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PREFACE.

THE main facts here presented, together with the numerical results of the field reductions, were communicated to the National Academy of Sciences at their session of January, 1867.

The definite reductions were made during the spring and summer of 1867, Mr. A. T. Mosman assisting in them until May, when he was ordered elsewhere, and Mr. S. C. Chandler, jr., then taking the principal part in them, until they were essentially completed in the following October.

This report, in its present form, was prepared during the year 1867, except the final chapter upon the velocity of the signals, which has chiefly been written during the present month, since receiving from the Superintendent of the Survey permission to print the report.

B. A. GOULD.

Cambridge, Massachusetts, February, 1869.

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