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#### PREFACE TO THE THIRD EDITION.

In this, the Third Edition of my little school-book, I have somewhat altered the original plan of the work, and have restricted its subject-matter to the general rudiments of Physical Geography. The last three chapters of the earlier editions have been omitted; while the Introduction and first nine chapters of those editions, which treat of the general phenomena of Physical Geography, and are more elementary than the omitted chapters, have been amplified and illustrated by several additional woodcuts, and, with a tenth chapter on the general form of the land and the geographical distribution of its plants and animals, written for this edition, and the Glossary, form the present work.

All the woodcuts originally given have been redrawn and engraved in the best style of Xylography. The views given for the first time in this edition are those of the Baltoro glacier, the Bore Ghât near Bombay, the Falls of the Paikara river in the Nilgiris, a view of the Ganges in the Himálaya, and one of the magnificent gorge at the junction of the Spiti and the Sutlej, the last three taken from photographs by Messrs. Shepherd and Bourne.

The subject-matter of the last three chapters of the Calcutta editions, treating of the Physical Structure and Climate of India, will be treated at greater length in a separate work to be published hereafter.

H. F. B.

LONDON, 1874.

## PREFATORY NOTE TO THE FIRST EDITION.

THE motive which has led to the preparation of this little work is expressed in the following resolution of the Senior Board of Examiners in Arts of the Calcutta University for the year 1872-73 :- "That in the opinion of this Meeting it is very desirable that elementary text-books, treating of the Natural Sciences, be prepared specially for teaching these subjects to Indian students. The text-books now available, though excellent of their kind, having been prepared for English boys, deal more especially with objects familiar or common in Europe, and have but few references to such as are interesting and familiar to the Indian learner. This want is more especially felt in teaching such subjects as Zoology, Geology, and Physical Geography. . . . The Meeting is of opinion that the extension of Physical Science teaching in India would be greatly facilitated with [the aid of works specially adapted for local teaching]."