

PREFACE

The Canadian School Shakespeare, as the name implies, is intended for use in Public and High Schools in Canada; and the annotations have been prepared especially with a view to the requirements of pupils in these schools. Besides the explanation of difficulties in the text, the notes on each scene include a brief critical comment, to which are added a series of questions based on the study of the scene; and following the annotations on each Act is a short summary or review. An Appendix to the volume contains examination questions from departmental and matriculation papers, and a list of composition subjects based on the play itself.

The Introduction to the play contains a note on metre, an analysis of the characters and plot, and such general information as the study of the play requires. As a matter of interest to the student an outline of the life of Shakespeare, with an account of the theatre in his time, is also included. As a result of certain interesting researches that were made a few years ago, some new light has been thrown upon the life of Shakespeare in London; but within the limits of the brief outline which is required in a volume such as this, the editor has not thought it advisable to go into these details.

The material is so arranged that the pupil in junior classes may easily obtain the help that he finds necessary; while at the same time the senior pupil will also find in the book all the assistance he requires in preparation for his examinations.