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With their Habitats and Principal Stations.

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"Benedicite universa germinantia in terra DOMINO : laudate et superexaltate  
Eum in saecula."

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WHOSE RESEARCHES HAVE LARGELY ELUCIDATED

THE PTERIDOLOGY OF DEVON

*These Pages are Affectionately Dedicated*

IN MEMORY OF MUCH PAST KINDNESS

BY  
HIS UMQUHILE CURATE





## PREFACE.

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THIRTY years and more have elapsed since the publication by Messrs. Jones and Kingston of the *FLORA DEVONIENSIS*, during which period a large number of plants have been added to the floral wealth of England's fairest county, which have found no permanent record in a collected form. A very excellent Flora of Sidmouth exists, and a very incorrect one of Totnes. Messrs. Goulding and Keys have recorded the *rariores* of Plymouth in a local magazine, and various papers have appeared from time to time in the pages of the *Phytologist*. I have endeavoured to combine these scattered treasures with the result of my own observation and that of others, whose names will be found elsewhere; and now venture to offer the work, which has occupied me at intervals for the last three years, to the botanical public. That no errors have crept in, in the process of compiling from a large number of *MSS.*, it would be vain to hope; but I trust that the list will be found tolerably complete and fairly correct.

For the arrangement of the *Flowering Plants* I have followed Mr. Babington's *Manual* (Van Voorst, 1856),

and, with a few exceptions, in the nomenclature. For the *Ferns*, &c., I have had recourse to the wellknown works of Mr. Moore of Chelsea Gardens, who enters more into the varieties (in which Devon abounds) than Mr. Babington. Dubious plants have been enclosed in brackets.

Let me take this opportunity of offering my cordial thanks to all who have been kind enough to help me, among whom I must specially mention the *Rev. G. B. Warren* of Heavitree, but for whose kind nursing my botanical hantling would have perished in its infancy; and *C. Eyre Parker, Esq.*, of Torquay, to whose voluminous and elaborate contributions I am greatly indebted. To all Devonians I have only to say, Buy my book, and of any errors or omissions you may find therein send me notice, and they shall be corrected in a second edition, if you ever call for one.

Pewsey Rectory, 1860.

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