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## PREFACE

**I**N preparing this volume I have allowed as much as possible of the original text (published in 1925) to stand. Some portions have been rewritten and corrections have been made throughout, but for the most part new material and references to the many recent studies devoted to special aspects of the subject have been placed in the supplementary sections to the various chapters, which appear together after page 407.

Although the register of performances is fuller than the corresponding registers in other volumes in this series, I have allowed the lists to stand, chiefly because the information they present is at present unobtainable elsewhere. It should, however, be emphasised that this Hand-list must be used in close conjunction with the supplementary notes, since the facts given in these notes expand and occasionally correct the information printed in the main text.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

Drury Lane (D.L.)

Lincoln's Inn Fields Theatre, old building (L.<sup>1</sup>)

Lincoln's Inn Fields Theatre, new building (L.<sup>2</sup>)

King's Theatre (Opera House) in the Haymarket (H.<sup>1</sup>)

Little Theatre (French House) in the Haymarket (H.<sup>2</sup>)

Goodman's Fields Theatre (G.F.)

Covent Garden Theatre (C.G.)

New Wells, Clerkenwell (N.W.)

Bartholomew and Southwark Fairs (B.F. and S.F. with name of owner of booth)

May Fair (May F. with name of owner of booth)

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