



PREFACE.

The present volume contains those poems of Wordsworth that have been prescribed by the University of Toronto for the Pass Matriculation Examination, and adopted by the Education Department for the Junior Leaving Examination.

The text in the main is that of Matthew Arnold's edition; but, as Wordsworth frequently revised his poems, and as Arnold has taken it upon himself to select in each case the version that suited his own poetic taste, often rejecting Wordsworth's final reading for an earlier one, a study of variants becomes useful if not necessary. This study in synonyms and poetic phrasing will prove very interesting to the thoughtful student. All the materials for such a literary exercise will be found in the full table of variant readings contained in the notes of this edition.

The Memoir of Wordsworth by Professor Clark of Trinity College will be found to contain all the information of a biographical nature that the young student will need.

The article on The Literary Mission of Wordsworth by Principal Grant is an excellent treatment of one of the most interesting themes in the literary history of the century.

Mr. Wm. Houston's chapter on the Esthetic Use of Wordsworth's Poetry, containing a plan of study, is rich in matter and suggestion. This article, it is believed, will be welcomed