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## PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION.

THE object of this work is to serve as an Introduction to the larger works by the Author upon the same subject.

The same general plan has been followed as in the 'Advanced Text-Book'—that is to say, more space has been devoted to the Invertebrate Animals than has usually been the case in Introductory works on Zoology. As a result of this, it will perhaps appear to some that comparatively scanty justice has been done to the Vertebrata. It is to be remembered, however, that the Vertebrate Animals are of no greater *zoological* value or interest than any other of the primary divisions of the Animal Kingdom; and the limits of this work peremptorily forbid the introduction of anything beyond purely scientific matter, if each sub-kingdom is to receive its proper quota of description.

The style of the work has been as entirely freed from technicalities as possible, and most of those subjects have been omitted which require a previous acquaintance with the elements of Physiology, since the work is intended to be nothing more than an Introduction to Systematic Zoology.



## PREFACE TO THE FIFTH EDITION.

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IN the present edition the subject-matter has been revised, and the general arrangement of certain of the larger groups of animals has been altered in accordance with the views now most generally accepted by naturalists. It has also appeared advisable to change some of the illustrations, and to add a certain number of additional engravings, which, it is hoped, will assist in the elucidation of the text.

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