

PREFACE.

"THE English Reader," and "The Sequel" to that performance, having met with a favourable reception from the public, the compiler has been induced to prepare a small volume, on a similar plan, for the use of children who have made but little progress in reading. It has been his aim to form a compilation, which would properly conduct the young learner from the Spelling-book to the "English Reader :—" and in prosecuting this design, he has been particularly careful to select such pieces as are adapted to the understanding, and pleasing to the taste, of children.

A work calculated for different classes of young readers, should contain pieces suited in point of language and matter, to their various ages and capacities. The compiler, in conformity with this idea, has in several of the chapters, particularly in the chapters of promiscuous pieces, endeavoured to arrange the materials so as to form an easy gradation, adapted to the different progress of the learners. Judicious teachers will know how to apply this arrangement to the years and abilities of their pupils.

Care has been taken to render the language of all the pieces correct and perspicuous ; that the young

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