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## PREFACE.

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THESE LINES (written in the first instance for my own children) are intended to assist young people in remembering the order in which the principal events of English History occurred;—and also to enable them readily to associate these events with the reigns to which they respectively belong.

The verses have been condensed, in order that they may readily be learned by heart,—and as ‘what is learned *in verse* is long retained in the memory, and soon recollected,’ it is hoped that young students may find this little book useful as a companion to English History.

M. B. C.

*October, 1869.*



1st INVASION OF BRITAIN BY THE ROMANS.

B.C. 55.

    Ancient Britain was peopled by wild Celtic tribes,  
    As the Hist'ry by Julius Caesar describes,  
    And Phœnicians found tin on its south-western coasts,  
B.C. Before he arrived with his bold Roman hosts ;—  
55 He invaded the Island B.C. fifty-five,  
    And the Britons against him did manfully strive,  
    But when Cassivelaunus, their Chief, was subdued,  
    Their submission to Julius Caesar ensued,—  
    And then from the Island the Romans retired,  
    Nor returned till a century more had expired.

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The British tribes still led a barbarous life,  
And rejoiced in the chase or in war's cruel strife,  
Where, with scythes to the wheels of their chariots bound,  
In battle they spread great destruction around.

Their priests, the grim Druids, were blindly obeyed,  
(For whose temples huge stones in large circles were laid,)  
The oak and the mistletoe's worship they taught,  
And Anglesea's Isle was their sacred resort.

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## 2ND INVASION BY THE ROMANS.

A.D. 43.

A.D. When Claudius Caesar, A.D. forty-three,  
 43 First despatched Aulus Plantius, with troops, o'er the sea,  
 To re-conquer Britain, and gain it for Rome,  
 The islanders bravely defended their home.

Their hero Caractacus long fought in vain,  
 51 But, sent captive to Rome, did his freedom regain ;—  
 Led by Queen Boadicea, Iceni tribes rose,  
 61 And when vanquished, she died to escape from her foes.