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AND A PARSING GLOSSARY

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## PREFACE.

The study of Anglosaxon is the study of a dead language which stands in open continuity with the living English of to-day. It offers a means whereby all who own the English language by birthright may on the easiest terms win a share of those benefits which are more elaborately purchased by the study of Greek and Latin. Truly there is a fine poetic ken which is won by the study of classic languages; but much of this reveals itself spontaneously to the Englishman who will but bestow a look of natural kindness upon the antique glory of his mother tongue. Old language is a sort of poetry. Its poetic light shines out by the foil of modern phrase, and all who vernacularly know the new are qualified to taste the romance that kindles in the old. But while all English folk have a fair inviting gradient between them and the serener heights of Saxon antiquity, the classical scholar has the highest interest in a study which would tend both to increase his usefulness and also to secure to himself the fuller enjoyment of the fruit of his labours.

It will hardly be denied that there is an untoward breach between our academic learning and the general intellect of the land. The education of school and college often perishes because there is no corresponding power of communication. Except in a few favoured spots, its beneficial effects are too obscurely traceable. Might not this be somewhat mended
if our more recondite studies were fringed around with a border of native culture, opening a common frontier for barter of thought with the non-graduate world? Might not some of that knowledge which now shrivels for lack of exercise find genial action to the increase of generous thought and the better husbanding of intellectual stores?

In subtle ways of its own English knowledge gives a man surer hold of his distant possessions, and it also enlivens his daily path with glimpses of fresh discovery. Hardly a place, whether in town or country, whether in sheltered nook or open plain, but, either by its name or its dialect, or else by some event custom or incident, or again by some ancient book or coin or labelled jewel or stone-cut memorial, proffers the cheering stimulant of its homely problems to him who can read writings in Saxon. Whereas he whose knowledge is all remote, stands discontinuous like an alien in his native land.

For the loyal and home-loving Englishman the old Saxon language flings open the gates of learning, and if he have other lore doubles its value-for him the hills and valleys smile with dear associations, transforming the common field into classic ground-for him there is a ready access to the national fountain of poetry, and at least one particular key to the pleasaunce of the faery land.

## BEGINNERS BOOK

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## PRELIMINARY NOTE.

Anglosaxon is a literary designation for that early stage of our mother-tongue which was by native usage in its own day called englisc. This genuine name would be preferable to any other, and might even now supersede that of Anglosaxon, but for its proximity of form to the word English. It is felt that for two conditions of language so divergent as Englisc and English there ought to be a conspicuous distinction in the names; and this feeling it is that supports the term Anglosaxon. Certainly this term is not quite un-objectionable. It has been often urged that by the employment of these two names, the continuity of the old language with the new is ignored and obscured. With some this consideration is paramount, and they prefer to employ the term English for every stage of the mother-tongue, from the first colonisation in the fifth century down to the present day. When this terminology is adopted, qualifying words are added for distinction of the great periods, and thus Anglosaxon is sometimes called 'Old English.'

## I. ALPHABET.

In Anglosaxon books, as now printed, there are only two characters unfamiliar to the reader's eye. These are p p and $\oplus$ ©. They both represent th. The former is the old Rune, called Thorn, and the latter is a modified D.

More rarely another Rune, the Wên $\bar{P}$ p is seen in print, chiefly in American books. This is generally replaced by W in the English and by V in the German editions.

Sound the vowels after the continental rather than after the modern English fashion. The vowels are a, $\boldsymbol{æ}, \boldsymbol{e}, \mathbf{i}$, $\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{y}$. These represented in English vocalism would sound as follows : ah, ae, eh, ee, oh, oo. The $\mathbf{y}$ had a thin $u$-sound, easily confused with the $i=e e$.

C as K . Particular questions may be raised, but this is the general rule.

F for the most part as V . The Latin words servicium, Vergilius, versus, Vitalis, figure in Englisc as serfise, Fergil, fers, Fipele. It was also used for PH, as in Farisei Pharisees, Filip, Orfeus.

G generally as in gig. But there was an early softening towards a $y$-sound, especially before $e$ and $i$, as in lufige I love, also written lufie.

Give H a gentle guttural sound. Pronounce niht neither like night nor like neat, but something between this latter and the German Nicht. That the H was very audible may be gathered from the fact that $x$ stood as a monogram for $h s$, and it is thus that next was formed from nehst.

K is a substitute for C .

P is rarely initial. There is but one strong verb beginning with $\mathrm{P}^{1}$.

There is no Q. In place of $q u$ they used $c w$, and Torqualus was rendered Torcwatus: but we, when our spelling became romanised, reversed the process and turned cwén into queen, cwæ犬 into quoth.

R is guttural and consorts with gutturals. In Greek the initial $\dot{\rho}$ is aspirated; and many English words that now begin with R began in Englisc with HR, as hræfn raven, hricg ridge, hreóh rough.

X is a monogram for HS or CS. Thus acsian to ask is sometimes written axian. Even where a word is always written with x in Englisc, the $h s$ may be found in another dialect : thus weaxan to wax, grow, is in Old High German wahsan: and feax hair is in Oldsaxon fahs.

Z is no Saxon letter. It occurs only once or twice, and then in foreign names.

## II. SPELLING AND PRONUNCIATION.

In Spelling and Pronunciation there is this chief warning to be given :-Never forget that a silent e-final is a thing of recent development! The form stowe if met with in-Elizabethan English, would be pronounced exactly the same as stow: the $-e$ has absolutely no value whatever either in sound or in sense, it is a mere thing of orthography. But if in Anglosaxon we meet with

[^0]stowe, it will sound and mean differently from stow. The latter is a monosyllable, the former is a disyllable. The Englisc stow is a nominative, equivalent to the Latin locus; but stow-e is a genitive or dative, equivalent to loci or loco.

Altogether the vowels are very influential and worthy of careful attention. The most obvious example of this is seen in the scheme of Strong Verbs. But, besides these, a slight vocalic change in the form of a word will often revolutionize the meaning. Thus byrnan is to burn as when we say a wick burns: but bærnan is to burn as when we say the enemy burnt the town. Some of these vocalic distinctions remain, as drincan to drink, drencan to drench : feallan to fall, fyllan to fell: licgan to lie, lecgan to lay: sittan to sit, settan to set: windan to wind, wendan to wend: but more are lost; as búgan to bow oneself, bígan to make another bow: hnigan to stoop, hnǽgan to make stoop: lifan to remain, læfan to leave: sincan to sink (neut.), sencan to sink (act.): swincan to toil, swencan to slave-drive: wacan to wake up spontaneously, weccan to rouse another from sleep: pincan to seem, סencan to think.

A slight consonantal variation may make one of these great sense-changes: cwelan to quail, cwellan to quell: and note what hangs on a letter in hrím frost, rím number: wic habitation, wicg horse, wíg war.

The simple vowels are seven short, a, $\boldsymbol{\varnothing}, \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{i}, \mathbf{o}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{y}$; and seven long, á, ǽ, é, í, ó, ú, $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$.

Beware of imagining that there is no system of orthography in Anglosaxon writing. The fact is very much the reverse. The vowel system is very delicately graduated. Besides the simple vowels, there are two short vowels which
seem to represent a shake of the voice, and each is written with two characters. These are ea and eo, and they must be carefully distinguished from the two Diphthongs which are written with the same characters eá and eó.

This distinction, as well as that of the short and long vowels, is indicated by the Accent mark. The Saxon manuscripts suggest this use of Accents, but modern philo$\log y$ has reduced them to system. They are by all means to be studied as a valuable notation, and great sensedifferences hinge on them. Thus: ac but, ǎc oak: an on, án one: bær bare, bǽr bier; cneow knee, cneów knew: for for, fór fared German fuffr : geat gate, geát poured German gon : hwæte eager, hwǽte wheat: is is, German ift, ís ice, German ciz: lam lame, lám loam: man man, mán crime: ne not, Latin and French ne, né nor Latin nec French ni: sæd said, sǽd seed: tol toll, tól tool: wende went, wénde weened.

## III. INTERJECTIONS.

The Interjections are either ( 1 ) spontaneous and original utterances ; or (2) grammatical words lapsed into mere exclamations.

1. Of the first sort are wa wo, lá $l 0$, and their composite walawa, out of which have sprung the modern forms well-a-way and well-a-day. There is moreover eála, which may possibly have had to do with the cry halloo. Also hig or he, hey, eh, ah, oh, heigh; as, Hig lá me Heu mihi!
2. To the second sort belong efne, lit. evenly, but used as Latin ecce, or our familiar only just look, look you, lo you, mark me.

| Was Seon efne | Sikon was (lo you) |
| :--- | :--- |
| Sum para kynincga | One of those kings |

Efne we forleton ealle ding-Behold we forsook all things.

Hwæt, lit. what, but used like 'what ho!' It is a favourite exclamation for the beginning of a poem or of a paragraph. In the following quotation we see it coupled with lá, and meaning as much as hark! Suwiad hwæt lá, ne gehyre ge hú myrige lófsangas swegađ̛ on heofenum?-Hush, hark! hear ye not how merry hymns resound in heaven?

Leof, lit. dear, was used as a term of respectful address to a superior, like 'my lord' or 'my liege,' whether in speech or in the greeting of a letter. The following are the opening words of an epistle from a subject to the king: Leof, ic đe cyðe hu hit wæs ymb đæt lond æt Funtial-Dear Lord, I declare to thee how it was about the land at Fonthill. Then it slid into a vague interjectional use, as Gea leof ic hæbbe-Yea marry have $I$.

## IV. PARTS OF SPEECH.

The Parts of Speech will be found to have much in common with the analogous parts in English Grammar; but this correspondence is often broken in detail by the fact that many of the Saxon words now in English are found occupying an altered position in the scale of the Parts of Speech.

You will often meet with a familiar English word, which yet will not be the same part of speech as the selfsame word is in English. Thus lád is the same word
as loth and loathe, but in Saxon it is an adjective, lád gewidru foul weather; whereas in English it is best known as a verb to loathe; while the adjective survives only as a relic in the antiquated phrase 'I am loth.'

The word ceáp is the same as the English adjective cheap; but in Anglosaxon it is a substantive meaning cattle: ge đæs ceápes ge đæs cornes both of the cattle and of the corn: mid ceápes cwilde ond monna with murrain of cattle and of men.

The substantive wyrd fate exists in the modern English only as an adjective weird.

We may here add a remark upon a change of a different nature. Where the word still lives in English, and still in the same part of speech, it has sometimes undergone a great change in signification. Thus, in Saxon hafoc is a bird of prey, but this word exists in English in a sense widely removed, namely, that of havoc, destruction. For the bird we have adopted the Danish form of the selfsame word, and we call it hawk.

These things make us feel the distance between Saxon and English.

## V. SYMBOLIC AND PRESENTIVE.

There is a still greater change, viz. that from the Presentive to the Symbolic; from that use of a word in which it stands for a thing or an idea (Presentive), to that use in which it is a pure function of language (Symbolic).

Shall and will both exist (as words) in Saxon. But in that early stage these words meant something widely different from that which they generally mean in modern English. The Saxon sceal meant is due, belongs to, and
it is only by filtration through time that shall, should have become symbols of Tense and Mood, while the word retains only a film of its original sense of necessity, obligation, and duty. Đeos bóc sceal to Wiogora Ceastre This book is to go to Worcester. For the use of the word in its presentive sense, see below the extract from Matt. xviii.

The case of will is similar. In Saxon it signified decision and determination of the will; in modern English, though it has not utterly lost its original power and faculty, yet it is not found once in a thousand times to have any other function than that of a tense-symbol.

The words dôm, hâd, are in Saxon presentive substantives. The meaning of dôm was judgment, decision, choice, conditions, terms; and hád meant rank, order, estate, condition. The first of these is still in English a presentive substantive in the form of doom, but in a widely removed sense, and with a very limited use. If we seek the retreat of the Saxon dom in modern English we find it in the termination of such words as Christendom, kingdom, thraldom, wisdom ; not in a presentive but in a symbolic character.

The case of hâd is still more marked. This word has no existence as a presentive word in modern English. It is now a symbolic appendage of words in the form of hood: as boyhood, manhood, a usage which had already begun in Saxon as cildhâd childhood.

Here we see a natural change of the presentive word to a symbolic use, till it differs little from an inflection. But this is not the only source of modifying terminations. There are flectional terminations of which we cannot say that they ever were presentive words. Such is the famous
termination -ing, which from a vague genitival or adjectival sense (much seen in Local Names) came to be used as a patronymic; thus, 正lfred 再pelwulfing Alfred the son of Ethelwulf.

## VI. VERBS.

The Verbs shall be described in two great Conjugations, the Strong and the Weak, with an intermediate shadowy one which we will call Mixed, making three groups in all.
r. Of the Strong Conjugation three samples follow, in the verbs faran to go, byrnan to burn (ardēre), wrítan to write.

Indicative Mood.


Subjunctive Mood.

| Pres. sing. fare | byrne | wríte |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| plur. faren (-on) | byrnen (-on) | wríten (-on) |
| Pret. sing. fóre | burne | write |
| plur. fóren (-on) | burnen (-on) | writen (-on) |

Imperative Mood.

Pres. sing. far
plur. fara' \&
fare ge
byrn
byrnad \&
byrne ge
wrít
wrítał \&
wríte ge

Infinitive Mood.

| Pres. | faran | byrnan | wrítan |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Gerund. | faranne | byrnanne | wrítanne |
| Part. act. | farende | byrnende | wrítende |
| Part. pass. faren | burnen | writen |  |

To this class belong the two great symbol-verbs wesan to be, and weorðan to become, German werben.

The Verb to be is thus made up:
Present.

INDICATIVE。
Sing.

1. eom
2. eart
3. is wesed

Plur. 1, 2, 3. $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { synd } \\ \text { syndon }\end{array}\right\}$ wesa'
subjunctive.
IMPERATIVE.
sy wese
sy wes Present and Future.
Sing.

1. beom, be6́ beó
2. bist
3. byd

Plur. r, 2, 3. bé́'
sý wese
sýn wesen $\left\{\begin{array}{c}\text { wesałd \& } \\ \text { wese ge }\end{array}\right.$

| 1. beom, beo <br> 2. bist | $\begin{aligned} & \text { beó } \\ & \text { beó } \end{aligned}$ | beб |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3. byd | beó |  |
| Plur. x, 2, 3. be6'́ | beón | beó |

Preterite.
indicative.
Sing.
I. wæs
2. wǽre
3. wæs

Plur. 1, 2, 3. wáron
Infinitive, wesan \& beón.
Gerund, beonne
Participle pres. wesende.

SUBJUNCTIVE.
wǽre
wǽre
wáre
wǽren

The parts of this necessary verb are supplied from three different roots; and we shall often see, that the words which are most necessary and in most incessant use, are those which exhibit the strangest anomalies.

The verb weorðّan is conjugated as follows :-

## indicative.

Pres. sing.

1. weorðe
2. wyrst
3. wyrð
plur. 1, 2, 3. weorpað $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { weorðe we, \&c. }\end{array}\right\}$
Pret. sing.
4. wearð
5. wurde
6. wearð
plur. 1, 2, 3. wurdon
Plur. wurdon ?

Imper. sing. weorð Infin. pres. weorðan
plur. weorpað $\}$ Gerund weorðanne weorde ge $\}$ Part. Past geworden

Most of the Strong Verbs extant in Anglosaxon literature will be found in their alphabetical order in the following list. The first column generally exhibits the First Person singular of the Present Indicative. From this form the Infinitive may be inferred, by putting -an in the place of the final -e. Thus the Infinitive of beóde is beódan. In a few instances however the Infinitive itself is put in the first column, as in the case of fangan, hangan, whose I. pers. sing. pres. ind. are fó, hó ; forms alphabetically inconvenient here ; and wesan to be, which has no 'I am' belonging to its root.

| PRES. <br> IST PERS. | $\begin{gathered} 3 \text { 3RD } \\ \text { PERS. } \end{gathered}$ | PRET. <br> sing. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PRET. } \\ & \text { PL. } \end{aligned}$ | PART. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - ale |  | ol |  |  | grow |
| ce | bæc૪ | bóc | bócon | bacen | bake |
| bannen |  | beón |  | bannen | summon |
| beáte | beáteð | be6t | bebton | beáten | beat |
| belge | bylg $\gamma$ | bealh | bulgon | bolgen | am wroth |
| $\checkmark$ beode | beodeð | beád | budon | boden | command |
| beorge | byrg $¢$ | bearh | burgon | borgen | keep, secure |
| bere | berð | bær | bæron | boren | bear |
| erste | byrst | bærst | burston | borsten | burst |
| bidde | bit | bæd | bædon | beden | bid, beg |
| bíde | bíde才 | bád | bidon | biden | bide |
| $\checkmark$ binde | bint | band | bundon | bunden | bind |
| bíte | bíteð | bát | biton | biten | bite |
| $\sim$ bláwe | blæw ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | ble 6 w | ble6won | bláwen | blow |
| blíce | blíc ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | blác | blicon | blicen | gleam |
| blinne | blin> | blan | blunnon | blunnen | cease |
| blote | blět | ble6t | ble6ton | bl6ten | sacrifice |
| $\checkmark$ brece | brič ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | bræc | bræcon | brocen | break |
| brede | brit | bræd | brédon | breden | braid |
| ( bregde |  | brægd | brugdon | brogden | broid |
| (a)breóðe |  | -breáx | -brułon | -broðen | perish |
| breote | brítt | breát |  | bróten | break |
| breówe |  |  |  | browen | brew |
| bringe | bring $\gamma$ |  |  | brungen | bring |
| bruce | brúce૪ | breác | brucon | brocen | use, brook |
| bage | byh | beáh | bugon | bogen | bow |
| byrne | byrnð | barn | burnon | burnen | burn |
| [cale] |  |  |  | (of) calen | be cold |
| ceorfe |  | cearf | curfon | corfen | carve |
| ceóse | ceoseð | ceás | curon | coren | choose |
| ceówe | cýw | ceáw | cuwon | gecowen | chew |
| cleófe | clýf | cleáf | clufon | clofen | cleave |
| climbe |  | clomm | clumbon | clumben | climb |
| clinge |  | clang |  | clungen | sbrink |


| PRES. IST PERS. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 3RD } \\ & \text { PERS. } \end{aligned}$ | PRET. SING. | PRET. pl. | PART. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\checkmark$ cnáwe | cnæw ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | cnẹow | cneówon | cnáwen | know |
| cráwe | crew ${ }^{\text {ch }}$ | creów | creówon | cráwen | crow |
| creópe | crýpð | creáp | crupon | cropen | creep |
| cringe |  | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { cranc } \\ \text { crang } \end{array}\right.$ | cruncon crungon |  | fall dead |
| CUME | cymð | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { cwom } \\ \text { com }\end{array}\right.$ | cwómon cómon | cumen | come |
| CWE欠E | cwy ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | cwæ૪ | cwádon | gecweden | say |
| cwele | cwil | cwæl | cwǽlon | cwolen | die |
| (a)cwince |  | -cwanc |  |  | quench, intr. |
| delfe | dylfo | dealf | dulfon | dolfen | delve |
| deorfe | dyrf\% | dærf | durfon | dorfen | bold out |
| drage |  | dróh | drógon | dragen | draw |
| on-dræde | -dræt | -dréd | -drédon | [dræden] | dread |
| dreóge | drýh $\gamma$ | dreáh | drugon | drogen | endure |
| dreóse |  | dreás |  | droren | fall |
| drepe |  | dræp |  | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { drepen } \\ \text { dropen } \end{array}\right\}$ | kill |
| drífe | drífeð | dráf | drifon | drifen | drive |
| $\checkmark$ drince | drinc ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | dranc | druncon | druncen | drink |
| ge-dufe | -dyfor | -deáf | -dufon | -dofen | dive |
| dwíne | dwín ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | dwán | dwinon | dwinen | pine |
| [eáce] | . . |  | . . | eácen | grow |
| [eáde] |  |  |  | eáden | be bappy |
| - ete | et | æt | æton | eten | eat |
| fangan | féh | féng | féngon | fangen | seize |
| fare | fær ${ }^{\text {r }}$ | for | foron | faren | go |
| fealde | fylt | feóld | feóldon | gefealden | fold |
| fealle | fyl | febll | febllon | gefeallen | fall |
| felhan |  | fealh | fulgon | -folen | enter |
| ge-fé | -fih ${ }^{\text {f }}$ | -feah | -fregon | -fegen | rejoice |
| feohte | fyht | feaht | fuhton | fohten | fight |
| finde | fint | fand | fundon | funden | find |
| fleó | fléhð | fleáh | flugon |  | flee |


| PRES. IST PERS. | $\underset{\text { PERS. }}{\substack{\text { 3RD }}}$ | PRET. SING. | PRET. PL. | PART. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| fleóge | flýh | fleáh | flugon | flogen | Ay |
| fleóte | flyt | fleát | fluton | floten | float |
| flíte | flit | flát | fliton | fliten | contend |
| flowe | flewr | fleów | fleówun | fówen | flow |
| freóse |  | freás | fruron | froren | freeze |
| frete | frit | fræt | fræton | freten | fret |
| frine | frin $\gamma$ | fræn | frunon | gefrunen |  |
| frigne |  | frægn | frugnon | gefrugnen | enquire |
| gale | gæ> | gól | g6lon | galen | sing |
| gangan \& gán | gange ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | geóng |  | gangen | go |
| gelde | gylt | geald | guldon | golden | pay |
| gelpe | gylpð | gealp | gulpon | golpen | boast |
| [geópan] |  | geáp |  |  | swallow |
| geote | gft | geát | guton | goten | pour |
| gife | gif ${ }^{\text {r }}$ | geaf | geáfon | gifen | give |
| on-ginne | -gin $\gamma$ | -gan | -gunnon | -gunnen | begin |
| on-gite | -git | -geat | -geáton | -giten | understand |
| glíde | glídeð | glád | glidon | gliden | glide |
| gnage | gnægð | gn6h | gnógon | gnagen | graw |
| gníde | gnit | gnád | gnidon | gniden | rub |
| grafe | græf ¢ | gróf | grofon | grafen | dig |
| grinde | grint | grand | grundon | grunden | grind |
| grípe | gripð | gráp | gripon | gripen | seize |
| grówe | gréw ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | greów | greówun | growen | grow |
| hangan | [héhð] | heng | héngon | hangen | bang |
| háte | hæt | héht \& hét | héton | háten | command |
| healde | hylt | heold | heoldon | healden | bold |
| heawe | heawe ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | heów | heown | heáwen | bew |
| hebbe | hef $\gamma$ | hof | hófon | hafen | lift |
| for-hele | -hilð | -hæl | -hǽlon | -holen | conceal |
| helpe | hylpł | healp | hulpon | holpen | belp |
| hlade | hlæt | hlód | hl6don | hlæden | lade |
| hleápe | hlypł | hleóp | hleópon | gehleápen | leap |


| PRES. IST PERS. | $\underset{\text { PERS }}{3}$ | PRET. sing. | PRET. | PART. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| hleóte | hlyt | hleát | hluton | hloten | obtain |
| hlíde |  | -hlád |  | -hliden | cover |
| hlihhe | hlihð | hloh | hlogon |  | laugb |
| hlowe |  |  | hleówon |  | low, bellozu |
| hníge | [hnihð] | hnáh | hnigon | linigen | bow |
| hreб̌e |  |  |  | hroden | adorn |
| hreóse | hríst | hreás | hruron | hroren | fall |
| hreowan | hreoweð | hreáw |  |  | rue,impers. |
| liríne | hrínð | hrán | hrinon | hrinen | touch |
| hweorfe | hwyrf ${ }^{\text {r }}$ | hwearf | hwurfon | hworfen | turn |
| láce | láceð | leblc |  |  | sport |
| lǽte | leteð | lét | léton | -lźten | let, leave |
| leá | lyhr | 16 h | lógon |  | blame |
| leóge | lyh | leáh | lugon | logen | lie |
| (for)lebse | -lýst | -leás | -luron | -loren | perish |
| lese | list | læs | læson | lesen | gather |
| licge | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { licgeð } \\ \text { lił }\end{array}\right\}$ | læg | $\left.\begin{array}{l} \text { lágon } \\ \text { lægon } \end{array}\right\}$ | egen | lie |
| (be)lífe | [-lif $\gamma$ ] | -láf | -lifon | -lifen | remain |
| líhe | (on)lihð |  | láh |  | lend |
| limpe | limpeð | ge-lamp | -lumpon | -lumpen | bappen |
| linne | linneð |  | lunnon |  | cease |
| life |  |  |  | (ge)liden | voyage |
| lúce | lyç | leác | lucon | locen | shut up |
| lute | lyt | leát | luton | loten | incline |
| máwe | máwep |  |  | máwen | mow |
| melte | mylt | mealt | multon | molten | melt |
| mete | mit | mæt | máton | meten | measure |
| míge | míh | máh | migon | migen | mingere |
| murne | myrn ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | mearn | murnon | mornen | mourn |
| neóte | nýt | neát | nuton | noten | enjoy |
| (ge)nese | -nist | -næs | -néson | -nesen | recover |
| nime | nim $\gamma$ | nam | námon | numen | take |
| plion | . . | pleah | . - | . . | risk |



| PRES. | 3RD | PRET. | PRET. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| IST PERS. PERS. | SING. | PL. |  |

slúpe slypð sleáp slupon slopen slip smeóce smycł smeác smucon smocen smoke (be)smíte smíteð sneówan snoweð snfan [smát] [smiton] smiten
defile, smite
basten

| spane | spaneð | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { spón } \\ \text { speón } \end{array}\right.$ | spónon speónon | \}áspanen | allure |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| spanne |  | spénn |  |  | clasp |
| speorne spurne | \} spyrnð | spearn | spurnon | spornen | spurn |
| spinne | spin` | span | spunnon | spunnen | spin |
| spiwe | spiw ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | spáw | spiwon | spiwen | spit |
| spówe | . . . | speów | speówon |  | succeed |

sprece
springe stande stele steorfe steppe stíge stince (of)stinge -stingð strede suce suge swápe swefe swelge swelle swelte sweorce sweorceðswearc [swerian] swíce swife
spric $ð$ spring $\gamma$ stent stod stylð styrfæ stæp stíhð stincł -sting

- ... ) syč seác -
snidon
cut
allure
clasp
spurn
spin
spit
succeed
speak
spring
stand
steal
die
step
ascend
stink
sting, stab
fall

| PRES. <br> IST PERS. | $\begin{gathered} \text { 3RDR } \\ \text { PERS. } \end{gathered}$ | PRET. <br> SING. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PRET. } \\ & \text { PL. } \end{aligned}$ | PART. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| swimme | swimð | swamm | swummon |  | squim |
| swince | swinc $૪$ | swanc | swuncon | swuncen | toil |
| swinde | swint | swand | swundon | swunden | vanish |
| swinge | swing $\gamma$ | swang | swungon | swungen | scourge |
| teठ | tyh ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | teáh | tugon | togen | draw |
| tere | tyr ${ }^{\text {r }}$ | tær | tæron | toren | tear |
| [tíhan] | tyh ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | teâh |  | . | aicuse |
| trede | tredeð | træd | trédon | treden | tread |
| pe6 | pýh ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | peáh | pugon | (ge)pogen | thrive |
| peóte | pyt | peát | puton | poten | borwl |
| persce | pyrscð | pærsc | purscon | porscen | thresh |
| picgan | pige૪ | (ge)pah | -pægon | pigen | take of |
| [pingan] |  |  | (ge) pungon | -pungen | prosper |
| práwe |  | preow |  |  | twist, veer |
| pringe |  | prang | prungon | (ge) prunge | throng |
| pweá | pwehð | jw6h | pwogon | (a)pwegen | awash |
| weran |  |  |  | (ge)pworen <br> (ge)puren | weld, f forge |
| pwíte | pwíteð |  | pwiton |  | whittle |
| wace | wæc૪ | wóc | wocon | wacen | wake |
| wade | wadeð | wod | wodon | (ge) waden | zwade |
| wasce | wæsceð | wócs | woxon | gewæscen | awash |
| wealce |  | weólc |  | (ge)wealcen | roll |
| wealde | wylt | weobld | weóldon | (ge)wealden | avield |
| wealle | wealleð | we6ll | weobllon | (á) weallen | boil, bubble |
| weaxe | wexð | weóx | webxon | (á)weaxen | grow |
| wefe | wife $¢$ | wæf | (a)wæfon | wefen | weave |
| wege | wige ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | wæg | wægon | (á)wegen | move |
| weorðe | wyrð | wear $\gamma$ | wurdon | (ge)worden | become |
| weorpe | weorpeð | wearp | wurpon | worpen | throw |
| wépe | wépeð | weóp | weópon | wépen | aveep |
| wesan |  | wæs | wæron |  | be |
| winde | wint | wand | wundon | wunden | wind |
| winne | win〕 | wann | wunnon | wunnen | strive |


| PRES. <br> IST PERS. | $3^{\mathrm{RD}}$ <br> PERS. | PRET. sing. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PRET. } \\ & \text { PL, } \end{aligned}$ | part. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (ge)wíte | -wíte૪ | -wát | -witon | -witen | depart 7 |
| wlite | wlíteð | wlăt | wliton | wliten | look |
| wrece | wricð | wræc | wrécon | wrecen | aureak |
| wríge | wríh ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | wráh | wrigon | wrigen | cover |
| wringe | wring ${ }^{\text {r }}$ | wrang | wrungon | wrungen | zoring |
| wríte | writeð | wrát | writon | writen | write |
| wriłe | wrîeð | wráð | wriðon | wriðen | wreathe |
| yrne | yrnð | arn | urnon | urnen | rur |

This body of Strong Verbs constitutes a sort of ancient core of the mother tongue ; and the student will do well to acquaint himself with them pretty thoroughly. A good plan is to read them frequently and aloud; or even to learn them by heart. If the latter course is taken, it is better to learn them in groups, than in the above miscellaneous collection. This collection, which is designed for ready reference, is not so well calculated for learning by heart. To learn them by groups is both easier and more profitable; and the grouping may be found in Mr. Sweet's Anglo-Saxon Reader.

The chief thing to be attended to in the Strong Verb is the formation of the Preterite by an inward vowelchange, as fare, fór; byrne, barn; wríte, wrát. Next to this, the thing to observe is the further change which in many verbs takes place in the second person singular of the Preterite, as barn, burne; wrát, write. In the cases where this change enters, it sets the radical vocalism not only of the second person singular itself, but also of the whole plural of that tense, of the whole subjunctive preterite, and of the past participle. This remark applies to some of the Præterito-Præsentia below.

And this transition sometimes extends itself beyond
vowels. Thus the verb ceósan to choose, makes preterite ic ceás $I$ chose, second person pu cure thou chosest, and this -ur- is continued in sequence, viz. we, ge, hi curon zee, ye, they chose; subj. cure, curen; and coren chosen. The same thing happens to the verbs dreósan to fall, freósan to freeze, hreósan to rush, leósan to lose. Where the last root-consonant is $\delta$, this is changed in the same parts to d, as may be seen above in weorð'an, seóずan.

As the cliffs at Dunwich are eaten away by the sea, and the place is now but a fragmentary monument of ancient celebrity, so the Strong Verbs have been and are continually undereaten by the influence of modern forms. This innovation had already made some way in Saxon times. Just as in the present day the preterite of sleep is slept, while there coexists a popular Strong form slepp, so do we find in writings of good Saxon mark, that the verb slǽpan pret. slép had already its second preterite in a Weak form slǽpte. There are two preterites of the verb swear, namely swór and swerede. Of Strong Verbs that have become Weak a list is given in my English Philology, § 274.

Something of the sort happened to the verb find, but in a peculiar way. The Strong preterite ran thus, I. ic fand, 2. pu funde, 3. he fand; but the form of the second person funde gradually prevailed in all three persons. We find ic funde in Luke $x v$, and he funde in Matt. xx; both among the selections below. A verb that might seem to exhibit the same tendency to transition is don to do, which has a Strong Participle gedon, with preterite dyde. This looks like a weak form, but may perhaps be rather a reduplicate form, and of high antiquity. Other forms of
this important verb are :-Pres. Ind. 1. dó, 2. dést, 3 . déð ; Pl. dó't: Pret. ı.'dyde, 2. dydest, 3. dyde; Pl. dydon: Imperative dó; dó': Gerund to donne.
2. The Mixed Verbs are a meagre and motley company, embodied for mere convenience sake; a company which does not deserve the title of a natural class, as the Strong and Weak verbs most eminently do. The Mixed Verbs are but border-products, which have taken shape on the outer confines of those cardinal groups ; and their only common quality is this :-That they have all of them something of the Strong and something of the Weak. Like the Strong they suffer change of the root-vowel ; like the Weak they take a $\mathbf{d}$ or $\mathbf{t}$ for preterite and participle.

Such are-

| PREsEnt. | Preterite. | Partictiple. |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| brenge | brohte | gebroht | bring |
| bycge | bohte | geboht | buy |
| cwelle | cwealde | gecweald | kill |
| réce | róhte | geróht | reck |
| recce | reahte | gereaht | reckon |
| séce | sobhte | gesóht | seek |
| secge | sæde | gesæd | say |
| telle | tealde | geteald | tell |
| wyrce | worhte | geworht | work |
| pecce | peahte | gepeaht | thatch |
| pence | pohte | gepoht | think |

Here also belongs the impersonal verb (to be carefully distinguished from pencan to think) pyncè seems, which makes preterite púhte, participle gepúht. It is from this verb that we get 'methinks.'

What makes this group important, is the fact that it
contains all the residue of the Auxiliaries, after wesan and weorðan, which have been already described above, under the Strong Conjugation. Habban to have, and willan to will, with its negative nyllan to nill, are so important, that they must be given at length.

Indicative.

| Pres. sing. 1. hæbbe | wille | nelle |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. hæfst | wilt | nelt |
| 3. hæf\% | wile | nele, nyle |
| plur. habbad | willa | nellá̛, nylla |
| habbe we, \&c. hmfde | wille we, wolde | nelle we, \&c. |
| 2. hæfdest | woldest | oldest |
| 3. hæfde | wol | nolde |
| ur. hæfdon | woldon | noldon |

Subjunctive.

| Pres. sing. hæbbe | wille | nelle, nylle |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| plur. hæbben (-on) | willen (-on) | nellen, nyllon |
| Pret. sing. hæfde | wolde |  |
| plur. hæfden | wolden |  |

Imperative.
Sing. hafa
Plur. habbad \& habbe ge
nelle pu

## Infinitive.

Pres. habban willan nyllan

Gerund. habbenne
Participles.
Pres. hæbbende willende
Past. gehæfd

There is a Negative of habban, as ic næbbe I have not, \&c.

And here belong twelve Præterito-Præsentia. They are so called, because they start from a Strong Preterite, which they treat as if it were a Present, and upon it they build a new Preterite, after the model of Weak verbs.

PRESENT.
$\overbrace{\text { SING. I \& 3. } 2 \text {. } 2 \text { PLUR. }}$
an
can \(\left\{\begin{array}{l}unne <br>
cunne <br>

canst\end{array}\right\}\) unnon | cunnon | cure | unnan |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| curant | cunnan | know |


| pearf | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { purfe } \\ \text { pearft }\end{array}\right.$ | purfon | porfte | $\ldots$ | need |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| dear | durre | durron | dorste | $\ldots$ | dare |
| ge-man | -manst | -munon | -munde | -munan | remember |
| sceal | scealt | sculon | sceolde | $\ldots$ | sball |



They who are conversant with Latin or Greek Grammar, may remember some Præterito-Præsentia in those languages, as oiida novi I know.
3. The Weak Verbs form preterite and participle by external addition. There are two chief types, the one with infinitive -ian and the other with infinitive -an. Examples, lufian to love, bærnan to burn anything up.

Indicative Mood.


Subjunctive Mood.
Pres. sing. lufie
plur. lufien (-on)
Pret. sing. lufode
plur. lufoden
Imperative Mood.
Sing. lufa
Plur. lufiå \& lufige
Infinitive Mood.

| Pres. | lufian | bærnan |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Gerund. | (to) lufigenne | bærnenne |
| Part. act. | lufigende | bærnende |
| Part. pass. | (ge)lufod | bærned |

Instead of -de the formative becomes -te after the letters $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{t}$, and $\mathbf{x}$, as dyppan to dip dypte: grétan to greet grétte: lixan to gleam lixte: métan to meet métte.

A few verbs in -ian form the preterite in -ede and the participle in -ed, as

| ferian | ferede | gefered | carry |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| herian | herede | gehered | extol |
| nerian | nerede | genered | save |

but these are inconstant: we likewise meet with ferode, nerode, generod.

Caution. In looking back over the verbs, a word of caution is suggested by old and various experience. Keep an eye upon the formation of the second person singular of the preterite, and mark how diversely it is formed in the Strong and Weak verbs. Thus, pu fore thou fared'st, wentest: pu burne thou wast burning, thoni wast on fire: pu write thou wrotest: but pu lufodest thou didst love, pu bærndest thou didst burn a piece of paper. See how English has changed in the direction of Weak forms : so much so, that in translating the Strong we are compelled to use the forms of the Weak.

This contrast not rarely meets us in the build of sentences, thus: pu pas ping wisum and gleáwum behyddest, and lytlingum awruge thou hiddest these things from the wise and cunning, and revealedst them to little ones.

## Concluding Remarks on the Verbs.

And yet nevertheless, after making due allowance for such a movement as that just indicated, the striking and remarkable fact is this:-How litlle our verbs have changed! The changes which have taken place in them, have had some effect on parts and proportions of parts, but hardly any upon the verbal system as a whole. The flectional terminations are somewhat worn, thus lufode is reduced to loved; but there they still are, for the most part. The
distinct form of the second person singular of the Strong preterite, and the distinct radical vocalism of that form, with the attendant consequences, as noted above in the section of Strong verbs; these subtle distinctions have disappeared, having been absorbed into the growing system of the Weak verbs. The latter had begun to encroach very early (as the Præterito-Præsentia show), and they have now drawn over many of the old Strong verbs to their side. But after all, the change is only in relative numbers; and the entire frame of the verbal system remains substantially now as it was in Saxon times.

With the Nouns it is different: there we shall see a great and decisive transition.

## VII. NOUNS.

In the Inflection of Nouns we shall have to make acquaintance with a variety of forms which are now extinct: and in fact we here enter upon that part of the grammar in which the mother tongue wears her strangest aspect for the modern student.

Nouns are either (i) Substantives, (ii) Adjectives, or (iii) Adverbs : and the chief thing to be attended to in their inflection is the difference between Strong Declensions and Weak Declensions. This distinction is the main thread to guide us in our exploration of nounal forms.

## 1. Declensions of Substantives.

The declensions of the Strong substantives vary with the genders, and therefore the most convenient arrange-
ment for these will be to group them according to their genders: Masculines, Feminines, and Neuters.
a. Strong Declension of Masculines.

Our type-word for these shall be smid smith.

| Sing. Nom. and Acc. smið | Plur. smiđas |
| :---: | :---: |
| Dat. and Inst. | smiðe |
| Genitive | smiðes |

This type comprises masculines ending in a consonant or $\mathbf{e}$ : in short, almost all that do not end with a or $\mathbf{u}$.

Words with inner vowel $æ$ (short) change it to a in the cases of the plural: thus dæg day, makes D. dæge, G. dæges; but in the plural dagas, dagum, daga. So mæg kinsman, makes mæge, mæges; but pl. magas, magum, maga.

Many words of this declension have an e final in the Nominative and Accusative singular, but differ in no other respect from the type-word. Thus, ende end, makes D. ende, G. endes : pl. endas, endum, enda.

Some of the commonest words are unconformable. Thus sunu son, makes D. and G. suna, pl. N. suna, D. sunum, G. suna and sunena. In the same manner wudu wood, sidu custom.

Then brođor (-er) brother, makes G. brođor, D. bređer ; pl. N. brođra (u), D. broðrum, G. brođra. And in the same manner two feminines, namely, dohtor daughter, sweostor sister, D. swyster. We must note likewise the collective plurals gebróðor (-ru) brethren, gesweostor, which remind us of the German (Jebrüber, (5iejdmifter. The word fæder father is often undeclined in the sing. (G. fæderes is found); but in pl. like smit.

The word man man, makes D. men, G. mannes: pl. N. menn, D. mannum, G. manna. There is a rare Acc. Sing. mannan or monnan. In like manner fót foot, pl. fét; tó tooth, pl. téð.

Freond friend, and feónd enemy, are like smid in other respects:-but they form pl. nom. and acc. thus, frýnd, fýnd.

Swa hwæt swa him Godes frýnd on ælmessan forgeafon, pæt he dælde for' oঠrum ঠearfum. Whatsoever God's friends gave him in alms, that he dealt forth to other needy folk.

## 及. Strong Declension of Feminines.

The examples make two groups, according as the substantive ends with a consonant or with the vowel $u$ (sometimes 0 ): as in the type-words, stow place, gifu gift.

| Sing. | Nom. and Acc. | stow | Plur. | stowa |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Dat. and Inst. | stowe |  | stowum |
|  | Genitive | stowe |  | stowa |
|  | Nom. | gifu |  | gifa |
|  | Acc. | gife |  | gifa |
|  | Dat. and Inst. | gife |  | gifum |
|  | Genitive | gife |  | gifa (-ena) |

Those in nom. -el, -en, -er, mostly drop this $\theta$ in all after cases; as wylen female slave, wylne; wylna, wylnum. So swingel scourge makes swingle, and ceaster cily ceastre. Except substantives in -ræden, as hiw ræden family, mæg ræden relationship, which make their oblique forms hiw rædene, mæg rædene; or else hiw rædenne, mæg rædenne.

Here again as before some of the most familiar words have a path of their own. Such are bóc book, bróc hose (breeches), burh fort, cú cow, gós goose, lús louse, mús mouse, turf turf. Take two of these for a sample :-

| Sing. | $N$. and $A$. | bóc |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| D. | béc | byrig |
| $G$. | béc | burge, byrig |
| Plur. | $N$. and $A$. | béc | byrig | D. and Inst. | bócum | burgum |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $G$. | bóca | burga |

Of confusion between burh and byrig be ware ;-it is a common source of error. The difference is exhibited in the following quotation:-and forgeáf him đá wununge on Cantwarebyrig, seo wæs ealles his rices heafod burh,-and gave him then a residence in Canterbury which was the capital of all his kingdom.

## r. Strong Declension of Neuter Substantives.

Here we have two sorts, those which make the plural nom. and acc. as the singular, and those which take -u as the sign of plural nominative and accusative. Our typewords shall be word word, and treow tree.
Sing. Plur. Sing. Plur.
Nom. and Acc. word word treow treowu

| Dat. and Inst. | worde wordum | treowe treoyum |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Genitive | wordes | worda | treowes treowa |

1. The first sort are mostly monosyllables ending in a double consonant, as hors horse, land land, weore work, ping thinig; or having a long vocalism, as deór beast, eár ear of corn, leáf leaf, reáf garment, sceáp sheep, wịf
woman. Modern English retains something of this type in the fact that sheep and deer have but one form for singular and plural.
2. The second sort contains neuters with e final in the Nom. as rice kingdom, rices; ricu, ricum, rica :disyllables in er (or), el, ol, en, and they drop the vowel when they receive case-endings, as wundor wonder, wundre, wundres; wundru, wundrum, wundra:monosyllables with short vowel and simple consonant. Thus god was an old neuter substantive in heathen times, and made pl. godu; but under Christianity it became masculine for God (pl. godas), and remained neuter for heathen gods. Words with $æ$ before a single end-consonant, turn $æ$ to a before the endings -u -a -um : as fæt vat, fæte, fætes ; fatu, fatum, fata.

## s. The Weak Declensions of Substantives.

These differ so little from one another, that the three genders may be taken together, and exhibited in one frame, thus:

| Nom. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Masc. } \\ \text { - } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { FEM. } \\ & \text {-- } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { NEUT. } \\ & \text { - } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Acc. | -an | -an | -e |
| Dat. Instr. and Gen. | -an | -an | -an |
| Nom. and Acc. -an |  |  |  |
| Dat. and Instr. -um |  |  |  |
| Genitive |  |  |  |

The three type-words, Masc. steorra star ; Fem. tunge tongue; Neut. eáge eye, may be conveniently declined in one table :


But, while we tabulate the three genders as if on equal terms, it must be noted, that the Weak forms are almost all masculine or feminine ; we can muster but one or two examples besides the type-word, namely, eáre ear, and perhaps cliwe clew, lunge lungs.

This -a final is an important formative: múす mouth, múða river-mouth: gild guild, gilda guild-brother.

We have seen, in this sketch of the Substantival Inflections, that all substantives are subject to one of two declensions: either they are Strong or they are Weak; some of them are declined in one way and some in the other; all are declined in one of the two, ways, few in both. We now pass on to consider the Adjectives, and there we shall see a different sight.

## 2. Declension of Adjectives.

The Adjectives are not, like the substantives, subject merely to one or other of the two schemes of variation called Strong and Weak, but each adjective is liable, according to circumstances. which will be explained in the Syntax, to both sorts of inflection. Here it will be sufficient to note, as the most ordinary instrument of the distinction, that the adjective with the definite article takes the Weak, without it the Strong formation. These different
sets of forms are here exemplified in the type-word god good.

> Strong.


Weak.
masc. PEM. NEUT.
Sing. Nom. (se) góda
Acc. ('one) godan
(seó) góde
(ða) gódan
(ðææt) góde
( (ðæt) góde

- Dat. (ðam) gódan (ðære) gódan (ðam) gódan

Gen. (ðæs) gódan (ðære) gódan (ðæs) gódan
Plur. Nom. and Acc. (ঠa) godan
Dat. ( (̌ám) gódum

Gen. (ڭara) gódena
Care must be taken to distinguish between the -e of flexion, and a nominative -e of some adjectives, as bliঠe blithe, céne keen, clǽne clean, deore dear, éce everlasting, grene green, mære splendid, rice rich, swéte sweet, wyrde worthy.

Participles are declined like adjectives both definitely and indefinitely, except that in the weak gen. pl. they keep to -ra; thus, not para rihtwillendena, which would be too draggling, but para rihtwillendra of the
upright: para ungelæredra of the unlearned: pæra gehyrendra heortan awehte he stirred the hearts of the hearers. This seems to be matter of euphony, for it is not the part of speech that determines it, but the length of the word. So also pæra Egyptiscra of the Egyptians, pæra hæせenra of the heathen.

The participle is first an adjective, but it easily becomes a substantive ; and according as the Present Participle assumes one or other of these two characters, it has a difference of declension which should be attended to. Let us compare the strong masculine declension of the adjectival wegferende wayfaring with that of the substantival wegferend a zeayfaring man.


He is úre friđigend and úre gescyldend $H e$ is our patron and our protector.

## The Comparative Degree of Adjectives.

The distinction between forms Strong and Weak takes in this place a decisive and significant line of action. The Strong Comparative, as heard hard, heardor harder, is used only as an Adverb. When the Comparative is Adjectively used, whether in concord with a substantive or
not, then it has only one form, and that the Weak, namely, heardra, heardre, heardre.

There is in this a logical propriety of which we will speak in the Syntax. In this place we ask the reader to master the fact and make himself familiar with it, by the aid of the following illustrations:-

## Singular.

Nom. Masc. Se stranga . . . . gyf ponne strengra ofer hine cym' The strong man . . . . if then a 'stronger cometh upon him.
Neut. Dæt is cúסre lif That is a nobler life.
Accus. Masc. Næfre ic geférde heardran drohtnờ Never did 1. light upon harder fortune.
Fem. Ic hæbbe maran gewitnesse $I$ have greater witness.

## Plural.

Nom. Ge synd sélran ponne manega spearwan $Y e$ are better than many sparrows. pa wæron ægðer ge swiftran ge unwealtran ge eac hieran ponne pa odru They were both swifter and less `rolling and eke higher than the others.

## The Superlative Degree.

Here the twofold system returns, and the Superlatives, like the Positives, have in their adjectival capacity, both the Strong and Weak declensions. In the Strong declen-
sion the termination is -ust, -ost, -est ; in the Weak it is -osta, -oste ; or -esta, -este.
pes is mín leófesta sunu This is my dearest son.
pá hæfde he pá gyt ánne leófestne sunu Then had he yet one most beloved son.
pá men pe swiftoste hors habba' The men that have swiftest horses.

Here as elsewhere some of the commonest and most necessary words have peculiarities of form ; and the beginner will find it useful in reading to refer often to the following lists.

## Anomalous Comparison.

Some of the most frequent and indispensable words have peculiar modes of comparison.
(1) Some exhibit a patchwork of divers roots, as-
posirtve.
good g6d (wel)
bad yfel great $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { micel } \\ \text { fela }\end{array}\right\}$
little lytel (lyt)

Comparative. betera (bet) wyrsa (wyrs) wyrrest, wyrst
mára (má) mæst læssa (læs) læst

The bracketed forms are adverbial.
(2) Some suffer vowel-change, as-

| old eald <br> easy eár | yldra | (eð) | yldest |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| eáðost |  |  |  |
| young | geóng | gingra | gingest |
| bigh | heáh | heárra, hérra | héhst |
| nigh | neáh | (neár) | néhst, next |
| short | sceort | scyrtra | scyrtest |

The usual rule, whereby adverbs are the offspring of adjectives, seems reversed in the following list, where
we see instances of words which are only adverbs or prepositions in the Positive, become adjectival in the higher degrees:-

| ere | (ǽr) | źrra (xror) | ærest (ærost) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| after | (xfter) afterweard | æftera | æftemest |
| else | (elles) | (ellor) |  |
| fore | (fore) foreweard |  | forma, fyrmesta |
| forth | (for ${ }^{\text {) }}$ | (furðor) | (furðum?) |
| bind | (hindan) | (hinder) | hindema |
| in | (inn) inneweard | innera | innema, innemest |
| mid | (mid) middeweard |  | midmest |
| north | (norð) norðweard | (norðor) | norðmest |
| nether | niðeweard | niðera (niðor) | niðemest |
| $u p$ | ufeweard (ufan) | ufera (ufor) | yfemest |
| out | (ut) uteweard | uterra (4tor) | ýtemest |

The Superlatives in -mest are cumulate forms ; an ancient. Superlative in -ma having been treated as if it were a Positive, and then rendered subject to the later rule of comparison.

The ancient Superlative -ma has only the Weak declension; but the later -mest has both the Strong and the Weak, as:-pa fyrmestan ytemeste, and pa ytemestan fyrmeste The first last, and the last first.

## 3. Formation of Adverbs.

The most frequent formative of adverbs is the flectional termination -e added to the stem of the adjective; thus from the adjective swið vehement, is formed the adverb swide vehemently, exceedingly, as swipe gewundod seriously zonunded; he wæs swide waclic on his gewædum he was very mean in his attire. This swide became the trite and common adverb of every-day use,
corresponding to our 'very,' and it may be met with ten times in a page.

From sóðlic true-like is formed sóðlice soothly, truly. Hence our modern adverb in -ly.

The Comparative degree is simply in -or as swiסor ; the Superlative in -ost as swidost.

The adjectives and adverbs are so closely knit into one system, that they may conveniently be tabulated together.
POSITIVE. COMPARATIVE. SUPERLATIVE.

Adj. Strong swið Adj. Weak swiða, -e swiðra, -e Adverb swide

| comparative. | superlative. |
| :--- | :--- |
| .... | swiðost |
| swiðra, -e | swiðesta, -e |
| swiðor | swiðost |

Example of the Adverb in each Degree :-
Positive. And pa swiסe rape æfter bæm And then very soon after that.
Comp. Hit wyrsode swiðor and swiđor It grew worse and worse.
Superl. Folces fri' bette swiðost para cyninga pe \&c. He bettered the folk's peace most effectually of the kings that \&c.

In the quotation that follows, this adverb appears in all the three degrees.

Næfde se here, Godes ponces, Angel cyn ealles for swi§e gebrocod: ac hie wæron micle swipor gebrocede on bæm brim gearum mid ceapes cwilde and monna: ealles swipost mid pæm pæt manige para selestena cynges pena pe pær on londe wæron, for' ferdon on bæm prym gearum. The invading host had not, thank God, distressed the English nation so very sevcrely; but they were much more distressed during the
three years with murrain of cattle and of men; worst of all by the fact that many of the best of the king's thanes that were in the land died in the course of that three years.

A special Adverb formative is -inga, -unga:
dearninga clandestinely. eáwunga openly. færinga suddenly. holinga in vain. hraðinga swiftly. irringa wrathfully.
neádinga hardly. orsceattinga gratuitously. semninga suddenly. unceápunga gratuitously. wenunga conceivably.

There is an important adverbial formation in -an, of which it will be most convenient to treat in the chapter on Pronouns, viii. 6.

## § The Numerals.

Numerals are either Cardinal or Ordinal, and both are subject to declension. The Cardinals have a fitful and fragmentary declension; the Ordinals a steady and regular one. But the leading distinction between them is the same as that which we have found so guiding in substantives, adjectives, and adverbs. It is the distinction between Strong and Weak. The Cardinals decline Strong; the Ordinals decline Weak. The only exception is óder which declines Strong. An apparent, but not real, exception is ána, a weak form of án. But ána is rather a Pronoun than a Numeral, as unus is in Latin when employed in the sense of solus: God ána wát God only knows, Deus unus scit : and he ána wæs on lande and he alone was on land, et ipse solus in terra.

CARDINALS. ORDINALS.
1 án
2 twegen, twá
forma, -e
6せer

CARDINALS.
3 prý, preó
4 feower
5 fif
6 six
7 seofon
8 eahta
9 nigon
10 tyn
II endlufon
12 twelf
${ }^{3} 3$ preotyne
14 feowertyne
20 twentig
30 prittig
70 hund-seofontig
80 hund-eahtatig
90 hund-nigontig
100 hund, hundred
120 hund-twelftig
1000 pusend

ORDINALS.
prydda, -e
férðða
fifta
sixta
seofoð́a
eahtoða
nigoða
teoða
endlyfta
twelfta
prytteoða
feowerteoða
twentigoða
prittigoða
hund-seofontigoむa
hund-eahtatigoða
hund-nigontigoさa
hund-teontigoða

The acc. sing. masc. of the Strong form ánne, is oftener written ǽnne. For án is declined like an adjective, with the three genders, just as unus is in Latin. The same thing happens partially to the second and third Cardinals.
masc. fem. neut. masc. fem. neut.
$N$. and $A$. twégen twá twá (tú)
D. twám (twám)
G. twegra (twega)
prý pré pré
prym
preóra

Like twá is declined M. begen, F. bá, N. bá (bútú) both.

For the first Ordinal, besides forma, there are the words fyrresta, fyrsta, formesta, fyrmesta, and æresta.

In the Adverbial expression of Numbers, the first three Numerals have a form of their own, ǽne once, twíwa (túwa) twice, príwa thrice. The other numeral adverbs are formed by the help of siðe, instrumental case sing. of sid journey, time, added to Ordinals; as priddan siđe the third time, sume side some time, once on a time. Or with siðum (siðon) instr. pl. added to Cardinals, as feower sioton four times.

## VIII. PRONOUNS.

The student is advised to give minute attention to the Pronouns. There are some distinctive features which might the more easily escape notice, because of a rough general similarity between the Saxon and the English Pronouns.

The Pronouns fall into six groups, (1) Personal, (2) Possessive, (3) Demonstrative, (4) Relative, (5) Interrogative, (6) Indefinite.
r. The Personal Pronouns of the First and Second Persons are without distinctions of Gender, but they have three Numbers:-

FIRST PERSON.
Sing. Nom. ic $I$
Acc. (meh, mec) me me
Dat. me to or for me
Gen. mín of me
Dual Nom. wit we two Acc. (uncit) unc us two
Dat. unc to or for us two Gen. uncer of us two

## SECOND PERSON.

pu thou
(bec) pe thee
pe to or for thee
pin of thee
git ye two
(incit') inc you two
inc to or for you two
incer of you two

## FIRST PERSON.

Plur. Nom. we we
Acc. (úsic) ús us
Dat. ús to or for us
Gen. (úser) úre of us

SECOND PERSON.
ge ye
(eówic) eów you
eów to or for you
eówer of you

The bracketed forms are archaic. A fine example of mec may be seen in the legend on Alfred's Jewel aelfred mec heht gewyrcan, Alfred ordered to make me. This noble relic is in the Ashmolean Museum, and should be visited by the student who lives within reach of it. The Pronoun of the Third Person has three Genders in the singular :-

## Singular.

| Nomsc. | fem. | NEUT. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Néo she he | hit it |  |
| Acc. hine him | hi her | hit it |
| Dat. him to him | hire to her | him to it |
| Gen. his his, of him | hire her | his its |

## Plural.

FOR ALL GENDERS.
Nom. and Acc. hi, hie, hig, hio, heo they, them
Dat. him, heom to them
Gen. hira, heora of them, their
This Third Personal Pronoun was anciently a Demonstrative, and there are certain adverbs which grew out of it when it was in that stage, which adverbs retain their original demonstrative force, namely her here, hider hither, heonan hence, to be noticed again below, under Adverbial Pronouns.
2. The Possessive Pronouns of the First and Second Persons are based upon the Genitives of their respective

Personal Pronouns, which then decline as adjectives, namely, mín mine, my; uncer our (dual), úre our (pl.); pin thine, thy, incer your (dual), eówer your (pl.). These are declined strong as adjectives. Thus úres cynges fæder our king's father: eówre geferan your companions.

There is no adjectival Possessive Pronoun of the Third person, but the simple genitives his his, its, hire her, hira, heora their, serve this purpose just as in modern English.
3. The Demonstrative Pronouns are this and that, just as now, only they have Genders and Cases:

|  | That. |  |  | This. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sing. $N$. | masc. <br> se | fem. <br> seó | neut. <br> pæt | masc. pes |  | neut. <br> pis |
| $A$. | pone | pa | pæt | pisne | pas | pis |
| D. | pam | pære | pam | pisum | pisse | pisum |
| Instr. |  |  | pý, pé |  |  | pis, pys |
| $G$. | pæs | pære | pæs | pisses | pisse | pisses |
| Plur. N. and A. pa |  |  |  |  | pás |  |
|  | D. | pám, |  |  | pisum |  |
|  | G. | para, | рæra |  | pissa |  |

Observe the distinct form for the case which we may call Instrumental or Ablative or Locative, for which a form distinct from the Dative is clearly displayed in the case of bý. It is much used in the Saxon Chronicles.

And by ilcan geare sende 尼pelwulf cyning㞑fred his sunu to Rome And in that same year king Ethelwulf sent Alfred his son to Rome.

In the above we see the Demonstrative use in full action. But the prevalent use of se-seo-pæt is in
the character of a Definite Article, and it is this fact which invests this Demonstrative with its great importance in Anglosaxon.

Example of Genitive Singular Feminine of pis:-开lfred cyning wæs wealh stod pisse béc King Alfred was the translator of this book.

To this group belong three adverbial pronouns of locality-bær there, pider thither, ponan thence: to be noticed again below, under Adverbial Pronouns.
4. Of Relative Pronouns there is only one form distinct and separate from other pronouns, and that is the indeclinable pe: pæt micele geteld pe Móises worhte The great tent which Moses made.

| I who am | ic pe eom |
| :--- | :--- |
| thou who art | pu pe eart |
| he who is | se pe is |

not 'he pe'-not the Personal Pronoun (as you would expect) but the Demonstrative : sý gebletsod se be com on Drihtnes naman Blessed be he that hath come in the Lord's name. Gradually however the Demonstrative entered so deep into the office of the Relative, that pe was often set aside, and the commonest way was to repeat the Demonstrative, using it first as Antecedent and next as Relative. Thus se . . . se he who, pæt . . . pæt that which. Se man se pæt swifte hors hæfす The man who hath the swift horse.
5. The Interrogative Pronouns are three, all of an adjectival kind, furnishing forth the three questions :-
a. Who and What ?

| $N$. | hwá | hwæt |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $A$. | hwone | hwæt |


| D． | hwam | hwam |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| G． | hwæs | hwæs |
| Inst． | ．． | hwy |

b．Which of two？

Sing．N．hwæずer
A．hwæðerne
D．hwæðerum
G．hwæðeres
Plur．$\left\{\begin{array}{l}N . \\ A .\end{array}\right.$ hwæ丈ere
D．hwæðerum
G．hwæðerra

FEM．
hwæðeru
hwæðere
hwæðerre
hwæðerre
hwæむere hwæむeru
hwæðerum hwæðerum hwæঠerra hwæðerra

NEUTI．
hwæðer
hwæð＇er
hwæðerum
hwæðeres
c．What sort of ？or Which of all ？is expressed by hwilc（hwelc，hwylc），and this is declined like any strong adjective．

Of an adverbial kind，three of locality；hwær where， hwider whither，hwonan whence：one of time hwænne when：one modal hú how ？

6．The Indefinite Pronouns are a very diversified group．

Some of them are taken from the Interrogatives．Thus hwá is not only who？but also some one，anyone：and hwæt somewhat，something；as，hwæt lytles some little； and hwyle one，any one；swa fram slæpe hwylc arise as if one rose from sleep．

These combine with swa to make composite pronouns， as swa hwa swa whosoever ；swa hwæt swa whatsoever； swa hwile swa whichsoever．

And hwilc makes with swa a composite Indefinite which has prepared the way for the later whichsoever．
pider urnon, swa hwilc swa ponne gearo wear'ठ Thither they ran, whichsoever then ready was.

Again, Interrogatives form Indefinites by taking the prefix æg- or ge-; as æghwá, æghwæt, æghwilc, æghwæðer ; gehwá, gehwæt, gehwilc, gehwæðer whoever, whatever, whichever, anyone, anything. Especially gehwile may be noted as eminently useful by reason of its vagueness, which is the cardinal virtue of an Indefinite Pronoun. It can mean upon occasion any of these : each one, every one, many a one, some folk, certain, divers, various : And hiera se æðeling gehwelcum feoh and feorh gebead, and hiera nænig hit gepicgean nolde And the Prince offered to each one of them money and life, and not any one of them would touch it. Gehergade swiðe micel on pæm norðhere, ægðer ge on mannum ge on gehwelces cynnes yrfe Harried very much on the north army, both on men and on every kind of cattle. Augustinus gesette biscopas of his geferum gehwilcum burgum on Engla peode Augustine set bishops from among his companions to divers cities in the English nation.

Sum answers but partially to our some. It is very like the Greek tis, and will require various turns of rendering, one, some, a certain man ; and often approaching very near to the Indefinite Article an, $a$ :

Sum welig man wæs se hæfde sumne gerefair A rich man there was who had a reeve.

Yet it cannot be said that an Indefinite Article had been matured in Anglosaxon. Sum . . . sum stands for one . . . another; not alius alium but alius . . . alius. Đa forgymdon hi pæt, and ferdon; sum to hys túne, sum to his mangunge Then neglected they that, and
departed, one to his farm, another to his merchandise - 'alius in villam suum, alius verò ad negotiationem suam.'

An one and its negative nán none.
Wuht, wiht thing, creature, matter, combined with the former makes ánwuht, áwiht, áht aught; nánwuht náht naught, nought.
ping thing combines with sum and nan, and hence our modern something, nothing. Ne fand pær nán ping buton ealde weallas He found there nothing but old walls.

Man is symbolised to the sense of one, any one, like German ntan and French on. But short of this extreme pronominal use, it has a convenient sub-pronominal function, superior to gender, answering to our 'person.' This occurs repeatedly in the Will of King Alfred:

And ic wille pa menn pe pa land habbad, pa word gelæstan be on mines fæder yrfe gewrite standa犬 swa swa hy fyrmest magon.

And ic wille gif ic ænigum menn ænig feoh unleanod hæbbe pæt mine magas pæt huru geleanian.

And ic wille ba menn pe ic mine bóc land becweden hæbbe, pæt hi hit ne asyllan of minum cynne ofer heora dæg.

And I will, that the persons who have the lands, fulfil the words that stand in my father's testament so as they soonest may.

And I will, if I have left any money unpaid to any one, that my kindred pay that of course.

And I will, the persons to whom I have bequeathed my book-lands, that they alienate it not out of my kin after their day.

Other Indefinites of similar grammatical range are :
ægðer either. ælc each. æ̋nig any, and its negative
næ̂nig not any. ænlýpig single. eall all. feawa few.
fela many, Germ. biel.
genoh enough.
lyt little.
manig many.
óder other.
unlyt no little.

Some Adverbial Pronouns.
There is a suffix variously written as hwugu, hwigu, hwegu, hwega, which is of the very essence of an Indefinite, and to which it is hard to assign a value, but it is something like 'at all.' It is found attached to hwæt, hwilc, and ælc, so that hwæthwegu means something, hwylchugu someone, ælenehugu dǽl whatever part, any part at all.

Hwene sometime, some-when, as Hwene ǽr we sprécon be 丈am \&c. A while ago we spoke of the \&c.

Húru at least, anyhow, for certain.
The form -inga, -unga, gives a few:
ánunga, áninga, æninga by all means, certainly. eallunga altogether so.

Here we will speak of the Adverbs in -an, for many of them are pronominal, and these three triplets especially :
hér here
bær there
hwær where
hider hither
pider thither
hwider whither
heonan hence
ponan thence
hwonan whence

The third column teaches us that the termination -an has the sense of from, like the Greek $\theta \in \nu$ in $\epsilon \xi \xi \omega \theta \in \nu$ from
without, ớpávo日ev from heaven. Like these are foran in front, innan within, útan from outside, æftan from behind, feorran from far, neán from near, niðan from below. The points of the compass eást, west, nor'd, súð', have their Adverbs of direction eástan, westan, norðan, súðan. The rage of the Danes against Abp. ※lfheah is partly accounted for by the chronicler thus : Wæron hi eac swyðe druncene, forpam pær wæs ge broht wín súðan Also they zere very drunk, for wine was brought there from the south. This form is frequent among the Prepositions.

## IX. THE LINK-WORD GROUP.

r. The Prepositions consist of a small number of old and a large number of new Prepositions, the latter being often made out with the adverbial termination -an. In the following alphabetical list the old fundamental prepositions are distinguished by CAPITALS.

The letters attached to each indicate the cases which they usually govern.
abutan (A. D.) about. EFTER (D.) after. ǽr (D.) ere. ÆT (D.) at. andlang (G.) along. bæftan (D.) after. BE (D.) about, around. beforan (A. D.) before. begeondan (D.) beyond. beheonan (D.) on this side of. behindan (D.) behind.
beneoðan (D.) beneath. betweox (D.) among.
betwynan (D.) between.
binnan (D.) within.
bufan (D.) above.
bútan (D.) without, except.
eác (D.) besides.
FOR (A. D. Inst.) for.
foran (D.) in front of.
fore (A.) before, for.
fram (D.) from.
gemang (A. D.) among. geond (A.) through. IN (A. D.) in, into. innan (A. D.) within, into. intó (D.) in, into. MID (A. D.) with. neáh (D.) near. neár (D.) nearer. OF (D.) of, by.
OFER (A. D.) over.
ON (A. D.) on, in, into. ongeán (A. D.) towards, against.
on innan (D.) zeithin.
on uppan (A. D.) over, upon.
ÓÐ (A. D.) unto, until.
TÓ (D.) to.
tó eácan (D.) besides.
to emnes (D.) alongside, abreast of.
tó foran (D.) before, above.
tó geánes (A. D.) towards, against.
tóweard (D.) toward.
pURH (A. D.) through, by. under (A. D.) under.
uppon (A. D.) upon.
WIĐ (A. D. G.) towards, by
the side of, against.
wioinnan (D.) within.
wiðútan (D.) without.
YMB (A.) areund, about. ymbútan (A.) round about outside.
2. The Conjunctions in ordinary use are as follows:-
ac but.
ǽgð゙er ge . . . ge both . . . and. and and.
bútan but, unless.
eác eke, also.
eác swylce likewise.
forpampe forasmuck as.
for py therefore.
ge and.
ge . . . ge both . . . and.
gif if.
hwæðer ... pewhether ... or.
ponne when, if.
mid by since.
náðer né... néneither...nor.
né nor.
ofte or.
same also.
swá . . . swá so . . . as.
swá same likeroise.
swá sameswá just as well as.
swápeáh however.
swylce as if.
toponpæt to the end that.
pa then, therefore.
pá pá then when.
pæt that.
peáh though.
peáh hwæðere nevertheless.
uton go to, let us.
witodlice but indeed, but withal.

The preposition óð formed a conjunctive phrase ó $\begin{gathered}\text { ' }\end{gathered}$ ঠæt (rarely ób be) often written in one word :-and hie peah pa ceastre aweredon oppæt $\nrightarrow 1 f r e d$ com mid fierde, and they however defended the city until Alfred came with Fierd. Sometimes it stood alone as a conjunction, without any pronoun: pa rád se cyning mid firde ờ he gewicode æt Baddan byrig wid Win burnan Then rode the king with Fierd until he camped at Badbury near Wimbourne.

As to uton, it might with equal propriety be ranked among the Interjections.

## X. SYNTAX.

The interest of Syntax is more intellectual than that curiosity which surrounds words and their modifications. The peculiarities of any given syntax are not a mere result of the peculiarities of the vocabulary ; there is a new and distinct character which appears in the act of combination. The word-store of one nation is in its most necessary elements analogous to the word-store of another nation, because the meanings most urgent to be conveyed are (speaking broadly) the same in all nations. The curious variety of the devices for conveying sense by a combination of words-this it is that constitutes the charm of syntax. The diversities of words and the diversities of syntax may spring from like causes, but in words the cause is hidden, in syntax it is partly unfolded. Words are for the most part inexplicit things. In the syntax the mind reveals its mode of action at least
enough to awake sympathy in the spectator, and to kindle in him a strange peculiar admiration while he traces the unity of purpose through the diversity of mental operation.

Thus much to indicate with what thought I begin a chapter on Syntax, which must be so brief that it can only be fragmentary, but which at the same time, if a leading thought preside, need not be chaotic.

## I. Interjections.

Among the Conjunctions is put an obscure word uton, also written wuton, and this vacillation in treatment will not have been useless if it fix the attention of the student upon a very peculiar and problematic word. It is used before the infinitive, making it into a hortatory imperative : uton biddan God let us pray God! wutan cuman ealle let us all come: wuton cunnian let us look sharp: uton etan let us eat: uton faran let us set out: uton gangan let us go : uton byder habban let us have (them) thither : uton hleotan let us cast lots: uton gemunan let us remember.

## 2. Verbs.

Tense. The small number of tenses in the Anglosaxon verb must strike the eye which is familiar with the varieties of tense-forms in the Latin verb. There is a Present and a Preterite, but no form for the Future, or the Pluperfect, or the Perfect, or Imperfect. From this poverty two consequences flow which merit attention. First, there is the make-shift use of these few, by which their power of expression was exerted to the utmost, and by which a plurality of function was laid upon single forms. Hence, an Implicit syntax, requiring vigilance in the reader. Secondly, there is the endeavour to supply
by means of auxiliaries those shades of relative time which with the progress of thought or with the study of Latin came into demand. Hence an Explicit syntax, which gave the first outlines of modern English prose.
a. First then of the old forms in exerted senses. The most conspicuous is the case of the Present Tense standing for the Future. And here the instance which claims special mention is that of bid, a Present of beon to be. For two reasons it claims special notice : because of its great frequency; and because the verb to be having another form for the Present Tense, namely eom eart is, this byd made the more progress towards establishing itself as a distinct Future, which however it never fully achieved. Examples :
peós bið gecíged fæmne This shall be called woman.
Gif he slæpð', he byð̛ hál If he sleeps he will be well.
pu nast nú, ac pu wast syððan Thou knowest not now, but thou shalt knowe hereafler: tu nescis modo, scies autem postea.

The Preterite discharges not only its proper function, but also acts upon occasion for the Perfect or Pluperfect. For the Perfect; as, Nu smeadon gehwilce men oft, and gyt gelóme smeagað, hú se hláf pe bið' of corne gegearcod, and purh fyres hætan abacen, mage beon awend \&c. Now divers men have often asked and yet do frequently ask, how the bread which is prepared from corn and by fire's heat baked, can be changed, \&c. For the Pluperfect; as, He ofslog pone aldormon pe him lengest wunode He slew the alderman that had longest dwelt with him.
$\beta$. The more discriminative rendering of time-relations was to be effected by means of the auxiliaries, be, have,
may, might, shall, should, will, would. There was yet one more, weorðan, which has since been dropped, but which continues to hold this place in German inerben. Of these the two first, be and have, are the only ones already established as auxiliaries: the rest are but partially symbolised, and rarely appear as pure auxiliaries. The Present hæbbe with the Past Participle forms a Perfect ; ic hæbbe gesæd I have said. The Preterite hæfde in like manner goes to form a Pluperfect, as pá hig hæfdon hyra lof sang gesungenne when they had sung their hymn.

The Present-exact and the Imperfect are obtained by the corresponding tenses of the verb to be with the Present Participle of any verb: nú pú pus glædlice to us sprecende eart now thou art speaking to us so cheerfully: he mid him spræcende wæs he was talking with him.

Voice. There is no Passive Inflection. The Active verb is made to express the Passive idea. Thus, he is to lufigenne, lit. he is to love, signifies as much as he is (worthy) to be loved. Flfred mec heht gewyrcean Alfred ordered me to be made. Hyne hét his hlaford gesyllan His lord commanded him to be sold. This is the implicit Passive.

The explicit Passive is rendered in all tenses by helpwords, viz. the Present with is or byð or weorð: the Imperfect with wæs or wearð: the Perfect and Pluperfect with is . . . geworden and wæs . . . geworden : the Future with byð or sceal beon. Darius geseáh bæt he ofer wunnen beón wolde Darius sawo that he would be overcome.

But these explicit Passives often labour under all the vagueness of a recently learnt lesson: and the fashion of the structure is then most idiomatic when the passive idea is conveyed by such means as the active verb affords.

## 3. Substantives.

Flat construction. Substantives construe with Substantives in a manner which we have not indeed lost, but which nevertheless sometimes causes us a surprise. Thus, woruld men worldly men:-and fela ơre unpeáwas đe woruld men to nanum láde ne talia'̛ and many other bad habits which worldly men account no harm of.

Case. An important feature is the frequency of the genitive case:-se scires man Leofric the shire-man Leofric: healdende heora yldrena gesetnessa holding the traditions of their elders: hú fela wilegena how many (of) baskets: tyn pusend punda ten thousand (of) pounds.

## 4. Adjectives.

The distinction between the Strong and Weak forms of the Adjective is one which, though delicate and subtle, is neither vague nor fanciful, but real and firmly defined. Which of the two forms shall be used depends entirely upon the logical relation of the Adjective to the other words of the sentence. The distinction is one of thought, and, when it has been once apprehended, the student will require no definitions. For an outward rule the following may be sufficiently near: the Weak form is used when it is preceded by a genitive, or an adjective, or a pronoun, or an article; but it would be too much to say that in all other cases the Strong form is used. The learner will gradually perceive that the Weak is in fact a Definite and the Strong an Indefinite form, and he will readily understand why in some grammars the terms Definite and Indefinite are employed, when adjectives are spoken of, instead of Strong and Weak.

The Syntax of the Comparative Adjective offers a fine illustration of this principle, for as it is in its nature a definite adjective, so it is employed only in the Weak declension. The Ordinal Numerals exemplify the same principle, being highly definite in thought, and Weak in form.

## 5. Adverbs.

Adverbs are formed from Adjectives, in the Positive by the termination - $\theta$; in the Comparative and Superlative degrees the Strong Adjectives stand unaltered in -or and -ost. See example p. 37.

The genitival termination is much used as an adverbial inflection, and it survives in modern English, in that -s which often closes our adverbs. Thus norðweardes northwards, piderweardes thitherwards, hamweardes homewards.

Đa cwæさ hio đæt hio ne mihte hyre dæles né he his Then said she that she could not do it on her part nor he on his.

The genitival adverbs are not necessarily of the same form as the genitive of the declension to which the substantive belongs. The feminine genitive is sometimes put aside. For instance, the true genitive of niht night, is nihte, but the genitival adverb is nihtes by night, just as in German they say $\mathfrak{M a d f} t \mathfrak{B}$, which is not the substantival genitive of $\mathfrak{\Re a c h )}$.

Foron án streces dæges and nihtes They marched at one stretch day and night.

But the feminine genitive is also used adverbially. Thus unnendre handa, lit. of granting or consenting hand, i.e. voluntarily and with good will: also in like sense unnendre heortan cordially, from the heart.

## 6. Numerals.

Cardinal Numeration. In the collocation of the numeral grades, that precedency of the units, which is now to us a picturesque archaism, is in Anglosaxon the rule. Thus six and fíftig six and fifty: seofon and feowertig seven and forty.

But when there are hundreds in the sum, these stand first, taking also the substantive with them; which substantive is repeated again at the close of the statement.

Hundteontig wintra and seofon and feowertig wintra $A$ hundred winters and seven and forty winters.

And here observe, that the Cardinals are sometimes construed as substantives, and sometimes as adjectives. Speaking roughly, the higher numbers incline to be substantival and to govern genitives; the lower to be adjectival and stand in concord with their substantives. In the following example manna is gen. pl. and men is nom. or acc. preo hund manna and eahtatyne men Three hundred of men and eighteen men.

Ordinal Numeration. When, in Ordinal numeration, units are added to tens, the units retain the Cardinal form if they come first; but if they are stated after the tens, then they become subject to the Ordinal inflection. This is the more interesting to us because the distinction is still in use.

Án and twentigơe one and twentieth.
Fif and twentigode five and twentieth.
pý twentigoঠan dæge and pý feórpan Soptembris The twenty and fourth day of September.

The Ordinals come into play where 'half' is added in English to a Cardinal number. So in German antertyalf
one and a half，brittgalb two and a half．He ricsode nigonteoðe healf gear $H e$ reigned eighteen years and a half．Se bát wæs geworht of priddan healfre hyde The boat was made of two and a half hides．

## 7．Pronouns Personal．

A well－marked idiom of Gothic syntax is that by which the predicate of a person is rendered by a neuter pronoun． Ic hyt eom $I$ it am，where we now say $I t$ is $I$ ，or $I$ am he．So also interrogatively Hwæt eart pu？What art thou？for＇Tu quis es？＇Who art thou？The former of these is still in force in German Эch bin e马：but in the latter case that language agrees with modern English in saying Wer bift bu？

The Personal Pronoun Impersonal is man or mon： đá wæs sionoঠlic gemót on pære mæran stowe あe mon hate犬 Clofeshoas then was there a synodical assembly in the celebrated place which is called Clovesho．

## 8．Pronouns Reflexive．

In the First and Second Persons there is no distinct form for the Reflexive Pronoun，but the simple Personal is used reflexively：Ic me reste $I$ rest myself．Neither is there now any Reflexive pronoun of the Third Person answering to the Latin se，sui，sibi，suus：himself，herself， itself，themselves．There once existed such a pronoun， and a trace of it survives in the poetic diction；but it had died out before the historic period of the language．The practice here is the same as in the First and Second Persons．It is simply to use he，heo，hit，as a Reflexive pronoun．Thus：－

Petrus stod and wyrmde hine Peter stood and warmed himself.

Da ongan se Fariseisca on him smeagan Then began the Pharisee to think within himself.

Where antithesis or emphasis required it, or where in translation it was suggested by the original, we find sylf added, as Oðre he hale gedyde, hine sylfne he ne mæg halne gedon He healed others, himself he cannot make whole; seipsum non potest salvum facere.

In modern English for greater distinctness we habitually form the Reflexive pronoun by the addition of self, selves; but we are familiar to this day with the reflex use of $m e$, thee, him, her, them, as poetic and archaic :

But than a chorle, foul him betide,
Beside the roser gan him hide.
Often in the Psalter; as, 'I will lay me down in peace'; -' they get them away together, and lay them down in their dens.'

The Possessive pronoun sometimes takes the addition of ágen own, just as at present: Đa cóm 陎さelred cyning hám to his ágenre đeode Then came king Ethelred home to his own people.

The Reciprocal pronoun which we now render by such formulæ as each other, one another, is expressed in Anglosaxon by a repetition of the Personal pronoun: And hi æt bære byrig hí gemetton And they met each other at the city.

## 9. Pronoun Relative.

When the Relative pronoun is required to stand in an oblique Case, there is no single word in Anglosaxon that can fulfil the function, like our modern whose and
whom. For these words were at that time only used as Interrogatives and Indefinites.

This difficulty sprang from the fact that the Relative pronoun be was indeclinable. The remedy was to add to be, either next to it or after intervening words, a Personal pronoun carrying the requisite Case; as pe purh hine through whom, pe purh his through whose, se wæs Karles sunu pe 厈pelwulf West Seaxna cyning his dohtor hæfde him to cuene He was son of (that) Charles whose daughter Wthelzulf King of Wessex had to queen.

The same inability showed itself in the Hebrew language: it rose from the same cause and was met in the same manner.

## 10. Pronoun Adverb.:

Under this head the most important matter is the instrument of Negation. This, in its simplest form, is $n e$, preceding the verb.
pæs ne eom ic wyrðe I am not worthy of that.
Ne wyrn pu hym Deny thou him not.
When the negation has to be strengthened, another and secondary negative is placed after the verb: there is no fastidiousness about a double negative, any more than there is in Plato and all the best Greek writers.
ne fengon nan ping They caught nothing.
Nán bæra pe par sæt ne dorste hine acsian hwæt he wære None of those that there sate durst ask him who he was.
11. Prepositions.
r. Government. The government of the several prepositions has been indicated above, and there is not
much to add．Let us choose one for exemplification． The cases taken by wið are three ；and the corresponding shades of meaning are generally manifest：

Accusative．Đa tyn leorning cnihtas gebulgon wið內a twegen gebróðru The ten disciples were angry with ［i．e．against］the two brothers．

Wi犬 pone garsecg By the ocean．
Sæton wit pone weg They sate by［i．e．facing］the zuay．

And pæs on Eastron worhte Felfred cyning，lytle werode，geweorc æt 不pelinga eigge，and of pam geweorc was winnende wip pone here And the ensuing Easter wrought king Alfred with a little band a Work at Athelney，and from the Work was fighting against the［heathen］host．

Syं he fáh wì̛ đone cyng and wið ealle his freond Be he foe to（against）the king and to（against）all friends of his．

Dative．We willað wið đam golde grið fæstnian We are willing in consideration of the gold to establish peace．

Fæder gesealde bearn wi＇才 weorte The father sold the child for a price．

Genitive．Đa he for＇on pæt leoht com，pa beseah he hine under bæc wid pæs wifes As he came forth to the light，he looked round behind towards the woman．

Hafoc wid đæs holtes Hawk towards the holt．
pa wende he hine west wið Exanceastres Then turned he him west towards Exeter．

2．Function．Prepositions live by usage merely．They are so far removed from the etymological pedigree of their origin，that their offices are held by tradition only，and having no acknowledged mooring in reason，they do from
time to time shift function. The variation of prepositional function is curious and instructive; moreover it offers one of the firmest characteristics for distinguishing the several periods of the English language.

A rudimentary scheme of Prepositional functions may be sketched by pairing off the contraries :

| in | out |
| :--- | :--- |
| on | of |
| to | from |
| at | by |

It is clear that these pairs are formed of contradictories: it being remembered that 'by' means 'somewhere round about,' and therefore not 'at.' It is further clear that there is a community of sentiment in each column which unites it within itself, and which sets it as a whole in contradiction to the other column as a whole.

And it is no more than natural that a solidarity should arise between the members of either column so that they should be able to step up or down along the vertical line and fill a neighbour's office. And as a consequence of this facility, no great inconvenience would result from the retirement partial or complete of any of these prepositions, seeing that not one of them is indispensably necessary to the action of the language.

Out, of, from, by. And as a matter of fact út out had retired so early that not a trace of it as a preposition is pointed out. To assure ourselves that it ever was a preposition we must look abroad; as at us in Mœsogothic and $\mathfrak{n} \mathfrak{B}$ in German. A diluted representative of its form is seen in butan, that is, bi-ut-an. Its prepositional function devolved upon its subaltern of, as may
conveniently be seen in the Gospels edited by Bosworth and Waring, John vi. $3^{\text {I-33 }}$, where the Mœsogothic has us himina four times, and the Anglosaxon of heofene. Further we see in the same book that this function passed on from of to its subaltern fro or from, for in all the four places Wiclif has fro and Tyndale from.
M. G.

Attans unsarai manna matidedun ana aupidai, swaswe ist gamelip, Hlaif us himina gaf im du matyan.
paruh qab im Iesus, Amen, Amen, qiba izwis, ni Moses gaf izwis hlaif us himina, ak atta meins gaf izwis hlaif us himina pana sunyeinan;

Sa auk hlaifs Gups ist saei atstaig us himina, yah gaf libain pizai manasedai.
A.S.

Ure fæoderas ǽton heofonlicne mete on wéstene, swá hit áwriten is, He sealde him etan hláf of he- for to ete. ofone.

Se Hálend Therfore Ihesu cwæp to him, Sóp, ic secge eow, ne sealde Moyses eow hláf of heofenum, ac mín fæder eow sylb sópne hláf of heofenum;

Hit is Godes hláf đe of heofone com and sylp mid-dan-earde lif.

Wiclif.
Oure fadris eeten manna in desert, as it is writun, He zaf to hem breed fro heuene
seid to hem, Treuli, treuli, I seie to 3ou, not Moyses zaf to zou very breed fro heuene, but my fadir $3 y$ ueth to zou verri breed fro heuene;

Sothli it is verri breed that cometh doun fro heuene, and syueth lyf to the world.

Tyndale.
Oure fathers di eate manna in th desert, as yt : written, He gav them breed fro heven to eate.

Jesus sayde vi to them, verely, saye vnto yo Moses gave yo not breed fro heven, but my f ther geveth yo the true breed fro heven;

For he is th breed of Go which commet doune from $h$ ven, and gevet lyfe vnto th worlde.

Of obtained great prevalence, being, among other things, the preposition of passivity, a function which for a time it shared with fram, but at length took altogether to itself.

The preposition be, which in Anglosaxon signified
round about, concerning, came at length in the form by to be the companion of the passive verb, having superseded of in that function.

In, on, to, at. In the elder Anglosaxon writings we find in, but it fell out of common use, leaving behind it a feeble descendant innan. Its chief functions passed to its subaltern on, which became one of the very greatest prepositions in Anglosaxon. Nis nán witega butan weorpscipe, buton on his eðele, and on his mægpe, and on his húse No prophet is without honour, except in his native country, and in his tribe, and in his house. This preposition holds in Anglosaxon a breadth of area almost comparable with that of of in modern English. Many a place where we now use of was indeed filled by on : cyning on Engla lande king of England, biscop on Lundene bishop of London.

The distinction between on and to is sensibly demonstrated in a place where we, after the original, read a ring on his hand and shoes on his feet. The Anglosaxon has hring on his hand, and gescý to his fótum.

But it is with at more especially that to comes into competition. In Anglosaxon we find to where now at is preferred, quite often enough to modify our wonder at the great prevalence of to in Devonshire. Such a phrase as this wæs Hama swan gerefa to Suðtune Hama was herd-reeve at Sutton, is of constant occurrence in Devonshire ${ }^{1}$.

But æt prevailed in connection with names of places,

[^1]and we find it in Anglosaxon both where we still use at, and also where in the subservience of the place-name to the purpose of personal description we have now substituted of. Besides this, æt has a very peculiar use in Anglosaxon, of which we have not a trace remaining. We can say 'at a time' and 'at a place,' but not 'at a person.' But as Latin says 'apud eum' so Anglosaxon says æt him. The following quotation illustrates all these three uses of æt: Her swutelad on Xissum gewrite 丈æt Epelstan bisceop gebohte æt Leofrice æt Blacewellon fif hide landes æt Intebyrga Here appears in this zuriting that bishop Ethelstan bought of Leofric of Blackwell five hides of land at Inkberrow.

Hit gelamp dæt hire fæder aborgude xxx punda æt Godan It happened that her father borrowed thirty pounds of Goda.

## 12. Conjunctions.

Distinguish ne neither, nor, the conjunction, from ne the particle of simple negation. The latter had a short vowel, while the former was probably né. In our quotations it shall be so marked for distinction sake.

Ne slæpঠ̀ né ne hnappađ́ se đe hylt Israhel Lit. Not sleepeth nor not slumbereth he who keepeth Israel.

Behealdad heofenan fuglas, forpam pe hig ne sawad, né hig ne ripad', né hig ne gadriap on berne Behold heaven's fowls, for they sow not, nor do they reap, nor gather into barn.

Ge wónad jæt ge nán gecyndelic gód né gesælpe on innan eów selfum næbben $Y e$ ween that ye have no natural good nor happiness within yourselves.

The simple negative ne coalesces with some verbs, as
here in næbben for ne hæbben ; but this never happens to the conjunction né.

The most ordinary conjunction for the connection of sentence to sentence is pæt that, as in modern English. See the preceding quotation.

For coupling words in pairs (especially opposites) ge is used:-ealde ge geonge old and young; leófum ge láðum to friends and foes; soðfæst ge synnig faithful and faully (indifferently); feor ge neah far and near ; cwucra ge deaðra of quick and dead.

For clustering words or phrases the formula is ge ... ge, both . . and, as well . . as. Thus ge wid cyning ge wið ealdorman ge wið gerefan alike against king and against ealdorman and against sheriff.

Sometimes ægðer precedes, thus: ægðer ge godcundra háda ge woruldcundra both of spiritual and temporal orders: and hu him đá speów ægずer ge mid wige ge mid wisdome and how success attended them both in war and in counsel.

The formula of alternation is hwæder pe, introducing the second member of the alternative: Eart pu pe to cumenne eart, hwæðer be we oðres sculon onbidan? Art thou the one that art to come, or are we to wait for another?

Wæs Iohannes fulluht of heofene, hwæper pe of mannum Was John's baptism from heaven or from men?

Sometimes be alone without hwæðer : Eart pu pe to cumenne eart, pe we sculon odres onbidan?

## XI. COMPOUNDS.

1. Two chief means there are for the supply of new words, namely Derivation and Compound-making. We must distinguish between Derivatives and Compounds. In the Derivative the first part is principal and the second part is accessory ; but in the Compound this is reversed. Thus æおeling prince is a Derivative ; and the object of thought is contained in the first part $æ$ 厄el inheritance, estate, with reference to which the second part ing serves as a formative of the word and a definer of the expression. But brim fugol sea-fowl is a Compound; and here the second part is principal in thought, while the first part is subservient and qualifying.

There are however certain groups of Compounds (to be noticed below) in which these conditions have undergone such a revolution, that the Compounds have taken somewhat the character of Derivatives.

Among the oldest Compounds are those in which a Particle is prefixed to a substantive or adjective, as bi spel parable, bi word proverb, for wyrd ruin, ge scy pair of shoes, ge limp chance, ofer mód pride, or sorh tranquil, ungelimp misfortune, unlust evil passion, un beaw vice, under cyning under-king, up flor upper floor, up land high lying land, ymbe hwyrft circumference.

Particular attention is due to a certain collective value of the prefix ge- as in sceó shoe, ge scy a pair of shoes or shoes generally; sculdor shoulder, ge scyldre the shoulders; timber building material, ge timbre an edifice; wǽd garment, ge wǽde vesture, robes; botl shelter, ge bytle range of buildings. This is worthy of particular notice,
not so much for its area in Anglosaxon as for its large sphere in the other Teutonic languages, and notoriously in German.

Compounds are also formed by the union of a particle with a verb; of a noun with a noun; of a noun with a verb; of adverbs, pronouns, prepositions with one another. It is by these new combinations that the functions of language are replenished with new verbs, new substantives, new adjectives, new adverbs, new pronouns, new prepositions, new conjunctions, new interjections.
2. New Verbs are formed by composition with adverbs and adverbial particles: á German er-; æt at; be about, near, by : ed again, over again (Latin re-); efen even; for German ber- produces strong effects; ful fully; for' forth; ge, not always the formal prefix, but having sometimes an important effect on the sense; mis expressing disturbance ; of sometimes expressing attainment of aim ; on on, in; ód German ent-; to indicates division like Latin dis- and German zer-; under under; wið against. By composition with these particles verbs acquire new powers, sometimes transcending the sum of the parts.
a hebban exalt
æt berstan break away
be gán cultivate, exercise be cuman arrive ed lácan repeat efen lǽcan imitate
for gifan concede, forgive ful fremman accomplish
for'̀ faran depart
ge winnan conquer, win mis endebyrdian mal-officiate ",
from hebban heave
berstan burst
gán go
cuman come
lǽcan play
lǽcan play
gifan give
fremman promote
faran fare
winnan fight
endebyrdian order duly
of ridan capture on fón receive óð fleón escape tó cnáwan distinguish under standan understand wi'ठ sacan dispute
" ridan ride
fón take
from fleón flee
cnáwan know
standan stand
sacan contend
3. New Substantives grow out of the drawing together of two old Substantives.
æppel treó appletree from æppel apple and treó tree bur begn chamberlain ", búr chamber " begn servant ciric sang church-singing ,, dǽd bót penance disc pegn dish-thane earm hring bracelet fót ádl gout græs hoppa grasshopper hancræd cockcrowing hand geweorc handizeork inwit searo machination land sæta squatter man cild boy mán ád perjury nýd pearf necessity níð hete abhorrence rím cræft arithmetic
sand geweorp sand-bank
setel gang sun-set treów wyrhta carpenter uht sang prime (matins) wín berige grape yd hengist ship
cirice church ", sang song
dǽd deed " bót bettering
disc dish " pegn thane
earm arm. ", hring ring
fót foot
græs grass
hana cock
hand hand inwit guile land land
man man
mán crime
nyd need nî̀ spite rím number
sand sand
setel rest treów tree
uhte dazon
wín wine
y' wave
ádl disease
hoppa hopper cræd crowing
geweorc work
searo device
sæta settler
cild child
ád oath
pearf want
hete hate cræft craft geweorp casting up gang going wyrhta wright sang song berige berry hengist horse

Some of this class have greatly changed their character by the throwing back of the tone on the first part and the extreme generalisation of the sense of the second part. By this transfer the relations of the two parts have been inverted, and the compounds have become very like Derivatives. Such are cristen dóm Christianity, cild hád childhood, hlaford scipe lordship, hiw ræden family, witnes witness.
4. New Adjectives are formed thus: fýr heard hardened by fire, from fýr fire and heard hard; lof georn greedy of praise, from lof praise and georn eager; meole liđe soft as milk from meole milk and liঠe mild.

But here again, as in the substantives, a few adjectives, from frequently standing in the second place, have come to be mere formatives, and some of them have lost their independent existence.

Such are fæst fast, full full, leás devoid of, líc like, sum same. The two latter only in compounds. Examples: árfæst honorable, geleáfful faithful, árleás dishonorable, gástlic ghostly, wynsum winsome.
5. New Adverbs are obtained by composition. Thus in place of the old adverb soð, as soむ ic secge eow truly I say unto you, came the compound so lice, and this pattern of the compound with -lice was followed by a whole troop of new adverbs, insomuch that it has become the chief adverbial model of the English language. This -lice -ly, from frequently filling this office, became at length a mere adverbial formative. Similar was the lot of the words weard, riht (rihte), lang, much used to form compound adverbs of Place, thus-niðerweard netherward, hiderweard hitherward, hamweardes homewards, wherein weard adds nothing to the sense, but only
gives point or explicitness. So with the expressions eástrihte and eástlang eastwardly, and pær rihte thereright.
6. New Pronouns are swile from swá and lic, literally so-like, whence our such: also pæs lic this-like, and hwile from hwý and lic, what-like, whence our which. From nán none and wuht, wiht whit was formed nanwuht, náwiht, nothing, whence our nought and not.

New Prepositions and Conjunctions may be seen above in the lists of these parts of speech.

New Interjections are eá lá from eá and lá : from wá and lá was formed wá lá wá, which became zeell-away, well-a-day.

## XII. PROSODY.

Although this little book was destined only to supply the most elementary guidance in the reading of Anglosaxon Prose, yet it will hardly seem complete without a few words upon the mechanism of the Poetry. This poetical mechanism is so simple and so ingenious, effecting so much by means so small, contrasting moreover so strongly with all our modern notions of poetical framework, that it is decidedly one of the attractions of the mother tongue, enlisting. the curiosity of the student, and beguiling his path till the first difficulties are surmounted.

The chime of the verse is produced by words with like initials, and this is called Alliteration, or Letter-play. The lines are short, and run in pairs, being coupled together by the alliteration. In a typical example the first member of the couplet has the alliterative letter twice, and the second member has it once. To illustrate this and other features it will be convenient to have a specimen before
us. The beautiful fragment of 'The Ruined City' shall furnish a sample:-
x hryre wong gecrong,
2 gebrocen to beorgum;
ro on ead on æht
ir on eorcan stan :
12 on pas beorhtan burg
13 bradan rices.
the crash cracked the pavement
broken into barrows :
where once many a beorn glad-hearted and goldbright
in gleaming array, wanton and wine-hot in war-harness shone : saw treasures of silver with settings of gemsand stock and store and precious stonesaw this bright burgh of broad dominion.

In considering this specimen, let us begin, not from the top, but from the last lines. Lines $12+13$ are a couplet, with $B$ twice in 12 and once in 13 . So of $2+3$. In $6+7$ the alliterative letter is W , and its distribution is the same. In $4+5$ the letter is $G$; and it seems to occur four times, twice in each member. But this is not really the case, the G of ge-, a toneless prefix, does not count. So completely does this rule hold, that the initial of such a prefix can neither bear part in the alliteration, nor prevent the letter which follows it from acting as an initial. The following from Beoweulf illustrates this in each couplet. In the first couplet G is the alliterative letter, and it is initial in for gyldan. In the second couplet $W$ is the letter, and it is initial in ge worhte.

| Grendle for gyldan | to Grendel make good |
| :--- | :--- |
| gúð ræsa fela | grapples many- |
| đára be he ge worhte | those that he wrought |
| to West Denum. | upon the West-Danes. | (

Returning now to our first specimen, we observe that $8+9$ is abnormal in having the alliterative letter thrice in the first member. In $10+1 \mathbf{x}$ the alliteration is vocalic. And here observe that the vowels are all different. To our inexact and uncultivated notions about vowels they might seem hardly distinct, and little better than three E's. But they are in fact three different vowels, viz. ea, $æ$, and eo. Note this. In vocalic alliteration not identity of vowels, but diversity, was aimed at. Thus-

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\begin{array}{ll}
\text { Eotenas and ylfe } & \text { Giants and elves } \\
\text { and orceas } & \text { and hobgoblins. }
\end{array}
$$

A still more subtle feature is this:-The sense does not seek to run with the alliteration, but rather alternates with it. The lines from 2 to $x_{3}$ pair off in alliterative couples: but line I belongs to a previous alliterative couple, so that the quotation is abrupt as regards the alliteration, though complete as regards the sense. As regards the sense we should couple the lines thus- $1+2,3+4, \& c$. But in regard to the alliteration they couple as follows- $2+3$, $4+5, \& c$. So the grammatical and the poetic articulations overlap one another, and produce a linked chain, not indeed running with machine-like regularity, but shewing here and there by glimpses, so that the keen observer may catch the latent ideal.

## SOME PASSAGES

FROM THE

## A NGLOSAXON GOSPELS.

St. Matth. v. 37-42.
Sơlice sy eower sprec, Hyt ys, hyt ys; Hyt 1 nys, hyt nys: soðlice gyf par mare byð, pæt byð 2 of yfele. Ge gehyrdon pæt gecweden wæs, Eage 3 for eage, and toð for toð: soðlice ic secge eow, 4 Ne winne ge ongen pa de eow yfel doð: and gyf 5 hwa slea pe on pin swypre wenge, gegearwa hym 6 pæt ofer. And pam \$e wyle on dome wið pe 7 flitan, and niman pine tunecan, læt him to pinne 8 wæfels. And swa hwa swa pe genyt pusend stapa, 9 gá mid him ờre twa pusend. Syle pam đe pe ıo bidde, and pam be wylle æt pê borgian, ne wyrn ir pu hym.

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\text { St. Matth. x. 5-1 } 3 .
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Đas twelf se Hælend sende, hym bebeodende, and 13 cwepende: Ne fare ge on peoda weg, and ne ga ge 14 innan Samaritana ceastre: ac gað́ má to pam ${ }^{15}$ sceapum pe forwurdon Israhela hiw-rædene. Se 16

Hælend cwæp to hys leorning-cnyhtum: Gad and 17 bodiad, cwepende, Đæt heofena rice genealæcp. 18 Hæla' untrume, awecceað deade, clænsiað hreofle, 19 drifað ût deoflu: ge onfengon to gyfe, syllað 20 to gyfe. Næbbe ge gold, ne seolfer, ne feoh $2 x$ on eowrum bigyrdlum; ne codd on wege, ne twa 22 tunecan, ne gescý, ne gyrde: soplice se wyrhta ys 23 wyrpe hys metes. On swa hwylce burh odte 24 ceastre swa ge in-gað, acsia' hwa sy wyrpe on ${ }^{25}$ pære; and wuniad pær op ge ût-gan. Đonne ge 26 in-gan soplice on pæt hus, greta' hit, cwepende, 27 Sy syb bysum huse. And gyf pæt hus witodlice 28 wyrpe by', eower syb cymp ofer hyt: gyf hyt 29 soplice wyrpe ne by', eower syb byp to eow 30 gecyrred.

## St. Matth. xii. х-8.

## Đys sceal on Frige-dæg, on §ære eahto才an wucan ofer Pentecosten.

Se Hælend fôr on reste-dæg ofer æceras ; soðllice hys leorning-cnyhtas hingrede, and hig ongunnon pluccian pa ear and etan. Soðlice ða pa sundor-halgan pæt gesawon, hi cwædon to him: Nu pine leorning-cnyhtas dođ pæt him alyfed nys reste-dagum to donne. And he cwæ't to hym: Ne rædde ge hwæt Dauid dyde pa hyne hingrede, and pa §e mid hym wæron? hu he in-eode on Godes hus, and æt pa offring-hlafas, pe næron hym alyfede to etanne, ne pam pe mid hym wæron, buton pam sacerdum anum? Ờ̛e ne rædde gê on pære æ̂, pæُt pa sacerdas on reste-dagum on pam temple gewemmað pone reste-dæg, and synd butan leahtre? Ic secge soðlice eow, Đæt pes ys mærra ponne pæt
templ. Gyf ge soðlice wiston hwæt ys, Ic wylle mildheortnysse, and na onsægdnysse, ne genybrade ge æfre unscyldige. Soðlice mannes Sunu: ys eac reste-dæges Hlaford.

## St. Matth. xiii. $\mathbf{~}-8$.

On pam dæge, pam Hælende út-gangendum of húse, he sæt wið pa-sæ ; and mycle mænio wæron gesamnode to hym, swa pæt he eode on scip, and pær sæt ; and eall seo mænio stod on pam warope. And he spræc to hym fela on bigspellum, cwepende : Sơlice, ut-eode se sǽdere hys sæd to sawenne: and pa pa he seow, sume hig feollon wì̛ weg, and fuglas comon and æ̂ton pá : soðlice sume feollon on stænihte, pær hyt næfde mycle eorpan, and hrædlice úp-sprungon, forpam pe hig næfdon pære eorban dypan: soðlice, úp-sprungenre sunnan, hig adruwedon and forscruncon, forpam pe hig næfdon wyrtrum: soðlice sume feollon on pornas, and pa pornas weoxon and forprysmodon pa: sume soðlice feollon on gode eorpan, and sealdon wæstm, sum hundfealdne, sum syxtigfealdne, sum prittigfealdne. Se pe hæbbe earan to gehyranne, gehyre.

## St. Matth. xiv. 6-12.

Đa on Herodes gebyrd-dæge, tumbude pære Herodiadiscan dohter beforan hym, and hyt lícode Herode. Đa behet he mid ape, hyre to syllanne swa hwæt swa heo hyne bæde. Đa cwæ犬 heo, fram hyre meder gemyngod: Syle me on ânum disce, Iohannes heafod, pæs Fulluhteres. Đa wæs se cyning geúnrotsud for pam ape, and for pam pe hym sæton mid; and he asende pa, and beheafdode Iohannem on pam cwerterne. And man brohte pa hys
heafod on ânum disce，and sealde pam mædene；and pæt mæden hyre meder．And pa genealæhton hys leorning－cnyhtas，and namon hys lichaman，and bebyrgdon hyne，and comon and cyddon hyt pam Hælende．

## St．Matth．xviii．23－35．

## Đys sceal on $\begin{aligned} & \text { \％re xe } \\ & \text { xxiii．wucan ofer Pentecosten．}\end{aligned}$

Forpam is heofena ríce ânlic pam cyninge pe hys peowas geradegode．And pa he pæt gerâd sette，hym wæs ân broht se hym sceolde tyn pusend punda．And pa he næfde hwanon he hyt agulde，hyne het hys hlaford gesyllan，and hys wif and hys cild，and eall pæt he ahte． Đa astrehte se peow hyne，and cwæð＇：Hlaford，hafa gepyld on me，and ic hyt pe eall agylde．Đa gemiltsode se hlaford hym，and forgeaf hym pone gylt．Đa se peowa út－eode，hê gemêtte hys efen－peowan se hym sceolde ân hund penega：and he nam hyne pa，and forprysmode hyne，and cwæす：Agif pæt pu me scealt． And pa astrehte hys efen－peowa hyne，and bæd hyne， and pus cwæ犬：Gepyldega，and ic hyt pe eall agife． He pa nolde；ac ferde and wearp hyne on cweartern， ơpæt he hym eall agêfe．Da gesawon hys efen－peowas pæt，pa wurdon hig swyde geúnrotsode，and comon and sædon heora hlaforde ealle pa dæde．Đa clypode his hlaford hyne，and cwæ＇to him，Eala pu lypra peowa！ ealne pinne gylt ic pe forgeaf，forbam pe du me bæde： hu ne gebyrede pê gemiltsian pinum efen－peowan，swa swa ic pe gemiltsode？$Đ a$ wæs se hlaford yrre，and sealde hyne pam wítnerum，oঠpæt he eall agulde．Swa de犬t min se heofenlica Fæder，gyf gê of eowrum heortum eowrum broprum ne forgyfał．

## St. Matth. xx. 1-16.

Sơlice heofena rice ys gelic pam hyredes ealdre, pe on ærne-mergen ût-eode âhyrian wyrhtan on hys wîngeard. Gewordenre gecwydrædene pam wyrhtum, he sealde ælcon ænne penig wið hys dæges weorce: he asende hig on hys wîn-geard. And pa he ût-eode ymbe undern-tide, he geseah opre on stræte idele standan : pa cwæđ̛' he: Gá gê on minne wîn-geard, and ic sylle eow pæt riht by': and hig pa ferdon. Eft he út-eode ymbe pa sixtan and nigopan tide, and dyde pam swá gelíce. Đa ymbe pa endlyftan tide he ût-eode, and funde opre standende, and pa sæde he: Hwi stande ge her ealne dæ̈g idele? Đa cwædon hig: Forpam pe ús nan man ne hyrede. Đa cwæ犬 he: And gâ gê on minne wîngeard. Soðlice pa hyt wæs æfen geworden, pa sæde se win-geardes hlaford his gerêfan: Clypa pa wyrhtan, and agyf hym heora mede: agyn fram pam ytemestan ơ ðone fyrmestan. Eornestlice pa pa gecomon pe ymbe pa endlyftan tíde comon, pa onfengon hig ælc his pening. And pa pe pær ærest comon wendon pæt hig sceoldon mare onfōn; pa onfengon hig syndrige penegas. Đa ongunnon hig murcnian ongên pone hyredes ealdor, and pus cwædon: Đas ytemestan worhton âne tide, and pu dydest hig gelice us, pe bæron byrpena on pyses dæges hætan. Đa cwæ犬' he andswariende heora anum : Eala pu freond, ne dó ic pe nænne teonan: hú ne come pu to me to wyrcanne wio anum peninge? nim pæt pîn ys and ga: ic wylle bysum ytemestum syllan eall swa mycel swa \}e. Oðte ne mot ic dôn pæt ic wylle? hwæber pe pin eage mánful ys, forpam pe ic gôd eom? Swa beot pa fyrmestan ytemeste, and pa ytemestan
fyrmeste：soðlice manega synd geclypede，and feawa gecorene．

## St．Matth．xxii． $\mathbf{1}-14$ ．

Đa sæde he hym eft oðer bigspel，and pus cwæ犬： Heofena rice ys gelic geworden pam cyninge pe macode hys suna gifta；and sende hys peowas，and clypode pa gelaðodan to pam giftum：pa noldon hig cuman．Đa sende he eft oðre peowas，and sæde pam gelaðodon， Nú ic gegearwode mine feorme：：mine fearras and mine fugelas synd ofslegene，and ealle mine bing synd gearwe： cuma＇to pam giftum．Đa forgymdon hig pæt，and ferdon；sum to hys tune，sum to hys mangunge．And Oa ơtre namon hys peowas，and mid teonan geswencton， and ofslogon．Đa se cyning pæt gehyrde，pa wæs he yrre，and sende hys here to，and fordyde pa man－slagan， and heora burh forbærnde．Đa cwæ丈 he to his peowum， Witodlice pas gyfta synd gearwe，ac 丈a pe gelapode wæron ne synd wyrpe．Gað́ nû witodlice to wega ge－ lætum，and clypiał to pisum giftum swa hwylce swa ge gemeton．Đa eodon ©a peowas út on pa wegas，and gegaderodon ealle pa pe hig gemetton，gôde and yfele： pa wæron pa gyft：hus mid sittendum mannum gefyllede． Đa eode se cyning in，pæt he wolde geseon pa סe pær sæton，pa geseah he pær ænne man pe næs mid gyftlicum reafe gescryd：pa cwæð he，La freond，humeta eodest pu in，and næfdest gyftlic reaf？Đa gesuwode he．And se cyning cwæ犬＇to hys ．pênum，Gebinda⿱宀＇hys handa，and hys fet，and weorpad hyne on pa uttran bystro；pær by犬 wop and topa gristbitung．Witodice manega synt gelapode，and feawa gecorene．

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\text { St. Matth. xxiv. } 4^{2-51 .}
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Đys Godspel sceal to mæniges confessores Mæsse-dæg.
Waciad witodlice; forbam pe ge nyton on hwylcere tide eower Hlaford cuman wyle. Witad', jæt gyf se hyredes ealdor wiste on hwylcere tide se peof toweard wære, witodlice he wolde wacian, and nolde gepafian pæt man hys hus underdulfe. And forpam beo gê gearwe; forbam סe mannes Sunu wyle cuman on pære tide pe ge nyton. Wenst pu hwa sy getreowe and gleaw peow, pone geset hys hlaford ofer hys hyred, pæt he hym on tide mete sylle? Eadig ys se peow, pe hys hlaford hyne gemêt pus dondne, ponne he cymð'. Soঠ ic eow secge, Đæt ofer eall pæt he ah he hyne geset. Gyf se yfela peowa pencð on hys heortan, and cwyð, Min hlaford uferaむ hys cyme; and agyn' beatan hys efen-peowas, and yt and drincð myd druncenum ; ponne cymð pæs weales hlaford on pam dæge đe he ná ne wenð́, and on pære tide pe he nat, and todæl' hyne, and aset hys dæl mid liceterum ; pær byð wop, and topa gristbitung.

## St. Matth. xxv. 1-13.

## Đys sceal to haligra fæmnena Mæsse-dæge.

Đonne byð:heofena rice gelic pam tyn fæmnum, pe סa leoht-fatu namon, and ferdon ongean pone brydguman and pa bryde. Heora fif wæron dysege, and fif gleawe. And pa fif dysegan namon leoht-fatu, and ne namon nænne ele mid hym: pa gleawan namon ele on heora fatum, mid pam leoht-fatum. Đa se bryd-guma ylde, , pa hnappedon hig ealle and slepon. Witodlice to middere
nihte man hrymde, and cwæð', Nu, se bryd-guma cymð'; fara' him togeanes. Đa aryson ealle pa fæmnan, and glengdon heora leoht-fatu. Đa cwædon pa dysegan to pam wisum, Syllad us of eowrum ele ; forpam ure leohtfatu synd acwencte. $Đ a$ andswaredon pa gleawan, and cwædon, Nese; by-læ̂s pe we and ge nabbon genoh: gað to pam cypendum, and bycgad eow ele. Witodlice pa hig ferdon, and woldon bycgan, pa com se brydguma; and pa pe gearowe wæron, eodon in mid him to pam giftum : and seo duru wæs belocen. Đa æt nehstan comon pa oðre fæmnan and cwædon, Dryhten, Dryhten, læt ûs in. Đa andswarode he heom, and cwæð', So' ic eow secge, ne can ic eow. Witodlice waciad; forpam de ge nyton ne pone dæg, ne pa tide.

## St. Mark ii. 14-20.

And pa he forð-eode, he geseah Leuin Alphei sittende æt his cep-setle, and he cwæð' to hym: Folga mé. Đa aras he and folgode hym. And hit gewearð, pa he sæt on his húse, pæt manega mânfulle sæton mid pam Hælende, and his leorning-cnyhtum ; soðlice manega, pa סe hym fyligdon, wæron boceras and Pharisei, and cwædon: Witodlice he ýtt mid mánfullum and synfullum, and hig cwædon to hys leorning-cnyhtum : Hwi ytt eower lareow and drinc'̛ mid mânfullum and synfullum? Đa se Hælend pys gehyrde, he sæde him: Ne bepurfon na סa halan læces, ac 丈a pe untrume synd: ne com ic na bæt ic clypode rihtwise, ac synfulle. And pa wæron Iohannes leorning-cnyhtas and Pharisei fæstende: and pa comon hig, and sædon hym : Hwi fæstað Iohannes leorning-cnyhtas and Phariseorum, and pine ne fæstað?

Đa cwæð' se Hælend: Cwe犬e ge sculon pæs bryd-guman cnyhtas fæstan swa lange swa se bryd-guma mid him is? ne magon hi fæstan swa lange tîde swa hig ©one bryd-guman mid hym habbad.

## St. Mark vi. $\mathbf{1 - 1} \mathbf{I}$.

And pa he panon eode, he ferde on his epel, and him folgedon hys leorning-cnyhtas. And gewordenum restedæge, he ongan on gesomnunge læ̂ran; and mænige gehyrdon, and wundredon on his lâre, and cwædon: Hwanon synd pyssum ealle pas ping? and hwæt ys se wisdom pe hym geseald ys, and swylce mihta pe purh his handa gewordene synd? Hu nys bys se smid, Marian sunu, Iacobes broðer, and Iosepes, and Iude, and Simonis? hu ne synd hys swustra her mid ús? And pa wurdon hig gedrefede. Đa cwæð se Hælend: Sỡlice nys nân witega butan weorpscype, buton on his eðele, and on his mægðe, and on his húse. And he ne mihte par ænig mægen wyrcan, buton feawa untrume, onasettum his handum, he gehælde. And he wundrode for heora ungeleafan. He pa lærende, pa castel beferde. And him twelfe to geclypode, and agan hig sendan, twam and twam; and him anweald sealde unclænra gasta; and him bebead pæt hig naht on wege ne namon, buton gyrde âne: ne codd, ne hlaf, ne feoh on heora gyrdlum: ac gesceode mid calcum; and pæt hig mid twam tunecum gescrydde næron. And he cwæð to him: Swa hwylc hús swa ge in-gað, wuniað par, ơ pæt ge ûtgan. And swa hwylce swa eow ne gehyrad, ponne ge panon út-gad', âsceacað' pæt dust of eowrum fotum, him on gewitnesse.

> St. Mark x. 17-31.

Đys sceal on Wodnes-dæg, on ॠære seofeðan wucan ofer Pentecosten.

And pa he on wege eode, sum him to arn, and gebigedum cneowe to-foran him, cwæd, and bæd hine: La gôda Lareow, hwæt do ic pæt ic êce lif age? Đa cwæð se Hælend: Hwi segst pu me godne? nys nan mann gôd, buton God ana. Canst pu pa bebodu, Ne unriht-hæm pu, Ne slyh pu, Ne stel pu, Ne sege pu lease gewitnesse, Facen ne do pu, Weorpa pinne fæder and pine modor? Đa answarede hê: Goda Lareow, eall pis ic geheold of minre geogupe. Se Hælend hine pa behealdende, lufode, and sæde him: An ping pe ys wana: gesyle eall pæt pu age, and syle hit pearfum; ponne hæfst pu gold-hord on heofenum; and cum, and folga me. And for pam worde he wæs geunret; and ferde gnornigende; forpam he hæfde mycele æhta. Đa cwæð' se Hælend to his leorning-cnyhtum, hine beseonde: Swyðe earfoðlice on Godes rice gad pa pe feoh habbad! Đa forhtedon his leorning-cnyhtas be his wordum. Eft se Hælend him andswariende cwæঠ: Eala cild, swyðe earfoðlice pa あe on heora feo getruwiað gað on Godes rice! Eapere ys olfende to farenne purh næ̂dle pyrel, ponne se rica and se welega on Godes rice gâ. Hig pæs pe ma betweox him wundredon, and cwædon: And hwa mæg beon hal? $\boxplus a$ beheold se Hælend hig, and cwæ\%: Mid mannum hyt ys uneapelic, ac na mid Gode: Ealle ping mid Gode synt eapelice. Đa ongan Petrus cwepan: Witodlice, we ealle ping forleton and folgodon pe. Đa andswarode him se Hælend: Nys nan pe hys hus forlæt, oppe gebropru, oppe geswustra, oppe fæder,
oppe moder, oppe bearn, oppe æceras, for me and for pam godspelle, pe hundfeald ne onfó nu on pysse tide, hus, and bropru, and swustra, and fæder, and modor, and bearn, and æceras, mid ehtnessum ; and on toweardre worulde, êce lif. Manega fyrmeste beot vemeste; and ytemeste, fyrmeste.

> St. Mark xi. 1-10. Đys gebyrao feower wucon ær Myddan-writran.

Đa he genealæhte Hierusalem, and Bethanía, to Oliuetes dune, he sende hys twegen leorning-cnyhtas, and cwæð to him : Fara'd to pam castelle, pe ongean inc ys, and gyt pær sona gemetað assan folan getigedne, ofer pæne nản man gyt ne sæt: ungetigeað́ hine, and to me gelædad. And gif hwa to înc hwæt cwyð', secgad, Đæt Dryhten hæf犬 his neode; and he hine sona hyder læt. And pa hig ût-ferdon, hig gemetton pone folan úte on twycinan beforan dura getigedne: pa untigdon hig hine. And sume pe par stodon, pus sædon him: Hwæt do gyt, pone folan untigende? Đa cwædon hig: Swa se Hælen'd unc bead: and hi leton hig pa. Đa læddon hig pone folan to pam Hælende, and hig heora reaf on-áledon; and he on sæt. Manega heora reaf on pone weg strehton: sume pa bogas of pam treowum heowon, and streowedon on pone weg. And pa de beforan eodon, and pa ðe æfter folgodon, cwædon pus: Osannả: Sy gebletsod se pe com on Dryhtnes naman: Sy gebletsod pæt ríce pe com ures fæder Dauides: Osanná on heahnessum.

## St. Mark xii. 13-17.

## Đys, sceal on \%ære xxiiii wucan ofer Pentecosten.

Đa sendon hig to him sume of Phariseum and Herodianum, pæt hig befengon hine on his worde. Đa comon hig, and pus mid facne cwædon: Láreow, we witon pæt pu eart soðfæst, and pu ne recst be ænegum men : ne besceawast pu manna ansyne; ac pu Godes weg lærst on soðfæstnysse: Alyfæ gafol to syllanne pam Casere, hwæper pe we ne syllad? Đa cwæð he, and heora lotwrencas wiste: Hwi fandige ge mîn, bringa̛o mê pone pening, pæt ic hyne geseo. Đa brohton hig hym. Đa sæde he hym: Hwæs ys peos anlicnys, and pis gewrit? Hig cwædon: Dæs Caseres. Đa cwæð se Hælend to hym. Agyfađ pam Casere pa ping pe pæs Caseres synd, and Gode 〕a pe Godes synd. Đa wundredon hig be pam.

## St. Mark xiii. 28-37.

Leornia' an bigspel be pam fic-treowe: ponne his twig bið mearu, and leaf beoð acennede, ge witon pæt sumor ys gehende: and wite ge ponne ge pas ping geseoð, pæt he ys dura gehende. Sođlice ic eow secge, pæt peos cneores ne gewit, ærpam ealle pas ping geweorpon. Heofen and eorde gewitad; witodlice mine word ne gewitað. Be pam dæge and pære tide nan man nat, ne englas on heofnum, ne mannes Sunu, buton Fæder âna. Warniað', and waciað', and gebiddað eow ; ge nyton hwænne seo tid ys. Swa se man, be ælpeodlice ferde, forlet his hus, and sealde his peowum pone anweald gehwylces weorces, and beode bam dure-wearde pæt he wacige. Eornostlice waciad: ge nyton hwænne pæs
huses hlaford cymð', §e on æfen, pe on midre nihte, pe on hancrede, pe on mergen: pe-læs he eow slæpende gemête, ponne he færinga cymð'. Soðlice ic eow secge, eallum ic hit secge, Waciad.

## St. Luke i. 56-65.

## Đys gebyra\% on Mid-sumeres Mæsse-dæg.

Sỡlice María wunede mid hyre swylce prý monđ̃as, and gewende pa to hyre huse. Đa wæs gefylled Elizabethe cenning-tîd, and heo sunu cende. And hyre nehheburas and hyre cuđan pæt gehyrdon, pæt Dryhten hys mild-heortnysse mid hyre mærsode, and hy mid hyre blissodon. Đa on pam ehteoðan dæge hig comon pæt cild ymb-snið̀an; and nemdon hyne hys fæder naman Zachariam. Đa andswarode hys moder: Nese soðes ; ac he by'̈ Iohannes genemned. Đa cwædon hig to hyre: Nis nân on pînre mægðe pyson naman genemned. Đa bycnodon hig to hys fæder, hwæt he wolde hyne genemnedne beôn. Đa wrât he, gebedenum wex-brede, Iohannes ys hys nama. Đa wundredon hig ealle. Đa wear't sona hys muð' and his tunge geopenod, and he spræc, Drihten bletsiende. Đa wearð ege geworden ofer eall hyra nehheburas; and ofer ealle Iudéa munt-land wǽron pas wôrd gewidmærsode.

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\text { St. Luke ii. } 3^{6-50 .}
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And Anna wæs witegestre, Fanueles dohtor, of Assêres mægðe: peos wunede mǽnigne dæg, and heo lyfede mid hyre were seofen gear of hyre fæmnhâde; and heo wæs wuduwe of feower and hund-ehtatig geara, seo of pam
temple ne gewat, dæges and nihtes peowigende on fæstenum and on halsungum. And peos pǽre tíde becumende, Dryhtne andette, and be hym spræc eallum pam pe geanbidedon Hierusalem alysednysse. And pa hig ealle ping gefyldon, æfter Dryhtnes ǽ, hig gehwurfon on Galileam, on heora ceastre Nazareth. Soðlice pæt cild weox, and wæs gestrangod, wîsdomes full, and Godes gyfu wæs on hym. And his magas fêrdon ælce gere to Hierusalem, on Easter-dæges freols-tíde. And pa he wæs twelf wintre, hig fôron to Hierusalem, to pam Easterlican freolse, æfter heora gewunan. And gefylledum dagum, pa hig ongean gehwurfon, belaf se Hælend on Hierusalem ; and his magas pæt nyston: wendon pæt he on heora gefêre wæ̂re. Đa cômon hig ânes dæges fær, and hine sohton betweox his magas and his cuðan. Đa hig hyne ne fundon, hig gewendon to Hierusalem, hine secende. Đa æfter prim dagum, hig fundon hine on pam temple, sittende on middan pam lareowum, hlystende and hig acsigende. Đa wundredon hig ealle be gehyrdon be his gleawscype and his andswarum. Đa cwæð his moder to hym: Sunu hwi dydest pu unc pus? pin fæder and ic sarigende pe sohton. Đa cwæみ he to hym: Hwæt ys pæt gyt me sohton? nyste gyt pæt me gebyrad to beonne on pam pingum pe mines Fæder synd? Đa ne ongeaton hîg pæt wôrd pe he to hym spræc.

> St. Luke vi. 27-38.

Ac ic eow secge, forpam be ge gehyrað', Lufiað eowre fynd, do' pam tala pe eow hatedon, bletsiað pa de eow wirgeað, gebidda' for pa pe eow onhiscað'. And pam סe pe slyhð on pin gewenge wend oðer ongean; and pam

Oe pîn reaf nymð＇，ne forbeod hym na pỉne tunecan． Syle ælcum pe 丈e bidde；and se さe nimð pa ping pe pîne synd，ne mynga pu hyra．And swa ge wyllað́ pæt eow men dôn，dờ heom gelice．And hwylc panc ys eow，gif ge lufiað pa pe eow lufiad？soðlice synfulle lufiað pa de hig lufiað．And gif ge wel doð pam סe eow wel doð，hwylc panc ys eow？witodlice pæt doさ＇synfulle． And gif ge lænað pam pe ge eft æt onfơ，hwylc panc ys eow？soðlice synfulle synfullum lænad゙，pæt hig ，gelîce onfôn．Đeahhwæpre lufiað eowre fŷnd，and hym wel doð，and læne syllað，nan ping panun eft gehyhtende； and eower med byð mycel on heofone，and ge beoð pæs Hehstan bearn：forbam pe he ys gód ofer unpancfulle and ofer yfele．Eornostlice beoð mild－heorte，swa eower Fæder ys mild－heort．Nelle ge deman，and ge ne beơ demede：nelle ge genyðerian，and ge ne beo＇geny－ §erode：forgyfað＇，and eow byð forgyfen：sýllað，and eow by đ geseald；gôd gemêt，and full，and geheapod， and oferflowende，hig syllad on eowerne bearm．

## St．Luke xi．1－1 3 ．

Sơlice wæs geworden，pa he wæs on sumere stowe hine gebiddende，pa đa he geswac，him to cwæ犬 ân his leorning－cnyhta：Dryhten，læ์r ús ús gebiddan，swa Iohannes his leorning－cnyhtas lærde．Đa cwæð he to him：Cweðað pus，ponne ge eow gebiddað，Ure Fæder， pu pe on heofene eart，Sig pin nama gehalgod．Tô－ cume pin rîce．Geweorð̀e pin wylla on heofene，and on eorpan．Syle us to－dæg urne dæghwamlican hlâf．And forgyf us ure gyltas，swa we forgyfað ælcum pæra pe wið＇ us agylt．And ne læd pu us on costunge；ac alŷs ûs
fram yfele．Đa cwæð he to him：Hwylc eower hæfð sumne freond，and gæð to midre nihte to him，and cwæ犬 to him，La freond，lân me pry hlafas；forpam min freond com of wêge to me，and ic næbbe hwæt ic him to－foran lecge；and he ponne him pus andswarige，Ne beo pu me gram：nu min duru ys belocen，and mine cnyhtas synd on reste mid me；ne mæg ic arîsan nú and syllan pe． Gyf he ponne purhwunad cnuciende，ic eow secge，gyf he［ne］aryst，and him syld ponne，forpam pe he his freond ys，beah－hwæすere for his on－hrope he aryst，and sylð him his neode．And ic eow secge：Bidda＇，and eow bid seald；secad，and ge finday；cnuciad，and eow bið ontyned．㞑lc pæra pe bitt onfehð；and se pe secð＇， he fint；and cnuciendum byd ontyned．Hwylc eower bitt his fæder hlafes，segsit pu syl̛̀ he him stân？ởðe gif he bitt fisces，sylt＇he him næddran for fisce？ofte gif he bitt æ̈g，segst pu ræcさ he him scorpionem（bæt ys an wyrm－cynn）？Witodlice gyf ge ponne，be synd yfele， cunnon syllan gôde sylene eowrum bearnum，swa mycele ma eower Fæder on heofone sylð Godne Gast pam סe hine biddað．

## St．Luke xiii．18－27．

Sodlice he cwæঠ：Hwam ys Godes ríce gelic？and hwam wene ic bæt hit beo gelíc？hit ys gelic senepes corne，pæt se man onfeng，and seow on his wyrtun；and hit weox，and wear＇mycel treow ；and heofenes fugelas reston on his bogum．And eft he cwæ犬：Hwam wene ic pæt Godes ríce sig gelic？Hit ys gelíc pam beorman， pe pæt wif onfengc，and behydde on pam melewe preo gemetu，ơ hit wear＇ð eall ahafen．Đa ferde he jurh ceastra and castelu to Hierusalem，and par lærde．Đa
cwæð sum man to hym : Dryhten, feawa synd pe synd gehælede. Đa cwæð he to hym: Efstað pæt ge gangon purh pæt nearwe get: forpam ic secge eow, manega secad pæt hig in-gan, and hi ne magon. Đonne se hyredes ealdor in-gæ'd, and his duru beclyst, ge standa' par úte, and pa duru cnuciað, and cweðað, Dryhten, atyn us: ponne cwyð he to eow, Ne can ic eow; nat ic hwanon ge synd. Đonne ongynne ge cweðan, Wê æton and druncon beforan pe, and on urum strætum pu lærdest. Đonne segð he eow, Ne can ic hwanon ge synd ; gewitad' fram me ealle unriht-wyrhtan.

## St. Luke xiv. 7-15.

Đa sǽde he sum bigspel be pam in-gelaðedon, gymende hu hig pa fyrmestan setl gecuron; and pus cwæd: Đonne pu byst to gyftum gelaðod, ne site pu on pam fyrmestan setle; pe-læs wenunga sum weorðfulra sig ingelaðod fram hym, and ponne cume se $\mathrm{De}^{\text {e pe in-gelaðode, }}$ and secge pê, Rym pysum men setl ; and pu ponne mid sceame nyme pæt ytemeste setl. Ac ponne pu geclypod byst, gâ, and site on pam ytemestan setle; pæt se đe pe in-gelä゙ode, ponne he cym', cweðte to pe, Lâ freond, site ufer: ponne byð pe weorðmynt beforan mid-sittendum. Forpam ælc pe hine ûp-ahefð byð genyðerod; and se đe hine nyðerað, se bið úp-ahafen. Đa cwæð he to pam de hine inlađode: Đonne pu dest wiste oððe feorme, ne clypa pu pine frynd, ne pine gebroðru, ne pine cữan, ne pine welegan nehheburas; pe-læs hig pe agen laðion, and pu hæbbe edlean. Ac ponne pu gebeorscype dô, clypa bearfan, and wanhale, and healte, and blinde: ponne byst pu eadig; forpam pe hig nabbad
hwanon hig hyt pe forgyldon：sơllice hyt bi＇̛ pe for－ golden on rihtwisra æryste．Đa pys gehyrde sum of pam sittendum，pa cwæ犬 he：Eadig ys se せe hlaf yt on Godes rîce．

## St．Luke xv．

Đys Godspel seeal on $\begin{aligned} & \text {（one feorðan Sunnan－dæg ofer }\end{aligned}$ Pentecosten．

Sơlice him genealæhton mânfulle and synfulle，pæt hig his word gehyrdon．Đa murcnedon pa Farisei and pa boceras，and cwædon：Đes onfehð＇synfulle，and mid him ytt．Đa cwæ犬＇he pis bigspel to pam：Hwylc man ys of eow pe hæf $\begin{gathered}\text { hund sceapa，and gif he forlyst án of }\end{gathered}$ pam，hu ne forlæt he ponne nygon and hund－nygontig on pam westene，and gæ＇ઠ to pam＇te forwearð＇，of＇he hit fint？And ponne he hit fint，he hit set on his exla geblis－ siende．And ponne he ham cymð＇，he to－somne clypa＇ hys frynd and hys nehheburas，and cwyð，Blissiad mid me；forpam ic funde min sceap pe forwearð．Ic secge eow，pæt swa by＇̊ on heofone blis be anum synfullum pe dæd－bote deð，ma ponne ofer nygon and nygontigum rihtwisra pe dæd－bote ne bepurfon．Ołðe hwylc wif hæf犬 tyn scyllingas，gif heo forlyst ænne scylling，hu ne onælb heo hyre leoht－fæt，and awent hyre hus，and secð＇ geornlice o＇heo hine fint？And ponne heo hine fint， heo clypa＇hyre frynd and nehhebyryna，and cwy ${ }^{\prime}$ ， Blissia＇mid me；forpam ic funde minne scylling pe ic forleas．Ic secge eow，swa bið blis beforan Godes englum be anum synfullum pe dæd－bote deð．

## Đys Godspel gebyra\% on Sæternes-dæg, on Жære oڭere Lencten-wucan.

He cwæむ': Soðlice sum man hæfde twegen suna. Đa cwæð' se yldra to his fæder, Fæ̈der, syle me minne dæl minre æhte pe me to gebyreð. Đa dælde he hym hys æhte. Đa, æfter feawa dagum, ealle his ping gegaderode se gingra sunu, and ferde wræclice on feorlen ríce, and forspilde par his æhta, lybbende on his gæ̋lsan. Đa he hig hæfde ealle amyrrede, pa wearð mycel hunger on pam ríce ; and he wear'̀ wædla. Da ferde he and folgode ânum burh-sittendum men pæs ríces: pa sende he hine to his tune, 了æt he heolde hys swyn. Đa gewilnode he his wambe gefyllan of pam bean-coddum pe סa swyn æ̂ton: and him man ne sealde. Đa bepohte he hine, and cwæð', Eala hu fela yrðlinga on mines fæder huse hlāf genohne habbad, and ic her on hungre forweorðe! Ic arise, and ic fare to minum fæder, and ic secge him, Eála fæder, ic syngode on heofenas, and beforan pe, nu ic neom wyrðe pæt ic beo pin sunu nemned: do me swa ænne of pinum yrðlingum. And he aras pa, and com to his fæder. And pa gyt, pa he wæs feor his fæder, he hyne geseah, and wear't mid mild-heortnesse astyred, and agen hine ârn, and hine beclypte, and cyste hine. Đa cwæð his sunu, Fæder, ic syngode on heofen, and beforan pe, nu ic ne eom wyrðe pæt ic pin sunu beo genemned. Đa cwæð se fæder to his jeowum, Bringað' raðe pone selestan gegyrelan, and scryda' hine; and sylla' him hring on his hand, and gescŷ to his fotum: and bringað́ an fætt stýric, and ofsleað; and uton etan, and gewistfullian: forpam pes min sunu wæs dead, and he ge-edcucode; he forwear'', and he ys gemet. Đa on-
gunnon hig gewistlæcan．Sơlice his yldra sunu wæs on æcere ；and he cóm：and pa he pam huse genealæhte， he gehyrde pone sweg and pæt wered．Đa clypode he ænne peow，and acsode hine hwæt 〕æt wære．Đa cwæ犬 he，pin broঠer com，and pin fæder ofsloh ân fætt cealf； forpam pe he hine halne onfeng．Đa gebealh he hine， and nolde in－gân：pa eode his fæder ût，and ongan hine biddan．Đa cwæð he，his fæder andswariende，Efne， swa fela geara ic pe peowode，and ic næfre pin behod ne forgymde，and ne sealdest pu me næfre ân ticcen， pæt ic mid minum freondum gewistfullode：ac sydðan pes pin sunu com，pe hys spêde mid myltystrum amyrde， pu ofsloge him fætt cealf．Đa cwæð he，Súnu，pu eart symle mid me，and ealle mine ping synd bine：pe gebyrede gewistfullian and geblissian：forpam pes pin broper wæs deâd，and he ge－edcucode ；he forwearð＇，and he ys gemet．

> St. Luke xvi. 1-9.

## Đys Godspel gebyra\％on 耳ære teotan wucan ofer Pentecosten．

Đa cwæð he to his leorning－cnyhtum ：Sum welig man wæs，se hæfde sumne gerefan，se wear＇t wið hine for－ wreged，swylce he his gôd forspilde．Đa clypode he hine，and sæéde him，Hwi gehyre ic pys be pe？agyf pine scîre；ne miht pu leng tûn－scîre bewitan．Đa cwæ犬 se gerefa on his gepanc，Hwæt do ic？forpam pe min hlaford mine geref－scire fram me nymð：ne mæg ic delfan；me sceamað pæt ic wædlige．Ic wât hwæt ic do，pæt hig me on heora hûs onfön，ponne ic bescîred beo fram tun－scirre．Đa pa gafol－gyldan gegaderode wæron，pa sæde he pam forman， Hu mycel scealt pú
minum hlaforde? Đa sæde he, Hund sestra eles. Đa sæde he him, Nim pine feðere, and site hraðe, and writ fiftig. Đa sæde he ơrum, Hu mycel scealt pu! Đa cwæ' he, Hund mittena hwætes. Đa cwæð he, Nim pine stafas, and writ hund-eahtatig. Đa herede se hlaford pære unrihtwisnesse tun-gerefan, forpam pe he gleawlice dyde: forpam pe pysse worulde bearn synd gleawran pysses leohtes bearnum on bysse cneorysse. And ic secge eow: Wyrcað eow frynd of pysse worulde-welan unrihtwisnesse ; pæt hig onfon eow on ece eardungstôwa, ponne ge geteoriað.

## St. Luke xxiv. 13-32.

## Đys gebyrar on orerne Easter-dæg.

And pa ferdon twegen of him on pæt castel pæt wæs on fæce syxtig furlanga fram Hierusalem, on naman Emaus. And hig spæcon hym betweonan, be eallum pam pe par gewordene wæron. And pa hig spelledon and mid him smeadon, se Hælend genealæhte, and ferde mid him. Soðlice heora eagan wæron forhæfde, pæt hig hine ne gecneowun. And he cwæせ to him: Hwæt synd pa spræca pe gyt reccał inc betweonan, gangende, and synd unrôte? Đa andswarode him ân, pæs nama wæs Cleophas, and cwæð': Eart pu âna forwrecen on Hierusalem, and nystest pu pa ping pe on hyre gewordene synd on bysum dagum? He sæ̂de pa: Hwæt synd pa ping? And hig sæ̋don: Be pam Nazareniscan Hælende, se wæs wer and witega, mihtig on spræce and on weorce beforan Gode and eallum folce: and hu hine sealdon pa heah-sacerdas and ure ealdras on deaðes genyðerunge, and ahengon hine. We hopedon pæt he to alysenne
wære Israhel; and nu ys se prydda dæg to-dæg pæt pis wæs geworden. And eac sume wif of urum us bregdon, pa wæ̉ron æ̂r leohte æt pære byrgene, and na his lichaman gemetton: hig comon, and sædon, pæt hig gesawon engla gesihðe; pa secgað hine lybban. And pa ferdon sume of úrum to bæ̂re byrgene, and swa gemetton swa pa wîf sæ̂don: hine hig ne gesawon. Đa cwæ犬 se Hælend to him: Eala dysegan, and on heortan læ̂te to gelyfenne eallum pam pe witegan spæcon: hu ne gebyrede Criste pas bing polian, and swa on his wuldor gân? And he rehte him of Moyse and of eallum haligum gewritum, pe be him awritene wæron. And hig genealæhton pam castele, pe hig to ferdon: and he dyde swylce he fyr faran wolde. And hig nyddon hine, and cwæ̂don: Wûna mid unc, forpam pe hit æfenlæcð': and se dæg wæs âhyld. And he in-eode, pæt he mid him wunode. And pa he mid him sæt, he onfencg hlaff, and hine bletsode, and bræc, and him ræhte. Đa wurdon heora eagan geopenode, and hig gecneowon hine; and he gewat fram him. And hig cwæ̉don him betwynan: Næs uncer heorte byrnende, pa he on wege wið unc spæc, and unc halige gewritu ontýnde?

> St. John i. 19-28.

And pæt ys Iohannes gewitnes.
Đys gebyrat on סone Sunnan-dæg $\not$ mr Myddan-wyntra.
Đa pa Iudeas sendon heora sacerdas and heora diaconas fram Ierusalem to hym, pæt hig acsodon hine, and pus cwædon: Hwæt eart pu? And he cyðde, and ne wið'soc, and pus cwæみ' : Ne eom ic na Crist. And hig acsodon
hine，and pus cwædon：Eart pu Elias？And he cwæ犬： Ne eom ic hit．Đa cwædon hig：Eart pu witega？And he andwyrde，and cwæ犬：Nic．Hig cwædon to him： Hwæt eart pu？pæt we andwyrde bringon pam pe us to pe sendon．Hwæt segst pu be pe sylfum？Hê cwæঠ： Ic eom clypiendes stêfn on westene，Gerihtað Dryhtnes weg，swa se witega Isaias cwæみ．And pa đe pær âsende wæron，pa wæron of sundor－halgon．And hig acsodon hine，and cwædon to him：Hwi fullast pu，gif pu ne eart Crist，ne Elias，ne witega？Iohannes him and－ swarode：Ic fullige on wætere：to－myddes eow stôd pe ge ne cunnon．He ys pe æfter me toweard ys，se wæs geworden beforan me；ne eom ic wyrðe pæt ic unbinde his sceo－pwang．Đas ping wæron gewordene on Betha－ nỉa begeondan Iordanen，pær Iohannes fullode．

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\text { St. John ix. 1-1 } 2 .
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Đys Godspel gebyra\％on Wodnes－dæg，on Myd－fæstenes wucan．

Đa se Hælend fôr，$\quad$ pa geseah he ænne man pe wæs blind geboren．And his leorning－cnyhtas hyne acsedon， and cwædon：Láreow，hwæt syngode pes，oðde his ma－ gas，pæt he wære blind geboren？Se Hælend andswar－ ode，and cwæ犬：Ne syngode he，ne his magas：ac pæt Godes weorc wære geswutelod on him．Me gebyrad to wyrcanne pæs weorc pe me sende，pa hwyle pe hyt dæg ys：nyht cymð，ponne nan man wyrcan ne mæg．Ic eom myddan－eardes leoht，pa hwyle pe ic on myddan－ earde eom．Đa he pas ping sæde，pa spætte he on pa eorpan，and worhte fenn of his spatle，and smyrede mid pam fenne ofer his eagan，and cwæð＇to him：Gá，and
pweh pe on Syloes mere．He fôr，and pwoh hine，and com geseonde．Witodlice hys neah－yeburas，and pa de hine gesawon，pa he wædla wæs，cwædon：Hu nis pis se pe sæt and wædlode？Sume cwædon：He hyt is：sume cwædon：Nese，ac is him gelīc．He cwæせ soðlice：Ic hyt eom．Đa cwædon hig to hym：Hu wæron pine eagan geopenede？He andswarode，and cwæð ：Se man pe is genemned Hælend worhte fenn，and smyrede mine eagan，and cwæð to me，Gá to Syloes mere，and pweh pe：and ic eode，and pwoh me，and geseah．Đa cwædon hig to him：Hwar is he？Đa cwæð̛ he：Ic nát．

## St．John x．1－2 I．

Đys sceal on Tywes－dæg，on あære Pentecostenes wucan．
Soð ic secge eow，Se pe ne gæð゙ æt pam geate in to sceapa falde，ac styh＇elles ofer，he is peof and sceaঠta． Se pe in－gæð æt pam geate，he is sceapa hyrde，pæne se geat－weard læt in，and pa sceap gehyrað his stefne： and he nemð̀ his agene sceap be naman，and læt hig út． And ponne he his agene sceap læt út，he gæð beforan him，and pa sceap him fyliað；forpam pe hig gecnawa＇ his stefne．Ne fyliad hig uncupum，ac fleoð fram him； forpam pe hig ne gecneowon úncupra stefne．Đis big－ spel se Hælend him sæde：hig nyston hwæt he spræc to him．Eft se Hælend cwæð to him ：Soð ic eow secge ： Ic eom sceapa geat．Ealle pa de comon wæron peofas and sceaðan；ac pa sceap hig ne gehyrdon．Ic eom geat：swa hwylc swa purh me gæð，by＇hal，and gæ犬 in and ut，and fint læse．peof ne cym＇l，buton pæt he stele，and slea，and fordó：ic com to jam pæt hig habbon lif，and habbon genoh．

Đys sceal on Sunnan－dæg，feowertyne nyht uppan Eastron．

Ic eom gôd hýrde；gôd hýrde syl̛̀ his lif for his sceapum．Se hýra，se ©e nis hýrde，and se pe nah pa sceap，ponne he pone wulf gesyhð＇，ponne flyhð he，and forlæt pa sceap：and se wulf nimð＇，and todrifð pa sceap． Se hŷra flyhð＇，forpam pe he bi犬 ahŷrod，and hym ne gebyra犬 to pam sceapum．Ic eom gôd hýrde，and ic gecnawe mine sceap，and hig gecnawa＇me．Swa min Fæder can me，ic can minne Fæder ；and ic sýlle min agen lif for minum sceapum．And ic hæbbe odre sceap， pa ne synt of pisse heorde ；and hyt gebyrå pæt ic læde pa，and hig gehyra山゙ mine stefne；and hyt by犬 an heord， and an hyrde．Forpam Fæder me lufað，forpam pe ic sylle mine sawle，and hig eft nime．Ne nimð hig nan man æt me，ac læte hig fram me sylfum．Ic hæbbe anweald mine sawle to alætanne，and ic hæbbe anweald hig eft to nimanne．pis behod ic nam æt minum Fæder． Eft wæs ungepwærnes geworden betweox pam Iudeum， for bysum spræcum．Manega heora cwædon，Deofol ys on hym，and he wêt；hwi hlyste ge hym？Sume cwædon，Ne synd na bys wodes mannes word．Cwyst pu mæg wôd man blindra manna eagan ontynan？

> St. John xi. 1-16.

Đys sceal on Fryge－dæg，on Myd－fæestenes wucan．
Witodlice sum seoc man wæs genemned Lazarus，of Bethanía，of Marian ceastre，and of Marthan hys swustra． Hyt wæs seô María pe smyrede Dryhten mid pære sealfe， and drigde his fet mid hyre loccum．Lazarus hyre
brođer wæs geyflod．Hys swustra sendon to hym，and cwædon：Dryhten，nu ys seoc se pe pu lufast．Đa se Hælend pæt gehyrde，pa cwæ犬 he to him：Nys peos untrumnys na for deaŋe，ac for Godes wuldre；pæt Godes Sunu sig gewuldrod purh hyne．Soðlice se Hælend lufode Marthan and hyre swustor Marian，and Lazarum heora broðer．Witodlice he wæs twegen dagas on pære sylfan stowe，pa he gehyrde pæt he seoc wæs． Efter byssum he cwæ犬＇to hys leorning－cnyhtum：Uton faran eft to Iudea－lande．Hys leorning－cnyhtas cwædon to hym：Lâreow，nu pa Iudeas sohton pe，pæt hig woldon pe hænan；and wylt pu eft faran pyder？Se Hælend hym andswarode，and cwæ犬：Hu ne synd twelf tida pæs dæges？Gif hwa gæ犬 on dǽg，ne ætspyrnð he，forpam he gesy巿ð＇pyses middan－eardes leoht．Gif he gæ犬 on niht，he ætspyrn＇゙，forpam pe pæt leoht nys on hyre．Jas ping he cwæð：and syðððan he cwæð＇to him ：Lazarus ure freond slæpð゙；ac ic wylle gân，and awreccan hyne of slæpe．His leorning－cnyhtas cwædon： Dryhten，gif he slæpさ，he byð hal．Se Hælend hit cwæð be his deaðe：hig wendon soðlice pæt he hyt sæde be swefnes slæpe．Đa cwæ犬 se Hælend openlice to him： Lazarus ys dead；and ic eom bliðe for eowrum pingum， pæt ge gelŷfon，forbam ic næs para：ac uton gân to him．Đa cwæせ Thomas to hys geferum：Uton gan， and sweltan mid him．

## PARSING GLOSSARY TO THE FIRST TWO PIECEŚ.

The plan of this little Glossary is as follows. After the Headword comes the number of the line in which it occurs; then the parsing; then a reference to the divisions of this Grammar; then the modern English equivalent; and lastly the numbers of other lines in which the same word recurs.
ac 15. Conjunction ix. $2:-b u t$. acsiað 25. Weak verb acsian, Imperative 2 pl. vi. 3:-ask $y e$.
æt II. Prep. with dat. On the use of this preposition with person-words, see x. 2 :-at, of. and 4. Conjunction ix. 2 ; and. 5. 13. 14. 17. 26. 28.
áweccear 19. Weak vb. compound, a-weccean,Imperative 2 pl. xi. 2-awake ye.
bidde, II. Of biddan, vi. I. subj. pres. $3^{\text {rd }}$ sing. :-ask.
bigyrdlum 22. Dat. pl. bigyrdel, what hangs at the girdle, a purse.
bodiat i8. Weak verb bodian, Imperative pl. vi. $3:-$ preach ye.
borgian II. Weak verb infinitive :-borrow.
burh 24. Strong subst. fem. Acc. sing. vii. I b:-fort, borough, city.
byt 2 twice. Symbol-verb vi. I; 3. sing. indic. pres. or future, x. $2 a$ :-is, shall be, 29. 30 twice.
ceastre 15 . Strong subst. fem. Dat. sing. vii, $1 \beta$ :-city.
ceastre ${ }^{25}$. Acc. sing id.
clænsiað 19. Weak vb. clænsian, Imperative 2 pl . vi. 3 :cleanse ye.
codd 22. bag, wallet.
cwæp 17. Pret. 3 sing. of cwe\$an, vi. I :--said.
cwepende 14. Part. pres. sing. of cweðan. vi. I : -saying.
cwepende 18. Plural nom. of the same, vii. 2 :-saying. 27.
cymb 29. Strong vb. cuman vi. I : Indic. 3. Pres. used as Future x. 2 :-cometh, shall come.
deade r9. Strong adj. Acc. pl. vii. 2 :-dead.
deoflu 20. Strong subst. neut. Acc. pl. vii. I $\gamma$ :-devils.

[^2]dome 7. Subst. strong masc. dat. sing. vii. I $a$ :-law.
dót 5. Verb don vi. I fin. Indic. pres. 3. pl.:-they do.
drifar 20. Strong verb drifan vi. i. Imperat. 2 pl.:-drive (ye).
eáge 3. Weak subst. neut. nom. vii. $1 \mathrm{~N}:-$ eye.
eáge 4. Accusative of same.
eow 4. Pron. Pers. 2. Dat. pl. viii. I :-you. 5. 30.
eower 1. Gen. pl. of $2^{\text {nd }}$ Pers. pron. used as Possessive pronoun. viii. I and $2:-$ your. 29. 30.
eowrum 22. Dat. pl. of eower, which see :-your.
fare 14. Imperative pl, of faran to go: a form used only when ge follows it. vi. r:-go ye. feóh 21 . Strong subst. neut. Acc. sing. vii. I $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$ § I:-money, "fee."
flitan 8. Strong verb infin. vi. I :-contend.
for 4. Prep. with Acc. case ix. I:-for.
forwurdon 16. Pret. 3. pl. of for-weordan to perish, a compound of weorban vi. I:have gone to ruin.
gá 10. Imperative 2 sing. of gan:-go (thou).
ga 14. Imperative 2 pl . of gan, of a form only used when ge follows:-go (ye).
ga\% 15 . Imperative 2 pl . of gangan vi. I :-go ye. 17 .
ge 3.: Pron. $2^{\text {ud }}$ pers. pl. nom.; viii. I:-ye. I4 twice. 20. 25.26.
gecweden 3. Participle past of strong verb ewe厄゙an; vi. I :-said.
gecyrred 3I. Weak vb. gecyrran, Participle past :-returned.
gegearwa 6. Weak vb. gegearwian ; imperative $2^{\text {Ld }}$ pers. sing. vi. 3 :-prepare, offer.
gehyrdon 3. Weak vb. hyran; pl. pret. with Perfect sense, $x$. $2 \alpha$ :-heard, have heard.
genealæcp 18. Weak vb. genealæcan, 3 sing. pres. indic. : Compound xi. 2 :-approaches. genyt 9. Weak verb genydan, 3 sing. pres. ind. :-compelleth.
gescý 23. Collective of sceó shoe, xi. I :-shoes, a pair of shoes.
gife 20. See to gife.
gold 21 . Strong subst. neut. Acc. sing. vii. I $\gamma$ § I:-gold.
greta' 27 . Weak vb. Imperative 2 pl .:-greet, salute ye.
gyf (=gif) 2. Conjunction ix. 2:-if. 5. 28. 29.
gyrde 23. Strong subst. fem. gyrd, Acc. sing. vii. I $\beta$ :yard, staff.
hæla'̈ 19. Weak vb. hælan, Imperative 2 pl : :-heal ye.
Hælend I3. Participial subst. of hælan to heal vii. 2 :Healer, the Saviour, the Lord. 17. heofena I8. Strong subst. masc. Gen. pl. vii. $1 a$ :-of heavens.
him 8. Pron. $3^{\text {rd }}$ pers. masc. dat. sing. viii. I :-to him. Again 10.
hit 27. Pron. Pers. 3. neut. Acc ; viii. 1 :-it.
hiwrædene 16. Strong subst. fem. Gen. sing. vii. I b; a Compound, xi. 3:-of the family.
hreofle 19. Strong adj. hreofl Acc. pl. vii. 2 :-leprous.
hús 27. Strong subst. neut. Acc. sing. vii. I $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$ :-house.

- Nom. singular, 28.
húse 28. Strong subst. neut. Dat. sing. vii. I $\gamma$ :-house.
hwa 6. Pron. Indef. viii. 6 :any one.
hwá 25. Pronoun Interrogative, viii. 5 : - who?
hwylce 24. Pron. Indef. Strong. acc. fem. See swa hwylce.
hym ( $=$ him) 6. Pron. 3 Pers. dat. sing. mase. viii. I :-to him. 12.
hym (=heom) 13. Dat. pl. 3 Pron. Pers. viii. I :- to them. hys (=his) 17. Pron. Poss. viii. 2 : -his. 24.

Hyt I. $=$ hit. Pron. $3^{\text {rd }}$ pers. Neut. nom. viii. I :-it. 29 .
_- the same, accusative, 29 .
ic 4. Pron. I ${ }^{\text {st }}$ Pers. sing. viii. I:-I.
in gan 27. Subj. Pres. pl. governed by ponne :-ye go in.
ingáo 25. Compound of gan or gangan, vi. I. Indic. pres. $2 \mathrm{pl} .:-$ ye go in.
innain 15. Prep. gov. dative; ix. i :-within.

Israhela 16. A gen. pl. like Samaritana:-of Israel.
læt 8. Strong verb imperative; vi. 1 :-let, leave.
leorningenyhtum 17. Compound subst. xi. 3 ; strong Decl. masc. Dat. pl. vii. I :disciples.
má 15. Adverbial comparative of micel, vii. 2 :-more, rather. mare 2. Adjectival Comparative of same, vii. 2 :-more. metes 24. Strong subst. masc. mete, Gen. sing. vii. I :meat.
mid 10. Prep. with dat. ix. I:with.
næbbe ge 21. Negative of habban vi. 2 and x. $\mathbf{1 2}$; Imperative pl.:-do ye not have.
ne 5, Verbal negative, x. Io :not. II. 14 twice 30.
né 21 twice. Conjunctional negative, x. 12 :-nor. 22 twice. 23 twice.
niman 8. Strong verb infinitive; vi. I:-take.
nys ( = nis) 2. Coalition of ne and is; x. 12 :-is not.
ơ 26. Conjunction, ix. 2 :until.
of 3. Preposition gov. Dative, ix. I :-from, out of.
ofer 29. Preposition gov. Acc. ix. 1 :-over, upon.
on 14. Prep. with acc. x. II § 2:-into. 24. 27.
on 6. Prep. with acc. ix. 1 :on.
on 7. With dative:-in, on, out. 22 twice. 25.
onfengon 20. Compound of strong vb. fangan : Pret. 2 pl. vi. I :-ye have received.
ongen (=ongean) 5. Prep. governing acc. ix. 1 :-against.
ơer 7. Pron. Indef. viii. 6:other.
otre 10. Plural of oter, which see.
ofte 24. Conjunction ix. 2 :or.
rice 18. Strong subst. neut. Nom. sing. vii. I $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$ § 2 :kingdom.

Samaritana 1 5. Gen. pl. formed from the Latin Samaritanorum by changing the Latin gentival inflection -orum for the Saxon equivalent -a, according to the Declensions of Strong Substantives: vii. I : -of Samaritans.
sceapum 16. Strong subst.
neut. dat. pl. vii. I $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$ :-(to) sheep.
se 13. Pronoun Demonstrative as Def. Article, masc. sing. nom. viii. 3 :-the. 16. 23.
secge 4. Mixed vb. 1 Pres. Indic. vi. $2:-I$ say.
sende 13. Preterite of sendan, to send:-he sent.
slea 6. Strong verb slean vi. 1; Subj. pres. 3 sing. :-smite. sórlice I. Adverb used con-junctionally:- verily, truly, however, but. 2. 4. 23. 27. 30.
spréc 1. Strong subst. fem. Nom. sing. :-speech.
stapa 9. Strong subst. masc. gen. pl.:-of steps.
swa 25. Relative to Antecedent swa hwylce, which see.
swahwaswa 9. Pr̉on. Indef. viii. 6 :-whosoever.
swahwylce 24. A phrasal Indefinite Pronoun; see hwylce. viii. 6 :-whichsoever, whatsoever.
swy'rre 6. Adj. Comparative degree ; neut. acc. sing. of weak Declension vii. 2 :stronger; right, as stronger than left.
sy I. 3 pers. sing. pres. subj. of verb to be, used as a gentle imperative: be it, let it be. 28.
sý ${ }^{25}$. Same word used subjunctively; vi. I :-may be.
syb $28=$ sib, Strong subst. fem. nom. sing. ; vii. I $\beta$ :-peace, friendship. 29. 30.
syle 10 . Verb weak syllan, imperative 2 pers. :-give.
to ${ }^{15}$. Prep. governing Dative ix. I:-to. 17. 30.
to 8. Adverb :-too, also, likewise.
to gife 20. Phrasal Adverb :as a gift, freely. 21.
tó' 4 twice. Strong subst. masc. nom. and acc. vii. I $a:-$ tooth.
tunecan 8. Subst. weak fem. sing. acc. ; vii. I א:-coat.
tunecan 23. Subst. weak fem. pl . acc. vii. I $\mathrm{N}:$-coats.
twa 10. Numeral cardinal ; vii. §:-two. 22.
twelf I 3. Numeral Card. vii. §: -iwelve.
untrume 19. Strong Adj. acc. pl. vii. 2 :-un-strong, weak, sick.
út 20. Adverb vii. 2 :-out.
útgan 26. Compound of gan or gangan: xi. 2 : Subj. pres. 2 pl.:-ye go out.
wæfels 9. Subst. strong masc. acc.:-cloak.
weg 14. Strong subst. masc. acc. sing. vii. I $a$ :-way.
wege 22. Dat. sing. of weg, which see.
wenge 6. Strong subst. neut. acc. sing. vii. I $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$ § 2 :-cheek.,
wæs 3. Symbol-verb; Indic. Pret. third pers. sing. vi. I :was, has been.
winne 5. Strong verb winnan vi. I, Imperative pl . $2^{\text {nd }}$ per-son:-strive ye.
wit 7. Prep. with acc.; x. II § I:-against.
witodlice 28. Adverb vii. 3. used as a conjunction :-verily, indeed, however.
wunia' 26 . Weak verb wunian, Imperative 2 pl. vi. 3:dwell ye.
wyle 7. Verb willan, 3 pers. sing. pres. vi. 2.:-will.
wylle ( $=$ wille) II. Of willan vi. 2. subj. pres. 3 sing. :will.
wyrhta 23. Weak subst. masc. Nom. sing. vii. I к:-wright, workman.
wyrn II. Of wyrnan weak verb, imperatiye $2^{\text {nd }}$ pers. sing. : -refuse.
wyr'te 24. Adj. strong Nom. sing. masc. vii. 2 :-worthy. 25 . _- neuter nom. sing. 29. 30.
yfel 5. Either Strong adj. neut. acc. vii. 2 or Strong subst. neut. vii. I $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$ :-evil.
yfele 3. Instr. case of same.
ys ( $=$ is) I twice. Third sing. Pres. Ind. of verb to be : vi. 1 :-is. 23.
pa 5. Pron. Demonstrative acc. pl. viii. 3:-those.
pær 26. Adverb of place viii. 3. 7 :-there.
pære 26. Pron. Dem. Dat. fem. viii. 3. referring to the subst. fem. burh or ceastre, and governed by the prep. on : on pære $=$ in that (city).
pæt 2. Pron. Demonstrative neut. nom. sing. viii. 3 :-that. pæt 7. Def. Art. neut. viii. 3:the. 27. 28.

- 3. Conjunction ix. 2 :that. 18.
pam 7. Pron. Dem. masc. dat. sing. viii. 3 ; antecedent to あe
viii. 4 :-to that (person). 10, 11.
pam I5. Pron. Dem. dat. pl.; Antecedent to be; viii. 3 :to those.
par 2. Adv. of place, same as pær viii. 7:-there.
pas 13. Pron. Dem. pes, acc. pl. viii. 3 :-these.
We 5. Pron. Rel. Indecl. viii. 4 : -who, which, that. II. 16.
pe 6. Pron. Pers. 2 Sing. acc.; viii. I:-thee. 7. 9. Io.
pe II. Dative of same.
peóda 14. Strong subst. fem. gen. pl. vii. I $\beta$ :-of nations, i.e. of the Gentiles.
pin 6. Pron. Poss. $2^{\text {nd }}$ pers. Sing. acc. neut. of strong adj. declension, viii. 2 :-thine, thy.
pine 8. Of pin, acc. fem. sing.; viii. 2 :-thy.
pinne 8. Of pin, acc. masc. sing. viii. 2 :-thy.
ponne 26. Conjunction, ix. 2 :when.
pu 12. Pron. Pers. 2 sing. nom. viii. I :-thou,
pusend 9. Numeral cardinal:a thousand. 10.
pysum 28 = pisum, Pron. Demonst. Dat. sing. neut. viii. 3:-this.

THE END.

## CORRECTION.

P. 31, 1. го, read: of Neuters we can muster \&c.


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