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TO

EDWARD BIRKBECK, ESQ., M.P.—

WHOSE INTELLIGENT

APPRECIATION OF, AND UNWEARYING DEVOTION TO,

THE INTERESTS OF BRITISH FISHERMEN,

ARE DESERVING OF UNIVERSAL ADMIRATION—

THIS LITTLE BOOK

IS RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED BY

THE AUTHOR.

PREFACE.

THE Preface is to a book what the beard is to an oyster. Beards and prefaces are useful and ornamental appendages to oysters and books; but the oyster-loving gourmand gulps down only the body of the mollusk, whilst the general reader devours, if he read at all, only the book itself. The beard of the oyster is interesting solely to the naturalist, and the preface to a book has charms for the bookworm alone. Yet the preface, like the postscript to a letter, generally contains the brightest jewel of the writer's thoughts. In this respect my preface will be disappointing because my book, being plain matter of fact, contains all that I have to say. Reader! my task is finished.

The oyster—my little book—a real native, lies open before you. Gulp it down or swallow it at your leisure, as you may be minded; but, whichever you do, may it please your palate and satisfy your digestion.

GREAT YARMOUTH,
OCTOBER, 1881.