

## P R E F A C E .

It is said, that, when Socrates had built himself a house, some complained that it was too small. He met this objection with the remark, that, if he could but fill it with friends, it was sufficiently large.

Should any similar charge be brought against my little book, I will only say, that, if the few desultory hints thrown together in it be only acted up to, I trust both the young and all my other kind friends will be satisfied.

S. F.