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ADELPHI THEATRE, March 1906.

NEARLY two years ago I discussed, with Oscar Asche, the possibility of presenting "Measure for Measure"; it is played in America, in Germany, and in Holland, but in Shakespeare's own country the play has been almost entirely neglected for nearly a generation.

Much of the text has had to be cut out and consequently some transpositions have been rendered necessary in the present acting version which has been prepared by Mr Asche. No attempt, however, has been made to lessen the seriousness of the theme.

Mr Asche has endeavoured to combine the necessities of present day representation with respect and reverence for Shakespeare.

I hope and believe that the public will endorse my opinion that he has prepared a presentable acting version of one of Shakespeare's finest plays.

measure for Measure

The theme is a painful one, but treated with Shakespeare's magic touch, and illumined by his exalted genius, it is surely worth a place on the stage of to-day.

For the convenience of the student I have printed the full Shakespearean text as well as what is retained for representation at the Adelphi Theatre.

The second verse of the song appeared in the 1640 Edition of the poems, but the words were later attributed, by some to Ben Jonson, and by others to Fletcher.

OTHO STUART



MEASURE FOR MEASURE

ACTING VERSION

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ

Vincentio, the Duke.

Angelo, Deputy.

Escalus, an ancient Lord.

Claudio, a young gentleman.

Lucio, a fantastic.

Two other gentlemen.

Provost.

Peter, a friar.

A Justicc.

Elbow, a simple constable.

Proti, a foolish gentleman.

Pompey, servant to Mistress Overaone.

Abhorson, an executioner.

Bannardink, a dissolute prisoner.

ISABELLA, sister to Claudio.

MARIANA, betrothed to Angelo.

PUANCISCA, a nun.

MISTRESS OVERDONE.

Lords, Officers, Citizens, Boy, and Attendants.

SCENE: Vienna.