

EDITOR'S PREFACE TO THE NEW ENGLISH EDITION.

THE "History of Creation" has been so much modified by its author, Professor Haeckel, in its successive German editions, and so much new matter introduced, that it was felt to be desirable that a new English edition of the work should be prepared. The translation of the new matter, which amounts to nearly half of the whole work, has been made by Miss Schmitz from the eighth German edition, published in 1889, and revised by me. The new portions of the work have been necessitated by the progress of knowledge since the appearance of the first English translation in 1876. They comprise an account of recent theories which have grown out of Darwin's great doctrine, and of many new results of investigations, such as those made by the naturalists of the *Challenger* Expedition, and others who, like Professor Haeckel himself, have taken part in describing the rich stores of zoological specimens brought home by H.M.S. *Challenger*.

The book in its present form cannot fail to interest all who have a taste for natural history. It may be safely trusted as an introduction to the study of modern biology, provided that the reader will remember that there are