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A PROFANATION

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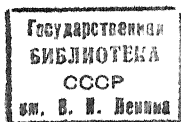
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To
The Bones and Remains
of
Goethe

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ.

- Mephistopheles* : Prince of Darkness, fonder of Sweetness than of Light. In love with Marguerite. In every way the Deuce of a fellow.
- Faust* : Principal of the Nuremburg Academy for Young Ladies and Gentlemen. About to enter upon his second childhood. Also in love with Marguerite.
- Marguerite* : The village belle. In love with no one, especially Mephistopheles.
- Martha* : A widow, Marguerite's mother, whom nobody loves.
- Valentine* : Marguerite's brother, Captain of the Nuremburg Company I.
- The Janitor of Hades* : Vice-President of the United Kingdom of Sin.
- Mephistopheles, Jr.* : The Son of his Father.
- Peasants, Imps, Devils and Soldiers.

ACT I.

SCENE: Interior of Dr. Faust's Academy for Young Ladies and Gentlemen,
at Nuremburg. Scholars stand about in groups.

OPENING CHORUS.

Scholars :

We're a gladsome band of Teuton youth,
All absorbed in the search for truth,
'Neath Herr Faustus' fostering care,
Pedagogue he beyond compare.
Knowing all that's worth the knowing,
Seeds of knowledge constantly sowing,
Fruits of his work we are always showing,
Whether it be Latin, mathematics, Greek or rowing.

The Boys :

Foot-ball, tennis, base-ball batting——

The Girls :

Cooking, sewing, millinery, tatting——