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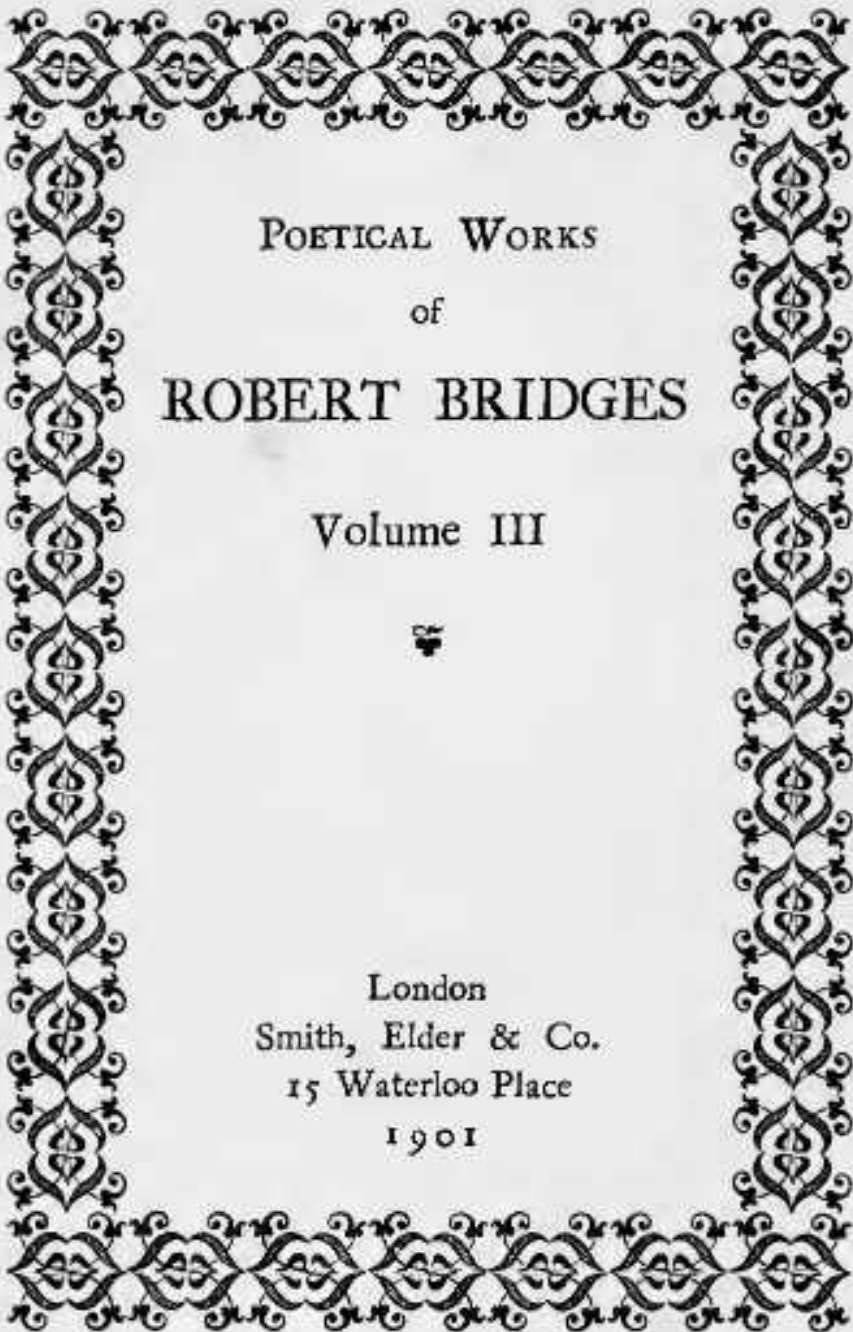
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THE FIRST PART
OF THE
HISTORY
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NERO



A HISTORICAL
TRAGEDY





DRAMATIS PERSONÆ

NERO.

BRITANNICUS stepson to *Agrippina*.

BURRUS praetorian prefect.

SENECA tutor to *Nero*.

LUCAN, the poet, nephew to *Seneca*

OTHO } gentlemen of Rome } friends of *Nero*.

PETRONIUS }

PALLAS master of the imperial household.

TIGELLINUS successor to *Pallas*.

THRASEA, a Stoic } honest senators.

PRISCUS }

ANICETUS an admiral.

PARIS a player, favourite of *Nero*.

SELEUCUS an astrologer.

Messengers, Servants, &c.

AGRIPPINA AUGUSTA. mother to *Nero*.

OCTAVIA wife to *Nero*, sister to *Britannicus*.

POPPÆA wife to *Otho*, loved of *Nero*.

DOMITIA. sister-in-law to *Agrippina*.

FULVIA attendant on *Agrippina*.

Maids, &c.

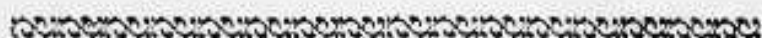
Scene. The first four acts are laid in *ROME*; the fifth
is at *BAIÆ*.



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On the Palatine. THRASEA & PRISCUS.

THRASEA.

IF you ask my advice then, it is silence. You are yet new to the senate, and must learn to give your opinion with least offence.

PRISCUS.

Can you mean this?

Thr. Yes—it is my serious advice.

Pr. Now, unless it were the silence of Brutus . . .

Thr. Hush, hush! Were this repeated, there is no greater peril than that word of yours.

Pr. But to you I know I may speak freely.

Thr. What know you of me?

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