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PREFACE.

THIS work, in its original form, was first published in 1819 ; since that time it has passed through many editions and impressions ; and it is now for the third time stereotyped.

Modern geography is a branch of science that is continually changing ; and it is necessary that an elementary treatise on the subject should, every few years, undergo a careful revision.

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This work, in the form in which it is now published, has been revised throughout ; a great part of it has been written anew, in order to accommodate it to the present time and to introduce improvements ; and the most of the book may be expected to continue for a considerable time without any great alteration.

The *statistical information*, which is the portion that is most liable to change, being placed in a separate division, may be altered as occasion may require, without affecting the rest of the volume.

The department of *Ancient Geography* has also been revised ; and the portion of *Scripture Geography* has been materially enlarged.

The *Modern and Ancient Atlases* which accompany the "Elements" have likewise been revised and improved ; and the Ancient Atlas has been enlarged by the substitution of six small maps relating to Scripture Geography, instead of the single map of Palestine, which has heretofore been contained in the Atlas.

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This work has long been in use in many of the most respectable schools, academies, and seminaries in this country ; and it is hoped, that, in its present form, it will be found less unworthy of the patronage which the public have been pleased to give it.