

kingdoms of nature, already affording ample occupation for a single labourer.

The catalogue of authors whose works have furnished me with the principal facts detailed in these volumes, is too long for insertion in this place. I have not encumbered the pages of the work by continual citations of authorities; but have given references to them only when they appeared to be particularly requisite, either as bearing testimony to facts not generally known, or as pointing out sources of more copious information. It may, however, be proper to mention, that I have more especially availed myself of the ample materials on Comparative Anatomy and Physiology contained in the works of Cuvier, Blumenbach, Carus, Home, Meckel, De Blainville, Latreille, and St. Hilaire, and in the volumes of the Philosophical Transactions, of the Mémoires and Annales du Muséum, and of the Annales des Sciences Naturelles. I should be ungrateful were I not also to acknowledge the instruction I have derived from my attendance on the lectures at the Royal College of Surgeons, delivered successively during many years, by the late Sir Everard Home, Sir Astley Cooper, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Brodie, Mr. Green, and Sir Charles Bell; and also from those of Professor Grant, at the University of London.

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