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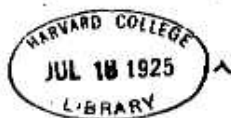
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## ADVERTISEMENT.

THE text followed in this edition is, with a few exceptions, that of Mr. R. C. Browne's edition, published by the Clarendon Press. For the convenience of those who come to the poem for the first time, a short running argument has been added. The Notes have been framed with a view of meeting the requirements of students of various ages; this must excuse what may appear the over-hardness of some and the oversimplicity of others. The essay on Milton's scansion is contributed by a friend. It is hoped that it will succeed in making intelligible the really simple, but (to judge by the notes of commentators) frequently misunderstood rules of Milton's prosody in *Paradise Lost*. As a guide to the young student the poetical elisions are marked in the text by an apostrophe. I have to thank my friend Mr. J. W. Mackail, Fellow of Balliol College, for his kindness in revising the proof-sheets.

H. C. B.

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