APPENDIX

Males on such melancholy occasions are kneeling on a little heap of sand."—Boileau's Remarks, page 19.

P. 147. She is judged.—Some difference of opinion prevails as to the concluding sentences of this scene. The more poetical interpretation is, that Margaret dies after pronouncing the last words assigned to her; that the judgment of Heaven is pronounced upon her as her spirit parts; that Mephistopheles announces it in his usual sardonic and deceitful style; that the voice from above makes known its real purport; and that the voice from within, dying away, is Margaret's spirit calling to her lover on its way to heaven, whilst her body lies dead upon the stage. This is the only mode in which the voice from within, dying away, can be accounted for. M. de Schlegel, however, certainly the highest living authority on such matters, says: "Sie ist gerichtet, se rapporte à la sentence de mort prononcée par le juge ; les mots suivants, Sie ist gerettet au salut de son âme." It has been contended that Sie ist gerichtet refers both to the judgment in heaven and to the judgment upon earth. As to the translation of the passage, no doubt can well exist, for richten is literally to judge, and is constantly used in the precise sense the above interpretation attributes to it; for instance, Die Lebendigen und die Todten zu richten, to judge the quick and the dead.

THE END