

THE  
VOYAGE OF H.M.S. CHALLENGER.

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ZOOLOGY.

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REPORT on the POLYZOA collected by H.M.S. Challenger during the years 1873-76. By GEORGE BUSK, F.R.S., V.P.L.S., &c.

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**PART I.—THE CHEILOSTOMATA.**

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INTRODUCTION.

WHEN at Sir Wyville Thomson's request I undertook the description of the Polyzoa collected on the Voyage of the Challenger, I had formed no idea of the extent of the task I had imposed on myself, nor of the time, amidst other engagements, that would be required for its due execution, which I can only regret has been so protracted.

One result of the delay in publication has necessarily been to diminish to a considerable extent the originality of my Report, as regards the introduction of new species.

More especially during the last eight or nine years the number of workers in all parts of the world in the subject of the Marine Polyzoa has been much increased, with, of course, a corresponding addition to the number of new species. As amongst these there are many that I had previously noticed in the Challenger Collection, and to which, in the progress of my work, I had assigned names, which were unfortunately appended to the Plates as they were printed off, it became necessary to make the numerous changes of nomenclature which will be noticed in the Explanations of the Plates.