PRELIMINARY REMARKS.

ON THE PLAN OF THE WORK, AND THE ARRANGEMENT OF THE SUBJECTS IT EMBRACES.

WITH the view of economising space, and of avoiding the usual practice of copying figures and descriptions from works of easy access, I beg to recommend the three following, as a library of reference for the student; I shall thus be able to abridge my remarks on some subjects which it is necessary should be fully illustrated, and that are treated of at large in those volumes. By such an arrangement I hope to afford the student a comprehensive view of the science, render the work more extensively useful, and restrict it within the limits which as a guide or hand-book it would be inconvenient to exceed; at the same time it will be complete in itself, and contain all the information which may be required by the amateur or general reader, for the study of organic remains.

1. Dr. Buckland's Bridgewater Treatise: 2 vols. 8vo.—These volumes contain more accurate and beautiful figures of organic remains than any