

P R E F A C E

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In verbis non simus faciles ut conveniamus in re.

BY the title of this small work the reader is promised a Treatise on the External Characters of Fossils; I have, however, taken the liberty of rather exceeding its limits, expressing at the same time my ideas on the deficiencies of Mineralogy in general, and on the means of removing them.

Among these I consider as one of the principal, the neglect of descriptions of fossils according to External Characters; and as I hold such descriptions to be most needful in Mineralogy, my attention has been chiefly directed to the consideration of the External
Characters