

P R E F A C E.

In preparing this Work for publication, in a manner adapted for general usefulness at the present time, it has been found necessary to make the following alterations :—

First. As the original title would exclude this volume from a large portion of readers for whose use it is peculiarly suitable, another title has been adopted of a general nature.

Second. It has been found necessary, in order to preserve the connexion of the dialogue, or to supply some deficiency, to add here and there a few sentences connecting the different subjects together : these are enclosed between brackets [], so that the reader will easily distinguish them.

Third. The obsolete words are exchanged for others of similar meaning.

The present abridgment being freed from the numerous digressions of the original Work, will be found calculated for general usefulness among plain readers of the present day.