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## PREFACE.

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THE learned will not need to be told that the Author is indebted to the *Heimskringla* of Snorre Sturleson for the incidents narrated in the following pages. She selected them as the materials of a tale, in order to give, in a popular form, an account of the mode in which Christianity was introduced among the barbarous Northmen. Olaf Tryggveson was a hero of no ordinary stamp: his adventures have been related in various forms and are still remembered with delight in Scandinavia. Many of his most daring exploits were achieved on British soil; and his famous attack upon the city of London was worthy of a descendant of the sea-kings. They, therefore, possess peculiar interest for English readers; and the Author has endeavoured to depict them in language which, while retaining its resemblance to the simplicity of the original Norse



legends, shall be readily understood by young persons. Many valuable as well as interesting historical lessons may thus be conveyed to the mind; and the rising generation may be made more sensible of the great blessings they enjoy, living as they do in the full light of Christianity, surrounded by Christian institutions and friends, when they compare their condition with that of the poor, benighted, and half-savage population of England and of Norway in the tenth century of the Christian Era. That this little book may contribute in some degree to such a result is the earnest hope of

THE AUTHOR.

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