

the worship of God must be chiefly regarded? *A. Si Deus est animus.*

What against sleepinesse and idlenesse?

*A. Plus vigila semper, &c.*⁷³

The parallels adduced between Shakspeare and the collection which went under the name of Cato do not perhaps give any necessary indication of themselves that Shakspeare used the collection. But when we know that this was almost universally the construe of the second form, it becomes apparent, at least, that Shakspeare ought early to have met these pieces of sentential wisdom in this collection; and even Dr. Farmer, without any evidence at all, apparently permits Shakspeare to have had Cato.⁷⁴

⁷³ Brinsley, *Ludus Literarius* (1627), p. 144.

⁷⁴ Malone, *Variorum* (1821), Vol. I, p. 364.