

PREFACE.

THIS volume contains the selection of the poems of Alfred Tennyson and Robert Browning prescribed as part of the requirements for careful study in English Literature for the examinations : High School Leaving and University Matriculation in 1911. The editor has endeavoured to bring together from many quarters whatever critical apparatus elementary students will require, so as to make possible for such as use the volume the thorough study of the poetry it contains.

The text of the poems is drawn from Macmillan's Globe Edition of Tennyson's Works, which represents the poet's last revision, and from the standard edition of Browning published by Messrs. Smith Elder, and Company. The Notes are full, but they aim not so much to satisfy the student of these selections : to open up various veins of interest which may be profitably worked in class-room study. Special attention is given, because of their importance in the study of poetry, to the metres of the poems.

The Notes, especially those to Browning's poems, have had the advantage of the collaboration of Miss Lizette Andrews Fisher, for which the editor desires here to make acknowledgment and to express his thanks.