

P R E F A C E .

THE main object with which the present edition of the works of Horace is published, is to supply the youth of the British Colonies with a class-book, which may contain within itself a Classical Dictionary, and a Dictionary of Antiquities, as far as the illustration of Horace's writings require those works : and which may, at the same time, supply all other information which seemed necessary to elucidate the text.

The work will not be found deficient in a large quantity of commentary and illustration, which is not to be found in other editions ; but the Editor's chief aim has been to select from the former editions whatever seemed best calculated to render his work practically useful. These selections are acknowledged throughout. The Text is, for the most part, that of Doering, as it appeared in the last Oxford Edition : wherever any deviation therefrom has been made, it is alluded to in the notes.

At the present day it is greatly the fashion to place the commentary and notes at the foot of the page, a practice which considerable experience has shewn the Editor to be injudicious, as, when boys can read the answer to a question from the book, few of them will take the trouble to learn it beforehand.

The Historical Index is almost entirely taken from the improved edition of Lempriere's Classical Dictionary, published by Messrs Longman & Co. of London, in 1843.

The Editor has made a point of acknowledging information which he has taken from other writers ; but lest he may, in any instance, have omitted such an acknowledgment, he takes this opportunity of confessing the obligations which he lies under to Doctor Smith, (Editor of the Dictionary of Antiquities,) Doctor Anthon, Doering, Schlegel, and more particularly to Mr. Donaldson, the talented author