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## PREFACE TO PART 2

THE years that have intervened between the completion of the first draft of this report and the printing of the two parts of the volume have been an advantage in that several unavoidable changes of names have been pointed out in time to be included in one or other of them. On account of political conditions, however, but little new exploration or collecting has been done within the area here covered so that additions in the meanwhile have been very few. A notable expedition was that of Mr. Brooke Dolan, II, to western Szechwan and eastern Tibet in 1934-36, resulting in the rediscovery of M'Neill's Deer as a species of the Tibetan plateau and in the procuring of specimens of antlered males, so that a better knowledge of it is now available.

Of late years Chinese as well as Japanese students have begun the investigation of Chinese mammals, but some of the proposed new races they have described do not seem to be well defined, and in the lack of suitable material for comparison, they have been hampered in their study.

Much remains to be done in the investigation particularly of the southern portions of China. As a basis for this and other work in the future it is hoped that this volume on the mammals will furnish a useful compendium.

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