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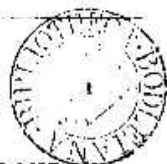
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"There may be a difference of opinion as to the advantage of spending much time upon the study of Botany; but there is one opinion only as to the importance of knowing the names of the plants of which man has to make use, or which he is continually meeting with."—LINDLEY.



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TO

THE REV. JOHN WRIGHT, B.A.,

Of Exih,

AS A SMALL TOKEN OF PERSONAL ESTEEM,

AND OF

ADMIRATION FOR HIS PRACTICAL ENCOURAGEMENT OF RATIONAL THOUGHT

AND EXTENDED EDUCATION

AMONG ALL CLASSES DURING A NUMBER OF YEARS,

AND AS TO A

DEAR FRIEND,

This Volume is Dedicated by

R. H. ALCOCK.



PREFACE.

It is a common complaint among those who wish to know something of Botany that they can make no progress because the scientific names of plants are so hard to learn, and it has occurred to me that something might be done to lessen the difficulty. It is much easier to remember names when they convey some meaning than when they are not understood, and the more information they convey the less liable are they to be forgotten. I have attempted in the following pages to explain the scientific names of British plants in a popular manner, so as to be useful to those who have no knowledge of any foreign language. I have also attached, so far as I could, the oldest authority for each name, in order to give an idea of its history; and, as this required some account of the authorities themselves, I have divided the work into two parts, the first of which is an