

PREFACE.

We are aware that the country through which we propose to accompany the intending tourist is no new field, and that there is more than one guide ready to start with him for a by-no-means extravagant remuneration. Our charges, it is now almost unnecessary to state, are likewise on a moderate scale; and we trust we shall not be found an unpleasant companion. Like the Verger, of historical fame, in Westminster Abbey, we shall point out all objects of interest; but, unlike him, we shall not hurry on at a breathless speed, —our pace will be as moderate as the rate of knots per hour performed either by rail or river steamer, will allow; and those who take us for a Cicerone will, we hope, enjoy the time and