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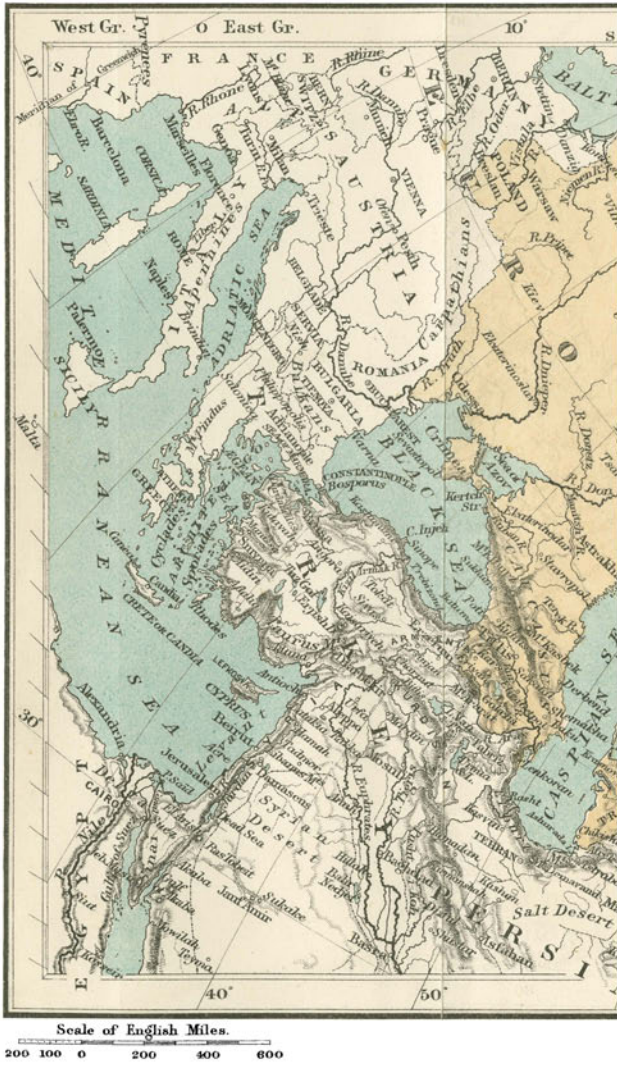
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PREFACE.



IN the compilation of the following pages, I have been guided rather by a desire to awaken an interest in the reader regarding Frozen Asia, than by any hope of producing a volume that could in any way pretend to deal commensurately with so vast a subject. Limited in space, I have endeavoured to select such matters as I thought would prove of general interest, but I deeply regret the inexorable necessity that has precluded my entering at length into many interesting subjects, now left wholly untouched, or pencilled in the merest outline. I have to tender my hearty thanks to my friend Mr. William W. Waddington, of Brazenose College, for the great assistance he has rendered me throughout my task. To his pen I am indebted for the geological sketch of Siberia, and for the Samöeide folk lore stories, as well as for many valuable hints and suggestions throughout the whole of the work. To Professor Owen I must express my gratitude for the kindness with which he met my inquiries concerning the mammoth, and I am much indebted to Mr. John Carrick Moore for information on the same subject. To Messrs. Bates and Rye,

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of the Royal Geographical Society, are also due my best thanks for the facilities they so kindly afforded me in writing the section on "Modern Exploration." Lastly, I must acknowledge my debt to the Rev. Edmund McClure, who first brought the Samöeide stories under my notice. I may mention that the geographical nomenclature followed in this volume is that adopted by Mr. Stanford; but in all quotations I have rigidly respected the text of the several authors.

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