PREFACE.

In giving a new edition of Kirby's Bridgewater Treatise to the world, the aim of the Editor has been simply to add a few notes to the text, explanatory of omissions and errors incidental to the condition of Zoological knowledge at the time of its publication.

The arguments of the venerable and reverend author remain untouched; a few slight corrections only have been introduced, where from the advance of science they have become necessary; the illustrative engravings have been corrected by reference to better examples, many new ones have been added, and the whole are inserted in the body of the text, instead of, as heretofore, at the end of the volume.

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