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ἀντὶ μὲν ἐχθρᾶς γλώσσης ἐχθρὰ
γλῶσσα τελείσθω· τοὐφειλόμενον
πράσσουσα δίκη μέγ' ἀϋτεῖ·
ἀντὶ δὲ πληγῆς φονίας φονίαν
πληγὴν τινέτω· δράσαντι παθεῖν,
τρεγέρων μῦθος τάδε φονεῖ.

ÆSCH. *Cho.* 309-315.

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1887.

I DEDICATE THIS PLAY,

NO LONGER, AS THE FIRST PART OF THE TRILOGY

WHICH IT COMPLETES WAS DEDICATED,

TO THE GREATEST EXILE, BUT SIMPLY

TO THE GREATEST MAN OF FRANCE:

TO THE CHIEF OF LIVING POETS:

TO THE FIRST DRAMATIST OF HIS AGE:

TO MY BELOVED AND REVERED MASTER

VICTOR HUGO.

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ.

MARY STUART.
MARY BEATON.
QUEEN ELIZABETH.
BARBARA MOWBRAY.
LORD BURGHLEY.
SIR FRANCIS WALSINGHAM.
WILLIAM DAVISON.
ROBERT DUDLEY, *Earl of Leicester.*
GEORGE TALBOT, *Earl of Shrewsbury.*
EARL OF KENT.
HENRY CAREY, *Lord Hunsdon.*
SIR CHRISTOPHER HATTON.
SIR THOMAS BROMLEY; *Lord Chancellor.*
POPHAM, *Attorney-General.*
EGERTON, *Solicitor-General.*
GAWDY, *the Queen's Sergeant.*
SIR AMYAS PAULET.
SIR DREW DRURY.
SIR THOMAS GORGES.
SIR WILLIAM WADE.
SIR ANDREW MELVILLE.
ROBERT BEALE, *Clerk of the Council.*
CURLE *and* NAU, *Secretaries to the Queen of Scots.*
GORION, *her Apothecary.*
FATHER JOHN BALLARD,
ANTHONY BABINGTON,
CHIDIOCK TICHBORNE,
JOHN SAVAGE,
CHARLES TILNEY,
EDWARD ABINGTON,
THOMAS SALISBURY,
ROBERT BARNWELL,
} *Conspirators.*
THOMAS PHILLIPPS, *Secretary to Walsingham.*
M. DE CHATEAUNEUF.
M. DE BELLIÈVRE.

Commissioners, Privy Councilors, Sheriffs, Citizens, Officers and Attendants.

Time—FROM AUGUST 14, 1586, TO FEBRUARY 18, 1587.

ACT I.

ANTHONY BABINGTON.