

PREFACE TO THE NINTH EDITION

IN issuing another Edition of this Popular Compendium, the Publishers may state, that it has been improved and extended to such a degree as to render it more than ever worthy of the high reputation it has hitherto enjoyed.

Besides being carefully and minutely revised, much additional matter has been interspersed throughout the volume; and at the end of the Ordinary or Political Geography are given the GEOGRAPHY OF PALESTINE OR THE HOLY LAND; an OUTLINE OF MATHEMATICAL GEOGRAPHY AND ASTRONOMY, and a treatise on PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY, illustrated by a coloured Chart of the Globe executed by Messrs W. & A. K. JOHNSTON. These additions extend to a hundred pages; and considering the great interest now taken in Astronomy and Physical Geography, it is hoped that the articles will prove useful both to the student and the general reader.

No labour has been spared to render the work in every respect useful and interesting; and it contains a great deal of new and valuable information with regard to the geographical and territorial changes in both hemispheres, all derived from the most recent and authentic sources. The Publishers therefore feel assured that, in its improved and extended form, it will be found well