

MACBETH.

PERSONS OF THE PLAY.

DUNCAN, King of Scotland.	An English Doctor.
MALCOLM, } <i>his sons.</i>	A Scotch Doctor.
DONALBAIN, }	A Soldier.
MACBETH, } <i>generals of the King's</i>	A Porter.
BANQUO, } <i>army.</i>	An Old Man.
MACDUFF, }	LADY MACBETH.
LENNOX, }	LADY MACDUFF.
ROSS, }	Gentlewoman attending on Lady Mac-
MENTEITH, } <i>noblemen of Scotland.</i>	beth.
ANGUS, }	
CAITHNESS, }	HECATE.
FLEANCE, <i>son to Banquo.</i>	Three Witches.
SIWARD, Earl of Northumberland,	Apparitions.
<i>general of the English forces.</i>	
Young SIWARD, <i>his son.</i>	Lords, Gentlemen, Officers, Soldiers,
SEYTON, <i>an officer attending on Mac-</i>	Murderers, Attendants, and
<i>beth.</i>	Messengers.
Boy, <i>son to Macduff.</i>	

SCENE: Scotland ; England.

ACT I.

SCENE I. *A Desert Place.*

Thunder and Lightning. Enter three Witches.

First Witch. When shall we three meet again
In thunder, lightning, or in rain ?

Second Witch. When the hurlyburly's¹ done,
When the battle's lost and won.

¹ Tumult.

Third Witch. That will be ere the set of sun.

First Witch. Where the place ?

Second Witch. Upon the heath.

Third Witch. There to meet with Macbeth.

First Witch. I come, Graymalkin !¹

Second Witch. Paddock² calls.

Third Witch. Anon.

All. Fair is foul, and foul is fair ;
Hover through the fog and filthy air.

[*Exeunt.*]

SCENE II. *A Camp near Forres.*

Alarum within. Enter DUNCAN, MALCOLM, DONALBAIN, LENNOX, with Attendants, meeting a bleeding Sergeant.

Duncan. What bloody man is that ? He can report,
As seemeth by his plight, of the revolt
The newest state.

Malcolm. This is the sergeant
Who like a good and hardy soldier fought
'Gainst my captivity. — Hail, brave friend !
Say to the King the knowledge of the broil
As thou didst leave it.

Sergeant. Doubtful it stood ;
As two spent swimmers, that do cling together
And choke their art. The merciless Macdonwald —
Worthy to be a rebel, for to that
The multiplying villainies of nature
Do swarm upon him — from the Western Isles³
Of kerns and gallowglasses⁴ is supplied ;

¹ Cat.

² Toad. Cats and toads were supposed to be familiar spirits of witches.

³ The Hebrides.

⁴ "Of kerns," etc., i.e., with kerns and gallowglasses, who are thus described in Hunter's note, quoted by Furness (*Variorum Shakespeare*, vol. ii.) :