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PREFACE

THIS volume completes the collection of my Father's published papers. The two last papers (Nos. 445 and 446) were left ready for the press, but were not sent to any channel of publication until after the Author's death.

Mr W. F. Sedgwick, late Scholar of Trinity College, Cambridge, who had done valuable service in sending corrections of my Father's writings during his lifetime, kindly consented to examine the proofs of the later papers of this volume [No. 399 onwards] which had not been printed off at the time of the Author's death. He has done this very thoroughly, checking the numerical calculations other than those embodied in tables, and supplying footnotes to elucidate doubtful or obscure points in the text. These notes are enclosed in square brackets [] and signed W. F. S. It has not been thought necessary to notice minor corrections.

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Page viii, line 4.
                     For end lies read ends lie.
      64, line 8.
      86, last line. For 1882 read 1881.
      89, line 10. Insert comma after maximum.
      144, line 6 from bottom. For D read D.
      324, equation (8). Insert negative sign before the single
                                                                              And Theory of Sound, Vol. 1.
              integral.
                                                                            (1894), p. 477, equation (8) and
        ,, line 2 from bottom. For (1) read (5).
                                                                           last line, and p. 478, line 12.
      325, line 10. For -nVH read +n\rho VH.
      442, line 9. After \frac{\rho'-\rho}{\rho'} insert y.
      443, line 9. For (7) read (8).
      443, line 10. For \eta read \xi.
      446, line 10. For \phi read \phi'.
      448, line 5. For v read c.
      459, line 17. For 256, 257 read 456, 457.
      492, line 7 from bottom. For r\sqrt{2n} read r/\sqrt{2n}.
      494, lines 10 and 12. For -\frac{2mr^2}{n^2-4m^2}\cos 2\theta \ read + \frac{2mr^2}{n^2-4m^2}\cos 2\theta.
      523, line 9. For n/\lambda read n/k.
      524. In the second term of equations (32) and following for \Delta K^{-1} read \Delta \mu^{-1}.
  ,, 525, line 11. For f read f_1.
  ,, 526, line 13. For f: g \ read \ f_1: g_1.
  ,, 528, line 3 from bottom. For eint read ei(nt-kro).
  ,, 538, line 11 from bottom. This passage is incorrect (see Vol. vi. Art. 355, p. 41).
  ,, 556. In line 8 after (15) add with s\phi - \frac{1}{2}\pi for s\phi; in line 9 for \delta A_s read \delta A_s'; and for line
                                    +\delta A_s' as \{\cos \frac{1}{2}s\pi + \cos (\frac{1}{2}s\pi + s\pi)\} F.
             10 substitute
             Throughout lines 12-25 for A_s, A_1, A_2, ... A_6, \delta A_s read A_s', A_1', A_2', ... A_6', \delta A_s';
             for \sin \frac{1}{2} s \pi read -\cos \frac{1}{2} s \pi; and reverse the signs of the expressions for A_2', A_4', A_6'.
             Similarly, in Theory of Sound, Vol. 1. (1894), p. 427, substitute s\phi + \frac{1}{2}\pi for s\phi in (32)
              (see p. 424), and in lines 11-26 for A's, As, \delta A_s read As, A's, \delta A'_s, and for sin read
              + cos. Also in (43) and (47) for s^2 - s read s^3 - s. [In both cases the work done corre-
              sponding to \delta A_s vanishes whether s be odd or even.]
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VOLUME II.

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,, 197, line 19. For nature read value.

,, 240, line 22. For dp/dx read dp/dy.

,, 241, line 2. For du/dx read du/dy.

,, 244, line 4. For k/n read n/k.

,, 323, lines 7 and 16 from bottom. For Thomson read C. Thompson.

,, 345, line 8 from bottom. For as pressures read at pressures.

,, 386, lines 12, 15, and 19. For cos CBD read cos CBB'.

,, 389, line 6. For minor read mirror.

,, 414, line 5. For favourable read favourably.

,, 551, first footnote. For 1866 read 1886.
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ERRATA XV

VOLUME III.

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Page 11, footnote. For has read have.
 ,, 92, line 4. For Vol. I. read Vol. II.
 ,, 129, equation (12). For e^{u(i-x)}dx read e^{u(i-x)}du.
 ,, 162, line 19, and p. 224, second footnote. For Jellet read Jellett.
 ,, 179, line 15. For Provostaye read De la Provostaye.
 ,, 224, equation (20). For 2\chi read \chi.
                                                           And Theory of Sound, Vol. 1. (1894),
      ,, second footnote. For p. 179 read p. 343. p. 412, equation (12), and p. 423 (footnote).
     231, line 5 of first footnote. For 171 read 172.
     273, lines 15 and 20. For \{\phi(x)\}^2 read \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \{\phi(x)\}^2 dx.
     314, line 1. For (38) read (39).
     326. In the lower part of the Table, under Ampton for c^{\dagger}+4 read e^{\dagger}+4, and under Terling
           (3) for b^{0} + 6 read b + 6 (and in Theory of Sound, Vol. 1. (1894), p. 393).
     522, equation (31). Insert as factor of last term 1/R.
     548, second footnote. For 1863 read 1868.
     569, second footnote. For alcohol read water.
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VOLUME IV.

14, lines 6 and 8. For 38 read 42. 267, lines 6, 10, and 20, and p. 269, line 1. For van t' Hoff read van 't Hoff. Also in Index, p. 604 (the entry should be under Hoff). 277, equation (12). For dz read dx. 299, first footnote. For 1887 read 1877. ,, 369, footnote. For 1890 read 1896. 400, equation (14). A formula equivalent to this was given by Lorenz in 1890. ,, 418. In table opposite 6 for .354 read .324. 453, line 8 from bottom. For $\frac{2}{n-1}$ read $-\frac{2}{n-1}$. 556, line 8 from bottom. For reflected read rotated. ,, 570, line 7 (Section III). For 176 read 179. ,, 576, line 7 from bottom. For end lies read ends lie. " 586, line 20. ,, 582, last line. For 557 read 555. " 603. Transfer the entry under Provostaye to De la Provostaye. 604. Transfer the entry II 553 from W. Weber to H. F. Weber.

580, line 3. Prof. Orr remarks that a is a function of r.

VOLUME V.

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43, line 19. For (5) read (2).
187, line 14. μ is here used in two senses, which must be distinguished.
149, line 3. For P<sub>0</sub> read P<sub>1</sub>.
209, footnote. For xlx. read xlx.
241, line 10 from bottom. For position read supposition.
255, first footnote. For Matthews read Mathews.
256, line 6. For 1889 read 1899.
265, line 16 from bottom. For § 351 read § 251.
15, , , For solution read relation.
266, lines 5 and 6, and Theory of Sound, § 251. An equivalent result had at an earlier date been obtained by De Morgan (see Volume vi. p. 233).
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286, line 7. For a read x.



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Page 364, title, and p. ix, Art. 320. After Acoustical Notes add vII., 409, first line of P.S. For anwer read answer.
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,, 444, line 2 of footnote. For p. 441, line 9 read p. 442, line 9.

,, 496, equation (4). Substitute equation (19) on p. 253 of Volume vi. (see pp. 251—253), reading $\left(\frac{l'}{l} - \frac{l}{l'}\right)$ for $\left(\frac{l'}{l} + \frac{l}{l'}\right)$.

,, 549, equation (48). For e^{-ikr} read e^{-ikr_0} .

7, 619, line 3. Omit the second expression for $J_n(n)$.
7, $J_n(n)$.
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7, $J_n(n)$.
8, $J_n(n)$.
9, $J_n(n)$.

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- ,, 4, first footnote. After equation (8) add:—Scientific Papers, Vol. v. p. 619. See also Errata last noted above.
- ,, 5, line 3. For $(2n+1)z^2 = 4n(n+1)(n+2)$ read $z^2 = 2n(n+2)$, so that z^2 is an integer.
- ,, 11, last footnote. For § 230 read § 250 (fourth edition).
- ,, 13, equation (17). For $\frac{4}{5}k^4a^4$ read $\frac{5}{4}k^4a^4$.
- ,, 14, footnote. For § 247 read § 251 (fourth edition).
- , 78, footnote. Add: -Scientific Papers, Vol. v. p. 400.
- ,, 87, footnote. Add:—Thomson and Tait's Natural Philosophy, Vol. 1. p. 497.
- , 89, second footnote. For 328 read 329.
- , 90, second footnote. Add: Math. and Phys. Papers, Vol. iv. p. 77.
- ,, 138, footnote. For 1868 read 1865, and for Vol. 11. p. 128, read Vol. 1. p. 526.
- ,, 148, footnote. Add: Scientific Papers, Vol. IV. p. 407, and this Volume, p. 47.
- , 155, footnote. For Vol. iv. read Vol. iii.
- ,, 222, second footnote. For Vol. 11. read Vol. 1. And in Theory of Sound, Vol. 1. (1894), last line of § 207, for 4.4747 read 4.4774
- " 223, line 5 from bottom. For 0.5772156 read 0.5772157.
- ,, 225, line 1. For much greater read not much greater.
- ,, ,, line 6 from bottom. For 13:094 read 3:3274.
- ,, 253, equation (19). For $\left(\frac{l'}{l} + \frac{l}{l'}\right)$ read $\left(\frac{l'}{l} \frac{l}{l'}\right)$.
- ,, 259, line 5. For $-\frac{2}{a}\frac{dy}{dz}$ read $\mp \frac{2}{a}\frac{dy}{dz}$
- ,, 263, equation (24). For $\frac{\omega^2 a}{2T}$ read $\frac{\omega^2 a^3}{2T}$.
- "," "," (25). For $\left(1 \frac{3r^2}{a^2}\right)$ read $\left(1 + \frac{3}{4}\frac{r^2}{a^2}\right)$.
- " 282, footnote. For p. 77 read p. 71.
- ,, 303, line 17. For $\sqrt{(bvc/\kappa)}$ read $\sqrt{(bvc\kappa)}$.
- ,, 307, line 8. For $\frac{d\phi}{dy}$ read $-\frac{d\phi}{dy}$.
- ,, 315, line 2. Delete 195.
- ,, 341, second footnote. Add:-[This Volume, p. 275].
- ,, 351, line 13 from bottom. For Tgρ read T/gρ.