

PREFACE.

"THE ENGLISH READER," and "SEQUEL" to that performance, having met with a favorable reception from the Public, the Compiler has been induced to prepare a small volume, on a similar plan, for the use of children, who have made but little progress in reading. It has been his aim to form a compilation, which would properly conduct the young learner from the Spelling Book to "The English Reader;" and in prosecuting this design, he has been particularly careful to select such pieces as are adapted to the understanding, and pleasing to the taste of children.

A work calculated for different classes of young readers, should contain pieces suited, in point of language and matter, to their various ages and capacities. The Compiler, in conformity with this idea, has endeavored to arrange the materials of each chapter, so as to form an easy gradation, which may be adapted to the different progress of the learners. Judicious Teachers will know how to apply this arrangement to the years and abilities of their pupils.

Care has been taken to render the language of all the pieces correct and perspicuous; that the young learner may improve in style, as well as in reading, and insensibly acquire a taste for accurate composition.—To imbue the tender mind with the love of virtue and goodness, an especial object of the present work: and with this view the pieces have been scrupulously selected; and where necessary, purified from every word and sentiment that could offend the most delicate mind.

As a work tending to season the minds of children with piety and virtue, and to improve them in reading, language, and sentiment, the Compiler hopes it will prove a suitable Introduction to the "English Reader," and other publications of that nature; and also a proper book for those schools, in which, from their circumscribed plan of education, larger works of the kind cannot be admitted.

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THE Compiler has added to this Edition more than twenty pages of matter, which he hopes will be found useful and interesting. He has also given to many of the pieces a new arrangement, calculated to render every part of the work more intelligible and pleasing to young minds.