

PREFACE.

IN venturing to bring out the present work, the author rests his hope of its being in any measure favourably received, entirely upon the fact, that the subject of which it treats is, comparatively speaking, a new one.

It is true that others have slightly sketched the same subject, in books upon Arctic discovery, and in works of general information; but the very nature of these publications prohibits their entering into a lengthened or minute description of EVERY-DAY LIFE, which is the leading feature of the present work.

The illustrative wood-cuts were executed from drawings made on the spot by the author,—who has slightly changed his plan regarding them,