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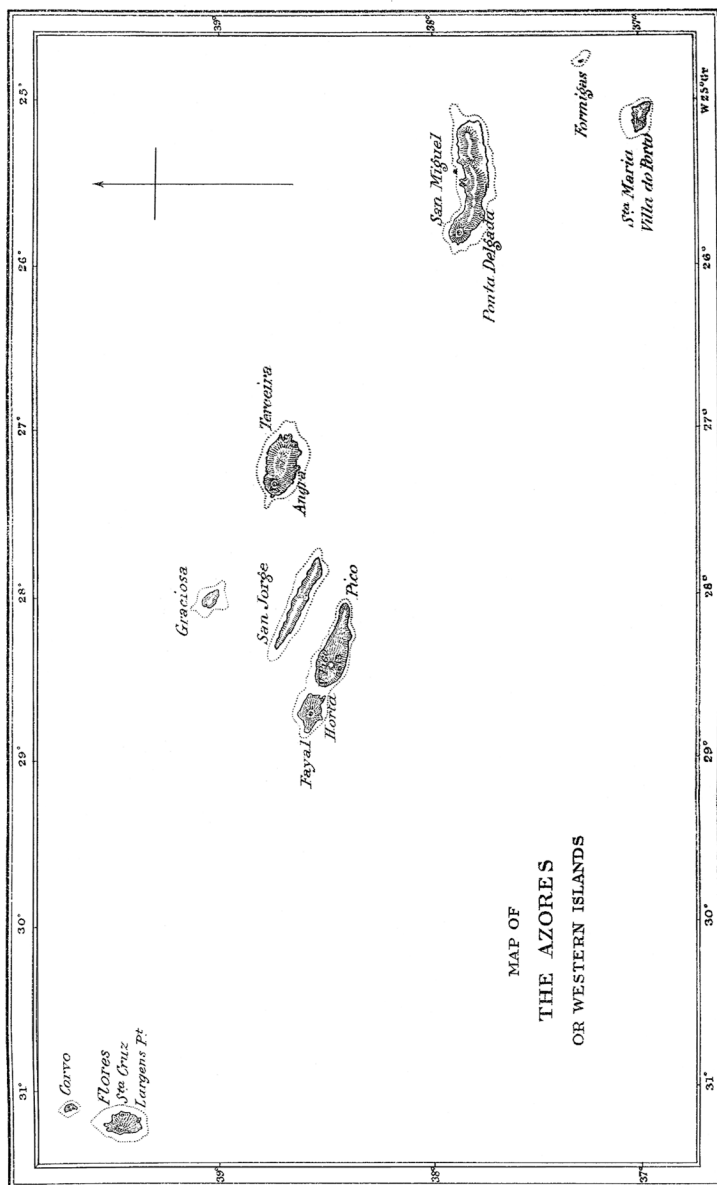
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P R E F A C E.

IN the following pages I have endeavoured to give the result of a personal investigation of the Fauna and Flora of the Azores, made during a four months' visit to the archipelago. The materials accumulated during my stay consisted of numerous specimens, illustrating nearly every branch of Natural History. Since my return, these have been placed in the hands of several naturalists for determination. In their various reports, which constitute a large portion of this volume, all that was previously known relating to the Natural History of these islands has been incorporated, thus bringing our knowledge of the subject, in a complete form, down to the present time.

The animal and vegetable life existing in a group of islands like the Azores, separated by a wide expanse of deep sea from any other land, possesses a special interest. It is by the investigation of the indigenous products of such isolated spots that the greatest amount of light is to be thrown on the important subjects of the origin and distribution of species. It was with the view of increasing our knowledge on these