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PREFACE.

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1.—THE EARLY BRITONS.

1. Two thousand years ago, the country in which we live was almost covered with 'dense forests, where roamed wolves, bears, wild boars, and white-maned bulls. The Britons who lived in it then were the forefathers of the Welsh. But they were a wild and almost savage race. The country was very little known to other nations.¹

2. In those days there were no large towns, nor pretty villages, nor well-built houses; no churches, nor school-houses. Here and there, where the forest had been 'cleared, there were a few poor huts, made of rods tied into the shape of a bee-hive or a sugar-loaf, and covered with mud and turf. Perhaps a trench or ditch was cut around the huts, to keep off the wild beasts.

3. The Early Britons did not 'till the soil. They sowed no corn or other seeds. They lived on roots and fruits, and on the flesh of animals killed in