



## PREFACE.

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THE peculiar office of a guide, is to point out spots of interest, and relate what is interesting about them. This we have endeavored to accomplish in the following pages ; leaving as much as possible to the mind and taste of the stranger who visits, that he may *see* and *understand*. We have refrained altogether from any poetic distraction, so often indulged in by more fanciful guides.

Our office has been a grand one, but we have endeavored to fill it with that simplicity and modesty, so much more becoming in view of the awful grandeur of the scenes, we humbly lead to. Our only hope being that we have given satisfaction.