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"As this paper contains nothing which deserves the name either of experiment or discovery, and as it is, in fact, destitute of every species of merit, we should have allowed it to pass among the multitude of those articles which must always find their way into the collections of a society which is pledged to publish two or three volumes every year. . . . We wish to raise our feeble voice against innovations, that can have no other effect than to check the progress of science, and renew all those wild phantoms of the imagination which Bacon and Newton put to flight from her temple."—*Opening Paragraph of a Review of Dr. Young's Bakerian Lecture, Edinburgh Review, January 1803, p. 450.*

"Young's work was laid before the Royal Society, and was made the 1801 Bakerian Lecture. But he was before his time. The second number of the *Edinburgh Review* contained an article levelled against him by Henry (afterwards Lord) Brougham, and this was so severe an attack that Young's ideas were absolutely quenched for fifteen years. Brougham was then only twenty-four years of age. Young's theory was reproduced in France by Fresnel. In our days it is the accepted theory, and is found to explain all the phenomena of light."—*Times Report of a Lecture by Professor Tyndall on Light, April 27, 1880.*

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P R E F A C E.

NOT finding the "well-known German scientific journal *Kosmos*"¹ entered in the British Museum Catalogue, I have presented the Museum with a copy of the number for February 1879, which contains the article by Dr. Krause of which Mr. Charles Darwin has given a translation, the accuracy of which is guaranteed—so he informs us—by the translator's "scientific reputation together with his knowledge of German."²

I have marked the copy, so that the reader can see at a glance what passages have been suppressed and where matter has been interpolated.

I have also presented a copy of "Erasmus Darwin." I have marked this too, so that the

¹ Preface by Mr. Charles Darwin to "Erasmus Darwin." The Museum has copies of a *Kosmos* that was published 1857-60 and then discontinued; but this is clearly not the *Kosmos* referred to by Mr. Darwin, which began to appear in 1878.

² Preface to "Erasmus Darwin."