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DULCE EST DESIPERE IN LOCO.—*Horace.*

DULCE—*Delightful*, says the poet,
EST—*is it*, and right well we know it,
DESIPERE—*to play the fool*
IN LOCO—*when we're out of school.*

W. M. T.



The Pre-Shakspearian
Drama.





The Pre-Shakspearian Drama.



YOUR ODDSHIP, BRETHREN, AND GUESTS.

THE paper which I have been desired to read to you this evening I have called, "A Sketch of the pre-Shakspearian Drama." In the hearing of it some of my listeners may possibly come across details not known to them: and, probably, there will be found in it much which will be familiar to many of them. In any case, I think the subject is