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ADVERTISEMENT.

It may be proper to state what will be found in this volume. For much of its contents (especially for the "*Introduction*," the whole of the "*Description of the Scenery of the Lakes*," and a considerable portion of the "*Directions and Information for the Tourist*,") Mr. WORDSWORTH is answerable; and he has much satisfaction in having been the means of inducing his friend PROFESSOR SEDGWICK, to contribute "*Three Letters on the Geology of the Lake District*," most valuable for the importance of the matter they contain, and for the vigorous and eloquent style in which they are written.—The "*Botanical Notices*" have been kindly furnished by Mr. GOUGH, the more ample lists of plants in the neighbourhood of Kendal being entirely the fruits of that gentleman's personal researches.—For the remaining contents of the book, original and selected, the Editors hold themselves responsible; the *Itineraries* and admeasurements of distance having been compiled principally from GREEN'S

excellent Guide to the Lakes, in two bulky volumes, of which it has been said, "that they contain the most minute and accurate information extant of the country."

The Diagrams of the Mountains have been drawn expressly for the Work by Mr. FLINTOFF, of Keswick, whose knowledge of the country (as his beautiful Model of the Lake District gives abundant proof) is a sufficient guarantee for their accuracy.

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INTRODUCTION.

MR. WEST, in his well-known *Guide to the Lakes*, recommends, as the best season for visiting this country, the interval from the beginning of June to the end of August; and the two latter months being a time of vacation and leisure, it is almost exclusively in these that strangers resort hither. But that season is by no means the best: the colouring of the mountains and woods, unless where they are diversified by rocks, is of too unvaried a green; and, as a large portion of the vallies is allotted to hay-grass, some want of variety is found there also. The meadows, however, are sufficiently enlivened after hay-making begins, which is much later than in the southern part of the island. A stronger objection is rainy weather, setting in sometimes at this period with a vigour, and continuing with a perseverance, that may remind the disappointed and dejected traveller of those deluges of rain which fall among the Abyssinian mountains, for the annual supply of the Nile. The months of September and October (particularly October) are generally attended with much finer weather; and the scenery is then, beyond comparison, more diversified, more splendid, and beautiful; but, on the other hand, short days prevent long excursions,