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## PREFACE.

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THE present little volume is intended, with one which preceded it, to form part of a descriptive history of the Progress of Civilisation, as far as it can be made interesting to Juvenile Readers, in a series of sketches of the life of races existing at present in various stages of advancement.

In choosing a subject of this kind, I fear I am, in some measure, running counter to the fashion of the day, which, in direct opposition to the "useful knowledge" system of some years ago, seems inclined to receive with favor only what is, or claims to be, "imaginative," and to reject all dealings with "matter of fact." It is, however, precisely because a cultivation of the imagination—of a sense of the beautiful and poetical, is of the highest value, that I regret the adoption of what I believe to be the surest method of extinguishing it. If we look into the history of those