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PREFACE.

It has long been a reproach against English Literature, that the composition of elementary and popular works has been left almost exclusively in the hands of inferior writers, who possess only a general and superficial knowledge of the subjects of which they treat. The influence of this practice upon the diffusion of general and correct knowledge, has been deeply felt by those who are desirous of introducing a system of Education, which embraces a wider range than the ordinary routine of classical instruction. The popular writings of those who acquire a knowledge of science for the purpose of teaching it, differ in the most essential manner from those of a Philosopher, who devotes himself to the task of perspicuous illustration. However correct may be the principles, and however copious the details of a compiled work, it must always be defective in