

P R E F A C E.

IN the WONDERS OF GEOLOGY, an intention was expressed of immediately publishing, as a sequel to those volumes, "FIRST LESSONS," or an Introduction for persons wholly unacquainted with the science ; but the appearance of the contemplated work was unavoidably postponed, from year to year, by the long and severe indisposition of the Author.

In the meanwhile several works professing the same object have issued from the press ; among them a volume by a writer, whom a sense of honour, if not of gratitude, should have deterred from interfering, in any manner, with the literary labours of the individual to whom he was mainly indebted for whatever