



The Shepheardes Calender

By Professor Edmund Spenser

Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.A LONDON publisher has brought out in excellent style a facsimile of the first (1579) edition of Spenser s Shepheardes Calender, edited by Mr. H. Oskar Sommer, whose introduction is a really valuable addition to critical literature, inasmuch as it settles the question of the authorship of the Glosse, or explanatory commentary, accompanying the poem. This is professedly written by one E. K., who represents himself as a friend of the unknown author-for it was not until [1611, when the poem was reprinted for the sixth time, that Spenser s name was attached to it. In 1579 no one seems to have cared to know who the anonymous poet s friend might be; but many years afterwards people began to inquire about E. K. and, finding that a certain Edward Kirke (or Kerke) was at Cambridge at the same time with Spenser and in the very same college, hastily decided that he must be the man. There was not then, nor has there since been found, a particle of evidence that Kirke and Spenser were...



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