

AMERICAN PUBLISHERS' NOTICE

TO THE

NEW AND ENLARGED EDITION.

“HUGH MILLER'S ‘Old Red Sandstone,’ to a beginner, is worth a thousand didactic treatises,” said Sir Roderick Impey Murchison in his Address before the British Geological Society. “No geologist can peruse it without instruction and delight,” said Professor Benjamin Silliman in his American Journal of Science. Of the work thus commended by the highest authorities on both sides of the Atlantic, the American publishers now have the pleasure of presenting to the public a new and greatly improved edition.

Geology is emphatically a growing science, and in the hands of no master did it ever grow more rapidly, or to better purpose, than in Hugh Miller's. It thus happened that as edition after edition of his work was called for, he had new facts, new arguments, and new conclusions, wherewith to enrich its pages. Some of these were presented in the prefaces to the successive editions, others were incorporated with the text, and others took the form of notes. Since Mr. Miller's death, a new edition has been given to the public by Mrs. Miller, with a preface from her own pen, notes by other hands, additional plates, and a large amount of new matter selected from Mr. Miller's unpublished writings. The present American edition is re-printed from that; but, to avoid encumbering the volume, the