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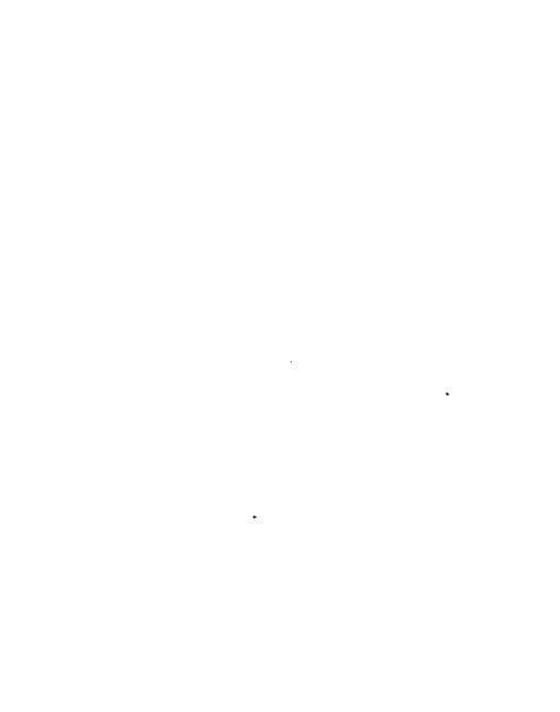
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Ob ! tell unto me,
What news bring you home from the Holy Countrie!
And how goes the warfare by Galileo's strand?
And how fare our knighthood, the flower of the land?

It is strange—marvellously strange—that our little bugle should be the first to muster the Knightage Roll of England, although England's chivalrie, "anciente merrie England's," has ever been renowned amongst the most gorgeous and the most gallant in the regal balls and tented fields of Christendom. The banner of St. George is as young to-day as it was five hundred years ago; and floats as triumphantly on the battlement of Acre in 1840, as it did on the field of Cresci in 1346. Reader, gallant or gentle, join in our hope and our prayer, that it may be as brave and as buoyant five hundred years hence.

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