

PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION.

IN the preparation of this elementary work upon the Principles of Agriculture, the author has been desirous of avoiding, as far as possible, the use of technical terms, in cases where other terms in general use would convey the same idea. When it has been necessary to employ such terms, they have been explained in the simplest possible manner, so as to render the book intelligible to all classes of readers. Although the work is strictly elementary, the author has considered it desirable to draw attention to certain points in practice and in theory, which seem to be insufficiently recognized by many of our practical and scientific agriculturists.

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PREFACE TO THE SIXTH EDITION.

THE call for a Sixth large Edition of this work for use in the United Kingdom, coupled with the fact that it has already been translated into eight foreign languages and that it is also largely used in the Colonies, is exceedingly gratifying to the Author, who hopes that it may continue to assist, even in some small degree, in the development of Agricultural Science.

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