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PREFACE

The course of study in English in the Junior High School indicates a wide range of poetry to be read and studied — long poems and shorter ones. The long poems are readily accessible in convenient form, but the finding of the shorter ones necessitates considerable searching on the part of the teacher. Presentation of these poems to the class involves copying from the blackboard on the part of the students. This consumes valuable time and is subject to inaccuracies.

An attractive textbook in the hands of pupils stimulates their interest in the selections which they are required to study and leads them to read other poems which are not required. Thus a love of poetry may be developed and a much wider range of literature explored than is possible when the material for study is copied from the board.

This volume is prepared as a class textbook in poetry containing the common shorter poems recommended or required in the Junior High School courses of study in English. This collection covers the requirements indicated by most of the state courses of study and those of the large cities of the country.

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