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PREFACE.

In the kindly notices, by the critics, of "Shake-speare's Heroines on the Stage," the suggestion was made, in a number of instances, that a companion volume, treating of remaining plays and of the Heroes, might prove a useful accompaniment; and for that reason this volume (entirely distinct from the other, and dealing almost entirely with another series of Shakespeare's plays) has been written.

This book, like the "Heroines," is not intended exclusively for the professed lovers of theatrical literature. It is written with the hope of entertaining the masses of people who read Shakespeare's works and see them played, and who would naturally feel interested in knowing how the great actors of the past and present, in England and in America, have interpreted the famous characters on the stage.

Scores of books have been written about Shake-

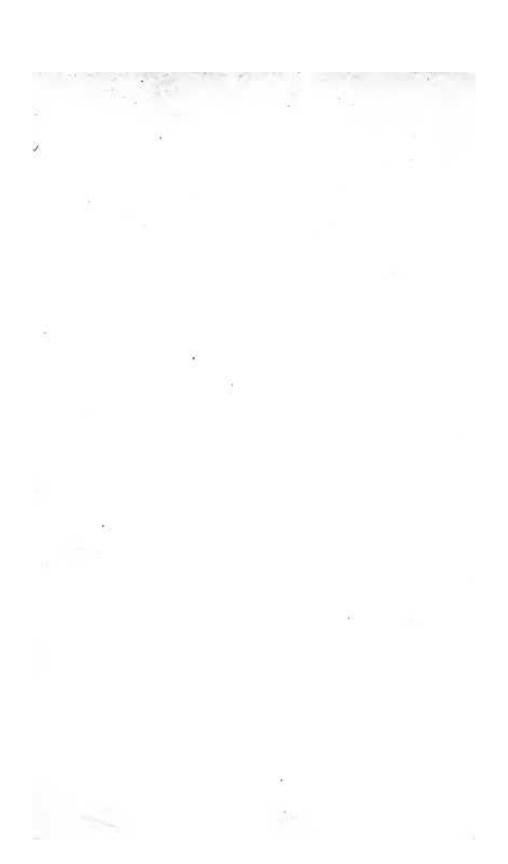
speare's plays, and about theatrical performers; but no book has been published to show how the plays were presented by those performers, and what incidents accompanied the presentations. A field, therefore, has been open to a book of this kind. So far as it fails to fill that field, the fault lies with the author.

The old-time pictures are, for the most part, from the collection of Mr. John Bouvé Clapp of Boston, and in a number of cases reproduce rare prints.

C. E. L. W.



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