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PREFACE.

It will easily be understood that the various portions of this Report have not been prepared without a considerable amount of laborious perseverance. Even points of slight importance, such as the derivations of generic names, have involved no little expenditure of time and toil, and (as with those names for which no derivation has been found) sometimes most trouble has been taken where the result is least satisfactory. Considering that the earlier pages were printed off before the work represented by the later pages had shed its light upon them, the Report is unlikely to be wholly free from deficiencies, inconsistencies, and other faults and mischances. In the completed volume it may well happen that many of these will be far easier to detect than they were to avoid. But, whatever the defects that may actually exist, either in the descriptive part of the Report or in that which deals with the literature of the subject, I venture to suppose that they might have been fewer had all the writings taken into account been always at hand to be referred to, compared, and pondered over whenever occasion required, while I am sure that they must have been far more numerous, had I not fortunately met with the different forms of assistance which I now desire most gratefully to acknowledge.

The ready and courteous liberality with which the Royal, the Linnean, and the Zoological Societies of London, the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and the Advocates' Library, place their rich stores of literature at the service of the student, has laid me,