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PREFACE.

THE present edition of Paley's "Natural Theology" has been prepared at the request of the Society, the object proposed being an issue of this standard work, with such alterations in the illustrative part of the text as are required by the progress of science since the author's time. This remark will be found to apply chiefly to the anatomical and physiological illustrations, but not exclusively so. The natural history, in all its departments, has also been revised; indeed the revision has been extended throughout the volume. Yet care has been exercised not in any way to interfere with the general plan and argument of Paley, and to preserve his style and diction as much as possible: the deviations from the original text are such only as were rendered necessary to fulfil the condition on which the task was undertaken. This