

THE TEXT.

§ 1. The manuscripts of the *Oedipus Tyrannus* which have been mss. used chiefly used in this edition are the following¹

In the Biblioteca Mediceo-Lorenziana, Florence.

L, cod. 32. 9, commonly known as the Laurentian MS., 11th century.

In the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris.

A, cod. 2712, 13th century.

B, cod. 2787, ascribed to the 15th cent. (Catal. II. 553).

E, cod. 2884, ascribed to the 13th cent. (? *ib.* II. 565).

T, cod. 2711, 15th cent.

In the Biblioteca Marciana, Venice.

V, cod. 468, late 13th century or early 14th.

V², cod. 616, probably of the 14th cent.

V³, cod. 467, 14th cent.

V⁴, cod. 472, 14th cent.

¹ There is no doubt that L is of the 11th century, and none (I believe) that A is of the 13th. These are the two most important dates. In the case of several minor mss., the tendency has probably been to regard them as somewhat older than they really are. The dates indicated above for such mss. are given on the best authority that I could find, but I do not pretend to vouch for their precision. This is, in fact, of comparatively small moment, so long as we know the general limits of age. Excluding L and A, we may say broadly that almost all other known mss. of Sophocles belong to the period 1300—1600 A.D.