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ALFRED THE GREAT.

KING OF ENGLAND.



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Born 849. Began to reign 871. Died 900.

Surnamen "the Great,"—a title often given
To kings who were, in truth, the scourge of Heaven.
Not so this prince, whose truly noble mind
Was stored with learning, polished and refined.
The Danes, who long had harassed our fair land,
Were conquered by this royal warrior's hand.
'Tis to this king that far-famed Oxford owes
Her university, which then arose.
England and Wales were both, by his command,
Divided into counties. To his hand
We owe a celebrated code of laws,
Which, to this day, are honored with applause.



BRUCE.

Born 1274. Began to reign 1806. Died 1929.

With patriot zeal for liberty he fought,

And valiant deeds in many a battle wrought.

Six times defeated, weary and forlorn,

His friends dispersed, his kingdom from him torn,

Stretched in his tent, "'Tis vain," he cried, "to stand'Gainst fate's decree. — Farewell, my native land!"

He saw a spider six times bravely strain

To fix its web, — the seventh time not in vain.

"Mine be the omen!" cried the Bruce, his eye

Kindling with ardour, — "Let me win or die!"

From that hour forth the fate of war did turn,

And Scotland's crown he gained at Bannockburn.



BRUCE.

KING OF SCOTLAND.



