERVATION AND INSTALLATION.

Special attention has been given the types and otherwise unique specimens. Better jars and labels have been provided in many cases, tin tags supplied, and many of the incomplete records have been filled out.

The card catalogue of bottled collections has been brought up as far as the time would allow.

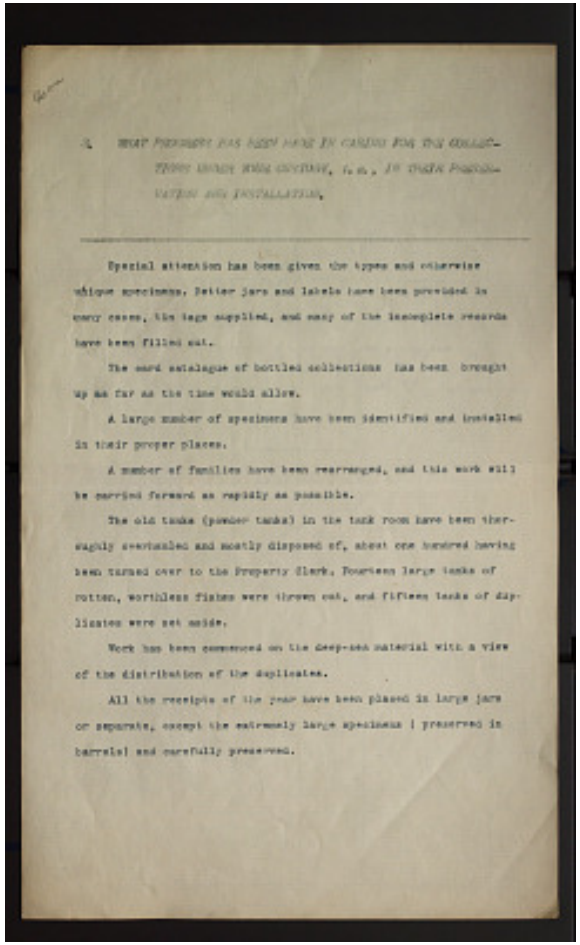
A large number of specimens have been identified and installed in their proper places.

A number of families have been rearranged, and this work will be carried forward as rapidly as possible.

The old tanks (powder tanks) in the tank room have been thoroughly overhauled and mostly disposed of, about one hundred having been turned over to the Property Clerk. Fourteen large tanks of rotten, worthless fishes were thrown out, and fifteen tanks of duplicates were set aside.

Work has been commenced on the deep-sea material with a view of the distribution of the duplicates.

All the receipts of the year have been placed in large jars or separate, except the extremely large specimens (preserved in barrels) and carefully preserved.



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