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THE following sheets make up the First Fasciculus of Professor M^cCoy's Descriptive Catalogue of the British Palæozoic Fossils that have been placed by myself in the Woodwardian Museum. It is devoted to the *Radiata* and *Articulata*; and a second Part (to be published, I trust, before the expiration of this year) will complete the series, and give a corresponding list of the Palæozoic *Mollusca* and *Vertebrata*. The entire Catalogue will extend to about five hundred pages, and will be followed by about twenty-three plates, eleven of which appear with the present Fasciculus.

Those species only are figured which are either new, or exhibit some character that has not been brought out in the figures published in previous works. All the drawings have been made in the Museum, with great care and labour, by Mr G. West, under Professor M^cCoy's immediate direction (with the exception of Pl. 1. G.) and will, I trust, be of value to palæontologists, and especially to those academic students who have a daily opportunity of examining the collection in the Cambridge Museum.*

I can claim no merit from the Part now published, except that of having brought the collection together, and given it a permanent academic place, and of having for nearly four years secured the very valuable assistance of Professor M^cCoy. But the work, when complete, will contain a Preface, in which I shall endeavour to give a short history of the manner in which the collection has been formed; partly by my own labours—continued, with some interruptions, for more than thirty years—and partly by the assistance of my friends and fellow-students.

The Preface will end with a synopsis of the different natural groups into which the whole British Palæozoic series may be separated—both on the evidence of actual sections, and on the Palæontological evidence supplied by the Catalogue. I may so far anticipate the result as to state, that the natural groups will be described in the following order:—

* Mr. J. W. Salter's descriptions of several fossils in this work have been already printed; and will appear with the second Fasciculus in the form of an Appendix, as they contain references to a Plate not yet prepared for the engraver.

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