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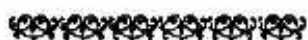
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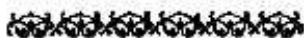
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THE history of this little book is identical with that of "The Connection between Physiology and Intellectual Philosophy," which I published last year.

Each of these volumes contains the substance of a communication made to the Members of the Royal Institution, at one of their Friday evening Meetings.

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Both this book and its predecessor owe not only their origin, but large contributions of material, and great assistance in their composition and arrangement, to a

* Lord Prudhoe.

Society of intimate friends with whom I have the honour to be connected. Both may therefore be regarded as the efforts of a confederacy whose object, as already declared (*vide* Advertisement to "Connection, &c." p. vi.) is "to bring philosophy into a form that might benefit the mass of mankind, instead of being the mere luxury of a few learned men."

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* See Appendix A.