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PREFACE

THIS "Review of Shakespeare's Tragedy of Hamlet" was first published in 1870. Much attention was attracted to it because of the striking point of view from which it is written and its entirely novel and original interpretation of the character of Hamlet. Edwin Booth, the great actor, wrote a letter thanking Miles for this interpretation, which he adopted, and they became good friends. A great English critic has lately said of this Review: "But what strikes us most in the essay is, not only the intensity of the critic's sympathetic appreciation of the poet's work, but his penetrative insight into its essence. Whatever may be thought of its main thesis and of some of its minor contentions, no more vigorous, subtle, and original contribution to American Shakespearian criticism has ever been made."