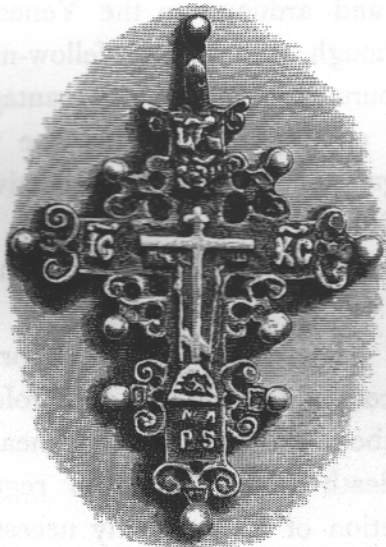


PREFACE

THE following pages contain the narrative of Mr. Seeböhm's two Siberian Expeditions—the first undertaken in 1875 in company with Mr. J. A. Harvie-Brown of Dunipace to the valley of the Petchora; the other, more lengthy and arduous, to the Yenesei river in 1877, when, though without any fellow-naturalist to share his labours, he had the advantage of the companionship of Captain Wiggins, the well-known Siberian navigator. Under the respective titles of "Siberia in Europe" and "Siberia in Asia," the results of these two journeys were published in 1880 and 1882.

Both works having passed out of print, it was arranged to combine them in one volume. Mr. Seeböhm set about the task, and had nearly finished it when his death occurred. With regard to the present completion of it, it is only necessary to say that, though the author has in various places made emendations of his former text, the nomenclature and the ornithology generally are here given as he left them. Certain passages which were unnecessary to a combined edition, or which had been superseded by

subsequent information, have been omitted. Limitation of space has also necessitated the omission of the lengthy footnotes, which chiefly referred to the geographical distribution of birds, but this omission, if not in its entirety, was at all events to a large extent contemplated by the author himself.



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