

P R E F A C E.

The object of this Elementary Work is not to displace any of the valuable Treatises on Algebra generally used in schools, nor does it assume to rank with them. It is intended simply as an introduction to the study of this most interesting science, and as a first book so to initiate the pupil that he may in a very short space of time enter upon the most complete and advanced text-books on the subject, undeterred by any apprehensions of great difficulties to be encountered.

The scholar who has duly attended to his instruction in Arithmetic will find that there is nothing difficult to comprehend in the principles of Algebra; he will see that there is nothing occult to master,