

P R E F A C E
TO THE
SEVENTH EDITION.

IN less than twelve months 'The Cruise of H.M.S. *Challenger*' has run through six English editions, has been republished in the United States and Canada, and translated into several continental languages; this speaks for itself, and cannot be other than gratifying to the author. In the present new edition, published at a lower price for a wider public, the text has been carefully revised, considerable new matter added (for which I take this opportunity of thanking most cordially my friend and late shipmate, Paymaster R. R. Richards), and some of the faults in former editions have been removed in the hope of making the narrative of this now famous voyage still more worthy of the favour with which it has hitherto been received.

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