

PREFACE TO THE THIRD EDITION

This third edition, which is the second in English, also includes 100 plates; very few new elements have been brought about, dealing with subsidiary stratigraphical and paleontological remarks which do not much alter the previous text.

Thanks to observations received from readers of the first and second editions, a number of corrections have been made and additional information embodied in this work, and suggestions for further emendations and improvements will be welcomed.