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PREFATORY NOTE

With the present volume is completed the text of the first and only collected edition of the known and attributed writings of John Heywood, "the father of English comedy." The glossaries attached to the first two volumes will more than suffice for all reasonable requirements in respect to such matters in the present one. It had, however, been hoped that it would have been possible to include a biographical sketch, together with other points of interest and concern connected with John Heywood, but all reasonable limits of space have already been largely exceeded. Moreover, on other grounds it is wiser to defer such a monograph pending investigations now in progress, but which are proving to have barely commenced. It is a gratifying fact that at length the much-desired materials for an intelligent biography of John Heywood are gradually being collected. New facts are being brought to light; fresh dates are being fixed,
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and others hitherto problematical verified; whilst, most important of all, new avenues of research are being opened up and suggested. I hope in due course to publish a volume dealing, to better purpose than has hitherto been possible, with John Heywood's life, times, and writings. Due notice will be given to the subscribers to the Early English Drama Society's edition of Heywood's *Works*.

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