TO

THE REVEREND JOSEPH GOODALL, D.D.,

F.A.S., F.L.S., F.H.S., F.Z.S.

PROVOST OF ETON COLLEGE,

THIS

MONOGRAPH OF THE TROGONIDÆ

IS RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED.

Reverend Sir,

IN dedicating to you this Monograph of one of the most beautiful and interesting tribes of birds, I wish to testify my feelings of respect and esteem for one, who, endowed with profound literary and scientific attainments, has long filled with so much ability the highest station in the most celebrated of our public Colleges, that College being the pride and ornament of a Town in which I resided for many years: and I am the more anxious to pay you this just tribute, as you have not only noticed and encouraged my own humble efforts to advance the study of that branch of natural history to which I have attached myself, but have ever most liberally contributed towards the promotion of science in general: permit me then to offer you this public testimonial of my respect and gratitude, and to remain,

Reverend Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

JOHN GOULD.