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PREFACE.

THE present Guide has been prepared with the object of being of service not only to those who endeavour to learn something from a cursory view of the collections on a single visit to the Museum, but also to those who desire, by closer study, to acquaint themselves with the general arrangement and the principal features of the members of this class of animals.

In the preparation of the parts relating to the Mammalian and Osteological Galleries much assistance has been given by Mr. Oldfield Thomas, the Assistant in charge of these collections. The portion describing the contents of the Cetacean Gallery has been written by the Director, Professor Flower, F.R.S.

ALBERT GÜNTHER.

Zoological Department, February 14, 1885.

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PREFACE TO THE FOURTH EDITION.

THE alterations introduced into the present edition consist chiefly in changes of nomenclature, and in references to the more important additions which have been placed on exhibition since the previous issue of this Guide: such as specimens of the Two-humped Camel of Central Asia, of the Pigmy Hippopotamus of Liberia, of a fullgrown ram of Hodgson's Sheep; skeletons of the Killer-Whale and Grey Whale of the North Pacific; the recently discovered Mole-like Marsupial from Central Australia. opening-up of the countries of Eastern and Central Africa has yielded several new and interesting forms of Antelope, whilst Mr. St. G. Littledale has enriched the collection with a pair of the European Wild Bison, a series of Polo's Sheep, and several other large game-animals, all obtained by himself during his expeditions into the Caucasus and Central Asia. exhibition of heads and horns of big game will be found considerably enlarged by a magnificent donation of A. O. Hume, Esq., C.B., who has presented to the Trustees the whole of his Collection of Indian Mammals.

A. G.

Zoological Department, July 3, 1892.



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