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PREFACE.

Ir seems to be agreed that every English scholar ought to have some scholarly knowledge of the English language. Then every English scholar ought to study Anglo-Saxon. He ought to read representative passages in representative books of the literature thoroughly, dwelling on them line by line, and word by word, and making the text the foundation of general philological study. At least a daily lesson for one term ought to be given to this study in each of our colleges,

Enough such extracts for two terms' work are here given in a critical text. The notes contain, besides explanatory matter, outlines of the literature, biographical sketches of the authors, and bibliographical notices of manuscripts and editions. The author's Comparative Grammar opens with a history of the language, and illustrates the grammatical forms by those of the Sanskrit, Greek, Latin, Gothic, Old Saxon, Old Friesic, Old Norse, and Old-High German. It is part of the plan to give a full etymological vocabulary. Thus it is supposed that apparatus is provided for as thorough study of a portion of this tongue as can be given to Greek or Latin with our college text-books.

In this edition a brief grammar has been introduced, that it may be fitted for general use as an introduction to the study of Anglo-Saxon in High Schools and Academies where they might fear the Comparative Grammar. The etymological part of the Vocabulary is reserved for a future edition. It was thought best to make sure of the completeness of the list of words by working it over in class before giving it its final shape.

The selections were stereotyped, and the book and its plan announced in 1865.

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[In pages 1-12, accent the first syllable of every word, unless an acute accent is printed over some other syllable. Words not in the Vocabulary are in the notes. W refer to the Author's Grammar.]

1. THE SOWER.

Luke, viii., 5-8.—Sum man his sæd seôp: þå hê þæt seôp, sum feôl pid þone peg, and peard fortred'en, and heofenes fugelås hit fræton. And sum feôl ofer þone stån, and hit forserane', for-þam'-þe hit pætan næfde. And sum feôl on þå þornås, and þå þornås hit forþrys'môdon. And sum feôl on gôde eordan, and porhte hundfealdne pæstm.

Mark iv., 3-9.—Ût côde se sædere his sæd tô såpenne, and þå hê seôp, sum feôl pid þone peg, and fugelås cômon, and hit fræton. Sum feôl ofer stån'-soyl'ian, pær hit næfde mycele eordan, and sûnn up eôde, forþam' hit næfde cordan þicnesse. På hit up eôde, sec sunne hit forspæl'de, and hit for-scranc', forþam' hit pyrtruman næfde.

Ût côde, ont yode, went forth, irreg. imp. of gdn, i 808; se adders, the sower, adders, s, m.; såd, s, n.; if adpenme, to sow, gerund, \$i 173, 175, from adpen, conj. 5, i 908, g, to denote purpose, i 464; cômon, came, cumsan, imp. com, cômon, p. rumsan, conj. 1, i 900; Jugelds, frâten, see above; stân-seylian, stone-shelly place, stân-seyli-c, -an, f.; ruycele, much, f. sing. sec. frum mysed, i 104; sône up sôde, soon up yode (sprang); j-benesse, sing, acc. from places, e.g., t. thickness; see sums, see, frum, from se; hit for-spâlde, weeled it away, parched it, apâlan, imp. spâlde, conj. 6; for-scrane, see above; pyrtruman, root, pyrt, wort,

^{1.} Sum, a, § 136, 2, so English some in the plural; man, man, § 84; his, from h8, § 130; a&d, es, n., seed, acc. sing.; seop, sowed, imp. ind., from adors, imp. adop, seopen, p. p. adpens, onl, §, § 90; jd, when; jbrt, that, from se, § 133; job, fell, imp. Ind. sing., § 4, mon job, jbrt, jbrt,

And sum feôl on bornâs; på stigon ba bornâs, and forbrys'môdon bæt, and hit pæstm ne bær.

And sum feôl on gôd land, and hit sealde, up stigende and pexcude, pæstm; and âu brohte prŷtigfealdne, sum syxtigfealdne, sum hundfealdne.

Gehŷr'e, se be earan hæbbe tô gehŷr'anne.

2. LORD'S PRAYER.

Matthew, vi., 9-13.—Fæder ûre, þû þe eart on heofenum, si þîn nama gehâl'gôd. Tô be-cum'e þin ríoe. Gepeord'e þîn pilla on eordan spå spå on heofenum. Ûrne dæg'hpamlîc'an hláf syle ûs tô dæg. And forgyf' ûs ûre gyltås, spå spå pê forgyf'ad ûrum gyltendum. And ne gelæd' þû ûs on costnunge, ac âlŷs' ûs of yfle. Sôdlice.

Luke xi., 2-4....Ûre Fæder, pû þe on heofene eart, sî pîn nama gehâl'gôd. Tô cume pîn rîce. Gepeord'e pîn pylla on heofene and on cordan. Syle ûs tô dæg ûrue dæg'hpamlîc'an hlâf. And forgyf' ûs ûre gyltâs, spâ pê forgyf'ad ælcum þærâ þe pid ûs âgylt'. And ne læd þû ûs on costnunge; ac âlŷs' ûs fram yfele.

plant, truma, n, m., trimmer, etrengthener; atigon, atled, ascended, atigon, imp. stah, stigon, p. p. stigen, conj. 2, § 205: bornde, for brymsholon, pastm, see above; bar, bore, beran, imp. ber, beron, p. p. beren, conj. 1, § 199; seekle (sold), gave, sellan, imp. seekle, conj. 6, § 208, 6; stigende (string), springing, p. pr., neut. sing., nom., from stigen, conj. 2, § 119, a; pezende, from pexas = pearsan, wax, grow, imp. proble, p(e)laton, p. p. peren, conj. 4; dn, one, some; brotte, brought, bore, brengen, imp. brokle, p. p. brokl, conj. 6, § 309, e; pritigicaldn, thirty-fold, from pritigicald, adj., m. sing. sec., with pastm. Ga-hyr'e, let him bear, subjunctive for imperat. § 421, 2, pa-hyr'an, imp. ga-hyrde, p. p. pa-hyrde, conj. 6; se pa, who, denom. se with relative sign p. § 300, 8; habbe, subj. pres. of habban, § 169, 427; 60 pa-hyr-ansa, to bear, gerund, § 422.

2. Swder, father, sing. voc., 48 87, 109; ders, of us, our, plun. gen. of ic, § 130; på þe, who, þå, thou, eing. nom., § 180, þe relative sign changing þá to a relative, §§ 184, 881, 2; swt. from com. § 318; hegtenum, heavens, pl. dat. of hegfon; st gehdlifed, be hallowed, paseive, subj. pres. sing., 8d, from hallyian, conj. 6, §§ 179, 187, subj. for imperative, § 421, §; 79 because, let come to us, subj., 3d, for imperative, cusses, into come, oderae, p. p. cusses, only., § 200; bin rice, thy reign, compare -ric in bishopric; pepcerde, subj. for imperative from pepcerdum, imp. -peard, -peardom, p. p. pordes, Ger. werden, Old Engl. worth, be, be done; sorden, sing. dat., from ende; ped ped, so so, as; drue, pron., posa sing., acc. mase, from drs, § 132; day'-hpem-lie-an, weak, sing. acc. mase, from dayhqumile, daily, §§ 105, 108; hld.f, lost, bread; spie>elle, give, imperat, from spilan=selian, cool, § § 188, §; da, pl. dat., from the day) has the same sense, § 832; and, general sign of connected discourse, § 463; for-gpt', imperat, from for-ptysa, conl., § 180; side, debts, guilt, pl. acc, from spilind, es, m.; pelad', pres. imperativen, our debtore, pl. dat. after forgifad, § 207, gyllend, es, m.; gelad', pres. imperative, from gelédan, § 185; costnunge, sing. acc., from estimany, et l., temptation; d-lige', imperat., from d-ligen, loose, release; ef, from; gife, sing, dat, from yfs, § 79, 201, 203, 349; shofflee, soothly, amen, later!; j-hrd, of those, pl. gen.

3. THE GOOD SAMARITAN.

Luke, x, 25-37.-På årås' sum ægleåp man, and fandôde his, and cpæd: Lâreôp, hpæt dô ic bæt ic êce lif hæbbe? På cpæd hệ tô him: Hpæt ys geprit'en on bære &? hû rætst bû? På and'sparô'de hê : Lufa Dryhten bînne God of ealre bînre heortan, and of ealre pinre saple, and of eallum pinum mihtum, and of eallum bînum mægene; and bînne nêhstan spâ bê sylfne. Pâ cpæd hê: Ryhte þû and'sparô'dest: dô þæt, þonne lyfast þû. På cpæd hệ tổ þam Hælende, and polde hine sylfne geriht'pîsian : And hpyle ys mîn nêhsta? På cpæd se Hælend, hine up beseônd'e: Sum man fêrde fram Hier'usal'em tô Hiericho, and becom' on bå sceadan, bå hine bereaf'edon, and tintregôdon hine, and forlêt'on hine sâm'-cuc'ene. På gebyr'ede hyt bæt sum sacerd fêrde on bam ylcan pege; and bâ hê bæt geseah', hê hine forbeâh'. And ealspâ se diâcon, bâ hê pæs pid þâ stôpe, and þæt geseah', hê hyne eâc forbeâh'. Pâ fêrde sum Samar'itân'isc man pid hine: þå hê hine geseah', þå peard hê mid mild'-heort'nysse ofer hine astyr'ed. På genea'lahte he, and prad his punda, and

Â-răs', arose, â-răs'an, imperî. -râs', -ris'on, p. p. -ris'en, conj. 9, &-gisôp, law-clever; fandôde, tried, examined, fandian, imperî. fandôde, p. p. fandôd, akin to findan, ûnd: ñis, gentitive after fundode, § 315, III.; cpssd, quoth, cpedon, imperi. cpssd, cpsidon, p. p. cpedon, conj. 1, § 197; idresp, tescher, from idr., lure; dó, shall do, subj. pres. sing., 1st, from dôn, imperi. dide, p. p. dôn, irreg., § 313; 6-68 (for aye), everlasting; herbe, subj. pres.; ps = is; ge-prit'an, imperî. ge-prit', ge-prit'on, p. p. ge-prit'en, conj. 9; é, law, f. ind., § 100; rêtst, readest, rêdan, imperî. rêdde, p. p. rêded, rêd, conj. 6, rêdest > rêtst, irreg. like bintst, § 192; lufd, impera. of lufan; of, out of, from, with dative of source; niheta, n, m., superlative of nedh, nighest one, neighbor; ps, acc. of pd; sylf, self, declined like an adjective, 4 181; ryhte, adv., =rihte; db, imperat.; bonne, then; lyfdst, pres. for fut., from liften, conj. 6, 65 222, 413, 4. Halende, Savior, healing one ; polde, would, pillan; ge-riht-ple-ian, justify, conj. 6; riht-pia, wise in right, Engl. rightcone; hpyle, which, who = hpd-ite, Latin qua-lie; hine up beseind's, looking up at him, a translation of Latin suspiciens, which some copies have for suscipiens; seends, p. pr., from seen, impert seah, asgon, p. p. ge-septen, conj., 55 197, 198; fêrde>fêran, fare, go; Hier'usal'em, es, m., but here dative undeclined; Hiericho, acc., undeclined; be-com', came, becum'an; on his secadan, among the thieres (those who scathe), \$ 341, II.; be-redf'edon, bereft, stript, be-redf'an, imperL-redf'ede, p. p. -redf'ed, coul. 6: tinfregidon, tormented, tinfregidan, impert. dote, p. p. dd. coul. 6: for-idem, left, for-left an, impert. -ide, p. dd. coul. 6: for-idem, left, for-left an, impert. -ide, -ideon, p. left an, coul. 5: for-, Ger. ver., as in for-sale, for-ide, 864: edm-cueene (semi-quick), cueene for cueenne, acc. of cueen = epicen, 8: 64, 119, o; gebyr'ede Aut, it was brought about, ge-byr'ean, imperf. -byr'ede, p. p. byr'ed, conj. 6, akin to beron, bear, Agt, had spelling for Ast; saserd, es, m., priest, from Latin sacerdos, akin to sacred, sacerdotal; férde, féran, conj. 6; ylczn, same, weak decl., § 138, 3; ge-scah', saw, geseón', imperf. -seah', -sey'on, p. p. -sey'en, conj. 1, 5 190; hine for bedh', turned away from him, for-bag'an, imperf. -bedh', -bug'on, p. p. -bug'en, conj. 3, Engl. bow; cal-spd, all so, also; didcon, es, m., descon, Levite; Ad repeated subject, \$ 287; Ayne=Aine, bad spelling; edc, Ger. auch, Engl. etc, also; pid (with), beside; på ... på, when ... then; peard d-styr'ed, imperf. passive d-styr'ed, imperf. etyr'ede, p. p. -styr'ed, sir, conj. 6; mild-heartnys, se, f. (mild-heartedness), compassion; gened'likhte, drew nigh, gened'likon, imperf. likhte, p. p. leht, conj. 6; prád, bound up, pridan, wreathe, imperil prád, pridon, p. p. priden,

on-âgeât' ele and pîn, and hine on his nŷten âset'te, and gelâd'de on his lêce-hûs, and hine gelâc'nôde, and brohte ôdrum dæge tpegen penegâs, and sealde pam lêce, and pus cpæd: Begŷm' bys; and spâ-hpæt'-spâ þû màre tô ge-dêst', ponne ic cume, ic hit forgyld'e pê. Hpylo þærâ þreôrâ þyncd þê þæt sig þæs mæg þe on þâ sceadan befeôl'? På cpæd hê: Se þe hym mild'-heort'nysse on dyde. På cpæd se Hælend: Gå, and dô ealspå.

4. THE LORD'S DAY.

Matthew, xii., 1-13.—Se Hælend för on reste-dæg ofer æcerås; södlice his leorning-cnihtäs hingrede, and hig ongun'non pluccian hå ear and etan. Södlice hå hå sundor-hålgan hæt ge-såp'on, hi cpædon to him: Nu hine leorning-cnihtås död hæt him älyf'ed nis reste-dagum to dönne. And hå cpæd to him: Ne rædde gå hpæt Danid dyde hå hine hingrede, and hå he mid him pæron, hu hå in-eo'de on Godes hus, and æt hå offring-hlåfas he næron him ålyf'ede to etanne, ne håm he mid him pæron, buton håm sacerdum ånum? Odde ne rædde gå on hære æ, hæt hå sacerdås on reste-dagum on ham temple gepem'mad hone reste-dæg, and

con). 6, § 205; pund, e, L., wound; on dyedd', poured in, d-gebt'an, imperf. gedt', -gut'on, p. p. gut'on, con). 8, akin to gush, guzzie; nyten, beast, akin to neat; d-set'ts, est, dest'en, con). 6; lecchia, c. a., lecch house, hospital, hotel; pe-lde'nide; decched), dectored, ge-lde'niden, imperf. -lde'nides, p. p. lde'nide; bronke < brengan, con). 6, § 200; bevum < lder, other, second, next, daire of time, § 304; penegda, peneg, es, m., penny, stamped money, akin to pases, Latin pannus; sealed< seilan, con]. 6, § 200; ldee, s, m., lecch; cpnd, quoth, <-podan, con). 1; bergin', imperat. be-gin'an, imperf. -gin'da, p. p. -gin'al, con). 6; kus, bad speiling for his genitive after begins, § 315; under, neuter acc. with spd-hph's-pd; lô geddai', doest to him, geddon, irreg. § 213; cums, forgula's, pres. for fature, § 413; pyned, seemeth, pynean, imperf. puhte, p. p. gephat', con). 6, § 311; part, that, conjunction; sig for et, may be < om; pas mag, the kisaman of him; pe, that, who; mid-heartnymes, acc. see above; on dyda, did, aboved, from don. Gid, go, gdn, irreg., imperf. edde, p. p. gdn, § 315; db < dbn, § 318; sal-qd, all so, likewise.

4. För < faran, impert för, föron, p. p. faren, cenj. 4, fare, go, in fare-well : reste-day, es, m., rest-day, dative irreg., § 11; secerdac/ever, ance, Lat. eger, Gr. drock, Ger. seixer, field; leorishge-sibled, learning hinghis, disciples, Ger. lenselt's, gervant, -cnifs, es, m. i drock, it hungered, impersonal impert of disciples, Ger. lenselt's, gervant, -cnifs, es, m. i drock, it hungered, impersonal impert of disciples, Ger. lenselt's, gervant, conj. 1; plucotan, pluck, inpert plucokde, p. p. plucod, from Romanic gulusores, Lat. plus, hair; ear, e., n., ear; p. d. pd, when the : sunder-ddiga, n. m. (sundered holy), Pharisees; ge-adp'on</p>
-esch', -eah', -dap'on, p. p. sep'en, conj. 1; epidon
-epidon, § 1917; idde'don, irreg., § 1918; pdt, what; nie =ne+ia, § 123; idden, gerund
-eddig, conj. e, rådde for ræddon before the subject, § 170; påron, § 181; in-edde, in yode, entered, irreg., from in-pdn', § 191; at
-edan; offring-hid, es, m., offering-loaves, showbread; nørom-me+påron, were uot, § 182; accordine, plur, dat accord, es, m.
-(Lat. secordos, plus), in decender, p. in decender, es, m.

synd bûton leahtre? Ic seege sôdlîce eôp þæt þes is mêrra þonne þæt templ. Gif gê sôdlîce piston hpæt is, Ic pille mildheortnesse and na on-sægd'nesse, ne genid'rade gê æfre un'scyldig'e. Sôdlîce mannes sunu is eac reste-dæges hlaford.

9. På se Hælend þanon för, hê com in tô heorâ gesom'nunge; þå pæs þær ân man se hæfde for-scrunc'ene hand. And hig åcsôdon hine; þus cpedende: Is hit âlŷf'ed tô hælanne on restedagum? bæt hig prehton hine.

Hê sêde him sôdifce: Hpylc man is of côp, þe hæbbe ân sceâp, and gif þæt âfyld' reste-dagum on pyt, hû ne nimd hê þæt, and hefd hit up? Ditodlîce miclê må man is sceâpe betera; pitodlîce hit is âlŷf'ed on reste-dagum pel tô dônne. På cpæd hê tô þam men: Âþen'e þine hand. And hê bi âþen'cde; and heô pæs hâl gepord'en spå seô ôder.

5. THE SOWER.

Matthew, xiii., 4-8.—Sôdlîce, út côde se sædere his sæd tô såpenne: and på-på hê scôp, sume hig feöllon pid peg, and fuglås cômon and æton på.

Sôdlîce sume feôllon on stênihte, pêr hit næfde mycle eordan, and hrædlîce up sprungon, for-bam'-be hig næfdon bêre eordan

tane, impert -pem'de, p. p. -pemm'od, conj. 6; eynd<om, § 218; leahtre, dative from leahtor, es, m., blame, crime: bes, this man; metrra, adj. comp. mase....mdra (more), greater: tempt = tempt | 4 %, 6; piston, lireg. < piston, know, Engl, wit, wits § 212; mild-keorines, e. f., merry; on-asyd'nes, es, f., sacrifice, akin to say, as that which is vowed, dedicated; genis'ride, impert. subj. plur. -ds for -don before pf, § 170, ge-nis'rian, impert. -nis'ride, p. p. mis'ride, more dedicated; genis'ride, impert. -nis'ride, p. plur. -ds for -don before pf, § 170, ge-nis'rian, impert. -nis'ride, p. plur. -ds for -don before pf, § 170, ge-nis'rian, impert. -nis'ride, g. plur, the guiltiese, expidig, ed.) plur, the guiltiese, expidig, ed.) plur, the guiltiese, expidig, ed.) plur, the guiltiese, expidig, Gen. while, is, that to den. one-conselved aking experiments, escame's pe-nem'nung ge-nem'nung, assembly, akin to sam, same; for-scrinc'an, impert. -scrame', -scrame'nung-ge-nem'nung, assembly, akin to sam, same; for-scrinc'an, impert. -scrame', -scrame'nung-ge-nem'nung, assembly, akin to sam, same; for-scrinc'an, impert. -scrame', -scrame'n, ge-nem'nung-ge-nem'nung, assembly, akin to sam, same; for-scrinc'an, impert. -scrame', -scrame'n, ge-nem'nung-ge-nem'nung, assembly, akin to sam, same; for-scrinc'an, impert. -scrame', -scrame'n, ge-nem'nung-ge-

8. For unexplained words, see pp. 1-2.—Sôdise (soothly), truly, lo! interj.: pd.på (then ho, when: hig—M, g, dissimilated, i 27; sume hig, some they fell—some of them fell, appositive for partitive, i 227, c; pd, them, pin: acc. from es; ôditice, and, but, general connective, i 423, 6; stênúht, acc. sing. stênúht, c, f, stony ground; pêr hit nagús, where it had not, careless for hig nagún, aséd might be either sing, or plur: hrædise, quickly, akin to Engl. rath. rather; sprungen, sprang, springen, imperf. sprang, sprungen, p. p.