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PREFACE.

IN this little book I have attempted to bring before my readers the wonderful changes and actions which are going on around them in our atmosphere, and the even more marvellous work which water is performing in nature.

A knowledge of the relations which exist between our health and the air we live in, and of the effects which water and its various impurities have upon our system, is so important, and has so wide a bearing upon the comfort and well-being of the human race, that this knowledge should form an important factor in our National Education.

Unfortunately it is only of late years that the true importance of natural science has been recognized, and it is often found that amongst the well-educated classes but little is known of the subject, whilst in an ordinary commercial education the time devoted to science is small indeed.

I have endeavoured here to tell the story of Air and Water in the simplest possible language, and by divesting my subject as far as possible of scientific technicalities, to make clear to non-scientific readers the wonderful beauty of those great natural processes upon which our healthy life depends, and I hope by so doing to create in them an interest for the subject which shall lead to scientific study for its own sake.

I am indebted to Messrs. Whittingham and Co. for the use of some of the illustrations from my book on *Service Chemistry*, to which I must refer my readers for a more extended discussion of the laws underlying this most beautiful of the sciences.

V. B. L.

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