

highly interesting, and unexpected results, have been obtained.

Secondly, to assist the COLLECTOR in his search for Organic Remains—direct attention to those objects which possess the highest interest, and are especially deserving of accurate examination—instruct him in the art of developing and preserving the specimens he may discover—and point out the means to be pursued, for ascertaining their nature, and their relation to existing animals or plants.

Thirdly, to place before the STUDENT a familiar exposition of the elementary principles of Palæontology, based upon a knowledge of the structure and functions of vegetable and animal organization; excite in his mind a desire for further information, and prepare him for the perusal and study of works of a far higher order than these unpretending volumes; and point out the sources from which the required instruction may be derived.

Although fully aware of the very imperfect manner in which these intentions are fulfilled, the Author trusts that the indulgence claimed by one of the most able writers of our times (*Sir E. L. Bulwer*), may be extended to him; and that “if the design be good upon the whole, the work will not be censured too severely for those faults, from which, in parts, its very nature would scarcely allow it to be free.”\*

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\* Preface to the second edition of “THE DISOWNED.”