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*"Had Paradise Lost remained unwritten, the earlier lyrics of Milton
would have ranked him above all his contemporaries in Lyric Poetry."*

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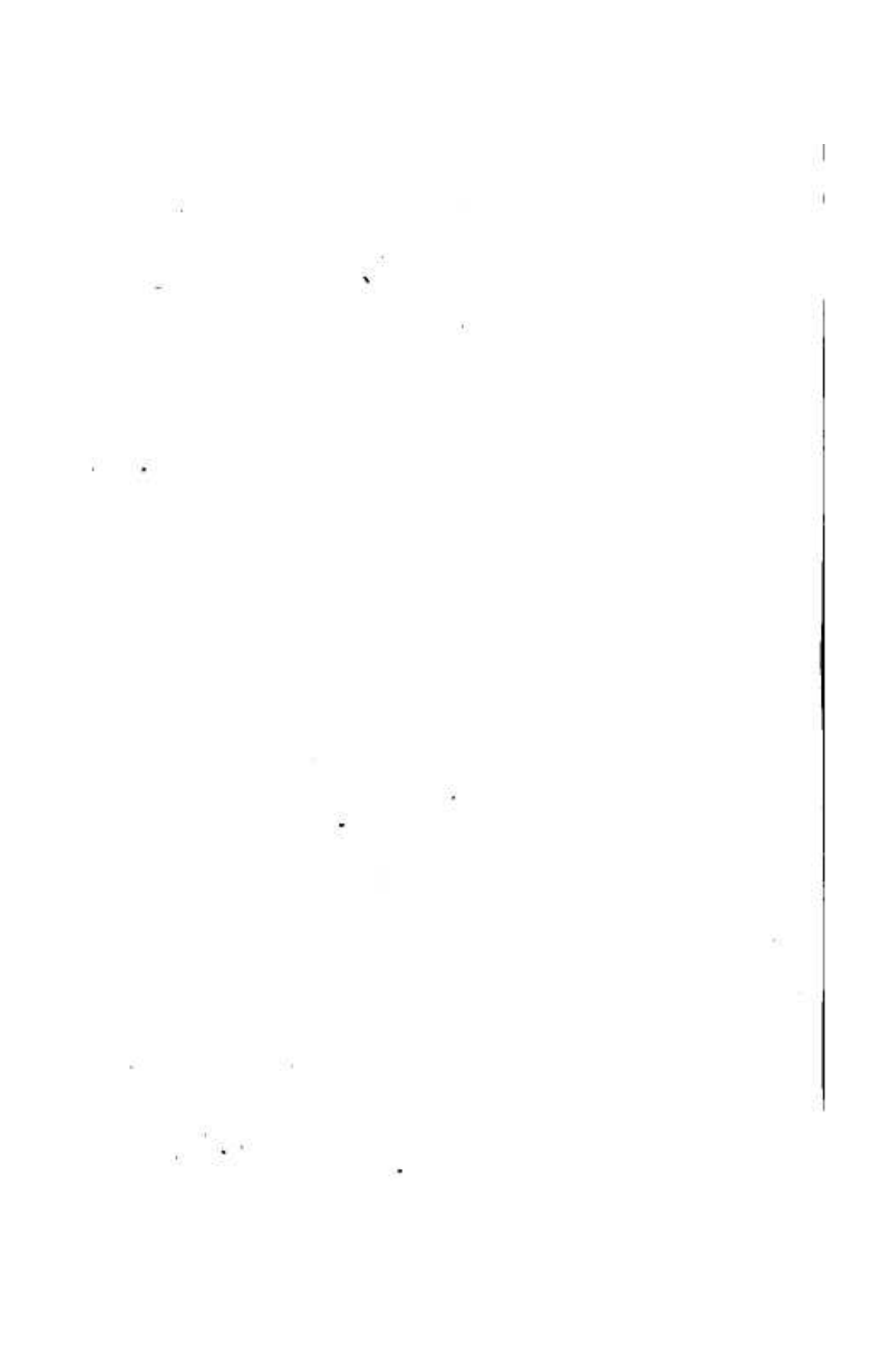
PREFACE.

No conscientious worker can edit or annotate any portion of the Poetical Works of Milton without an acknowledgment of his indebtedness to David Masson, who devoted a score of years to his voluminous edition of the life and works of John Milton. The large size of Masson's edition puts it out of the reach of the ordinary student. The present work, while it follows in the footsteps of the nobler scholar in text, and for the most part takes his dictum in disputed renderings, aims to cover only those points that are necessary to an intelligent study of the poems included in its pages.

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MARCH, 1893.



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CONTEMPORANEOUS LYRIC POETS.

JOHN DONNE, 1572-1631.

WILLIAM BROWNE, 1588-1643.

THOMAS CAREW, 1589-1639.

ROBERT HERRICK, 1594-1634.

SIR JOHN SUCKLING, 1608-1642.

RICHARD LOVELACE, 1618-1658.

WILLIAM DRUMMOND, 1585-1649.

GEORGE HERBERT, 1592-1634.

JEREMY TAYLOR (a lyric poet who wrote his lyrics in prose),
1613-1667.

RICHARD CRASHAW, 1615-1639.

HENRY VAUGHAN, 1621-1695.

ABRAHAM COWLEY, 1618-1687.

EDMUND WALLER, 1606-1687.

SIR WILLIAM DAVENANT, 1605-1668.

(JOHN MILTON, 1608-1674.)

ANDREW MARVELL, 1621-1678.

SAMUEL BUTLER, 1612-1680.

JOHN DRYDEN, 1631-1700.