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## INTRODUCTION

IF any apology be required for bringing within the covers of a single volume a selection from both Daniel and Drayton, it must be offered in the circumstance that occasioned it. Having to lecture for the Oxford School of Literature upon the minor Elizabethan poets, I could find no text of either Daniel or Drayton to put into my pupils' hands. Of Drayton indeed Mr A. H. Bullen issued an excellent selection in 1883, but his book is now as scarce as the early copies, and almost as expensive. The only other modern texts I know are Hooper's reprint of the *Poly-Olbion*, and Morley's of the *Barons' Wars* and a few other pieces, a useful book, but neither representative nor discriminating enough for my purpose. Of Daniel there has been no edition<sup>1</sup> since the two little volumes of 1718, and no selection but that of Mr John Morris in 1855 issued to subscribers at Bath. Under these circumstances, Mr Dent generously came to my help, and consented to publish a small book containing the choice poems of both writers.

The association of the two is thus avowedly fortuitous, but it will not, I venture to think, be

<sup>1</sup> Dr Grosart in 1885 issued an edition of 150 copies for private circulation, in which an attempt was made to collate texts. But the notes at the end of this volume will make clear that a satisfactory collation is still wanting.