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PREFATORY NOTE

THE essay contained in this volume forms a part of the course prescribed by the Joint Committee on English Requirements for admission to college. While it can hardly be rated as the greatest of Macaulay's essays, there are few, if any, which present a richer field for investigation and study. The student will need to have encyclopædia and dictionaries constantly at hand, and even then he will probably find some allusions and references which will baffle his most patient effort.

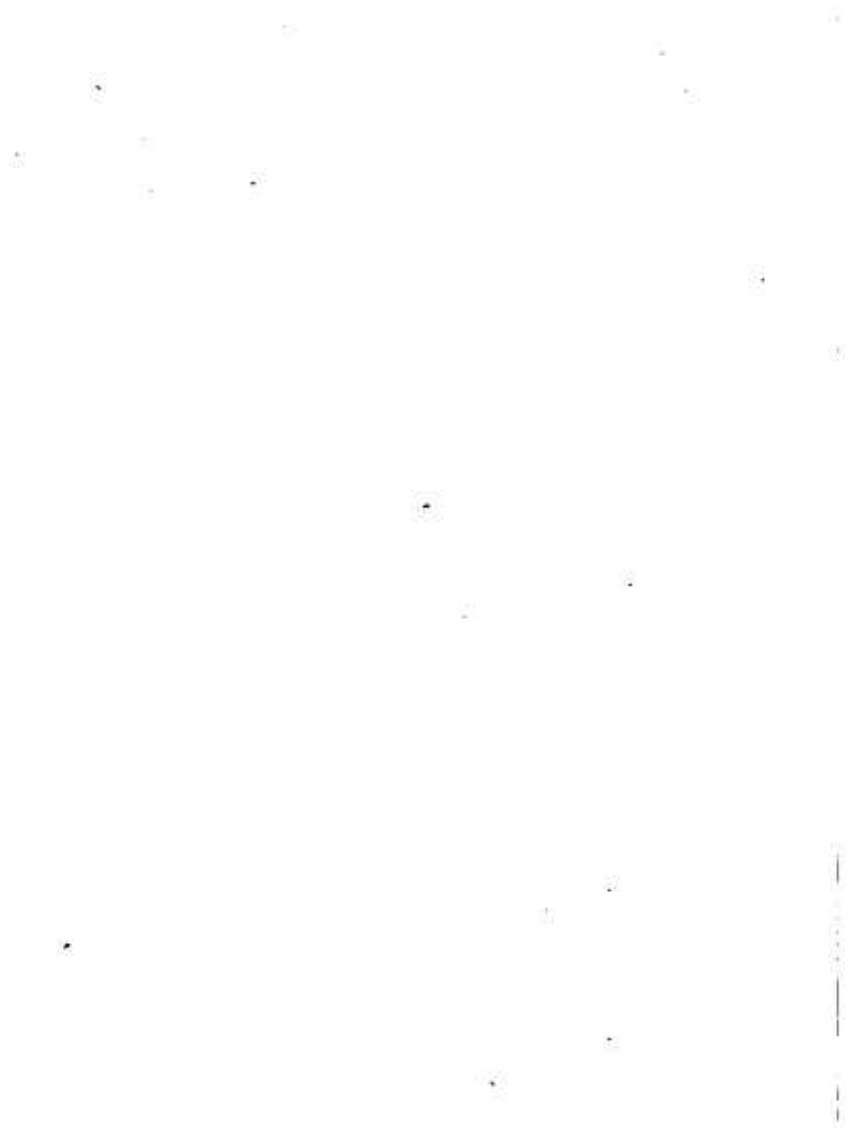
In the preparation of the notes the fact has been recognized that many students must take up this work without the necessary reference books; therefore the allusions have been explained much more fully than would otherwise be necessary.

Where it is possible, the student should not depend on the notes for his information, but should look up the references for himself. Much interesting information will be secured, and valuable habits of investigation will be formed by a careful, independent, and exhaustive study of this masterpiece.

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INTRODUCTION

In the preparation of the following introductory matter an effort has been made to present only that which will be available and useful to the average student. Critical analyses and discussions have been studiously avoided.

Generally the introduction to a work of this class is carefully skipped by students, and sometimes, no doubt, wisely. Yet there is a certain kind and amount of introductory work which needs to be done in order to prepare the way for the proper study of any author, and it is hoped that the following pages will not altogether fail to meet this necessity.

“ His heart was pure and simple as a child's
Unbreathed on by the world : in friendship warm,
Confiding, generous, constant ; and now
He ranks among the great ones of the earth,
And hath achieved such glory as will last
To future generations.” — *Moultrie*.