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PREFACE.

FOR a brief but happy moment my path once led alongside that of a Fair Ladye, a very little lady, who was studying English history, and was ever setting her world astir by asking if Henry the Third was the son of Henry the Second, or who came next to Edward the Fourth.

For her convenience, and, to be quite frank, for my own, I wrote these rhymes. The little lady has grown so learned now that she no longer needs them, but walks among kings and queens with equal step as one who has come to her own. Therefore I give them over to the little folk universal with my heartiest good will.

The verses include all the English monarchs, their relation to their successors, the time and length of each reign, and

one or two prominent events or prominent names that marked its course. Whoever commits the verses to memory will therefore have a convenient little epitome of English history always at command.

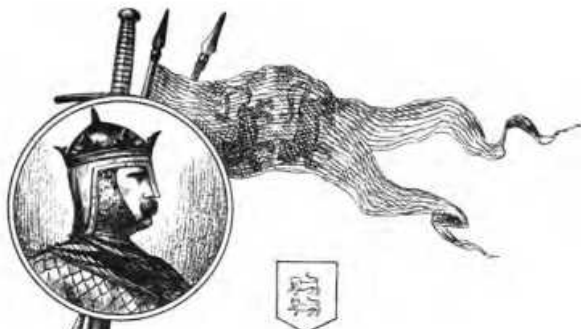
To the illustrations, for which I can claim no credit, I may be allowed to call attention. They are not only refined and delicate in point of art, but they are conceived and arranged in the true historic spirit. They not only repeat and intensify, but enlarge, the story of the text, and thus add a distinct and special value to my booklet. It is to gratify myself that I make this public acknowledgment to the artist.

I beg to call especial attention to the fact that these verses were written and published in another form in February, 1885.

GAIL HAMILTON.

JANUARY, 1893.

PART ♣ ♣
ONE ♣



William the
Conqueror.
1066 — 1087.



Arthur Dobbin

Battle of
Hastings.

With a Saxon King's word and a Norman Duke's sword
Came WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR, leading his
horde,
In ten sixty-six,—

