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P R E F A C E.

As it may fairly be claimed for my father that he was the first to popularise natural history, and to render it interesting, and even intelligible, to non-scientific minds, it has been thought advisable that some account of his life and labours should be prepared and published while his memory is yet fresh in the minds of those who have read his books or listened to his lectures. In the following pages, therefore, I have endeavoured to describe his three-fold work as clergyman, author, and lecturer, and at the same time to give a short account of his public and private life from his early boyhood to the closing days of his life.

Unfortunately for the labours of a biographer, the diaries which he left behind him—and which are by no means continuous—are extremely scanty, and often for many weeks together there is nothing but the barest entry of work done and letters written, without amplification or details of any kind. By the aid

of family information, however, I have, I think, been enabled to fill in the gaps; and I have only to ask that indulgence which all may crave who attempt the most difficult task of giving to the world the account of a father's life.

T. W.

BALDOCK, HERTS.

January, 1890.

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