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THOR AND THE GIANTS OF JÖTUNHEIM.

The Giant with a menacing gesture, took a step or two towards Thor's party."

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WITH A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF

THE MYTHOLOGY OF THE NORTHMEN.

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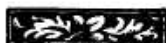
PREFACE.

ALTHOUGH in what is called a "liberal education" in the present day, much stress is still laid on the study of the Greek and Latin classics, which renders necessary an acquaintance with the Mythology of the ancient Greeks and Romans, seldom is any attempt made to impart to English boys and girls any knowledge, however slight, of the Mythology of the Scandinavian races and the various tribes who dwelt on the southern shores of the Baltic Sea.

To the youth of all English-speaking countries the myths of the North Land cannot fail to possess an interest far greater than that which the deeds and doings of the fabled divinities and heroes of Greece and Rome can excite, inasmuch as the former embody the religious faith, wild and weird as it was, of the

Norsemen and Teutons who settled, at different times, in various parts of Britain, and became, in a great measure, the forefathers of the English-speaking races. It may be said, also, that the myths of the North are quite as rich in poetic fancy as those of the Italian and Greek peninsulas, while in their general character and tendency they are far more pure and harmless, being free, to a very great extent if not entirely, from those recitals, which, in so many cases, render the latter objectionable and even repulsive.

It has been with the view of placing before youthful English readers some of the stories to which our ancestors of "long long ago," gave implicit credence, that the following pages have been written.





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