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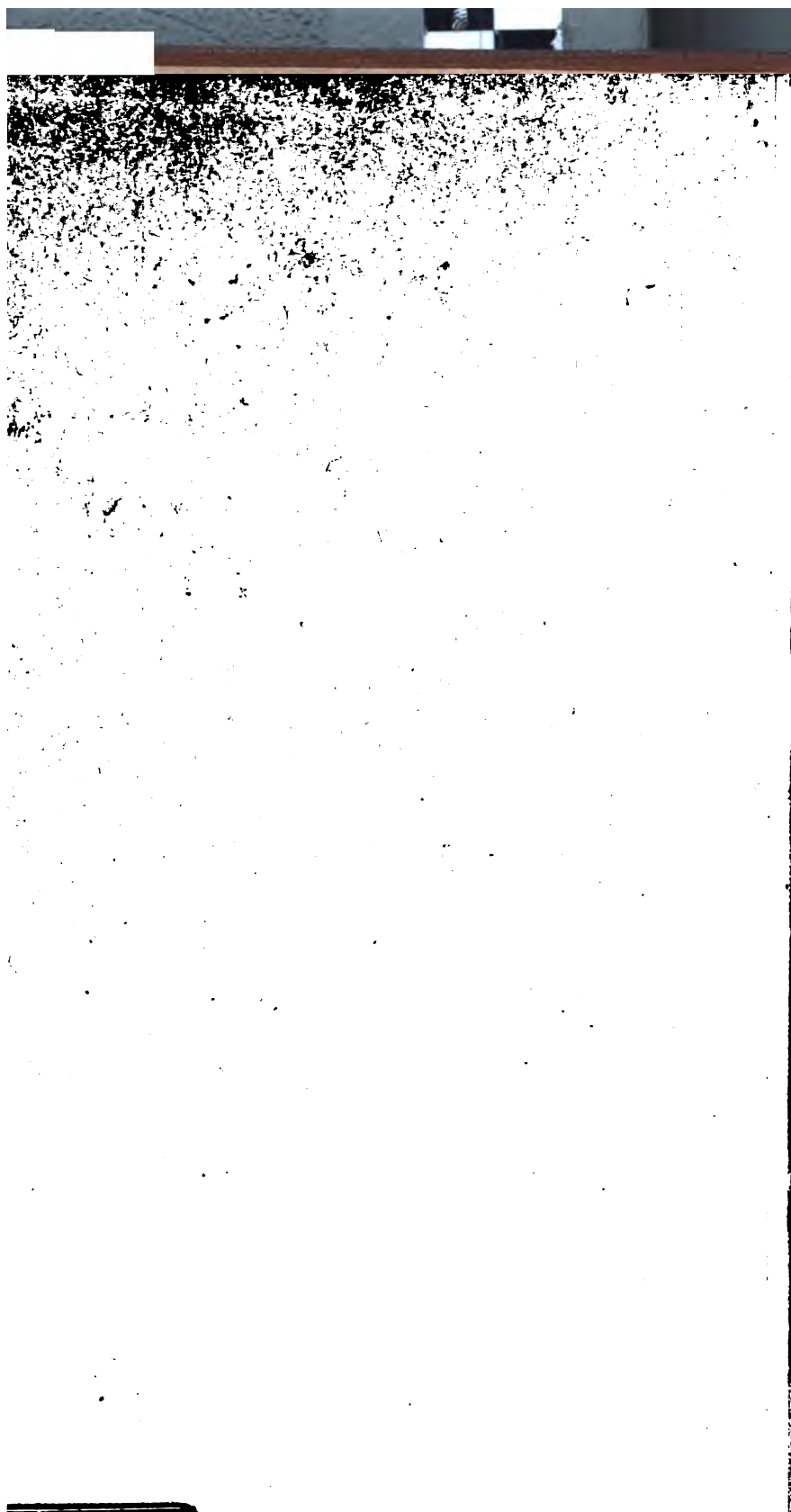
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# LAȜAMONS BRUT,

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## CHRONICLE OF BRITAIN.

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MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

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<b>Þ</b> AS twælfe heore wai ferdē: ¶ 1 toward heore londen. mid feolure and mid golde. cnihtes fwa ifcrudde: no þurh al fwa wel idihte. þuf Arður heom dihte: al for heore worde. þaf twalf cnihtef foren: þat heo to Rome comen. heo gretten heore kaifere:	<b>Þ</b> EOS tw..lue ȝeoden hire: toward hire londe. [wai: nere in none londe: mid feoluer and mid golde. cnihtes fo ifcrud: ne þorh alle þing fo wel idiht. afe þeos were: of Arthur þan kinge. þeos cnihtes forþ ȝeoden: 10 þat hii to Rome comen. hii grette hire caifer:
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These twelve went their way toward their land; were in no land knights so bedecked with silver and with gold, nor through all [things] so well arrayed [as these were by Arthur the king]. 'Thus Arthur them treated, all for their words! These 'twelve' knights 'proceeded [forth went] until they came to Rome; they greeted their emperor, their

<sup>1</sup> A line is here wanting.

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heore kine-lauerd.  
 Hail feo þu Lucas :  
 þu art hæxt ouer us.  
 We weoren<sup>1</sup> at þan raze :  
 at Ardure<sup>2</sup> þan kinge.  
 we habbeoð writen ibroht þe :  
 word swiðe grate.  
 Arður if þe kenneste mon :  
 þat we æure lokeden on.  
 and he if wūder riche : 10  
 and his þeines beoð balde.  
 þer if æuer ælc swein<sup>3</sup> :  
 swulc he cniht weore.  
 þer if æuer ælc swein :  
 swulc he weore riche þein.  
 þer beoð þa cnihtes :  
 fwulc hit weoren kinges.  
 mete þer if vnmete :  
 & men swiðe balde.  
 and þa ueiezereste wifmen : 20  
 þa wunieð on liuen.  
 and him seolf Arður þe balde :  
 uæiezerest ouer alle.

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hire kine-louerd.  
 Hayl beo þou Lucas :  
 þou hart þe hexste ouer ous.  
 We weren mid þan hehze :  
 Arthur þe riche.  
 we habbeþ ibroht þe : [L. 118. c. 1.]  
 wordes swiþe grete.  
 Arthur his þe kenneste man :  
 þat we euere lokede an.  
 10 and he his wonder riche :  
 and his cnihtes bolde.  
 þar his euerech cnaue :  
 ase he cniht were.  
 þar beoþ cnihtes :  
 ase hit were kinges.  
 meate þar his onimete :  
 and men swiþe bolde.  
 20 and þe fairest wifmen :  
 þat wonieþ in londe.  
 and him seolf Arthur :  
 fayrest of alle.

sovereign: "Hail be thou, Lucas, thou art [the] highest over us! We were with the 'fierce [noble] man, 'with' Arthur the 'king [powerful]; we have brought thee 'writs,' words exceeding great (lofty). Arthur is the keenest man that we ever looked on, and he is wondrous powerful, and his 'thanes [knights] are bold; there is every knave as if he were knight, 'there is every swain as if he were rich thane'; there are 'the' knights as if it were kings; meat there is most abundant, and men most bold, and the fairest women that dwell 'alive [in land]; and Arthur 'the bold' himself fairest 'over [of] all! By us he sendeth word to thee, that he 'will

<sup>1</sup> weoren, *pr. m.*, omitting *we*.<sup>2</sup> R. Arðure.<sup>3</sup> cnaue?

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Bi uf he fende word þe ʒ	Bi ous he word fendeþ ʒ
þat he wule toþiffe londe.[f. 147 <sup>v</sup> .c.1.]	þat hider he þencþeþ.
na gauel he nule bringe ʒ	no gauel he nele fende ʒ
ah þe feoluen he wule binden.	ac þi seolue he wole binde.
and feoðð he wule þe an-hon ʒ	and supþe he wole þe an-hon ʒ
and þif lond al for-don.	and þis lond al for-don. [bardie ʒ
and Alemaine Lunbardie ʒ	and nimen Alemaine aud Lom-
Burguine France and Normandie.	Borgoyne France and Normandie.
Frolle he floh if <sup>1</sup> iua ʒ	And Frolle he floh his i-fo ʒ
swa he wulle uf alle do.	10 and þe he wole al so do.
and ahnien him ane ʒ	and habbe him seolf one ʒ
þa we aȝen alle clane.	þat we oweþ cleane.
her to he wule leden kinges ʒ	Her to he wole leade kinges ʒ
eorles & here-þriȝes.	eorles and heredringes.
And her we habbeoð an hondȝn ʒ	And her we habbeþ an honde ʒ
writen þat he fende.	writes þat he þe fendeþ.
þe þe quiddieð what he wule don ʒ	þat telleþ wat he wole don ʒ
þenne he cumeð hider on.	wane he comeþ hider on.
þa þæ ærnde wes ifeid ʒ	þo þe earende was ifaid ʒ
þæ kaiſere wes ful færi mon.	20 þe cayſer was wel fori mod <sup>2</sup> .
& aſtured weoren Romwerē alle ʒ	and alle Romleode ʒ
mid ſterclichere wræððe.	a-fered weren fore.

come to this land [hither he thinketh *to come*]; no tribute he will 'bring, [send], butthy self he will bind; and afterwards he will thee hang, and this land all destroy, and [take] Alemaine [and] Lumbardy, Burgundy, France and Normandy. [And] Frolle he slew, his foe, 'so [and] he will 'to us all [to thee also] do; and 'possess [have] him[se]lf alone *the land* that we own 'all' clean; hereto he will lead kings, earls, and chieftains. And here we have in hand *the* writs that he [thee] sendeth, that telleth 'thee' what he will do, when he cometh in hither." When the errand was said, the emperor was a full sorrowful man, and all *the* Rome-folk were 'stirred with strong wrath [sore afraid]. Oft they went to counsel, oft they went to

<sup>1</sup> Interlined by second hand.<sup>2</sup> mon?

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Ofte heo eoden to ræde ⁊  
 ofte heo heolden rune.  
 ær heom mihte iwurðen ⁊  
 waht heo don wolde.  
 Noðelef a þan ende ⁊  
 enne ræd heo ifunden.  
 þat waf þurh þa senaturf ⁊  
 þa þet finað heolden.  
 þan kaisere heo raddē ⁊  
 þat he write runen. 10  
 and fende hif fonde ⁊  
 ȝeond feole kinelonde.  
 and hehte heom cume fone ⁊  
 alle to Rome.  
 of euer ælche londe ⁊  
 þe heom oht lufeden.  
 and alle þa wulleð mid fehte ⁊ [c.2.]  
 biȝiten lond oðer ahte.  
 Folc þer com fone ⁊  
 to þere burh of Rome. 20  
 fwa muchel fwa þer neuere ærer ⁊  
 na mon no ifummede.  
 Heo feiden þat heo wolden ⁊  
 ouer Mūt Giu iwenden.

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Ofte hii ȝeode to reade ⁊  
 ofte hii ȝeode to rounde.  
 her hii mihte iworþe ⁊ [c.2.]  
 wat idon<sup>1</sup> wolde.  
 Noþeles a þan eande ⁊  
 anne read ifunde<sup>2</sup>.  
 þat was þorh þe senaturf ⁊  
 þat þe londes witede.  
 þan caȝfer hii radden ⁊  
 10 þat he writes makede.  
 and fende his fonde ⁊  
 to manicune londe.  
 and bidde heom come fone ⁊  
 alle to Rome.  
 of euereche londe ⁊  
 þat he oht louede.  
 and alle þat wollep mid fihte ⁊  
 bi-ȝete lond oþer heahte.  
 Folk þar com wel fone ⁊  
 20 to þare borh of Rome.  
 so moche so þar neuere hear ⁊  
 no man ne gadere.  
 Hii faide þat hii wolde ⁊  
 ouer Montagu wende.

communings, ere 'to them [they] might 'be determined [determine] what they would do. Nevertheless at the end a counsel they found, that was through the senators who 'held the senate [ruled the lands]; the emperor they counselled that he should 'write letters [make writs], and send his messengers 'over many kingdoms [to lands of many kind], and bid them all come soon to Rome, from every land, 'who loved them [that he loved] aught, and all that willet with fight obtain land or goods. Folk there came [well] soon to the burgh of Rome; so mickle as there never ere any man assembled! They said that they would march over Muntgiu, and

<sup>1</sup> hii don ?<sup>2</sup> hii funde ?

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and wið Arðure fehten ⁊  
 whar swa heo hine ifunden.  
 and Arður flæn oðer anhon<sup>1</sup> ⁊  
 and hiſ hired al for-don.  
 and ahnien þā kaiſere ⁊  
 Arðureſ riche.  
 þe æreſte king þe þer com ⁊  
 he weſ ſwiðe kene mon.  
 Epiſtrod king of Grece ⁊  
 Ethion duc of Boece. 10  
 þer com mid muchle wiȝe ⁊  
 Irtac kiȝ of Turckie.  
 Pandraſ king of Egipte ⁊  
 of Crete þe king Ipolitte.  
 of Sýrie þe king Euander ⁊  
 of Frigie þe duc Teucer.  
 of Babilone Mæptiſas ⁊  
 of Spaine þe kaiſere Meodraſ.  
 of Medie þe king Boccuſ ⁊  
 of Libie þe king Sextoriuſ. 20  
 of Bittunie Pollidices ⁊  
 of Iturie þe king Sexes<sup>3</sup>.  
 Ofuſteſar<sup>4</sup> king of Aufrike ⁊

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and wiþ Arthur fihte ⁊  
 war ſo hii hine finde nihte.  
 and Arthur flæn and an-hon ⁊  
 and hiſ cnihtes al for-don.  
 and ohni þan caiſere ⁊  
 Arthur hiſ kineriche.  
 ¶ þe eareſt king þat þar com ⁊  
 he waſ ſwiþe kene man.  
 Epiſtrot king of Grece ⁊  
 Ethion duk of Boece.  
 þar com mid mochele wiȝe ⁊  
 Irtak king of Turkie.  
 Pandraſ king of Egipte ⁊  
 of Grece<sup>2</sup> þe king Ýpolitte.  
 of Sýrie þe king Euander ⁊  
 of Frifie þe duc Teucer.  
 of Babýlonie Maptiſas ⁊  
 of Spayne þe caiſer Meodraſ.  
 of Medie þe king Bockuſ ⁊  
 of Libie þe king Sextorius.  
 of Bitunie Pollidites ⁊  
 of Ýturie þe king Serſes. [f. 118<sup>b</sup>.  
 c. 1.]  
 Oriſtenſer king of Affrike ⁊

fight with Arthur, wheresoever they him 'found [might find], and Arthur slay 'or [and] hang, and his 'host [knights] all destroy, and possess for the emperor 'Arthurs [Arthur his] realm. The first king that there came, he was a man exceeding keen, Epistrod, king of Greece; Ethion, duke of Bœotia, came there with a great force; Irtac, king of Turkey; Pandras, king of Egypt; of Crete the king Ypolite; of Syria the king Evander; of Phrygia the duke Teucer; of Babylon, Maptisas; of Spain the caiser Meodras; of Media the king Boccus; of Libia the king Sextorius; of Bitunia, Pollidices; of Ituria the king Xerxes; 'Ofustesar [Oristenser], king of

<sup>1</sup> anhond, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> Serxes?<sup>3</sup> Probably a mistake of the scribe.<sup>4</sup> Apparently Mustesar, *pr. m.*



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nef þer na kīg hif ilike.  
 mid him com moni Aufrican ⁊  
 of Ethiopie he brohte þa bleomen.  
 þa feolue Romleodē ⁊  
 liðen heom to-fomne.  
 þat weoren at nexte ⁊  
 of Rome þa hexte. [f. 148. c. 1.]  
 Marcef Lucaf and Catel ⁊  
 Cocta Gaiuf & Metel.  
 þif weoren þa fixe ⁊  
 þe þat senaht al biwufsten.  
 þa þif folc ifōmed wes ⁊  
 of feole cunne londes.  
 þa fette<sup>2</sup> þe kaifere ⁊  
 arimen al þæne here.  
 þa weoren þer riht italde ⁊  
 to fihte fwide<sup>3</sup> balde.  
 feouwer hundred þuſede ⁊  
 cnihtef a þan hæpe.  
 mid wepnen and mid horfen ⁊  
 swa bihoueð to cnihten.  
 Nes he neuere iborē ⁊  
 i nauere nane burȝe.

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nas þar no king hif iliche.  
 mid him com manȝ Afffrican ⁊  
 of Ethiopie he brohte þe bleomem<sup>1</sup>.  
 þe feolue Rom-leode ⁊  
 wende to-gadere.  
 þat weren nexte ⁊  
 of Rome þe hexfte.  
 Marchus Lucas an Catel ⁊  
 Cocta Cayus and Metel.  
 10 þif weren þe fixe ⁊  
 þat Rome-lond bi-wiſte.  
 þo þis folk i-gadered was ⁊  
 of falecune londes.  
 þo lette þe caȝfere ⁊  
 telle al þan here.  
 þo weren þar riht itold ⁊  
 to fihte fwiþe bold.  
 four hundred þouſend ⁊  
 cnihtes o þan heape.  
 20 mid wepne and mid horſe ⁊  
 afe bi-oueþ to cnihtes.  
 Nas he neuere icore ⁊  
 ne in none londe ibore.

Africa; was there no king his like; with him came many *an* African; of Ethiopia he brought the black-men. The Rome-people *themselves* marched 'them' together, that were 'at' nearest, of Rome the noblest; Marcus, Lucas, and Catel, Cocta, Gaius, and Metel; these were the six, who 'the Senate all [Rome-land] ruled. When this folk was assembled, from lands of many kind, then caused the emperor all the host to be numbered. Then were there told right, to fight most bold, four hundred thousand knights in the heap (assemblage), with weapons and with horses, as behoveth to knights. Never was he 'born, in every any burgh [chosen, nor in any land

<sup>1</sup> R. bleomen.<sup>2</sup> lette, *pr. m.*<sup>3</sup> fwiðe?

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þat mihte þat folc tellen ⁊  
 þat þer eoden a uoten.  
 Auormest heruestef dæie ⁊  
 uorð heo gunnen sturien.  
 auer riht þene wæi ⁊  
 þet toward Munt Giu lai.  
 Lete we nu ane while ⁊  
 þeof ferde bilæue.  
 and speke we of Arðure ⁊  
 aðelest kinge.  
 þa þe he bifoht hafde ⁊  
 hiſ þeines fele.  
 and ælc wes ham iuare ⁊  
 þer he lond hafde.  
 And raðe a-ȝein comen ⁊  
 cnihtef to hireden.  
 mid wepnen wel idihten ⁊  
 þurh allen heore mihte.  
 of Scotlond of Irlond ⁊  
 of Gutlond of Iſlond.  
 of Noreine of Denene ⁊  
 of Orcaneie of Maneie.  
 of þan ilke londen ⁊  
 beoð ā hundred þufende.  
 iwepnede þeines ohte ⁊

[c. 2.]

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þat mihte þat folk telle ⁊  
 þar ȝeode afote.  
  
 Forþ hii wende alle þane way ⁊  
  
 þat toward Montegiu lay.  
 ¶ Leate we nou one wile ⁊  
 þeos ferde bi-leafue.  
 and speke wæ of Arthur ⁊  
 10 baldest alre kinge.  
 þo þat he bi-foht hadde ⁊  
 his cnihtes gode.  
 and ech was hom iwend ⁊  
 þar he lond hadde.  
 And sone a-ȝein come ⁊  
 cnihtes to route.  
 mid wepne wel idiht ⁊  
 mid al hire miht.  
 of Scotlond of Irlond ⁊  
 20 of Gutlond of Iſlond.  
 of Norene of Denene ⁊  
 of Orcaneie of Mayne.  
 of þan ilke londe ⁊  
 beoþ an hundred þouſend. [c. 2.]  
 iwepnid wel alle ⁊

born], that might tell the folk, 'that' there went on foot! 'Before harvest-day forth they gan to march, ever right [Forth they marched all] the way that toward Muntgiu lay. Let us now leave this host a while, and speak we of Arthur, 'noblest of [boldest of all] kings, when that he had besought his good 'thanes [knights], and each had gone home where he had land. And soon again came *the* knights in assemblage, with weapons well provided, 'through [with] all their might, of Scotland, of Ireland, of Gutland, of Iceland, of Norway, of Denmark, of Orkney, of Man (?); of these same lands are a hundred thousand 'brave thanes,' [all well] weaponed in their

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on heore londes wife.  
 Neoren hit noht cnihtes ⁊  
 no þef wæies idihte.  
 ah hit weoren men þa kenlukefte ⁊  
 þa æi mon ikende.  
 mid mucle wiæxen ⁊  
 mid longe faxē.  
 Of Normandie of Angou ⁊  
 of Brutaine of Peitou.  
 of Flandres of Bulunne ⁊ 10  
 of Loherne of Luueine.  
 comen an hūdred þufende ⁊  
 to þaf kingef hirede.  
 cnihtes mid þan bezftē ⁊  
 þurh-coftned mid wepnen.  
 þer comen þa twalf iueren ⁊  
 þa France sculden heren.  
 twelf þufend cnihtes ⁊  
 heo brohten forð rihtes.  
 and of þiffen londe ⁊ 20  
 Arður nom an honde.  
 fifti þufend cnihtef kene ⁊  
 and ohte mē to fihte.  
 Howel of Brutaine ⁊  
 cnihtef mid þan bezfte.

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in hire londes wife.  
 Neren hii alle noht cnihtef ⁊  
 ne þef aweies idiht.  
 ac hit were þe kenlokefte men ⁊  
 þat eni mā akende.  
 mid mochele wiæxef ⁊  
 and mid lange faxes.  
 Of Normandie. of Angou ⁊  
 of Brutayne. of Peitou.  
 of Flandres. of Boloÿne ⁊ 10  
 of Lorene. of Loueine.  
 beoþ an hundred þufend ⁊  
 icome to þan kinge.  
 cnihtes mid þan beste ⁊  
 þorh-coftned mid wepne.  
 þar come þe twealf veres ⁊  
 þat France folde werie.  
 twealf þufend cnihtes ⁊  
 hii brohten forþrihtes.  
 and of þiffe londe ⁊ 20  
 Arthur nam an honde.  
 fifti þoufēd cnihtes ⁊  
 ohte men to fihte.  
 Howel of Brutayne ⁊  
 cnihtes mid þan beste.

countries wise. They were not [all] knights, nor *in* this wise arrayed, but they were the keenest men that any man knew, with great battle-axes, [and] with long sæxes. Of Normandy, of Anjou, of Britain, of Poitou, of Flanders, of Boulogne, of Loraine, of Lovaine, 'came [are come] a hundred thousand to the 'kings host [king], knights with the best, completely provided with weapons. There came the twelve companions that France should 'obey [defend]; twelve thousand knights they brought forth-right; and of this land Arthur took in hand fifty thousand knights 'keen,' [and] brave men in battle. Howel of Brittany led ten thousand of his land-

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ten þufend lande<sup>1</sup> ⁊  
of his leod-folke.  
Of ganninde mōnē ⁊  
þa heo forð wenden.  
þurh nane cunnes spelle ⁊  
ne cuðe heom na mon telle.  
Arður þa hehte ⁊  
aðeleft kinge.  
to ane ifette time ⁊  
þat folc ifomnien. 10  
bi heore bare lifen ⁊  
at Barbe-fleote.  
& þer he wolde gædere ⁊  
fele his þede. [£ 148<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.]  
þis lond he bitahte ⁊  
ane felcuðe cnihte.  
he wes Walwainnes broðer ⁊  
næs þer nan oðer.  
Moddred wes ihaten ⁊  
forcuðest monnen. 20  
treouðe nefde he nane ⁊  
to nauer nane monne.  
he wes Arðures mæi ⁊

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ten þoufend ladde ⁊  
of his leod-folke.  
Of goinde men ⁊  
þe he<sup>2</sup> forþ wende.  
þorh none cunnes spelle ⁊  
ne couþe<sup>3</sup> no mē telle.  
Arthur þo hehte ⁊  
þat his cnihtes alle.  
þat hii at one ifat dai ⁊  
to-gaderes come. 10  
bi hire bare lifue ⁊  
riht at Barbefleote.  
þis lond he bi-tahte ⁊  
one felcouþe cnihte.  
he was Waweýnes broþer ⁊  
nadde he non oþer.  
Modread was ihote ⁊  
forcouþest manne. [£ 119. c. 1.] 20  
treuþe nadde he none ⁊  
to neuere none manne.  
he was Arthur his meý ⁊

folk, knights with the best. Of foot-men; when 'they [he] forth marched, through no kind of speech could any man them number! Arthur then ordered, 'noblest of kings,' 'the folk to be assembled, [that to all his knights, that they should come together] at a set 'time' [day], by their bare life, [right] at Barbefleote; 'and there he would gather his good people.' This land he delivered to a famous knight; he was Walwains brother, 'there was [he had] no other; he was named Modred, wickedest of men; truth he had none to ever any man; he was 'Arthurs [Arthur his] relation,

<sup>1</sup> ladde?<sup>2</sup> þo hii?<sup>3</sup> couþe heom?

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of aðelen hiſ cunne.  
 ah cniht he wes wunder god ⁊  
 & he hafde ſwiðe muchel mod.  
 Arðuref fufter fune ⁊  
 to þere quene wes hiſ iwune.  
 þat wæf ufele idon ⁊  
 hiſ æme he dude ſwike-don<sup>1</sup>.  
 Ah al hit wes ſtille ⁊  
 in hirede and in halle.  
 for na man hit ne wende ⁊ 10  
 þat hit ſculde iwurðe.  
 ah men to foðe i-wenden ⁊  
 for Walwain wes hiſ broðer.  
 þe alre treoweſte gume ⁊  
 þe tuhte to þan hirede.  
 þurh Walwain<sup>2</sup> wes Modræd ⁊  
 monnē þa leouere.  
 and Arður þe kene ⁊  
 ful wel him iquemde.  
 He nom al hiſ kinelond ⁊ 20  
 & ſette hit Moddræd an hond.  
 and Wenhauer hiſ quene ⁊

of hiſ gode cunne.  
 cniht he was ſwiþe god ⁊  
 and he hadde mochel mod.  
 Arthur hiſ fofter ſone ⁊  
 to þare cweane was hiſ wone.  
 þat was vuel idon ⁊  
 hiſ eam he dude ſwikedom.  
 Ac no man hit ne wende ⁊  
 þat hit fo were.  
 ac men to foþe wende ⁊  
 for Waweýn was hiſ broþer.  
 þe alre treoweſte cniht ⁊  
 þat in erþe was idiht.  
 þorh Waweýn was Modread ⁊  
 manne wel þe leauere.  
 and Arthur þe kene ⁊  
 fole wel him cwemde.  
 He nam al hiſ kinelond ⁊  
 and ſette hit Modread an hond.  
 and Gwenayfer hiſ cweane ⁊

of hiſ 'noble [good] race; 'but' knight he was 'wondrous [exceeding] good, and he had very much pride; *he was* 'Arthurs [Arthur hiſ] ſiſters ſon; to the queen was hiſ reſort,—that was evilly done,—to hiſ uncle he did treachery. But 'it all was ſecret, in hoſt and in hall, for' no man it weened, that it 'ſhould be [were ſo], but men in ſooth weened *him*, becauſe Walwain was hiſ brother, the trueſt 'man [knight] of all that 'came to the folk [in earth was formed]; through Walwain was Modred 'by men the [man well the] more beloved, and Arthur the keen full well was pleaſed with him. He took all hiſ kingdom, and ſet it to Modred in hand, and 'Wenhaver [Gwenayfer], hiſ queen, wortheiſt of women, that

<sup>1</sup> R. ſwikedom.

<sup>2</sup> *The firſt ſyllable of Walwain has been added by a ſecond hand.*

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wurðlukeft wiuen.  
 þa þe in þiffere leode ⁊  
 wunede an londe.  
 Arður bi-tahte ⁊  
 al þat he ahte.  
 Moddrade and þere quene ⁊  
 þat heom waf iquene<sup>1</sup>.  
 þat waf ufele idon ⁊  
 þat heo iboren weoren. [c. 2.]  
 þif lond heo for-radden ⁊ 10  
 mid ræuðen uniuoʒen.  
 and a þan ænden heom feoluen ⁊  
 þe wurfe gon icenden.  
 þat heo þer for-leofeden ⁊  
 lif and heore faulen.  
 and æuer feoððe laðen ⁊  
 n auer ælche londe.  
 þat nauer na mā nalde ⁊  
 fel bede beoden for heore faule.  
 for þan fwike-dome ⁊ · 20  
 þ he dude Ardure<sup>2</sup> hif æme.  
 Al þat Arður ahte ⁊  
 he Moddrede bitahte.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. x111.

worþlokeft wifue.  
 þat þo in þiffe þeode ⁊  
 wonede on londe.  
 Arthur ʒam bi-taht ⁊  
 al þat lond þat he hahte.  
 Modread and þare cweane ⁊  
 þat him was icweme.  
 þat was vuele idon ⁊  
 þat hii ibore were.  
 þif lond hii for-ferde ⁊  
 þorh hire luper craftes.  
 and ʒam seolue an þan eande ⁊  
 þe worfe gan fende.  
 þat hii for-lofede ⁊  
 hire lif and hire faule.  
 and euere þar after ⁊ [c. 2.]  
 loþ in eche londe.  
 Al þat Arthur hahte ⁊  
 ʒam he hit bi-tahte.

then in this nation dwelt in land. Arthur gave [to them] all [the land] that he possessed, to Modred and the queen,—that to 'them [him] was pleasing. That was evilly done, that they were (should have been) born; this land they destroyed 'with numerous sorrows [through their wicked crafts]; and themselves at the end the Worse gan disgrace (*or* destroy), *so* that they there lost [their] lives and their souls, and ever 'afterwards [thereafter] *became* odious in 'every [each] land, 'so that never any man would offer a good prayer for their souls, on account of the treachery that he did to Arthur, his uncle.' All that Arthur possessed, he gave 'to Mo-

<sup>1</sup> R. iqueme.<sup>2</sup> R. Arður.

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lond and hif leoden ⁊	
& leofen hif quene.	
and feððen he nom hif ferde ⁊	and suppe he nam his ferde ⁊
of folken fwiðe hende.	of folke fwiþe hende.
and ferde ful fone ⁊	and wende wel fone ⁊
touward Suð-hamtune.	toward Suphamtone.
þer comen feillien fone ⁊	þar comen ride ⁊
zeond þa sæ wide.	oueral þan féé wide.
scipes uniuoꝝe ⁊	sipes fwiþe manie ⁊
to þas kingef folke.	10 to þis kinges folke.
þe king þat folc beide ⁊	þe king þat folk dealde ⁊
zeond þa scipen longe.	to þan sipes gode.
bi þufend & bi þuféd ⁊	bi þoufend and bi þoufend ⁊
to þan scipē þraften.	þider in þrafte.
þe uader weop a þene fune ⁊	þe fader weap a þane fone ⁊
fuster a þene broðer.	softer o þan broþer.
moder a þa dohter ⁊	moder to <sup>1</sup> þan dohter ⁊
þa þa duꝝeðe sturede.	þo þe ferde wende.
Werder <sup>2</sup> stod on wille ⁊	Weder stod at wille ⁊
wind wex an honde.	20 wind wex an honde.
ankeref heo up droȝen ⁊	ancreas hii vp drowen ⁊
drem wef on uolken.	bliffe was a-mang heom.
Wunden into widen sæ ⁊	

dred [it to them], 'his land and his people, and his dear queen'; and afterwards he took his army of folk most fair, and marched 'full [well] soon toward Southampton. There came 'numerous [very many] ships 'soon sailing [riding] over [all] the wide sea, to 'the [this] kings folk; the king distributed the folk 'over [to] the 'long [good] ships; by thousands and by thousands 'to the ships [thither in] *they* thronged; the father wept on the son, sister on the brother; mother on the daughter, when the host departed. *The* weather stood at will, *the* wind waxed in hand; anchors they up drew, joy was among '*the* folk [them]. '*The* thanes wondrous blithe wound *their way* into *the* wide sea,' *the* ships there forth pressed, *the*

<sup>1</sup> o ?<sup>2</sup> weder ?

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þeines wunder bliðe.		Sipes þar forþ þronge ⁊
scipen þer forð þrrungen <sup>1</sup> ⁊		gleomen þar songe.
gleomen þer fungen.		sayles þar tohte ⁊
feilef þer tuhten ⁊		ropes þar rihte.
rapes þer rehtten.		weder alre fairest ⁊
wederen alre felest ⁊	[f. 149. c. 1.]	and þe see sweuede.
and þa sæ sweuede.		For þare sofnisse ⁊
For þere softness ⁊		Arthur gā to sleape.
Ardur <sup>2</sup> gō to slæpen.		al so þe king slepte ⁊
alfe þe king slepte ⁊	10	a sweuen he i-mette.
a sweuen him imette.		feorlich was þat sweuen ⁊
feorlic wes þat sweouen ⁊		þan king hit a-ferde.
þene king hit auerde.		þo þe king him a-woc ⁊
þa þe king him awoc ⁊		þe king was idrecchid.
swiðe he wes idræcched.		and gronie he gan ⁊
and granein agon ⁊		loudere stemne.
ludere stefenen.		Nas þar non so þriste ⁊
Næf þer nan swa þriste ⁊		cniht onder crist.
cniht under criste.		þat þane king dorste ⁊
þat durste þene king fræine ⁊	20	axi of his farecofte.
of his fare-cofte.		her þe king him seolf speake ⁊
ær þe king him seolf speke ⁊		and faide to his cnihtes.[f. 119 <sup>b</sup> . c. 1.]
and spilede wið his beornen þere.		and þus to þam faide ⁊
and þ <sup>o</sup> Ardur <sup>2</sup> him feide ⁊		

glee-men there sung; sails there *they* hoist, ropes there *they* right; weather *they had* softest of all, and the sea slept. For the softness (calm) Arthur gan to sleep; as the king slept a dream he dreamt; marvellous was the dream, the king it alarmed! When the king him awoke, 'greatly he [the king] was frightened, and [he] gan to groan with loud voice. Was there none so bold knight under Christ, who durst ask the king of his welfare, ere the king himself spake, and 'discoursed with [said to] his 'barons there [knights]; and thus Arthur him said, when he awoke from sleep: "Lord

<sup>1</sup> R. þrunge.<sup>2</sup> R. Arður.



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þa he awoc of flæpe.  
 Lauerd drihten crist?  
 domes waldende.  
 midelarde mund?  
 monnen frouere.  
 þurh þine aðmode wil?  
 walden<sup>1</sup> ænglen.  
 let þu mi sweuen?  
 to felþen iturnen.  
 Þa spac Angel þe king?  
 Scottene deorlig.  
 Lauer<sup>2</sup> sæi uf þi sweuen?  
 feleʒehðe uf beo ʒeueðe.  
 Bluðeliche quað þe king?  
 to blisse hit awurðe.  
 Þer ich lai a sweuete?  
 agan ich forto flepe.  
 me þuhte þat in þere weolcne?  
 com an wunderlic deor.  
 æst i þan leofte?  
 ladlic<sup>3</sup> an fehte.  
 wið leite mid storme?  
 stufliche wende.  
 nis in nare leode?

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þo he woc of sleape.  
 Louerd drihtene crist?  
 domes weldende.  
 middilerþes win?  
 mannene frouere.  
 þorh þine edmode?  
 weldene eanglene.  
 leatte þou min sweuen?  
 to fealþe teorne.  
 10 þo spac Angel þe king?  
 Scottene deorling.  
 Louerd faie ous þin sweuen?  
 for fealþe his ous ʒeuen.  
 Bloþeliche cwap þe king?  
 to blisse hit teorne.  
 þar ich lay a sweuete?  
 and ich gan to fleape.  
 me þohte in þare wolcne?  
 com an deor fellich.  
 20 east in þan luftē?  
 loþliche on fihte.  
 nis in none londe?

governor Christ, ruler of dooms, 'protector [joy] of middle-earth, comforter of men through thy merciful will, ruler of angels; let thou my dream turn to good!" Then spake Angel the king, Scotlands darling: "Lord, say us thy dream, [for] prosperity is given to us." "Blithely," quoth the king, "to bliss may it turn! Where I lay in slumber, [and] I gan 'for' to sleep, methought 'that' in the welkin came a marvellous beast, eastward in the sky, and loathsome to *the* sight; 'with lightning and with storm sternly *he* advanced'; *there* is in no land 'any bear so loathly [such

<sup>1</sup> waldend?<sup>2</sup> Lauer?<sup>3</sup> laðlic?

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nan fwa ladlic<sup>1</sup> beore. [c.2.]  
 þa com þer westene ⁊  
 winden mid þā weolcnen.  
 a berninge drake ⁊  
 bur... .. fuel..<sup>2</sup>  
 mid hif feure he lihte ⁊  
 al þif lond-riche.  
 me þuhte a mire sihȝeðe ⁊  
 þat þa sæ gon to berne.  
 of leite & of fure ⁊  
 þa þe drake ferede.  
 þes drake and beore ⁊  
 beien to-somne.  
 radliche sone ⁊  
 to-gadere heo come.  
 heo smiten heom to-gaderen ⁊  
 mid feondliche ræfen.  
 floȝe<sup>4</sup> of heore hæȝene ⁊  
 fwulc fur-brondef<sup>5</sup>.  
 Ofte wes þe drake buuen ⁊  
 and eft feoððen bineoþen.  
 neoðelef a þan ænde ⁊

foch deor aſtonde.  
 þo com þar westene ⁊  
 winde in þan wolcne.  
 a bernene drake ⁊  
 borwes he ſwelde.  
 mid hif fure he lihte ⁊  
 al þis lond-riche.  
 me þohte in mine ſiht ⁊  
 þat þe ſéé barnde.  
 10 of lihte and of fure ⁊  
 þat þe drake ferede.  
 þeos drake and þe beore ⁊  
 to-gadere hii come.  
 hii smiten heom to-gaderes ⁊  
 mid feondeeliche<sup>3</sup> reafes.  
 floȝen of hire eȝene ⁊  
 afe furbrondes.  
 20 Ofte was þe drake boue ⁊  
 and eft ſuþþe bi-neoþe.  
 naþeles a þan eande ⁊

creature existing]. Then came there westward, winding 'with the clouds [in the welkin], a burning dragon; burghs he swallowed; with his fire he lighted all this lands realm; methought in my sight that the sea 'gan to burn [burnt] of light and of fire, that the dragon carried. This dragon and [the] bear, 'both together, quickly soon' together they came; they smote them together with fierce assaults; flames flew from their eyes as firebrands! Oft was the dragon above, and eftsoons beneath; nevertheless at the end high he gan rise, and he flew down right with fierce assault,

<sup>1</sup> laðlic?<sup>2</sup> This line has been added in the margin by a second hand, but partly cut off by the rascally binder.<sup>3</sup> feondeliche?<sup>4</sup> floȝen?<sup>5</sup> fur-brondef?

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heȝen he gon wende.  
 and he flah dun rihte ʒ  
 mid feondliche ræfen.  
 and þene beore he ifmat ʒ  
 þat he to þere eorðe iwhat.  
 and he þer þene beore of-floh ʒ  
 and hine lim-mele to-droh.  
 Þa þat feht wef ido ʒ  
 þe drake aȝen wende.  
 Þif sweuen me imette ʒ  
 þer ich lai and flapte.  
 Biſcopes þif iherden ʒ  
 & boc-ilærede men.  
 þif iheorden eorles ʒ  
 þif iherden beornes.  
 ælc bi hiſ witte ʒ  
 wiſdom fæiden.  
 þif sweuen aræhten ʒ  
 1  
 Ne durſte þer na cniht ʒ  
 to uſele ræcchen na wiht.  
 leoſte he ſculden leoſen ʒ [f.149<sup>b</sup>.c.1.]leſte he þar vore loſede ʒ  
 hiſ leomen þat weoren him deore.  
 Forð heo gūnen liðen ʒ

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hehȝe he gan wende.  
 and he fleah dun riht ʒ [c.2.]  
 mid feondeliche reaſe.  
 and þane beore he ſmot ʒ  
 þat he fulle to grūde.  
 and he þar þane beore floh ʒ  
 and leome-mele hine to-droh.  
 Þo þat ſiht was idon ʒ  
 þe drake aȝen wende.  
 10 Þis me imette ʒ  
 þar ich lay and fleapte.  
 Biſſopes þis ihorde ʒ  
 and clearkeſ wel wiſe.  
 þis ihorde eorles ʒ  
 þis ihorde cnihtes.  
 ech bi hiſ witte ʒ  
 wiſdom ſaide.  
 þis sweuen hi a-reht ʒ  
 aſe heom beſt þoht.  
 20 Ne dorſte þar no cniht ʒ  
 to vuele hit teorne no wiht.  
 his leomes þat he louede.  
 Forþ hii gonne liþe ʒ

and the bear he smote, so that he fell to 'the earth [ground]; and he there the bear slew, and limbmeal him tore. When the fight was done, the dragon back went. This 'dream' I dreamt, where I lay and slept." The bishops heard this, and 'book-learned men [clerks well wise]; this heard earls, this heard 'barons [knights]; each by his wit said wisdom, and this dream [they] interpreted, as to them best seemed. There durst no knight, to evil 'expound [it turn] no whit, least he [therefore] 'should lose his limbs that 'were dear to him [he loved]. Forth they gan to voyage 'exceeding

<sup>1</sup> A line is here missing.

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an eoufte bilife.  
 wind heom stod on wille ⁊  
 seleft alre wedere.  
 heo hæfden al þat heom wes neod ⁊ hii hadde al þat waf neode ⁊  
 to londen heocomen at Barbe-fleot. to londe hii come at Barbefleote.  
 To Barbe-fleot at Costentin ⁊ To Barbefleot at Constantin ⁊  
 þer com muchel moncun in. þar com moche moncun in.  
 of alle þan londe ⁊ of alle þan londe ⁊  
 þa Arður hafde an honde. þat Arthur hadde an honde.  
 Swa fone fwa heo mihten ⁊ 10 So rathe so hii mihten ⁊  
 ut of ſcipe heō rehten. vt of ſipe hii rehten.  
 þe king hiſ folc hehten<sup>1</sup> ⁊ þe king hiſ folk hehte ⁊  
 herberwe iſečen. herborwe ſeche.  
 an badien þe king wolde ⁊ and reaſte þe king wolde ⁊  
 þat hiſ folc come. forte hiſ folk come.  
 Nes he þere buten ane niht ⁊ Nas he þare bute one niht ⁊ [f. 120.  
 þa com him to an hende cniht. þat com him to an hendi cniht. c. 1.]  
 he talde tidinge ⁊ he tolde tydinge ⁊  
 Arðure þan kinge. Arthur þan kinge.  
 he ſeide þat þer weſ icumē ⁊ 20 he ſaide þat þar waf icome ⁊  
 a ſcaðe liðe. a luþer þing to londe.  
 of weſtward Spaine ⁊ of weſtward Spayne ⁊  
 wel reordi feond. a wel loþliche feond.

in þan ſée bliþe.  
 wind heom stod at wille ⁊  
 murieft alre wedere.  
 heo hæfden al þat heom wes neod ⁊ hii hadde al þat waf neode ⁊  
 to londen heocomen at Barbe-fleot. to londe hii come at Barbefleote.  
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 þa Arður hafde an honde. þat Arthur hadde an honde.  
 Swa fone fwa heo mihten ⁊ 10 So rathe so hii mihten ⁊  
 ut of ſcipe heō rehten. vt of ſipe hii rehten.  
 þe king hiſ folc hehten<sup>1</sup> ⁊ þe king hiſ folk hehte ⁊  
 herberwe iſečen. herborwe ſeche.  
 an badien þe king wolde ⁊ and reaſte þe king wolde ⁊  
 þat hiſ folc come. forte hiſ folk come.  
 Nes he þere buten ane niht ⁊ Nas he þare bute one niht ⁊ [f. 120.  
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 Arðure þan kinge. Arthur þan kinge.  
 he ſeide þat þer weſ icumē ⁊ 20 he ſaide þat þar waf icome ⁊  
 a ſcaðe liðe. a luþer þing to londe.  
 of weſtward Spaine ⁊ of weſtward Spayne ⁊  
 wel reordi feond. a wel loþliche feond.

quickly [in the sea blithe]; *the* wind stood to them at will, weather 'best [merriest] of all; they had all that 'to them' was need; to land they came at Barbefleot. To Barbefleot, at Constantin, therein came a mickle multitude, from all the lands that Arthur had in hand. So soon as they might, out of ship they moved; the king ordered his folk to seek lodging, and the king would rest, until his folk came. He was not there but one night, that a fair knight came to him; he told tiding to Arthur the king; he said that there was arrived a 'monster [wicked thing to land], westward from Spain; [a] fiend well loathsome; and in Brittany was busy to harm. By

<sup>1</sup> *Written originally hehten, but n struck out by the same hand.*

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and ine Brutaine ⁊  
 bifi wef to harme.  
 bi þere sæ fide ⁊  
 þet lond he weste wide.  
 nu hit hatte Munt Seint Michel ⁊  
 þ lond ewelde<sup>1</sup> iwidel.  
 Lauerd king queð þe cniht ⁊  
 to soðe ich þe cuðe her riht.  
 he hafueð inome þine mæze ⁊  
 mid hahliche strenðe. 10  
 heȝe winmon iboren ⁊  
 Howeles dohter icorē.  
 Eleine wef ihaten ⁊ [c. 2.]  
 aðeleft maidenen.  
 To þan munte he heo uerede ⁊  
 aðeleft maidene.  
 nu fulle feowertene niht ⁊ [riht.  
 þe feōd heo hafueð ihalden þer  
 nute we on liue ⁊  
 þeh he heo nabbe to wife. 20  
 Alle he makeð him to mete ⁊  
 þa men þa he igripeð.

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and ine Brutayne ⁊  
 bufi was to harme.  
 bi þare see fyde ⁊  
 þat lond he wastef wide. [chel ⁊  
 þat nou hatte Mount Seint Mi-  
 he hit wastef euereidel.  
 Louerd king cwaþ þe cni..  
 .o soþe ich þe fegge he...  
 he haueþ þine mow. ...me ⁊  
 mid mochelere strengþe. 10  
 heh womman ibore ⁊  
 Howel his dohter icore.  
 Ele... was ihote ⁊  
 faireft .... mayde.  
 To on heh montayne ⁊  
 he þan mayde ladde.  
 nou his folle fourteniht ⁊  
 þat he hire haueþ i-holde forþ riht.  
 nute we on lifue ⁊  
 þeh he hire habbe to wifue. 20  
 Al he makeþ him to mete ⁊  
 þe men þat he gripeþ.

the sea-side the land he wasted wide,—now it hight Mount Saint Michel, —‘the land he possesseth [he it wasteth] every part.—“ Lord king,” quoth the knight, “ in sooth I ‘make known [say] to thee right here, he hath taken away thy relative, with great strength, a nobly born woman, ‘Howels [Howel his] daughter choice, who was named Helen, ‘noblest of maidens [fairest maid of all]. To ‘the mount he carried her, noblest of maidens [a high mountain he led the maid]; now [it is] full a fortnight, ‘the fiend [that he] hath holden her ‘there [forth] right; we know not in life whether he have her ‘not’ to wife. All the men that he seizeth, he maketh to him for meat, cattle, horses, and the sheep; goats, and the swine eke; all this

<sup>1</sup> he weldeþ?

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ruðeren horf & þa scep ⁊  
 gæt and þa fwin eke.  
 al þis lond he wule for-fare ⁊  
 butē þu afeollen ure kare.  
 lond and þaf leode ⁊  
 a þe if ure neode.  
 Ȝet þe cniht seide ⁊  
 to þan uolc-kinge.  
 Ifihst þu lauereð þe munt ⁊  
 and þene wude muchele. 10  
 þer wuneeð þe scaðe inne ⁊  
 þa scendeð þaf leode.  
 We habbeð wið him iuohtē ⁊  
 wel feole siðen.  
 bi sæ & bi londe ⁊  
 þef leoden he amærde.  
 ure scipen he afeingde ⁊  
 þat folc he al adrente.  
 þeo þat feuhthen a þan londe ⁊ 19  
 þeo he adun leide. [longe ⁊  
 we habbeoð idriuen ꝥ þat<sup>2</sup> swa  
 þat we hine læteð ane.  
 faren heu<sup>3</sup> swa he wule ⁊

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roþere hors and þe scep ⁊  
 geat and þe fwin eak.  
 al þis lond he wole for-fare ⁊  
 bote þou alegge oure care.  
 lond and þis leode ⁊  
 in þe his oure neode.  
 Ȝet þe cniht saide ⁊  
 to bolde þan kinge.  
 Ifext þou lauereð þane mont ⁊  
 and þane wode mochele. 10  
 þar woneþ þo<sup>1</sup> feond ine ⁊ [c.2.]  
 þat sendef þes leode.  
 We habbeþ wiþ him ifohte ⁊  
 wel fale siþe.  
 bi sée and bi londe ⁊  
 he doþ ous moche fonde.  
 oure sip.. he adreind ⁊  
 oure folk he afeint.  
 we habbeþ þis so long idriue ⁊  
 þat we leteþ him one.  
 don wat so he wolle ⁊

land he will destroy, unless thou allay our care, *the* land and this people; in thee is our need." Yet said the knight to the 'monarch [bold king]: "Seest thou, lord, the mount, and the great wood, wherein the fiend dwelleth that destroyeth this people? We have fought with him well many times; by sea and by land 'this folk he destroyed [he doth us much harm]; our ships he sank (submerged), 'the [our] folk he 'all' drowned; 'those that fought on the land, those he down laid.' We have driven (suffered) 'that [this] so long, that we let him alone, to 'act how [do what] so he

<sup>1</sup> þe?<sup>2</sup> *Sic MS.*<sup>3</sup> hou?

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after iwille him.  
 þif lond cnihtes ne durren ⁊  
 wið him mare na fehten.  
 Arður þif iherde ⁊  
 aðelest alre kinge.      [[f.150.c.1.]  
 he cleopede him to þene eorl Kæi ⁊  
 þe wef his stiward and his mæi. þat was his stiward and his meý.  
 Bedu eke to him he cleopede ⁊  
 he wef þef kingef birle. þat was þe kingef borle.  
 He hæhte heom forð riht<sup>1</sup> ⁊      10  
 beon al war to midder-niht. beon al ȝar to midniht.  
 mid alle heore wepne<sup>2</sup> ⁊  
 to wendē wið þan kinge. wende mid þan kinge.  
 þat na mō under crifte ⁊  
 of heore uare nufte. þat no man onder crift ⁊  
 buten Arður þe king ⁊  
 and þa tweien cnihtes mid him. and his twei cnihtes mid him.  
 and heore sweines fixe ⁊  
 ohte men and wihte. and hire sweines fixe ⁊  
 and þe cniht þe radde ⁊      20  
 hit þan kinge heom ladde. and þe cniht ȝam ladde ⁊  
 To þere midnihte ⁊  
 þa men weoren aflepe. þo men were a-fleape.

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after his wille.  
 ne dorre þif lond cnihtes ⁊  
 na more wiþ him fihte.  
 Arthur þis ihorde ⁊  
 baldest alre kinge.  
 he cleopede him to Kay ⁊  
 þat was his stiward and his meý.  
 Beduer he cleopede eke ⁊  
 þat was þe kingef borle.  
 He hehte ȝam forþ riht ⁊  
 beon al ȝar to midniht.  
 mid alle hire wepne ⁊  
 wende mid þan kinge.  
 þat no man onder crift ⁊  
 of hire fare nufte.  
 bote Arthur þe king ⁊  
 and his twei cnihtes mid him.  
 and hire sweines fixe ⁊  
 ohte mē and wihte.  
 and þe cniht ȝam ladde ⁊  
 þat þane king þis radde  
 To þare mid-nihte ⁊  
 þo men were a-fleape.

will, after his will; *the* knights of this land dare not with him any more fight." Arthur heard this, 'noblest [boldest] of all kings; he called to him 'the earl' Kay, who was his steward and his relative; Beduer eke 'to him' he called, 'he [who] was the kings cup-bearer. He bade them forthright be all ready at midnight, with all their weapons, to go with the king, so that no man under Christ should know of their journey, except Arthur the king, and 'the [his] two knights with him, and their six swains, brave men and active; and the knight that counselled 'it [this] to the king, should lead them. At the midnight, when men were asleep, Arthur forth him went,

<sup>1</sup> *At first written rihtes, but the last two letters expuncted by the same hand.*

<sup>2</sup> *wepne?*

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Arður forð him wende ⁊  
 aðelest alre kinge.  
 Bi-foren rad heore lod-cniht ⁊  
 þat hit waf dæiliht.  
 heo lihten of heore stedē ⁊  
 and rihten heore iweden.  
 Þa iſeȝen heo nawiht feorren ⁊  
 a muchel fur ſmokien.  
 uppen ane hulle ⁊  
 mid ſæ ulode bi-uallen. 10  
 and an oðer hul þer wes ſwiðe heh ⁊  
 þæ ſæ hine biſfedde ful neh.  
 þer uen on heo iſeȝen a fur ⁊  
 þat wef muchel and ſwiðe ſtor.  
 Þæ cnihtef þa tweonedē ⁊  
 to whaþere heo faren mihten.  
 þet þe eotend war neore ⁊  
 of þeof kingef fore.  
 Þa nom hîm to rede ⁊  
 Arður þe ræȝe. 20  
 þat heo ſculden fomed faren ⁊ [c. 2.]  
 aneoſten þan ane furen.  
 and ȝif hine þer fundē ⁊  
 a-quellen hine to deðen.

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Arthur forþ him wende ⁊  
 baldeſt alre kinge.  
 Bi-vore ȝeode hire lod-cniht ⁊  
 forte hit was day-liht.  
 hii lihte of hire ſtedef ⁊  
 and rihte hire wedes.  
 Þo hii ſehȝen noht vorre ⁊  
 on mochel fur ſmokie.  
 yppen one hulle ⁊  
 mid ſéé flode bi-falle. 10  
 an oþer hulle was þar heh ⁊ [f. 120<sup>b</sup>.  
 c. 1.]  
 þe ſéé hine biſfoȝede ſwiþe neh.  
 þar vpon he iſeh a fur ⁊  
 þat was mochel and ſwiþe ſtor.  
 Þe cnihtes þo nuſte ⁊  
 to waþer hii wende mihte.  
 þat þe eatant war neore ⁊  
 of þis kinges fore.  
 Þo nam him to rede ⁊  
 Arthur þe holde. 20  
 þat hii wolden fare ⁊  
 toward þā fure.  
 and ȝef hii hine þar fūde ⁊  
 a-cwellen to deaþe.

'noblest [boldest] of all kings. Before `rode [proceeded] their guide, until it was day-light; they alighted from their steeds, and righted their weeds. Then saw they not far, a great fire smoke, upon a hill, surrounded by *the* sea-flood; 'and' another hill there was 'most' high; the sea by it flowed full [very] nigh; thereupon `they [he] saw a fire, that was mickle and most strong. The knights then `doubted [knew not], to whether of *the* *two* they might go, that the giant were not aware of the kings movement. Then Arthur the bold took him to counsel, that they `should [would] go 'together' 'near [toward] the 'one' fire; and if [they] there him found, kill 'him' to death. Forth went the king, *so* that he came near; nought



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Forð þe king wende ⁊  
 þat he com aneufte.  
 noht he þer ne funde ⁊  
 bute a muchel fur þer berninde.  
 Arður eode abute ⁊  
 & his cnihtes bi his fiden.  
 na whit heo ne funden ⁊  
 quikes uppen wolden.  
 buten þat fur muchele ⁊  
 and ban vnimete.  
 bi atlinge heō þuhte ⁊  
 þritti uoðere.  
 Arður þa nuſte ⁊  
 nenne red godne.  
 & bi-gon him to ſpeken ⁊  
 to Beduer hiſ eorle.  
 Beduer far bliue ⁊  
 a-dun of þiſſen hulle.  
 and wēd þe ouer þat water deope ⁊  
 mid allen þine iwede.  
 and mid wiſdome ⁊  
 wend to þan fure.  
 and bi-halueſ þe iga ⁊  
 and bihald ȝeorne.  
 ȝif þu miht a-findē ⁊  
 oht of þan feonden.

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Forþ wende þe king ⁊  
 þat he aneweft com.  
 noht he þar ne funde ⁊  
 bote a fur bearnende.  
 Arthur ȝeode a-boute ⁊  
 and his cnihtef bi his fide.  
 noht hii ne funde ⁊  
 cwic vp þan hulle.  
 bote þat fur mochele ⁊  
 10 and boues onimete.  
 bi hatling heō þohte ⁊  
 þritti foþer.  
 Arthur þo nuſte ⁊  
 none read gode.  
 and bi-gan him to ſpeke ⁊  
 to Beduer hiſ eorle.  
 Beduer wend bliue ⁊  
 adun of þiſſe hulle.  
 and wend ouer þat water deope ⁊  
 20 mid alle þine wede.  
 and mid wiſdome ⁊  
 wend to þane fure.  
 and bi-halues þou go ⁊  
 and be-hold ȝeorne.  
 ȝef þou miht ifinde ⁊  
 oht of þan feonde.

he there found but a 'mickle' fire 'there' burning. Arthur went about, and his knights by his side; nought they found alive upon 'earth [the hill] but the great fire, and bones innumerable; by estimation it seemed to them thirty fother. Arthur then knew not any good counsel, and began him to speak to Beduer, his earl:—"Beduer, go quickly down from this hill, and pass 'thee' over the deep water, with all thy weeds; and with wisdom advance to the fire; and go thou aside, and behold diligently, if thou mayest find ought of the fiend. And if thou mayest him perceive, 'in wise

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And ȝif þu hine miht of-ȝiten ⁊  
 on aȝes cunnef wiſen.  
 wend adun ſtille ⁊  
 þat<sup>1</sup> cume to þan watere.  
 & ſeien me þer ſone ⁊  
 what þu i-ſeȝen habbe.  
 And ȝif hit ilimpeð ſwa ⁊  
 þat þu liðen to þan fure.  
 & þe feond þe of-ȝite ⁊  
 and þu to fuſe. 10  
 haſe mine godne horn ⁊  
 þe al mid golde if ibon.  
 and blawe hine mid maine ⁊  
 ſwa mō ſcal for neode. [l. 150<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.]  
 and fuſ þe to þā feonde ⁊  
 and bigin to fihten.  
 & we þe ſcullen fuſen to ⁊  
 ſwa we hit ſwiðeſt maȝen don.  
 And ȝif þu hine iſindeſt ⁊  
 aneouſte þan fure. 20  
 and þu al un-aȝeten ⁊  
 aȝein miht iwende.  
 þenne for-beode ich þe ⁊  
 bi þine bare life.  
 þat þu nauere wið þene ſcucke ⁊

And ȝef þou miht hine onderȝete ⁊  
 wiþ enicunnes gȝynne.  
 wend adū ſtille ⁊  
 for to þan watere.  
 and ſeiȝe me þar ſone ⁊  
 wat þou iſehȝe habbe.  
 And ȝef hit bi-falleþ ſo ⁊  
 þat þou wende in þan fure.  
 and þe feond þe of-ȝete ⁊  
 and þe to fouſe. 10  
 haue mine gode horne ⁊ [c. 2.]  
 þat al mid golde his bi-gon.  
 and blou hine mid maine ⁊  
 ſo man ſal to neode.  
 and wend to þan feonde ⁊  
 and bi-gin to fihte.  
 and we ſolle þe come to ⁊  
 ſo ſwiþe ſo we mawe do.  
 And ȝef þou hine findeſt ⁊  
 a-neweſt þan fure. 20  
 and þou on-aȝete ⁊  
 aȝein miht wende.  
 þanne for-bed ich þe ⁊  
 bi þine bare liue.  
 þat þou neuere wiþ þan<sup>2</sup> ⁊

[with stratagem] of any kind, go down still, until 'thou come' to the water, and say me there soon what thou hast seen. And if it so befalleth, that thou come to the fire, and the fiend thee perceive, and proceed toward thee, have my good horn, that all with gold is adorned, and blow it with strength, as man shall for need. And advance 'thee' to the fiend, and begin to fight, and we shall come to thee, as 'most quickly [quick as] we may 'it' do. And if thou findest him near the fire and thou 'all' unperceived back mayest go; then forbid I thee, by thy bare life, that thou ever

<sup>1</sup> þat þu?<sup>2</sup> A word is omitted.

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feht no biginne.  
 Beduer iherde ⁊  
 what hif lauerd<sup>1</sup> him feide.  
 hif wepnen he on him dude ⁊  
 and forð him iwende.  
 and up a-stæh þene munt ⁊  
 þe if unimete.  
 He bar an hif honde ⁊  
 ænne gære swiðe stronge.  
 æne sceld an hif rugge ⁊  
 iruft al mid golde.  
 hælm an hif hafde ⁊  
 hehne of stele.  
 hif bodi wef bifeong ⁊  
 mid fære are burne.  
 he hafde bi hif side ⁊  
 enne brond al of stele.  
 and forð he gon steppen ⁊  
 stið imainede eorl.  
 þat he com fufen ⁊  
 an neoufte þan furen.  
 and he under ane treo ⁊  
 gon him at-stonden.  
 þa iherde he wepen ⁊  
 wunder ane swiðen.

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fiht ne bi-gynne.  
 Bedu.. .horde ⁊  
 wat his louerd ... ..  
 his wepne he an him ....  
 and forþ he iwende.  
 and .. a-steh þ... hul ⁊  
 þ. was onimete.  
 he bar on his h....  
 ane gare swiþe stronge.  
 10 ... .. ald on his rugge ⁊  
 .... al mid golde.  
 healm on his heaued ⁊  
 hehne of stele.  
 his bo.. was icled ⁊  
 mid one go.. ...e.  
 he hadde bi his side ⁊  
 ... brond of stele.  
 and forþ he gan steppe ⁊  
 stiþ imained eorl.  
 20 þat he com fufe ⁊  
 anewest þan fure.  
 and he vnder one treo ⁊  
 gan him astonde.  
 þo ihorde he wepe ⁊  
 wonderliche swiþe.

with the monster begin fight." Beduer heard what his lord said to him ; his weapons he put him on, and forth he went, and ascended up the 'mount [hill] that 'is [was] immense. He bare in his hand a spear exceeding strong; a shield on his back, ornamented all with gold ; a helm on his head, high, of steel ; his body was covered with a 'fair [good] burny ; he had by his side a brand 'all' of steel ; and forth he gan step, *the* powerfully strong earl, until he arrived near the fire ; and he under a tree gan him tarry. Then heard he *one* weep, wondrously much, weep and whine with piteous cries.

<sup>1</sup> lauer, *pr. m.*

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wepen and weinen ⁊  
 and<sup>1</sup> wanliche iberen.  
 Þa þe cniht wende ⁊  
 þat hit þe eotend weoren.  
 and he an-bursten agon ⁊ [c. 2.]  
 swulc weore a wilde bar.  
 and forȝæt fone ⁊  
 þat hiſ lauerd him ſæide.  
 Hiſ ſceld he bræid on breoſte ⁊  
 hiſ ſpere he igrap faſte. 10  
 and an neoſte gon fuſe ⁊  
 touward þan fure.  
 he wende to finden ⁊  
 þene feond ſturne.  
 þat he fehten mihte ⁊  
 and fōdien hine ſeolue.  
 Þa fond he þer ane quene ⁊  
 quecchen mid hafde.  
 heor-lockede wif ⁊  
 weop for hire wei-fið. 20  
 wanede hire fiðef ⁊  
 þ̅ heo wæf on liuef.  
 þat fet bi þā fure ⁊  
 mid reolichen ibere.

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weape and wony ⁊  
 reuliche bearef.  
 þat þe cniht wende ⁊  
 þat hit þe eatant were.  
 and a-borſt iwarþ ⁊  
 aſe hit a bor were.  
 and for-ȝet fone ⁊  
 þat hiſ louerd him ſaide.  
 Hiſ ſeald he breid on hiſ breoſte ⁊  
 hiſ ſpere he igrop faſt. 10  
 and aneweſt gon wende ⁊ [f. 121. c. 1.]  
 toward þan fure.  
 he wende to finde ⁊  
 þane feond ſtronge.  
 þat he fihten mihte ⁊  
 and fondie him ſeolue.  
 Þo funde he þare ⁊  
 one womnā fette.  
 hor-ilocket wif ⁊  
 wepe wel fore. 20  
 and fat bi þan fure ⁊  
 and tar hire bi þan ere.

'Then [*so that*] the knight weened that it were the giant, and he became incensed as *if* [it] were a 'wild' boar, and soon forgot what his lord said to him. His shield he drew on [his] breast, his spear he grasped fast, and near (*or* quickly) gan wend toward the fire; he thought to find the 'stern [strong] fiend, that he might fight, and prove himself. Then found he there a woman 'shaking with *her* head [sitting], a hoary-locked wife, *who* wept 'for her wretchedness [well sore]; 'she cursed her lot that she was alive; 'that [and] sate by the fire, 'with piteous cries [and tare her by

<sup>1</sup> mid ?

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& sæt & biheold æuere ⁊  
 ænne burinæsse.  
 and hire ȝeddes sæide ⁊  
 ȝeom<sup>9</sup>e stefne.  
 Wale Eleine ⁊  
 wale deore maide.  
 wale þat ich þe uedde ⁊  
 þat ich þe uofstredde.  
 wale þat þæ wald-scaðe ⁊  
 here þe haueð þuf for-uare. 10  
 wale þat ich wes iboren ⁊  
 mine leomen he haueð to-broken.  
 Þa bi-sæh þat wif abutē ⁊  
 whar þe eotend come buȝen ⁊  
 bi-feh a þene eorl Beduer ⁊  
 þa icumen wef þer.  
 Þa sæide þat wif here<sup>1</sup> ⁊  
 þer heo sæt bi fure.  
 Whæt ært þu fære whit ⁊  
 eært þu angel eært cniht<sup>2</sup>. 20  
 beoð þine feðer-heomē ⁊  
 ihaneked mid golden.  
 ȝif þu ært of heuene ⁊  
 þu miht ifund faren heonene.<sup>[l. 151,  
 c. 1.]</sup>

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and euere ȝeo bi-hald ⁊  
 one burinisse.  
 and hire wordes faide ⁊  
 mid rouliche stemne.  
 Wola Ealeyne ⁊  
 wola deore maȝde.  
 wola þat ich þe fedde ⁊  
 þat ich þe fostrede.  
 wola þat þe wode-scape ⁊  
 haueþ þe þus for-fare.  
 wola þat ich was iboren ⁊  
 mine leomes he haueþ to-broke.  
 Þo bi-feh þat wif a-boute ⁊  
 war þe eatant com b...e.  
 bi-feh ȝeo þene .... Beduer ⁊  
 þat icome was þar.  
 .. faide þat wif ore ⁊  
 þar ȝeo fit bi fure.  
 Wat ha. t þou fære wiht ⁊  
 hart þou hangel oper cniht.  
 beoþ þine feaþerhames ⁊  
 ihaneked mid golde.  
 ȝef þou hart of heuene ⁊  
 þou miht wende hinne.

the hair], ‘and sat’ and ever [she] beheld a grave, and said her words with ‘plaintive [piteous] voice:—“Alas! Helen; alas! dear maid; alas! that I thee fed, that I thee fostered; alas! that the monster hath thee ‘here’ thus destroyed; alas! that I was born; my limbs he hath broken in pieces!” Then looked the woman about, where the giant should arrive; and ‘looked on [she beheld] the earl Beduer, who was come there. Then said the woman hoar, where she sate by *the* fire: “What art thou, fair wight? art thou angel, ‘art *thou* [or] knight? are thy wings hung (?) with gold? If thou art from heaven, thou mayest ‘in safety’ go hence, and if thou art

<sup>1</sup> hore?<sup>2</sup> cniht?

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and ȝif þu ært eorðlic cniht ⁊  
 ærm þu iwurðest forð riht.  
 For nu anā cumeð þe scaðe ⁊  
 þe alle þine leomen wule to-draȝen. þat al þin leomes wole to-draȝe.  
 þeh þu weore stel al ⁊  
 he þe awalt iwildel.  
 He uerde to Britaine ⁊  
 to aðest<sup>2</sup> alre bolde.  
 to Howeles castle ⁊  
 hæh mon īne Brutene. 10  
 þa ȝaten alle he to-brac ⁊  
 and binnen he gon wende.  
 He nom þare halle wah<sup>3</sup> ⁊  
 and helden hine to grunde.  
 þæf buref dure he warp adun ⁊  
 þat heo to-barft a uiuen.  
 he funde i þā buren ⁊  
 fæireft alre bruden.  
 Eleinen wef ihaten ⁊  
 aðeleft kunnē.  
 Howeles dohter ⁊  
 hæh mon of Brutene.

and ȝef þou hart erþ<sup>1</sup> cniht ⁊  
 þou harm ibideft forþ riht.  
 For nou a-non comeþ þe scaþe ⁊  
 þat al þin leomes wole to-draȝe.  
 þeh þou were stel al ⁊  
 he þe awalt euereidel.  
 He wende to Britaine ⁊  
 to an stude bolde.  
 to Howel his castle ⁊  
 10 freo man in londe.  
 þe ȝeatef alle he to-brac ⁊  
 and in he gan wende.  
 He nam þe hilewop ⁊  
 and halede hine to grunde. [c. 2.]  
 þif boures dore he warp vp ⁊  
 þat he to-barft a fifue.  
 he funde in þan boure ⁊  
 faireft alre mayde.  
 Eleyne was ihote ⁊  
 20 of hehȝe cunne.  
 Howeles dohter ⁊  
 heh man in Brutene.

earthly knight, harm thou 'wilt have [abidest] forth-right. For now anon cometh the monster that all thy limbs will draw in pieces; though thou wert all steel, he would thee destroy, every bit. He went to Brittany, to *the* best of all mansions [a place bold], to 'Howels [Howel his] castle, 'noble [free] man in 'Britanny [land]; the gates he all brake in pieces, and within he gan wend. He took the hall wall (?), and pulled it to ground; the chambers door he cast 'down [up], *so* that it burst in five; he found in the chamber *the* fairest of all maids; Helen *she* was named, of noble race; Howels daughter, noble man 'of [in] Britanny, 'Arthurs [Arthur his] rela-

<sup>1</sup> erþlich?<sup>2</sup> aðeleft?<sup>3</sup> wah, *pr. m.*, corrected by a second.

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Arðuref maȝe ʒ  
 of swiðe heȝe cunne.  
 Ich wes hire uofter-moder ʒ  
 and feire heo uofredde.  
 Þer þe eotend unc ifēg ʒ  
 forð mid him seoluen.  
 1  
 fiftene mile.  
 into þisse wilde wude ʒ  
 hider to þissen ilke stude. 10  
 þuſ he uf diſte<sup>2</sup> ʒ  
 to-dæi a feouen nihte.  
 Sone ſwa he hider com ʒ  
 ſwa he þat maide inom.  
 he wolde mon-radene ʒ  
 habben wið þan maidene.  
 Ælde næfde heo na mare ʒ  
 buten fiftene<sup>3</sup> ȝere.  
 ne mihte þat maidē ʒ  
 hiſ mone i-þolien. 20  
 anan ſwa he lai hire mide ʒ [c.2.]  
 hire lif heo loſede ſone.  
 & her he heo bi-burede ʒ

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Arthur hiſ mowe ʒ  
 of heȝe cunne.  
 Ich waſ hire fofter-moder ʒ  
 and faire hire bi-hedde.  
 Þe eatand þat maȝde nam ʒ  
 forþ mid him ſeolue.  
 and hire bar a lutel wile ʒ  
 fiftene mile.  
 in to þiſſe wilde wode ʒ  
 10 riht into þiſſe ſtude.  
 þ<sup>3</sup> he vs diht ʒ  
 to-day a ſoueniht.  
 Sone ſo he hider com ʒ  
 he þat maȝde nam.  
 he wolde manradene ʒ  
 habbe wiþ þan maȝde.  
 Ealde nadde ȝe more ʒ  
 bote fiftene ȝere.  
 ne mihte þat maide ʒ  
 20 hiſ imone þolie.  
 anon ſo he hire bi laȝ ʒ  
 hire lif wente away.  
 and her ȝeo hiſ ibured ʒ

tive, of 'most' noble lineage. I was her foster-mother, and fair her 'fostered' [tended]. 'There' the giant took 'us [the maid] forth with himself, [and bare her a little way], fifteen miles, into this wild wood, 'hither to [right into] this 'same' place; thus he us treated to-day a sen'night. So soon as he hither came, 'so' he took the maid; he would have carnal intercourse with the 'maiden [maid]. Age had she 'no [not] more but fifteen years; the 'maiden [maid] might not endure his force; anon so he lay 'with [by] her, her life 'she lost soon [went away]! And here 'he her [she is] buried, fairest of all maids, Helen, mine own foster, 'Howels [Howel

<sup>1</sup> A line here is apparently wanting.<sup>2</sup> dihte?<sup>3</sup> fiftene?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.

burdē alre hendest.  
 Eleine min aȝen uofter ʒ  
 Howellef dohter.  
 Þa þe<sup>1</sup> hafde þif idon ʒ  
 fwa me feoluen inom<sup>2</sup>.  
 a uolden he me laiden ʒ  
 and lai mid me feoluen.  
 nu hafeð be<sup>3</sup> mine ban alle ʒ  
 ladliche a-brokene.  
 mine leomen al to-leðed ʒ 10  
 mi lif me if a-laðed.  
 Nu ich habbe þe itald ʒ  
 hu we beoð her ihæd.  
 fih nu fwiðe ʒ  
 left he þe ifinde.  
 for ȝif he cumeð a-bolȝen ʒ  
 mid hif balu ræfen.  
 nef he neuere iboren ʒ  
 þe maȝen stonden þe biuoren.  
 Efnæ þiffen worden ʒ 20  
 þa þat wif feide.  
 Beduer heo gon hirten ʒ  
 mid hendeliche worden.  
 Leofe moder ich æm mon ʒ

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

hendest alre mayde.  
 Ealeyne min owe vofter ʒ  
 Howel his dohter.  
 þo he hadde þus idon ʒ  
 þo he mi feolue nam.  
 to grunde he me leyde ʒ  
 and lai bi mi feolue.  
 nou haueþ he broken ʒ  
 alle mine bones.  
 mine leomes a-liþede ʒ 10  
 mi lif me hif laþ.  
 Nou þou haueft al ihord ʒ  
 ou we beoþ her ilad.  
 fle nou swiþe ʒ  
 laft he þe finde.  
 for ȝef he comeþ a-bolwe ʒ  
 mid his balou reafes.  
 nas he neuere ibore ʒ  
 þat mawe stonde þe bi-vore.  
 Eafne þiffe fpeche ʒ 20  
 þat þe wif faide.  
 Beduer hire anfwerede ʒ  
 mid hendeliche wordes. [f. 121<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.]  
 Leoue moder ich ham a man ʒ

his] daughter! When he had 'this [thus] done, 'so [then] myself he took; on *the* ground he me laid, and lay 'with [by] myself. Now hath he all my bones 'loathsomely' broken; my limbs 'all' dismembered; my life to me is odious! Now 'I have thee told [thou hast heard all], how we are led here. Flee now quickly, least he thee find; for if he cometh enraged, with his direful onsets, was he never born that may stand thee before!" Even with 'these words [this speech] that the woman said, Beduer 'gan to comfort her [her answered] with fair words: "Dear mother, I am [a] man, and

<sup>1</sup> he ?<sup>2</sup> he nom ?<sup>3</sup> R. he ?



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and cniht æm wel idon.  
 and ich þe wule fuggen ⁊  
 þurh foðe mine worden.  
 næs nan kēpen iboren ⁊  
 of nauer nare burden.  
 þat mon ne mæi mid strēðe ⁊  
 ftupen hine to grunde.  
 & hire þe an alde wifmon ⁊  
 fwiðe lutle beoð þine mæhten.  
 ah hafuen nu fwiðe godne dæi ⁊  
 and ich wulle faren minne wæi.  
 Adun him ferde Beduer ⁊ 12  
 to hif dujeðe-kinge.  
 and talde him hu he hafde kare ⁊  
 and hu he hafde al ifare. [f. 151<sup>b</sup>. c. l.]  
 and what þat wif alde ⁊  
 of þan maidene hī talde.  
 and hu þe eotend ælche dæi ⁊  
 bi þan alde wiue lai.  
 þer heo heom bi-twenen ⁊ 20  
 heolden heoldē<sup>2</sup> heore runen.  
 hu heo mihten taken on ⁊  
 þat þe fcucke weof fordō.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

and cniht ham wel idon.  
 and þe ich wolle segge ⁊  
 foþe mine wordes.  
 naf neuere kempe ibore ⁊  
 of none brude.  
 þat me ne may mid strengþe ⁊  
 ftoupe to grunde.  
 haue nou fwiþe godneday ⁊  
 and ich wolle wēde mine way.  
 Adun him ferde Beduer ⁊  
 to Arthur þan kinge.  
 and tolde him ou he hadde care ⁊  
 and al ou he hadde i-[fare].  
 and wat þat wif olde ⁊  
 of þā maiden him tolde.  
 and ou þe eatant eche day ⁊  
 bi þan olde wife lay.  
 þar hii<sup>1</sup> bi-twine ⁊  
 helde hire rounne.  
 ou hii mihte taken on ⁊  
 þat þe feond were for-don.

knight am brave; and I will say thee 'through' my sooth words, *that* 'no [never] champion was born of 'ever' any lady, that man may not with strength stoop 'him' to ground; 'and serve (?) thee an old woman,—very little are thy powers. But' have now very good-day, and I will go my way." Down went him Beduer to 'his sovereign [Arthur the king], and told him how he had care, and all how he had fared, and what the old woman told him of the maiden, and how the giant each day by the old woman lay. There they them between held their communing, how they

<sup>1</sup> hii jam?<sup>2</sup> Sic MS.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

þeo while com þe eotene <sup>1</sup> faren ⁊ þe wile com þe eatant ⁊	
and fufden to hi <sup>2</sup> fure.	fufe to his fure.
he bar uppen hif rugge ⁊	he bar vppe his rugge ⁊
burðene grete.	borþone grete.
þat weore twælf fwine ⁊	þat weren twealf swin ⁊
iteied to-foṃe.	itizjed to-gedere.
mid wiðen fwiðe g <sup>3</sup> te ⁊	
ȝ-wriðen al to-gadere.	
Adū he warp þe dede fwin ⁊	Ha-dun he warp þe deade fwyn ⁊
& hī feolf sæt þer bi.	10 an eode fitte þar bin <sup>3</sup> .
hif fur he beten agon ⁊	his fur he <sup>4</sup> bi-gan ⁊
& muchele treowen læidē on.	and leide treouwes þar an.
þa fix swin he to-droh ⁊	þe fix fwyn he al to-droh ⁊
& euere he to þan wiue loh.	and euere he to þan wife beh.
& fōe umbe while ⁊	and be one wile ⁊
he lai bi þan wife.	he laȝ bi þan wifue.
ah he nuſte noht þan tidende ⁊	he nuſte noht of þan tȝdinge ⁊
þat comen to hif wife-þinge.	þat com to his wifinge <sup>5</sup> .
He droh ut hif gleden ⁊	He droh vt hif gleade ⁊
hif flæſce he gon bređen.	20 his fleas he gan breade.
and þa fix swin he gon æten alle ⁊	and alle þe fix fwyn he eat ⁊
ær he arife of felde.	are he arife of fete.

might take on, so that the fiend were destroyed. The while arrived the giant, and proceeded to [at] his fire; he bare upon his back a great burthen, that were (was) twelve swine, tied together, 'with withies exceeding great wreathed altogether.' Adown he threw the dead swine, and 'himself sate [went to sit] thereby; his fire he gan mend, and 'great' trees laid [there]on; the six swine he [all] drew in pieces, and ever he to the woman 'smiled [approached], and 'soon' by [a] while he lay by the woman. 'But' he knew not of the tiding that came to his lemman. He drew out his embers; his flesh he gan to roast; and all the six swine he 'gan eat [ate],

<sup>1</sup> eotened, *sec. m.*, R. eotende.<sup>4</sup> A word is here omitted.<sup>2</sup> his?<sup>5</sup> wifinge?<sup>3</sup> bi?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

al biwaled on axen ⁊  
 wanliche weorē þa fonden.  
 and feoððen he gon ræmien ⁊  
 and raxlede fwiðe.  
 & adun lai bi þan fure ⁊  
 & hif leomen strahte.

al bi-walewed in axe ⁊  
 karfolle were þe breades.  
 and supþe he gan remi ⁊  
 and leyde him bi þan fure.

Lete we nu þene eotend bi-lafuen ⁊  
 and atlien to þan kinge.  
 Arður at þan watere ⁊ [c.2.]  
 hif wapnen nom<sup>1</sup> an honde. 10  
 & þe eorl Beduer ⁊  
 god cniht<sup>2</sup> wif and war.  
 and þe þridde wef Kæi ⁊  
 þef kingef stiward & hif mæi.  
 Ouer þan watere heo comen ⁊  
 iwepnend<sup>3</sup> mid þan bezftē.  
 & stiȝen up þan hulle ⁊  
 mid allē heore maine.  
 þat heo comen fufen ⁊  
 a-neufte þan furen. 20  
 þer þe eotende lai and flæp ⁊  
 & þa quene sæt and weop.  
 Arður hine teh ⁊

Leate we nou þan eatant beo ⁊ [c.2.]  
 and go we to þan kinge.  
 Arthur at þan watere ⁊  
 his wepne nam an honde.  
 and þe eorl Beduer ⁊  
 god cniht wis and war.  
 and þe þridde waf Key ⁊  
 þat was his stiward and his meȝ.  
 ouer þan watere hii wende ⁊  
 iwepned mid þ.. ..  
 and stiȝen vppe þan hulle ⁊  
 m.. alle hire maine.  
 .at hii com.. fufe ⁊  
 a-neweft þan fure.  
 þar þe eatant lay and sleep ⁊  
 and þat wif sat and wep.  
 Arthur teh bi-fide ⁊

ere he arose from *his* seat, all besmeared in *the* ashes,—'evil [full of care] were the viands;—and afterwards he gan to roar, 'and vociferated much,' and 'down lay [laid him] by the fire, 'and stretched his limbs.' Let we now the giant be, and go [we] to the king. Arthur at the water took his weapons in hand, and the earl Beduer, good knight, wise and wary; and the third was Kay, 'the kings [that was his] steward and his relative. Over the water they came, weaponed with the best, and ascended 'up[upon] the hill with all their strength, until they arrived near the fire, where the giant lay and slept, and the woman sate and wept. Arthur drew 'him'

<sup>1</sup> Interlined by second hand.<sup>2</sup> cniht?<sup>3</sup> iwepned?

MS: Cott. Calig. A. 1x.

MS: Cott. Otho, C. x111.

bi-fiden hif iferen.  
 for-bad heom bi heore leomen ⁊  
 & bi heore bare liuen.  
 þat nan neoren swa kene ⁊  
 þat heom neh comen.  
 buten he<sup>1</sup> ifezen ⁊  
 þat hit ned weoren.  
 Beduer at-stod him þere ⁊  
 and Kæi hif iuere.  
 Arður gon step vorð ⁊  
 stið imoded kēpe.  
 þat he com to þan ulette ⁊  
 þer þe feond lai and flæpte.  
 Æuere wes Arður ⁊  
 ærhðe bideled.  
 þet wes futel þer on ⁊  
 fellic þah hit þunche.  
 for Arður mihte þere ⁊  
 þene eotende al to-hæuwe.  
 flan þene scucke ⁊  
 þer he lai & flapte.  
 þa nolde Arður on flepen ⁊  
 na wiht hine areppen.  
 leste he an uferre daze ⁊

and faide to his iveres.  
 for-bed ȝam bi hire leomes ⁊  
 and hire bare lifue.  
 þat non neore so kene ⁊  
 þat heom neh come.  
 b..e hii ..ezen ⁊  
 þat hit neod weore.  
 Beduer at-stod him þare ⁊  
 and ..y his ivere.  
 10 Arthur gan .... rþe ⁊  
 stiþ imoded kempe.  
 þat .. com to þan fure ⁊  
 þar lai þe feond and fleapte.  
 Euere was Arthur ⁊  
 arhþe bi-dealed.  
 þat was f.... þare ⁊  
 wonder þeh hit þenche.  
 for Arthur mihte þare ⁊  
 þan eatant al to-hewe.  
 20 slean þane wrecche ⁊  
 þar he lai and fleapte.  
 þo nolde Arthur on his fleape ⁊  
 nowiht arecche.  
 leste he in oþ<sup>9</sup> daiȝe ⁊

beside [and spake to] his companions; forbade them by their limbs and  
 'by' their bare life, that none were so keen that they should come near,  
 unless they saw that it were need. Beduer tarried him there, and Kay,  
 his companion. Arthur gan step forth, sturdy-mooded warrior, until he  
 came to the 'floor [fire], where the fiend lay and slept. Ever was Arthur  
 void of fear; that was manifest therein, wondrous though it seem; for  
 Arthur might there have hewed the giant in pieces, slain the 'monster  
 [wretch] where he lay and slept; then would not Arthur no whit touch  
 'him' in [his] sleep, lest he in 'future [other] days should hear upbraiding.

<sup>1</sup> heo?

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up-bræid iherde.  
 Þa cleopede Arður anan ⁊  
 aðeleft kingen.  
 Arif arif feond-scaðe ⁊ [L 152. c. 1.]  
 to þine fæie-fiðe.  
 nu wit scullen delen ⁊  
 þene dæd of mire maȝē.  
 Ær þe king hæfde ⁊  
 þæs ful iſeide.  
 þe eotend up a-sturte ⁊ 10  
 & igrap hiſ mucle clubbe.  
 and wende mid þan duntē ⁊  
 Arður al to-driuen.  
 ah Arður bræid heȝe ⁊  
 hiſ ſceld buuen hiſ hælme.  
 and þe eotend ſmat þer an ouenan ⁊  
 þat al he gon to-ſcenen.  
 And Arður him fwende to ⁊  
 an hiȝende mid hiſ ſweorde.  
 and þen chin him of-fwipte ⁊ 20  
 mid alle þan cheuele.  
 and ſturte<sup>2</sup> him biaſten ane treo ⁊  
 þe þer ſtod aneoufte.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. XIII.

vpbreid ihorede.  
 Þo cleopede Arthur anon ⁊  
 baldeft alre kinge.  
 Aris aris feond-scaþe ⁊  
 to þine feayfiþe.  
 nou we ſolle deale ⁊  
 þan deaþ of mine mowe.  
 Her þe king hadde þat word ⁊  
 ibroht to eande.  
 þe eatant vp a-ſtorte ⁊ [L 122. c. 1.] 10  
 and igrap hiſ mchele<sup>1</sup> club.  
 and wende mid þan dunte ⁊  
 Arthur al to-driue.  
 ac Arthur breid heȝe ⁊  
 hiſ ſeald boue hiſ healme.  
 and þe eatant ſmot ouenan ⁊  
 þat al he gan .. ſeane.  
 And Arthur him ..einde to ⁊  
 an hiȝenge m.. hiſ ſweorde.  
 and þane ch.. a-fwipte ⁊ 20  
 mid alle þan cheuele.  
 and ſtorte bi-hinde an treo ⁊  
 þat ſtot þar aneweft.

Then called Arthur anon, 'noblest of [boldest of all] kings: "Arise, [arise] fiend-monster, to thy destruction! Now we shall avenge the death of my relative!" Ere the king had 'this fully said [the words brought to end], the giant up started, and grasped his mickle club, and weened with the blow to dash Arthur all in pieces; but Arthur drew his shield high above his helm; and the giant smote 'thereon' above, so that all it gan to shiver. And Arthur struck at him in haste with his sword, and smote off 'him' the chin, with all the hair, and started 'him' behind a tree, that there stood near; and the giant smote after quickly, and hit

<sup>1</sup> mochele?<sup>2</sup> sturten, *pr. m.*, but n erased.

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and þe eotend smat after biliue ⁊  
 & noht hine ne butte.  
 ah he þat treo smat ⁊  
 þ̅ al his clubbe to-draf.  
 And Arður aneoufte ⁊  
 þat treo bieorn abute.  
 and swa Arður & þe scucke ⁊  
 biurnen hit þreie a-buten.  
 þa wef þe eotend heui swiðe ⁊  
 and Ardur<sup>1</sup> wef swiftre. 10  
 and of-toc þene eotend ⁊  
 and up ahof his gode brōd.  
 and þat þih him of-smat ⁊  
 & eotend adū wæt.  
 And Arður at-stod and biheold ⁊  
 þa gon to spekene þe ueond.  
 Lauerd lauerd ȝef me grið ⁊  
 wha if þat me sihteð wið. [c. 2.]  
 ne wende ich þat na man ⁊  
 a þiffere weorlde-richen. 20  
 me mihte þus lehtliche ⁊  
 aleggen mid fehte.  
 bute hit Arður weore ⁊  
 aðeleft alre Brutte.

and þe eatant smot after bliue .  
 and noht hine ne hitte.  
 ac he þat treo smot ⁊  
 þat al his clubbe to-brac.  
 And Arthur anewest ⁊  
 þat treo bi-vrne aboute.  
 and so Arthur an þe scuke ⁊  
 bi-vrne hit þrief.  
 þo was þe eatant swiþe heui ⁊  
 and Arthur was swiftere. 10  
 and of-tok þan eatant ⁊  
 ād hefde vp his go.. brand.  
 an. . . . . of-smot ⁊  
 . . . . . unde.  
 And Arth. . . . . and bi-heold ⁊  
 and . . . . . to greade.  
 Louerd louerd ȝem<sup>2</sup> me grip ⁊  
 wo his þat me sihtip wiþ.  
 ne wende ich þat no man ⁊  
 in þisse worle-riche. 20  
 þat me mihte þus lihtliche ⁊  
 alegge mid sihte.  
 bute hit Arthur were ⁊  
 baldest alre king.

him not, but he smote the tree, so that his club brake all in pieces. And Arthur quickly ran round about the tree; and so Arthur and the monster ran round it thrice 'about.' Then was the giant exceeding heavy, and Arthur was *the* swifter, and overtook the giant, and up heaved his good brand, and smote from him the thigh; and *the* giant 'down fell [fell to ground]. And Arthur stopt and beheld; 'then gan the fiend to speak [and *the* fiend gan to cry]: "Lord, lord, give me peace; who is *it* that fighteth with me? I weened not that any man in this worlds-realm [that] might me thus lightly defeat in fight, except it were Arthur, 'noblest [boldest] of

<sup>1</sup> R. Arður.<sup>2</sup> ȝem?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.

and neoðelef næs ich nauere ⁊  
of Ardure<sup>1</sup> afæred fære.  
þa him sæide Ardur<sup>1</sup> ⁊  
aðeleft kingen.  
Ich æm Arður þe king ⁊  
Bruttene deorling.  
Tel me of þine cūne ⁊  
and whar beo heore beonste.  
and wha þe weore on uolde ⁊  
fader oðer moder ihalde. 10  
and of wulche lōde ⁊  
þu art iliðen hidere.  
and whi þu mine mæge ⁊  
a-ualled hafuest mid morðe.  
þa andfwarede þe feond ⁊  
þer he læi and biheold.  
Al þif ich wulle don ⁊  
and þine treoðe under-fon.  
wið þat þu me lete liuien ⁊  
and mine leomen hælen. 20  
Arður hine iwraððede ⁊  
wunder ane fwiðe.  
and he Beduer cleopede ⁊

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

and noþeles nas ich neuere ⁊  
of Arthur afered.  
þo faide Arthur to him ⁊  
Ich ham Arthur þe king ⁊  
Telle of þine cunne ⁊  
war of þou hart ifpronge. [c. 2.]  
and wi þou mine mowe ⁊  
a-falled hauest mid morþre.  
þo anwerede þe feond ⁊  
þar he laȝ and bi-held.  
Al þis ich wolle don ⁊  
and þine treuþe onderfon.  
þat ich mote libbe ⁊  
and mine leomes habbe.  
Arthur þo wreþþede ⁊  
wonderliche fwiþe.  
and he Beduer cleopede ⁊

all kings; and nevertheless was I never of Arthur 'sore' afraid." Then said Arthur to him, 'noblest of kings': "I am Arthur the king, 'Britains darling.' Tell 'me' of thy race, 'and where is their habitation [whereof thou art sprung]; 'and who should be to thee father or mother accounted on earth; and from what land thou art hither arrived'; and why thou hast destroyed with murder my relative?" Then answered the fiend, where he lay and beheld: "All this I will do, and thy troth receive, on condition that 'thou let me [I may] live, and 'heal [have] my limbs.'" Arthur 'him [then] wrathed, wondrously much; and he called Beduer, his bold cham-

<sup>1</sup> R. Arðure.

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MS. Cott. Otho, C. x111.

balde hiſ kempe.

Ga aneouſte Beduer ʒ

and hefd him binim her.

&amp; fere hit forð mid þe ʒ

adun of þiſſe munte.

Beduer aneouſte com ʒ

&amp; hiſ hafued him binom.

& ſwa heo þeonene<sup>1</sup> ferden ʒ

adun to heore iferen.

ʒ

and hine gon to reſten. [L 152<sup>b</sup>.c.1.]

and þaſ word ſeide ʒ

Arður þe ſele.

No uæht ich nauere neh<sup>3</sup> non ʒ

uppen þiſſere uolden.

butē þa ich floh þene king Riun ʒ

uppen þan munte of Rauinite.

Seoððen heo uorð wenden ʒ

&amp; to þere uerde comen.

þa þe þat hafð iſeȝe ʒ

ſellic heom þuhte.

whar weore under heuene ʒ

ſwulc hafed ikenned.

balde hiſ kempe.

Go to þan wrecche Beduer ʒ

and hiſ heued ſmit of þer.

and nim hit forþ mid þe ʒ

adun of þan hulle.

Beduer to him com ʒ

and hiſ heued him bi-nom.

and adun wende ʒ

to hiſ iveref.

10 þo fat þe kiȝ adun ʒ

and hine gan reſte.

and þeſ word ſaide ʒ

Arthur þe ſeale.

Ne faht ich neuere fiht ʒ

non vppe þiſ londe.

bote þo ich floh þane king Run ʒ

vppe þan monte of Rauin.

þo iforþ<sup>4</sup> wende ʒand to þare ferde wende<sup>5</sup>.

20 þo hii þat heued iſeȝen ʒ

ſellich heom þohten.

ware euere onder heuene ʒ

foch heued were ikenned.

pion: "Go 'near [to the wretch], Beduer, and 'take [smite] off 'from him here *the* [there his] head; and 'carry [take] it forth with thee, down from this 'mount [hill]." Beduer 'came near [to him], and deprived him of his head; and 'so they proceeded thence down to their [went down to his] companions. Then sate the king down, and gan him rest; and said these words Arthur the good: "Never fought I any *such* fight, upon this land, but when I slew the king Riun, upon the mount of Ravin!" 'Afterwards' they forth went, and came to the host; when that [they] the head saw, wondrous *it* seemed to them, where[ever] under heaven were such head

<sup>1</sup> þeone, *pr. m.*<sup>4</sup> hii forþ?<sup>3</sup> *A line is here missing.*<sup>5</sup> come?<sup>2</sup> ueht?



MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.

Howel of Brutaine ⁊  
 beh to þan kinge.  
 and þe king him feide ⁊  
 al of þan maidene.  
 Þa wef Howel fari ⁊  
 & forhful an heorte for þi.  
 and nō al his feren ⁊  
 and ferde to þan munte.  
 þer þat Brutifce maide ⁊  
 bibured læi on eorðe.  
 He lette þer areren sone ⁊  
 ane chireche fwiðe faire.  
 a feinte Marie nomē ⁊  
 drihtenef moder.  
 & feoððen he ȝæf nome þan hulle ⁊  
 ær he þonne wende.  
 and hehte hine *Æleine* Tunbel ⁊  
 nu hit hæhte Munt Seint Mýhhel.  
 Þa wef Arðuref hired ⁊  
 fellich ifomned.  
 of Irlonde & of Scotlonde ⁊  
 þider weoren ifcriðene.

*Æle[ine].*  
 [*Tumb]el.*

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

Howel to þan kinge com ⁊  
 and Arthur of þan maide nom.  
 Þo was Howel fori ⁊  
 and forþfol on heorte.  
 and nam his cnihtes alle ⁊  
 and wende to þan hulle.  
 þar Eleyne þat made<sup>1</sup> ⁊  
 10 ibured was on eorpe.  
 He lette þar æere ⁊  
 ane chapel mære.  
 in feinte Marie name ⁊ [f. 122<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.]  
 drihtene moder.  
 and fuþþe þan hulle he name ȝef ⁊  
 are he þanne wende.  
 and hehte Eleyne Tombel ⁊  
 þat nou hatte Mont Seint Michel.  
 Þo was Arthur his ferde ⁊  
 20 clanliche igadered.  
 of Irlond of Scotlond ⁊  
 and of many oþer londea.

begotten! Howel 'of Brittany' came to the king, and 'the king said to him all of the maiden [Arthur spake of the maid]. Then was Howel sorry, and sorrowful 'therefore' in heart; and took all his companions [knights], and fared to the 'mount [hill] where 'the British [Helen the] maid 'lay [was] buried in earth. He caused there to be areared 'soon' a 'church most fair [noble chapel], in Saint Marys name, *the* Lords mother; and afterwards he gave *a* name to the hill, ere he thence departed, and named 'it' Helens Tomb,—'now it [that now] hight Mount Saint Michel. Then was Arthurs [Arthur his] host 'numerously [wholly] collected; from Ireland, from Scot-

<sup>1</sup> R. maide.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

þa lette þe king blauwen ⁊  
bemē an hireden.

& wenden of Britaine ⁊  
bifie men & kene.

þurh ut Normandie ⁊

þæ hehte þa Neustrie. [c. 2.]

heo uerden þurh ut Frāce ⁊  
and folc heom after ferde.

heo buȝen ut of Frace<sup>1</sup> ⁊

into Burguine.

Hif hauwæres þer comen ⁊  
and heolden hif iferen.

& cudde þan kinge ⁊

þer i þære cuððe.

þat Luces þe kaifere ⁊

and al hif Romanisfe here.

þiderward heo comen ⁊

fromward heore þeoden.

& swa heo wolden fufen ⁊

in touwward France.

and al þat<sup>2</sup> bi-winen ⁊

and feoððen wenden hidere.

& Bruttef alle aquellen ⁊

þo bleuwen hii bumes ⁊  
and forþ ward wende.

þorh vt Normandie ⁊

þat þo hehte Neustrie.

hii wende þorh vt France ⁊

10 into Borgoïne.

Hif spiares come ⁊

and tolde to þan kinge ⁊

þat Lucef þe cayfere ⁊

mid his Romanisfe here.

þiderward heom comen ⁊

vt of hire londe.

and so hii wolde wende ⁊

20 in toward France.

and al þat lond ⁊

þat lond<sup>3</sup> bi-winne.

and fuþþe þat lond bi-winne ⁊

land, 'thither were *they* come [and from many other lands]. Then 'caused the king *the* trumpets to be blown in *the* host [blew they trumpets], and marched 'from Britain, [forward], 'busy men and keen,' throughout Normandy, that then hight Neustrie. They proceeded throughout France, 'and *the* folk marched after them; they went out of France' into Burgundy. His spies 'there' came, and held his companions; and 'made known [told] to the king, 'there in the country,' that Luces the emperor, 'and all [with] his Romanish host, thitherward they came, out of their land; and so they would march in toward France; and all the land conquer; and afterwards

<sup>1</sup> R. France.<sup>2</sup> þat lond?<sup>3</sup> Sic MS.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

q'icke þer heo heom funde.  
and Arður þene kene ⁊  
ibunde lede to Rome.

þa wes abolȝen ⁊  
baldest alre kingen.  
and hehte a þan feldef ⁊  
flen alle hif teldef.  
and þer he wikien wolde ⁊  
þat he þat soðe wufte.

whær he mihte þene kæifere ⁊ 10  
iwifliche kepen.

*Albe.* þat water<sup>1</sup> hehte Albe ⁊  
þer lai þe king balde.  
An wif cniht þer com ride ⁊  
to þaf kinges uerde.

þe wes al for-wunded ⁊  
& hif folc afelled fwiðe.  
hafðe Romanisce men ⁊  
al hif lond bi-ræiued him.  
He talde þan kinge ⁊  
neouwe tiðende.  
whar lai þe kaifere ⁊  
and al hif Romanisce here.

þat Brutaine his ihote.

þo was abolwe ⁊  
baldest alre kinge.  
and hehte in þan feldes ⁊  
flean alle his tealdeas.

and þare he bide wolde ⁊  
þat he þat soþe wufte.

ware he mihte þan caýfer ⁊  
wifliche kepe.

þat water hatte Aube ⁊  
þar lay þe king balde.  
On wis cniht com ride ⁊  
to þis kinges ferde.

þat was al for-fohte ⁊  
and his men a-falled.  
and þe Romanisse men ⁊

his lond hadde bi-nome him. [c. 2.]  
20 He tolde þan kinge ⁊  
neouwe tyðinge.  
war lay þe caýfer ⁊  
mid al hif Romanisse here.

'proceed hither, and kill all *the* Britons, quick that they found [conquer the land, that is named Britain], 'and Arthur the keen led bound to France.' Then was enraged *the* boldest of all kings, and ordered all his tents to be pitched in the fields; and there he would abide until he the sooth knew, where he might the emperor certainly intercept (*or* hostilely engage). The water hight Albe, where the bold king lay. A wise knight 'there' came riding to the kings host, who was all 'wounded [wearied in fight], and his 'folk [men] 'greatly' felled; [and] the Romanish men had be-reaved him of 'all' his land. He told to the king new tiding, where the emperor lay, 'and [with] all his Romanish army, and where he 'might

<sup>1</sup> wate, *pr. m.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. x111.

& whær he hine milhte iwinde<sup>1</sup> ⁊ and ware h. . .ne folde finde ⁊  
 ȝif he hine wolde wid<sup>2</sup> him fihten. ȝef he f. .te wolde.

oðer grið makien ⁊ [f. 153. c. 1.]

wið Romanifce monnen.

Ah lauerd Arður quað þe cniht ⁊ Ac louerd Arthur cwap þe . . .ht ⁊

ich þe wulle cuðen her riht. ich þe wolle fegge h. . r. ht.

þat betere þe if freondſcipe to hab- þat betere þe his fet. . griþ ⁊

þene for to fihtē. [ben ⁊ þane fihte him wiþ.

for aȝan þine tweie ⁊ for aȝen þine tweie ⁊

heo habbeoð twælue. 10 he habbeþ folle twalue.

ſwa feole kinges ⁊

ſwa feole here-dringef.

Nis he in nare kuððe ⁊

þe hit þe maȝe icuððe.

for alle þan uolke ⁊

þe uulieð þan kinge.

wið uten þan Romleoden ⁊

of hiſ aȝere þeoden.

and wið ute þan uolke ⁊

þe ȝirneð þaſ kingef are. 20 þat ȝerneþ hiſ ore.

þa þe talen weoren alle italde ⁊ þo þe tales weren itald ⁊

& Arður heo<sup>3</sup> hafden under-ſtonde. and he ȝam hadde onderſtode.

[should] him find, if he 'him' would 'with him' fight, 'or make peace with *the* Romanish men.' "But, lord Arthur," quoth the knight, "I will 'shew [say] to thee here right, that better for thee is *it* to 'have friendship [set peace], than 'for' to fight [with him]; for against thy two 'they have [he hath full] twelve; 'so many kings, so many chieftains!' 'He is in no land who may it make known to thee, for all [May no man soothly say with mouth of *the* half-part] the folk, that followeth the emperor, without (besides) the Rome-people, of his own territory, and without the folk that yearn 'the kings [his] favor.'" When the tales were 'all' told, and 'Arthur [he] had them understood, 'then' called 'the king [he] forth-right his 'dear-

iuinde?

<sup>2</sup> wið?<sup>3</sup> heom?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. x111.

þa cleopede þe king forð rihtef? he cleopede forþ rihtef?  
 hiſ deoreſte cnihtef.  
 & radden heom bitwenen? and radde 3am bi-twine?  
 eñe caſtel to areren.  
 on uafþ þan wateren?  
 þe Albe weſ ihaten.  
 On ane ſwiðe feiere ſtude? .. . . . . re?  
 itimbred he weſ ful ſone. . . . . ſwiþe fayre ſtude?  
 þer feng moni hond to? þar feng mani hond to:  
 and<sup>1</sup> hi3ende he weſ ido. 10 an hi3eng hit was ido.  
 for 3if Arður miſ-ferde? for 3ef hii miſ-ferde?  
 þene he come to fihte.  
 oðer hiſ uolc ueolle?  
 oðer fetten to fleonne.  
 þenne þohte he to at-ſtonden? þanne þohte he þare aſtonde?  
 at þan caſtle ſtronge.  
 þa cleopede he eorleſ tweie? þo cleopede he eorleſ tweye?  
 aðele men and wife.  
 he3e men icunned? [c. 2.] 19  
 þan kinge ſwiðe deore. [Gerin?]

he cleopede forþ rihtef?  
 hiſ wiſeſte cnihtef.  
 and radde 3am bi-twine?  
 ane caſtel a-reare.  
 . . . . . re?  
 þat Aube w. . . . .  
 . . . . . ſwiþe fayre ſtude?  
 . . . . . he was ſone.  
 þar feng mani hond to:  
 an hi3eng hit was ido.  
 for 3ef hii miſ-ferde?  
 wane hii come to fihte.

Ger[in].

þæ an weſ of Chartref and hehte þe on was of Chartref Gerin?  
 muchel wiſdom wunede mid him. moche wiſdom was in him.

Beof.

þe oðer hehte Beof of<sup>2</sup> Oxene-uord? þe oþer was Beofs of Oxeneford?

est [wisest] knights; and *they* counselled them between a castle to arear, beside the water that Albe was named. On a spot exceeding fair it was built 'full' soon; there helped many a hand; in haste (speedily) was it done; for if 'Arthur [they] mis-fared, when 'he [they] came to *the* fight, 'or his folk fell, or set to flight,' then thought he [there] to remain in the strong castle. Then called he earls twain, 'noble men and wise [wise *they* were both]; 'high men born, to the king exceeding dear'; the one was of Chartres, 'and hight' Gerin,—much wisdom 'dwelt with [was in] him;—the other 'hight [was] Beof of Oxford,—well wide sprang 'the earls [his]

<sup>1</sup> and?<sup>2</sup> Interlined by a later hand.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. XIII.

welle wide sprong þaf eorles word. wele wide sprang hif word.	
þe ȝet þe king cleopede Walwæin ˚	þe ȝet þe king cleopede Waweȳn ˚ <i>Wa[<sup>l</sup>wain].</i>
þe wef hif deoreſte mæi.	þat was his may deore. [[f. 123. c. 1.]
for Walwain cuðe Romanifc ˚	for W. weȳn coupe Bruttif ˚
Walwain cuðe Bruttifc.	Waw....e coupe Romanif.
he wef iued inne Rome ˚	he was ifed in .... ˚
wel feole wintre.	[hende ˚ wel fale wȳnter.
þe king nom þaf þreo cnihtes	þ. .... nam þis cnihtes hende ˚
and to þan kaiſere heð ſende.	and to þan caȳſer ſende.
and hehte hine mid his ferde ˚	and hehte him mid his ferde ˚
10 faren aȝein to Rome.	faren aȝein to Rome.
& þat he næuere into France ˚	þat he into France ˚
his ferde no ladde.	ferde ne ladde.
And ȝif þu þider wendeſt ˚	
and þine ferde ledeſt.	
þu ſcalt beon underuonge ˚	
to þine uæie-ſiðe.	
For Frāce if min aȝen ˚	For France his min owe londe ˚
and ich heo mid fehte biwon.	mid fiht ich hit bi-wō.
and ȝif þu nult bilauen ˚	20 and ȝef þou nelt bi-leue ˚
þat þider nult liðen.	þat þou nelt þider liþe.
fare wit to uihte ˚	wende we two to fihte ˚
and falle þe uor-cuðere.	and falle þe forcouþere.
and lete we þat fole wræcche ˚	an. .... þat .... folk ˚

fame. The yet the king called Walwain, who was his 'dearest [dear] relative; for Walwain understood 'Romanish [British]; Walwain understood 'British [Romanish]; he was nurtured in Rome well many winters. The king took these 'three' knights fair, and to the emperor them sent, and bade him with his army go back to Rome, 'and' that he 'never' into France 'his' host should lead. " 'And if thou thither marchest, and leadest thine host, thou shalt be received to thy destruction!' For France is mine own [land], 'and' I won it with fight; and if thou wilt not relinquish, that [thou] wilt not hither come, go we two to *the* fight, and fall the worst; and let we the poor folk dwell in quiet. [For] whilom *the* Rome-people conquered [all]

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. x111.

wunien an ære.	wonie . . . . .
While Romleoden ⁊	For wile R..leode ⁊
iwunnen þa þeoden.	... an al þe þeode.
and feoððen heo þa þeoden ⁊	and .. . . . supþe ⁊
mid fehte for-lofeden.	hit lofede ... ..
and ich heo mid feohte bi-won ⁊	and ich hit mid ..... ..won ⁊
and mid fehte wule halden.	and mid ..... wole h..de.
Forð þa cnihtef wenden ⁊	Forþ .. . . . .s wende ⁊
godliche kempen. [f. 153 <sup>b</sup> .c.1.]	stalewor.. ..
þat <sup>1</sup> Gerin & Beof þe hende ⁊	10
and Walwain þe balde.	
iburned and ihelmed ⁊	.brunied and .....de ⁊
an hæȝen heore steden.	on heȝe hire stedes.
and ælc weiede an sculdre ⁊	ech caste on scoldre ⁊
sceld fwiðe godne.	seald fwiþe godne.
heo beren on heore honde ⁊	hii bere on hire honde ⁊
garef fwiðe stronge.	speres fwiþe stronge.
Forð heo gunnen ride ⁊	
riche mē frō hirede.	
muchel of þere duȝeðe ⁊	20 and many of þan ȝonge ⁊
þe mid Arðure wunede.	þat mid Arthur wonede.
mid Walwaine eoden ⁊	mid Waweȝn hii ȝeode ⁊
and æðmodliche hine beden.	and ȝeorne hine beade.
þat he wið Romleode ⁊	þat he wiþ Romleode ⁊

the land, and afterwards they losed 'the land [it] with fight; and I with fight it won, and with fight will hold.'" Forth the knights went, 'goodly [valiant] champions; 'that was, Gerin, and Beof the fair, and Walwain the bold,' cuirassed and helmeted on their noble steeds; 'and' each 'carried [cast] on *his* shoulder a shield exceeding good; they bare in their hands spears most strong. 'Forth they gan ride, noble men, from *the* host'; 'much [and many] of the 'folk [youth] that with Arthur dwelt, with Walwain [they] went, and earnestly prayed him, that he should raise some dispute with *the* Rome-folk :—"That we may with fight prove ourselves;

<sup>1</sup> þat weoren ?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.

fumme fake arerde.  
 þat we maȝen mid fehte ⁊  
 fondien uf feolue.  
 for hit if feole ȝere ⁊  
 þat heore þrættes comen here.  
 and heore beot makieð ⁊  
 þat heo uf wulle bihafdi.  
 Nu if hit muchel leod-fcome ⁊  
 ȝif hit fcal þuf a-ligge.  
 bute þer fum fake beo ⁊ 10  
 ær we iwurðe sæhte.  
 fcaftes to-brokene ⁊  
 brunies to-torne.  
 fceldef to-fcened ⁊  
 fcalkes to-heouwen.  
 sweordef ibaðede ⁊  
 i blode þan rede.  
 Forð þa eorles wenden ⁊  
 þurh æne wude muchelen.  
 and mærcoden enne wæi ⁊ 20  
 þe ouer anne munte læi.  
 þat heo bi-comen fone ⁊  
 to þan uolke of Rome.  
 wurðiliche<sup>1</sup> iwepned ⁊  
 wunden an<sup>2</sup> horfen.

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fom fake a-rerde.  
 þat we maȝe mid fihte ⁊  
 fondi ous seolue.  
 for hit his fale ȝere ⁊  
 þat hire þretes comen here. [c. 2.]  
 Nou his hit moche fame ⁊  
 ȝef hit fal þus a-ligge.  
 10 bote þar som fake beo ⁊  
 ar we worþen feahte.  
 Forþ þeos eorles wende ⁊  
 in one brode weȝe.  
 þat hii come fone ⁊  
 to þan folk of Rome.  
 richeliche i-wepnid ⁊  
 feten vppe horfe.

for it is many years that (since) their threats came here ; ' and their menace *they* make, that they will us behead.' Now is it much 'folk'-shame, if it thus shall allay, unless there be some strife ere we become reconciled ; 'shafts broken in pieces, burnies torn, shields shivered, warriors hewed, *and* swords bathed in the red blood.' " Forth 'the [these] earls proceeded 'through a great wood [in a broad way], 'and marked a way that over a mount lay,' so that they came soon to the folk of Rome ; 'worthily [richly] weaponed *they* rode on [set upon] *their* horses. There men might behold,

<sup>1</sup> wurðeliche ?<sup>2</sup> an an, *pr. m.*



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<p>           Þer me mihte bi-halden ʹ [c. 2.]            þe mon þe bi-halues weore<sup>1</sup>.            moni þufendē ʹ            þraſten ut of telden.            al to bi-halden ʹ            þeof þreo cnihtef balde.            and bi-heolden heore ſteden ʹ            and bi-heolden heore iweden.            &amp; hercnede tidende ʹ            from Arðure þā kinge.      10            and aneouſte forð rihtef ʹ            fræinede þa cnihtef.            and ȝif þe king heom ifend hæfde ʹ            to þan kaiſere.            to ſpeken þan kæifere wið ʹ            and to ȝirnen hiſ grið.            Ah for nauer nare ſpeche ʹ            þaſ þreo eorlef riche.            nolden abidē ʹ            ær heo comen riden.      20            forn to þaſ teldef deoren ʹ            þer inne wiſ þe kaiſere.            Adun heo gunnen lihtē ʹ         </p>	<p>           þar me mihte bi-holde ʹ            þe bi-halues were.            many þoufendes ʹ            þreſte vt of teldes.            for to bi-holde ʹ            þis þreo cnihtes bolde.            hii bi-heolde hire wedes ʹ            bi-heolde hire ſtedef.            and hercnede tȝdingef ʹ            10 frā Arthur þan kinge.            and manye forþrihtes ʹ            axede þis cnihtes.            ȝef þe king ȝam hadde ifend ʹ            to þan caȝfere.            for ſpeke þan caifer wiþ ʹ            and ȝeone<sup>2</sup> hiſ griþ.            Ac for neuere none ſpeche ʹ            þe þreo eorles riche.            nolden abide ʹ            20 ear hii come ride.            anon to þe tealdes dore ʹ            war ine waſ þe caifere.            Adun hii gonne a-lihte ʹ         </p>
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'the man' who were beside, many thousands throng out of *the* tents, 'all [for] to behold these three bold knights; 'and [they] beheld their 'steeds [weeds], 'and' beheld their 'weeds [steeds], and hearkened tidings from Arthur the king. And 'next [many] forthright 'questioned the [asked these] knights, 'and' if the king had sent them to the emperor, [for] to speak with the emperor, and to yearn his peace. But for never any speech 'these [the] three noble earls would abide, ere they came riding 'before [anon to] the tents door, wherein was the emperor. Down they gan alight, 'and de-

<sup>1</sup> At first written weoren, but the n struck out.

<sup>2</sup> ȝeorne ?

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& bitahtē hore steden<sup>1</sup>.  
 and fwa heo iwepned mid alle<sup>2</sup>  
 wenden in to telde.  
 forn to þan kaifere<sup>2</sup>  
 þe Luces we<sup>2</sup> ihate.  
 Þer he fæt an hif bedde<sup>2</sup>  
 heore ærnde heo him cudde.  
 ælc his faȝe fæide<sup>2</sup>  
 fwa him fel þuhte.  
 & hehten hine wenden<sup>2</sup> 10  
 aȝein to hif londen.  
 þat he nauere mid unfriðe<sup>2</sup>  
 France no ifohte.  
 Þa while þa þeos eorlef þreo<sup>2</sup>  
 feiden heore erende.  
 aset þe kaifere<sup>2</sup>  
 fwulc he akimed weore.  
 and andfware nauer nan<sup>2</sup>  
 no aȝæf þiffē eorlen.  
 ah he lustnede ȝeorne<sup>2</sup> 20  
 luðer on hif þohte.  
 Þa an-bælh Walwain<sup>2</sup> [f.154.c.1.]  
 fwulc an iburst þein.

of hire gode stedes.  
 and so iwepnid mid al<sup>2</sup>  
 wende into telde.  
 to þan caifere<sup>2</sup>  
 þat Lucef his ihote.  
 Þar he fat on his bedde<sup>2</sup>  
 hire herende hii him cudde.  
 and hehte him wende<sup>2</sup> 10  
 aȝein to his londe.  
 þat ne neuere mid ferde<sup>2</sup>  
 France ne fohte.  
 Þe wile þat þes eorles<sup>2</sup>  
 hire earende faide.  
 sat þe caifer<sup>2</sup>  
 afe he dombe were. [f.123<sup>b</sup>.c.1.]  
 and anfwere neuere non<sup>2</sup>  
 ne ȝaf to þeos eorles.  
 ac he luste ȝeorne<sup>2</sup> 20  
 luþer on his þonke.  
 Þo a-balh ȝaweȝn<sup>2</sup>  
 and wreþþede him fwipe.

livered their [from their good] steeds; and so 'they' weaponed with all advanced into *the* tent, 'before [to] the emperor that Luces 'was [is] named. Where he sate on his bed their errand they to him made known; 'each said his say as to him seemed best,' and bade him go back to his land, so that he never *more* with 'hostility [army] should seek France. The while that these 'three' earls said their errand, the emperor sate as *if* he were dumb, and answer never any gave to these earls; but he listened eagerly, wicked in his thought. Then Walwain became angry, 'as a thane enraged

<sup>1</sup> This line is added in the margin by a second hand.<sup>2</sup> R. wes.<sup>3</sup> R. Waweȝn.

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and þaf word fæide ⁊  
 Walwain þe kene.  
 Luces þe riche ⁊  
 þu ært kœifere of Rome.  
 we beoð Arðures men ⁊  
 aðeleft Brutten.  
 He fent þe his fonde ⁊  
 wið uten gretinge.  
 he hat þe faren to Rome ⁊  
 þa riche if þin aȝen. 10  
 let hine halden France ⁊  
 þe he biwon mid fehte.  
 and hald þu<sup>1</sup> richē ⁊  
 and þine Rom-leoden.  
 While þine aldrē ⁊  
 France ieoden<sup>2</sup>.  
 mid fehte heo þer biwuūen ⁊  
 unimete wunnen.  
 swa ane while heo þer luuedē ⁊  
 and feoðen heo hit leofeden. 20  
 mid fehte Ardur<sup>3</sup> hit biwon ⁊  
 and he hit wule walden.  
 He if ure lauerd ⁊

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and þeos word faide ⁊  
 Wawein þe kene.  
 Lucef þe riche ⁊  
 caifer of Rome.  
 we beoþ Aarthures men ⁊  
 king .. Brutayne.  
 He sendeþ þe his fonde ⁊  
 wiþ oute gretynge.  
 he hot þe fare to Rome ⁊  
 þat his þin owe riche. 10  
 and let him holde France ⁊  
 þat he awō mid fihte.  
 and hold þou þine riche ⁊  
 and þine Romleode.  
 Wile þin eldre ⁊  
 France bi-ȝeode.  
 mid fihte hii bi-wonne ⁊  
 onimete winne.  
 fo one wile hii leouede ⁊  
 and suppe hii hit lofede. 20  
 mid fihte Arthur hit bi-wan ⁊  
 and mid fihte hit wole holde.

[and wrathed him greatly]; and said these words Walwain the keen: "Luces the mighty, 'thou art' emperor of Rome! We are Arthurs men 'noblest of Britons [king of Britain]. He sendeth to thee his messengers, without greeting; he bids thee march to Rome, that is thine own realm, [and] let him hold France, that he won with fight; and hold thou thy realm, and thy Rome-folk. Whilom thy ancestors invaded France; with fight they 'there' won immense possessions; so awhile they 'there' lived, and afterwards they it lost. With fight Arthur it won, and 'he' it will 'possess [hold]. 'He is our lord, we are his warriors'; he ordered

<sup>1</sup> þu þin ?<sup>2</sup> bi-eoden ?<sup>3</sup> R. Arður.

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we beoð his leod-kempen.

He us hæhte fuggen ⁊

foð to þe feoluē.

ȝif þu nult aȝen buȝen ⁊

þe<sup>1</sup> bone he wule iwurðen.

and ȝif þu nult aȝenwendē ⁊

ah iwurðien þin iwillen.

and þu wult þat kinelond ⁊

bi-tellen to þire hond.

nu to-morȝen if þe dæi ⁊

haue ȝif þu biȝete mæi.

Þæ andfwarede þe kaifere ⁊

mid grættene wræððe.

Nulle ich noht aȝein farē ⁊

ah France ich wulle bi-tellen.

mine ældren hit heolden ⁊

and ich hit wulle habben.

Ah ȝif he wolde bi-cumen mi mon ⁊ Ac ȝef he wole bi-come mi man ⁊

&amp; for lauerd me icnawen. [c. 2.] and for louerd icnowe.

&amp; treouliche me heren ⁊

&amp; me for hærre halden.

griðien ich him wulle ⁊

&amp; his gumen alle.

and lete halde Brutlond ⁊

He ous hehte fegge ⁊

iht to þi seolue.

bote þou aȝen wende ⁊

þi bane he wole iworþe.

and ȝef þou alles wolt ⁊

in to France wende.

and þou wolt þat kinelond ⁊

bi-telle to þin owe hond.

10 nou to-morwe his þe dai ⁊

habbe þat hit bi-ȝete may.

Þo anwerede þe caifer ⁊

mid grettere wreþþe.

Nolle ich noht aȝen fare ⁊

ac France ich wolle a-winne.

Ac ȝef he wolde bi-cumen mi mon ⁊ Ac ȝef he wole bi-come mi man ⁊

&amp; for lauerd icnawen. [c. 2.] and for louerd icnowe.

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griþie ich him wolle ⁊

and his cnihtef alle.

and lete him holde Brutlond ⁊ [c. 2.]

us to say 'sooth [right] to thyself, 'if [unless] thou 'wilt not' back march, thy bane he will be. And if thou wilt 'not back turn, but execute thy will [else march into France], and thou wilt win the kingdom to thine [own] hand, now to-morrow is the day, have it 'if thou it [that it] may obtain!' Then answered the emperor, with great wrath: "I will not back march, but France, I will win; 'my ancestors it held, and I will it have.' But if he 'would [will] become my man, and acknowledge 'me' for lord, 'and truly serve me, and hold me for master,' I will make peace with him, and all his 'men [knights]; and let [him] hold

<sup>1</sup> þi?

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þæ Julius hafde in hif hōd.  
 & oðere londes monie ⁊  
 þe Juliuf hafde an honde.  
 þat he naued nane rihte to ⁊  
 þæ riche þæh he walde.  
 þa he scal alle leofe ⁊  
 buten he leoð makie.  
 þa andfwarede Walwain ⁊  
 þæ wef Arðuref mæi.  
 Bel[*in.*]  
 Bren[*ne.*]  
 beiezene þa ibroðere.  
 Brutlond heo sæhten ⁊  
 and France heo biwunnen.  
 and feoððen heo uerdē sone ⁊  
 and biȝeten Rome.  
 and þer heo wuneden feoððe ⁊  
 wel feole ȝere.  
 þa þif wef al iuare ⁊  
 þa wes Brennef kæifere.  
 and walde Rō-leoden ⁊  
 and alle þa þeoden.  
 And Rome if ure icunde ⁊  
 þa þu haldest an honde.  
 and ȝif we mote libben ⁊

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þat Julius hadde wile an hond.  
 and oþer londe. . . nie ⁊  
 þat Julius wile h. . .  
 þat he na. . . no riht to ⁊  
 þe londes þ. . . olde.  
 þat he fal alle leofe ⁊  
 bote he pais makie.  
 þo anwerede Wawein ⁊  
 þan caifer þat spac to him.  
 10 Belyn and Brenne ⁊  
 of wam we beoþ of-spronge.

hii wende mid ifome ⁊  
 and bi-wonne Rome.  
 and þar wonede ⁊  
 wel fale wintref.

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And þus his Rome oure cunde ⁊  
 þar þou nou rixliſt.  
 and ȝef we mote libbe ⁊

Britain, that Julius had [awhile] in 'his' hand, and many other lands, that Julius 'had in hand [awhile held], that he hath no right to, though he possess the 'realm [lands], that he shall all (wholly) lose, unless he make peace." Then answered Walwain, 'who was Arthurs relative [to the emperor that spake to him]: "Belin and Brenne, 'both the brothers [of whom we are descended], 'Britain they possessed, and France they conquered; and afterwards' they marched 'soon [together], and won Rome, and there 'they' dwelt 'afterwards' well many 'years [winters]. 'When this was all done, then was Brenne emperor, and ruled Rome, and all the people.' And [thus] is Rome our right, 'that thou holdest in hand [where thou now governeſt]; and

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we hit wulleð habbē.  
 beute ȝif þu wulle icnawen beo ȝ  
 þ Arður if king ouer þe.  
 and ælche ȝere him fendē ȝ  
 gæuel of þine londen.  
 and ȝif<sup>1</sup> gæst him a leoð ȝ  
 þu miht libben þa eð.  
 þa sæt bi þan kaifere ȝ  
 a cniht of hif cunne.  
 Quencelin ihaten ȝ  
 hæh mon inne Rome.  
 þef cniht andfwarde ȝ  
 biuoren þan kaifere. [L. 154<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.]  
 & þuf him feide ȝ  
 þe cniht waf unifele.  
 Cnihtes fareð eou aȝæin ȝ  
 and cuðeð eower kinge.  
 9  
 at heo beoð unwræste italde.  
 for æuere heo ȝelp makieð ȝ 20  
 heore moncipe if luttel.  
 Mare he þohte to fuggen ȝ  
 þa Walwain bræid to fweorden.

we hit wollep habbe.  
 bote þou icnowe wolle ȝ  
 þat Arthur .. i louerd.  
 and eche .... him fende ȝ  
 gael of þine londe.  
 þo fat bi þan ..ifere ȝ  
 a cniht of his cunne.  
 10 ....celyn ihote ȝ  
 heh man ... Rome.  
 þe cniht anwer...  
 ..... þan caifere.  
 and ... .. faide ȝ  
 þe cniht ... ..  
 Cnihtes wendeþ ȝ... ..  
 and feggeþ ȝoure kinge.  
 .. Bruttus beoþ boldē ȝ  
 ac hii beoþ onwreast itold.  
 for euere hii ȝelp makieþ ȝ  
 hire māfipe his þe laffe.  
 More he þohte to fegge ȝ  
 ac<sup>3</sup> breid to fweorde.

if we may live, we will it have, unless thou wilt acknowledge that Arthur is 'king over thee [thy lord], and each year send him tribute of thy land; 'and if *thou* goest to him in amity, thou mayest live the quieter!' " Then sate by the emperor a knight of his kin, named Quencelin; noble man in Rome. This [The] knight answered before the emperor, and thus him said,—the knight was wicked:—"Knights, return you back, and 'make known [say] to your king, that *the* Britons are bold, but they are accounted worthless; for ever they make boast,—their honor is 'little [the less]!' " More he thought to say, 'when [but] Walwain drew *his* sword, and 'smote him upon

<sup>1</sup> ȝif þu?<sup>2</sup> A line is here wanting.<sup>3</sup> ac Waweȝn?

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and smat hine ufenen þat hafde ⁊	and for-cleaf þat hefued atwo ⁊
þat he atweo hæalde.	
& he hiȝenliche anan ⁊	and hii þanne gonne go ⁊
heolde to hif horfen.	and leope to horfe.
and heo up leopen ⁊	worþlice kempes ⁊
mid grimliche lechen.	
and þaf word feide ⁊	and þes word faide ⁊
Walwain þe fele.	Waweȝn þe kene. [f. 124. c. 1.]
Swa me helpe þe ilke lauere ⁊	So me helpe þe ilke louere ⁊
þe scop þef dæȝef lihte.	10 .. fop þis daies lihte.
ȝif æuer aie if fwa kene ⁊	... ..re his enȝ fo kene ⁊
of eower moncunne.	of ..... mancūne.
þat uf after kenne ⁊	þat ous after ..nne ⁊
ich hine wulle aquelle.	ich hine wole acwelle.
he ſcal beo to-fwungen ⁊	he ſal beo to-fwonge ⁊
mid brade mine sweorden.	mid mine brode sweorde.
Efne þare ilke tale ⁊	Efne þar ilke tale ⁊
þa cleopede þe kaiſere.	þo faide þe caifer.
Haldeð heom haldeð ⁊	Holdeþ ȝam holdeþ ⁊
alle heo ſculleð heongien.	20 hongi hii ſolleþ.
heȝe uppen treouwe ⁊	vpe heȝe trouwes ⁊
oðer mid horfen beon to-draȝene.	oþer mid horfe to-drawe.
Efne þiſſere ſæȝe ⁊	
þa þe kaiſere feide.	

the head, so that it fell [severed the head] in two; and 'he hastily anon ran to his horse; and they up leapt with grim countenance [they then gan go, and leapt to horse, *the* worthy champions]; and these words said Walwain the 'good [keen]: "So help me the same Lord, that formed the day-light, if ever any of your men is so keen, that after us *he* pursue, I will him kill; he shall be cut in pieces with my broad sword!" Even with the same speech then 'called [said] the emperor: "Hold them! hold! They 'all' shall hang upon high trees, or with horses be drawn in pieces!" 'Even with this saying that the emperor said,' the earls [These knights]

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.

þe eorlef gunnen ridē ⁊  
 & spureden heore steden.  
 heo scæken on heore honden ⁊  
 speren swiðe stronge.  
 beren bi-foren breosten ⁊  
 brade heore sceldes. [c. 2.]  
 Aneouste gunnen ride ⁊  
 eorlef ræge.  
 and æuere þæ kaifere ⁊  
 lude gon cleopie.  
 Nimeð heom flæh heom ⁊  
 ifcend heo uf habbeoð.  
 þer me mihte ihere ⁊  
 þe þer bihaluf weore.  
 clupien þufende ⁊  
 of þan þeod-folke.  
 Hider hider wepnen ⁊  
 wende we heom æfter.  
 hider ure sceldef ⁊  
 þe scalkes atwēdeð.  
 Sone heom after wendē ⁊  
 iwepnede kempen.  
 þer sixe þer seouene ⁊  
 þer æhte þer niȝene.

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þis cnihtes gonne ride ⁊  
 and sporie hire hire<sup>1</sup> stedes.  
 hii toke on hire honde ⁊  
 speres swiþe long.  
 baren bi-vore breofte ⁊  
 brode hire scealdef.  
  
 And euere þe caifer ⁊  
 10 loude gan cleopie.  
 Nimeþ ȝam fcleaþ ȝam ⁊  
 ifcend ous ihabbeþ<sup>2</sup>.  
 þar me mihte ihere ⁊  
 þat bi-halues were.  
 cleopie þ..send ⁊  
 of þan Romleode.  
 .... ..der wepne ⁊  
 wende . . . . .er.  
 hider oure .....  
 20 .. cnihtes at-fo....  
 .... heom wende af...  
 .... nede cnihtef.  
 þar .... þar .....  
 þar eahte þar niȝene.

gan to ride, and spurred their steeds; they 'shook [took] in their hands spears exceeding long; bare their broad shields before breast. 'Soon gan to ride *the* bold earls,' and ever the emperor loud gan to call: "Seize them! slay them! They have us disgraced!" There men might hear, who were there beside, thousands of the 'people [Rome-folk] call: "Hither, hither, weapons! Go we after them! Hither our shields; the 'men [knights] will escape!" Soon after them went weaponed 'warriors [knights]; there six, there seven, there eight, there nine. And ever the

<sup>1</sup> Sic MS.<sup>2</sup> hii habbeþ?



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And æuere þa eorles ⁊  
 arnde biliuef.  
 and æuere umbe stunde ⁊  
 bifeȝen heom bi-hinde.  
 and euere þa cnihtef of Rome ⁊  
 after biliue come.  
 And þer com<sup>1</sup> aneoufte ⁊  
 alre fwiðest ærne.  
 & euere<sup>2</sup> cleopede ⁊  
 kenlich fwiðe.  
 Wendeð aȝein cnihtes ⁊  
 and werieð eo<sup>3</sup> mid fihtef.  
 hit if eo<sup>3</sup> muchel scome ⁊  
 þat ȝe wulleð at-ſceken.  
 Walwain icneo þene reme ⁊  
 of þan Romanifce mē.  
 he wende hif ſtede ⁊  
 & to him gon ride.  
 & ſmat hine þurh mid þan ſpere ⁊  
 ſwa he ifpited weore.  
 & bræid to him þat ſpere ⁊  
 þe gume iwat fone.  
 & þaf word kende ⁊  
 Walwai þe kene. [L. 155. c. 1.]

MS. Cott. Otho, C. XIII.

A.. euere þe eorles ⁊  
 earnde f.i.ȝe.  
 and þe cnihtef of Rome ⁊  
 bliþe after come.  
 And þar com on cniht ⁊  
 alre ſwiþeſt earne.  
 and euere he cleopede ⁊  
 10 kenliche ſwiþe.  
 Wendeþ aȝein cnihtes ⁊  
 and werieþ ȝou mid fihte.  
 hit his ȝou mochel ſeame ⁊ [c. 2.]  
 þat ȝeo fleon.  
 Waweȝn icneu þone ream ⁊  
 of þan Romanifſe men.  
 he wende his ſtede ⁊  
 and to him gan ride.  
 and ſmot him þorh m. . þan ſpere ⁊  
 20 afe he ifpeded were.  
 and breid to him þat ſpere ⁊  
 þe cniht warþ dead fone.  
 and þes word faide ⁊  
 Waweȝn þe kene.

earls rode quickly, and 'ever awhile looked behind them; and ever' the knights of Rome quick after came. And there came 'near [a knight], riding swiftest of all, and ever [he] called most keenly: "Turn again, knights, and defend you with fight! It is to you much shame, that ye 'will' fly." Walwain knew the shout of the Romanish men; he turned his steed, and to him gan ride; and smote him through with the spear, as if he were spitted, and drew to him the spear,—the 'man [knight] died soon,—and these words said Walwain the keen: "'Knight, thou rodest too fast; better

<sup>1</sup> com ane?<sup>2</sup> euere he?<sup>3</sup> eow?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

Cniht þu ride to fwiðe ⁊  
 betere þe weore at Rome.  
 Marcel hehte þe cniht ⁊  
 heȝere monnen.  
 þa Walwain ifæh ⁊  
 þat he to grunde bæh.  
 fone hif fweord he ut abraeid ⁊  
 & fmat of Marcele þat hefd.  
 and þaf word fæide ⁊  
 Walwain þe fele. 10  
 Marcel far to helle ⁊  
 & tel heom þer spelles.  
 and wune þer to-ȝere ⁊  
 mid Quencelien þin ifere.  
 and haldeð þer unker rune ⁊  
 betere inc weoren inne Rome.  
 for þuf we eou scullen techen ⁊  
 ure Bruttifce ſpeche.  
 Gerin ifæh hu hit ferde ⁊  
 hu þe þe<sup>3</sup> Romanifce lai þer dune. ou þe Romain lay þar dun.  
 and hif horf muneȝede ⁊ 21

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

Li þou þare of lifue ⁊  
 for þou ride to fwiþe.  
 Marcel hehte þe cniht ⁊  
 of heȝere cumne.  
 Wawein his sweord vp breid ⁊  
 and fmat of Marcele hefd.  
 and þus him þo faide ⁊  
 Woweȝn þe kene. 10  
 Marcel wend to helle ⁊  
 and tel þam þare spelles.  
 and wone þar to-ȝere ⁊  
 mid Gwencelȝn þine vere.  
 and holdeþ þare woure<sup>1</sup> roun ⁊  
 betere wou<sup>2</sup> were at Rome.  
 for þus we folle þou teche ⁊  
 Bruttifce ſpeche.  
 Gerȝn ifeh fone ⁊  
 and his hors muneȝede ⁊ 21

*Marcel.*

were *it* to thee (haddest thou been) at Rome [Lie thou there slain, for thou rodest too fast]!" Marcel hight the knight, of noble lineage. 'When Walwain saw that he fell to ground, soon ' his sword 'he out [Wawein up] drew, and smote 'from Marcel the [off Marcella] head; and 'these words [thus him then] said Walwain the 'good [keen]: "Marcel, go to hell, and there tell them tales, and dwell there for ever, with Quencelin, thy companion; and hold there your communing,—better *it* were to you 'in [at] Rome; for thus we shall teach you 'our' British speech!" Gerin saw 'how it fared [soon], how 'that' the Romanish lay there down; and spurred his horse, and met another, and smote him through 'out' with his

<sup>1</sup> ȝoure ?<sup>2</sup> ȝou ?<sup>3</sup> *Superfluous ?*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. x111.

and æenne oderne <sup>1</sup> imette. [spere <sup>4</sup> and an oþer imette.	
and smat hine þurh ut mid hif and smot hine þorh mid his spere <sup>4</sup>	
and þaf word spiledede.	and þes word faide.
Rid nu fwa Romain <sup>2</sup>	Rid nou so Romayn <sup>2</sup>
and reof þe to hellen.	and ref nou to helle.
and þuf we scullen grundien <sup>2</sup>	and þus we folle þou farui <sup>2</sup>
ʒif godd us wule fulsten.	ʒef god ous wole fulste.
nif noht wurð þratte <sup>2</sup>	nis noht worþ þreat <sup>2</sup>
buten þer beo dede æt <sup>2</sup> .	bote þar beo deade eak.
Bof isæh þe ohte mo <sup>2</sup>	10 Beofs iseh þe ohte man <sup>2</sup>
hu hif iueren hafden idon.	ou his iveres hadde idon.
& hif horf wende <sup>2</sup>	and his hors wende <sup>2</sup>
wunder ane swiðe.	wonderliche swiþe.
and mid alle hif mitte <sup>2</sup>	and mid al his mihte <sup>2</sup>
teh to ane cnihte.	[[c.2.] teh to one cnihte. [[£ 124 <sup>b</sup> .c.1.]
& smat hine buuen þan sceelde <sup>2</sup>	and smot hine boue þan sceald <sup>2</sup>
þat to-barft hif gode burne.	<sup>3</sup>
& þurh ut þene sweore <sup>2</sup>	þat þe spere deore <sup>2</sup>
þe <sup>4</sup> fwælt ful fone.	rof þorh þan fwere.
And þuf þe eorl cleopien agon <sup>2</sup>	And he cleopie agan <sup>2</sup>
kenliche on hif ferē.	20 kenliche to his feref.
Bruttuf uf wulleð scenden <sup>2</sup>	Bruttuf ous wolleþ fynde <sup>2</sup>
ʒif we heonne wendeð.	ʒef we hinne wendeþ.

spear; and these words `spake [said]: " Ride now so, Roman, and sink `thee [now] to hell; and thus we shall `sink *you* [serve you], if God will us help! Threat is worth nought, unless there be deeds eke!" Beof saw, the brave man, how his comrades had done; and turned his horse wondrously quick, and with all his might advanced to a knight, and smote him above the shield, so that `his good burny burst, and throughout the neck the spear drove full soon. And thus the earl [the good spear drove through the neck. And he] gan to call keenly to his companions: " *The* Britons will us destroy, if we hence go, unless we *the* better begin ere we hence

<sup>1</sup> oðerne?<sup>2</sup> æc?<sup>3</sup> A line seems missing.<sup>4</sup> þe spere?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

ȝif we hēne wendeð<sup>1</sup>.

bute we bet aginnen ⁊

ær we heonene iwendē.

Efne þere ſpeche ⁊

þe þe eorl wēde<sup>2</sup>.

heo bi-wenden heom ſone ⁊

wunder ane ſwiðe.

and ælc hiſ ſweord ſwiðe adroh ⁊

and ælc hiſ Romain of-floh.

&amp; ſeoððen heore horf wenden ⁊

&amp; heore wæi heolden.

And þæ Romanifce men ⁊

riden eouere after heom.

ofte heo heom on ſmiten ⁊

ofte heo heom atwiten.

ofte heo ſæiden heom to ⁊

Abuggen ȝe ſcullen þa dede.

ah ne mihten heo þurh nane þinge ⁊

heore nenne adun bringe.

no nenne hærm þer dō heom ⁊

i þan wiðer-happen.

Ah æuere umbe whilen ⁊

þe eorlef aȝain wenden.

and ær heo to-tweinden ⁊

bote we bet aginne ⁊

are we hēne wende.

þo tornden hii ſone ⁊

wonderliche ſwiþe.

and ech hiſ ſweord ſwiþe droh ⁊

and ech hiſ Romayn of-floh.

and ſupþe hire hors wende ⁊

and hire way helde.

And Romaniffe men ⁊

riden euere after heom.

ofte hii ſaide ȝam to ⁊

Abugge ȝe ſolle þe deade.

ac ne mihten hii mid noue þing ⁊

none of ȝam adun bringe.

ne nanne harm ȝam don ⁊

in þan wiþer-happes.

Ac euere bi eche wile ⁊

hii aȝen wende.

and ſmite on Rom-cnihtes ⁊

depart!" 'Even with the speech that the earl said, [Then] they turned 'them' soon, wondrously prompt; and each drew his sword quickly, and each slew his Roman; and afterwards their horses *they* turned, and held their way. And 'the' Romanish men rode ever after them; 'oft they smote on them, oft they them reproached'; oft they said to them: "Ye shall pay for the deed!" but they might not 'through [with] any thing any of them down bring, nor any harm 'there' do to them in the conflicts. But ever 'awhile the earls [by each while they] back turned, and 'ere they

<sup>1</sup> Sic MS. ; this line is evidently redundant, and therefore is not numbered.

<sup>2</sup> kende? Cf. l. 26525.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

þe wurfe wef Rom-leoden.  
 þuſ heo iuerden ⁊  
 fiſtene milen.  
 þat heo comen to ane ſtude ⁊  
 vnder ane ueire wude.  
 on uafſ þan caſtle ⁊  
 þer Arður lei uafſte. [l. 155<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.]  
 þreo milen þer from ⁊  
 to þan wuden þrunge.  
 niȝe þuſende ⁊  
 þe Arður þider fenden.  
 baldere Brutten ⁊  
 þe beſt þat lond cneowen.  
 heo wolden wite þat foðe ⁊  
 of Walwain þan kene.  
 and of hiſ iueren ⁊  
 hu heo iuaren weoren.  
 whaðer heo liue weoreren<sup>1</sup> ⁊  
 þa heo bi wæie læien.  
 þæſ cnihtef fiȝen þurh þene wude ⁊  
 wunder ane ſofte.  
 uppē ane hullē ⁊  
 and ȝeorne biheolden.  
 Heo letten alle þa horſm̄ ⁊

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

mid bitere hire dunteſ.  
 þoſ hii ferde ⁊  
 fiſtene mile.  
 þat hii come to one ſtude ⁊  
 onder one faire wode.  
 faſte bi þan caſtle ⁊  
 þar Arthur lay faſte.  
 þreo mile þar fram ⁊  
 to þan wode þronge.  
 niȝe þouſend ⁊  
 þa Arthur þider fende.  
 baldere Brutten ⁊  
 þat beſt þat lond couþe.  
 hii wolde witen to foþe ⁊  
 of Waweȝn þan kene.  
 and of hiſ i-ueres ⁊  
 ou hii i-faren were.  
 waþer hii wēren on lifue ⁊  
 oþer bi weie leȝe. [c. 2.]  
 þeoſ cnihtes fiȝen .... þan wode:  
 wonder..... ſofte.  
 and come to ... hulle ⁊  
 and ȝeorne bi-heolde.  
 Hii lette alle þe horſmen ⁊

separated, the worse was to *the* Rome-folk [smote on *the* Rome-knights, with their bitter strokes]. Thus they proceeded fifteen miles, until they came to a place under a fair wood, hard by the castle where Arthur lay fast. Three miles therefrom to the wood thronged nine thousand bold Britons, whom Arthur thither sent, who best knew the land; they would learn 'the [in] sooth, of Walwain the keen, and of his companions, how they had fared; whether they were alive, or 'they' lay by *the* way. These knights proceeded through the wood wondrously still, 'upon [and came to] a hill, and eagerly beheld. They caused all the horsemen to alight in the wood, and

<sup>1</sup> *R.* weoren.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

i þan wude alihiten.  
 and rihten heore iwepnen ⁊  
 and alle heore iweden.  
 buten an hundred monnen ⁊  
 þe þer sculdē bi-halden.  
 and<sup>1</sup> ȝif heo on-ȝiten mihten ⁊  
 þurh æief cunnes þigen.  
 þa iſeȝen heo feorren ⁊  
 in ane uelde muchelen.  
 þreo cnihtef ærnen ⁊  
 mid allen heore mainen.  
 After þan þreom cnihten ⁊  
 þritti þer comen.  
 after þan þrittie ⁊  
 heo iſeȝen þreo þufende.  
 þer after comen þraſten ⁊  
 þritto þuſen<sup>2</sup> anan.  
 Romanifce leoden ⁊  
 mid ræue bihonged.  
 And þa eorlef bi-uoren heom ⁊  
 aneuſte at-arnden.  
 euere þene rihte wæi ⁊  
 þe toward þan wude lai.  
 þer heore iueren ⁊  
 wel ihudde weoren.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xliii.

in þan wode a-lihte.  
 and rihte hire wepne ⁊  
 and alle hire wedes.  
 bote an hundred men ⁊  
 þat þar folde bi-holde.  
 ȝef hii of-ȝete mihte ⁊  
 þorh eni cunnes þinge.  
 þo iſeȝen hii ferre ⁊  
 in one brode felde.  
 10 þreo cnihtes earnne ⁊  
 mid alle hire mayne.  
 After þ.. þreo cnihtes ⁊  
 þr... .. come.  
 after þan þritti ⁊  
 ... þreo þouſend.  
 þar after comen þraſte ⁊  
 þritti þouſend.  
 And euere þe eorlef ⁊  
 21 bi þe ... earnede.  
 .... þane ilke way ⁊  
 [c.2.] þ.. .. ward þe wode lay.  
 ... hire i-veres ⁊  
 w.. .. .re.

get ready their weapons, and all their weeds (garments), except an hundred men, that there should look out, if they might descry through thing of any kind. Then saw they afar, in a 'great [broad] plain, three knights ride with all their main. After the three knights there came thirty; after the thirty they saw three thousand; thereafter came thronging thirty thousand 'anon, of Romanish folk, clad in armor'. And [ever] the earls 'before them' 'quickly [by the way] rode, ever the 'right [same] way that toward the wood lay, where their comrades were well hid. The earls rode to the

<sup>1</sup> Superfluous?<sup>2</sup> þuſend?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

þa eorles ærden <sup>1</sup> to þan wuden ⁊	þe eorles .....	þan wode ⁊
þa Romanisce after ridē.	þe .....	after ride.
þa Bruttes to-ræfden ⁊	þe B.....	refde ⁊
on heore iræfte steden.	vp.. ..	des.
and smiten to a-uorenon ⁊	and ..	ot a vore...
and feollen an hundred anan.	and fuld.	an hundred a-non.
þa wenden Rom-leoden ⁊	þo wende Romleode ⁊	
þat Arður come riden. [fwiðe ⁊	þat Arthur come ride.	
and weoren afered feondliche	and tornde þe rugges ⁊	
and Bruttes after heð.	10 and Bruttus ȝam after.	
and floȝen of þan folke ⁊	and floȝen of þan folke ⁊	
fiften hundred.	fiftene hundred.	
þa com heom to fulfte ⁊	þo com ȝam to fulfte ⁊	
of heoreȝe <sup>2</sup> uolke.	of hire owene folke. [t. 125.c.1.]	
þa Arður þider hafde ifend ⁊	þat Arthur hadde þider ifend ⁊	
sixtene þufund.	sixtene þoufend.	
baldere Bruten ⁊	baldere Bruttuf ⁊	
mid burnen bihonged.	mid stele bi-honge.	
þa cō þer ride ⁊	þo com ... ..	
þat was an eorl riche.	20 þat was .. .. .	
Petreiuf ihate ⁊	Petrius .....	
heh mon of Rome.	... .. of Rome.	
mid fix þufend kempen ⁊	mid ... .. cnihtes ⁊	

Petreiuf.

wood; the Romanish *men* rode after; the Britons attacked *them* [up] on their rested steeds, and smote in front, and felled an hundred anon. Then weened *the* Rome-folk that Arthur came riding, and 'were very greatly afraid [turned the backs]; and the Britons *pursued* after them, and slew of the folk fifteen hundred. Then came them to help sixteen thousand of their own folk, whom Arthur had thither sent, bold Britons, with 'burnies [steel] clad. Then came there riding *one* that was a rich earl, named Petreius, a noble man of Rome, with six thousand 'warriors [knights], to

<sup>1</sup> ærden ?<sup>2</sup> heore aȝe ?

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þan Romanisce to helpē.  
 & mid muchelere strengðe ⁊  
 leopen to þan Brutton.  
 and lut þer of-nomen ⁊  
 ah monie heo of-floȝen.  
 Bruttes to wude hælden ⁊  
 þe oðere after wendē.  
 and þa Bruttes auoten ⁊  
 uafte aȝæin stoden.  
 and þa Romāisce meū ⁊ 10  
 fuhten ridende.  
 and B<sup>u</sup>tttes heom to heolden ⁊  
 & heore horf<sup>1</sup> floȝen.  
 & moni þer nomen ⁊  
 & in þene wude droȝen.  
 þa iwarð<sup>2</sup> Petreius wrað<sup>2</sup> [f. 156. c. 1.].. iwarþ Petrius war ⁊  
 þat hif wes þa wurfe þer.  
 and he mid hif uerde ⁊  
 fram þan wude wende.  
 and Bruttes heom to buȝen ⁊ 20  
 and bi-æften heom floȝē.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

þan R.....sce to helpe.  
 and mid mochele strengþe ⁊  
 leope to þan Bruttus.  
 and feue hii þar nemen ⁊  
 and manȝe hii of-slowen.  
 þe Brutttes floȝe .. þan wode ⁊  
 þe ouþ.. ȝam af... ..de.  
 and ...uttuf .....  
 ..ste aȝan ....e.  
 ... ..e hors floȝ ⁊  
 ... .. wode droȝe.  
 ... his was þe worfe þar.  
 ... he mid his ferde ⁊  
 fram þan .ode he wende.  
 and Br..... to bowen ⁊  
 and ..... ȝam flowen.

help the Romanish *forces*; and with great strength *they* leapt to the Britons, and few there [they] captured, 'but [and] many they slew. [The] Britons fled to [the] wood; the others pursued after [them]; and the Britons on foot firmly against *them* stood, 'and the Romanish men fought riding; and *the* Britons advanced to them,' and slew their horses, 'and many there took,' and into the wood drew. Then was Petreius wrath, that his *force* was there the worse; and he with his host retreated from the wood; and *the* Britons followed them, and slew them behind. When

<sup>1</sup> Added by a second hand.

<sup>2</sup> After these words the scribe, by inadvertence, has repeated the entire passage from l. 26663. inclusive, which repetition the second hand has afterwards cancelled, by drawing diagonal lines over it. It has not been thought necessary to print here the passage thus repeated, but the orthographical and other variations in it are worthy of notice, and will be pointed out in the Notes.



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MS. Cott. Otho, C. XIII.

þa Bruttuttes <sup>1</sup> weoren ut of wude:þo .....	weren vt of wo..
iȝein to þan felde.	..... ut to þan felde.
þa atftoden Rom-leoden ⁊	.. .....d Romleode ⁊
mid ræȝe strenȝe.	mid heȝere strengþe.
þa bi-gon þat muchele fiht ⁊	þo bi-gan þat strange fiht ⁊
þer ueollen eorles & moni god	þar feol eorles and manȝ god cniht.
þer ueollen a dæi ⁊	[cniht <sup>2</sup> . þar follen a dāȝ ⁊
fiſten þuſend.	fiſtene þouſend.
aðelere monnen ⁊	
ær hit weore æfen.	10 þar he mihte finde ⁊
þer he findē mihte ⁊	wofe his maȝn wolde fondien.
þe hiſ main wolde fondien.	
hond aȝan honde ⁊ [c. 2.]	hond aȝen hond ⁊
ſtrongne aȝei ſtr[ong.]	ſtrong aȝen ſtrong.
ſceld aȝein ſcelde ⁊	ſceald aȝen ſceald ⁊
ſcalkeſ þer ueollen.	cnihtes þar folle.
Vrnen þa ſtreden ⁊	Vrne þe weȝeſ ⁊
mid blode ſtræmen.	of blodie ſtremes. [c. 2.]
leien ȝeond þan ueldeſ ⁊	leiȝen oueral þe feldeſ ⁊
gold-ſaȝe ſceldeſ.	20 goldfaȝe ſcealdeſ.
al þene dæi longe ⁊	al þane dāȝ lōȝ ⁊
heo heolden þat feht ſtronge.	duredede þat fiht ſtrong.
Petreiuſ an hiſ halue ⁊	Petrius in hiſ half ⁊
hiſ folc heold to-fonne.	hiſ folk heol <sup>3</sup> to-gadere.

*the* Britons were out of *the* wood, come [out] in the field, then withstood *the* Rome-folk with fierce strength. Then began the 'mickle' [strong] fight!—there fell earls and many a good knight; there fell in *the* day (or died) fifteen thousand 'of noble men, ere it were even.' There might he find, who[so] would prove his strength, hand against hand, *the* strong against *the* strong, shield against shield, knights there fell! The paths ran with bloody streams; gold-colored shields lay over [all] the fields; all the day long they held [dured] the strong fight. Petreius on his aide his folk held to-

<sup>1</sup> R. Bruttes.<sup>2</sup> cniht?<sup>3</sup> heold?

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MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

þa iwræð<sup>1</sup> fone ⁊  
 þat Bruttes hafden þat wurfe.  
 þat isæh þe eorl heze ⁊  
 of Oxeneuorde.  
 Beof wæf ihæten ⁊  
 hæh Bruttisc mon.  
 þat a nare wifē ⁊  
 ne mihte hit iwurðen.  
 þat Bruttes ne mostē reofen ⁊  
 buten heo ræd haueden. 10  
 þa eorl þa cleopede ⁊  
 cnihtes aðele.  
 of þan alre bezftē ⁊  
 of alle þan Brutton.  
 and of þan kenneften ⁊  
 þe þer quike weoren.  
 and tuhte hine ut a þan felde ⁊  
 aneoufte þere ferde.  
 and þus him ifeide ⁊  
 an heorte him wes unneðe. 20  
 Cnihtes hercnieð nu to me ⁊  
 drihten uf helpe.  
 we beoð hidere icumen ⁊  
 and þis feht habbeoð under-numen. and þis fiht habbeþ onder-nome.

þo i-warþ it fone ⁊  
 þat Bruttus hadde þat worfe.  
 þat iseh Beofs ⁊  
 eorl of Oxeneforde.

þat in none wife ⁊  
 ne mihte hit iworþe.  
 þat hii ne moste falle ⁊  
 bote 3ef hi read hadde. 10  
 He cleopede to him cnihtes ⁊  
 þe beste þat he wifte.

and of þe alre kenneft ⁊  
 .at þare ine fiht we..  
 ..d wende 3am vt in þa. .elde ⁊  
 a-neowest þan ferde.  
 ... þus him faide ⁊  
 fori on heorte.  
 Cnihtes hercneþ nou to me ⁊  
 drihte ous helpe.  
 we beoþ hider icome ⁊

gether; then [it] soon happened, that *the* Britons had the worse. 'The noble earl of Oxford, *who* was named Beof [Beofs, earl of Oxford] 'a noble British man,' saw that, that in no wise might it be, that '*the* Britons [they] should not fall, unless they had counsel. 'The earl then [He] called [to him] 'noble' knights, 'of the best of all, of all the Britons [the best that he knew], and of the keenest [of all], that there were 'alive [in fight], and drew 'him [out] in the field, near the host; and thus him said,—in heart 'to him was uneasiness [sorry]:—"Knights, hearken now to me; *the* Lord us help! We are hither come, and have undertaken this fight, without

<sup>1</sup> iwarð?

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buten Arðuref rede ʒ

boute Arthur his reade ʒ

þe if ure hexte.

þat his oure louerd.

ʒif uf oht ilimpeð ʒ

ʒef ous wel bi-falleþ ʒ

we him þa bet likieð.

we him þe bet cwemeþ.

and ʒef uf ilimpeð uuelen ʒ <sup>[f.156<sup>b</sup>.</sup>

and ʒef ous bi-falt vuele ʒ

he uf wule hatiē.

he ous wole hatie.

Ah ʒif ʒe wulleð minne ræd ʒ

þenne ride we al glad.

we beoð þreo hundred cnihtes ʒ

We beoþ þreo hundred cnihtes ʒ

ihelmede þeines.

10

ohte men and kene ʒ

ohte men and wihte.

aðele iborene.

cuðeð eouwer cniht-scipe ʒ

cuþeþ ʒoure cniht-sipe ʒ

we beoð of are cudðe.

we beoþ of one cunne.

rideð þenne ich ride ʒ

rideþ wane ich ride ʒ

and fulieð mine rede.

and folweþ mine reade.

Alle haldeð him to ʒ

Alle holdeþ him to ʒ

to þan cnihte þa ich do.

to þan cniht þat ich do.

ne nime ʒe nenne stede ʒ

ne nime ʒeo none stede ʒ

no nanef cnihtes iwede.

20

ne none cnihtes wede.

ah æuer ælc god cniht ʒ

ac euerech god cniht ʒ <sup>[f.125<sup>b</sup>.c.1.]</sup>

flæn æuere adun riht.

slea euere adun riht.

Æfne þan worde ʒ

Efne þan worde ʒ

þe þe cniht sæide of Oxene-uorde. þat þe eorl faide.

to hiſ iueren biſiden ʒ

'Arthurs [Arthur his] counsel, who is our 'chief [lord]. If to us 'good [well] befalleth, we shall please him the better, and if to us befalleth evil, he will hate us. 'But if ye will *do* my counsel, then shall we ride all merry.' We are three hundred knights, 'helmed thanes,' brave men and 'keen [active], 'nobly born'; shew *ye* your courage,—we are of one 'kith [kin],—ride *ye* when I ride, and follow my counsel. Advance *ye* all to him, to the knight that I do; take ye no steed, nor any knights weed, but every good knight slay ever downright!" Even with the words that the knight of Oxford [earl] said 'to his companions beside, then gan he to

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þa gon he to riden.

æfne al swa swiðe ʒ

swa hund þene heort driueð.

and hif iueren after ʒ

mid allen hcore mahten.

þurh ut þene muchele uehte ʒ

al þa cniht-weorede.

fluē an heore steden ʒ

uolc heo þere aqualden.

Wo<sup>1</sup> wæf heom iboren ʒ

þa iþan weie heom weoren biuoren. þat in hire wey were bi-vore.

for alle heo hit to-tredu ʒ

mid horfen &amp; mid steden.

and swa aneouste heo iwenden ʒ

and Petreium iuengen.

Beof<sup>2</sup> him bi-arnde ʒ

and mid ærmen bi-clupte. [c.2.]

&amp; bræid hine of hif stede ʒ

&amp; to eorðe hine istræhte.

he wufte him bihaluf ʒ

balde hif cnihte<sup>3</sup>.

Bruttef adun slozen ʒ

Petreiuuf heo drozen.

hii ride þo ase swiþe ʒ

so hond þan heort driueþ.

Welawo waf ȝam ibore ʒ

for al hii to-treade ʒ

mid hors and mid stede.

and so anewest come ʒ

and Petrium hii nome.

Beofs to him swapte ʒ

and mid harmes hine bi-clupte.

and breid hine of his stede ʒ

and to earpe hine sette.

20 he wufte him bi-haluf ʒ

bufie his cniht...s.

Cnihtes adun slozen ʒ

...riuf hii drozen.

ride, even all [they rode then] as swift as hound driveth the hart, 'and his comrades after, with all their might, throughout the mickle fight, all the troop; *they* flew on their steeds; *the* folk they there killed.' Woe was to them born, that were in 'the [their] way before 'them,' for all they 'it' trod down, with horses and with steeds; and so 'they' came near, and Petreius [they] captured. Beof rode to him, and with arms [him] clasped, and drew him off his steed, and on earth him 'stretched [set]; he knew beside him *were* his 'bold [busy] knights. *The* 'Britons [knights] down

<sup>1</sup> welle, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> Beof?<sup>3</sup> cnihtes?

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and þa Rom-leoden ⁊  
 ræhliche fuhten.  
 and a þan lafte ne mihte mon wite ⁊  
 wha oðerne smite.  
 þer wef muchel blod gute ⁊  
 balu wef on compe.  
 þa ifæh Walwain ⁊  
 þer he wes bihaluen.  
 mid feouen hundred cnihten ⁊  
 þider he gon hælden. 10  
 in hif wæiȝe þ he funde ⁊  
 al he hit aqualde.  
 and ridende igrap Petreiu ⁊  
 on richen hif steden.  
 and ladde uorð Petreiu ⁊  
 læð þeh hit weore him.  
 þat heo to þan wude comen ⁊  
 þer heo<sup>1</sup> wel w<sup>9</sup>ten.  
 sikerliche to halden ⁊  
 þene riche mon of Rome. 20  
 and æft ut a þene ueld wendē ⁊  
 and bi-gonnen to fehten.  
 þer me ifeon mihte ⁊

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and þ. .omleode ⁊  
 baldeliche f....  
 so þat at þan lafte ⁊  
 no man þare nuſte.  
 wo oþerne smite ⁊  
 þar was mochel blod igote.  
 þo ifeh Waweȝn iwis ⁊  
 þar he was bi-halues.  
 mid foue hundred cnihtes ⁊  
 þider he gan wēde.  
 and in his weȝe þat he funde ⁊  
 alle he a-cwelde.  
 and ridende he nam Petrius ⁊  
 vppe his gode ſtede.  
 and ladde him to þan wode ⁊  
 war he wel wiſte.  
 sikerliche to holde ⁊  
 þane heȝe man of Rome. 20  
 and eft vt wende ⁊  
 and bi-gan to fihte.  
 þar me mihte i-ſean ⁊

smote; Petreius they drew *along*; and the Rome-folk fought boldly; 'and [so that] at the last man might not know [no man there knew] who smote other; there was much blood shed, 'mischief was in *the* conflict!' Then saw Walwain [truly], where he was beside; with seven hundred knights he gan thither move, [and] what he found in his way, all he it destroyed. And riding he took Petreius, on his good steed; and led forth Petreius [him], 'loath though it were to him, until they came' to the wood, where he well knew surely to hold the noble man of Rome; and eft out 'in the field' proceeded, and began to fight. There men might see sorrow 'enough

<sup>1</sup> he?

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sorȝen inoȝe.	manȝfold forewe.	
ſceldef ſcenen ʒ	scealdes ſeanende ʒ	
ſcalkef fallen.	cnihtef fallende.	[c.2.]
halmef to-hælden ʒ		
hæhȝe men to-ſwelten.		
blodie ueldef ʒ	blodede feldeſ ʒ	
falewede nebbef.	falewede nebbes.	
Bruttef heom to-ræfden ʒ	And Bruttus to ȝam reamde ʒ	
ȝa fluȝen Rom-leoden.	and flowen Rom-leode.	
Bruttef heo floȝen ʒ [f.157.c.1.] 10	and Bruttus ȝam . . . . .	
and monie heo quic nomen.	. . . monȝe cwi. . . . .	
and ȝe dæi ende ȝæ ʒ	. . . . . day ean. . . . .	
wa wes Rom-leoden wa.	. . . . . Romleode . . . . .	
ȝa bond men uafte ʒ	. . . . . faſte ʒ	
kempen Romanifce.	kemp. . . manifſe.	
and lædden heom to ȝan wude ʒ	and leade ȝam .. ȝan wode ʒ	
biuoren Walwaine.	bi-vore Waweȝne.	
heom biwakeden a ȝere nihte ʒ	..am bi-wakede al ȝane ni...	
twenti hundred cnihten.	..enti hundred cnihtes.	
ȝa hit dai wes amarȝen ʒ 20	ȝo hit d.. was a morwe ʒ	
duȝeðe gon ſturie.	ȝe . . . . . ga. . . . . to ſtorie.	
forð heo gunnen liðe ʒ	for. . . . .	
to heore kine-lauerde.	to hire . . . . . loured.	
and ſwulc lac him brohte ʒ	. . . ſw. . . . . him b. . . . .	
ȝ leof hī wes to habben.	. . . le. . . him was to . . . . .	

[manyfold]! shields 'break [breaking]; knights 'fall [falling]; 'helms dropping; noble men dying'; bloody fields; paled faces! [And] *the* Britons rushed *towards* them; 'then [and] *the* Rome-folk fled; [and] *the* Britons them slew, and many they took alive; and when the day ended woe was to *the* Rome-folk, woe! Then bound men fast *the* Romanish knights, and led them to the wood, before Walwain; twenty hundred knights watched them 'in [all] the night. When it was day on *the* morrow, *the* folk gan to stir; forth they gan march to their sovereign, and brought him such offering, 'that [as] was lief to him to have. Then spake him Arthur thus:

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þa spac Arður hī þuf:  
 Wulcume Petreiuf.  
 nu if þe wulle teche:<sup>1</sup>  
 Bruttifce spæche.  
 þu ȝulpe biforen þan kaifeifere!<sup>1</sup>  
 þat þu me woldest a-quellen.  
 nimen mine castles alle:<sup>2</sup>  
 and mine kine-riche.  
 and muchel þe sæl iwurðen:  
 of þat þu wilnedest to habben. 10  
 Ich wulle bitachē þe ful iwif:  
 minne castel inne Parif.  
 and þer þu scalt wunien:  
 swa þe beoð alre loþest.  
 ne scalt þu nauere mare:  
 þi lif þenne lede.  
 Arþur þa cnihtes nom:  
 þe þer iuongen weoren.  
 þreo hundred rideref:  
 he nom eke anā.  
 þe alle weoren iueren:<sup>2</sup> [c. 2.]

cnihtes swiðe ohte:<sup>2</sup>

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.. spac Arthur ...  
 ..lcome Petrius.  
 nou ..f þe wolle teche:  
 Brutifse speche.  
 þou ....e bi-vore þin caifere:  
 ... þou me woldest a-cwe...  
 .... mine castles al..  
 ... mine kinerich.  
 ...che þou .at ha....  
 .. þan þat þou wilnedest.  
 Ich wole bi-take þe foliwis:  
 mine castel .. Paris.  
 and þar þou falt wonie:  
 afe þe his alre loþest.  
 ne falt þou neuere more:  
 þi lif þanene lede.  
 Arthur alle þe cnihtes nam:  
 þat þar inome were.  
 þreo hundred rideref:  
 . . . . .hte:<sup>2</sup> [f. 126. c. 1.]

“Welcome, Petreius! Now is *one here* that will teach thee British speech. Thou boasted before ‘the [thy] emperor, that thou wouldest me kill; take all my castles, and my kingdom; and much good should be to thee of that thou desiredest to have. I will give thee, full truly, my castle in Paris; and there thou shalt dwell, as to thee will be most loathsome of all; shalt thou nevermore thy life thence lead!’ Arthur took [all] the knights, that there were captured; three hundred riders ‘he took eke anon, who all were comrades,’ knights most brave, and keen men in fight; and bade them

<sup>1</sup> R. kaifere.*A line seems wanting here by the break in the punctuation.*

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and kene men to uihte.		and . . . . .hte.
and hæhte heom amorȝen ʒ		and . . . . .rwe ʒ
monliche arifen.		man . . . . .
biden <sup>1</sup> Romanifce men ʒ		. . . . .
mid ſtronge rake-tehȝen.		. . . . .
and lede Pet <sup>e</sup> iuf ʒ		. . . . .
to þere borh of <sup>2</sup> Parif.		. . . . .
Feouwer eorlef he hæhte ʒ		. . . . .
forð heð ibringen.		. . . . .
Cador Borel ʒ	10	. . . . .
Bedū and Richer.		. . . . .
he hehte heð beð iuerē ʒ		. . . . .
þat heo fiker weoren.		. . . . .
and cumen aȝain ſone ʒ		. . . . .
to heore kine-lauerde.		. . . . .
Þif wef al þuf iſpeken ʒ		. . . . .
ah hit wes ſone under-ȝeten.		. . . . .
Hæwæref foren ʒ		. . . . .
ȝeond þaf kingef ferden. —		. . . . .rde.
& iherden fuggen ʒ	20	and . . . . .
foðere worden.		..þere wordes.
wuder Arður wolde fenden ʒ		..... Arthur wolde ſen..
þæ cnihtef þe he haf <sup>3</sup> i benden.		þe cnihtef þe he had.. in bende.
and þa hauweref forð rihte ʒ		and þe ſpia... forþriht ʒ

on *the* morrow manly arise, bind *the* Romanish men with strong chains, and lead Petreius to the burgh of Paris. Four earls he commanded to bring them forth; Cador, Borel, Beduer, and Richer; he ordered them to be companions, *so* that they were secure, and to come again (back) soon to their sovereign. This was all thus spoken, but it was soon known. Spies went over the kings host, and heard say sooth words, whither Arthur would send the knights that he had in bonds; and the spies forth-

<sup>1</sup> binden?<sup>2</sup> *Interlined by a second hand.*<sup>3</sup> hafde?



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wenden uorð bi nihte.  
 þat heo comē sone ⁊  
 to þan kaifere of Rome.  
 and talden al heore tale ⁊  
 hu þaſ feouwer eorles sculden uare.... þe four eorles ..... fare.  
 and forð lede Petreiuſ ⁊  
 to þære burh of Parif.  
 and al heo talden þene wæi ⁊  
 þe intowardeſ Parife læi.  
 and whar me heð kepen mihte ⁊ 10  
 in ane flade deopen. [c. 157<sup>b</sup>.c.1]  
 and biraiuien of heð ⁊  
 Petreiuſ þene riche mon.  
 & þa feouwer eorlef ileggen ⁊  
 & faſten heom binden.  
 Lucef þiſ iherden ⁊  
 þe kaiſer of Rome.  
 and he leopt to wepne ⁊  
 ſwulc hit a liun weore.  
 and tē þuſend hehte. ⁊ 20  
 kempē iþoꝝene<sup>1</sup>.  
 to horſe & to wepnen ⁊  
 aneouſte foren wenden.

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wende a.... al bi niht.  
 þat hii co...ne ⁊  
 to þan caifere of ....  
 and tolde al hire ....  
 and forþ .....triuſ ⁊  
 to þan borh of Paris.  
 and al hii tolde þane waje ⁊  
 þat in to Parif lay.  
 and war me heom kepe mihte ⁊  
 in one flade deope.  
 and bi-nime of ȝam ⁊  
 Petriuſ þane riche man.  
 and þe eorles four awýnne ⁊  
 and faſte ȝam býnde.  
 Þiſ i-horde Luces ⁊ [c. 2.]  
 þe caýſer of Rome.

right proceeded forth [all] by night, until they came soon to the emperor of Rome, and told all their tale, how these [the] four earls should march, and lead forth Petreius to the burgh of Paris; and all they told the way that in to[wards] Paris lay, and where men might them intercept in a deep valley, and take from them Petreius the noble man, and the four earls conquer, and fast them bind. Luces heard this, the emperor of Rome, 'and he leapt to weapon as it were a lion; and ordered ten thousand chosen (?) knights to horse and to arms, quickly forwards to march.' [And] he called

<sup>1</sup> This word is doubtful, and has been partly corrected on an erasure by a second hand.

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He cleopede Sextoriuf ⁊  
of Libie he wef king of Turkie dux.  
he fende after Euander ⁊  
þe of Babiloine wef icumen þer.  
he cleopede to þan fenaturf ⁊  
Bal Catel Carriuf.  
þeof weoren alle kine-borne ⁊  
& þeof weoreoren<sup>1</sup> alle icoren.  
aneoufte to riden ⁊  
and Petreium<sup>2</sup> aredden. 10  
Anan swa hit waf euen ⁊  
forð heo iwenden.  
heom ladden twelue ⁊  
of þan leod-folke.  
þa fwiðe warre weoren ⁊  
and þa weizef cuðen.  
þa riden Rom-leodē ⁊  
rifeden burnen.  
quahten on hafden ⁊  
helfef hezen.  
feldef on rugge ⁊  
ræze Rom-leoden.  
Heo ferden alle nihte ⁊  
neodliche fwiðe.

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And he cleo.... Sextorius ⁊  
of Libie he was king and dux.  
he fende after Euander ⁊  
þat of Babylone was come þar.  
he cleopede to þan senaturf ⁊  
Balten Catel and Carius.  
þes weren alle kinebore ⁊  
and .... weren alle icore.  
fwiþe to riden ⁊  
and Petriuf aredden. 10  
And hii an hizigge ⁊  
forþ þam iwende.  
þam ladde twealf cnihtes ⁊  
of þan ilke loude.  
þat fwiþe war weren ⁊  
and þe weyes couþe.  
þo ride Romleode ⁊  
rufede wepne.  
fetten an hire h..edes ⁊  
20 heze hire healmes.  
  
... ..den al niht ⁊  
faft..... ..iþe.

Sextorius, of Lybia he was king, 'of Turkey [and] duke; he sent after Evander, who from Babylon was come there; he called to the Senators Bal, Catel [and] Carrius,—these were all of royal birth, and these were all chosen,—promptly to ride, and to liberate Petreius. 'Anon as it was even [And they in haste] forth they marched; twelve [knights] them led of the 'people [same land], that were exceeding wary, and knew the ways. When *the* Rome-folk rode, resounded 'burnies [weapons]; *they* set on [their] heads [their] high helms; ' shields on *their* backs,—*the* valiant Rome-folk.' They

<sup>1</sup> R. weoren.<sup>2</sup> Petreiu, *pr. m.*

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þæt heo comen in þe wai ⁊  
 þa in to Parife lei. [c. 2.]  
 þa weoren heo biuoren ⁊  
 and Bruttes biaften.  
 Ah wale þat hit nufte ⁊  
 Cador þe kene.  
 þat þa Rom-leoden ⁊  
 heō for-riden hafueden.  
 Heo comē in ænne wude ⁊  
 on ænne fwiðe faire ftude. 10  
 in ane dale deope ⁊  
 diȝelen bihæluef.  
 fweoren heom bitwænen ⁊  
 þat þer heo wolden kepen.  
 þer heo leien stille ⁊  
 ane lutele ftunde.  
 & hit agon daiȝen ⁊  
 and deor gunnen waiȝen.  
 þa comē Arðures men ⁊  
 quecchen aft<sup>9</sup> ftreten.  
 riht þene ilke wæi ⁊  
 þer þe oðer uerde læi.  
 heo riden finginge ⁊  
 segges weoren blide<sup>1</sup>.

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þat hii come in þan way ⁊  
 þat touward ..rif lay.  
 þo weren hii bi-vore ⁊  
 and Bruttus bi-hinde.  
 Ac wala wo þat hit nufte ⁊  
 Cador þe kene.  
 þat þe Rom-leode ⁊  
 ȝam for-ride hadde.  
 Hii comen in one wode ⁊  
 in one wel faire ftude.  
 in one dale deope ⁊  
 diȝele bi-halues.  
 and feide ȝam bi-twine ⁊  
 þat þar hii wolde akepe.  
 þare hi leȝen stille ⁊  
 one lutele ftunde.  
 and hit gan to daiȝeȝe ⁊  
 and þe deor to pleoȝe.  
 þocomen Arthures men ⁊ [f. 126<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.]  
 20 fafte in þan weȝe.  
 riht þane ilke way ⁊  
 .ar þe oþer ferde lay.  
 hii ..... fingende ⁊  
 þe cnihtes weren bolde.

marched all night, exceedingly fast, until they came in the way that 'into [toward] Paris lay; then were they before, and *the* Britons behind. But alas! that Cador the keen knew it not, that the Rome-folk had before-rode them! They came in a wood, in a spot 'exceeding [well] fair, in a deep dale, dark on *the* sides; *they* swore [and said] between them, that there they would engage. There they lay still a little while; and it gan to dawn, and [the] beasts 'gan' to stir [play]. Then came Arthurs men 'advancing by [fast in the] way, right the same way where the other host lay; they rode singing,—[the] 'men [knights] were 'blithe [bold]! Neverthe-

<sup>1</sup> blide?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.

Neoþeles Cador wef þer :  
 fwiðe wis & fwiðe war.  
 he and Borel þe eorl riche :  
 buȝen heō to-gæderef.  
 & nomen heom bitweonen :  
 fif hundred cnihtef.  
 and biuoren wenden :  
 iwepnede kempen.  
 Richer and Beduer :  
 wenden heom baſte þer. 10  
 and þa cnihtef fereden :  
 þa heo iuōgen hafden.  
 Petreium and hiſ iueren :  
 þa iwunne weoren.  
 þa heo comen riden :  
 uppē Rom-leoden. [f. 158. c. 1.]  
 & Rom-leoden ræfden to :  
 mid ræȝere ſtrengðen.  
 and ſmiten a þan Brutten :  
 mid fwiðe bitele<sup>4</sup> dūtef. 20  
 breken Bruttene trume :  
 balu wef on folke.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. x111.

Noþeles Cador was þar :  
 ſwiþe<sup>1</sup> and ſwiþe war.  
 he and Borel þe riċhe :  
 wende ȝam to-gadere þar.  
 and nemen heom to honde :  
 fiftene hundred cnihtes.  
 and bi-vore ...de :  
 iwepnið under ſealde.  
 Richer and Beduer :  
 wende ȝam bi-hinde þar.  
 and þe cnihtes ladde :  
 þat hii ifunde<sup>2</sup> hadde.  
 Petrius and hiſ iuere :  
 þat inome were.  
 þo hii come ride :  
 vppe Romleode.  
 and hii ȝam to-reaſde :  
 3  
 and ...te to þan Bru....  
 ... hire bitere dun...  
 ...u þar was riue.

less Cador was there, most wise and most wary; he and Borel the 'earl' rich, advanced them together [there], and took between them five [them in hand fifteen] hundred knights, and marched before, weaponed 'champions [under shield]. Richer and Beduer came behind them there, and led the knights, whom they had captured, Petreius and his companions, who were taken. Then came they riding upon *the* Rome-folk; and 'the Rome-folk [they] rushed *towards* them 'with fierce strength,' and smote on the Britons with 'exceeding [their] bitter blows; 'brake *the* Britons ranks,'—

<sup>1</sup> ſwiþe wis<sup>3</sup> A line seems to be omitted.<sup>2</sup> ifonge?<sup>4</sup> bitere?

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þe wude braftlien gon ʒ	
beornef <sup>1</sup> þer feollē.	
Bruttef heom wið-stoden ʒ	.....uf ʒeam wiþ-stode ʒ
and stærcliche heom weoreden.	and starcliche ʒam weorede.
þat iherde Richer ʒ	þat ihorde Richer ʒ
& þe eorl Beduer.	and þe eorl Beduer.
hu heore iueren ʒ	hou hire iueres ʒ
heom bouoren <sup>2</sup> fuhten.	ʒam bi-vore fohte.
Petreiun heo nomen ʒ	Petrius hii nemen ʒ
& heore inume allen.	10 and his iveref alle.
and mid þreo hudred <sup>3</sup> sweinen ʒ	and mid þreo hundred sweýnesf ʒ
in to wude fenden.	ʒam to wode fende.
And heom feolue fuden ʒ	And hii ʒam feolue wende ʒ
to-ward heore ifæren.	touward hire i-veref.
and smiten a Rō-leoden ʒ	and smote on Romleode ʒ
mid ʒære strengðen.	mid ʒære strengþe.
þer wef moni dunt iʒeuen ʒ	þar was mani dunt iʒeue ʒ
and moni mon þer wef iflaʒen.	and many man a-falled.
þa underʒæt Euander ʒ	þo onder-ʒeat Euander ʒ
þe heðene king wef fwiðe war.	20 þe heaþene king þar. [c.2.]
þat heore uolc gon waxen ʒ	. . . . . gan wex ʒ
and Bruttef gunnen wonien.	. . . . . wanien.
and buʒen heom to-fomne ʒ	. . . . .

mischief 'was among *the* folk [there was rife]—'the wood gan resound, warriors there fell!' *The* Britons withstood them, and strongly defended themselves. Richer heard that, and the earl Beduer, how their comrades before them fought. Petreius they took, and all 'their prisoners [his companions], and with three hundred swains sent [them] 'in 'to *the* wood. And [they] themselves advanced toward their comrades, and smote on *the* Rome-folk with fierce strength; there was many a blow given, and many a man there was slain [felled]. Then perceived Evander, 'who was a [the] heathen king most wary [there], that their folk gan wax, and *the* Britons gan wane;

<sup>1</sup> beonēf, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> biuoren?<sup>3</sup> *R.* hundred.

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his cnihtef feleste.	. . . . .	
and uenon þan Brutten ʒ	. . . . .	
fwulc heo heom wolden abiten.	. . . . .	
Bruttef wokeden þa ʒ	. . . . .	
& heore wes þat wurfe. [c. 2.]	. . . . .	
heo floȝen heo nomen ʒ	. . . . .	
al þat heo neh com̄.	. . . . .	
Wa wef Brutten þere ʒ	. . . . .	
butē Arðure.	. . . . .	
heore hele <sup>1</sup> wef to lutel þere ʒ 10	. . . . .	
at heȝere neode.	. . . . .	
þer wef Borel of-flaȝen ʒ	. . . . .	Borel.
and idon of lif-daȝen.	. . . . .	
Euander king hine aqualde ʒ	. . . . .	Euan[der.]
mid luðere his crafte.	. . . . .	
and þreo Bruttef eke ʒ	. . . Bruttus . . .	
heȝe men iborene.	. . . . .	
þer iflaȝē weoren ʒ	. . . . .	
þreo hundred of heore iueren.	þreo h..... .. hire ivere.	
and monie quike nomen ʒ 20	and man. .... nemen ʒ	
& narwe heō ibūden.	and fafte he.. bunden.	
þa n <sup>3</sup> ten heo godne ræd nanne ʒ	þo hii nuften ʒ	
for alle heo wenden beon dede.	...ne read godne.	

and his best knights approached them together, and *advanced* upon the Britons, as *if* they would them bite. *The* Britons then were weakened, and theirs was the worse; they (the Romans) slew, they took all that they came nigh. Woe was there to *the* Britons, without Arthur! Their remedy was too little there, at *their* great need. There was Borel slain, and deprived of life-day. Evander *the* king him killed with his wicked craft, and three Britons eke, high men born. There were slain three hundred of their 'companions; and many *they* took alive, and fast them bound;—then knew they not any good counsel, 'for they all weened to be dead;' never-

<sup>1</sup> hel, *pr. m.*

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neopelef heo fuhten ⁊  
 fwa ohtliche fwa heo mahte.  
 þa wef ut ifaren ⁊  
 fram Arðuref ferden.  
 þæ king of Peýtouwe ⁊  
 har mon iblowē.

noþe... hii fohten ⁊  
 fo hahtl.... .. hii mihten.  
 þo waf ... .wend ⁊  
 fram Arthur ... ..de.  
 þe king of P.....  
 .... man iblowe.

*Guita*[rd].

Guitard he hehte ⁊  
 Gaſcuñe he ahte.  
 he hæfde to iueren ⁊  
 fif hundred rideren.  
 þreo hūdred ſcuhten ⁊  
 kene men to uehten.  
 and ſeouen hūdred auoten ⁊  
 þa fuſe weorē to harmen.  
 Heo weoren ifaren into þan londe  
 fodder to biwinnen.  
 æiþer uodder and mete ⁊  
 to læden to heore ferde.  
 þa luden heo iherdē ⁊  
 of þan Rom-leoden. [f.158<sup>b</sup>.c.1.]  
 heore dedē heo bi-laſden ⁊  
 and þiderward gūnen liðen.  
 ſtið imodede men & ſwifte ⁊

h. .... .. i-vere ⁊  
 10 fif hundred rideres.  
 þreo hundred ſcuttes ⁊  
 kene men to fihte.  
 and ſoue hundred a fote ⁊  
 þat wilde were to harme.  
 hii wende afor.ged in þat lond ⁊  
 for to feche<sup>1</sup> mete hom.  
 þane cry hii of-horde ⁊  
 of þan Romleode.  
 21 hire pu... hii bi-lefde ⁊ [f.127.c1.]  
 and þide..ard gonne ride.

theless they fought as bravely as they might. Then was (had) out marched from Arthurs host the king of Poitou, hardy man renowned; 'Guitard he hight; Gascony he possessed'; he had for companions five hundred riders, three hundred archers, keen men to fight, and seven hundred on foot that were 'prompt [wild] for harm. They were (had) gone in 'to' the land 'to obtain fodder [for to fetch meat home], 'both fodder and meat, to carry to their host.' The 'clamor [cry] they heard of the Rome-folk; their deeds they relinquished, and thitherward gan ride 'the strong-minded

<sup>1</sup> feche?

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flauþe biðæled.

þat heo comen sone ⁊

an neoufte þan fehte.

Guitard and his cnihtes ⁊

þer riht forð rihtef.

igrippen heore sceldef ⁊

swiðe balde cnihtef.

and alle þe scutten ⁊

scuuen heom biðided.

and þa men auoten ⁊

10

to gunnē fufen.

and alle fomed smiten on ⁊

mid smarten heore dūtē.

At þan uorme sinællen ⁊

Romanisce veollen.

fiftene hundred ⁊

folden to grunden.

þer wes iflæȝen Euander ⁊

þe king wes ful sturne ær.

Catelluf of Rome ⁊

20

forȝæt his domes þære.

þære aftalden þer flem ⁊

þat ær staðel heoldē.

þa ruggef to-wenden ⁊

&amp; fluȝen Rom-leoden.

þat .ii come sone ⁊

ane..... þan fihte.

Gwitard and his cnihtes ⁊

þar anon forþ .....

igr.... ..re scealdef ⁊

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. . . . .

Roman.... ..

..ftene hun....

.... to ... grunde.

þ.. was iflawe Euander ⁊

... king was wel steorne.

Catellus of Rome ⁊

forȝe.. þære his domes.

þo torne.. hii þe rugges ⁊

and floȝen riht swiþe.

[Eua]nder.

men and swift, of sloth devoid,' until they came soon near to the fight. Guitard and his knights there 'right [anon] forth-right grasped their shields, knights most bold; and all the archers pressed them beside; and the men on foot gan advance; and all together *they* on smote, with their smart blows. At the first onset *the* Romanish *men* fell; fifteen hundred to the ground; there was slain Evander, who was 'ere' king 'full [well] stern; Catellus of Rome forgot there his decrees! Then 'made *they* there flight, who ere held conflict'; 'the Rome-folk [they] turned the backs, and fled



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Bruttel heom after buȝen ȝ		and Bruttus ȝam after ȝ
& mid baluwe heom igrætten.		and mid balw. ȝam grette.
and fwa monie heo þer nomen ȝ		and so man.. þar flowen ȝ
and fwa monie heo þer floȝen.		and so man.. þar nome.
þat no mihte Bruttene uerde ȝ		þat ne mihte Bruttus ȝ
bi-ueolen no na <sup>1</sup> mare.		bi-valen no m...
And þa Romanifce men ȝ		And þe Romanifce me.
þe þer at-faren mihten.	[c. 2.]	þat at-flowen were.
at-arnede ful sone ȝ		ear. de wel sone ȝ
to þā kaifere.	10	to þan caýfe.. of Rome.
and talden him tidende ȝ		and tolde him tydinge ȝ
of Arðure þan kinge.		of Arthur þan kinge.
for heo wenden to soðe ȝ		for hii wende to soþe ȝ
þat Arður þider comen.		þat hit Arthur were.
þer wes auared fwiðe ȝ		þo was aferde fwiþe ȝ
þe kaifere & hif ferde.		þe caýf... .. ferde.
þe Bruttel iflaȝe hafden ȝ		.. .. .s iflawe hadde ȝ
þat heom fel þuhtē.		... m god þohte.
aȝeinward heo buȝen þa ȝ		aȝen.... .. wende ȝ
mid baldere biȝete.	20	mid baldere bi-ȝeate.
and to þan stude wenden aȝein ȝ		and to þan stude wende aȝein ȝ [c. 2.]
þer þat feht hafde ibeon.		þar þat fiht hadde ibeon.
and burede þa dedē ȝ		and burede þe deade ȝ

[right quickly]. [And] *the* Britons 'pursued' after them, and greeted them with mischief; and so many there 'they' took, and so many there 'they' slew, that *the* Britons 'host' might not fell any more! And the Romanish men, that 'there might escape [were fled], rode 'full [well] soon to the emperor [of Rome], and told him tidings of Arthur the king;—for they weened in sooth, that Arthur 'thither were come [it were]; then was the emperor and his host greatly afraid, whom the Britons had slain,—that to them seemed good. Backward they (the Britons) 'then' went, with bold booty, and came again to the place where the fight had been, and buried the dead, 'and' the alive [they]

<sup>1</sup> *Superfluous?*

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and þa quike gunnen forð leden.	þe cwike i <sup>1</sup> gonne forþ leade.
And senden after Petreiuŋ ʒ	And supþe after P....um ʒ
þæ heo ær nomen.	þat hii raþer ne...
& after his iueren ʒ	... after ...s iveren ʒ
þæ ær inumen weoren.	. . . . . d him . . . . .
and senden heō alle fuliwif ʒ	. . . . . ohte ʒ
into þære burȝe of Paris.	to þan . . . . .
and þreo castles fulden ʒ	and þ . . . . .
and faste heom biclufden.	. . . . .
after Arðuref hefte ʒ	10 ..... Arthu. . . . .
aðeleft kingen.	..... ..re kinge.
Alle Brut-leoden ʒ	..... de ʒ
luueden Arðuren.	of Arthur . . . . .
alle heom stod him æie to ʒ	
þ wuneden a þan ærde.	
swa dude þan kaifere ʒ	... dude þan .....
of Ærðuŋ he hafde muchele kare.	
and alle Rom-leoden ʒ	... al his Roma..... ..re ʒ
of Arðure weoren a-færde.	
þa wæf mid soðe ifunde ʒ	20 þat was soþ. ....
þat Mærlin fæide whilen.	..t Merlȝn faide ....
þat sculden for Ardure <sup>2</sup> :[l. 159. c. 1.]	þat folde for Arthure ʒ
Rome ifullen afure.	...e alle fare.

gan forth lead. And *they* sent [then *went*] after Petreius, whom they previously captured, and after his companions, that were previously taken, and *sent* [brought] them all full truly 'in' to the burgh of Paris; and filled three castles, and fast them inclosed, after Arthurs command, noblest [of all] kings. All *the* Britons 'loved Arthur [of Arthur *had dread*]; 'to all of them stood dread of him, that dwelt in the land'; so did *it* to the emperor, 'of Arthur he had mickle care;' and all *the* Rome-folk of Arthur were afraid [his Romanish host]. 'Then [That] was '*it* in' sooth found, what Merlin whilom said, that Rome should for Arthur fall in fire (?), and the

<sup>1</sup> hii?<sup>2</sup> R. Arðure.

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and þa wal of stanē ⁊  
 q̄kien and fallen.  
 þaf ilke tacnige<sup>1</sup> sculde beon ⁊  
 of Lucef þan kæiferen.  
 & of þan fenature ⁊  
 þa mid him com̄ of Rome.  
 and of þan feoluē wifen ⁊  
 þæ þer gunnen refen.  
 þat Merlin i furn dajen feide ⁊  
 al heo hit funden þere. 10  
 fwa heo duden ære ⁊  
 and seoððen wel iwhare.  
 ær Arður iboren weore ⁊  
 Merlin al hit bodede.  
 þe kaifere iherde fuggen ⁊  
 foðere worden.  
 hu hif men weorē inunen<sup>2</sup> ⁊  
 and hu hif folc æc of-flajen.  
 þa weorē inē hif ferde ⁊  
 feole valde forȝe. 20  
 summe mænden heore freond ⁊  
 fumme þrætteden heore ueond.  
 summe bonneden wepnen ⁊  
 balu heom wes ȝeueðe.

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and . . . lles of stone ⁊  
 cwak . . . d falle.  
 þeos ilke . . . . . de beon ⁊  
 of Lucef þan . . . ser.  
 and of þan senaturs of Rome ⁊  
 þat mid him þider come.  
 þat Merlȝn . aide in vorne dajē ⁊  
 al hii . . . ifunde þare.  
 so . . . . de eare ⁊  
 and suppe wel . . are.  
 ear Arthur ib.. were ⁊  
 al his hit bode..  
 þe cayfer ihorde fegge ⁊  
 fo . . . e wordes.  
 hou his men were inome ⁊  
 and eake i-flawe.  
 þo were in his ferde ⁊  
 falefold forewe.  
 somme mende hire frend ⁊  
 fomme þrettede hire feond.

walls of stone quake and fall. This same token should be of Luces the emperor, and of the Senators [of Rome], who with him came 'from Rome [thither]; 'and in the same wise, they there gan fall;' what Merlin in fore-days said, all they it found there, as they did ere, and subsequently well everywhere; ere Arthur were born, 'Merlin it all [all it is] predicted. The emperor heard say sooth words, how his men were taken, and 'how his folk *was* ' eke slain. Then were in his army manyfold sorrows; some lamented their friends; some threatened their enemies; 'some got ready *their* weapons,

<sup>1</sup> tacninge?

R. inumen.

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þa ifeh Luces ʒ		þo ifeh Luces ʒ	[f.127 <sup>b</sup> . c. 1.]
þ̅ luðere him ilimped wæf.		þat luþer him bi-falle was.	
for ælche dæi he lofede ʒ		for eche day he lefede ʒ	
of hif leod-folke.		of his leod-folke.	
ah he herm iuredde ʒ			
hif heȝe men he lofede.			
He iwærð ifered þa ʒ		.. he iwarþ afere.. ʒ	
wunder ane fwiðe.		wonderliche fwiþe.	
and nom him to ræde ʒ		..d nam him to reade ʒ	
& to fom rune.	10	... rounne.	
þat he wolde to Æuft ʒ	[c. 2.]	þat he ..... Aufte ʒ	
mid alle hif iuerde.		m.. alle his .....	
forð bi Lengres he wolde uare ʒ		..rþ b. ....res . . . . .	
of Arðure he hafde muchele kare..		. . . . .	
Arður hafde hif hauwaref ʒ		. . . . .	
an hirede þaf kaiferef.		.. ....de þa. ....	
and fone duden him to witen ʒ		... fone dude h.. . . . .	
whuder he wolde wenden.		..der he wold. ....	
Arður lette fone ʒ		..thur lette ....	
fornien hif ferde.	20	..... ferde.	
stilleliche bi nihte ʒ		stilleliche .. .....	
hif cnihtes feleste.		... no man hit nuft.	
and forð þe king wēde ʒ		... .... þe king wende ʒ	
mid fele hif folke.		... .... his folke.	
An his riht honde ʒ		On ... ..nde ʒ	

—mischief was given to them!’ Then saw Luces, that evil was befallen to him, for each day he lost of his people; ‘but he *the* harm felt, his noble men he lost.’ He became then afraid wondrously much, and betook him to counsel and to some communing, that he would *march* to Aust, with all his host; forth by Lengres he would proceed,—of Arthur he had mickle care! Arthur had his spies in *the* army of the emperor, and *they* soon caused him to know whither he (the emperor) would go. Arthur caused soon his host to be assembled, stilly by night his best knights [that no man should it know]; and forth the king marched, with his good folk. On his

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he lette Lengref stonde.  
 and i þæne wæi biforen ferde ⁊  
 þe Lucef faren wolde.  
 þa he com in ane dale ⁊  
 vnder ane dune.  
 þer he gō at-stonden ⁊  
 kenneft alre kigen.  
 þat dale if mid foðe ⁊  
 Sosie. Sofie ihaten.  
 Arður þer adū lihte ⁊  
 and hæhte al hið duȝeðe.

græðien heom to fihte ⁊  
 fwa scolden cnihtes ohte.  
 þ̅ whenne Rom-leoden ⁊  
 þer comen riden.  
 þat heo uengen heom on ⁊  
 swa ohte cnihtes sculden don.  
 Alle þa sweines ⁊  
 & þa unwrære<sup>1</sup> þeines.  
 & of þan smale uolke ⁊  
 feole þufunde.

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he lette Len.... .de.  
 In þane way b. .... .rde ⁊  
 þat Luces come ..lde.  
 þo he com in one dale ⁊  
 vnder one doune.  
 þar he gan at-stonde ⁊  
 ...neft alre kinge.  
 þæ dal. his mid foþe ⁊  
 Sofie iho..  
 10 Arthur þar adun li...  
 an. hehte alle his cn.....  
 þat hii an hiȝeng ⁊  
 ...en hire wepne.  
 and greiþede ȝam to fihte ⁊  
 fo folde cnihtes ohte.  
 þat wane Romleode ⁊  
 þare come ride.  
 þat hii fette ȝam on ⁊  
 afe gode cnihtes folde don.  
 20 Alle þe swenes ⁊  
 and þe ..strange<sup>2</sup> þeines.  
 and of þan smale folke ⁊ [c. 2.]  
 fale þou...ndes.

right hand he let Lengres stand, 'and' proceeded forward in the way that Luces would 'pass [come]. When he came in a dale, under a down, there he gan halt, keenest of all kings;—the dale is in sooth named Sosie. Arthur there alighted down, and ordered all his people, [that they in haste should *get ready* their weapons, and] prepare them to fight, as brave knights should; *so* that when *the* Rome-folk there should come riding, that they should 'attack [set on] them, as 'brave [good] knights should do. All the swains, and the impotent thanes, and of the small (base) folk many thou-

<sup>1</sup> unwræste?<sup>2</sup> R. onstrange.

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þe king heom fette in ane hulle ⁊	þe king he.. .tte vp on an hulle ⁊
mid feole here-marken. [f. 159 <sup>b</sup> .c.1.]	id moný penfiles.
þat he dude for ȝepſcipe ⁊	þat he dude for ȝeapſipe ⁊
þer of he ȝelpen þohte.	þar of he ȝelpe þ....
al ſwa iwarð feoððe ⁊	. . . . .
þer after ful fone.	. . . . .
Arður ten þufend nom ⁊	. . . . .
of aðelen hiſ cnihten.	. . . . .
fende a riht honde ⁊	. . . . .
mid raue bihonge.	10 ... .... bi-honge.
he lette oðere ten þufende ⁊	he let.. oþer ten þouſend ⁊
an hiſ liſt honde.	an ... laſt honde.
ten þuſed biuoren ⁊	ten þouſend ..vore ⁊
ten þuſend biæften.	ten þouſend bi....e.
mid heom <sup>1</sup> feoluen heo <sup>2</sup> heoldē ⁊	mid him ſeolue he heold ⁊
sixtene þuſund.	ſixtene þouſend.
bi-haluſe he ſēde ⁊	bi-haluſe he fende ⁊
in to ane wude hende.	in to an wode hende.
ſeouentene þuſed ⁊	ſceouentene þouſend ⁊
ſelere cnihten.	20 boldere cuihtes.
wel iwepnede men ⁊	wel iwepnede men ⁊
þene wude to bi-witteȝen.	þane wode to witie.
þat heo mihte þider uare ⁊	þat hii mihte þider fare ⁊
ȝif him neod weore.	ȝef ... neod were.

sands, the king set them [up] on a hill, 'with many standards';—that he did for stratagem; thereof he thought to boast, as *it* afterwards happened, thereafter full soon. Arthur took ten thousand of his noble knights, and sent on *the* right hand, clad in armor; he caused other ten thousand *to march* on his left hand; ten thousand before; ten thousand behind; with himself he held sixteen thousand; aside he sent into a fair wood seventeen thousand 'good [bold] knights, well weaponed men, the wood to guard, *so* that they might fare thither, if to him were need. 'Then was of

<sup>1</sup> him ?<sup>2</sup> he ?

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þa wes inne Gloucestre ⁊  
an eorl mid þan bezste.

[Mor]uið.

Moruið wef ihate ⁊  
mon swiðe kene.  
him he bi-tahte ⁊  
þene wude & þa ferde.  
And ȝif hit ilimpeð ⁊  
swa wule þe liuiæde godd.  
þat heo ouer-cumē beon ⁊  
and biginnen to fleō.  
setteð heom after ⁊  
mid allen æouwer mahten.  
and al þat ȝe of-take maȝe ⁊  
doh hit of lif-dajen.  
þa uatte & þa lene ⁊  
þa riche and þa hene.  
For no beo in nau<sup>1</sup> nare leode<sup>1</sup> ⁊  
no in none leode. [c. 2.]  
cnihtef al swa sele ⁊  
swa beoð mid me feolue. 20  
cnihtef al swa ræȝe ⁊  
cnihtef al swa riche.

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þo was ... Gloucestre ⁊  
on eorl mid þan beste.  
Morewiþ was ...te ⁊  
man swiþe kene.  
.im he bi-tahte ⁊  
þane wode and þane ferde.  
þar ȝef hit bi-valleþ ⁊  
afe god him seolf haueþ idiht.  
þat hii ouer-come beone ⁊  
and sette to fleonde. 10  
wendeþ ȝeom ..ter ⁊  
mid alle ȝure mihte.  
and al ... .f-take maye ⁊  
. . . . .  
þa fatte and .. . . .  
þe riche and þe he..  
For ne beoþ in none londe ⁊  
.. in nauere .... . [f. 128. c. 1.]  
....tes .. . . .  
... ..d mi .. . . .  
..... . . . .iȝe ⁊  
. . . . .

Gloucester an earl with the best, Moruith *he* was named, a man exceeding keen; to him he committed the wood and the host.—“And [There] if it befalleth, as ‘the living God will [God himself hath appointed], that they be overcome, and ‘begin [set] to flee; pursue *ye* after them, with all your might, and all that *ye* may overtake, deprive it of life-day; the fat and the lean, the rich and the poor. For in ‘never any [no] land, nor in [ever] any nation are knights all so good as are with myself; knights all so brave,

<sup>1</sup> This line is written on an erasure, and the one which follows has been struck out by a second hand, but is required to complete the distich. The cause of error is the repetition of the word *leode*, for which probably we should read *þeode* in the first instance.

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cnihtes al fwa stronge ⁊		....tef . . . . .
in nauer ane londe.		.. ..e no.. .....
ȝe beoð under crifte ⁊		. . . . .
cnihten alre kenneft.		. . . . .
and ich æm riĥcheft alre kinge ⁊		. . . . .
vnder gode feolue.		. . . . .
do we wel þaf dede ⁊		. . . . .
godd uf wel fpede.		. . . . .
Cnihtef þa andfwarede ⁊		. . . . .
ftilleliche under lufte.	10	. . . . .
Alle we fcullen wel don ⁊		. . . . .
and alle we fcullen to-uon.		. . . . .
niðing wurðe þe cniht ⁊		. . . . .
þe ne cuðe hiſ mahten her riht.		. . . . .
þa fænde heo a ba fiden ⁊		. . . . .
al þa men auoten.		. . . . .
þa lette he fette up þene drake ⁊		. . . . .
heremærkē unimake.		. . . . .
bi-tæhte hine ane kinge ⁊		. . . . .
þe wel hine cuðe halde.	20	. . . . .
Angel kinge of Scotlonde ⁊		. . . . .
þa uormefte uerde heold an honde.		. . . . .
Cador þe eorl of Cornwaille ⁊		. . . eorl . . . .
þa uerde heold baften.		. . . . had.. .. . .
Bof hafde ane ⁊		. . . . . de one ⁊

knights all so powerful, knights all so strong, in ever any land! Ye are under Christ knights keenest of all; and I am mightiest of all kings under God *himself*. Do we well this deed; God us well speed!" *The* knights then answered, stilly under heaven: "All we shall well do, and all we shall undertake; nothing be the knight, that sheweth not his might here right!" Then sent they on both sides, all the men on foot; then caused he the Dragon to be set up, *the* matchless standard; delivered it to a king who well could it hold. Angel, king of Scotland, held in hand (commanded) the foremost troop; Cador, the carl of Cornwall, held the troop behind;



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þe eorl of Oxen-uorde.	. . . . . de.
þe eorl of Chæstre Gerin ⁊	þe . . . . . arȝn ⁊
þa ueorðe uerde heold mid him.	þ . . . . . de mid him.
þa uerden uppen þere dune ⁊	þe ferde . . . . þar doune ⁊
heold Eſcil kig þe <sup>1</sup> Deniſce.	heold þe ki.. of Denemarche.
Lot heold þa ane ⁊	Loth h.ald þar one ⁊
þe leof waf þan kinge. [f. 160. c. 1.]	þat leof was þan kinge.
Howel of Brutaine ⁊	Howel of Brutayne ⁊
heold ane oðere.	.. held an oþer.
Walwain þe kene ⁊	10 Waweȝn . . . .ne ⁊
wef bi þa kinge.	was bi þan kinge.
Kai wuſte ane ⁊	... awiſte one ⁊
ſtiward wæf þaf kingef.	ſtiward was þe <sup>2</sup> kinges.
Beduer ane oðer ⁊	Beduer ... oþer ⁊
þe wef þef kingef birle.	þat was þe kingef borle.
þe eorl of Flandref Howeldin ⁊	þe eorl of Flandres Holdeȝn ⁊ [c. 2.]
ane uerde hefde mid him. [card <sup>3</sup> ⁊ one ferde ladde mid him.	
Ane muchele uerde hefde Gui-	One mochele ferde <sup>4</sup> Gwitard ⁊
þe king of Gaſcunnes ærd.	king of Gaſcoȝne.
Wigein eorl of Leiceſtre ⁊	20 Wȝgein eorl of Leyceſtre ⁊
and Jonatan eorl of Dorcheſtre.	... Jonathas eorl of Dorcheſtre.
heo wuſten þa twa uerdē ⁊	.. i wiſte þe tweȝe ferdes ⁊
þe þer weoren auoten.	þat þar weren a fote.

Beof had one, the earl of Oxford; the earl of Chester, Gerin, the fourth troop held with him. The force upon the down held Æscil, king of Denmark. Lot held the one, who was dear to the king; Howel of Brittany held another. Walwain the keen was by the king. Kay commanded one, *who* was steward of the king; Beduer another, who was the king's cup-bearer. The earl of Flanders, Howeldin, 'had [led] a troop with him. A mickle troop had Gwitard, 'the' king of Gascony 'land'. Wigein, earl of Leicester, and Jonathas, earl of Dorchester, they commanded the two troops that there were on foot. The earl of Chester, Cursaleyn, and the earl of

<sup>1</sup> of?<sup>2</sup> jes?<sup>3</sup> R. Guitard.<sup>4</sup> ferde hadde?

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þe eorl of Chastre Curfelein ⁊	þe eorl .. Cestre Curfaleyn ⁊
and eorl of Baðe þe hehte Urgein.	and þe .... of Baþe Vrgeyn.
Ho <sup>1</sup> bi-wuften ba þa uerden ⁊	hii bi-..... þare ferdes ⁊
þa weoren þær auoten <sup>2</sup> .	þat were ... bi-halues.
þeof sculdē a twa haluen ⁊	þat folde a two .....
halden to þan uehte.	holden to fihte.
to þiffen twam eorlen ⁊	to .....eie eorles ⁊
þa ohte cnihtef weoren.	þat ohte ... . . . .
hafden Arður treoude ⁊	.. Arthur hii .....
þe eorlef weoren treowe. 10	..... hire .....
þa weoren alle þa uerden ifette ⁊	.....e þe .....
alfe Arður fel þuhte.	..... wille.
þa cleopede him to ⁊	þo ..... ur ⁊
þe king of Britaine.	
hif redþiuen alle ⁊	his read . . . . .
þa ræiþeft weoren to dome.	
& þuf feide Arður anan ⁊	and þus faide . . . . .
to aðelen his monnen.	to his gode . . . . .
Hercneð nu touwardes me <sup>3</sup> ⁊	...cneþ nou toward ..
mine winef deore. 20	.... cnihtes deore.
iræfed ȝe habbeoð tweien ⁊ [c. 2.]	hi-..... habbeþ twie ⁊
to Romanif monnen.	to ..... cnihtef.

Bath, 'who hight' Urgein, they commanded both the troops that were there beside; these should on two sides advance to the fight, with these two earls, that brave knights were;—Arthur had troth the earls were true\*. When all the troops were set 'as Arthur thought good [*after his will*], then called to him 'the king of Britain [Arthur] all his councillors, 'that were skilfullest in judgement'; and thus said Arthur anon to his 'noble [good] men: "Hearken now towards me, my dear 'friends [knights]; ye have twice attacked *the* Romanish 'men [knights], and twice they are overcome, and

<sup>1</sup> heo ?<sup>2</sup> bi-halues ?<sup>3</sup> *Interlined.*\* *The second text appears to vary, but is too much injured to be restored.*

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and twien heo beoð ouer-cumen ⁊	and twie ... beoþ ouer-come ⁊
and iflæzen and inumen.	and ifla.e and inome.
for heo al mid wronge ⁊	for he <sup>1</sup> al mid wronge ⁊
wilneden of ure londe.	wilneþ of oure ...de.
and min heorte seið me ⁊	and min heorte faiþ ....
þurh ure drihtē hehne.	[men ⁊ mid help of oure drihte.
þat zet heo scullen beon ouercu-	þat zet hii folle beon ouer-come ⁊
baðe iflæzen and inumen.	boþe iflawe and i..me.
ȝe habbeoð ouer-cumē Noreine ⁊	ȝe habbeþ ouer-come Noreine ⁊
ȝe habbeoð ouercume Denene.	ȝe habbeþ ouer-come Denene.
Scotlond & Irlōd ⁊	11 Scotlond and Irlond ⁊
al iwunen to eouwer heond.	al a-wonne to ȝoure hond.
Normandie and France ⁊	Normandie and France ⁊
biwunnen mid fehte.	bi-wonne mid fihte.
þreo & þritti kinelond ⁊	ich nou <sup>2</sup> in mine hond ⁊
ich halde a mire aȝere hond.	þreo and þritti kinelond.[f. 128 <sup>b</sup> . c. 1.]
þæ ȝe hit <sup>3</sup> under sunnen ⁊	þat ȝe onder sonne ⁊
habbeoð me biwunnen.	habbeþ me bi-wonne.
And þis beoð þa for-cuðefte men ⁊	And þis beoþ þe forcoupefte men ⁊
of alle quike monnen.	20 of alle cwike manne.
hæðene leode ⁊	heapene houndes ⁊
godd heo feondeð laðe.	god hii beoþ loþe.
ure drihten heo bi-læueð ⁊	
and to Mahune heo tuhteð.	

slain, and captured, because they all with wrong covet our land. And my heart saith to me, 'through our high [with help of our] Lord, that yet they shall be overcome, both slain and captured. Ye have overcome Norwegians; ye have overcome Danes; Scotland and Ireland *ye have* all won to your hand; Normandy and France *ye have* conquered with fight. Three and thirty kingdoms I hold in mine 'own' hand, that ye have won for me under *the* sun! And these are the worst men of all men alive; heathen 'people [hounds]! To God they are loathsome; 'our Lord they desert, and to Mahoun they draw.' And Luces, the emperor, of Gods self hath

<sup>1</sup> hii?<sup>2</sup> holde nou?<sup>3</sup> *Superfluous?*

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icēf þe kæifere ʒ  
 dd feolf nauēð nane care.  
 iafueð to iueren ʒ  
 ne hundef.

lef wiðer-iwīnen ʒ  
 eom scullen awelden.

en heom to grunde ʒ  
 uf feoluen beon ifūde.

drihtenef willen ʒ [f. 160<sup>b</sup>.c.1.]

aldeð alle deden. 10

ndfwarede eorlef þare ʒ

we beoð ʒarewe.

bben and to liggeren ʒ

leouen vre kingē.

af ferde wes al idiht ʒ

es hit dai-liht.

es at Lēgeres boʒede ʒ

hif Rō-leode.

ehte hif men blawē ʒ

ʒuldene bemen. 20

nien hif ferden ʒ

he wolde ridē.

Lengres to Auste ʒ

læi hif weie rihte.

ʒ gunnen riden ʒ

And Luces þe caifere ʒ  
 of god seolf nauēþ none ca..  
 þat haueþ to i-vere ʒ

god... wiþerwynnes.

we fol.. .... legge to grunde ʒ

an. ous seolf ifunde.

mid ....tene wille ʒ

þat wal....le deades.

þo anfw.....les þare ʒ

.... w. ....

mid þ. . . . .

... ueft o... ..

.. .. was .. ..

.. .. liht.

and Lu.... . . . . tes ʒ

greiþed. ....de.

And forþ . . . . .

Auste.

re, who hath for companions 'heathen hounds,' Gods enemies; we shall n destroy, and' lay them to ground, and ourselves be safe, with *the* s will, that ruleth all deeds!" Then answered *the* earls there: "All re ready, to live and to lie with our 'dear [dearest] king!" When rmy was all prepared, then was it day-light; [and] Luces 'at Lan- moved, and all his Rome-folk; he commanded his men to blow his n trumpets,' 'get [got] ready his host, 'for forth he would march Lengres to Aust, as his way right lay.' [And] forth gan ride *the*

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Romanisce leoden.  
 þat heo ane mile comen ⁊  
 neh Arðure.  
 þa iherde Rom-leodē ⁊  
 ræȝe tiðenden.  
 ifeȝen alle þa dalef ⁊  
 alle þa dunef.  
 alle þa hullef ⁊  
 mid helmef biþahte.  
 heȝe hare-marken ⁊  
 hæleðef heom heolden.  
 sixti þufende ⁊  
 þrauwen mid wīde.  
 ſceldef blikien ⁊  
 burnen ſcinen.  
 pallef gold-faȝe ⁊  
 gumen ſwiðe ſturne.  
 ſteden lepen ⁊  
 ſtured e þa eorðe.  
 þe keifer ifah þæne king fare ⁊  
 þer he waf bi wude ſcaȝe. 21  
 he Lucef þa ſæide ⁊  
 þæ lauerd of Rome.

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Romaniffe leod.  
 . . . . . mile come ⁊  
 neh . . . . .  
 .. ihorde Romaniffe ⁊  
 . . . . . tydinge.  
 hii feh.. . . . . dales ⁊  
  
 alle þe hulles ⁊  
 mi. helmes blikiende.  
  
 ſtede. leopinge.  
 palles gold-fa..  
 cnihtes wereren<sup>1</sup> ſturne.  
  
 .. caifer ifeh þane king fare ⁊  
 þar he was bi wode faȝe.  
 Luces þo ſaide ⁊  
 þe louerd of Rome.

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Romanish people, until they came a mile near to Arthur. Then heard *the* 'Rome-folk [Romanish *men*] hard tidings; [they] saw all the dales, 'and all the downs', and all the hills 'covered [glittering] with helms; 'high standards, warriors them held, sixty thousand waving with the wind;—shields glitter,' 'burnies shine [steeds leaping]; gold-colored vests, 'men most [knights were] stern; 'steeds leap,—the earth stirred!' The emperor saw the king fare, where he was by *the* wood-shaw; then said 'he' Luces, the lord of Rome, and spake with his 'men [knights], with loud voice:

<sup>1</sup> *R.* wren.

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& spac wið his monnē ⁊  
lud<sup>r</sup>1 stefnen.

and spac wiþ his cnihtes ⁊  
loudere stemne.

What beoð þeof ut-laȝen ⁊ [c. 2.]

Wat beoþ þis vtlawes ⁊

þa þisne wei uf habbeoð for-uaren.

þat þisne wey vs habbeþ forfare.

nime we ure wepnen ⁊

nime we oure wepne ⁊

& heom to wenden.

and heom to wende.

heo sculleð beon iflaȝene ⁊

hii sollen beon iflawe ⁊

and sūme quic iulaȝene.

oþer cwic i-fl... [c. 2.]

alle heo sculle beon dede ⁊

.... hii . . . . .

mid wite fordēmdē.

10

Efne þan worden ⁊

. . . . .

heo iuēgen heore wepnen.

. . . . .

þa heo igæred weoren ⁊

. . . . .

mid gode heore wepnen.

. . . . .

þa spac Luces fone ⁊

. . . . .

þæ lauerd of Rome.

. . . . .

Biliue we heom to ⁊

. . . . .

alle we scullen wel do.

. . . . .

þer weoren icunnen mid him ⁊

. . . . .

fif & twēti kingen.

20

. . . . .

heðene uolc alle ⁊

. . . . .

þa heolden of Rome.

. . . . .

eorlef and dukes eke ⁊

. . . . .

of æstene weorlde.

. . . . .

“What are these outlaws, that have preceded us in this way? Take we our weapons, and march we to them; they shall be slain, and some alive flayed; they all shall be dead, with torment destroyed!” Even with the words they seized their weapons. When they were arrayed with their good weapons, then spake soon Luces, the lord of Rome: “Quickly advance we to them; we all shall do well!” There were come with him five and twenty kings, heathen folk all, that held of Rome, earls and eke dukes, of the eastern world. “Lordings,” quoth Luces then, “Mahoun be gracious

<sup>1</sup> lud, *pr. m.* R. ludere.

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Lauerdingef quæð Lucef þa ʒ	. . . . .
Mahun eou beo liðe.	. . . . .
ʒe beoð kingef riche ʒ	. . . . .
& hereð into Rome.	. . . . .
Rome if mi rihte ʒ	. . . . .
rihccheft alre burʒe.	. . . . .
and ich ah hæxft to beon ʒ	. . . . .
of alle quike mōnē.	. . . . .
ʒe ifeoð her on uolden ʒ	. . . . .
þa ure ifau funden. 10	. . . . .
heo þencheð to rixlien heʒe ʒ	. . . . .
ouer ure riche.	. . . . .
halden uf for hænen ʒ	. . . . .
heom feoluen riche iwurðen.	. . . . .
Ah we heom fcullen forbeoden ʒ	. . . . .
mid baldere strēgðen. [f. 161. c. 1.]	. . . . .
for ure cun hæxft waf ʒ	. . . . .
of alle quike monnen.	. . . . .
and alle þa lond biwinnē ʒ	..d all. . . . .
þa heo on lokeden. 20	.e hii . . . . .
and into Brutlonde ʒ	. . . . . us þe . . . . .
ferde Juliuf þe stronge.	. . . . .rutlonde.
and bi-won him to hondes ʒ	
feole kinelondes.	
Nu wolden ure underlinges ʒ	. . . . . onderlin...
beon ouer uf kinges.	beon ouer ous kinges.

to you! Ye are powerful kings, and obey unto Rome. Rome is my right, richest of all burghs; and I ought to be highest of all men alive. Ye see here on *the* field *those* who are our foes; they think to rule highly over our realm; hold us for base, *and* themselves become rich. But we shall oppose them with bold strength; for our race was highest of all men alive, and won all the lands that they looked on; and Julius the strong marched into Britain, and won to his hands many kingdoms. Now would our underlings be kings over us, but they shall buy it with their bare backs

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ah heo hit scullen a-buggen ⁊  
 mid heore bare ruggen.  
 no scullen heo nauere liðen ⁊  
 aȝæin to Brutaie.  
 Æfne þan worde ⁊  
 þa sturede þa uerde.  
 bi þufend & bi þufēde ⁊  
 heo þruggen to-somne.  
 ælc king of liif folke ⁊  
 ȝarkede ferde.  
 þa hit al waf ifet ⁊  
 & ferden ifemed.  
 þa weoren þar riht italde ⁊  
 fulle fiftene ferden.  
 twein kinges þere ⁊  
 æuere weoren ifere.  
 feouwer eorles and a duc ⁊  
 dihtē heð to-gadere.  
 and þe kæifere him feolf ⁊  
 mid tē þufēd kēpen.  
 þa gon þat folc sturien ⁊  
 þa eoðen<sup>1</sup> gon to dunien.  
 bemen þer bleowen ⁊  
 bonneden ferden.  
 hornes þer aqeðen ⁊

.. hii hit folle a-bugge ⁊  
 mid hire bare lifue.  
 ne follen hii neuere wende ⁊  
 a-ȝen to Brutayne.  
 Eafne þan worde ⁊  
 þo wend. þe ferde.  
 bi þoufend ... .. þoufend ⁊  
 hii þronge. ...-gaderes.  
 ech king of ... folke ⁊  
 10 makede his fer..  
 þo hit was .. ifet ⁊  
 at þe caifere ..... [f. 129. c. 1.]  
 .. .... þar on .....  
 ... .. ferde.  
 ..... ..re ⁊  
 eu... ..  
 .... eorles ... ..  
 ..... hom .....  
 ... ..fer h... ..  
 20 ... ..send .....  
 .. .... þat folk st....  
 .. .... gan to dunie.  
 .... .. blewen ⁊  
 banie hire .....  
 hornes þar acweþen ⁊

[lives]; never again shall they return to Britain!" Even with the words then moved the army; by thousands and by thousands they thronged together; each king prepared [made his] host of his folk. When it was all formed, and the army appointed [at the emperors will], then were there right told full fifteen hosts; two kings there were ever comrades; four earls and a duke disposed them together; and the emperor by himself, with ten thousand champions. When the folk gan to stir, the earth gan to din; trumpets there blew; [their] hosts were arrayed; horns there resounded with loud voice,

<sup>1</sup> R. eorðen.



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mid hæhære stefnen.

mid l..dere stemne.

fixti þufēde ⁊

ane<sup>1</sup> fixti þoufend ⁊

bleowen to-fomne.

bleouwen to-gadere.

Ma þer aqueðen ⁊

Mo þar acwepe ⁊

of Arðuref iueren. [c. 2.]

of Arthur his iveres.

*La Bat-*  
*[aille].*

þene fixti þufende ⁊

feggef mid horne.

þa wolcne gon to dunien ⁊

þe wolkne gan to buuie ⁊

þa eoðe<sup>2</sup> gon to biuien.

þe eorþe gan to dunie.

To-fomne heo heolden ⁊

10 To-gadere hii heolden ⁊

fwulc heouene wolde uallen.

afe heouene wolde falle.

ærft heo lette fleon to ⁊

eareft hii lette fleon to ⁊

feondliche swiðe.

flan al fwa þicke ⁊

flon swiþe þicke.

fwa þe snau adun ualleð.

ftanef heo lettē feoððen ⁊

stones þar after ⁊

fturnliche wiunden.

biterliche winde.

feoððen speren chrakeden ⁊

supþe sealde ..raftly ⁊

fceldef braftleden.

speares strange craky.

helmes to-helden ⁊

20 healmes þar heolde ⁊

heþe men uellen.

many inen þar f. lle.

burnen to-breken ⁊

brunies þar breke ⁊

blod ut ʒeoten.

blod þar gon ʒeote.

ueldef falewe wurðe ⁊

falewede feldes ⁊

sixty thousand blew together. More there sounded of 'Arthurs [Arthur his] companions 'than sixty thousand men with horns;' the welkin gan to 'din [tremble], the earth gan to 'tremble [din]! Together they charged as if heaven would fall! First they let fly, 'exceedingly quick' darts 'all as [exceedingly] thick 'as the snow down falleth'; stones 'they let' 'afterwards sternly [thereafter bitterly] wind *through the air*. Then 'cracked [shivered] spears; 'shivered [cracked strong] spears;—helms [there] rolled; noble men fell;—burnies [there] brake 'in pieces,' blood 'out flowed [there gan flow]; —*the* fields were discolored; standards fell! 'Wounded knights over all

<sup>1</sup> and?<sup>2</sup> R. eorþe.

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feollen here <sup>1</sup> -mærken.		folle hire markes.
Wondrede ȝeond þat wald ȝ		
iwundede cnihtef ouer al.		
fixti hūdred þar weoren ȝ		an fixti hundred were ȝ
to-tredene mid horsen.		to-treode mid þan stedes.
beorēf þer swelten ȝ		Cnihtef þar afwalten ȝ
blodof at-urnen.		blodes vt hurnen.
stræhten after stretef ȝ		vrnen in þan weyes ȝ
blodie stremef.		blodie stremes.
balu wef on uolke ȝ	10	wo þar was mid folke ȝ
þe burft wef vnimete.		þat fiht was onimete.
Swa al swa suggeð writen ȝ		For al so segge þe writes ȝ
þæ witeȝen idihten.		þat wittȝ men dihte.
þat wes þat þridde mæste uiht ȝ		þis was þat þridde meste fiht ȝ [c. 2.]
þe auere wef here idiht.		þat euere here was idiht.
þeo at þan laste ȝ		so þat at þan laste ȝ
nufte nan kempe.		þar no cniht nufte.
whæ he sculde flæn on ȝ		wam he folde smite ȝ
and whā he sculde sparien.	19	ne wan he folde sparie.
for no icneou na man oðer þere ȝ		for ne cnew no man oþer ȝ
for vnimete blode. [f. 161 <sup>b</sup> . c. 1.]		for onimete ...de.
þa hæf þat fiht of þan studē ȝ		þo heaf þat fiht ...an stude ȝ
þer heo ær fuhten.		þar hi ear ...ten.
and bigunnen arumðe ȝ		and bi-gonne afo... ȝ

wandered over the weald'; [and] sixty hundred 'there' were trodden to death by 'horses [the steeds]! Knights there perished; blood out ran;—flowed 'by [in the] paths bloody streams;—woe was [there] among *the* folk, —the 'harm [fight] was without bounds! 'So [For] all as say [the] writings that skilful [men] made, 'that [this] was the third greatest battle that ever here was fought, [so] that at the last no 'warrior [knight] knew 'on' whom he should smite, 'and [nor] whom he should spare; for no man knew other 'there,' for *the* quantity of blood! Then removed the fight from the place where they ere fought, and *they* began widely to rush

<sup>1</sup> heore, *pr. m.*, but *o expuncted, ead. m.*

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ræfen to-somne.  
 and neuuwe ueht bi-gūnen<sup>1</sup> ⁊  
 narewe iþrunge.  
 þer weoren Romleoden ⁊  
 reouliche iladde.  
 þa comen þer kinges þreo ⁊  
 of hæðene londe.  
 of Ethipe<sup>2</sup> wef þe an ⁊  
 þe oðer wef an Aufrican.  
 þe þridde wef of Libie ⁊ 10  
 of hæðene leode.  
 heo comen to þere uerde ⁊  
 a þere æft ænde.  
 & þene ſceld-trume breken ⁊  
 þe Bruttes þer heolden.  
 and anā fælden ⁊  
 fiftene hundred.  
 baldere þeinen ⁊  
 of Arðuref þeoden.  
 þa wenden Bruttes ⁊ 20  
 sone to þa rugges.  
 þa comen þer riden ⁊  
 tweien eorles kene.  
 þat was Beduer & Kæi ⁊  
 Arðuref birle and hiſ mæi.

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reafe to-gadere.  
 and neuwe fiht bi-gonne ⁊  
 narewe hi-þronge.  
 þar werē Romleode ⁊  
 rouliche ilad.  
 þo comen þar kinges þreo ⁊  
 of heaðene londe.  
 of Ethiope was þe on ⁊  
 þe oþer was of Affrican.  
 þe þridde was of Libie ⁊ 10  
 of heaðene londe.  
 hii comen to þan ferde ⁊  
 at þan eaſt eande.  
 and fultrome breke ⁊  
 þat Bruttuffe hel.e.  
 and anon f.lde ⁊  
 fiftene hundred.  
 baldere Bruttus ⁊  
 of Arthures ferde.  
 þo wenden Bruttus ⁊ 20  
 sone to þe rugges.  
 Ac þo com þar ride ⁊  
 twei eorles kene.  
 þat was Beduer and Kay ⁊  
 Arthur hiſ borle and hiſ maȝ.

together; and a new conflict began, narrowly contested;—there were *the* Rome-people grievously treated! Then came there three kings, of heathen land; of Ethiopia was the one; the second was 'an African [of Africa]; the third was of Lybia, of heathen land. They came to the host at the east end, and brake 'the' body-of-troops that *the* Britons 'there' held, and anon felled fifteen hundred bold 'thanes [Britons] of Arthurs 'folk [army]; then *the* Britons turned the backs soon. But then came there riding two keen earls, that was, Beduer and Kay, 'Arthurs [Arthur his]

<sup>1</sup> biginnen, *pr.* m.<sup>2</sup> Ethiope?

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heore Bruttes heo ifehȝen ȝ  
 mid brōden to-hawen.  
 þer iwurðen to-bursten ȝ  
 eorlef fwiðe balden.  
 mid ten þufend cnihten ȝ  
 hælden to þan uihten.  
 amidden þan þrūnge ȝ  
 þer heo þihkeft weoren.  
 and floȝen Romleoden ȝ  
 reouliche swiðen.  
 & ȝeōð þan uehte wenden ȝ  
 after heore iwillen.  
 þa weoren heo to þrifte ȝ  
 and to ufele heom biwuftē. [c. 2.]  
 wala wa wala wa ȝ  
 þat heo neoren war þa.  
 þat heo ne cuðen bi-witen heom ȝ  
 wið heore wiðer-iwinnen.  
 for heo weoren to kene ȝ  
 & to ær wene.  
 and to fwiðe fuhten ȝ  
 and to ueor wendē.  
 and spradden to wide ȝ

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hire Bruttus ifeȝen<sup>1</sup> ȝ  
 mid bronðes to-hewe.  
 þar iworþen wrapeft ȝ  
 cnihtes alre boldeft.  
 mid ten þoufend cnihtes ȝ  
 heolde to þan fihte.  
 amidde þan þringe ȝ  
 þar hii þeckeft were.  
 and floȝen Romleode ȝ  
 10 rouliche fwiþe.  
 and oueral þan fihte wende ȝ [f.129<sup>b</sup>  
 c. 1.]  
 after hire wille.  
 þo weren hii to þrifte ȝ  
 and to vuele ȝam wuſte.  
 wolawo wolawo ȝ  
 þat hii neoren war þo.  
 þat hii ne coupe bi-wittie heom ȝ  
 wiþ hire wiþ...iwinne.  
 for hii were to k...  
 20  
 and to forre wende.  
 a.. spradde to wide ȝ

cup-bearer and his relative; their Britons they saw hewed in pieces with swords. There became 'enraged [wrathest] *the* 'earls most bold [knights boldest of all], *and* with ten thousand knights pressed to the fight, amid the throng, where they were thickest, and slew *the* Rome-folk very grievously; and went over [all] the fight, after their will. Then were they too daring, and ruled them too evilly; alas! alas! that they were not then wary; that they could not guard *themselves* against their enemies! For they were too keen, 'and too presumptuous, and fought too rashly,' and too ar advanced, and spread too widely over the broad conflict. Then

<sup>1</sup> hii feȝen?

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ȝeond þat feht brade.  
 Þa com þe kīg of Mede ʒ  
 þe muchele & þe brade.  
 heðene here-þrihg<sup>2</sup> ʒ  
 þer he hærm wrohte.  
 he ladde to iueren ʒ  
 twenti þufend riderē.  
 he heold on hif honde ʒ  
 ænne gare fwiðe fstronge.  
 Þene gare he uorð frahte ʒ 10  
 mid strōgē hif maine.  
 and fmat þene eorl Beduer ʒ  
 forn a þan breofte.  
 þat þa burne to-barft fone ʒ  
 biuoren and bihinde.  
 ā<sup>3</sup> opened wef hif breofte ʒ  
 þa blod com forð luke.  
 Þer feol Beduer anon ʒ  
 deð<sup>4</sup> uppen uolden.  
 þer wef farineffe ʒ 20  
 forreȝen inoȝe.  
 þer Kai funde Beduer ʒ  
 ded liggen him þer.

occus.

eduer.

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and<sup>1</sup> þ.. fih̄t brode.  
 Þo com þe kin. of Mede ʒ  
 Boccus þe mochele.  
  
 he ladde to iveres ʒ  
 twenti þoufend riȝeres.  
 he heold on his honde ʒ  
 one fpere fstronge.  
 Þane fpere he forþ frahte ʒ 10  
 mid fstronge his maȝn.  
 and fmot þan eorl Beduer ʒ  
 a-forn neȝen þan breofte.  
 þat his brunie to-barft ʒ  
 bi-fore and bi-hinde.  
 and þat breofst was iopenede ʒ  
 þat blod gan to wende.  
 Þar ful Beduer anon ʒ  
 dead vppe þan grunde.  
 þar was wowe ʒ 20  
 and foriniffe inowe.  
 Þo Keay funde Beduer ʒ  
 dead ligge him þar.

came the king of Media, 'the mickle and the broad [Boccus the mickle]; 'a heathen chief,—there he harm wrought';—he led for companions twenty thousand riders; he held in his hand a spear 'exceeding' strong. The spear he forth thrust with his strong might, and smote the earl Beduer before 'in [nigh] the breast, so that 'the [his] burny 'soon' burst, before and behind, and 'his [the] breast was opened; the blood 'came forth luke-warm [gan to flow]. There fell Beduer anon, dead upon [the] ground; there was 'misery [woe and] sorrow enow! 'There [Then] Kay found

<sup>1</sup> ouer?<sup>2</sup> here-þring?<sup>3</sup> ād?<sup>4</sup> ded?

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& Kai þat lich wolde ⁊  
 leden mid him seolue,  
 mid twenti hūdred cnihten ⁊  
 he hælde þer a-buten.  
 and feōdliche feuhten ⁊  
 & falden Rom-leodē.  
 & of Medie þer sloȝen ⁊ [f. 162. c. 1.]  
 moni hundred mōnen.  
 þat ueht wef strōȝ fwiðe ⁊  
 and heo weoren þer to longe. 10  
 þa com þer liðen ⁊  
 a fwiðe ladlic king an.  
 mid fixti þuſēd monnen ⁊  
 ſele of hiſ londen.  
 Setor þe kene ⁊  
 þe com him from Libie.  
 þer þe king ſtronge ⁊  
 wið<sup>2</sup> Kæi him gon fehte.  
 and forwundede Kai fwiðe ⁊  
 inne ſtronge þan fehte. 20  
 to þan bare deðe ⁊  
 reoulich wef þa dede.  
 Hiſ cnihtef þer rihte ⁊

and Kay þat lich wolde ⁊  
 leade mid him seolue.  
 mid twenti hundred cnihtes ⁊  
 þ..<sup>1</sup> he heold þare aboute.  
 and ſtranliche fohten ⁊  
 and falde Romleode.  
 and of Medie þar ſlowen ⁊  
 mani þouſend mannen.  
 þat ſiht was ſwiþe ſtronge ⁊  
 and hii weren þar to longe.  
 þo com þar riden ⁊  
 an king of mochel prude.  
 mid fixti ..... [c. 2.]  
 of hiſ owe .....  
 ..... ihote ⁊  
 ..... ie.  
 þis . . . . .  
 ..þ Kay . . . . .  
 and ..... e ⁊  
 in . . . . .  
 ..n ba.....  
 ..... was þe .....  
 ... ..tes þar riht ⁊

Setor.

Kæi.

Beduer lie him dead there, and Kay would carry *away* the body with himself; with twenty hundred knights he approached thereabout, and strongly fought, and felled *the* Rome-folk, and slew there many thousand men of Media; the fight was exceeding strong, and they were thereat long. Then arrived [came riding] there a king 'most hateful [of great pride], with sixty thousand 'good' men of his [own] land; Setor 'the keen [named], who came him from Lybia. There 'the [this] strong king gan him fight with Kay, and wounded Kay sorely in the strong fight, to the bare death,—

<sup>1</sup> *Superfluous?*

<sup>2</sup> *wið?*

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hine ladden of þan uihte.  
 mid muchelere strengðe :  
 þurh þat feht stræhten.  
 wa wef Arðure kinge :  
 for þa tidige.  
 þæt ifeh þe riche þein :  
 Ridwaðelan wef ihaten.  
 Beduerref fuster fune :  
 of heȝe Bruttef he wef icume.  
 þat Boccus mid his spere stronge :  
 Bedv<sup>9</sup> hafde iftunge.  
 wa wæs hī on liue :  
 þa his æm wef an deðe.  
 for he of alle monnē :  
 mæft hine lufede.  
 He cleopede of his cunne :  
 cnihtef fwiðe gode.  
 & of þan alre leofefte :  
 þe he on liue wufte.  
 fif hundred bi tale :  
 fufden to-fomne.  
 Riwaððlan þa sæide :  
 riche mon of B<sup>tt</sup>ene.  
 Cnihtef ȝe beoð of mine cunne :

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.... .de of þan fihte.  
 wo .as Arthur þan king :  
 for þan ilke tyding.  
 þis ifeh þe bolde :  
 Ridwalþan ... ihote.  
 Beduer his fofter sone :  
 of heȝe Bruttus icome.  
 þat Boccus þe stronge :  
 11 Beduer hadde of-ftonge.  
 wo was him .. liue :  
 þo he i-feh Beduer deade.  
 for he of alle manne :  
 moft hine louede.  
 He cleopede of his cunne :  
 cnihtef fwiþe gode.  
 20 fif h..dred bi tale :  
 wenden to fihte.  
 þo faide Ridwalþan :  
 to lefue his manne.

[c. 2.]

grievous was the deed ! His knights there right carried him from the fight ; 'with mickle strength through the fight *they* pierced.' Woe was to Arthur [the] king for 'the [that] tiding ! 'That [This] saw the 'rich [bold] 'thane.' *who* was named Ridwathlan, 'Beduers [Beduer his] sisters son, of noble Britons 'he was' descended, that Boccus 'with his [the] strong 'spear' had slain Beduer. Woe was to him alive, when 'his uncle was [he saw Beduer] dead ; for he of all men most him loved. He called knights most good of his kindred, 'and of the dearest of all that he knew alive' ; five hundred by tale advanced 'together [to *the* fight]. Then said Ridwathlan, 'noble man of Britain [to his dear men] : " 'Knights, ye are of my kindred,

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cumeð hidere to me.

and wreke we Beduer min æm? Wreke<sup>1</sup> wel Beduer?

þa bezft wef of ure cūne.

þa Buccuf hafð of-ftungen? þat Boccus of-sloh her.

mid hif spere strongen.

fufe we alle to-fomme?

wende we alle to-gadere?

&amp; ure ifan feollen.

and ou.. fon fallen.

Æfne þan worde?

Eafne þan worde?

forð he iwende.

bliue hii forþ wende.

and alle mid him anan? 10

aðele hif iueren.

and Buccuf þene kig icneowen? and Boccus hii icnewe?

þer he waf i compen.

war he was in fihte.

mid hif spere and mid hif ſcelde? mid his spere and mid his ſeald?

monine king<sup>2</sup> he aqulde<sup>3</sup>. [fone? many cniht he leide in feld.]

Riwæððlan braid ut hif ſweord Ridwalþan his ſweord droh?

and hī to ſweinde.

and ſwipte to þan kinge.

and ſmat þane king a þene helm?

þat he a twa to-ueol.

and æc þere burne-hod? 20 and ſmot hine þorh þe brunie-hod?

þat hit at þe toðen at-ftod.

þat hit at þan t... .. [f. 130. c. 1.]

and þe heðene king?

... .. heape... ..

come ye here to me, and 'avenge 'we [well] Beduer, 'mine uncle, who was best of our race,' whom Boccus 'hath slain [slew here] 'with his strong spear.' Go we all together, and fell our foes!" Even with the words 'he [they quickly] forth pushed, 'and all his noble companions with him anon'; and Boccus 'the king' [they] knew, where he was in *the* 'combat [fight]; with his spear and with his shield many a knight he 'killed [laid on *the* field]. Ridwathlan drew 'out' his sword 'soon,' and struck at 'him [the king], and smote 'the king on [him through] 'the helm, so that it severed in two, and eke 'the burny-hood, so that it (the sword) stopt at the teeth; and the heathen king fell to *the* ground, and his foul soul sank into hell!

<sup>1</sup> Wreke we?<sup>2</sup> cniht?<sup>3</sup> aqualde?



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hælde to grūde.	..... gru..
& hif fule faule ʒ	... ..le ʒ
fæh in to helle.	f.. ..
Riwærððlā þa feide ʒ	
ræh he waf on mode.	
Boccu <sup>1</sup> nu þu haft aboht ʒ	Boccus n .. . . . .
Beduer þu floȝe.	Beduer .. . . . .
and þi faule scal to-ȝere ʒ	
beon þaf wurfe iuere.	
Æfne þan worde ʒ	10 ..... þan worde ʒ
fwulc hit þe wind weore.	afe ... .. were.
he þrafte to þan fihte ʒ	he þrafte to þan fih..
fwa þode doð on felde.	afe a þodde doþ in felde.
þeñe he þat duft heȝe ʒ	wan. þat douft heȝe ʒ
aȝiueð from þere eorðe.	heueþ fram þan grunde.
al fwa Riwaððlan ʒ [c. 162 <sup>b</sup> .c.1.]	al fo Ridwalþā ʒ
ræfde to hif feonden.	reafde to his feondes.
Al heo hit floȝen ʒ	Al hii hit of-slawen ʒ
þat heo aneh comen.	þat hii neh come.
þe while þe heo mihte walden ʒ	20 þe wile hii miht welde ʒ
heoren kiewurðe wepnen.	hire kineworþe wepne.
neouren in al þan fihte ʒ	neore in al þan fihte ʒ
cnihtef nane betere.	cnihtef none betere.
þe while þat heom ilafte ʒ	þe wile þat hit lafte ʒ

'Ridwathlan then said,—cruel he was in mood,'—“Boccus, now thou hast bought *dear*, *that* Beduer thou slew; ‘and thy soul shall now be companion of the Worse!’” Even with the words, as *if* it were the wind, he pressed to the fight; as [a] whirlwind doth in *the* field, when ‘it’ heaveth the dust high from the ‘earth [ground], all so Ridwathlan rushed on his enemies. All they it slew that they came nigh, the while ‘that’ they might wield their noble weapons; in all the fight were no knights better, the while

<sup>1</sup> Buccuf, *pr. m.*

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þat lif on heore breofte.  
 Bocc<sup>1</sup> þene king heo of-floȝen ⁊  
 and a þufend of hiſ cnihten.  
 þa wes Beduer awrækē ⁊  
 wel mid þan bezften.  
 þer wef an oht eorl ⁊  
 aðeles cunnes.  
 Leir wef ihaten ⁊  
 lauerd of Buluine.  
 he iſæh i þā fihte ⁊  
 enne ueond fuſen.  
 þat on admirail ⁊  
 of Babiloine he wef ældere.  
 muchel uolc he aualde ⁊  
 uolde to grunde.  
 And þe eorl þat bihædde ⁊  
 an heorte him wef unneðe.  
 he bræid an hiſ breofte ⁊  
 ænne ſceld bradne.  
 and he igrap an hiſ hōd ⁊  
 a ſper þat wef ſwiðe ſtrong.  
 & hiſ horf muneȝeden ⁊  
 mid alle hiſ imaine.  
 and þene admiral hitte ⁊

10

20

þat lif in hir. ....  
 Boccus hii of-slow ⁊  
 ... .. þouſend of hiſ cn.....  
 þo was Beduer a-wreke ⁊  
 wel mid þan beſte.  
 þar was an oht eorl ⁊  
 Leaȝr was ihote.  
 louerd of Boloȝne ⁊  
 cniht mid þan beſte.

Leir.

he iſeh on admirel ⁊  
 lau... .. loȝne.  
 moche folk .. .. ⁊  
 folde to grunde.

Amerel.

. . . . .  
 . . . . .  
 . . . . .  
 .... . eald.

... he ig... . . . .  
 an ſpere . . . . .  
 ..d hiſ . . . . .  
 mid .... .  
 ... þane ..... .

that the life [it] lasted 'them' in their breasts. Boccus 'the king' they slew, and a thousand of his knights; then was Beduer avenged well with the best! There was a brave earl, 'of noble race,' who was named Leir, lord of Boulogne; he beheld 'in the fight an enemy advance, that was' an admiral, of Babylon 'he was prince [lord]; much folk he felled down to the ground. And the earl that perceived; in heart was to him uneasiness; he drew to his breast a broad shield, and he grasped in his hand a spear that was most strong, and spurred his horse with all his main, and hit the admiral with a smart blow under the breast, that the burny gan to

<sup>1</sup> Buccus, *pr. m.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

mid smærtē ane dunte.  
 vnder þere breofte ʒ  
 þat þa burne gon to berfte.  
 þat him þer bæfte ʒ  
 þat ſper þurh ræhte.  
 fulle ane ueðme ʒ [c. 2.]  
 þe ueond feol to grunde.  
 þat ifah fone ʒ  
 þeof admiralē fone.  
 Gecron if ihate ʒ 10  
 and hiſ ſpere grap anā.  
 and ſmat Leir þene eorl ſære ʒ  
 a þa lift ſide.  
 þurh ut þa heorte ʒ  
 þe eorl adun halde.  
*Walwain.* Walwain þat bihedde ʒ  
 þer he weſ on uehte.  
 and he hine iwraðede ʒ  
 wunder ane ſwiðe.  
*Howel.* þat ifah Howel ʒ 20  
 hæh mon of Bruttē.  
 and he þider halde ʒ  
 mid fiſtene hundred monnen.  
 herde here-kenpen<sup>1</sup> ʒ

... ſmorte .. .. .  
 .nder þan breofte ʒ  
 þ.. þe brunie gan to berfte.  
 þat þe ſpere þorh rof. [c. 2.]  
 and he ful to grunde.  
 þif ifeh Getron ʒ  
 þat waſ ... ..rale hiſ fone.  
 he ..... eorle ʒ  
 mid alle ... ..  
 and ſmot hine ....  
 .. þan lift ſide.  
 .... .. .orte ʒ  
 þat he .....  
 Wawejn þat .....  
 ... he waſ in þan fih..  
 .nd Howel þe hende ʒ  
 þat waſ hiſ ivere.  
 mid fiſtene hundred cnihtef ʒ  
 hii heol.. to þan fihte.

burst, so that the spear pierced through 'there behind him full a fathom;' 'the wretch [and he] fell to the ground! 'That [This] saw 'soon the admirals son, who is named Gecron; and grasped his spear anon [Getron, who was the admiral his son; he advanced to the earl with all his might], and smote 'Leir the earl [him] sore on the left side, throughout the heart,—the earl [so that he] down fell. Walwain perceived that, where he was in the fight; 'and he wrathed him wondrously much'; 'that saw Howel, noble man of Brittany, and he thither [and Howel the fair, who was his companion; they to the fight] advanced, with fifteen hundred 'men [knights]; 'hardy

<sup>1</sup> kempen?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

mid Howeƿe fuſden.

and Walwain heō uenon ʒ  
ſwiðe ſtið imoded mon.

he hefde to iferen ʒ

fiſ and twenti hundred.

baldere Brutten ʒ

þa bigunnē heo to fehten.

þer weoren Rom-leoden ʒ  
reouliche iledde.

Howel heom kepte ʒ

Walwain heō imette.

þer weſ wunderlic grure ʒ

þa welcnen aqueððe.

þa eorðe gunnen to buuiē ʒ

ſtanef þer burſten.

urnen ſtremef of blode ʒ

of ærmen þan folke.

þat wel weſ unimete ʒ

þa weoren Bruttes werie.

Kinard þe eorle of Strugul ʒ 20

bilefde þene king Howel.[f. 163. c. 1.]<sup>1</sup>& inom mid him Labi<sup>9</sup> ʒRimarc & Bocloui<sup>9</sup>.and Waweȷn ȷeom ouenon ʒ  
ſwiþe moded man.þa. w... Romleode ʒ  
rouliche .....

10 Howel ȷam kepte ʒ

...eȷn ȷam imette.

þar w... ..rfolle cry ʒ

þe wolc... ..weþe.

ourne grete ſtremes ʒ

of Romaniffe bloddes.

Kinarþ þe eorl of Strogoylle ʒ

*Kinard.*

nam mid him Jabius ʒ

Rimarc and Boclouius.

warriors with Howel went'; and Walwain before them man most 'stern' of mood; 'he had for comrades five and twenty hundred bold Britons,—then began they to fight!' There were *the* Rome-folk grievously treated; Howel them attacked, Walwain them met; there was wondrous cry, the welkin resounded; 'the earth gan to tremble, *the* stones there shivered!' [Great] streams of [Romanish] blood ran 'from the wretched folk, the slaughter was immense, then were *the* Britons weary!' Kinard, the earl of Striguil, left the king Howel, 'and' took with him 'Labi<sup>9</sup> [Jabius],

<sup>1</sup> A line is here missing.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

þif weorē þa kenefte men ⁊  
 þat æi kīg ahte.  
 þeof weoren on moncunne ⁊  
 eorles main stronge.  
 heo nalden for heore mucle mode ⁊ hii ....e for hire mo..... ⁊  
 fulien Howeþe þan gode. folwý Howel þ...go..  
 ah bi heom feoluen heo floʒen ⁊ ... ʒam seolf flowe ⁊  
 alle þe heo neh come. al þ.. ... come.  
 þat ifæh a riche mon ⁊ þat ifeh a rich. ... ⁊  
 of þan Rom-leoden. 10 .. an Romleode.  
 hu Kinard þe kene ⁊ ou Kinarþ þ. kene ⁊  
 heore uolc þer aqualde. hire folk þar acwelde.  
 and þe cniht gon him alihten ⁊ and þe cniht gan him alihte ⁊  
 of leofuen hif steden. of leoue hif stede.  
 and nom him on his honde ⁊ and nam him an hond ⁊  
 a spere imaked of stele. a spere imaked of stele.  
 & bi-walede hine a blode ⁊  
 & bi-haluf him eode. and he bi-halues gan gon ⁊  
 þ he com a þan ende ⁊  
 þer sæht Kinard þe stronge. 20 þar faht Kinarþ þe stronge.  
 Kinardef burne he up ahof ⁊ Kinarþ his burnie he vp ahof ⁊  
 and he þene eorl þer of-floh. and þane eorl he ..... [f. 130<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.]  
 þa ʒeiden lude ⁊ þo gradde loude ⁊  
 alle Rom-leode. .. .....de.  
 and buʒen to þan Bruten ⁊ and tornde to ... ..tus ⁊

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xlii.

þes were þe kenefte men ⁊  
 ... eni king hadde.

Rimarc, and Boclovius. These were the keenest men that any king had; 'these were among men earls mighty strong!' They would not, for their mickle mood (pride), follow Howel the good, but by themselves 'they' slēw all that they came nigh. That saw a powerful man of the Rome-people, how Kinard the keen killed there their folk; and the knight gan him alight from his dear steed, and took him in 'his' hand a spear made of steel, 'and bathed it in blood'; and he aside 'went [gan go], 'until he came to the spot' where Kinard the strong fought. 'Kinards [Kinard his] burny he up raised, and he the earl there slew. Then shouted loud all *the* Rome-

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

& heore trume brekē.		and hire tr.... ..	
& feollen here-marken ʒ		... folle hehȝe ma....	
uolc adun helden.		ȝe bufie cnih...	
ſceldef ȝer ſcenden ʒ			
ſcalkef ȝer feollē.			
ȝer ueollen to grunde ʒ		... .. to ȝan grunde ʒ	
fiſtene ȝuſende.		..... .. ſend.	
baldere Brutten ʒ		balder. ....	
balu ȝer wef riue.		...re ȝar was riue.	
Swa ilaſte longe ʒ	[c. 2.] 10	.. ....te lange ʒ	
ȝat uiht ſwiðe ſtronge.		ȝat fiſ. .... ſtrange.	
Walwain gon ȝeonge ʒ		Waweȝne wende oueral ʒ	<i>Walw[ain].</i>
ȝeond ȝat wæl muchele.			
and fomnede hiſ cnihtef alle ʒ		an fohte hiſ cnihtef ʒ	
ȝer he heom funde i fihte.		and gader...e alle.	
Aneouſte ȝer com riðe ʒ		ȝat a-liue weren ..leſde ʒ	
Howel ȝe riðe.	[anon ʒ and Howel hiſ .....		<i>Howel.</i>
heo fomneden heore beire <sup>1</sup> uolc			
& forð heo gunnen fuſen.		al forthe gonne <sup>2</sup> wende.	
and riden to Rom-leoden ʒ	20	... riden to Romleode ʒ	
mid raȝere wraððen.		... ſtrangere wreȝȝe.	
& faſtliche heom to buȝen ʒ		a... ..re forſte come ʒ	

folk, and turned to the Britons, and brake their troops; and 'felled the standards [the busy knights felled the high standards], 'the folk down sank; shields there shivered, warriors there fell'; there fell to ground fifteen thousand bold Britons,—mischief there was rife! So lasted long the fight exceeding strong. Walwain gan pass over [all] 'the mickle slaughter,' and 'assembled all [sought] his knights, 'where he found them in *the* fight [and gathered all that were left alive]. 'There near came riding Howel the mighty; they assembled their fair (?) folk anon, and [and Howel, his companion; all] forth they gan wend, and rode to *the* Rome-folk with strong wrath, and 'quickly approached them [... first

<sup>1</sup> veire? *Perhaps superfluous?*<sup>2</sup> hii gonne?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

and breken þere Freinſce trumen. b.... hire ful-trome.

*Walwain.*

And Walwain forð rihte ʒ

And Waweýn riht þer ʒ

þer he ifunde.

*Luces.*

Luceſ þene kaiſer ʒ

ifeh Luces þan caýfer ʒ

leouien under ſcelde.

&amp; Walwain him to ſweinde ʒ

and Waweýn to him ſweinde ʒ

mid þe ſtelene ſweorde.

mid ſtelene ſweorde.

and þe kaiſere hine ʒ

and þe caýfer him ʒ

þat com<sup>1</sup> wef ſwi<sup>2</sup> ſturne.

þat gome was wel kene.

ſceld aȝein ſcelden ʒ

10

ſciuren þer wunden.

ſweord aȝein ſweorde ʒ

fw...rd aȝein ..eord ʒ

ſweinde wel ilome.

fweýnde ..l ilome.

fur fleh of þe ſtelen ʒ

.at fur ſprang vt . . . . .

þa ueond weoren abolȝen.

þe cnihtes wer. ....e.

þer wef uiht<sup>3</sup> ſwiðe ſtrög ʒ

þar was fiþ. .... ong ʒ

ſtureden al þa ferden.

aſtored w. . . . rde.

þe kaiſere wende ʒ

þe caýfer wen..

Walwai to ſcende.

Waweýn to ſcende.

þat he mihte an uere daȝe ʒ 20

þat he mihte þar after ʒ

ȝelpen uor þere deden.

ȝelpe for þe dede.

Ah Brutteſ him þrunge to ʒ

Ac Bruttus heom þrunge to ʒ

þræfliche ſwiðe.

wroþliche ſwiþe.

came], 'and' brake their 'French' ranks. And Walwain 'forth [there] right, 'there he found [saw] Luces the emperor 'live under shield'; and Walwain struck at him with 'the' steel sword, and the emperor *struck at* him, who was man exceeding 'stern [keen]; 'shield against shield, *the* pieces (?) there flew'; sword against sword clashed well often, [*so that*] fire 'flew from [sprang out of] the steel; the 'adversaries [knights] were enraged! There was fight most strong,—'all' the host [was] stirred! The emperor weened to destroy Walwain, that he might 'in after days [thereafter] boast for the deed. But *the* Britons thronged *towards* them,

<sup>1</sup> gome?<sup>2</sup> ſwiþe?<sup>3</sup> viht, *sec. m.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

& þa Romanifce men ʒ [t 163 <sup>b</sup> . c. 1.]	and þ. Romaniffe men ʒ	
arudden heore kæiferen.	hire cayfer a-redde.	
and heo to-fomne heolde ʒ	and hii to-gaderef heolden ʒ	
fwulc heouene wolde ualle.	afe heuene wolde f..... [c. 2.]	
Alle þene dai-liht ʒ	..... . . . t ʒ	
heo heolden feoððen þat fiht.	hii h..... . . . . fihte.	
anc lutle stūde ʒ	one ..... . . . .	
ær þe sunne eode to grunde.	... .. fonne ... . . . .	
Arður þa cleopede ʒ	. . . . .	[Ar]ður.
aðelest alre kinge.	10 ..... . emne.	
Nu we heō to alle ʒ	... .. alle ʒ	
mine cnihtef ohte.	mine ..... . . . .	
& godd feolf uf fulste ʒ	and god fulf .. . . .	
ure feōd to afallene.	heom forto falle.	
Æfne þan worden ʒ	. afne þan worde ʒ	
þa bleou men þa bemen.	þo blewe men þe bumes.	
fiftene þufend anan ʒ	fiften þoufende ʒ	
þrafte to blauwen.	þrafte to blowend.	
hornef and bemen ʒ	hornes and bumes ʒ	
þa eorðe gon beouien.	20 þe earþe gan to biuie.	
for þan vnmete blafe ʒ	for þan grete baste <sup>1</sup> ʒ	
for þan mucle ibeote.	for þan grete drede.	
Romleoden wenden ʒ	Romleode wende ʒ	

most angrily, and the Romanish men liberated their emperor; and they charged together as if heaven would fall! All the day-light they held afterwards the fight, a little while ere the sun went to ground (set). Arthur then called,—'noblest of all kings [with loud voice]:—"Now go we all to them, my brave knights! And God *himself* aid us 'our enemies [them for] to fell!" Even with the words then blew men the trumpets; fifteen thousand 'anon' thronged *together* to 'blow [blowing], horns and trumps; the earth gan to tremble for the great blast, for the 'mickle clamor [great dread]! *The* Rome-folk turned [the] backs to 'the fight [*the* Bri-

<sup>1</sup> blaſte?



MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

rug to þan fehten.  
 feollen here-marken ⁊  
 heȝe men ſwulten.  
 fluȝen þa þe mihten ⁊  
 þa ueie<sup>1</sup> þær feollen.  
 Muchel mō-flæht wef þere ⁊  
  
 ne mihte hit na man tellen ⁊  
  
 hu feole hundred monnen ⁊ 10  
 to-heouwē þer weoren.  
 i þan mucle þrunge ⁊  
 i þan mon-flæhte.  
 [Luce]s. Wef þe kaiſere of-flæȝē ⁊  
 a feolcuðe wiſt.  
 þat nuſte hit nauer ſeoðen ⁊  
 na mon to fugen.  
 of nauer nare cuðde<sup>2</sup> ⁊  
 wha þene kaiſere qualde.  
 Bute þa þet feht waſ al idon ⁊ [c.2.]  
 and þat folc wef al ibliſſed. 21  
 þa funde men þene kaiſere ⁊  
 of-ſtungen mid ane ſpere.

þe rugges to Bruttus.  
  
 floȝen hii þat mihte ⁊  
 þe weȝes weren folle.  
 Moche man ..... was þare ⁊  
 moche ..... moche care.  
 ne maȝ no ... telle ⁊  
 ine boke ne in ſpelle.  
 of alle þan hundredes ⁊  
 þat to-hewe were.  
 in þan mochele þringe ⁊  
 of þan man-flæhte.  
 Was þe caȝfer of-slawe ⁊  
 ſelcoupe wiſ.  
 ... uſte hit no man ſup..  
 .. uere none cuþþe.  
 ... .. beon ⁊  
 þat .....  
 Bote þo . . . . .  
 . . . . .  
 . . . . .  
 . . . . .

tons]; 'standards fell,—noble men perished,'—'those [they] fled who  
 might,—the 'fated there fell [ways were full]! Much man-slaughter was there  
 [much sorrow, much care]; 'might it [may] no man tell [in book or in  
 speech], 'how many hundred men [of all the hundreds that] were there hewed  
 in pieces in the mickle throng, 'in [of] the man-slaughter! The emperor  
 was slain in strange manner, so that no man of ever any country afterwards  
 ever knew it 'to say, who [it should be, that] killed the emperor. But when  
 the fight was all done, and the folk was all in joy, then found men the em-  
 peror pierced through with a spear. Word came to Arthur, where he was

<sup>1</sup> ueien, *pr. m.*, but the last letter erased.

<sup>2</sup> cuðde ?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.	
and com to Arðure ?	. . . . .	
þe wef on telde.	. . . . .	
þe kaifere wef of-flaȝen ?	. . . . .	
þidon of lif-dæȝen.	. . . . .	
þur lette flæn an teld ?	Arthur . . . . .	Arður.
þidden ænne bradne ueld.	amidde .ne br... ..	
þer iberen lette ?	and þider in lette ....	
þef þene kaifere.	Luces þan caȝfere.	
þette hine bitillen ?	and lette hine helye ?	
þgold-faȝe pallen.	10 . . . . .	[f.131.c.1.]
þbiwitē hine þer lette ?	. . . . .	
þdæȝef fulle.	. . . . .	
þwhile he wurchen lette ?	. . . . . tle ?	
þverc swid <sup>1</sup> riche.	...ork fwi... ..	
þcheſte longe ?	.ne ch... lange ?	
þwreon heo al mid golde.	iwr... al mid golde.	
þlette leggē þer inne ?	And letten do þar ine ?	
þef of Rome.	Luces of Rome.	
þef a ſwiðe duhti mon ?	... was a doh.. man ?	
þwhile hiſ dæȝef ilaſten.	20 wile ... dawes were.	
þet dude Arður mære ?	þet dude A.thur more ?	
þeſt alre Brutte.	þendeſt alre kinge.	
þur afechen lette ?	þe lette feche kinges ?	

As tent, that the emperor was slain, and deprived of life-day. Arthur caused a tent to be pitched, amidst a broad field, and thither [in] caused to be borne Luces the emperor, and caused him to be covered with gold-embroidered clothes; and caused him there to be watched three full days, the while he caused to be made a work exceeding rich, a long chest; 'and it was covered all with gold. And he caused to be laid therein Luces of Rome, who was a 'most' doughty man, 'the' while his days 'lasted [were]. And yet did Arthur more, 'noblest [fairest] of all 'Britons; Arthur [kings]; and caused to be sought 'all the powerful men, kings 'and' earls,

<sup>1</sup> swiðe ?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

alle þa riche.

kingef and eorles ʒ

and þa riccheſte beornes.

þa i þan fehte weoren i-flaȝen ʒ

and idon of lif-dæȝen.

he lette heom burien ʒ

mid baldere pruten.

Buten þreo kingef he beren lette<sup>1</sup> ʒto<sup>2</sup> Lucef þan kaiſere.

and lette makien beren ʒ

riche and fwiðe maren. [f. 164. c. 1.]

and lette heom fōe ʒ

fenden to Rome.

And grette Rom-weren alle ʒ

mid grætē ane huxe.

and feide þat he heom fende ʒ

þat gauel of hiſ londe.

and eſte wolde heō alſwa ʒ

fenden heom gretinge ma.

ȝif heo ȝirnen woldē ʒ

of Arðureſ golden.

and þer after wulle<sup>3</sup> fone ʒ

riden into Rome.

and tellen heom tiðinge ʒ

eorles and heredringges.

þat in þan fihte weren iflaȝe ʒ

and idon of lifdaȝe.

he lette ȝam burie ʒ

mid mochelere prude.

Bote þreo kinges he lette bere ʒ

Luces þan caiſere.

and lette makie beres ʒ

riche and fwiþe meare.

and lette ȝam fone ʒ

fende to Rome.

And grette Rom-cnihtes ʒ

... hiſ grim reases.

an. .... þat he ȝam ſen..

... ga... of hiſ londe.

and ... he wolde al fo ʒ

fende gretinge mo.

ȝef hii ȝeorne wolde ʒ

of Arthures golde.

And her after fone ʒ

ich wolde come to Rome.

and telle ȝou tyðinge ʒ

and 'the richest barons [chieftains], who in the fight were slain, and deprived of life-day; he caused them to be buried with great pomp. But he caused three kings to bear Luces the emperor, and caused a bier to be made, rich and exceeding lofty; and caused them soon to be sent to Rome. And greeted all the Rome-people with a great taunt [his grim assaults], and said that he sent them the tribute of his land, and eft [he] would also send 'them' more greeting, if they would yearn of Arthurs gold; and 'thereafter [hereafter] full soon 'ride into [I will come to] Rome, and tell

<sup>1</sup> lette bere ?<sup>2</sup> *Superfluous ?*<sup>3</sup> fulle ?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

of Brutlondef<sup>1</sup> kinge.  
 and Rome wallef rihten<sup>2</sup> ⁊  
 þe ȝare weoren to-fallen.  
 and fwa ich wulle<sup>3</sup> aweldē<sup>4</sup> ⁊  
 þe wode Rom-leoden.  
 Al þif ȝelp wef idel ido<sup>5</sup> ⁊  
 for eoðer weif hit eode.  
 al oðer hit itidde<sup>6</sup> ⁊  
 þe leoden he bilæfden.  
 al þurh Modred if mæin<sup>7</sup> ⁊ 10  
 for-cuðeft alle monnen.  
 A þā muclehe fihte<sup>8</sup> ⁊  
 Arður of his cnihtef lofefede<sup>4</sup>.  
 fif and twēti þuſend<sup>9</sup> ⁊  
 a uolden to-hawwen.  
 of Brutton ſwiðe balde<sup>10</sup> ⁊  
 biræued at liue.  
 Kæi wef forwunded feore<sup>11</sup> ⁊  
 wunder a<sup>5</sup> ſwiðe.  
 to Kinun he wef ilad<sup>12</sup> ⁊ 20

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

of . . . . . kinge.  
 and Rome . . . . .  
 .. ȝare were .. .. .  
 an .. ich wolle a.....  
 .. wode Romleode.  
 .. . . . . was idon<sup>1</sup> ⁊  
 ac oþer .... hit eode.  
 .e leode he bi-lefde<sup>2</sup> ⁊  
 þorh luþer tidinge.  
 al þorh Modred his maȝ<sup>3</sup> ⁊ [c. 2.]  
 for..uþeft manne.  
 A þan mochele fihte<sup>4</sup> ⁊  
 Arthur lofede .. . . . .tes.  
 fif and twenti þouſend<sup>5</sup> ⁊  
 he funde to-hewe.  
 of Bruttuf ſwiþe bolde<sup>6</sup> ⁊  
 bi-reafed of lifue.  
 Kay w. . . . .nded þare<sup>7</sup> ⁊  
 wonder on. ....  
 .o Kȝnū he was il..

'them [you] tidings of *the* king of Britain, and Rome-walls repair, that were of yore fallen down;—" And so will I rule the fierce Rome-folk!" All this boast was 'idly' done, 'for [but] otherwise it fared, all *otherwise* it happened:—the people he left [through wicked tiding], all through Modred his relative, wickedest of 'all' men! In the mickle fight Arthur lost of his knights, five and twenty thousand, hewed in pieces 'on the ground [he found], of Britons most bold, bereaved of life. Kay was wounded 'sore [there], wondrously much; to Kinun he was carried, and soon thereafter he was dead. He was buried there beside the

<sup>1</sup> Brutteflondes, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> wullen, *pr. m.*, but struck out by the same hand, and awelden added in the margin.<sup>3</sup> mæi?<sup>4</sup> R. losede.<sup>5</sup> ane?

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and fone þer after he wes ded.	...	ne þar after he w.. ...
bi-bured he wes þere ʒ		hi-bured he was þare ʒ
bi-halue þan castle.		bi-fides þan castle.
imong heremiten <sup>1</sup> ʒ		heremites a-mong ʒ
þat wæf þe riche mon.	[c. 2.]	Kay þat was þe riche man.
Kæi hehte þe eorl ʒ		Key hehte þe eorl ʒ
Kinun þe castel.		Keynun þe castel.
Arður ʒef him þene tun ʒ		Arthur ʒef him þane toun ʒ
and he þer to tumde <sup>2</sup> .		wile he was on liue.
and sette þer þene nome ʒ	10	and he sette þare þane nome ʒ
after him feoluen.		after him feolue.
for Keifes dæðe ʒ		
Kain he hit hehte.		
nu and auere mare ʒ		no. and eueremore ʒ
fwa hit hehte þere.		þ. nam. ... deþ þare.
Seoððen Beðuer wef iflæʒen ʒ		Suppe Beduer was of-slawe ʒ
and idon of lif-dahʒen.		and ido of lifdaʒe.
Arður hine beren lette ʒ		Arthur hine bere lette ʒ
to Bæiof his castle.		to Roios <sup>3</sup> his castle.
and biburied he wef þere ʒ	20	and þar he was ibured ʒ
inne þere burʒe.		in-þare borwe.
wið uten þan fuð ʒæte ʒ		with houte .e supʒeate ʒ
in eorðe me hine fette.		in eorþe hii .... ..yde.

castle, among hermits, [Kay,] who was the noble man. Kay hight the earl, Kinun the castle; Arthur gave him the town, 'and he thereat was entombed [while he was alive], and [he] set there the name after himself; 'for Kays death he named it Kain' (Caen); now and evermore 'so it hight [the name standeth] there. After Beduer was slain, and deprived of life-day, Arthur caused him to be borne to his castle Bæios (Bayeux), and there he was buried, in the burgh; without the south gate in earth 'men [they] him laid. Howeldin was 'floated [carried] forth into Flanders; and all

<sup>1</sup> heoren . . . n, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> tumbede, *pr. m.*<sup>3</sup> Bæios?

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Howeldin iulut<sup>1</sup> wef:  
 forð into Flandref.  
 and alle hif bezfte cnihtes:  
 þer flutten uorð rihtes.  
 in to þan eorldomen:  
 þēne heo þer comen.  
 and alle þa dede:  
 in corðe me heom leide.  
 inne Teruane:  
 heo liggeoð alle clane. 10  
 Leir þene eorl me ladde:  
 in to Buluine.  
 & Arður þer æfter feoððe:  
 wunede in ane londe.  
 inne Burguine:  
 þer him bezft þuhte.  
 þat lond he al hiwufte:  
 and alle þe castles sette.  
 and feide þat he wolde:  
 him feolue þ̅ lond holde. 20  
 And feoððen he his beot makede:  
 a fumere þat he wolde. [[f.164<sup>b</sup>.c.1.]  
 faren into Rome:

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Holdeyn ilad . . . . .  
 forþ into Flandref.  
 and ....e cnihtes:  
 þar . . . . .htes.  
 in to þan . . . . .  
 ... hii her ....  
 . . . . .  
 . . . . . de.  
 in .....uane:  
 . . . . .  
 10 Leyr ... eorl me ladde:  
 in to Boloÿne.  
 And Arthur þar after:  
 on wile wonede. [f.131<sup>b</sup>.c.1.]

*Leir.*

þat lond he al wifte:  
 and .. . . . . sette.  
 and feide þat .. wolde:  
 20 him seolf þ̅ . . . . . hadde.  
 and þar in wonie:  
 and þanne he wolde fone:

his best knights there floated forth-right into the earldoms whence they 'there [here] came. And all the dead in earth men them laid; in Terouane they lie all clean. Leir, the earl, men carried into Boulogne; and Arthur 'then' thereafter dwelt 'in a land [awhile] 'in Burgundy, that to him seemed best'; the land he all ruled, and all the castles appointed; and said that he would himself 'hold [have] the land. 'And afterwards he made his threat, that he would in summer march into [and therein dwell until summer came, and then he would soon march to] Rome, 'and ac-

<sup>1</sup> *Written on an erasure by a second hand.*

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& ahnienien<sup>1</sup> al þa riche.  
 and beō him feolf kaifere :  
 þe Lucas wuneden ære.  
 And monie of Rom-leoden :  
 wolden þat hit swa eoden.  
 for heo weoren adradde :  
 to heore bare deðe.  
 þat monie þer awæi fluȝē :  
 and heore castlef bibuȝen.  
 and mōie fende fonde :  
 to Arðure þan stronge.  
 and monie him speken wið :  
 & ȝirnden Arðures grið.  
 and fumme heo wolde :  
 aȝein Arðure halden.  
 and halden wið him Rome :  
 & weren<sup>3</sup> þa leode.  
 and neoðeles heo auered weoren :  
 for heore uæie-fiðen.  
 þat nuften heo under criste :  
 nenne ræd godne.  
 þa wef hit itimed þere :  
 þat Merlin faide while.

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wende to Rome.  
 and .... seolf caifer :  
 þe .... wonede her.  
 And m... Romleode :  
 wolde ... ȝeode.  
 for hii weren adrad :  
 to hire bare deaþe.  
 and manȝe aweȝ wende :  
 and hire castlef lete stonde.  
 and manie fende fonde :  
 to Arthur þan stronge.  
 and ȝeorise<sup>2</sup> speke him wiþ :  
 and ȝornde Arthur his griþ.  
 and fomme hii wolde :  
 ...n Arthur stonde.  
 and ....n wiþ him Rome :  
 and werie þe riche.  
 and nopeles a-fered weren :  
 alle þat þar woned .n.  
 þat nuften hii onder criste :  
 godne read nāne.  
 þo was hit ifunde :  
 þat Merlin faide wile.

quire all the realm,' and himself be emperor where Lucas ere dwelt. And many of *the* Rome-folk would that it so should be, for they were adread to their bare death, 'so that [and] many away 'there' fled, and their castles 'abandoned [let stand]; and many sent messengers to Arthur the strong; and 'many [earnestly] spake with him, and yearned 'Arthurs [Arthur his] peace; and some they would against Arthur 'hold [stand], and hold Rome against him, and defend the realm. And nevertheless 'they' were afraid 'for their destruction [all that there dwelt], so that they knew not under Christ any good counsel. Then was it there 'come to pass [found], what

<sup>1</sup> ahnien ?<sup>2</sup> ȝeorne ?<sup>3</sup> werien ?

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þ Rom wallef sculden ʒ		þ.. Rome walles folde ʒ	
aȝein Ardure <sup>1</sup> to-uallen.		a.... Arthur to-falle.	
þat waf agan þære ʒ		... .. a-gon þare ʒ	
bi þan kaifere.		bi þan .....re.	
þa ueol þer ine fehte ʒ		þat full . . . . .	
mid fifti þufund monne.		mid fixti þ..... ..	
ruren þer to grunde ʒ			
riche Rom-leoden.			
þa Arður wende to foðe ʒ		þo A..... . . . .	
to aȝein al Rome.	10	to w..... ..	
& wunede inne Burguine ʒ		... ..nede ... ..	
richeft alre kinge.		..... alre ...ge.	
þa com þer in are tiden ʒ	[c.2.]	þo ... .. ridinge ʒ	
an oht mon riden.			
and brohte tidinge ʒ		and brohte Ar.... tyðinge ʒ	
Arðure þan kinge.			
from Moddrede hif fufter fune ʒ		fram Modred hif ..... [c.2.]	<i>Modred.</i>
Arðure he wes <sup>2</sup> wilcume.		. . . . .	
for he wende þat he brohte ʒ		. . . . .	
boden fwiðe gode.	20	. . . . .	
Arður lai alle lōge niht ʒ		Arth.. . . . .	
and fpac wið þene ȝeonge cniht.		..d fpac wiþ ... .. cniht.	
swa nauer nulde he him fugge ʒ		ac no weis he n.... ..e ʒ	

Merlin said *ere*-while, that Rome-walls should fall down before Arthur; that was fulfilled there by the emperor, who fell there in *the* fight, with fifty thousand men; 'there sank to *the* ground *the* rich Rome-people!' Then Arthur weened in sooth to win all Rome, and dwelt in Burgundy, noblest of all kings. Then came there 'on a time a brave' man riding, and brought tiding to Arthur 'the king', from Modred, his sisters son; to Arthur he was welcome, for he weened that he brought news most good. Arthur lay all *the* night long, and spake with the young knight; 'so never

<sup>1</sup> R. Arðure.<sup>2</sup> we, *pr. m.*



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foð hu hit ferde.  
 þa hit wef dæi a marȝen ⁊  
 and duȝeðe gon ſturiē.  
 Arður þa up araf ⁊  
 and ſtrehte hiſ ærmes.  
 he araf up and adun fat ⁊  
 ſwulc he weore ſwiðe ſeoc.  
 þa axede hine an uæir cniht ⁊  
 Lauerd hu hæueſt þu iuaren to-  
 Arður þa andſwarede ⁊ [niht. Arthur him anſwerede ⁊  
 a mode him wes uneðe. 11 mid .... .eh. wordes.  
 To niht a mine ſlepe ⁊  
 þer ich læi on bure.  
 me imætte a ſweuen ⁊  
 þer uore ich ful fari<sup>1</sup> æm.  
 Me imette þat mon me hof ⁊  
 uppen are halle.  
 þa halle ich gon bi-ſtridē ⁊  
 ſwulc ich wolde riden.  
 alle þa lond þa ich ah ⁊ 20 a. . . . .def þat ich had..  
 alle ich þer ouer ſah.  
 and Walwain fat biuoren me ⁊  
 and Waweia fat bi-vore me ⁊

here ou hit ferde.  
 þo ... was dai . . orwe ⁊  
 and .e doȝeþe gan to ſtorie.  
 Arthur þo vp a-ros ⁊  
 and ſtrahte mid harmes.  
 he a-rof vp and adun fat ⁊  
 afe he were ſwiþe ſeak.  
 þo axede him þe cniht ⁊  
 Louerd ou hæueſt þou fare to-niht.  
 [niht. Arthur him anſwerede ⁊  
 mid .... .eh. wordes.  
 To niht in mine bedde ⁊  
 þar ich lay in boure.  
 me imette a ſweuen ⁊  
 þar fore ich fori ham.  
 Me mette þat men me fette ⁊  
 vppen one halle.  
 .e halle ich gan bi-ft...  
 ... .h wolde ride.  
 a. . . . .def þat ich had..  
 .... .h ȝam iſeh þare.  
 and Waweia fat bi-vore me ⁊

Arthur.

Walwain.

[but *in* no wise] would he say 'to him' sooth [here] how it fared. When it was day on *the* morrow, and [the] people gan to stir, Arthur then up arose, and stretched [with] 'his' arms; he arose up, and sate down, as if he were exceeding sick. Then asked him 'a fair [the] knight: "Lord, how hast thou fared to-night?" Arthur 'then [him] answered,—'in mind he was uneasy—[with mild words]: "To-night in my 'sleep [bed], where I lay in chamber, I dreamt a dream,—therefore I am 'full' sorry. I dreamt that men 'raised [set] me upon a hall; the hall I gan bestride, as if I would ride; all the lands that I 'possessed [had], all I there 'overlooked [them saw]. And Walwain sate before me; my sword he bare in hand.

<sup>1</sup> *sa, pr. m.*

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mi fweord he bar an honde.  
 þa com Moddred farē þere<sup>1</sup> [f. 165.  
 mid unimete uolke. c. 1.]  
 he bar an hiſ honde<sup>2</sup>  
 ane wiax ſtronge.  
 he bigon to hewene<sup>3</sup>  
 hardliche ſwiðe.  
 and þa poſtes for-heou alle<sup>3</sup>  
 þa heolden up þa halle.  
 þer ich iſeh Wenheuer eke<sup>3</sup> 10  
 wimmonnen leofueſt me<sup>1</sup>.  
 al þere muche halle rof<sup>2</sup>  
 mid hire honden<sup>3</sup> heo to-droh.  
 þa halle gon to hælden<sup>3</sup>  
 and ich hæld to grunden.  
 þat mi riht ærm to-brac<sup>3</sup>  
 þa feide Modred haue þat.  
 Adū ueol þa halle<sup>3</sup>  
 & Walwain gō to ualle.  
 and feol a þere eorðe<sup>3</sup> 20  
 hiſ ærmes brekecn beine.  
 & ich igrap mi fweord leofe<sup>3</sup>  
 mid mire leoft honde.

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min fweord he bar an honde.  
 þo com Modred wende þare<sup>3</sup> *Modred.*  
 mid onimete folke.  
 he bar on his .....  
 .ne hax ſwiþe ſtr...  
 .. bi-gan to hewe<sup>3</sup>  
 .....he ſwiþ.  
 ... ..s for-hew. ....  
 þat ..... ppe þan halle.  
 þar ... .. eake<sup>3</sup> *Wenhauer.*  
 Gwenaýfer þe cwene.  
 al ..re mochele alle<sup>2</sup> rof<sup>2</sup>  
 mid hire hond ȝeo to-droh. [f. 132.  
 þe halle gon to holle<sup>3</sup> c. 1.]  
 ..d ich ful to grūde.  
 ... .. riht arm to-br..  
 .o faide Modred h. ue þat.  
 Adun ful þe halle<sup>3</sup>  
 ... Waweýn was of-falle.  
 ... .. þare eorþe<sup>3</sup>  
 hiſ ar... ..ke beyne.  
 And ich ig... my gode fweord<sup>3</sup>  
 mid mine luſt honde.

Then approached Modred there, with innumerable folk; he bare in his hand a 'battle'-axe [most] strong; he began to hew exceeding hardily; and the posts all hewed in pieces, that held up the hall. There I saw Wenhaver 'eke [the queen], 'dearest of women to me'; all the mickle hall roof with her hand she drew down; the hall gan to tumble, and I tumbled to *the* ground, so that my right arm brake in pieces,—then said Modred, 'Have that!' Down fell the hall; and Walwain 'gan to fall [was fallen], and fell on the earth; his arms both brake. And I grasped my 'dear [good] sword with my left hand, and smote off Modred his head, so that it rolled

<sup>1</sup> me leofueſt?<sup>2</sup> halle?<sup>3</sup> hondeden, *pr. m.*

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and smæt of Modred if hafd ⁊	and smot of Modred his hefð ⁊
þat hit wond a þene ueld.	þat hit wefde a. . . . felde.
And þa quene ich al to-fnaðde ⁊	And þe cwean. . . . un . . . .
mid deore mine fweorede.	
and feoðen <sup>1</sup> ich heo adum <sup>2</sup> fette ⁊	
in ane swarte putte.	in one f. . . . .
And al mi uolc riche ⁊	. . . al mi . . . . .
fette to fleme.	. . . . . fleonde.
þat nuſte ich under criſte ⁊	. . . . . criſte ⁊
whar heo bicumen weoren. 10	war þat . . . . . re.
Butē mi feolf ich gond <sup>3</sup> atftondē ⁊	Bote mi seol. . . . . aftonde ⁊
uppen ane wolden.	vppe on. . . . .
& ich þer wondrien agon ⁊	
wide 3eōd þan moren.	
þer ich ifah gripef ⁊	þar ich ifeh gri. . . .
& grifliche fu3elef. [c. 2.]	. . . wonderliche fo. . . .
þa com an guldene leo ⁊	þo com a guldene . . .
liðen ouer dune.	liþe ouer doune.
deoren fwiðe hende ⁊	
þa ure drihten make <sup>4</sup> . 20	
þa leo me orn foren to ⁊	þis leo . . . an fwiþe to ⁊
and iueng me bi þan midle.	and nam bi þan midd. . .
& forð hire gun 3eongen ⁊	and forþ he me gan leode ⁊

on the field. And the queen I 'cut all in pieces with my dear sword, and afterwards I' set 'her' down in a black pit. And all my good people set to flight, so that I knew not under Christ, where [that] they were gone. But myself I gan stand upon a weald, 'and I there gan to wander wide over the moors'; there I saw gripes, and 'grisly [wondrous] fowls! Then approached a golden lion over *the* down;—' a beast most fair, that our Lord made';—the [this] lion ran 'towards [quickly to] me, and took 'me' by the middle, and forth 'gan her move [he gan me carry], and to the sea

<sup>1</sup> feoðen?<sup>2</sup> gon?<sup>3</sup> R. adun.<sup>4</sup> makede?

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& to þere sæ wende.  
 And ich ifæh þæ vðen ⁊  
 i þere sæ driuen.  
 and þe leo i þan ulode ⁊  
 iwende wið me<sup>1</sup> feolue.  
 þa wit i sæ comen ⁊  
 þa vðen me hire binomen.  
 cō þer an fiſc liðe ⁊  
 and feredē me to londe.  
 þa wef ich al wet ⁊  
 & weri<sup>2</sup> of forʒen and feoc.  
 þa gon ich iwakien ⁊  
 fwiðe ich gon to quakien.  
 þa gon ich to biuien ⁊  
 swulc ich al fur burne.  
 And fwa ich habbe al niht ⁊  
 of mine sweuenene<sup>3</sup> fwiðe iþoht.  
 for ich what to iwiffe ⁊  
 agan if al mi bliffe.  
 for a to mine liue ⁊  
 forʒen ich mot driʒe.  
 wale þat ich nabbe here ⁊  
 Wēhauer mine quene.

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and to þare ſée wende.  
 A...e leo in þan flode ⁊  
 ..... mid mi feolue.  
 þo ... .. ſée come ⁊  
 þe beares me hire bi-nome.  
 com þar a fiſc fwemme ⁊  
 and brohte me to londe.  
 10 þo was ich al wet ⁊  
 wery and fwiþe feak.  
 þ. gan ich to wakie ⁊  
 þo ga. ich to cwakie.  
 And þus ich ha... al nih ⁊  
 of mine fweu... moche iþoht.  
 for ich wot al mid iwiffe ⁊  
 agon hiſ al min bliffe. [c. 2.]  
 20 for auere to mine lifue ⁊  
 forewe ich mot drihe.  
 wele þat ich nadde her ⁊  
 mine cweane Gwenaýfer.

went. 'And I saw the waves drive in the sea'; and the lion in the flood went with myself. When we came in *the* sea, the waves took her from me; *but* there 'approached [came swimming] a fish, and brought me to land;—then was I all wet, 'and' weary 'from sorrow,' and [very] sick. When I gan to wake, 'greatly [then] gan I to quake; 'then gan I to tremble as if I all burnt with fire.' And 'so [thus] I have all night of my dream much thought; for I wot [all] with certainty, gone is all my bliss, for ever in my life sorrow I must endure! Alas! that I 'have [had] not here Wenhaver, my queen!" Then answered the knight: "Lord, thou hast

<sup>1</sup> wide mid, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> were, *pr. m.*<sup>3</sup> sweuene?

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þa andfwarede þe cniht :  
 Lauerd þu haueft un-riht.  
 ne ſculde me nauere ſweuen :  
 mid forʒen ærecchen.  
 þu ært þe riccheſte man :  
 þa rixleoð on londē.  
 and þe alre wiſeſte :  
 þe wuneð under wealcne.  
 3if hit weore ilimpe :  
 ſwa nulle<sup>2</sup> hit ure drihte.  
 þat Modred þire fufter ſune :  
 hafde þine quene inuæ.  
 and al þi kineliche lōð :  
 iſæt an hiſ aʒere hond.  
 þe þu hi bitahteſt :  
 þa þu to Rome þohteſt.  
 and he hafde al þuſ ido :  
 mid hiſ ſwikedome.  
 þe ʒet þu mihteſt þe awreken :  
 wurðliche mid wæpnen.  
 & æft þi lond halden :  
 and walden þine leoden.  
 and þine feond fallē :

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þo anſwerede þe cniht :  
 Louerd þou haueft onriht.  
 ne folde me neuere ſweuen :  
 to hame<sup>1</sup> teorne.  
 þou hart þe riccheſt man :  
 þat rixlep in londē.  
 þeh hit w.re bi-ſalle :  
 aſe nele hit oure drihte.  
 þat Modred þin ſofter ſone :  
 hadde þin cweane inome.  
 and al þine lond :  
 ..et o. ... owe hond.  
 þat þou hi. ...-tahteſt :  
 þo þou to Rom. ..hteſt.

[L. 165<sup>b</sup>.  
c. 1.]

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wrong ; men ſhould never a dream 'with ſorrow interpret [turn to harm]. Thou art the mightieſt man, that reigneth in land, 'and the wiſeſt of all that dwelleth under heaven.' 'If [Though] it were befallen,—as will it not our Lord!—that Modred, thy ſiſters ſon, had taken thy queen, and ſet all thy 'royal' land in his own hand, that thou to him committedeſt, when thou thoughteſt to go to Rome ; 'and had he done all this with his treachery, the ' yet thou mighteſt thee avenge 'with weapon [exceeding] worthily, and eſt thy land hold, and 'govern [all] thy people, and thine

<sup>1</sup> harme ?<sup>2</sup> wulle, *per. m.*

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þe þe ufel unnen.  
 and flæn heð alle clane ⁊  
 þet þer no bilauē nāe.  
 Arður þa andfwarede ⁊  
 aðeleft alre kinge.  
 Longe bið æuere ⁊  
 þat no wene ich næuere.  
 þat æuere Modred mi mæi ⁊  
 1  
 wolde me biſwiken ⁊ 10  
 for alle mine richen.  
 no Wenhauer mi quene ⁊  
 wakien on þonke.  
 nulleþ hit biginne ⁊  
 for nane weorld-monne.  
 Æfne þan worde forð riht ⁊  
 þa andfwarede þe cniht.  
 Ich fugge þe foð leofe king ⁊  
 for ich æm þin vnderking.  
 þus hafeð Modred idon ⁊ 20  
 þine quene he hafeð ifon.  
 and þi wūliche lond ⁊

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.lean to grunde.  
 þat þar ne .. . fde none ⁊  
 of þine wiþer-.....f.  
 Aarthur þo anfwe....e ⁊  
 wifest alre kinge.  
 L.... .. beoþ euere ⁊  
 þat ne wen ich neuere.  
 þat eu. re Modred my meay ⁊  
 þat man his me leoueft.  
 10 wolde me bi-ſwike ⁊  
 for al mine riche.  
 ne Gwenayfer min cwean ⁊  
 .. al þat ich wene.  
 nollep hii hit bi-gynne ⁊  
 for none worle-þinge.  
 Eafne þan worde forþriht ⁊  
 þo anſwerede þe cniht.  
 Ich wolle foþ ſegge king ⁊  
 for ich ham þin onderling.  
 20 þos haueþ Modred idon ⁊ [£ 132<sup>b</sup>.c.1.]  
 þine cweane he haueþ Inome.  
 and al Brutlond ⁊

'enemies [foes] fell, 'who did evil to thee, and slay them all clean, that there remain not one [clean to ground, that there should not remain one of thy adversaries]." Arthur then answered, 'noblest [wisest] of all kings: "So long as is ever, weened I that never, that ever Modred, my relative, who is man dearest to me, would betray me, for all my realm, nor Wen-haver, my queen, 'weaken in thought; [in all that I ween; they] would it not begin, for any worldly 'man [thing]!" Even with the words forth-right then answered the knight: "I [will] say 'thee' sooth, 'dear' king, for I am thy underling. Thus hath Modred done; thy queen he hath taken, and 'thy fair land [all Britain] set in his own hand. He is

<sup>1</sup> A line is here wanting.

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ifæt an hif aȝere hond.  
 he if king & heo if que<sup>1</sup> ✓  
 of þine kume nis na wene. [c. 2.]  
 for no weneð heo nauere to soðe ✓  
 þat þu cumen aȝain frō Rōe.  
 Ich æm þin aȝen mon ✓  
 & ifeh þiane swikedom.  
 and ich æm icumen to þe feoluen ✓  
 soð þe to suggen.

min hafued beo to wedde ✓  
 þat ifæid ich þe habbe.  
 soð buten lefe ✓

of leofen þire quene.  
 & of Modrede þire fufter fune ✓  
 hu he hafueð Brutlōd þe binume.

þa sæt hit al stille ✓  
 in Arðuref halle.  
 þa wes þer særinæsse ✓  
 mid fele þan kinge.  
 þa weoren Bruttifce men ✓  
 swiðe vnbalde uorþæn.  
 þa umbe stunde ✓  
 stefne þer sturede.

ifet to his owene hond.  
 he his his<sup>2</sup> king and ȝeo cweane ✓  
 of þine keome nif no wene.  
 for hii weneþ al to soþe ✓ [Rome.  
 þat þou ne comest neuere fra  
 Ich ham þin owe man ✓  
 ich feh þane fwikedom.  
 min heued ich legge to wed... ✓  
 soþ þat ich þe segge.

10 min heued ich legge to wed... ✓  
 soþ þat ich þe segge.

þo sat hit al stille ✓  
 in Arthur his halle.  
 þo was þar moche forinisse ✓  
 mid .....r þ.n kinge.  
 þo wer...uttusse men ✓  
 swiþe onb...d for þan.  
 þo bi an stunde ✓  
 stemne þar storede.

king, and she 'is' queen; of thy coming is *there* no expectation, for they ween 'not ever [all] in sooth, that thou [never] shalt come 'back' from Rome. I am thine own man, 'and [I] saw 'this [the] treason; 'and I am come to thyself, to say thee sooth.' My head 'be [I lay] in pledge, that I 'have said [say] thee sooth, 'without leasing, of thy loved queen, and of Modred, thy sisters son, how he hath taken Britain from thee.'" Then sate it all still in 'Arthurs [Arthur his] hall; then was there [much] sorrow with 'the good [Arthur the] king; then were *the* British men therefore exceedingly dispirited. Then after a while voices there stirred; wide men

<sup>1</sup> R. quene.<sup>2</sup> Sic MS.

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wide me mihte iheren ʒ  
 Brutten iberen.  
 and gūne to tellen ʒ  
 a feole cunne spellen.  
 hu heo wolden for-deme ʒ  
 Modred & þa quene.  
 and al þ̅ moncun for-don ʒ  
 þe mid Modred heolden.  
 Arður þa cleopede ʒ  
 hendeft alre Brutte.  
 Sitteð adun stille ʒ  
 cnihtef inne halle.  
 and ich eou telle wulle ʒ  
 spellef vncuðe.  
 Nu to-mærȝe þēne hit dæi bið ʒ  
 & drihten hīe fende.  
 forð ich wulle buȝe ʒ  
 in toward Bruttaine. [[t. 166. c. 1.]  
 and Moddred ich wulle scaln<sup>1</sup> ʒ  
 & þa quen for-berne. 20  
 and alle ich wulle for-don ʒ  
 þa biluueden þen fwikedom.  
 And her ich bileofuen wulle ʒ  
 me leofueft monne.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

wide me mihte ...re ʒ  
 Bruttune beare.  
 hii g..ne to telle ʒ  
 of fale cunn. ...le.  
 hou hii wolde ford.me ʒ  
 Mordred an. . . cweane.  
 and al þat ..... for-don ʒ  
 þat mid M..... eolden.  
 Arthur þo fa...  
 10 hendeft alre Brutte.  
 Sitteþ adun stille ʒ  
 cnihtes in halle.  
 and ich ȝou telle wolle ʒ  
 spelles uncoupe.  
 Nou to-morwe wane hit dai beoþ ʒ  
 and drihte hine fendeþ.  
 fo... .. wolle wende ʒ  
 into Brutayne.  
 and Modred ich wolle slean ʒ  
 and for-bearne þe cweane.  
 And her ich wolle bi-leaue ʒ  
 Howel þan eande.

might hear *the* Britons clamor, 'and [they] gan to tell in speeches of many kind, how they would destroy Modred and the queen, and slay all the people that held with Modred. Arthur then 'called [said], fairest of all Britons: "Sit ye down still, knights in hall, and I will you tell strange discourse. Now to-morrow, when it is day, and *the* Lord it sendeth, forth I will march 'in toward [into] Britain; and Modred I will slay, and burn the queen; 'and all I will destroy, that approved the treachery.' And here I will leave *the* dearest of men to me, Howel 'my loved relative [the fair], noblest

<sup>1</sup> fclean?



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Howel minne leofue mæi :  
 hefst of mine cunne,  
 and half mine uerde :  
 ich bilæfuē a þissen ærde,  
 to halden al þif kine-lond :  
 þa ich habbe a mire hond.  
 & þenne þaf þing beoð alle idone :  
 aȝan ich wulle to Rome.  
 & mi wunliche lond bitatæche<sup>1</sup> :  
 Walwaine mine mæie,           10  
 and iuorþe mi<sup>2</sup> beot seodðe<sup>3</sup> :  
 bi mine bare life.

scullen alle mine feond :  
 wæi-fið makeȝe.  
*Walwain.* þa stod hi up Walwain :  
 þat wef Arðures mæi.  
 and þaf word faide :  
 þe eorl wef abolȝe.  
 Ældrihtē godd :  
 domef waldend.           20  
 al middel-ærdef mund :  
 whi if hit iwurðen.  
 þat mi broðer Modred :

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hehest of mine cūne :  
 manne me leouest.  
 and half mine ...de :   [c. 2.]  
 ich bi-leaue in þis ea...  
 to holde al þis kinelon.  
 ... .. habbe in mine hond.  
 A...ane þeos þinges beoþ idon :  
 a-ȝen ich wulle toward R...  
 and mi lond bi-tak.  
 ....n mine meaye.

folle a... .. fon :  
 þis fwikedom ...ge<sup>4</sup>.  
 þo stod vp Waweyn :  
 þat was Arthures cun.  
 and þeos word ..... :  
 þe cniht was ..ol..  
 .. drihtene ..  
 20 ..... ..ouere<sup>5</sup>.  
 ... ..red :

of my kin ; and half my army I *will* leave in this land, to maintain all this kingdom, that I have in my hand. And when these things are 'all' done, back I will *come* to[ward] Rome, and deliver my 'fair' land to Walwain my relation ; 'and afterwards perform my threat, by my bare life' ; all my 'enemies [foes] shall 'be destroyed [pay for this treachery]!' Then stood him up Walwain, who was Arthurs relative, and said these words,—the 'earl [knight] was incensed : "Almighty God ! ruler of dooms [comforter of mankind], 'guardian of all middle-earth !' Why is it befallen, that my

<sup>1</sup> R. bitæche.<sup>2</sup> uoreni, *pr. m.*<sup>3</sup> feoðe ?<sup>4</sup> abugge ?<sup>5</sup> mancunnes frouere ?

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þif morð hafueð itimbred.	þif .... itimbred.
Ah to dæi ich at-fake hine here ʔ	... .. h hine fake <sup>1</sup> ʔ
biuoren þifere duȝeðe.	bi-.... .is doȝeþe.
and ich hine for-demen wulle ʔ	and ich .... wolle ʔ
mid drihtenef wille.	mid drihte... ..
mi feolf ich wulle hine an-hon ʔ	.. seolf ich wolle .... n ʔ
haxft alre warien. [laȝe ʔ	
þa quene ich wulle mid goddes	and þe cwea.. ... <sup>2</sup>
al mid horfen to-draȝe. [c.2.]	
For ne beo ich nauere bliðe ʔ	for ne worþe ... .. .liþe ʔ
þa wile a <sup>3</sup> beoð aliue. 11	ear come .. time.
and þat ich habbe minne æm ʔ	þat ich habbe min eam ʔ
awræke mid þan bezfte.	awreke mid þan ..fte.
Bruttus þa andfwarede ʔ	Bruttus þo anfwe....
mid baldere stefne.	..d cwikere stem..
Al ure wepnen funden ȝarewe ʔ	Al o... wepne his ȝare ʔ
nu to-marȝen we scullen uaren.	nou to-morewe we follen vare.
A marȝen þat hit dæi wes ʔ	A morwe þo hit dai was ʔ
& drihten hine fenden.	and drihte hine fende.
Arðu <sup>4</sup> uorð him wende ʔ 20	Arthur him forþ wende ʔ
mid aðelen hiȝ folke.	..d gode his cnihtes.
half he hit bilæfde ʔ	halue .. þare lefde ʔ

brother Modred this sin has wrought? But to-day I forsake him 'here,' before this assembly; and I will him destroy with *the* Lords will; myself I will him hang, 'highest of all wretches;' [and] the queen 'I will, with Gods law', 'draw all in pieces with horses [destroy]. For may I never be blithe, 'the while I am alive [ere the time shall come], until I have avenged mine uncle with the best!' Then answered *the* Britons with 'bold [quick] voice: "All our 'weapons are [weapon is] ready; now to-morrow we shall march!" On *the* morrow when it was day, and *the* Lord it sent, Arthur forth him moved, with his good 'folk [knights]; half he 'it [there] left, and

<sup>1</sup> asake?<sup>2</sup> cweane for-don?<sup>3</sup> ich?<sup>4</sup> R. Arður.

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& half hit forð ladde.  
 Forð he wende þurh þat lond ⁊  
 þat he com to Whit-fond.  
 fciþen he hæfde fone ⁊  
 monie & wel idone.  
 ah feowertene niht fulle ⁊  
 þere læi þa uerde.  
 þeos wederef abiden ⁊  
 windef bi-delde.  
 Nu waf fum for-cuð kempe ⁊ 10  
 in Arðuref ferde.  
 anæn swa he demen iherde ⁊  
 of Modredef ðeðe<sup>1</sup>.  
 he nom<sup>2</sup> his swein aneoufte ⁊  
 and fende to þiffen londe.  
 and fende word Wenhaueren ⁊  
 heou hit waf iwurðen.  
 and hu Arður wef on uore ⁊  
 mid nuclere ferde.  
 and hu he wolde taken on ⁊ 20  
 & al hu he wolde don.  
 Þa quene com to Modred ⁊<sup>[f.166<sup>b</sup>  
c.1.]</sup> þe cwea... .o Mod...  
 þat waf hire leofueft monnef.

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and halue he forþ ladde.  
 Forþ he wende þorh þat l.nde ⁊  
 þ... e com to Witfond.  
 s...f he hadde fone ⁊  
 manie and ... . . . . [f.133.c.1.]  
 ac fourtene niht .....  
 ... . . . . ferde.  
 weder a-....  
 wýndes bi-dealed.  
 ... .s fom forcouþ cniht ⁊  
 .. . . . ures ferde.  
 þat þo .. . . . .eme ⁊  
 of Modred ... . . .  
 he nam his fw.yn one ⁊  
 ... fende to londe.  
 ..d fende word Gwenaýfer ⁊  
 ... . . . was iworþe þar.  
 a... . . Arthur was on vore ⁊  
 m... . . . . lere ferde.

half 'it [he] forth led. Forth he marched through the land until he came to Whitsand; ships he had soon, many and excellent; but 'full' a fortnight there lay the host, abiding 'the' weather, deprived of wind (becalmed). Now was *there* some wicked knight in Arthurs army, 'anon as [who when] he heard *it* determined of Modreds death, he took [one] his swain 'quickly,' and sent to 'this' land; and sent word to Wenhaver, how it had [there] happened, and how Arthur was on *his* march, with *a* great host; 'and how he would take on, and all how he would do.' The queen came to Modred, who was to her dearest of men, and told him tidings of

<sup>1</sup> R. deðe.<sup>2</sup> mon, *pr. m.*

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and talde hī tidende ʒ	...	tydinge ʒ	
of Arðure þan kinge.	of	..... nge.	
hu he wolde taken an ʒ	ou	wold. ....	
& al hu he wolde don.	and al ou he	.....	
Modræd nom hif fonde ʒ	..dred	nam his .....	
and fende to Sex-lond.	... ..de	to Saxlond.	
after Childriche ʒ	.....	.....driche ʒ	[Chi]ldric.
þe king wcs swiðe riche.	þane	..... þan riche.	
and bæd hine cume to Brutaine ʒ	and b..	..... me to Brutlonde ʒ	
þer of he bruke sculde.	10	..... be folde.	
Modræd bad Childriche ʒ			
þene stronge & þene riche.			
weide fenden fonde ʒ			
a feouwer half Sexlonde.			
and beoden þa cnihtef alle ʒ			
þat heo biȝeten mihte.			
þat heo comen fone ʒ			
to þiffen kinedone <sup>1</sup> .			
and he wolde Childriche ʒ			
ȝeouen of hif riche.	20	al . . . . . hond.	
al biȝeonde þerere <sup>2</sup> Humbre ʒ	aȝendalf <sup>3</sup>	.....berlond ʒ	
for he him scolde helpe.			
to fihten wið hif æme ʒ			

Arthur the king, how he would take on, and all how he would do. Modred took his messengers, and sent to Saxland, after Childrich, 'who was king most [the *strong and* the] powerful; and bade him come to Britain,—thereof he should have possession. 'Modred bade Childrich, the strong and the rich, to send messengers wide, on *the* four sides of Saxland, and bid all the knights that they might get, that they should come soon to this kingdom;' 'and he would to Childrich give *part* of his realm, all beyond the Humber; [all *in his own* hand possess half Northumberland.] 'because he should him help to fight against his uncle king Arthur.' Childrich

<sup>1</sup> R. kinedome.<sup>2</sup> þere?<sup>3</sup> aȝen half?

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Arðuren kinge.

Childrich beh fōe ⁊

in to Brutlonde<sup>1</sup>.þa Modred hafde hif ferde ⁊  
ifomned of monnen.þa weoren þere italde ⁊  
fixti þufende.here-kempen harde ⁊  
of heðene uolke.þa heo weoren icumen hidere ⁊<sup>10</sup> þat were h.... me ⁊  
for Arduref<sup>2</sup> hæreme.Modred to helpen ⁊  
forcuðeft monnen.þa þe uerde wef ifome ⁊  
of ælche mon-cunne.þa heo weoren þer on hepe ⁊<sup>[c.2.]</sup> þo were þar to heape ⁊  
an hundred þufende.heðene and cristene ⁊  
mid Modrede kinge.*Whitfond.*Arður lai at Whit-fond ⁊<sup>20</sup>feouwertene niht him þuhte to lōg. fourte niht h. him þohte to long.  
and al Modred wufte ⁊

wat Arður þær wolde.

ælche dai him comen fonde ⁊

Cheldrich ... ..

.. to Brutlonde.

þ . . . . .  
. . . . . his cnihtes.

.. weren þar .....

..... oufend.

for Arthur his arme.

....ed to helpe ⁊

forcouþeft .....

þo þe ferde ..s igadered ⁊  
of alle m... nne.þo were þar to heape ⁊  
an hundred þoufend.

heapen. ..d .....e ⁊

mid Modred. ... ..

Arthur lay at .....nd ⁊

and al Modred wufte ⁊<sup>[[c.2.]</sup>

þat Arthur þære wolde.

for eche dai him com fonde ⁊

proceeded soon into Britain. When Modred had assembled his 'host of men [knights], then were there told sixty thousand 'hardy warriors of heathen folk,' 'when they [that] were come hither, for 'Arthurs [Arthur his] harm, and to help Modred, wickedest of men! When the army was gathered of 'each [all] people, then were 'they' there in a heap an hundred thousand, heathens and christians, with Modred [*the*] king. Arthur lay at Whitsand; a fortnight seemed to him too long; and Modred knew all 'what [that] Arthur there would; [for] each day came messengers to him from the kings army.

<sup>1</sup> Brutlonde, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> *R.* Arðuref.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

from þaf kingef hirede.  
 Þa ilomp hit an one time ⁊  
 muchel rein him gon rine.  
 & þæ wind him gon wende ⁊  
 & stod of þan æst ende.  
 and Arður him ot scipe fufde ⁊  
 mid alle his uerde.  
 and hehte þat hif fciþ-men ⁊  
 brohten hine to Romerel.  
 þer he þohte up wende ⁊ 10  
 in to þiffen londe.  
 Þæ he to þere hauene com ⁊  
 Moddred him wef auornon.  
 afe þe dæi gon lihte ⁊  
 heo bigunnen to fihten.  
 alle þene longe dæi ⁊  
 moni mon þer ded læi.  
 fumme hi fubten a londe ⁊  
 summe bi þan ftronde.  
 summe heo letten ut of fciþen ⁊  
 fcerpe garen fcriþen. 21  
 Walwain bi-foren wende ⁊  
 and þene wæi rumde.  
 & floh þer a-neufte ⁊

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiv.

fram þan kingef ferde.  
 Þo bi-fallet<sup>1</sup> in on tyme ⁊  
 moche .... hit gan rýne.  
 an. . . . . gan wende ⁊  
 and .... east eande.  
 and Arthur to fipe wende wende<sup>2</sup> ⁊  
 mid alle his cnihtef.  
 and hehte þat his fipmen ⁊  
 brohte hine at Romelan. *Romerel.*  
 þar he þohte vp wende ⁊  
 into þiffe londe.  
 Þo he to þar hauene com ⁊  
 M..red was aforne. 3eon.  
 al fo þe day gan lihte ⁊  
 hii bi-gonne to fihte.  
 al þane lang. day ⁊  
 mani man þar dead lay.  
 somme hi fohte a londe ⁊  
 somme bi féé ftr..de.  
 Waweýn wende bi-...e ⁊  
 and þane way rumde.

Then befell it on a time, much rain it gan to rain, and the wind it gan to turn, and stood from the east end. And Arthur proceeded to ship (embarked) with all his 'host [knights], and ordered that his shipmen should bring him to Romney, where he thought to come up into this land. When he came to the haven, Modred was opposite to 'him'; as the day gan light, they began to fight, all the day long; many a man dead there lay! Some they fought on land, some by 'the [sea] strand; 'some they let fly sharp spears out of *the* ships.' Walwain went before, and cleared the way; and 'slew

<sup>1</sup> bi-falle hit?<sup>2</sup> Sic MS.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

	þeines elleouene.	
	he floh Childriches fune ⁊	and he floh Cheldrich his so... ⁊
	þe was þer mid his fader icume.	þat was mid þan fa... come.
	To reste eode þa funne ⁊	To raſte ȝeode ... e ⁊
	wæ wef þa monnen. [£ 167. c. 1.]	wo was þo þ. ....
<i>Walwain.</i>	þer wef Walwain aflæȝe ⁊	þar was Waweȝn of-ſlawe ⁊
	& idon of life-daȝe.	and idon of lif-daȝe.
	þurh an eorle Sexifne ⁊	þorh one eorl Sexifne ⁊
	færi wurðe his faule.	sori w..þe his faule.
	þa wef Arður færi ⁊	10 þo was ..thur sori ⁊
	& forhful an heorte forþi.	and forþfolle ...eorte.
	& þaf word bodede ⁊	and þeos wo.... .de ⁊
	riccheſt alre Brutte.	riccheſt alre Brut...
	Nu ich ileoſed hadde ⁊	Nou ich i-lore hadde ⁊
	mine ſweines leofe.	Waweȝn þat ich louede.
	ich wuſte bi mine ſweuene ⁊	ich wuſte wel bi min ſweuen ⁊
	whæt sorȝen me weoren ȝeueðe.	þat forþwe me was ȝeuen.
	i-flaȝen if Angel þe king ⁊	i-flawe his Angel þe king ⁊ [£ 133 <sup>b</sup> .
	þe wef min aȝen deorling.	þat was min owe deorling. c. 1.]
	& Walwaine mi <sup>1</sup> fuſter fune ⁊	20 and Waweȝn mi foſte <sup>2</sup> ſone ⁊
	wa if me þat ich waſ mon iboren.	wo his me for þare leore.
	up nu of ſcipen biliue ⁊	vp nou of fiþe blue ⁊
	mine beornes ohte.	mine cnih...s ohte.

there soon eleven thanes; he slew 'Childrichs [Childrich his] son, who was come 'there' with 'his [the] father. To rest went the sun; wo was [then] to the men! There was Walwain slain, and deprived of life-day, through a Saxish earl,—sorry be his soul! Then was Arthur sorry, and sorrowful 'therefore' in heart; and these words said, mightiest of all Britons: "Now I have lost 'my loved swains [Walwain that I loved]! I knew [well] by my dream, 'what [that] sorrow' were [was] given to me! Slain is Angel the king, who was mine own darling, and Walwain, my sisters son,—woe is me 'that I was born man [for the loss]! Up now from ship, quickly, my brave knights!" Even with the words sixty thousand

<sup>1</sup> *Interlined by second hand.*<sup>2</sup> *R. fofter.*

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Æfne þā worde ⁊ wenden to fihte. fixti þufend anon ⁊ felere kēpē. and breken Modredef trume ⁊ and wel neh him seolue wef inome. Modred bi-gon to fleon ⁊ & hif folc after teon. fluȝen ueōdliche ⁊ feldef beoueden eke.                      10 zurrē þa stanef ⁊ mid þan blod-stremef. þer weore al þat fiht i-don ⁊ ah þat niht to raðe cō. ȝif þa niht neore ⁊ iflaȝē hi weoren alle. þe niht heom to-delde ⁊ ȝeond fladef & ȝeon <sup>1</sup> dunen. and Modred fwa vorð <sup>2</sup> com ⁊ [c. 2.] þat he wef at Lūdene.                      20 Iherden þa burh-werē ⁊ hu hit waf al ifaren. and warnden him inȝeong ⁊	Eafne þan worde ⁊ ...de to ..hte. sixti þou.... . . . ⁊ baldere Bruttus. and breke Modred his trome ⁊ and wel neh him seolf was inome. Modred gan to fleonde ⁊ and his folk after.  þar was al þat fiht idon ⁊ ac þe niht to raþe com. ȝef þat niht neore ⁊ aflaȝen alle hii were.  and Mod...d so forþ com ⁊ þa. he was at Londen. Hi-horde þe borh-men ⁊ al ou hit was ifaren. and wornde him .in-gonde ⁊
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'good warriors [bold Britons], pressed anon to *the* fight, and brake 'Modreds [Modred his] ranks, and well nigh himself was taken. Modred 'be'gan to flee, and his folk 'to follow' after; '*they* fled exceedingly, *the* fields eke trembled; the stones jar with the blood-streams!' There 'would have been [was] all the fight ended, but the night came too soon; if the night had not been, they all would have been slain! 'The night separated them over slades and over downs'; and Modred came so *far* forth, that he was at London. The burgh-men heard how it had all fared, and denied him

<sup>1</sup> ȝeond?<sup>2</sup> worð, *pr. m.*



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& alle his folke.  
*Modr[ed.]* Modred þeone wende ⁊  
 toward Winchastre.  
 and heo hine underuengen ⁊  
 mid alle his monnen.  
 And Arður after wende ⁊  
 mid alle his anahte.  
 þat he com to Winchestre ⁊  
 mid muchelre uerde.  
 & þa burh al biræd ⁊ 10  
 & Modred þer inne abeod.  
 þa Modred ifæh ⁊  
 þ Arður hi<sup>1</sup> wef fwa neh.  
 ofte he hine biþohte ⁊  
 wæt he don mahte.  
 þa a þere ilke niht ⁊  
 he hehte his cnihtes alle.  
 mid alle heore iwepnen ⁊  
 ut of burhþe wendē.  
 and sæide þat he weolde ⁊ 20  
 mid fihte þer at-stonden.  
 He bi-hehte þere burþe-were ⁊  
 auer mare freo laþe.

and alle his folke.  
 Modred þanne wende ⁊  
 in to Wýnc.estre.  
 and hii him onder.....  
 mid alle his maune.  
 An. ..thur after forþ riht ⁊  
 mid alle his mihte.  
 þat he ..m to Wýnchestre ⁊  
 mid alle his ...de.  
 10 ... þe borh al b-ir...  
 ... Modred þar ine ab...  
 ..dred ifeh ⁊  
 þat Arthur was so neh.  
 ofte he hine bi-þohte ⁊  
 wat he don mihte.  
 ..d he in þan ilke niht ⁊  
 he h.... alle his cnihtes.  
 mid alle .... ..pne ⁊  
 vt of borewe wen..  
 20 ..d faide þat he wolde ⁊  
 mid ...te þar at-stonde.

entry, and all his folk. Modred thence went toward [into] Winchester; and they him received, with all his men. And Arthur pursued [forth-right] after, with all his might, until he came to Winchester, with 'a mickle [all his] host, and the burgh all besieged; and Modred therein abode. When Modred saw, that Arthur was so nigh 'to him', oft he bethought him what he might do. Then [and he] on the same night, he ordered all his knights, with all their weapons, to march out of the burgh; and said that he would with fight there make a stand. 'He promised the burghmen free law ever-

<sup>1</sup> hit, *pr. m.*, but *t expuncted*.

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wið þan þa heo him heolpen ⁊  
at heȝere neoden.

þa hit wef dæi-liht ⁊  
ȝaru<sup>1</sup> þa wes heore fiht.  
Arður þat bi-hedde ⁊  
þe king wef abolȝe.  
he lette bemen blawen ⁊  
and beonnen men to fihtē.

he hehte alle hiſ þeines ⁊ [f. 167<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.]

& aðele hiſ cnihte.

fon fomed to fihtē ⁊

and hiſ ueod<sup>3</sup> auallen.

and þe burh alle for-don ⁊

and þat burh-folc abon.

Heo to-gadere ſtopen ⁊

and ſtuſliche fuhten.

Modred þa þohte ⁊

what he don mihte.

& he dude þere ⁊

alfe he dude elleſ whare. 20

swikedom mid þan mæſte ⁊

for auere he dude unwriſte.

þo hit was day-liht ⁊

þo was ȝaru hire fiht.

Arthur þat bi-hedde ⁊

king<sup>2</sup> was abo... [c. 2.]

..... blowe bumes ⁊

... .. fihte.

he hehte al... .. eynes ⁊

10 and alle his .....

healpe him at þan .....

... his feondes fa...

... .. borh al for-don ⁊

a... .. al an-hond<sup>4</sup>.

h... ..-gadere ſtopen ⁊

and hardeliche foht.n.

Modred þo þohte ⁊

... .e don mihte.

and he d.de þare ⁊

afe he dude w... ..re.

s..... mid þan meſte ⁊

for ..... onwreſte.

more, on condition that they should help him at *his* great need.' When it was day-light, then ready was their fight. Arthur that perceived,—the king was enraged;—he caused trumpets to be blown, and men to be assembled to battle; he caused trumpets to be blown, and men to be assembled to battle; he commanded all his thanes, and [all] his 'noble' knights, 'together to take *the* [to help him at the] fight, and fell his enemies, and the burgh all to destroy, and hang [all] the burgh-folk. They stepped together, and 'sternly [hardily] fought. Modred then thought what he might do; and he did there as he did 'else where [well every where], treachery with the most! For ever he did wickedly; he betrayed his comrades before

<sup>1</sup> Apparently written at first sari.

<sup>2</sup> R. ueond.

<sup>3</sup> þe king?

<sup>4</sup> an-hon?

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he bifwac <sup>1</sup> hif iueren ⁊	.. .. . . . . .feres ⁊
biuoren Winchestren.	bi-vore .....
and lette hī to cleopien ⁊	.nd cleopede ... ..
hif leofefte cnihtef anan.	..s leuefte cnih...
and hif leouefte freōd alle ⁊	
of allen hif folke.	
and bi-ftal from þan fihte ⁊	... ..al fram þan .....
þe feōd hine aȝe.	.. ..d hine teahte.
and þat folc gode lette ⁊	an. .... . . . gode folk ⁊
al þer for-wurðe.	10 alle ... ..
Fuhten alle dæi ⁊	.....n alle lange ...
wenden þat heore laūd þer læi.	..... .at hire louerd ... ..
and weore heom aneoufte ⁊	... were ȝeom .....
at muchelere neode.	at mochelere neo..
þa heold he þene wai ⁊	.. .. heold þane way ⁊
þat touward Hamtone lai.	... ..rd Hamtone l..
and heolde touward hauene ⁊	and .... .o þan haue..
forcuðeft hæleðe.	for..... .re cnihte.
and nom alle þa ſcipen ⁊	a... .. . . .es ⁊
þa þer oht weore.	20 þat þar .oht were.
and þa ſteormen alle ⁊	and þe ſteorme. alle ⁊
to þan ſcipen neodde.	to þan ſipes neo..
and ſerden into Cornwalen ⁊	and wen.. .... Cornwal..
forcuðeft kingē a þan dāȝen.	onwreft. .... in þane dāȝe.

Winchester, and 'caused' his dearest knights 'to be' called to him 'anon, and his dearest friends all, of all his folk'; and stole away from the fight,—the fiend him 'have [instructed]!—and let the good folk all there perish. *They* fought all day [long]; *they* weened that their lord there lay, and were near them at *their* great need. Then bent he the way that toward Hampton lay; and bent toward *the* haven,—wickedest of [all] men,—and took all the ships that there good were, and all the steersmen, to *the* need of the ships; and proceeded into Cornwall,—wickedest of kings in those

<sup>1</sup> *At first written* biſpac.

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Winchestre ʒ		And Arthur Wýnchestre ʒ
i wel faste.		.. ..rh bi-lay faste.
sun of-floh ʒ	[c. 2.]	and .. ... mancun of-sl..
þ inoh.		... ..s forewe inoh.
nd þa alde ʒ		.. .. . . . þan holde ʒ
lde.		alle he a..alde.
wes al ded ʒ		þo þat folk was al dead ʒ [f.134.c.1.]
or-swelde.		þe toun he for-swealde.
nid alle ʒ		þo lette he mid alle ʒ
walles alle.	10	to-breke þe walles alle.
timed þere ʒ		þo was i-funde þare ʒ
ide while.		þat Merlýn faide wile.
ft þu Winchæstre ʒ		Wýnchestre wo þe comeþ to ʒ
fc al forwalþe.		þe corþe þe fal for-swolþe.
fæide ʒ		so Merlýn fayde ʒ
s mære.		þat wifest waf of manne.
ne Eouwerwic ʒ		þe cwcane lay at Euerwich ʒ
ere swa farlic.		na. 3eo neuere so forlich.
auer þa quene ʒ		
nonne.	20	
fuggē ʒ		3eo ihorde segge ʒ
den.		soþere wordes.
red flah ʒ		ou lome Modred fl..
ir hine bibah.		..nd ou Arthur h... ..

*Wenhauer.*

thor besieged 'well' firmly Winchester the burgh; and slew  
 ;—there was sorrow enow,—the young and the old, all he  
 the folk was all dead, *and* the 'burgh all [town he] burnt,  
 e withal all the walls to be broken in pieces. Then was it  
 pass [found], that Merlin whilom said: "'Wretched shalt  
 cometh to thee], Winchester! the earth shall thee swallow!"  
 l, who was 'a great prophet [wisest of men]. The queen lay  
 never was she so sorrowful; 'that was Wenhaver the queen,  
 e of women!' She heard say sooth words, how often Modred  
 Arthur him pursued; woe was to her the while, that she

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wa wes hire þere while ʒ  
 þat heo wef on life.  
 Ut of Eouerwike ʒ  
 bi nihte heo iwende.  
 & toward Karliun tuhte ʒ  
 swa fwiðe fwa heo mahte.

þider heo brohten bi nihte ʒ  
 of hire cnihten tweiþe. 10  
 and me hire hafd bi-wefde ʒ  
 mid ane hali rifte.  
 and heo wes þer munechene ʒ  
 kare-fulleft wife.

þa nuften men of þere quene ʒ  
 war heo bicumen weore. 1  
 no feole ʒere feoððe ʒ  
 nufte hit mon to soðe.

whaðer heo weore on deðe :<sup>[f. 168.</sup>  
 1 c. 1.]

þa heo here feolf weore ʒ  
 ifunken in þe watere.

*Modred.*

Modred wes i Cornwale ʒ

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wo was hire .. ....  
 ... ʒeo was on .....  
 .. . . . . wike ʒ  
 bi niht ... ..  
 and toward ..... droh ʒ  
 fofwiþe so ... mihte.  
 for ʒeo nolde Ar..ur more ife ʒ  
 for al þan ..orle-riche.  
 to Caýrl... .. com bi nihte ʒ  
 mid tweiþ. .ire cnihtef.  
 and þare me hire hodede ʒ  
 an. .nechene makede.

And .. no man nufte ʒ  
 war ʒeo bi-come were.  
 ne of hire eande ʒ  
 ne can no boc telle.  
 in woche wife ʒeo was dead ʒ  
 20 and ou ʒeo hinne .ende.

Modred was in Co..wale ʒ

was alive! Out of York she went by night, and toward Kaerleon drew, as quickly as she might; 'thither she brought by night [for she would not see Arthur more, for all the worlds-realm; to Kaerleon she came by night, with] two of her knights; and [there] men 'covered her head with a holy veil, and she was there a nun [hooded her, and made *her* a nun]; 'woman most wretched!' 'Then men knew not of the queen, [And then no man knew] where she were gone, nor 'many years afterwards man knew it in sooth, whether she were dead, or *whether* she herself were sunk in the water [of her end can any book tell, in what wise she was dead, and how she hence departed]. Modred was in Cornwall, and gathered many knights;

<sup>1</sup> A line is here wanting.

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& fonnede cnihtef feole.  
 to Irlonde he fende ⁊  
 a-neofte hif fōde.  
 to Sex-londe he fende ⁊  
 aneoufte hif fonde.  
 to Scotlonde he fende ⁊  
 aneoufte hif fonde. [anan ⁊  
 he hehten heom to cume alle  
 þat wolde lond habbē.  
 oðer feoluer oðer gold ⁊ 10  
 oder<sup>1</sup> ahte oder<sup>1</sup> lond.  
 on ælchere wifen ⁊  
 he warnede hine feoluē.  
 swa deð ælc witer mon ⁊  
 þa neode cumeð uenan.  
 Arður þat<sup>2</sup> iherde ⁊  
 wraðeft kinge.  
 þat Modred wæf i Cořwale ⁊  
 mid muchele monweorede.  
 & þer wolde abiden ⁊ 20  
 þat Arður come riden.  
 Arður fende fōde ⁊  
 ȝeond al hif kine-londe.

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... gadere cnihtes fale.  
 to Irlonde he fende his fonde ⁊  
 and to Scotlonde.  
 to Saxlonde he fende ⁊  
 after cnihtes hende.  
 þat wolde awinne to hire hond ⁊  
 10 feo seoluer oþer lond. [c.2.]  
 Arthur þis ihorde ⁊  
 wropeft alre kinge.  
 þat Modred was in Cornwale ⁊  
 mid mochele manferde.  
 20 and þar wolde abide ⁊  
 þat Arthur come ride.  
 Arthur fende fonde ⁊  
 into al his kinelonde.

to Ireland he sent his messengers 'quickly [and to Scotland]; to Saxland he sent 'his messengers quickly [after knights fair]; 'to Scotland he sent his messengers quickly; he ordered them all to come anon,' that would 'have land, or silver, or gold, or possessions [win to their hand fee, silver], or land; 'in each wise he warned himself (each individual);—so doth each prudent man upon whom cometh need.' Arthur that heard, wrahtest of [all] kings, that Modred was in Cornwall with a mickle army, and there would abide until Arthur approached. Arthur sent messengers 'over [into] all his kingdom, and bade all 'to come that was alive in land, that to fight

<sup>1</sup> oðer?<sup>2</sup> *At first written wane he.*

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and to cumē alle hehte ⁊  
 þat quic wef on londe.  
 þa to uihte<sup>1</sup> oht weorē ⁊  
 wepnen to beren.

& wab fwa hit for-fete ⁊  
 þat þe kīg hete. 10  
 þe king hine wolde a folden ⁊  
 quid<sup>3</sup> al for-bernen.  
 Hit læc toward hirede ⁊  
 folc vīmete.  
 ridinde & ganninde ⁊  
 swa þe rim<sup>4</sup> falled<sup>5</sup> adune.  
 Arður for to Cořwale ⁊  
 mid unite<sup>6</sup> ferde.  
 Modred þat iherde ⁊  
 & him toȝeines heolde. [c. 2.] 20  
 mid vnimete folke ⁊  
 þer weore nōie uēie.  
 uppen þere Taubre ⁊

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and bad alle þe cnihtes ⁊  
 þat lond wolden holde.  
 þat hi alle sone ⁊  
 to him seolue come.  
 bote he were fwike ⁊  
 and mid Modred heolde.  
 þaie he habbe nolde ⁊  
 þeh hii comen wolde.  
 wo fe for-feate ⁊  
 10 þis þat<sup>2</sup> king hæte.  
 þe king hine wolde slean ⁊  
 oþer cwik al for-bearne.  
 Hit wende to þan kinge ⁊  
 folk onimete.  
 ridende and .ohinge ⁊  
 afe þe ren falleþ.  
 ..... to Cornwale wende ⁊  
 ... ..mete ...de.  
 Modred ... ..e ⁊  
 20 and him to-ȝea.es ...lde.  
 mid onimete ..lke ⁊  
 þar were manie fæȝe.  
 vppe þar T..mbre ⁊

were good, weapons to bear [the knights that would hold land, that they all should come soon to himself, unless he were traitor, and with Modred held; those he would not have, though they would come]; 'and' whose 'it [this] neglected, that the king commanded, the king would him [slay, or] all consume alive 'in *the* land.' Innumerable folk it came 'toward *the* host [to the king], riding and on foot, as the rain 'down' falleth! Arthur marched to Cornwall, with *an* immense army. Modred heard that, and advanced against him with innumerable folk,—there were many fated! Upon the Tambre they came together; the place hight Camelford, ever-

<sup>1</sup> *This and the preceding word are on an erasure.*

<sup>2</sup> *R. quic.*

<sup>4</sup> *rein?*

<sup>5</sup> *falleð?*

<sup>3</sup> *þat þe?*

<sup>6</sup> *R. unimete.*

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heo tuhten to-gadere.

icome<sup>1</sup> to-gaderes.

þe stude hatte Camelford ⁊

þe stude hatte Camelford ⁊

Cam[el-  
ford.]

euer mare ilaſt þat ilke weorde.

euere more i-laſt þat word.

And at Camelforde wef ifomned ⁊  
fixti þuſend.And<sup>2</sup> Camelford were mid Arthur ⁊  
fixti þuſend manne.

&amp; ma þuſend þer to ⁊

and mo þuſendes ȝite ⁊

Modred wef heore ælder.

in Modred his ſyde.

þa þiderward gon ride ⁊

þo þiderward gan ride ⁊

Arður þe riche.

Arthur þe riche.

mid unimete folke ⁊

10 mid onimete folke ⁊

uæie þah hit weore.

of cnihtes wel bolde.

Uppen þere Tambre ⁊

Vppen þar Tambre ⁊

Tam[bre.]

heo tuhte to-fomne.

hii fmite to-gadere.

heuē here-marken ⁊

halden to-gadere<sup>3</sup>.

luken ſweord longe ⁊

drowen ſweorde longe ⁊

leidē o þe helmen.

and fmiten on þe healmes. [f. 134<sup>b</sup>.  
c. 1.]fur ut<sup>4</sup> ſprengen ⁊

þat þe fur vt ſprong ⁊

ſperen braſtlien.

þe ſwippes were bitere.

ſceldef gōnē ſcanen ⁊

20

ſcaſtef to-breken.

þer faht al to-fomne ⁊

folc vnimete.

more lasted the 'same' word. And at Camelford 'was assembled [were with Arthur] sixty thousand [men], and more thousands 'thereto; Modred was their chief [yet, on Modred his side]. Then thitherward gan ride Arthur the mighty, with innumerable folk,—'fated though it were! [of knights well bold.] Upon the Tambre they encountered together; 'elevated *their* standards; advanced together'; drew *their* long swords, [and] smote on the helms; [so that the] fire out sprang; 'spears splintered; shields gan shiver; shafts brake in pieces [the strokes were bitter]! 'There fought all together innumerable folk!' Tambre was in flood

<sup>1</sup> hii come?<sup>2</sup> And at?<sup>3</sup> to-godere, *pr. m.*<sup>4</sup> for up, *pr. m.*



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Tambre wef on flode ⁊  
mid vnimete blode.

mon i þan fihte non þer ne mihte  
ikeñe<sup>1</sup> nenne kempe.

no wha dude wurfe no wha bet ⁊  
swa þat wiðe wef imenged.

for ælc floh adun riht ⁊  
weore he swein weore he cniht.

þer wes Modred of-flaȝe ⁊  
and idon of lif-daȝe.

2

in þan fihte.

þer weoren of-flaȝe ⁊  
alle þa snelle.

Arðuref<sup>3</sup> hered-men ⁊  
heȝe<sup>4</sup>

and þa Bruttes alle ⁊  
of Arðuref borde.

and alle hif fosterliges ⁊  
of feole kinerichef. [l. 168<sup>b</sup>.c.1.] 20

And Arður forwunded ⁊  
mid wal-spere brade.

fiftene he hafde ⁊

Tambre was on flode ⁊  
mid onimete blode.

ne mihte man in þan fihte ⁊  
icnowe nanne kempe.

wo dude wors ne wo dude bet ⁊  
fo þat weder was imenged.

for ech sloh adun riht ⁊  
were he sweȝn were he cniht.

þar was Modred of-flaȝe ⁊  
and idon of lifdaȝe.

10

and alle his cnihtes ⁊  
iflaȝe in þan fihte.

þar weren of-flaȝe ⁊  
alle þe snelle.

Arthures hiredmen ⁊  
hehȝe and lowe.

and þe Bruttes alle ⁊  
of Arthur his borde.

and alle hi. fosterlin...s ⁊  
of .... ..ne riche.

And ..... him seolf for-w.....  
mid one spere brode.

... tene he hadde ⁊

(flooded) with blood to excess; 'there' might 'no [not] man in the fight know any warrior, 'nor' who did worse, 'nor' who [did] better, so was the 'conflict [storm] mingled! For each slew downright, were he swain, were he knight. There was Modred slain, and deprived of life-day, and all his knights slain in the fight. There were slain all the brave, Arthurs warriors, high and low, and all the Britons of 'Arthurs [Arthur his] board, and all his dependants, of many 'kingdoms [a kingdom]. And Arthur [himself] wounded with [a] broad 'slaughter'-spear; fifteen dreadful

<sup>1</sup> ikeñen, *pr. m.*

<sup>2</sup> R. Arðuref.

<sup>3</sup> A line and more is here missing.

<sup>4</sup> A portion of a line seems here again to be wanting.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.

lliche wunden.  
 mihte i þare laften ʒ  
 glouen iþraſte.  
 af þer na mare ʒ  
 fehte to laue.  
 ʒa hundred þuſend monnen ʒ  
 r leien to-hauwē.  
 n Arður þe king ane ʒ  
 hiſ cnihtef tweien.  
 r wes for-wunded ʒ 10  
 ler ane ſwiðe.  
 to him com a cnaue ʒ  
 es of hiſ cunne.  
 ef Cadoref fune ʒ  
 rlef of Corwaile<sup>2</sup>.  
 tantin hehte þe cnaue ʒ  
 ef þan kinge deore.  
 r him lokede on ʒ  
 ie lai on folden.  
 þas word feide ʒ 20  
 ſorhfulle heorte.  
 ætin þu art wilcume ʒ  
 eore Cadoref ſone.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

feond..che wond..  
 man mihte in þan leaſte ʒ  
 two gloues þreaſte.  
 þo naſ þar na more ʒ  
 ileued in þan fihte.  
 of two hundred þouſend manne ʒ  
 þat þar lay to-hewe.  
 bote Arthur þe king ʒ  
 and twei of hiſ cnihtes.  
 10 **A** Rthur was for-wunded ʒ [Ar]ður.  
 wonderliche ſwiþe.  
 þar com a ʒong cnaue ʒ  
 þat was of hiſ cunne.  
 he was Cador hiſ ſone ʒ [c. 2.]  
 eorl of Cornwaile.  
 Constantin he hehte ʒ [Con]stan-  
 þe king hine louede. tin.  
 þe king to him bi-heold ʒ  
 20 and þeos word faide.  
 Constantin þou hart wilcome ʒ  
 þou were Cador ..s f.ne.

ds he had; in the least one might thrust two gloves! Then was  
 no more remained in the fight, of two hundred thousand men that  
 lay hewed in pieces, except Arthur the king 'alone,' and two of  
 nights. Arthur was wounded wondrously much. There came 'to  
 a [young] lad, who was of his kindred; he was 'Cadors [Cador his]  
 'the' earl of Cornwall; Constantine 'the lad [he] hight, 'he was dear  
 e king [the king him loved]. 'Arthur looked on [The king beheld]  
 'where he lay on *the* ground,' and said these words, 'with sorrowful  
 :' "Constantine, thou art welcome; thou wert Cadors [Cador his]

<sup>1</sup> þeo, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> R. Cornwaile.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.

ich þe bitache here ⁊  
mine kineriche.  
and wite mine Bruttes ⁊  
a to þines lifes.  
and hald heom alle þa laȝen ⁊  
þa habbeoð iftonden a mine daȝen.  
and alle þa laȝen gode ⁊  
þa bi Vðeref daȝen stode.  
And ich wulle uaren to Aualū ⁊  
to uaireft alre maidene. 10  
to Argante þere quene ⁊  
aluen fwiðe sceone.  
& heo flal<sup>1</sup> mine wunden ⁊  
makien alle ifunde.  
al hal me makien ⁊ [c.2.]  
mid haleweiȝe drēchen.  
And feoðe ich cumen wulle ⁊  
to mine kineriche.  
and wunien mid Brutten ⁊  
mid muchelere wunne. 20  
Æfne þan worden ⁊  
þer com of fe wenden.  
þat wes an sceort bat liðen ⁊  
sceouen mid vðen.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

ich þe bi-take here ⁊  
mine kineriche.  
and wite minē Bruttus ⁊  
wel bi þine liue.  
And ich wolle wende to Auelun ⁊  
to Argant þare cweane.  
and ȝeo fal mine wondes ⁊  
m..... al ifunde.  
al ... ..ie ⁊  
mid halewei.. ..  
.nd fupþe ich .... ..ȝen ⁊  
to mine .....

Eafne þan ....  
..r com of féé wende.  
a lu.. fort bot ⁊  
wandri mid þ.. beres.

son. I give thee here my kingdom, and defend *thou* my Britons 'ever in [well by] thy life, 'and maintain them all the laws that have stood in my days, and all the good laws that in Uthers days stood.' And I will fare to Avalun, 'to *the* fairest of all maidens,' to Argante the queen, '*as* elf most fair,' and she shall make my wounds all sound; make me all whole with healing draughts. And afterwards I will come [again] to my kingdom, 'and dwell with *the* Britons with mickle joy'." Even with the words there approached from *the* sea 'that was' a [little] short boat, floating

<sup>1</sup> B. fcal.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

and twa wimmē þer inne ʒ  
wunderliche idihte.  
and heo nomen Arður anā ʒ  
and aneouste<sup>1</sup> hine ƿereden.  
and softe hine ađun leiden ʒ  
& forð gunnen hine<sup>2</sup> liðen.  
þa wef hit iwurðen ʒ  
þat M<sup>9</sup>lin feide whilen.  
þat weore unimete care ʒ  
of Arðuref forð-fare.  
Bruttef ileueð ʒete ʒ  
þat he bon on liue.  
and wunnien in Aualun ʒ  
mid fairest alre aluen.  
and lokieð euere B<sup>tt</sup>tef ʒete ʒ  
whan Arður cumē liðe.  
Nif nauer þe mon iborē ʒ  
of nauer nane burde icoren.  
þe cunne of þan soðe ʒ  
of Arðure fugen mare.  
Bute while wef an witeʒe ʒ  
Mærlin ihate.  
he bodede mid worde ʒ

MS. Cott. Othó, C. xiiii.

and two wimm...ine ʒ  
wunderliche igýnned.  
... ..men Arthur anon ʒ  
an. .. þan bote bere.  
and hine soft. .dun leyde ʒ  
and forþ ... gan wende.  
þo was ... .onde ʒ  
þat Merlýn faide wile.  
þat folde beon mochel care ʒ  
10 after Arthures forþ-fare.  
Brutt.. ileueþ ʒete ʒ  
þat he be. on liue.  
and w.nie in Auailun ʒ  
mid ....este alre cwene.  
Nas neuere þe man ibore ʒ  
ne of womman icore.  
þat conne of þan soþe ʒ  
20 of Arthur fegge more.  
Bote wile was a witti ʒ [c.135.c.1.]  
Merlin ihote.  
he faide mid wordes ʒ

with the waves; and two women therein, wondrously formed; and they took Arthur anon, and bare him 'quickly [to the boat], and laid him softly down, and forth they gan depart. Then was it accomplished that Merlin whilom said, that mickle care (sorrow) should be 'of [after] Arthurs departure. *The Britons* believe yet that he is alive, and dwelleth in Avalun with *the* fairest of all 'elves [queens]; 'and *the* Britons ever yet expect when Arthur shall return.' Was never the man born, [nor] of 'ever any lady [woman] chosen, that knoweth of the sooth, to say more of Arthur. But whilom was a sage hight Merlin; he said with words,—his

<sup>1</sup> *This word has been altered, on an erasure.*

<sup>2</sup> heo gunnen? See ll. 25635. 26827. etc.

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hif quiðef weoren soðe.  
 þat an Arður sculde ȝete ʒ  
 cum Anglen to fulste.  
 Costantin þuf leouede on londe ʒ  
 & Bruttef hine lufede.

and swiðe deore heom he wes ʒ

and wrðeliche<sup>1</sup> heo hine heolden. [f. 169. c. 1.]

Nu hæfuede Modred funen tweie<sup>2</sup> ʒ Nou hadde Modred twei fones ʒ  
 an maine<sup>3</sup> swiðe stronge. of mayne hii weren stronge.

heo ifiȝen hu hit ferde here ʒ 10 hii sehȝe ou hit ferde here ʒ

of Ardure<sup>4</sup> þan kaifere. of Arthur þan caifere.

and hu heore fader wes of-flaȝe ʒ and ou hire fader was of-flaȝe ʒ  
 & idon of lif-dȝen. and idon of lif-dȝe.

& hu Bruttef to-dreued weoren ʒ and ou Brutt<sup>5</sup> to-dreued were ʒ  
 mid feole cunne bursten. on ma.. cunnef wife.

þa ilke tweie broðeren ʒ

speken heð bi-tweohnen<sup>6</sup>. Hii spe... bi-twine ʒ

and somneden þa cnihtef alle ʒ

felest þa heð þuhte.

þa weoren wide to-floȝen<sup>6</sup> ʒ 20

ut of þan wiðer-uehte.

and somneden uerde ʒ

and fomne<sup>7</sup> fe....

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

his faȝef were soþe.

þat Arthur folde ȝite ʒ

come Bruttef ... for to healpe.

Constantin nam þis lond ʒ  
 and Bruttus hine louede.

sayings were sooth,—that ‘an’ Arthur should yet come [*here* for] to help *the* ‘English [Britons]. Constantine thus lived in [took this] land, and Britons him loved; ‘and exceeding dear he was to them, and worthily they him esteemed.’ Now had Modred two sons, of might ‘most [they were] strong; they saw how it fared here of Arthur the caiser, and how their father was slain, and deprived of lifeday, and how *the* Britons were oppressed ‘with many kind of evils [in many kind of wise]. ‘The same two brothers [They] spake them between, ‘and assembled all the knights that seemed to them best, who had widely fled out of the battle’; and as-

<sup>1</sup> wunderliche, *pr. m.*<sup>3</sup> and main, *pr. m.*<sup>6</sup> bi-tweohxen, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> tweien, *pr. m.*<sup>4</sup> *R. Arðure.*<sup>7</sup> fomnede?<sup>6</sup> to-floȝe, *pr. m.*

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wide ȝeōd þan arde.

and þuhten to slan Coſtantin ⁊  
and al hiſ lōd binimen him.þat iherde fugge Coſtantin ⁊  
þe king weſ aboȝen.and fende hiſ fonde ⁊  
wide ȝeond hiſ londe.and hirede<sup>1</sup> hehte cume ⁊  
þan kingge to helpe.Siȝen toward hirede ⁊  
ȝeonglingef ſnelle.þritti þuſend anan ⁊  
ſōmed comen þraſten.and þe þe<sup>2</sup> king forð rihtef ⁊  
makeden hom cnihtef.þa oðere cnihtef þer comen ⁊  
þa at þan ſehte ar weoren.þa hafde he to-ſomne ⁊  
fixti þuſende.þat iherde bodien ⁊  
beien Moddredes funen.and nomen heð to rade ⁊ [c.2.]  
and to ſom rune.and þohte ſlean Con....tin ⁊  
and al hiſ lond b. .... him.þat ihorde Conſta....  
þe king was aboȝw.... fende hiſ fonde ⁊  
ouer.. hiſ londe.and hehten comen alle ⁊  
.ane king to helpe.10 Wende toward ferde ⁊  
ȝonglenges ſnelle.þrit.. þuſend anon ⁊  
þraſte to þan künge.and þe king forþrihtef ⁊  
makede ȝam cnihtes.Oþer cnihtef þar comē ⁊  
þat hear at fihte weren... hadde he to-gadere ⁊  
fixti .....d.20 þis ihorden beie ⁊  
.....es ſones tweie.... .. heom .. ..  
... .. .oune.

sembled a host 'wide over the land,' and thought to slay Constantine, and take from him all his land. Constantine heard 'say' that,—the king was enraged,—and sent his messengers 'wide over [over all] his land, and bade 'forces [all] come, to help the king. Marched toward *the* host active youths; thirty thousand anon 'came together crowding [crowded to the king]; and the king forth-right made them knights. 'When' *the* other knights there came, that ere at 'the' fight were, then had he together sixty thousand *men*. Both Modreds sons [twain] heard 'that [this] 'said', and betook them to counsel and to some communing, that the one would

<sup>1</sup> herede, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> *Sic MS.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

þat þe an liðen wolde ⁊  
 in to Lundene.  
 and þe oder<sup>1</sup> liðen wolde ⁊  
 in to Winchastre.  
 and þer heo wolden abiden ⁊  
 þat þe king comen riden.  
 and wolden wið him fehten ⁊  
 mid allen heore mehten.  
 Al<sup>2</sup> þæ hit com to neode ⁊  
 oðer weif hit eode.      10  
 Coftcantin<sup>3</sup> gon liðe ⁊  
 toward Lūdenne.  
 þat iherden bodien ⁊  
 þeo þa burh<sup>4</sup> biwuften.  
 hælden to-fomne ⁊  
 to heore hufstunge.  
 heo nomen heom to rade ⁊  
 and to fom rune.  
 þat heo wolden halden alle ⁊  
 mid Coftantin þan kinge.      20  
 and for-faken Modredef fune ⁊  
 þæ þat morð wrohte.  
 Modredef fune flah ⁊

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. . . . .  
 .... .dene. [c. 2.]  
 and þe oþer wende folde ⁊  
 in to Wýnchestre.  
 and þar hii wolde a-bide ⁊  
 þat þe king come ride.  
 and wolde mid him fihte ⁊  
 mid al hire mihte.  
 Ac þo hit com to neode ⁊  
 al oþer weies hit ȝeode.  
 Constantin gan wende ⁊  
 toward Londene.  
 þat ihorde fegge ⁊  
 þat þe borh bi-wifte.  
  
 nomen heom to reade ⁊  
 and to fom rounne.  
 þat hii wolde holde ⁊  
 mid Constantin þan .....  
 and Modred his fon... ..e ⁊  
 þat þane morþre ....e.  
 Modred hif .....

go into London, and the other 'would [should] go into Winchester; and there they would abide until the king came riding, and would with him fight, with all their might. But when it came to need, [all] otherwise it happened! Constantine gan march toward London. 'They' who guarded the burgh heard that said; 'they met together at their husting; they' be-took them to counsel and to some communing, that they 'all' would hold with Constantine the king, and forsake 'Modreds [Modred his] son, who wrought the perdition. 'Modreds [Modred his] son fled, and 'in' to a 'min-

<sup>1</sup> oðer?<sup>2</sup> Ah?<sup>3</sup> R. Coftantin.<sup>4</sup> Altered on erasure by a second hand.

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MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

and in to ane munestere teh.	and to one ..erche ...
and Constantin him after wende ⁊ ...	Constantyn after .....
and þer <sup>1</sup> hine icæhte.	..d þare hine kah..
þe king mid his sweorde ⁊	...g mid his swerde ⁊
at hefd him of-fwipte.	... .. of-swipte.
and þuf þe king wordede ⁊	
ræð on his þonke.	
siþe þer þu laðe mon ⁊	
of þu beo þā sucke <sup>2</sup> .	
æð heð aneouste ⁊	10
þ þe findeð þere.	
mine wiðer-iwinnen ⁊	
eorpeð heom to grūden.	
if flaht wef sone idon ⁊	þis ..ht was sone idon ⁊
or moni mon þer wenden to.	for ..ni naþen stode.
eoðe lette Costantin ⁊	
þe <sup>3</sup> king wef on londe. [f.169 <sup>b</sup> . c.1.]	
lawen his bemen ⁊	
and bonnien his his <sup>4</sup> ferdien.	
and wende riht þene wai ⁊	20 Suppe he nam þane way ⁊
þe touward Winchæstre lai.	þ.. .. Euerwike lay.
and forð ladde mid hī ⁊	and for. ... ..ad ⁊

er [church] drew. And Constantine 'went' after him, and there him  
 ought; the king with his sword struck from him the head. 'And thus  
 the king spake, wrath in his thought: "Lie there, thou hateful man, be  
 thou dear to the Fiend!—Slay *ye* them quickly, all that *ye* here find, mine  
 enemies cast *ye* them to ground!"' This slaughter was soon done, for  
 any 'a man there helped [nigh stood]. Afterwards 'caused Constan-  
 tine, who was king in *the* land, his trumpets to be blown, and his host to  
 be assembled; and 'marched right [he took] the way that toward 'Win-  
 chester [York] lay; and led forth with him the Britons of London, and

<sup>1</sup> þane, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> þed, *pr. m.*<sup>3</sup> scucke?<sup>4</sup> *Sic MS.*



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MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

	þa Bruttes of Lundene.	þe Bruttus .. . . . . .
	and to Winchæstre comen ⁊	and . . . . .
	and a-neouste binnan wenden.	. . . . .
[Meleo] <sup>n</sup> .	þat ifæh Meleon ⁊	. . . . .
	þe wef Modredef fone.	. . . . .
	and from his iueren cherde ⁊	. . . . .
	and fleh to are chirche.	. . . . .
	and forð riht anan wende ⁊	. . . . .
	forn to ane wefde.	. . . . .
	Coſtantin braid ut hiſ ſweorde ⁊	. . . . .
	& þat hafde him of-ſwipte. 11	. . . . .
	þat ſeint Anfibaleſ <sup>1</sup> weofd ⁊	. . . . .
	iwrað þer of a blode.	. . . . .
	and ſeoðen he lette ſlen ⁊	. . . . .
	alle Melaeoneſ mē.	. . . . .
	þeo wef Coſtantin king here ⁊	. . . . .
	of þeſſere kine-riche.	. . . . .
	þa bigūnen bliſſen ⁊	. . . . .
	in Brutene to wunien.	. . . . . Brutayne. [ſ. 135 <sup>b</sup> . c. 1.]
	her wæf grið her wef frið ⁊ 20	
	and freoȝ laȝen mid folke.	
	and ful wel heoden <sup>2</sup> þa ilke laȝen ⁊ here were þe ilke lawes ⁊	
	þat ſtoden on Arðureſ daȝen. þat ſtode bi Arthur hiſ daȝes.	

to Winchester came, and 'speedily' entered within. Melion saw that, who was Modreds son, and turned from his companions, and fled to a church, and forth-right anon went before an altar. Constantine drew out his sword, and struck from him the head, so that Saint Amphibals altar was covered thereof in blood; and afterwards he caused all Melions men to be slain. Then was Constantine king here of this kingdom; then began bliss in Britain to dwell; 'here was peace, here was concord, and free laws with the folk;' 'and full well [here were] the same laws maintained, that stood in 'Arthurs [Arthur his] days. But the same lasted too little while;

<sup>1</sup> Anfibaleſ, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> heolden?

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MS. Cott. Otho, C. XIII.

Ah þat ilke i-laste ⁊  
 to lutele while.  
 for no ilaft he buten feouwer ȝer ⁊  
 hif feōd hine aqualde.  
 and hif folc hine uerede ⁊  
 in to Stan-henge.  
 and þer hine leide ⁊  
 bi leofen hif aldren.  
 Seoððen wef Conan ⁊  
 ihouē her to kinge. [c. 2.] 10  
 þat wef þe for-cuðefte mon ⁊  
 þet funne here fcean on.  
 Coftantines fuf<sup>9</sup> sune ⁊  
 hif æm he bifwac to deðe.  
 for he hefde<sup>3</sup> rihte ⁊  
 to þiffere kineriche.  
 Conan mid attere ⁊  
 hif æmef fune aqualde.  
 He bigon un-frið ⁊  
 if mē<sup>4</sup> him fuhten wið. 20  
 and he gon fechien ⁊  
 to hif twam fufterē.  
 alc burh<sup>6</sup> i þan londe ⁊

Ac þat ilke ilaste ⁊  
 to lutele wile.  
 for he ne la.de bote four ȝer ⁊  
 þat hef<sup>1</sup> fon hine a-cwelde.  
 and his men him brohte ⁊  
 riht to Ston-henge.  
 and þare hine leide ⁊  
 bi le.fue his ealdre.  
 S Eoppe was Conan ⁊  
 i-houe her to kinge.  
 þat was þe worfte man ⁊  
 .at þe sonne auer fon<sup>2</sup>.  
 Constantines fo.... .ne ⁊  
 his eam he du... ..þe.  
 for þat he had.. .. ⁊  
 to þiffe kin..iche.  
 C.... ..ter ⁊  
 his eames .... ..de.  
 He ne heol.... ..  
 20 hi<sup>5</sup> owene men h... ..  
 ech borh in þan .....

Conan.

for he (the king) lasted not but four years,—[that] his foes him killed; and his 'folk [men] brought him 'into [right to] Stonehenge, and there laid him by his dear ancestors. Afterwards was Conan raised here to be king; that was the 'wickedest [worst] man, that [the] sun 'here [ever] shone on; Constantines sisters son; his uncle he 'betrayed [put] to death, for [that] he had right to this kingdom. Conan with poison his uncles sons killed. He 'began strife [held not peace], his [own] men fought with him, 'and he gan seek to his two sisters'; each burgh in the land went

<sup>1</sup> his?<sup>2</sup> son on?<sup>3</sup> hafde, *pr. m.*<sup>4</sup> Added by a second hand in the margin.<sup>5</sup> his?<sup>6</sup> On an erasure.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiii.

ferde al to sconde.

...de to sconde.

aftured wes al þaf þeode ⁊

strongliche swiðe.

Six ȝere ilaste ⁊

Six ȝer. ....

þaf særineffe on londe.

..s forineffe in londe.

þa veol þe kīg of horfe ⁊

.. .... e king of horfe ⁊

and fæi-fið makede.

and ..edede his dages.

wel wef al þif folke ⁊

wel ..s al þis folke ⁊

for hif fæie-fiðe.

.or ... ..

þa þif wef al ido þuf ⁊

10

.. ..s ..s al þ.. ..

*Vortiporus.*

þa i-warð king Uortiporus.

. . . . .

þeo comen Sexifce men ⁊

. . . . .

seilen to londe.

. . . . .

and muchelne harm wrohten ⁊

. . . . .

biȝeonde þere Humbren.

. . . . .

floȝen &amp; nomen ⁊

. . . . .

al þat heo neh comen.

. . . . .

And Uortiporus þe hende<sup>1</sup> ⁊

. . . . .

fende after genge.

. . . . .

and ferede heom ouenon ⁊

20

. . . . .

and feold Sexifce men.

. . . . .

and moie þufend fente ⁊

. . . . .

to þare fe g<sup>u</sup>nde.

.. .... féé grunde. [c.2.]

and þuf he<sup>2</sup> heom a-ferde ⁊

þus he ȝam forferde ⁊

'all' to destruction; 'all this people was stirred very strongly.' Six years lasted this sorrow in *the* land; then fell the king from *his* horse,—well was all this folk for his death! When this was all done thus, then Vortiporus became king. Then came Saxish men sailing to *the* land, and mickle harm wrought beyond the Humber; *they* slew and captured all that they came nigh. And Vortiporus the fair sent after forces, and marched against them, and felled *the* Saxish men, and sent many thousands to the sea-ground; 'and' thus he them 'terrified [destroyed], and drove from [his] land, so

<sup>1</sup> hen, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> he he, *pr. m.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

and flemdre of londre. [[f.170.c.1.] and of his londre flemdre.	
þat næuer feodðen <sup>1</sup> bi his dazren 7 þat neuere zet bi his daiȝe 7	
ne lusten heom hider uaren.	ne luste ȝam hider fare.
Hif dazef ilaste feuen ȝere 7	His dazef w..e foue ȝer 7
and feodðen he deizede.	and suppe he de.de her.
And feodðen <sup>1</sup> nom þaf riche 7	þo nam þes riche 7
Malgus þe reȝe.	Malg <sup>2</sup> þe kene.
þat waf þe faireste mon 7	þat was þe fairest man 7
wið uten Adam & Abfolon.	wiþ vte Abfalon and Adam.
fwa alfe þe boc uf fuggeð 7 10	afe bokef seȝeþ 7
þa æuere iboren weore.	þa. .uere ibore were.
þef lette hif hired dihte 7	
al wið ote <sup>2</sup> cnihten.	
þuhten alle þef <sup>3</sup> sweines 7	
fwulche heo weoren þeines.	
haueden alle hif hired-cnase 7	
ælchef godef sweines laȝe. [mon 7	Ne dorste nō on-hende man 7
ne durste nauere nan vn-hende	þes kingef londre feche.
þaf kingef huf ifečen.	
He biwun þa londref alle 7 20	
þa stoden him an honde.	
þa wef al þaf Bruttene 7	Nou was east þis lond 7

*Malgus.*

that never `afterwards [yet] in his days *it* listed them to come hither. His days `lasted [were] seven years, and then he died [here]. `And afterwards [Then] Malgus the keen took this realm, who was the fairest man, without (except) Adam and Absalon, `so` as `the book [books] us say, that ever was born. `This *king* caused his court to be furnished all with brave knights; all the swains seemed as if they were thanes, all his attendants had *the* manners of each good swain; `durst` never any [no] un-courteous man seek the kings `house [land]. `He won all the lands that stood to him in hand.` `Then [Now] was [eft] all this `Britain [land]

<sup>1</sup> feodðen?<sup>2</sup> ute, *pr. m.* We should probably read ohte.<sup>3</sup> þe?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

afeolled mid bliffe.  
 þa bleden uorð comen ⁊  
 ȝeond al þif kinedomen.  
 Þe king ne rohte of æhte ⁊  
 ah al he hit ȝaf his cnihten.  
 no mihte no mon fugge ⁊  
 of wundere na mare.  
 þene wef mid þan kinge ⁊  
 buten<sup>1</sup> of ane þinge.  
 he luuede þane sūne ⁊ 10  
 þe lað if<sup>2</sup> ure drihtene.  
 þa wifmen heo<sup>3</sup> for-foken ⁊  
 to mare funne heo<sup>3</sup> token.  
 wapmon luuede wapmon ⁊  
 wifmen heō laðe weoren.  
 swa þat monie þufende ⁊ [c. 2.]  
 wenden of þiffē lond.  
 wifmen fwiðe feire ⁊  
 ferden to oðere þeoden.  
 for mucchel scome heon<sup>4</sup> þuhte ⁊  
 þat wepmen heom ne rohte. 21  
 Þurh ut alle cunnef þinge ⁊  
 þif ilke wef a god kinge.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xlii.

ifulled mid bliffe.  
 .. bledes forþ come ⁊  
 ouer .. ... kinedome.  
 Þe king of ..esur ne rohte ⁊  
 ac al .. hit ȝaf his cnihtes.  
 ne ..... no man fegge ⁊  
 of mur.. no more..  
 þan was mid ... kinge ⁊  
 bote of one þin..  
 10 he louede þe funne ⁊  
 þat loh his oure drihte.  
 þe wimmen he for-fo..  
 and to wepmen he tok.  
 we.men louede wepmen ⁊  
 wifm.. .am loþe were.

Þorh vt alle ..... þing ⁊  
 was þes ilke god ....

filled with bliss; the fruits came forth over all this kingdom. The king cared not for 'wealth [treasure], but all he it gave to his knights; might no man of 'wonder (i. e. of what was deserving of admiration) [mirth] say any more than was with the king, except of one thing,—he loved the sin that is loathsome to our Lord; the women he forsook, 'and to great sin [and to men] he took; men loved men, women were 'to them' hateful; 'so that many thousands of women most fair went from this land, and fared to other countries; for great shame *it* seemed to them, that men cared not for them.' Throughout all kind of thing this 'same was 'a' good king,

<sup>1</sup> bu, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> he?<sup>3</sup> *Interlined by a second hand.*<sup>4</sup> *R. heom.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

butē of þere funne ⁊	bote of þare funne ⁊	
þat ich ifeid hadde.	þat ich i-faid hadde.	
þa com an of hif cunne ⁊	þo com on of his cunne ⁊	
Carric wef ihaten.	Carich was ihote.	Carr[ic].
and nom <sup>1</sup> þifne kinedom ⁊	and nam þifne kined..	
and mid feorȝen wunede þer on.	and mid forwe won... .. on.	
fnel cniht wef Carric ⁊	ſtrong cniht ... ..	
ah he nef noht ifeli.	ac he nas ... ..	
þat wef for unleoden ⁊	... .as for .....	
ſpilden al hif þeoden.	10 .. . . . . . . . . . .	
þeof kīg wef aȝel Bruttifc mon ⁊	.. . . . . . . . . . .	[f. 136. c. 1.]
hux and hoker me warp him on.	.. . . . . . . . . . .	
heo <sup>2</sup> for-lætte Carriches ⁊	.. . . . . . . . . . .	
& Kinric hine cleopede.	.. . . . . . . . . . .	Kin[ric].
and ȝet on feole bocken ⁊	.. . . . . . . . . . .	
hif nome me ſwa writeð.	.. . . . . . . . . . .	
Folc hine gunnē hænen ⁊	.. . . . . . . . . . .	
folc hine gunne hatien.	.. . . . . . . . . . .	
and hoker loð fungen ⁊	.. . . . . . . . . . .	
bi laȝen þan kingen.	20 .. . . . . . . . . . .	
þa bigon weorre ⁊	.. . . . . . . . . . .	
ouer al þifſen arde.	.. . . . . . . . . . .	
and Sexifce men fone ⁊	.. . . . . . . . . . .	

except of the sin that I have said. Then came one of his kindred, *who* was named Carric, and took this kingdom, and with sorrow dwelt therein; a 'brave [strong] knight was Carric, but he was not prosperous, that was because foreigners destroyed all his nation. This king was a noble British man; derision and contempt men threw on him; they renounced *the name* of Carric, and called him Kinric; and yet in many books men so write his name. Folk gan him abase, folk gan him hate, and sung contemptuous songs of the odious king. Then began war over all this country; and Saxish men soon sailed to *the* land, and took *their* station speedily beyond

<sup>1</sup> mon, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> he, *pr. m.*

	MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
	seiledē to londe.	. . . . .
	and herberȝe token a-neouweste ȝ.	. . . . .
	bi-ȝeonde þere Humbre.	. . . . .
	and þe king wællien agon ȝ	. . . . .
	wide ȝeon <sup>1</sup> þaf þeoden.	. . . . .
	læð he wef al folke ȝ	. . . . .
	þa him on lokede.	. . . . .
	þa wes in Aufrike ȝ	. . . . .
	a king swiðe riche. [f. 170 <sup>b</sup> .c.1.]	. . . . .
	he wef an Aufrican ȝ	10 . . . . .
[An]ster.	Anster ihaten.	. . . . .
	he hafde sonen tweien ȝ	. . . . .
	fnelle cnihtes beien.	. . . . .
[Gur]mund.	Gurmūd hehte þe eldere ȝ	. . . . .
[Geri]on.	& Gerion hehte þe ȝeongere.	. . . . .
	þe alde king deȝede ȝ	. . . . .
	hif deȝes weoren aȝeōgen.	. . . . .
	he bitahte hif fune Gurmunde ȝ	. . . . .
	felen hif riche.	. . . . .
	Ah Gurmūd hit for-hoȝede ȝ	20 . . . . .
	and habbe he heo nolde.	. . . . .
	and þohte <sup>2</sup> al oðer ȝ	. . . . .
	and ȝef heo hif broder.	. . . . .
	and feiden þat he nolde ȝ	. . . . .

the Humber; and the king gan live in exile wide over this nation; hateful he was to all folk that on him looked. Then was in Africa a king exceeding powerful; he was an African, named Anster; he had two sons, brave knights both; Gurmund hight the elder, and Gerion hight the younger. The old king died,—his days were passed,—he gave his son Gurmund his good realm. But Gurmund despised it, and have it he would not, and thought all *another thing*, and gave it to his brother; and said that he would not possess any realm, unless he it won with weapon and

<sup>1</sup> ȝeond?

<sup>2</sup> þohten, *pr. m.*, but *n* erased.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xlii.
aȝen nane riche.	. . . . .
bute he heo biwūne ʒ	. . . . .
mid wepnen and mid monnen.	. . . . .
ah mid compe he wolde ʒ	. . . . .
aȝen kineriche.	. . . . .
oðer nauermare ʒ	. . . . .
nolde he habbe nane.	. . . . .
Gurmund waf kempe ʒ	. . . . .
i-coftned on mæine.	. . . . .
and he wef þe strongeſte mō ʒ 10	. . . . .
þæt æi mon lokede on.	. . . . .
He bi-gon to fende ʒ	. . . . .
ȝeond al þan londe.	. . . . .
in to Babilonie ʒ	. . . . .
in to Macedonie.	. . . . .
in <sup>1</sup> Turkie ʒ	. . . . .
in to Pſie.	. . . . .
in to Nubie ʒ	. . . . .
in to Arrabie.	. . . . .
& bad alle þe ȝeonglingeſ ʒ 20	. . . . .
ȝeond þa hæðene londes.	. . . . .
þæt heo heom biȝeten ʒ	. . . . . bi-ȝeate ʒ [c. 2.]
wurðliche wepnen.	worþ.....
and he heom forð rihteſ ʒ	and he wolde .....
wolden makien cuihteſ.	.am makie .....

with men, but with battle he would possess a kingdom, or nevermore would he have one! Gurmund was a champion approved in might, and he was the strongest man that any man looked on. He began to send over all the land, into Babylonia, into Macedonia, into Turkey, into Persia, into Nubia, into Arabia; and bade all the youths over the heathen lands, that they should procure to them worthy weapons, and he would forth-right make them knights, and afterwards go [forth] 'with them',

<sup>1</sup> in to?



MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

and feoðen <sup>1</sup> mid heð wenden ⁊ ... suppe gon forþ ⁊	
and fonden whar he mihten. [c. 2.]	
mid strongen <sup>2</sup> kēpen ⁊	
biwinnen kineriche.	... . . . nne kinerichef.
Hit halde toward Aufrike ⁊	... . . . ward Affrike ⁊
of feole <sup>3</sup> kuneriche.	... . . . . . he.
monief richef monnef fune ⁊	
monie hafðene <sup>4</sup> gume.	
comen to Gurmunde ⁊	and co... . . . . .
þan hæðene þringe.	10 þan heap... kinge.
þa þif ferde wef ifomned ⁊	þo hii were to-....re icome ⁊
and his folc arimed.	... mani one . . . . . de.
þa weoren þer italde ⁊	þo weren þar itold ⁊
cnihtef swiðe balde.	... . . . . . þe bold.
an hundred and fixti þufed ⁊	an hun.... . . . . . i þoufend ⁊
freoliche <sup>5</sup> iwapned.	mid ... gode .epne.
wið utē heore scutten ⁊	
þa biuoren scolden scuuen.	
wið uten þan c̅aftmonnen ⁊	
þe comē to Gurmūde.	20
Forð heo iuufden ⁊	Gormund . . . . . nde ⁊
vniinete uerden.	mid onimete ferde.
to þare fe wenden ⁊	to þare féé wende ⁊

and 'seek where he might' win kingdoms, 'with *his* strong warriors.' It (the host) came toward Africa from many *a* kingdom, 'the son of many *a* mighty man, many *a* heathen person,' [and] came to Gurmund, the heathen 'chief [king]. When 'this host was assembled, and his folk [they were come together, and many *a* one] numbered, then were there told, knights most bold, an hundred and sixty thousand, 'freely weaponed [with *their* good weapons], 'without their archers, that before should press, and without the craftsmen, that came to Gurmund'. Forth 'they [Gurmund] marched, [with] innumerable host; to the sea *they* came, then had they

<sup>1</sup> feoðen?<sup>2</sup> strongere, *pr. m.*<sup>3</sup> Added by a later hand.<sup>4</sup> hæðene?<sup>5</sup> feoliche, *pr. m.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

þa heo wīd hafden.	..t ... wind hadde.
in to sciþe haldenden <sup>1</sup> ʒ	into .... .nde ʒ
haðene kempen.	heaþene kempes.
Seouentene þer forē ʒ	..uentene þar were ʒ
þat kingef funen weoren.	kin... sones riche.
þer weoren twenti and æhtē ʒ	eahte and ....ti eorlene sones ʒ
of eorlene streone.	
fuipten <sup>2</sup> from londe ʒ	to þan fipes .....
feouen hundred scipene.	soue hundred .....
a formeste flocke <sup>3</sup> ʒ	
wið uten þa feoliende.	
Forð flet mid vðe ʒ	w...e fram þan lon..
folc vnimete.	
þa æit-lōdef <sup>4</sup> allē ʒ	... .. .es alle ʒ
þa heo biforen funden.	þat hii ..... f....
alle heo eoden an hōde ʒ	and al Gormūd ....
þan kīge Gurmunde.	.. his owene hond.
moniane kinge he faht wið ʒ	ma.. kynges ...aht wiþ ʒ
and alle heo ʒirnden hif grið. <sup>[f. 171. c. 1.]</sup>	and .... hii ʒornde his griþ.
& alle þe lōdef he biwon ʒ	and .... þe londes he bi-won ʒ
þat he lokede on.	... he mid eʒe lokede on.

10

20

*fair* wind; into ship embarked *the* heathen warriors. Seventeen there 'went [were], 'that were' kings sons [mighty]; 'there were' eight and twenty of earls 'offspring swept (?) from *the* land [sons to the ships *went*]; seven hundred ships 'in *the* foremost flock, without the *ships* following!' 'Forth floated with *the* waves innumerable folk; [from the land went; and *they* took] all the islands that they before *them* found, 'all they went in hand (submitted) to the king Gurmund [and all Gurmund took in his own hand]. Many a king he fought with, and they all yearned his peace; and all the lands he won that he [with eye] looked on. And then at the end he came to Ire-

<sup>1</sup> haldeden?<sup>2</sup> This word is doubtful, and has been badly corrected by a second hand, on an erasure.<sup>3</sup> folke, *pr. m.*<sup>4</sup> æit-lōddef, *pr. m.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

And þa a þan endede<sup>1</sup> ⁊  
 he com to Irlonde.  
 and þat lōd he al biwon ⁊  
 and aqualden þa leoden.  
 and wef icleoped king þere ⁊  
 of þan kinelonde.  
 & feoðen<sup>2</sup> he gon wende ⁊  
 in to þiffen londe.  
 feil heo droȝen to hune ⁊  
 and comen to Suð-hamtune. 10  
 þawunede bi-ȝeonde þere Hunbre ⁊  
 of Hengestef cunne.  
 in þan norð ende ⁊  
 drenches fume fixe.  
 heo iherden tiðinde ⁊  
 of Gurmund þan kinge.  
 ofte heo heom biþohte ⁊  
 what heo don mihten.  
 hu heo mihten bifwiken ⁊  
 Karic of hiſ richen. 20  
 and Bruttef alle aȝllen ⁊  
 mid luðerē heore craften.  
 Sexiſce men fenden fonde ⁊  
 to Karic þan king.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiii.

And þo at þan heande ⁊  
 he com to Irlonde.  
 þat lond he al .. won ⁊  
 and acwelde þe leode.  
 and was icleopid king ⁊  
 þare of þan kinelonde.  
 And fuþþe he gan wende ⁊  
 in to þiffe londe.  
 failes drowe many gome ⁊  
 and come .. Suþ-hamtone. [f. 136<sup>b</sup>.  
 c. 1.]  
 þo won... bi Norþhumbre ⁊  
 of Hen...tef cunne.  
 hii ho... ..ge ⁊  
 of Gormund ... ..ge.  
 ofte hii ȝa. ....  
 wat idon<sup>3</sup> in....  
 .. .. mihte bi....  
 ..... in his rich.  
 ... .ruttu. .... acwelle ⁊  
 mid hire luþer cr....  
 S Axiffe men fende ...de ⁊  
 to Carich þane ki.ge.

land, 'and' the land he all conquered, and killed the people, and was called king there of the kingdom. And afterwards he gan proceed into this land; sails 'they [many a man] drew 'to *the* top-mast,' and came to Southampton. Then dwelt 'beyond the Humber [by Northumberland], of Hengists kindred, 'in the north end, some six chieftains'; they heard *the* tiding of Gurmund the king; oft they them bethought what they might do,—how they might betray Carric 'of [in] his kingdom, and kill all *the* Britons with their wicked craft. *The* Saxish men sent messengers to Carric the

<sup>1</sup> ende ?<sup>2</sup> feoðen ?<sup>3</sup> hii don ?

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and feidē þat heo wolden ⁊  
 wið hine grið iwurchen.  
 leofere heom weore ⁊  
 to here Karic.  
 þene Gurmunde<sup>1</sup> ⁊  
 þan vncuðe kinge.  
 3ef he heom wolde gridien<sup>2</sup> ⁊  
 þat heo mosten liuien.  
 & and<sup>3</sup> a3euen heom þat lond ⁊ 3ef he 3a. wolde 3eue þat lond ⁊  
 þat while Uortigerne þe king. 10 þ.. Vortiger hadde wile a. ....  
 Hengeste bitahte<sup>4</sup> ⁊  
 þa he nom<sup>5</sup> hif dohter leoue.  
 and heo him wolden fenden ⁊ [c. 2.]  
 gauel of þan londe.  
 halden hine for hehne king ⁊  
 Karic heore deorling.  
 & þif heo him to-3eornden ⁊  
 mid 3iflen to ifoðien.  
 And Karic heom ilefde ⁊  
 al heore leofinge. 20  
 and þis grið 3ette ⁊  
 and dai heom fette.  
 þa wef Karic bifwiken ⁊

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

and faide þa. ... .de ⁊  
 wiþ him g... ..  
 leouere 3am were ⁊  
 Ca.... his men beon.  
 þane ..... þan stronge ⁊  
 kin. of oþer lande.  
 3ef he 3a. wolde 3eue þat lond ⁊  
 þ.. Vortiger hadde wile a. ....  
 Carich ilefuede hire le....  
 and his griþ 3am 3ette ⁊  
 and one dai 3am fette.  
 .. was Carich bi-..ike ⁊

king, and said that they would make peace with him;—liefer to them *it* were, to 'obey Carric [be Carric his men], than Gurmund, the 'foreign king [the strong, king of other land], if he would 'grant them peace, that they might live, and 'give them the land that whilom Vortiger 'the king' gave to Hengist [had in hand], 'when he took his loved daughter; and they would him send tribute of the land, hold him for supreme king, Carric their darling; and this they entreated him with hostages to confirm. And 'Carric 'them' believed, 'all' their leasing, and granted 'this [them his] peace, and appointed them [a] day. Then was Carric betrayed all with

<sup>1</sup> Part of a line seems wanting.<sup>4</sup> bitatte, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> gridien?<sup>5</sup> mon, *pr. m.*<sup>3</sup> Sic MS.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.

al mid heore craften.  
*Ka[ric.]* Karic auer feoðen<sup>1</sup> ʒ  
*Kin[eric.]* Kineric he hehtē.  
 al mid hoker worden ʒ  
 þe king heo for-huften.  
 Karic ileouede to foðe ʒ  
 Sexifce monne lare.  
 Vnder þan worden ʒ  
 heo letten writ makien.  
 & fenden heore fonden ʒ 10  
 to Gurmunt þen kinge.  
 and þuf þa word feiden ʒ  
 þa a þan writ stodē.  
 Hail feo þu Gurgmund<sup>2</sup> ʒ  
 hal feo þu heðene king.  
 heil seo þi duʒeðe ʒ  
 hail þine drihtliche men.  
 We funden men Sexifce ʒ  
 felest of þan kunne.  
 þa Hengest of Sex-londe ʒ 20  
 hider mid hī brohte.  
 wunieð inne B<sup>u</sup>taine ʒ  
 bi norðe þere Humbre.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

a. mid hire craft..  
 ..... euere suppe ʒ  
 Kenrich .. ..  
 al mid hoker worde. ʒ  
 .. king hii forb...de.  
 C.rich ilefde to foþe ʒ  
 Saxi... mannef lore.  
 Vnder þa. wordes ʒ  
 hii lette writ makie.  
 10 and fende hire fonde ʒ  
 to king Gormunde.  
 ..d þus þat writ faide ʒ  
 þat Saxiffe men fende.  
 Hayl beo þou Gormund ʒ  
  
 and alle þine cnihtes.  
 We beoþ Saxiffe men ʒ  
 icome of þine cunne.  
 20 þat Hengest of Sax-..... [c.2.]  
 . . . . .  
 . . . . .  
 . . . . .

their craft! Carric ever since Kinric he hight; all with contemptuous words the king they derided. Carric believed in sooth *the* Saxish mens statement. During the words they caused *a* writ to be made, and sent their messengers to 'Gurmund the king [king Gurmund]; and thus the 'words [writ] said, that 'in the writ stood [*the* Saxish men sent]: "Hail be thou, Gurmund, 'hail be thou, heathen king; 'hail be thy folk, hail thy noble men [and all thy knights]! We are Saxish men, *the* best of the [descended of thy] kindred, that Hengist from Saxland brought hither with him; *we* dwell in Britain, by north of the Humber. Thou art heathen king,

<sup>1</sup> feiden, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> R. Gurmund.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. x111.
þu art heðene king ʒ	. . . . .
we heðene kēpen.	. . . . .
Karic if cristine mon ʒ	. . . . .
he if us lað forðan.	. . . . .
and ʒif þu wult al þif lond ʒ	[£.171 <sup>a</sup> . c.1.] . . . . .
nimen to þire aʒere hond.	. . . . .
we wulleð mid þe uehten ʒ	. . . . .
mid fulkere <sup>1</sup> strenðen.	. . . . .
and Caric of-flæn ʒ	. . . . .
and alle hiſ cnihtef flan. 10	. . . . .
& fetten al þif kine-lond ʒ	. . . . .
a þire aʒere hond <sup>2</sup> .	. . . . .
ʒif þu hit wult us aʒiuen ʒ	. . . . .
we þe wulleð ʒeldē.	. . . . .
fixti hundred punden ʒ	. . . . .
to alchef ʒeref firſten.	. . . . .
& we wulleð þie men bi-cumen ʒ	. . . . .
to ʒiflen fullē þe ure funen.	. . . . .
And ʒif hit þi wille weore ʒ	. . . . .
þat þu hider woldeſt wende. 20	. . . . .
þaſ forwarde makien ʒ	. . . . .
and þaſ ſpechen uæſtniē.	. . . . .
we wulleð ouer al ʒ	. . . . .
atlien to þe ſeluen.	. . . . .

we *are* heathen warriors. Carric is a Christian man; he is to us therefore hateful; and if thou wilt take all this land to thine own hand, we will with thee fight, with *our* full strength, and slay Carric, and all his knights drive *away*, and set all this kingdom in thine own hand. If thou wilt give it to us, we will yield thee sixty hundred pounds, at *the* space of each year; and we will become thy men; our sons deliver to thee as hostages. And if it were thy will, that thou hither wouldest wend, this covenant to make, and this speech to confirm, we will over all *things* come to thyself;

<sup>1</sup> fillere, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> *Added by a later hand.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
a watere and a londe ʒ	. . . . .
halden þe uor kinge.	. . . . .
þa bi-gon to ſpekene ʒ	. . . . .
Gurmund þe kene.	. . . . .
ʒarkieð mine ſcipē biliue ʒ	. . . . .
forð ic wulle liðe.	. . . . .
Seilef heo up droʒen ʒ	. . . . .
forð heo gunnen fiʒen.	. . . . .
luken rapes longe ʒ	. . . . .
liðen forð mid uðen. 10	. . . . .
and ſwa heo gunnen wenden ʒ	. . . . .
to Norð-humbre londe.	. . . . .
aud ſpeken wið Sexifce men ʒ	. . . . .
and ſæhte iwurðen.	. . . . .
and ſworen þat heo wolden ʒ	. . . . .
heore forward halden.	. . . . .
þa weoren heo al an ʒ	. . . . .
Gurmūd and Sexefce men. [c.2.]	. . . . .
þa ſomnedē heo uerde ʒ	. . . . .
vnimete an ærde. 20	. . . . .
& ferde toward Karriche ʒ	. . . . .
þan kinge of þiffere riche.	. . . . .
and æwere heo fungen mid hokere ʒ.	. . . . .
of Kinriche þan kinge.	. . . . .
Caric hiſ Brutteſ gadere ʒ	. . . . .

*and* on water and on land hold thee for king." Then began to speak Gurmund the keen: "Make ready my ships quickly; forth I will go!" Sails they up drew, forth they gan voyage, pull *the* long ropes, *and* sail forth with *the* waves; and so they gan proceed to Northumberland, and spake with *the* Saxish men, and became friends, and swore that they would their covenant hold. When they were all one, Gurmund and *the* Saxish men, then assembled they forces innumerable in *the* land, and marched toward Caric, the king of this kingdom; and ever they sung with contempt of Kinric the king. Caric gathered his Britons, and summoned them toge-

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	. . . . .	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
and beide heom to-fomne.	. . . . .	
and him to wende ⁊	. . . . .	
al þat waf on londe.	. . . . .	
for rihtere neode ⁊	. . . . .	
nusten heo red betere <sup>1</sup> .	. . . . .	
Caric muchel folc hafde ⁊	. . . . .	
and ferde vnimete.	. . . . .	
& ofte he com to compe ⁊	. . . . .	
to Gurmunde kinge.	. . . . .	
and ofte he him faht wið ⁊ 10	. . . . .	
and neuere no ȝirde <sup>2</sup> hif grið.	. . . . .	
and for heo hokerede him on ⁊	. . . . .	
he iwarð swiðe kene mon.	. . . . .	
& ȝif he hafde genge ⁊	. . . . .	
efne wið Gurmunde.	. . . . .	
Gurmund weore sone iflaȝen ⁊	. . . . .	
hif folc idon of lif-daȝen.	. . . . .	
Ah æuere a <sup>3</sup> þan ende ⁊	. . . . .	
wæx Gurmundes genge.	. . . . .	
and æuere a þan ende ⁊ 20	. . . . .	
feol Carrichef genge.	. . . . .	
Gurmund draf Carriche ⁊	. . . . .	Gurmund.
wide ȝeond þaf riche.	. . . . .	

ther; and all that was on land went to him, for downright need,—they knew not better counsel. Caric had mickle folk, and an immense host; and oft he came to battle, to king Gurmund, and oft he fought with him, and never yearned his peace, and because they despised him, he became a man most keen; and if he had had an army even (equal) with Gurmund, Gurmund were (would have been) soon slain, and his folk deprived of life-day. But ever in the end waxed Gurmunds forces, and ever in the end fell Carrics forces. Gurmund drove Caric wide over this realm; and

betere red?

<sup>2</sup> ȝirnde?<sup>3</sup> Inserted by a second hand.



	MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
<i>Chir-</i>	and Carric at Cherinchestre ʒ	. . . . .
<i>chafre.</i>	biclusde hi <sup>1</sup> ful faste.	. . . . .
	and moni dæi þer biuoren ʒ	. . . . .
	he lette þider fufen.	. . . . .
	al þat he hafde ihaldē ʒ	. . . . .
	þat corn of þissen londe. [f. 172. c. 1.]	. . . . .
	and þa wallef fastnede ʒ	. . . . .
	wunder ane stronge.	. . . . .
	Gurmund þet i-herde ʒ	. . . . .
	and þider he gon ride. 10	. . . . .
	and bi-læi Chirenchestre ʒ	. . . . .
	wið utene swiðe faste.	. . . . .
	And Gurmund al þif kinelond ʒ	. . . . .
	walde to hif aʒere hond.	. . . . .
	burʒef he for-barnde ʒ	. . . . .
	tunef he for-swelde.	. . . . .
	Bruttef he aqualde ʒ	. . . . .
	balu wef on londe.	. . . . .
	munekes he for-pinede ʒ	. . . . .
	on mani are wise. [men ʒ 20	. . . . .
	þa riche wif he lette hif hired-	. . . . .
	makien to horen.	. . . . .
	p <sup>o</sup> ostef he alle of-flæh ʒ	. . . . .

Carric inclosed him at Cirencester full strongly; and many a day there-  
before he *had* caused to be thither carried all that he had possessed of the  
corn of this land, and fastened the walls wondrously strong. Gurmund  
that heard, and thither he gan ride, and belay Cirencester without, ex-  
ceeding fast. And Gurmund possessed all this kingdom in his own hand;  
*the* burghs he burnt, *the* towns he consumed, *the* Britons he killed,—  
destruction was in *the* land! Monks he tormented in many a wise; the  
rich women he let his followers make whores; all *the* priests he slew,

<sup>1</sup> hine?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

alle þa chīrchen he to-droh.	:	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
clærkes he aqualde ⁊	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
alle þa he funde.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ichecele <sup>1</sup> he lette feoðe ⁊	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
alle þa cnihtes ⁊	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
he lette hon forð rihtes.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
al þif lond for-ferde ⁊	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
a ueole cunne wife.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wulc wræcche folc swa mihte ⁊	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
fleh ut of þeode.	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
fun <sup>2</sup> hit to Walef wēde ⁊	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
fum to Cornwale.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
fum in to Neuftrie ⁊	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
þe hatte nu Normandie.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
fum fleh bi-zeonden sæ ⁊	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
in to Bruttaine.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
and gunnen wunien feoðde ⁊	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
æn þet lond heht Armoriche.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
& sūme heo fluȝen to Irlonde ⁊	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
for þan æie of Gurmunde.	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
and þer wuneden þeouwe ⁊	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

all the churches he down drew; *the* clerks he killed, all that he found; each child he caused afterwards *to be put to death*, and all the knights he caused to be hung forth-right;—all this land *he* destroyed in many kind of wise. What (such) wretched folk as might, fled out of *the* country; some it went to Wales, some to Cornwall, some into Neustrie, that now hight Normandy; some fled beyond sea into Bretagne, and gan to dwell afterwards in the land called Armoriche; and some they fled to Ireland, for the awe of Gurmund, and there dwelled slaves in servitude, they and all

<sup>1</sup> *A later hand has written children in the margin opposite. Perhaps we should read iche child. The sense is incomplete, from the deficiency of the line that ought to follow the present one.*

<sup>2</sup> *R. fun.*

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MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

inne þaldome. [c. 2.]		. . . . .
heo and al heore cun ʒ		. . . . .
and her ne come nauere aʒen.		. . . . .
And þuſ loſede Brutteſ ʒ		. . . . .
al þas kine-londeſ. [cheſtre ʒ		. . . . .
And Gurmund bi <sup>1</sup> bilæi Chiren-		. . . . .
abuten ſwiðe uafte.		. . . . .
and Caric weſ wið innen ʒ		. . . . .
and moni of hiſ mōnen.		. . . . .
wa wæs þan leoden ʒ	10	. . . . .
þe þa weoren on liuen.		. . . . .
Hit waſ in ane dæie ʒ		. . . . .
þat Gurmund mid hiſ duʒeðe <sup>2</sup> .		. . . . .
dringef heðene ʒ		. . . . .
riden a flatinge.		. . . . .
þa com þer an gume riden ʒ		. . . . .
to Gurmunde kingen.		. . . . .
<i>Iſemb[erð]</i> . he weſ ihaten Iſemb[erð] ʒ		. . . . .
inne France weſ hiſ ærd.		. . . . .
he weſ Louweifeſ fune ʒ	20	. . . . .
þaſ kinges of þere þeode.		. . . . .
hiſ fader hine hafuede ut idriuen ʒ.		. . . . .
of al hiſ kinerichen.		. . . . .
þat no moſte he neouwar wunie ʒ.		. . . . .

their kin, and here came never again. And thus lost *the* Britons all these kingdoms! And Gurmund belay Cirencester about, exceeding firmly; and Carric was within, and many of his men; woe was to the people that then were alive! It was on a day, that Gurmund with his folk,—heathen thanes,—rode a-hunting. Then came there a man riding to Gurmund *the* king; he was named Isemberd, in France was his *native* land; he was Louises son, the king of the country. His father had driven him out of all his kingdom, *so* that he might no where dwell in all his sovereignty; and he

<sup>1</sup> *Superfluous?*<sup>2</sup> *dizeðe, pr. m.*

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MS. Cott. Otho, C. XIII.

on al his onwalde.	. . . . .
and he fleh to þiffen londe ⁊	. . . . .
to Gurmude <sup>1</sup> kinge.	. . . . .
He hafde to iueren ⁊	. . . . .
twa þufend rideren.	. . . . .
and Gurmunddes mon he <sup>2</sup> bicō <sup>3</sup> ⁊	. . . . .
ne mihte he na wurfe don.	. . . . .
for crist feolue he for-foc ⁊	. . . . .
and to þan wurfen he tohc.	. . . . .
and þer fore <sup>4</sup> he cristindom ⁊ 10	. . . . .
and heðescipe nom him on.	. . . . .
And fwa heo uoren beien ⁊	. . . . .
mid mucle heore uerde. [f. 172 <sup>v</sup> . c. 1.]	. . . . .
and bi-leien Chirċheftre ⁊	. . . . .
an elche halue wel fafte.	. . . . .
Wel ofte Karichef men ⁊	. . . . .
comen ut of burhȝen.	. . . . .
and ræfden an Gurmunde ⁊	. . . . .
mid ræȝere strenðe.	. . . . .
and floȝen of his folke ⁊ 20	. . . . .
feole þufende.	. . . . .
& fenden heom to helle ⁊	. . . . .
heðene hundef alle.	. . . . .

fled to this land to Gurmund *the* king. He had for companions two thousand riders, and he became Gurmunds man; he might no worse do, for Christ *himself* he forsook, and to the Worse he took, and there he deserted (?) Christendom, and heathenism took on him. And so they marched both, with their mickle host, and belay Cirencester on each side well firmly. Well oft Carrics men came out of *the* burgh, and rushed on Gurmund with fierce strength, and slew of his folk many thousands, and sent them to hell,—heathen hounds all! Carric was a knight most good, and ex-

<sup>1</sup> R. Gurmunde.<sup>2</sup> heo, *pr. m.*, but o expuncted.<sup>3</sup> bicon, *pr. m.*<sup>4</sup> for-lete?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiii.
Karic wef swiðe goud cniht? . . . . .	
and swiðe wel he heold hif fiht. . . . .	
and faste he heold Chirchestre <sup>1</sup> ? . . . . .	
mid strengðe þan mæste. . . . .	
þat ne mihte Gurmund? . . . . .	
næuere mæren hif ferde. . . . .	
ar he lette heom mid ginnen? . . . . .	
bifwiken wið innen. . . . .	
Gurmund castles madeð? . . . . .	
abuten Chirenchestre. 10 . . . . .	
þreo he bitahte? . . . . .	
þreom heðene cnihte. . . . .	
him feoluen he heol þat ane? . . . . .	
Isembard þat oðer. . . . .	
Gurmund madeð ænne tur? . . . . .	
þer inne he bulde ænne bur. . . . .	
þer inne he pleoȝede hif plazen? . . . . .	
þa me luuede a þeon daȝen. . . . .	
þer inne he hafde hif maumet? . . . . .	
þa he heold for hif god. 20 . . . . .	
Hit i-lomp on ane dæiȝe? . . . . .	
þat Gurmūd mid hif duȝeðe. . . . .	
weoren swiðe bliðe? . . . . .	
and druncken of wine. . . . .	

ceeding well he maintained his fight, and fast he held Cirencester, with strength the most, so that Gurmund might never mar his host, ere he caused them with stratagem to be betrayed within. Gurmund made castles about Cirencester; three he committed to three heathen knights, himself he held the one, Isembard the other. Gurmund made a tower, therein he built a chamber; therein he played his play, that men loved in those days, therein he had his mawmet, that he held for his god. It befell on a day, that Gurmund with his folk were exceeding blithe, and drunk with

<sup>1</sup> Chirenchestre?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
þa com þer an heðene mon ?	. . . . .
awaried wurðen he forþan. [c. 2.]	. . . . .
and afkede tidende ?	. . . . .
Gurmunde þe kige.	. . . . .
Seie me lauerd Gurmund ?	. . . . .
þu art fwiðe riche king.	. . . . .
heou longe wult þu beo3ie ?	. . . . .
abuten þiffere bur3e.	. . . . .
what wult þu 3iuen me ?	. . . . .
3if ich þe burh 3iuen þe. 10	. . . . .
and al þat if wið inne ?	. . . . .
to don þine iwille.	. . . . .
þat noht no bið to leue ?	. . . . .
al þu hit flat <sup>1</sup> a3e.	. . . . .
þa andfwarede <sup>2</sup> Gurmūd ?	. . . . .
þe riche heðene king.	. . . . .
Ich 3iue þe ane eorldō <sup>3</sup> ?	. . . . .
auere to a3e.	. . . . .
wið þat þu a-neofte ?	. . . . .
þe burh me bi-tache. 20	. . . . .
þif forward wef imaked anan ?	. . . . .
lut mē hit wufte.	. . . . .
þat <sup>4</sup> þef heðene cniht ?	. . . . .

wine. Then came there a heathen man,—cursed therefore be he,—and asked tidings of Gurmund the king.—“Say me, lord Gurmund,—thou art king very powerful,—how long wilt thou lay about this burgh? What wilt thou give me, if I give thee the burgh, and all that is within, to do thy will, that nought shall be left, *for* all thou shalt possess?” Then answered Gurmund, the mighty heathen king: “I *will* give thee an earldom, ever to possess, on condition that thou quickly deliver me the burgh.” This agreement was made anon,—few men it knew. Then this heathen knight up arose forth-right, and sought nets woven (?) exceeding nar-

<sup>1</sup> falt ?<sup>2</sup> andfwade, *pr. m.*<sup>3</sup> eorldon, *pr. m.*<sup>4</sup> þa ?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
up araf forð rit <sup>1</sup> .	. . . . .
& nettes bi-fohte ⁊	. . . . .
ibroidē fwiðe narewe.	. . . . .
and þa tolen þer to ⁊	. . . . .
& cuht heom fwiðe narewe.	. . . . .
þer biforen he gon ȝeoten ⁊	. . . . .
draf and chaf and atē.	. . . . .
þuf he hit gon dihten ⁊	. . . . .
and sparewen þerto liht.	. . . . .
and he a þan uorme drahte ⁊ 10	. . . . .
fwið <sup>2</sup> monie he ilahte.	. . . . .
and he from þan grunde ⁊	. . . . .
nom <sup>3</sup> heō mid ifunde.	. . . . .
þat alle heore whingen ⁊	. . . . .
noht awemmed neoren <sup>4</sup> .	. . . . .
þa bi-fohte he nute-scalen ⁊	. . . . .
and lette þe curnelef ut draȝen.	. . . . .
& tinder nom ⁊ [[f. 173. c. 1.]	. . . . .
and lette i þan scalen don.	. . . . .
& foren to þære nihte ⁊ 20	. . . . .
fur þer on brohte.	. . . . .
and to þan sparewen uoten ⁊	. . . . .
uafte heom icnutten.	. . . . .
þeof he lette forð wendē ⁊	. . . . .

row, and the tools thereto, and cut them very narrow; there before he gan pour draff and chaff and oats. Thus gan he it dight; and sparrows thereto alighted, and he at the first draught very many he caught; and he took them in safety from the ground, so that all their wings were not injured. Then sought he nut-shells, and caused the kernels to be drawn out; and took tinder, and caused it to be put in the shells, and before the night brought fire therein, and fast knotted them to the sparrows feet. These he let go forth, very many sparrows; the sparrows took their

<sup>1</sup> riht?<sup>2</sup> fwi, *pr. m.*<sup>3</sup> inom, *pr. m.*<sup>4</sup> weoren, *pr. m.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
swiðe ueole sparewen.	. . . . .
þa sparwen heore flut nomen ⁊	. . . . .
& fluȝen to heore innen.	. . . . .
ȝeond þare burȝen ⁊	. . . . .
þær heo ar wuneȝende weoren.	. . . . .
i þan eouefen <sup>1</sup> he <sup>2</sup> grupen ⁊	. . . . .
fwa heo duden in þen muȝen.	. . . . .
Anan swa þet fur wef hat ⁊	. . . . .
swa þe sparewe innere <sup>3</sup> crap.	. . . . .
þe wið com mid þere nihte ⁊ 10	. . . . .
and þat fur awehte.	. . . . .
and þa burh a feole studen ⁊	. . . . .
gon hure <sup>4</sup> to bernen.	. . . . .
an æft halue an weft halue ⁊	. . . . .
wa wef Brutten þere.	. . . . .
þenne heo wenden beon fikere ⁊	. . . . .
and fluȝen in ane ende <sup>5</sup> .	. . . . .
þene araf þat fur anan ⁊	. . . . .
biuoren and bihinden.	. . . . .
Gurmund lette blawen ⁊ 20	. . . . .
hornef & bemen.	. . . . .
fiften þufende ⁊	. . . . .
þarften to blafe.	. . . . .

flight, and flew to their holes over the burgh, where they ere were inhabiting; in the eaves they clung, so they did in the mows. Anon as the fire was hot, as the sparrows inner crept, the wind came with the night, and the fire kindled, and the burgh in many places gan her to burn; in *the east side and in the west side*,—woe was to *the Britons* there, when they weened to be sure; and *they* fled into one end. Then arose the fire anon, before and behind. Gurmund caused horns and trumpets to be blown; fifteen thousand thronged to *the blast*. *The Britons burn, the Britons gan*

<sup>1</sup> ouefen, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> heo?<sup>3</sup> innene, *pr. m.*<sup>4</sup> hire?<sup>5</sup> Probably here and just above a line may be missing, but the punctuation of the MS. has been kept.



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Bruttef for-burnen ⁊		. . . . .
Bruttef gunnen irnen.		. . . . .
heo leopen ut of walle ⁊		. . . . .
and me heom floh alle.		. . . . .
Nef hit nohwhar ifeid ⁊		. . . . .
no a bocken irad.		. . . . .
þat æi folc fwa feire ⁊		. . . . .
swa for-fare weore <sup>1</sup> .		. . . . .
swa wef Caric and hif genge <sup>2</sup> [c. 2].		. . . . .
þe king wef of Bruttene.	10	. . . . .
þa burh born alle niht ⁊		. . . . .
þe brune wæs vnimete.		. . . . .
þat feht wef fone idon ⁊		. . . . .
þat fur heom eoden ouenon.		. . . . .
And Carrich king him ifah ⁊		. . . . .
þat he ou <sup>3</sup> cume wæs.		. . . . .
þe king him gō crepen ⁊		. . . . .
an heonden and a futen.		. . . . .
swulc he mid unfunde ⁊		. . . . .
al uorwunded weore.	20	. . . . .
and fwa he swiðe stille ⁊		. . . . .
bifstal from his duzeðe.		. . . . .
and weft him gon wēden ⁊		. . . . .
into þe Walſce londen.		. . . . .

to run ; they leapt out of *the* walls, and men slew them all. No where is it said, nor in books read, that any folk so fair so were destroyed, as was Carric and his army, who was king of Britain ! The burgh burnt all night, the burning was boundless ! The fight was soon finished, the fire spread over them. And Carric, *the* king, *himself* saw, that he was overcome ; the king gan him creep on hands and on feet, as if he were all mortally wounded ; and so he most stilly stole from his people, and *westward* gan him move into the Welsh land ; and *in* this wise he went out of this land.

<sup>1</sup> Added by a later hand.

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& þaf waiȝef he wende ⁊	. . . . .
ut of þisse londe.	. . . . .
And nuſte nauere na man ⁊	. . . . .
whar Karic him bicom.	. . . . .
buten ænef an ane tide ⁊	. . . . .
an cniht þer com ride.	. . . . .
& seide Gurmunde ⁊	. . . . .
of Kariche tidende.	. . . . .
þat he in Irlonde ⁊	. . . . .
fōnede genge.	10 . . . . .
and wolde mid fehte ⁊	. . . . .
æft faren hidere.	. . . . .
Ah nuſte nauere na <sup>1</sup> man ⁊	. . . . .
to whan þe þret him bi-com.	. . . . .
And þuſ wes Chirenceſtre ⁊	. . . . .
and his londes aweſte.	. . . . .
and Gurmūd ihouen to kinge ⁊	. . . . .
of al þisse kinelonde.	. . . . .
for þenne þe burh wef biwunnen ⁊	. . . . .
mid ſwulcchef cunnef ginnen. 20	. . . . .
and <sup>2</sup> ſparewen þat beren þat fur ⁊	. . . . .
& ſparewen heo forbarnden <sup>3</sup> . [f.173 <sup>b</sup> . c.1.]	. . . . .
And feole wintere ſeoððen ⁊	. . . . .

And knew never any man where Carric him became, except once on a time a knight there came riding, and said tiding to Gurmund of Carric, that he in Ireland assembled forces, and would with fight eft fare hither. But knew never any man to what *issue* the threat it became. And thus was Cirencester and his lands wasted, and Gurmund raised to *be* king of all this kingdom; for then the burgh was won with stratagem of such kind, with sparrows that bare the fire, and sparrows it consumed. And many winters afterwards, the folk that there dwelt called it Sparrow-chester, in

<sup>1</sup> na na, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> mid?<sup>3</sup> forbanden, *pr. m.*

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þ <sup>1</sup> folc þa þer wunede.	. . . . .
cleopeden heo Sparewenchestre <sup>2</sup> .	. . . . .
in heore leod-spellen.	. . . . .
and zet hit duðe <sup>3</sup> fūme men <sup>2</sup>	. . . . .
to imuȝen þe alde deden.	. . . . .
And þuf wef þa riche burh <sup>2</sup>	. . . . .
mid reouðen <sup>3</sup> forðemed.	. . . . .
and Gurmund wef on londe <sup>2</sup>	. . . . .
iheouen her to kinge.	. . . . .
and Gurmund wef an heðene mon <sup>2</sup> .	. . . . .
and for-dude þane cristindom. 11	. . . . .
þa þis wef al þuf ifare <sup>2</sup>	. . . . .
þæ wes her forȝe and muchel care..	. . . . .
Gurmund falde þa müftref <sup>2</sup>	. . . . .
and an-heng alle þa munkes.	. . . . .
of cnihten he carf þe lippes <sup>2</sup>	. . . . .
of madenen þa tittes.	. . . . .
preostes he blende <sup>2</sup>	. . . . .
al þif folc he scēde.	. . . . .
ælcne bilefued mon <sup>2</sup>	20 . . . . .
he lette bi-limien.	. . . . .
and þuf he gon to taken on <sup>2</sup>	. . . . .
and fordude al þisne cristindom.	. . . . .

their popular speech ; and yet *so* do some men *call* it, to commemorate the old deeds. And thus was the rich burgh lamentably destroyed, and Gurmund was in *the* land raised here to *be* king ; and Gurmund was an heathen man, and destroyed the Christendom. When this was all thus transacted, then was here sorrow and mickle care. Gurmund felled the minsters, and hung up all the monks ; from knights he cut the lips, from maidens the teats ; *the* priests he blinded ; all this folk he injured ; each remaining man he caused to be dismembered ; and thus he gan to take on, and destroyed all this Christendom. And afterwards he went to London, to a

<sup>1</sup> *ya*, *pr. m.*, but the *a* expuncted by the rubricator.

<sup>2</sup> *dude*, *pr. m.*

<sup>3</sup> *reoude*, *pr. m.*

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And feoððen he uor to Ludene <sup>1</sup> ?	. . . . .
to ane muchele huftinge.	. . . . .
þider gunnen fiȝe?	. . . . .
alle Sex-leode.	. . . . .
þa wuneden i þiffen londe?	. . . . .
mid Gurmumde <sup>2</sup> kīge.	. . . . .
and hiȝ men bicomē?	. . . . .
moie <sup>3</sup> and vniuoȝe.	. . . . .
heom <sup>4</sup> heold for-ward?	. . . . .
and aȝef heom fone al þiȝ ærd. 10	. . . . .
of him to heoldenne?	. . . . .
and habben hine for kinge.	. . . . .
And þe king hehte?	. . . . .
al þan <sup>5</sup> hine luȝede. [c. 2.]	. . . . .
þat whar swa heo mihten finde?	. . . . .
Bruttes i þiffen londe.	. . . . .
þat hine <sup>6</sup> anan floȝen?	. . . . .
oðer mid horfen to-droȝen.	. . . . .
buten he libben wolden?	. . . . .
his lif in þraldome. 20	. . . . .
and for-fakē godeȝ mæffe?	. . . . .
and luuien hædenesse <sup>7</sup> .	. . . . .
þenne moȝte he libben?	. . . . .

mickle husting; thither gan arrive all *the* Saxon people that dwelt in this land, with Gurmund the king, and became his men, many and without number; *he* held covenant with them, and gave them soon all this realm to hold of him, and have him for king. And the king bade all that loved him, that wheresoever they might find Britons in this land, that *they* should slay him anon, or with horses draw in pieces, unless he would live his life in thraldom, and forsake Gods mass, and love heathenism; then might he

<sup>1</sup> R. Lundene.<sup>2</sup> R. Gurmunde.<sup>3</sup> R. monie.<sup>4</sup> *The sense requires us to read* he heom.<sup>5</sup> þat?<sup>6</sup> hene, *pr. m.*<sup>7</sup> hæðenesse?

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	þeou a þisse londe.	. . . . .
	Bifidē Allemaine if a lond ⁊	. . . . .
<i>Anglef.</i>	Anglef ihaten.	. . . . .
	þer weoren iborne ⁊	. . . . .
	þa ilke þe weorn icorne.	. . . . .
	þa Gurmund an hond ⁊	. . . . .
	bitahte al þif kinelond.	. . . . .
	alfe he heom a forward hædde ⁊	. . . . .
	ʒif he hit biwunne.	. . . . .
	al hiſ bihefte ⁊	10 . . . . .
	he heom bilaſte.	. . . . .
	Of Englen heo comen ⁊	. . . . .
	and þer of heo nomen nomen.	. . . . .
	and letten heom cleopien ful iwif ⁊	. . . . .
	þat folc þat wes Ænglif. [lond ⁊	. . . . .
<i>Anglelond.</i>	& þif lond heo cleopeden Ængle-	. . . . .
	for hit wef al on heore honde.	. . . . .
	Seoððe <sup>1</sup> æreſt Brutteſ ⁊	. . . . .
	bæhʒen to þiffen londe.	. . . . .
	Brutaine hit wef ihaten ⁊	20 . . . . .
	of Brutten nom taken.	. . . . .
	a þat þif folc com ⁊	. . . . .
	þa þifne nome him binon <sup>2</sup> .	. . . . .
	And moniee <sup>3</sup> of þan burʒen ⁊	. . . . .

live a slave in this land! Beside Alemaine is a land named Angles; there were born the same that were chosen, to whom Gurmund gave all this kingdom in hand, as he had *promised* to them in covenant, if he should it win. All his promise he fulfilled to them. Of Engles they came, and thereof they took name, and caused themselves to be called, full truly, the folk that was English; and this land they called Engle-land, for it was all in their hand. After first *the* Britons came to this land, Britain it was named, of Britons took name, until this folk came that this name took from it. And many of the burghs, and many of the towns, and many of

<sup>1</sup> seoððe?<sup>2</sup> R. binom.<sup>3</sup> R. monie.

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and monie of þan tunen.	. . . . .
and monie of þan londen ⁊	. . . . .
and of þan hamen <sup>1</sup> .	. . . . .
heo binomen heore namen ⁊ <sup>[f. 174. c. 1.]</sup>	. . . . .
al for Bruttene sceome <sup>2</sup> .	. . . . .
and nomē <sup>3</sup> al þif lond ⁊	. . . . .
and fetten hit al an heore hond.	. . . . .
for Gurmund hit heom al ȝette ⁊	. . . . .
& and <sup>3</sup> him seolf aȝein wende.	. . . . .
þa comen heo to Lundene ⁊ 10	. . . . .
to þan muchele hufþinge.	. . . . .
and wolden ane king makien ⁊	. . . . .
to þiffere kineriche.	. . . . .
þa ne mihtte heom iwurðe ⁊	. . . . .
wha <sup>4</sup> þif lond scolde <sup>5</sup> aȝen <sup>4</sup> .	. . . . .
and to-wende mid alle ⁊	. . . . .
a muchelere wraððe.	. . . . .
and fif kingef a-neoufte ⁊	. . . . .
heo madeð <sup>6</sup> in þiffe londe.	. . . . .
And ælc nom of oðere ⁊ 20	. . . . .
al þat heo mihten.	. . . . .
ane while un-some ⁊	. . . . .
and an oðere while ifahte.	. . . . .

*Hic diuiditur terra.*

the lands, and of the dwellings, they deprived of their names, all for disgrace of *the* Britons; and took all this land, and set it all in their hand, for Gurmund granted it all to them, and himself went away. Then came they to London, to the mickle husting, and would make a king to this kingdom. Then they might not agree who should possess this land, and differed withal in great wrath, and five kings quickly they made in this land. And each took from other all that they might, one while at enmity, and another while in

<sup>1</sup> heomen, *pr. m.*

<sup>2</sup> *Sic MS.*

<sup>3</sup> *scol, pr. m.*

<sup>3</sup> *On an erasure, by second hand.*

<sup>4</sup> *By second hand, on erasure.*

<sup>6</sup> *make, pr. m.*

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Gregorius  
papa.

and þuf heo wuneden here ⁊	. . . . .
an hundred and fif ȝere.	. . . . .
þat neuere com here cristindon ⁊	. . . . .
icud i þiffen londe.	. . . . .
no belle i-rungen ⁊	. . . . .
no maffe ifunge.	. . . . .
na chrche <sup>1</sup> þer nef ihaleȝed ⁊	. . . . .
no child þer nef ifuleȝed.	. . . . .
þa wef inne Rome ⁊	. . . . .
a p <sup>a</sup> pe of godes dome.	10 . . . . .
Gregori wef ihate ⁊	. . . . .
godd seolf hine lufede.	. . . . .
þa wes hit in ane stunden ⁊	. . . . .
þat þe pape wolde wenden.	. . . . .
þat he wolde <sup>2</sup>	. . . . .
an ane of hif neoden. [c. 2.]	. . . . .
þa com he in are strete ⁊	. . . . .
þat frahte to Rome.	. . . . .
þa ifah he leden ⁊	. . . . .
of Englifce leoden.	20 . . . . .
þreo swiðe fæire men ⁊	. . . . .
fafe ibunden.	. . . . .
heo fcolden beon ifeolde ⁊	. . . . .
and þa paneȝes weoren italde.	. . . . .

amity ; and thus they dwelt here an hundred and five years, so that never Christendom came here to be known in this land, nor bell rung, nor mass sung, nor church was there hallowed, nor child was there baptised ! Then was in Rome a pope of Gods doom, who was named Gregory ; God himself loved him. Then was it in a time, that the pope would go, that he might speed on one of his needs. When he came in a street that stretched to Rome, then saw he led three exceeding fair men of the English nation, fast bound ; they should be sold, and the pennies were told. Then asked

<sup>1</sup> R. chirche.

<sup>2</sup> A verb is here wanting. Perhaps we should read wolde speden.

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þa fræinede þa pape an an?	. . . . .
of feizere þan mōnen.	. . . . .
whonnene heo weorē?	. . . . .
& hu heo þare comen.	. . . . .
and of wulche stronde?	. . . . .
heo ift <sup>o</sup> ned <sup>1</sup> weoren.	. . . . .
þæ andfwarede þe an?	. . . . .
þat wef a fwiðe fair mon.	. . . . .
We beoð heðene <sup>2</sup> men?	. . . . .
& hider beoð iladde.                   10	. . . . .
and we weoren ut ifalde?	. . . . .
of Āglene londe.	. . . . .
and fulluht we to þe <sup>3</sup> ȝeorneð?	. . . . .
ȝef þu uf wult ifreoiȝen.	. . . . .
þa <sup>4</sup> feiden men Angliſce?	. . . . .
aðele iboſne.	. . . . .
þa reoufede Gregori?	. . . . .
godd hine luuede.	. . . . .
and þas andfware faide?	. . . . .
þe pape wes ifele.                       20	. . . . .
Iwif ȝe beoð <sup>5</sup> Ængliſce?	. . . . .
englen iliccheft.	. . . . .
of alle þan folke?	. . . . .
þa wunieð uppen uolde.	. . . . .

the pope anon of the fair men, whence they were, and how they came there, and in what shore they were begotten. Then answered the one, who was an exceeding fair man: "We are heathen men, and hither are led, and we were out sold of *the* land of Angles; and baptism we *will* yearn of thee, if thou wilt us free." Thus said *the* English men, nobly born. Then Gregory felt pity,—God him loved,—and said this answer,—the pope was good: "Truly ye are English, to angels most like; of all the folk that dwell upon earth your kin is *the* fairest, of all men alive!" The pope

<sup>1</sup> iftreoned?<sup>2</sup> heðe, *pr. m.*<sup>3</sup> *Interlined by a second hand.*<sup>4</sup> þat? þus?<sup>5</sup> beoð?



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eouwer cun if feʒereft ʒ		. . . . .
of alle quike monnen.		. . . . .
þe p <sup>a</sup> pe heom freinede ʒ		. . . . .
of feole tidide.		. . . . .
of laʒen and of londen ʒ		. . . . .
and of þiffere leodene kinge.		. . . . .
and heo him al feiden ʒ		. . . . .
soð þat heo wuften. [f. 174 <sup>b</sup> .c.1.]		. . . . .
And he heom ureoiʒe lette ʒ		. . . . .
and fulluht on fette.	10	. . . . .
and charde aʒein sone ʒ		. . . . .
eft into Rome.		. . . . .
anne cardinal cleopede ʒ		. . . . .
i-coren of hiſ uolke.		. . . . .
[Aus]tinus. Auſtin weſ ihotæn ʒ		. . . . .
aðeleſt clærken.		. . . . .
þe pape him feide ʒ		. . . . .
in hiſ ſoin rune.		. . . . .
Auſtin þu ſcalt wende ʒ		. . . . .
mid ſoð-fæſte þonke.	20	. . . . .
in to Engle-londe ʒ		. . . . .
[Æthel]- bertus Rex. to Æðelberte kinge.		. . . . .
& beode þer godeſ godd-ſpel ʒ		. . . . .
þe ſcal ſpede ful wel.		. . . . .
And ich þe feouwertu bi-tæche ʒ		. . . . .
wel gode clærkeſ.		. . . . .

asked them of many tiding, of *their* law, and of *their* land, and of *the* king of this people; and they said to him all *the* sooth that they wist. And he caused them to be freed, and set baptism on *them*, and turned again soon eft into Rome. *He* called a chosen cardinal of his folk, *who* was named Austin, noblest of clerks; the pope said to him, in some of his communing:—"Austin, thou shalt go, with soothfast thought, into England, to Æthelbert the king, and preach there Gods gospel; *it* shall speed to thee full well. And I give thee forty well good clerks; now to-morrow

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nu to-marȝen bið þe dæi?
 þa þu scalt do þe i þene wæi.
 Forð ferde Aufti?
 and hif clærkef mid him.
 þat him wef ful iwil?
 at Tanette he com hider in.
 & swa he up if iwend?
 þat he com into Kent.
 Swa he uorð to Cantuare-buri?
 þer him þuhte swiðe muri. 10
 þer he funde Aðelbert?
 þat king wef a þan ærd.
 Aðelberde he talde tidende?
 of þan heoueneliche kinge.
 he feide him þat godd-fpel?
 and þe king him lufte swiðe wel. . . . . it horde . . . . .
 wel he þat larfpelundre nom<sup>1</sup>?
 an-eoufte he ȝirnde cristindom.[c.2.]and ȝornde ..iftendom.
 iuulȝed iward Adelberd<sup>2</sup> king?
 and al hif duȝeðe mid him. 20
 and anan he gon to wurche?
 ane swiðe feire chirche.

. . . . .
 ... þou falt . . . . . ay. [f. 139. c. 1.]
 Forþ fer. . . . .
 ..d his cleare. . . . .
 and fo forþ . . . end?
 þat he . . . . . land.
 he wē. . . . . ge?
 Adelbert . . . . .
 . . . . . þare god . . . . .
 . . . . . it horde . . . . .
 . . . e þe speche . . . m?
 and ȝornde ..iftendom.
 i-folled . . . elbert þe king?
 a. . . . . s cnihtes mid him.
 . . . anon he gan wirche? [c.2.]
 . . . . . aire chirche.

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 quingesti-
 mo.....
 ...ii<sup>o</sup>. Mail,
 ...e. xiiij<sup>o</sup>
 an.....
 ...iii. quin-
 qua.....
 ...tus ab
 Augus.....
 ...ifit seruus
 ...um et
 aliofpl.....
 ...onacof
 predi.....
 ...gliam, an
 ...tuf An-
 glorum.....
 ...n circiter
 of.

shall be the day, that thou shalt put thee in the way." Forth went Austin, and his clerks with him; 'that was to him *the* full will; at Thanet he came hither in', and so he 'up is gone [forth went], that he came into Kent [into the land]. 'So he proceeded to Canterbury; there *it* seemed to him most pleasant; 'there he found Æthelbert, who was king in the land [he went to the king Adelbert . . . . .]. 'To Æthelbert he told tidings of the heavenly king'; he said to him the gospel, and the king 'listened to him [heard it] exceeding well; well he received the 'preacher, [speech, and] 'quickly' yearned Christendom. Baptised was Æthelbert the king, and all his 'people [knights] with him; and anon he gan to make a church exceeding fair, in *the* Holy 'Trinitys [Trinity his] name,

<sup>1</sup> larfpelunde mon, pr. m.

<sup>2</sup> iwarð Aðelberd?

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a feinte t'netðef<sup>1</sup> nome ⁊  
 wel wef þan kinge þeruore.  
 Þa iwende feint Austin vorð ⁊  
 æst and west and fuð and norð.  
 and seoððe þurh ut Englelond ⁊  
 & turnde hit to godef hond.  
 clærkef he lerde ⁊  
 chirrechef he arerde.  
 seoke mē he helde ⁊  
 þur<sup>3</sup> halindef mihte. 10  
 And swa he droh fuð-ward ⁊  
 þat he com to Dorchestre.  
 þer he funde þa wurfte men ⁊  
 þa on londe wuneden.  
 he talde heō godes leore ⁊  
 and duden him to scare.  
 he tahten heom cristindom ⁊  
 and heo grennedē hī hon<sup>4</sup>.  
 þer stod feint<sup>6</sup> Austin ⁊  
 and hif clærkes mid him. 20  
 and spēkē of crift godef fune ⁊

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in feinte ...nete his name:  
 wel .as þan kinge.  
 Þo wen.. feint Austin forþ ⁊  
 riht .aft and suppe norþ.  
 and suppe þorh al Eangelond ⁊  
 and tornde hit to Godes honc.  
 cleorekes he learede ⁊  
 .nihtef<sup>2</sup> he arerde.  
 seake ... he healde ⁊  
 þorh gode. ..hte.  
 And so he droh ...estre ⁊  
 fuþ to Rou.....  
 .ar he funde þe ..... men ⁊  
 þat were in ... londe.  
 he bead þam ... cristindom ⁊  
 and ... ..ennede þam<sup>5</sup> an.  
 þar .... ..t Austin ⁊  
 and his ..... mid him.  
 and ..ac of crift godes f.ne ⁊

—well was the king 'therefore'! Then proceeded Saint Austin forth, 'east and west, and south and [right east, and then] north; and afterwards 'throughout [through all] England, and turned it to Gods hand. Clerks he instructed, churches he areared; sick men he healed through 'the Saviours [Gods] might. And so he drew 'southward, so that he came to Dorchester [thereafter south to Rochester]; there he found the worst men that 'dwelt [were] in [the] land; 'he told them Gods lore, and they had him in derision'; he 'taught [proffered] them Christendom, and they grinned at him. Where Saint Austin stood, and his clerks with him, and spake of Christ, Gods son, as was ere 'their [his] custom, 'there [and] they 'approached

<sup>1</sup> feinte ðef, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> chirches?<sup>3</sup> þurh?<sup>4</sup> This line is added in the margin by a later hand.<sup>6</sup> hine?<sup>6</sup> fein, *pr. m.*

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al fwa wef ær heore iwune.  
 þer heo iwurðen to ʒ  
 to wraðere hele.  
 and nomen tailef of rehʒen ʒ  
 1  
 and hangede on hif cape ʒ  
 an elchere halue.  
 and bi-haluef urnen ʒ  
 and wurpen hine mid banen.  
 and seoððe ʒeiden him on ʒ 10  
 mid ʒeomerliche stanen. [f. 175. c. 1.]  
 & swa heo hine gunnen fende ʒ  
 an<sup>2</sup> driuen hine ut of þan ende.  
 Seint Austin heo weorē lað ʒ  
 and he iwrað swiðe wrað.  
 and he fif milen iwēde ʒ  
 from Dorchestre.  
 and cō to ane munte ʒ  
 þer<sup>3</sup> muchel wef & hende.  
 þer he lai on cneowe ibede ʒ 20  
 and cleopede auere touward gode.  
 þat he hine awreke ʒ  
 a þan a-warriede uolke.

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afe ear was his wone.  
 and hii to him wende ʒ  
 to wroþere heale.  
 and nemen rohʒe taʒl..  
 .ani ..... to rouþe..  
 and honge... is cope ʒ  
 in euereche halue.  
 and fuþþe 3... hine on ʒ  
 mid hire foule scornes.  
 þus hi hine fýnde ʒ  
 and driuen of þan eande.  
 Seint Austyn ʒam was loþ ʒ  
 and he iwarþ fwiþe wroþ.  
 and fif mile wende ʒ  
 fram Roucef...  
 and com to one hille ʒ  
 ... dude god his wille.  
 .e gradde toward god.  
 þat he hine awreke ʒ  
 of þan luþer folke. [f. 139<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.]

[went to him], to *their* injury (*or* curse); and took tails of rays (fish), [to sorrow of many a man,] and hanged on his cope, on each side. 'And *they* ran beside, and threw at him with *the* bones'; and afterwards attacked him with 'grievous stones; and so [their foul scorns; thus] they 'gan him shame [him shamed], and drove 'him' 'out of [from] the place. 'To' Saint Austin 'they were [was to them] odious, and he became exceeding wroth; and 'he' proceeded five miles from 'Dorchester [Rochester], and came to a 'mount, that was mickle and fair; there he lay on *his* knees in prayer, and called ever [hill, and did God his will; he cried] toward God, that he should him avenge of the 'cursed [wicked] folk, who had

<sup>1</sup> A line appears to be wanting here.<sup>2</sup> and?<sup>3</sup> þe?

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þa hine ifend hafden ⁊  
 mid heore scaðe deden.  
 Vre drihte hine iherde ⁊  
 in to þere heouene<sup>2</sup>.  
 and hif wreche sende ⁊  
 an wræftliche<sup>3</sup> þan folke.  
 þa þe rihȝe tailer ⁊  
 hangede a þan clarkes.  
 þa tailer heō comen on ⁊  
 þer uoren heo maȝen iteled beon.  
 ifcend wef þat mon-cun ⁊ 11  
 muggles heo hafden.  
 and ine hirede ælchef ⁊  
 men cleopeð heom muglinges.  
 and euer elc freo mon ⁊  
 ful telleð heom on.  
 & Englifce freom ⁊  
 in uncuðe londen.  
 for þan ilke dede ⁊  
 heo habbeoð neb rede. 20  
 and monief godef monnef fune ⁊  
 in vncuðe londe.  
 þe nauere ne cō þer neh ⁊ [c. 2.]

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... .ne ifend hadde ⁊  
 1  
 an. .... hine ihord ⁊  
 and dude ..che wreche.  
 þat taȝle. ȝam com an ⁊  
 and alle ... .les beren.  
 i-fend was al þ.. mancun ⁊  
 for moggles ihafden<sup>4</sup>.  
 and amang þe king. his cnihtes ⁊  
 me cleope.. heom moglynges<sup>5</sup>.  
 and m.nȝ an hende man ⁊  
 .. .... þe londe.  
 for þane .... ....  
 ... habbeþ neb read..  
 ... ..nie gode mannes ....  
 for fram ȝam won..  
 ... ne come noht þar ...

dishonored him with their evil deeds. 'Our [and *the*] Lord heard him, 'into the heaven,' and 'sent his vengeance on the wretched folk [did such vengeance], that 'hanged the rays tails on the clerks. The 'tails came on them,—'therefore they may be tailed [and all they bare tails]! Diagraced was [all] the race, [for] muggles they had; and 'in each company [among the king his knights] men 'call [called] them mugglings, 'and every free man speaketh foul of them;' and 'English freemen [many a fair man] in foreign lands for the same deed they have a red face, and many a good mans son, 'in strange lands [*who* far from them dwelt], who came 'never [not]

<sup>1</sup> A line seems wanting here.<sup>4</sup> hii hafden?<sup>2</sup> heoue, *pr. m.*<sup>5</sup> R. moglynges.<sup>3</sup> wræccliche?

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if icleoped cued<sup>1</sup>.  
 Auſtin him wunede ⁊  
 vnder ane munede.  
 and hiſ clarkes mid him eke ⁊  
 þeo comen of Rome.  
 cleopede to drihtene ⁊  
 þe ſcop daȝes lihte.  
 særimod and forhfulle ⁊  
 heom ſceomeden wel fære.  
 þat þat vni-wraſte moncun ⁊ 10  
 heom ifcend hafden.  
 þa wolde he þer after ſone ⁊  
 wenden to Rome.  
 and menen to Gregorie ⁊  
 þan holi apoſtolie.  
 hu Dorcheſtre feten ⁊  
 hine gunnen greten.  
 Al ſwa he wes al ȝæreou<sup>2</sup> ⁊  
 & wolde hiſ wei uareren<sup>4</sup>.  
 a þere ilke nihte ⁊ 20  
 þa at-eoden hī ure drihte.  
 and nemnede hī hiſ rihte<sup>5</sup> nome ⁊ and cleopede him hiſ riht name ⁊

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icleopid hī beoþ c...  
 Auſtin him woned.  
 ..der þare munede.  
 ... ..pede to drihte ⁊  
 .. .. . . . nihtes.  
 and weren aſcam... fore ⁊  
 for þan owreaſte<sup>2</sup> deade.  
 þo þohte he þar after ſone ⁊  
 wenden aȝen to Rome.  
 and mene .. Gregorie ⁊  
 þan holȝe pope.  
 Alfe he ... . . .  
 ... he wolde forþ f...  
 in ... ilke nihte ⁊  
 þar com to him oure drihte.  
 and cleopede him hiſ riht name ⁊

there nigh, 'is [they are] called base. Austin him tarried under 'a [the] mount, 'and his clerks with him eke, that came from Rome'; [they] called to *the* Lord, who formed *the* day-light [*day and night*]; 'unhappy and sorrowful', 'it shamed them [and *were* ashamed] 'well' sore, 'that [for] the wicked 'folk [deed.] 'had them dishonored.' Then 'would [thought] he thereafter soon, to go [back] to Rome, and complain to Gregory, the holy 'apostle [pope], 'how *the* Dorchester inhabitants gan him greet'. As he was all ready, and [he] would 'fare his way [forth fare], on the same night 'then [there] came to him our Lord, and 'named [called] him his right name,—

<sup>1</sup> cued, *sec. m.*<sup>2</sup> onwreaſte ?<sup>3</sup> ȝæreou ?<sup>4</sup> *R.* uaren.<sup>5</sup> rihtete, *pr. m.*, but the last two letters expuncted.

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welle uain wef he þer uore.  
 Whæt þencheft þu Auſtin ?  
 what þencheft þu leof min.  
 woldeſt þu þuſ ſone ?  
 faren aȝein to Rome.

No ſcalt þu noht ȝete ?  
 fuſen of londe.

þu ært ſwiðe leof me ?  
 and ich wulle wuniē mid þe.  
 and þu ſcalt irædliche ?

10

in to hefne-riche.

heofne if þe al ȝaru ?  
 þider ſcal þi faulen uaren.

þuſ ſpac ure drihten ?  
 wið Auſtin hiſ cnihten.

þa þe Auſtin under-ȝæt ?

whæt ure drihten hæden iſæid.

and he iſah ure drihte ? [cf. 175<sup>b</sup>.c.1.].

þe þuſ him bihehte.

and ure drihten waht tȝ heofene ?

and Auſtin a cneowe heolde.

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adun to þere uolde ?

þer he iſeh ure drihten ſtonde.

weopende he cleopede ?

to heuenliche kinge.

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wele glad was he þar vore.  
 Wat þencheft Auſtin ?  
 wat woldeſt þou leof min.  
 woldeſt þou þuſ ſone ?  
 wende aȝen to Rome.

... hart ſwiþe leof me ?

... .. wolle wonie mid þe.

heo.... hiſ þe al ȝare ?

þider fal þin faule fare.

. . . . . [c.2.]

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well glad was he therefore!—"What thinkest thou, Austin, what 'thinkest [wouldest] thou, my beloved? Wouldest thou thus soon go back to Rome? 'Not yet shalt thou leave *the* land;' thou art most dear to me, and I will remain with thee, 'and thou shalt readily *come* into heavens realm'; heaven is for thee all prepared, thither shall thy soul repair." Thus spake our Lord with Austin, his knight. When that Austin understood what our Lord had said, and he saw our Lord, who thus him commanded;—and our Lord rose to heaven, and Austin bent on knees down to the ground, where he saw our Lord stand;—weeping he called to *the*

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ȝeorne he bad are ʒ	. . . . .
to þan almihtie gode.	. . . . .
ær he mid alle ueolle ʒ	. . . . .
adun to þere uolde.	. . . . .
A þan ilke stunde <sup>1</sup> ʒ	. . . . .
þer stod ure drihten.	. . . . .
þer he pihte hif staf ʒ	. . . . .
him feolf he cneouede þer neh.	. . . . .
and hif iueren he feide lar-fpel ʒ	. . . . .
and hit likede him <sup>2</sup> ful wel. 10	. . . . .
þa he ifaid hauede ʒ	. . . . .
þa sæȝen of ure drihten.	. . . . .
hif staf he nom an honde ʒ	. . . . .
& wolde to hif inne ȝeonge.	. . . . .
Up he læc þene staf ʒ	. . . . .
þat water þer after leop.	. . . . .
þe ueȝerefte welles f <sup>æ</sup> æm ʒ	. . . . .
þe irneð on uolden.	. . . . .
ær nef þer na tun ʒ	. . . . .
no wunende na man. 20	. . . . .
Sone uole gadere ʒ	. . . . .
to Austin þan gode.	. . . . .
and al bi hif læuen ʒ	. . . . .

heavenly king; earnestly he prayed *for* grace to the Almighty God, ere he fell with *them* all down to the earth. On the same spot where our Lord stood, there he fixed his staff; himself he kneeled there nigh, and to his companions he said discourse, and it liked to them exceeding well. When he had said the sayings of our Lord, his staff he took in hand, and would go to his dwelling. Up he took the staff, the water leapt thereafter, the fairest wells stream that runneth on earth! Previously no residence was there, nor any man dwelling. Soon *the* folk gathered to Austin the good, and all by his leave thither gan arrive; and began there to build

<sup>1</sup> stude?<sup>2</sup> heom?



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	þider gunnen liðen.	. . . . .
	and bigunnen þer to bulden ?	. . . . .
	bi þā watere þa waf hende.	. . . . .
	Moī mon þer uætte hele ?	. . . . .
<i>Cernel.</i>	þene stude he cleopede Cernel.	. . . . .
	cerno cernif ?	..... cernis ?
	þat if Latin ful iwif.	
	cerno an Englisc leodē ?	ich ... .. glis.
	ich ifeo swa hit if iqueðen. [c. 2.]	
	el if Ebreowisc ?	10
	þat if godd ful iwif.	
	þene tun he cheopede <sup>1</sup> Cernel ?	
	ich ifeo drihten iwildel.	
	to þiffere weorlde longe ?	
	þe nome þer scal stonde.	
	al se hit if iqueðen ?	
	after godes leoden.	
	þene stude to iwurðien ?	
	þer stod ure drihten.	
	and his engles mid him ?	20
	þa he spac wið Auſtin.	
	Auſtin wēde wide ?	Auſtin w.... ..
	þeond Englene-londe.	þeond Eangl... ..
	he füllehtede kingge ?	.. follede kinge.

by the water that was fair. Many a man there obtained health; the place he called Cernel. Cerno, cernis, that is Latin full surely; cerno, in the English 'language,' I see, 'as it is spoken; el is Hebrewish, that is, God, full truly; the territory he called Cernel, I see God, every deal; the name there shall stand to this worlds end, as it is declared after Gods language, to honor the spot where our Lord stood, and his angels with him, when he spake with Austin.' Austin proceeded wide over England; he baptised kings, 'and their chieftains'; he baptised earls, 'he baptised barons';

<sup>1</sup> R. cleopede.

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and heore here-dringef.

he fullehtede eorles ⁊

he fullehtede beornef.

he fullehtede Englifce men ⁊

he fullehtede Sexifce men.

and fette an godef honde ⁊

al þat waf on londe.

þa wef he ful bliðe-mod ⁊

þat folc he hafde iblifed.

Norð in Engle-londe ⁊

Bruttef hæfden an honde.

muchel del of lode ⁊

and caſtles ſwiðe ſtrøge.

þa Bruttes naldē ⁊

þā Enlifce<sup>1</sup> bužen.

imong heom monekes weoren ⁊

muchelere weorede.

Seint Auſtin funde ⁊

inne þiſſe londe.

æouen biſcopes to iwifſe ⁊

ſingende maſſe.

and enne ærchebiſcop ⁊

þe at Karliun at-fto<sup>2</sup>.

and at Bangor wef a munecclif ⁊

. . . . . eorles.

he fo. . . . . men ⁊

he fol. . . . . men.

he to. . . . . hond ⁊

al þ. . . . . nd.

10 Nor. . . . .

Bruttus had. . . . .

þe Bruttus nold.

. . . Eangleſſe bouwe.

. . . . . heom monekes w. . . .

wel many corn. . .

**S**eint Auſtin funde ⁊ [f. 140. c. 1.] *Auguſtin*.

ine þiſſe londe.

20 ſoue biſcopes to iwifſe ⁊

ſingende maſſe.

and on archebiſſop ⁊

þat at Cairlyon at- . . . .

. . Bangor was on abbey ⁊

he baptised English men, he baptised Saxish men, 'and [he] set in Gods hand all that was in *the* land. 'Then was he of full blithe mood, *that* he had rendered the folk joyful.' North in England *the* Britons had in hand 'a great deal of land, and castles most strong.' The Britons would not submit to the English; among them were monks, 'a mickle multitude [well many chosen]. Saint Austin found in this land seven bishops, in certainty, singing mass, and one archbishop, who at Kaerleon was stationed; and at Bangor was an abbey [filled] with 'innumerable' monks.

<sup>1</sup> R. Englifce.<sup>2</sup> at-ftod?

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mid muneken uniuoȝe. [f. 176. c. 1.]	ifulled wid monekes.
Dionot hæhte heore abbeod ⁊	Dyonth hehte þe abbod ⁊
he wef of heȝe monnen.	he was of heȝe cu .ne.
he hæfden on feuen hepen ⁊	he hadde in foue abbayes ⁊
sixtene hundred muneken.	sixtene hundred monakes.
and ȝet ma þer to ⁊	
munekes fwiðe balde.	
and of Bruttisce streonen ⁊	of Bruttus streone ⁊
fwiðe imodede men.	fwiþe modi men.
Writen fende Aufti ⁊	10 Writes fende Aufti ⁊
to þan feouen biſcopen.	to þis foue biſſopes.
and hehte heom comen sone ⁊	and hehte heom come sone ⁊
and ſpeken wið him ſeolue.	and ſpeke wiþ him ſeolue.
& don him herfumneſſe ⁊	and do. . . horfumniſſe ⁊
and þ̄h him ſingen maſſe.	and þo. . . finge maſſe.
for he hauede an honde ⁊	for h . . . . .
þa hehneſſe of þiſſen londe.	. . . hehniffe . . . . .
he waf icleopped legat ⁊	. . was i-c. . . . .
of þiſſen londe he waf primat.	. . . . fe lō. . . . .
& þas þinges weoren idone ⁊	20
þurh þene pape of Rome.	
þas biſcopes reiȝe weoren ⁊	. . . . . fopes . . . . .
and andſwere aȝeuen.	. . . . . anſwere . . . . .
Ne beo we nawit under him ⁊	. . . . . noht o. . . . .
þe if ihaten Aufti.	. . . . . iho. . . . .

Dionot hight `their [the] abbat; he was of high race; he had in seven `companies [abbies] sixteen hundred monks, `and yet more thereto, monks most bold, and' of `British [Britons] progeny, `stiff-minded [exceeding bold] men. Austin sent writs to the seven to `the [these] seven bishops, and bade them come soon, and speak with himself, and do to him obedience, and through him sing mass; for he had in *his* hand the *superior* dignity of this land; he was called legate, of this land he was primate; `and these things were done through the pope of Rome.' These bishops were stern, and answer gave: "We are no whit under him, who is named Austin,

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re beo on londe ⁊ men and stronge. habbeoð ure irihtes ⁊ re arche-biscope <sup>1</sup> . uneð iñe Karliun ⁊ l clarc and wel idon. aueð hif cantel-cape on ⁊ regorie þan pape. mid wurðscipe mucle ⁊ eð hif wike.                   10	..... oure rihtes ⁊ of .... rchebiffop. þat woneþ in Cairl... god cleark and wel .... ... ..eþ his cant.. .... .. ..ri þe pope. ... .. mochele worfipe ⁊ .....s wike.
no scal hit nauere iwurðen ⁊ lere worlde-richen. [c.2.] we auere buzen ⁊ ine þan uncuðen. ie if ure fulle ifa ⁊ s iferen al swa. Austin if iboþen hidere ⁊ þiffen londe. haueð i-fulleþed þene king ⁊ tuarē aðeling.                   20	Her vore .....e <sup>2</sup> bouwe ⁊ Austin þ.. oncouþe. for Austin his .ider icome ⁊ in to þiffe ...de. and haueþ ifolled þane king ⁊ Cantelburi his aþe.... [c.2.]
lbert ihaten ⁊ inne Anglene. he hafueð ifunden here ⁊ les heðene.	and .. haueþ ifunde ... heapene hundes.

we are in land high men and strong', and have our rights of our bishop, who dwelleth in Kaerleon, good clerk and excellent, who hath antel-cope 'on,' of Gregory the pope, and with mickle worship holdeth æ. 'For never shall it be, in this worlds realm, that ever we [Here-we will not] bow to Austin the stranger, 'for he is our full foe, and companions also;' for Austin is come hither into this land, and hath sed the king, 'of Kentish men *the* [Canterbury his] atheling, 'named lbert, noble among *the* Angles'; and he hath found here heathen

<sup>1</sup> arche-biscope?<sup>2</sup> nolle we?

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	þa comen of Sexlonde ⁊ mid Gurmumde <sup>1</sup> þan kinge. þeo he alle fullehteð ⁊ and to gode fufeoð. þeo haldeoð ure kinelond ⁊ mid unrihte on heore hond. Cristine wæ heoð alle ⁊ and of cristine cunne. <i>Anno</i> ..... and ure elderne swa weoren ⁊ <i>...elbertus</i> <i>R</i> ..... agan if þreo hundred ȝeren. 10 <i>rum, To..</i> & heo beoð neowene icumen ⁊ <i>...rom</i> ..... & cristindō habbeoð under-numen... .....dom habbeþ i-.... <i>...sor r</i> ..... and Austī heom fullehteð ⁊ <i>Alius s</i> ..... and to gode fufeoð. <i>Aðelb</i> ..... For þan we hine hatizen wulleð <sup>2</sup> ⁊ For ... ..... hine wollep ⁊ & herē h... ..... and ne...e louie nollep. nauere to ure liue ⁊ no scullen we him wurðen liðe. þæs tiðende come ⁊ to Austine sone. 20 hu þe biscopes hine scenden ⁊ & wulc andfweore him fenden.	þat .id Gormund come ⁊  woche .: alle folȝeþ.  hii holdeþ oure ...elonde ⁊ mid onriht in hi.. ...d. Cristene we beoþ .... ... of cristene cunne. ... .. ealdrene fo were ⁊ .... . . reo hundred ȝer. ... .. neawene icome ⁊ ... Austin ȝam fol... ... ..d foufeþ. For ... ..... hine wollep ⁊ and ne...e louie nollep. þeos tydinges come ⁊ to Austin sone. hou þis balde bissopes ⁊ ... fende hokere wor...
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hounds, that came 'from Saxlond' with Gurmund 'the king', all of whom he baptiseth, 'and to God sendeth', 'who [they] hold our kingdom in their hand with un-right. Christians we are all, and of Christian kin, and our elders so were, agone is three hundred years; and they are newly come, and Christendom have accepted, and Austin them baptiseth, and to God sendeth. Therefore we will him hate, and never will 'obey [love]; 'never in our lives shall we be friendly to him.'" These tidings came soon to Austin, how 'the [these bold] bishops 'him abased, and' 'what answer

<sup>1</sup> R. Gurmunde.

<sup>2</sup> A second hand has needlessly altered this to nulleð, and also supplied in the margin the next line, which has been partly cut off by the binder. The words wanting are hine nulleð.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. x111.

and hu Bruttifce clerekes ⁊  
him seiden hokeres.

þa wes he fari-mod ⁊  
and forhful an heorten.  
and fufe him gon fone ⁊  
and ferde to þan kinge.

and mænde to ....<sup>1</sup>berte ⁊ <sup>[f. 176<sup>b</sup>,  
c. 1.]</sup>

þan kinge of Æst-Angle.  
hu Bruttifce biscopes ⁊

hine grætte mid huxes. 10

and hu heo uorhoꝝeden ⁊  
to halden hine for herre.

þe king hine iwraðede ⁊  
wunder ane sweðe.

and faide þat he wolde ⁊  
aꝥllen heom a londe.

and fwe<sup>3</sup> he<sup>4</sup> dude seoððe ⁊  
þer after ful sone.

Aðelbert wes inne Kintte ⁊  
king of þan londe. 20

þa hafde he enne mæi ⁊  
Æluric wef ihaten.

inne Norð-humberlonde ⁊

þo was he fo.. mod ⁊  
... forhfolle on h..rte.  
fone ... agaan wende ⁊

and mende to þan kinge.

ou Bruttuffe bissop..

10 ..ne grette mid h....

.e kig hine wreaþpede ⁊  
wonderliche swiþe.

and faide þat he wolde ⁊  
a-cwelle him<sup>2</sup> in londe.

and fo .e dude suppe ⁊  
þar after wel sone.

Adelbert was in londe ⁊

20 king swiþe stronge.

þis ...g hadde anne mai ⁊  
...rich was ihote.

... ..þhumber lo...

[Aðel]-  
bertus.

[contemptuous words] sent to him, 'and how *the* British clerks said derision of him.' Then was he afflicted, and sorrowful in heart; 'and' gan him move soon, 'and fared to the king', and complained to 'Æthelbert,' the king 'of East Angles', how *the* British bishops greeted him with scorns, 'and how they despised to hold him for superior.' The king wrathed him wondrously much, and said that he would kill them in *the* land; and so he did afterwards, thereafter 'full [well] soon. Æthelbert was in 'Kent [land] king 'of the land [most strong]; 'then' had 'he [this king] a relative *who* was named 'Æluric [Alfrich], in Northumberland, wickedest of all kings

<sup>1</sup> Here is an erasure of four letters; apparently þane.

<sup>2</sup> ȝam ?

<sup>3</sup> swa ?

<sup>4</sup> Interlined by a second hand.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

furcuðest alre kinge.

.....est alre kinge.

he radde al þa redes ⁊

... .. reades ⁊

þat dede weoren þa biscopes.

þat de... .. biff....

þat heo weoren alle of-slaȝen ⁊

and idon of lif-daȝen.

Nu nuſte noht Bruttes þere ⁊

Nou n . . . . .

þat balu heom wef ȝiueðe.

none<sup>1</sup> . . . . .Aðelb<sup>9</sup>t ſende fonde ⁊..... ſende fonde<sup>2</sup> [£140<sup>b</sup>.c.1.]

wide ȝeond his londe.

. ueral h.. londe.

[Ælu]ric.

Æluric ſende fode<sup>3</sup> ⁊10 and Alfrich e...<sup>3</sup>

ȝeōd Norh-humberlonde.

oueral his þeode.

heo ſōneden uerde ⁊

mucle on arde.

&amp; wolden þa Bruttes al for-don ⁊

hii þo. te þe Bruttus al fordo. ⁊

þa clærkeſ fordemen.

þe clærekes for-deme.

Heo uoren to Leir-chæſtre ⁊

... wende to Leyceſtre ⁊

and þa burh bileien uafte.

... þe borh bi-leye .....

heo wuſten þer inne Brochinal ⁊

... wiſten þar ine .....

þat wæf a Bruttife eorl.

þat was a Bru.... ..

cniht mid þan bezſten ⁊

20 cniht mid þa. ....

wunede inne Leir-chæſtre.

..nede in Leycef...

Bruchinal ut wende ⁊

..... vt wende ⁊

he devised all the counsels, that dead were (should be) the bishops, 'that they were all slain, and deprived of life-day.' Now knew not *the* Britons there, that mischief was given to them. Æthelbert sent messengers 'wide over [over all] his land; 'Æluric sent messengers over Northumberland [and Alfrich eke, over all his territory]; 'they assembled a mickle host in *the* land,' and would [they thought] all to destroy the Britons, *and* the clerks put to death. They marched to Leicester, and belay the burgh strongly; they knew Brochinal *to be* therein, who was a British earl, knight with the best, *who* dwelt in Leicester. Brochinal issued out, and made

<sup>1</sup> The second text differs here. Perhaps we might read, Nou nuſte þe Bruttus: none read gode. Cf. l. 25763, *et alibi*.

<sup>2</sup> R. fonde.

<sup>3</sup> eake?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

and ȝarewede hif ferde. [c. 2.]	an. .... his ferde.
and wende him ut to uihtef?	an. .... fihthes?
wid Alðelbertef <sup>1</sup> cnihtef.	wiȝ Ad..... cnihtes.
and fone wef him ouer-cumen?	and f... him was ouer-come?.
and alle his Bruttesweoren inumen.	and his Bruttus were inome.
& and <sup>2</sup> swa heo gunnen ȝraften?	and so hii ..-gonne ȝreſte?
into Leirchæſtren.	in .. ....eſt..
floȝē & nomen?	sl...n and nomen?
al ȝat heo neh comen.	.. .. hii n.. comen.
and feiden ȝat heo wolden?	10 and fa... ȝat hii wolde?
in to Walef wenden.	into Wales wende.
& flæn al ȝa Bruttes?	and flean alle ȝe Br.....
ȝa ȝer weoren bihaluf.	ȝat ȝare were bi-h.....
Æluric luuede murie?	
inne Leir-chæſtre.	
Vnder ȝan ilke ȝinge?	.nder ȝane ȝinge.
comen to ȝan Æluric <sup>3</sup> kinge.	..ue tydinge ȝare come.
munekef and eremite?	monekes heremites?
& canunef white.	and canones wite.
brifcopes <sup>4</sup> and clærckes?	20 biſſopes clearekes?
and preoſtes mid godef mærkef.	preoſtes mid godef markes.
and feolen to hif foten?	and to ȝis kinges feot fulle?
and his grið ȝeornden.	and his gr.. .ornde.

ready his force, and went him out to *the* fight, with Æthelberts knights, and soon was *himself* overcome, and 'all' his Britons were captured; and so they gan throng into Leicester, *they* slew and took all that they came nigh; and said that they would march into Wales, and slay all the Britons that were there beside. 'Æluric lived merrily in Leicester.' During the 'same' things came to Æluric the king [there new tidings;] monks 'and' hermits, and canons white, bishops 'and' clerks, 'and' priests with Gods marks; and fell to 'his [this kings] feet, and yearned his peace, and prayed

<sup>1</sup> wið Aðelbertef?<sup>2</sup> Æluric ȝan?<sup>3</sup> Sic MS.<sup>4</sup> R. biſcopes.



MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

and bedē hine for godeſ leoue ⁊	and beode for god...ue ⁊
leten heō beon on londe.	þat hii moſte libbe ...
and ho <sup>1</sup> him wolden foren bidden ⁊... .. wolde to god for h..	
to þan heȝen kingen.	. . . . .
þa andſwarede ⁊	þo ȝam .....
for-cuðenft <sup>2</sup> kinge.	..rcuþeft alre .....
Lufteð nuðe alle ⁊	
whæt ich ſugge wulle.	
wendeð ut a þan felde ⁊	....þ vt in ... ..
mid eower mon-werede. 10	...le ... ..
and ich eou wulle word fenden ⁊	... .. ou wolle word fende ⁊ [c.2]
hu hit ſcal iwurðea.	ou ȝou ſal iworþe.
and mine ræd-ȝiuē ⁊	
reden me wulleð.	
Vt wenden munekeſ ⁊ [f. 177. c. 1.]	
& þa maſſe-preoſtes.	
vt wenden clærkeſ ⁊	
vt wenden canones.	
alle ut wenden ⁊	Alle hii vt wende :
þa þer icumen weoren. 20	þat þider icome were.
þeſ kingeſ grið to wilnien ⁊	þeſ kingeſ gr. þ ſeche ⁊
for lufe of godd feolfne.	for loue of god ſeolue.
wið uten þere burȝe ⁊	
an ane uelde brade.	

'him' for Gods love, 'to let them be [that they might live] in land, and they would pray for him to [God] the high king. Then answered [them] the wickedest [of all] kings: "'Listen now all, what I will say; go ye out in the field with [all] your assemblage, and I will send you word how it shall be [to you], and what my councillors will advise me.'" Out went the monks and the mass-priests; out went clerks, out went canons; out [they] all went that were there come, to 'desire [seek] the kings peace, for love of Gods self; 'without the burgh, on a broad field, was soon assem-

<sup>1</sup> Interlined by a second hand.<sup>2</sup> R. for-cuðeft.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiii.

wef ifomēd þat folc fone ⁊  
 sorȝe heom wef ȝefðe.  
 Aluric nom to rede ⁊  
 þeh na nam<sup>1</sup> hine ne<sup>2</sup> bede.  
 þat he al þaf<sup>4</sup> wolde ⁊  
 feollen to þan grunde.  
 He fende forð rihtef ⁊  
 fif hundred cnihtef.  
 and niȝen hundred mid heō<sup>5</sup> ⁊  
 balde men afoten. 10  
 mid mucle wi-axen ⁊  
 a þene ueld wenden.  
 and and<sup>6</sup> unrihtef floȝen ⁊  
 al þat heo neh comen.  
 Heo ualden to grunde ⁊  
 fiftene hundred.  
 and fife and fixti anan ⁊  
 felere monnen.  
 boc-ilerede men ⁊  
 balu wef on uolken. 20  
 þif fone wes itald ⁊  
 wide & fide.  
 þa weoren on londe ⁊  
 þreo heȝe men italde.

Alfrich nam to reade ⁊  
 þeh noma<sup>3</sup> h... ne bede.  
 þat he wolde .. þis folk ⁊  
 falle to grunde.  
 He fende .. rþrihtes ⁊  
 fif hūdred cnihtes.  
 and manȝ hundred mid heom ⁊  
 bolde men a fote.  
 mid mochele gifharmes ⁊  
 hii wende in to þan felde.  
 and adun rihtes slowen ⁊  
 al þat hii neh comen.  
 Hii fulde to þan grunde ⁊  
 fift... hundred.  
 and fif and f.... non ⁊  
 of .....  
 ..s fone ... ..  
 ...e and fide.  
 ... ..  
 þreo mē .....

20. c. &amp; lxx

bled the folk,—sorrow was given to them.' Æluric [Alfrich] took counsel, though no man him asked, that he would fell all this folk to 'the' ground. He sent forth-right five hundred knights, and 'nine [many] hundred bold men on foot with them; with huge battle-axes [they] proceeded in[to] the field, and slew 'with un-right [downright] all that they came nigh. They felled to [the] ground fifteen hundred and five and sixty anon of good men,—'book-learned men,—mischief was among *the* folk!' This was soon told far and wide. Then were in *the* land three men esteemed noble, and all

<sup>1</sup> R. man.<sup>2</sup> Interlined.<sup>3</sup> R. no man.<sup>4</sup> þaf uolc?<sup>5</sup> heon, *pr. m.*<sup>6</sup> mid?

	MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. XIII.
	and al þa Bruttes anan ˚	... . . . .ttus ....
	halden to þan ilken.	..... . . . ilke.
<i>Baldric.</i>	Baldric þe kene ˚	Ba..... . . . .
	eorl of Cornwale.	...l of Corn....
	swa hehte þe an ˚	
	heh mon on londen.	
	he heold Deuene-scire ˚	..... . . . .niffe ...
	al an hif honde.	..... . . . .
<i>Deffe.</i>	alfe þæt watre <sup>1</sup> Desse ˚	afe þæt ...er Desse ˚
	wendeð into þere sæ. [c. 2.] 10	wendeþ into þare féé.
	Bruttes þæt lond heolden ˚	Bruttus þæt lond heolde ˚
	wel awiðe longe.	wel fw... longe.
<i>Aðelst[an].</i>	a þ Aðestan <sup>2</sup> þe stronge ˚	fort. .... . . . .ronge ˚
	þe king of þissen londe.	
	heom binom þaf londef alle ˚	
	and drof heð ouer Tambre.	dr... . . . . .bre.
	þæt nauere heo þaf kine-þeode ˚	þæt neuer. ... . . kinelond ˚
	feoððen no walde.	ne w.... . . hire hond.
	Inne Norð Walef wef a king ˚	In. .... . . . .es was a king ˚
<i>Cadw[an].</i>	Cadwan þe kene. 20	Cadigan ihote.
	of Suð Walef Margadud ˚	of Supwales Ma.gadud ˚
	mōnen alre uæ;ereft.	cniht alre fayrest.
	al þæt lōd fele ˚	al þæt londe feale ˚

the Britons anon drew to the same. Baldric the keen, earl of Cornwall; 'so hight the one, noble man in land;' he held all Devonshire in his hand, as the water Desse (Exe) floweth into the sea. *The* Britons held the land exceeding long, until 'that' Athelstan the strong, 'the king of this land, took from them all these lands, and' drove them over *the* Tambre, *so* that they never 'afterwards' possessed [in their hand] this kingdom. In North Wales was a king, 'Cadwan the keen [named Cadigan]; of South Wales *was* Margadud, 'fairest of all men [knight fairest of all]; *they held* all the

<sup>1</sup> wate, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> R. Aðelstan.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. x111.	
Sæuernerne <sup>1</sup> .	into . . . . .	[f. 141. c. 1.]
an ufere ende ʒ	. . . . .	
wendeð in to þare sæi.	. . . . .	
Maluerne ʒ	. . . . .	
uſte Seuarne.	. . . . .	
gadud king wunede ʒ	. . . . .	Mar[ga-
ſwiðe mucle uolke.	. . . . .	dud].
Aðelſtan him lað to ʒ	. . . . .	
ig of þiffere leode.	. . . . .	
heom heold ſwa <sup>2</sup> harde ʒ 10	. . . . .	
id hærne heō igrette.	. . . . .	
dreof heom mid hiſ wepnen ʒ.	. . . . .	
uer Weʒen.	. . . . .	
þat lond binom heō ʒ	. . . . .	
ið þer bi-twixen.	. . . . .	
rne and Weʒe ʒ	. . . . .	
walden heo hit feoððen <sup>3</sup> .	. . . . .	
gadud & Baldric ʒ	. . . . .	
adwan þe balde.	. . . . .	
weden ferde ʒ 20	. . . . .	
lke unimete.	. . . . .	
foren uppen Aluriche ʒ	. . . . .	
kinge of Norð-humbre.	. . . . .	
hardliche wið him fuhten ʒ	. . . . .	

land into Severn, from the upper end, that floweth into the sea. In  
 ern, near Severn, Margadud *the* king dwelt, with very mickle folk;  
 Athelstan to him advanced, the king of this nation, and held them  
 ding hard, and greeted them with harm, and drove them with his  
 ons out over *the* Wye, and took from them the land that lieth there  
 igt; *the* Severn and Wye, they possessed it not afterwards. Marga-  
 and Baldric and Cadwan the bold assembled a host of innumerable  
 and marched upon Æluric, the king of Northumberland, and hardily

<sup>1</sup> Sæuerne?

<sup>2</sup> swipe?

<sup>3</sup> feoððen?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.		MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
and his ferde feldē.		. . . . .
þer iwarð fone ⁊		. . . . .
for-wunded ful sære. [f. 177 <sup>b</sup> . c. 1.]		. . . . .
þe king of Norð-humbre ⁊		. . . . .
þat comp wes vnimete.		. . . . .
þer wef Baldric eorl anan ⁊		. . . . .
mid bronden to-heouwen.		. . . . .
i þā cōpe þer ueollen ⁊		. . . . .
ten þufend cnihten.		. . . . .
þurh stelef biten ⁊	10	. . . . .
baldere Brutton.		. . . . .
Anglifce & Sexifce ⁊		. . . . .
seouentene þufēd.		. . . . .
mid machen weoren to-heowen ⁊		. . . . .
þa hep wes þa laffen.		. . . . .
Æluric him uorð heolde ⁊		. . . . .
in to Norð-hūbre.		. . . . .
for-wunded swiðe fare ⁊		. . . . .
sorhful wef his duȝeðe.		. . . . .
Comen i þiffen londe ⁊	20	. . . . .
to ane huftinge.		. . . . .
Cadwā and Margadud ⁊		. . . . .
and heore mon-weorede.		. . . . .
buzen uorh mid heom ⁊		. . . . .
al Brut-leoden.		. . . . .

with him fought, and felled his forces. There soon was wounded full sore the king of Northumberland,—the conflict was unmeasured,—there was Baldric *the* earl anon hewed in pieces with swords; in the battle there fell ten thousand knights through blows of steel, bold Britons; of English and Saxish seventeen thousand were hewed in pieces with weapons,—the heap was the less! Æluric him forth moved into Northumberland, wounded exceeding sore; sorrowful was his folk. Cadwan and Margadud and their forces came to a husting in this land; marched forth with them all *the* Britons; to Leicester *they* proceeded, and took the burgh. Then bade

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
to Leirchestre forē ⁊	. . . . .
and þa burh nomen.	. . . . .
þa hehten heo an hizinge ⁊	. . . . .
cumen to hustinge.	. . . . .
al þat wolde libben ⁊	. . . . .
inne þiffere leoden.	. . . . .
þer com Ænglisc ⁊	. . . . .
þer comen Sexise.	. . . . .
þer heo makeden to kinge ⁊	. . . . .
Cadwan þene kene. 10	. . . . .
al hit him aloðede ⁊	. . . . .
þat he on lokede.	. . . . .
þa weoren Ælurichef wunden ⁊	. . . . .
inne Norhhumbre.	. . . . .
alle iheled ⁊	. . . . .
ah þe helðe waf neoðered <sup>1</sup> .	. . . . .
for lurre of hif monnen ⁊	. . . . .
and for hif leodene uallen.	. . . . .
Æluric iherde ⁊ [c.2.]	. . . . .
from þef kingef hirede. 20	. . . . .
feole tidende ⁊	. . . . .
of Cadwane kinge.	. . . . .
þrattef unimete ⁊	. . . . .
of alre laðest monne.	. . . . .
Æluric fende fode ⁊	. . . . .

they come to husting in haste all that would live in this nation. There came English, there came Saxish; there they made king Cadwan the keen; all it to him bowed, that he on looked. Then were Ælurics wounds all healed in Northumberland, but the health was diminished for the loss of his men, and for his peoples fall. Æluric heard from the kings host frequent tiding of Cadwan the king; threats unbounded of the most hateful of all men. Æluric sent messengers into Scotland and into the North land,

<sup>1</sup> Partly altered by a second hand, on erasure.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

into Scotlonde.		. . . . .
and into Norð londe ⁊		. . . . .
þer he cnihtes mihte uinden.		. . . . .
and after al þan uolke ⁊		. . . . .
þe þer cumen mihte.		. . . . .
and bad heom heore helpes ⁊		. . . . .
to hegere neodesf.		. . . . .
Cadwan gadere uerde ⁊		. . . . .
ʒeond alle þiffen ærde.		. . . . .
and al of Wælifce londe ⁊	10	. . . . .
comen to his honden.		. . . . .
and heolde hine forð feoððen ⁊		. . . . .
toward Norð-humbren.		. . . . .
<i>Æluric.</i> Aluric þif iherden ⁊		. . . . .
and him toʒæinesf wenden.		. . . . .
þat naf heom bi-tweounen ⁊		. . . . .
buten bare twa milen.		. . . . .
fufden þa uerden ⁊		. . . . .
swulc heo wolden uehten.		. . . . .
þa ifæʒen eorlesf ⁊	20	. . . . .
þa ifeʒen beornesf.		. . . . .
bifcopesf þa ifeʒen ⁊		. . . . .
and boc-ilarede men.		. . . . .
ʒif heo to-gaðe <sup>1</sup> comen ⁊		. . . . .
& mid wepnen on-floʒen.		. . . . .

where he knights might find, and after all the folk that there might come; and prayed them *for* their help, at *his* great need. Cadwan gathered forces over all this country, and all of Welsh land came to his hand; and *he* marched him forth afterwards toward Northumberland. *Æluric* this heard; and against him moved, *so that there* was between them but barely two miles; the hosts advanced as if they would fight. Then saw earls, then saw barons, then saw bishops and book-learned men, *that* if they came together, and on-smote with weapon, that there should fall many *a* man dead.

<sup>1</sup> to-gadere?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.		MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
þat þær sculde ualle ⁊		. . . . .
moni beor <sup>1</sup> fæie.		. . . . .
Ofte heo biþohten ⁊		. . . . .
what heo don mahten.		. . . . .
heo setten grið heo sette frið ⁊		. . . . .
to anef dæizef firste.		. . . . .
heo speken heom to-fomne ⁊		. . . . .
& spileden bitweonen.		. . . . .
þat heo wolden alle ⁊ [L 178. c. 1.]		. . . . .
þa kingef sehtnie.	10	. . . . .
þer iwurðen fahte ⁊		. . . . .
þa kinges beie tweien.		. . . . .
sæhte and some ⁊		. . . . .
heo cuften wel ilome.		. . . . .
þaf kigef wel ilomen ⁊		. . . . .
mid luue heō icuften.		. . . . .
eorl cufte oðer ⁊		. . . . .
swulc hit weore hif broðer.		. . . . .
sweines þer plozeden ⁊		. . . . .
blisse wes mid þeinen.	20	. . . . .
Æluric wes kig on londe ⁊		. . . . .
bi norðen þere Humbre.		. . . . .
and Cadwan wef king sele ⁊		. . . . .
a fuð half þere Humbre.		. . . . .

Oft they bethought what they might do; they set peace, they set amity to a days space; they spake them together, and discoursed between, that they all would reconcile the kings. There became reconciled the kings both twain; reconciled and united they kissed well often; these kings well often with love them kissed; earl kissed other, as if it were his brother; swains there played, bliss was with *the* thanes! Æluric was king in land by north of the Humber, and Cadwan was good king on *the* south half of the Humber; bliss was among *the* hosts with the bold kings. Was

<sup>1</sup> beorn?



MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho. C. xiiii.
blisse wes on hireden ⁊	. . . . .
mid balden þan kingen.	. ⁊ . . . . .
Næf hit ifæid næwere ⁊	. . . . .
an fæȝe no on leoðe.	. . . . .
þat mare luue weore ifunden ⁊	. . . . .
bi-tweone twei kingen.	. . . . .
for þat þe an hafden ⁊	. . . . .
þ heo hafden beien.	. . . . .
þe an heold þene oðer ⁊	. . . . .
deorluker þene broder <sup>1</sup> .	10 . . . . .
Beien heo wifes nomen ⁊	. . . . .
ofte heo to-gadere comen.	. . . . .
þa þe wifes iwedded weoren ⁊	. . . . .
on ane time to bedde heo eoden.	. . . . .
æiðer mid his lufe wende ⁊	. . . . .
twoward heore wife. [sunen ⁊	. . . . .
he <sup>2</sup> streoneden tweien suen <sup>3</sup>	. . . . .
beien an ane timen.	. . . . .
beien an ane dæie ⁊	. . . . .
heo weoren afte iborne.	20 . . . . .
to-gadere heo weoren ibredde ⁊	. . . . .
to-gadere heo weoren iuedde.	. . . . .
þa children wuxen ⁊	. . . . .
and wel iðoȝen. [c. 2.]	. . . . .
wel wef heore aldren ⁊	. . . . .

it never said in saw nor in song, that more love were found between two kings; for that the one had, that had they both; the one held the other more dear than *his* brother. Both they took wives, *and* oft they came together; when the wives were wedded, in one time they went to bed; either went with his love toward their wives; they begat two sons, both in one time; both in one day they were eft born; together they were bred, together they were fed. The children waxed, and well thrived; well was

<sup>1</sup> broðer?<sup>2</sup> heo?<sup>3</sup> *Superfluous?*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

1		. . . . .
For to uæftnen þa luuen ⁊		. . . . .
of leofuen <sup>a</sup> heore uæderen.		. . . . .
to-founne me heom tahte ⁊		. . . . .
to-somne me heom tuhte.		. . . . .
beien heo weredē ⁊		. . . . .
anef kunnef iweden.		. . . . .
al swa dudē þa children ⁊		. . . . .
swa ær duden þa aldren.		. . . . .
swa mouchel luue heolden ⁊	10	. . . . .
þat fellic þuhte monnen.		. . . . .
And þuf heo wuneden here ⁊		. . . . .
wel feole ȝere <sup>b</sup> .		. . . . .
þat þæ children weorē ⁊		. . . . .
muchele iwaxen.		. . . . .
riden uppen steden ⁊		. . . . .
and luueden cnihtef iweden.		. . . . .
heore mainef heo uondeden ⁊		. . . . .
wel ueole fiðen.		. . . . .
heore armef weore stronge ⁊	20	. . . . .
heo breken scaftes longe.		. . . . .
mid longe sweorden heo smitten ⁊		. . . . .
þa ȝifē smærte biten.		. . . . .
Heore uaderef þa comen ⁊		. . . . .

to their parents. For to confirm the love of their loved fathers, together men taught them, together men instructed them; both they wore weeds of one kind; all so did the children as ere did the parents, so mickle love *they* held, that marvellous *it* seemed to men. And thus they dwelt here well many years, until the children were waxed mickle; *they* rode upon steeds, and loved knights weeds, their strength they proved well many times; their arms were strong, they brake shafts long; with long swords they smote, that gave smart blows. Their fathers then came with

<sup>1</sup> A line would seem to be here deficient.

<sup>2</sup> Written at first *leofeuen*, but *e* expanded.

<sup>3</sup> ȝeren, *pr. m.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.		MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
mid muclre fajzernessē.	.	.
inne Bruttaine ⁊	.	.
mid muclere bliffe.	.	.
þa ȝet þat lond-riche ⁊	.	.
hehte Armoriche.	.	.
þa ȝunge men me dubbede :	.	.
beizene to cnihte.	.	.
Wið an luttel ȝeren ⁊	.	.
þa uadef <sup>1</sup> dede weoren.	.	.
and þa twa childrē ⁊	10	.
weoren ihouen to kingen.	.	.
æiðer heold hif icunden ⁊	.	.
swa duden ær heore ældren.	.	.
þæ wef inne Cantware-buri ⁊	.	.
þa burh wef þa swiðe muri. [f. 178 <sup>b</sup> . c. 1.]	.	.
an ærche-biscop ⁊	.	.
þe wes mon swiðe god.	.	.
he for-bað <sup>2</sup> þā kingen ⁊	.	.
kine-helm to nimene <sup>3</sup> .	.	.
a þat hin <sup>4</sup> seolf comen ⁊	20	.
and fetten hine an heore hafden.	.	.
þat bod wef ihalden ⁊	.	.
a þaf ærchebiscofep onwaldē.	.	.
and Cadwadðal <sup>5</sup> hif lond haueden ⁊	.	.

much fairness, with much bliss into Bretagne,—the yet the country hight Armoriche,—the young men both were dubbed knights. Within a few years the fathers were dead, and the two children were raised to *be* kings; either held his territory as ere did their parents. Then was in Canterbury, —the burgh was then most prosperous,—an archbishop, who was a man exceeding good; he forbade the kings to assume *the* crown, until that *he* came himself, and set it on their heads. The command was obeyed on the archbishops authority, and Cadwalan had his land on this side the Hum-

<sup>1</sup> uaderef?<sup>2</sup> for-bad?<sup>3</sup> nimenen, *pr.* =.<sup>4</sup> him?<sup>5</sup> Cadwalðan?

IS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

æalue þere Hūbre.		. . . . .
ðwine al bi-ȝeonde?		. . . . .
rd þan norð ende.		. . . . .
' heo weoren ihouene?		. . . . .
ȝef ifworene.		. . . . .
-bode wes þa crune?		. . . . .
drihtenef nome.		. . . . .
lan þohte?		. . . . .
' Cadwanes sune.		. . . . .
ȝ hine bi-þohte?	10	. . . . .
ie don mahte.		. . . . .
ȝn heorc faderes beiene?		. . . . .
eoren ifarene.		. . . . .
þa sehtneffe ilaft?		. . . . .
seouen ȝere urift.		. . . . .
lan hefde?		. . . . .
swiðe monieȝe.		. . . . .
riche-dom stod?		. . . . .
on Cadðwalanes hond.		. . . . .
ðlan gō liðe?	20	. . . . .
Lōdene.		. . . . .
de men gode?		. . . . .
n erchebifcope.		. . . . .
hte ful fone?		. . . . .
to Lundene come.		. . . . .
to Lundene com?		. . . . .

Edwine all beyond, toward the north end; kings they were raised, oaths sworn; but forbidden was the crown, in our Lords name. Edwine thought,—who was Cadwans son,—oft he him bethought what he should do, after both their fathers were forth departed (dead). The reign of Edwine had not lasted but *the* space of seven years; Cadwalan had very many castles, and the sovereignty stood more in Cadwalans hand. Cadwalan proceeded into London; he sent good men after the archbishop, and desired that he should come to London full soon. When he came to

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.

iqueme<sup>1</sup> hit wes þan kingen.  
 þe king auotē eode? [c.2.]  
 to-ʒeines þan erche-biscope.  
 wið uten hif halle dure? and sæide þu art wilcume.  
 & leoffiche hine bihedde?  
 & lauerd hine cleopede.  
 He aʒaf ure drihten?  
 ælchere irihten.  
 he spac of feire lære? 10  
 & al of godes are.  
 hif spechen weorē gode?  
 wið þan ærche-biscope.  
 þe king hine bi-fohte?  
 feire & fwiðe ofte.  
 þat he on hif icunde?  
 king hine makede.  
 To ane ifette dæiʒe?  
 þat folc þær i-fomnede.  
 þer mæ<sup>2</sup> Cadwaðlan fone? 20  
 makede to kinge.  
 muchel wef þa blisse?  
 þat wæf in þære burʒe.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

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 . . . . .  
 and to þan kinge ʒeode. [L. 142. c. 1.]  
 þo he com to boures dore?  
 þe king fayde welcome.  
 and loueliche him spac wiþ?  
 and cleope hine loud.  
  
 þe king þe archebiffop bi-fohte?  
 fayre and fwiþe ofte.  
 þat he in his cunde?  
 king hine makede.  
 To one ifet dæiʒe?  
 þat folk was igadered.  
 þar me Cadwalþan fone? 20  
 makede to kinge.  
 moche was þe b....e?  
 þat was in þan borwe.

London, it was to the king acceptable; 'the king went on foot towards the archbishop, without his hall-door, and [. . . . . and to the king went; when he came to *the* chambers door, the king] said, "'Thou art' welcome!" and lovingly him 'viewed [spake with], and called him lord. 'He gave to our Lord each right; he spake of fair lore, and all of Gods favor; his speeches were good with the archbishop.' The king besought 'him [the archbishop], fair and vry often, that he in his territory should make him king. At a set day the folk 'there assembled [was gathered]; there men soon made Cadwalan king; much was the bliss that was in the burgh!

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

Of þisse uare-cofte ʒ  
 Adwine na þing n<sup>o</sup>te.  
 at<sup>1</sup> sone swa he hit wiste ʒ  
 wrað he wef an heorte.  
 and feide auere wið and wið ʒ  
 ich wulle makien un-frið.  
 and al ic wulle aquellen ʒ  
 þat ich quike uinde.  
 of Cadwaðlanef uolke ʒ  
 ualfest alre mōne. 10  
 Uerde he god<sup>2</sup> gaderen ʒ  
 of feole þufend monnen.  
 he hehde ituht to herie ʒ  
 a þaf half þare Humber.  
 Eoden heom to ræde ʒ  
 cnihtef swiðe gode.  
 alle þa wifeste men ʒ  
 þa weore inne londe. [f. 179.c.1.]  
 heo lerdē Edwiðne<sup>3</sup> king ʒ  
 þe wef heore lauerd<sup>4</sup>. 20  
 þat he fende hif sōde ʒ  
 to Cadwaðlane kīge.  
 & biſohte hine uære ʒ  
 alfe his leofe broðe .

Of þisse farecofte ʒ  
 Edwȳn noþing nuſte.  
 and so sone fo he h.. wiste ʒ  
 wroþ he was in h..te.  
 a.. fayde he wold.. .cwelle ʒ  
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Edwine knew nothing of this proceeding, and as soon as he it knew, he was wrath in heart, and said 'ever against and against: "I will make war, and all' 'I will [he would] kill, that I find alive of Cadwalans folk, falsest of all men!" A host he gan to gather of many thousand men; he had drawn *them* to ravage on this side of the Humber. Knights exceeding good betook them to counsel, all the wisest men that were in *the* land; they advised king Edwine, who was their lord, that he should send his messengers to Cadwalan *the* king, and beseech him fair, as his dear bro-

<sup>1</sup> ah? and?

<sup>2</sup> gon?

<sup>3</sup> Edwine?

<sup>4</sup> lauer, *pr. m.*

<sup>5</sup> broðere?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiii.
and for þere muchele luue ⁊	. . . . .
þa heolde heore aldren.	. . . . .
þat hine letten kīg beon ⁊	. . . . .
and hif kine-halm avon.	. . . . .
and he wolde aȝeī wenden ⁊	. . . . .
heom <sup>1</sup> to hif folke.	. . . . .
ouer þere Humbre ⁊	. . . . .
and grið þær halden.	. . . . . holde. [c.2.]
and ner <sup>2</sup> æft a-ȝen teon ⁊	and neuere eft aȝen teon ⁊
wið þan he moſte king beon. 10	wiþ þan þa <sup>3</sup> moſte king beon.
ihouen <sup>4</sup> and ihalden ⁊	
þurh þene heȝe godd.	
and he wolden bi hif liuen ⁊	and he wolde bi his liue ⁊
Cadwalain luuien.	Cadwalþan louie.
and beon ȝaru to his neode ⁊	and beo ȝare to his neode ⁊
an ælchere þeode.	in euereche þeode.
þis iherde Cadwalan ⁊	þis ihorde Cadwalþan ⁊
þe king wef bi fuððen.	þat king was bi suþe.
and he andfwarede <sup>5</sup> ⁊	and he anſwerede ⁊
mid aðelere ſpeche. 20	mid mildere ſpeche.
Nu ich iherd habbe ⁊	Nou ich ihorde habbe ⁊
<sup>6</sup>	wordes wife.
	of Edwine his bifockne ⁊
þe if mi broðe <sup>7</sup> deore.	þat his min broþer deore.

ther, and for the mickle love that their parents held, that *he* should let him be king, and receive his crown, and he would *then* march back, home to his folk, over the Humber, and there hold peace, and never eft again return, on condition that he might be king 'elevated and held, through the high God'; and he would by his life love Cadwalan, and be ready at his need in every land. Cadwalan heard this, who was king by *the* south; and he answered with 'good [mild] speech: "Now I have heard [words wise of Edwine his beseeching,] who is my dear brother, I will me ad-

<sup>1</sup> hom?<sup>2</sup> neuer?<sup>3</sup> þat he?<sup>4</sup> ihæuen, *pr. m.*<sup>5</sup> andfweredere, *pr. m.*<sup>6</sup> Two lines are missing here.<sup>7</sup> broðere?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. x111.

ich me bi-ræde wulle ʒ  
of swulchere neode.  
and after ane lutel dazē ʒ  
him andfware ʒeuē.  
whaðer he hit wolde iūne ʒ  
oðer him for-beode.  
hu swa hif riche men ʒ  
ræden hī wolden.  
þe dæi wef ifat ʒ  
at<sup>1</sup> lutel mon wef þe bet. 10  
þa þif al wef iwurðen ʒ [c. 2.]  
þa comen heo to ane uorde<sup>2</sup>.  
Duglas þa water wef ihaten ʒ  
þer heo tou-wenden<sup>2</sup>.  
þer wef þa motinge ʒ  
bituxe þan twam kinge.  
Ædwine bifohte ʒ  
mid alle þat he mahte.  
þat Cadwalan hī þolede ʒ  
kine-helm to beberene. 20  
and he hine wolde luuien ʒ  
a to hif liuen.  
Riche men eoden to ræde ʒ

ich me bi-readen wolle ʒ  
of socchere neode.  
and after lutel furste ʒ  
him anfwere fende.  
waþer þat ich hit wolle ʒ  
oþer þat ich noll..  
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vise of such need, and after a 'few days [little time], answer him 'give'' [send],—whether 'he would it grant, or deny him, [that I will it, or that I will not.]" 'howso his noble men would him counsel.' The day was appointed, but one was little the better! When this all was done, then came they to a ford; Douglas the water was named; thereto they moved; there was the meeting betwixt the two kings. Edwine besought, with all the persuasion that he might, that Cadwalan should suffer him to wear crown, and he would him love ever in his life. Noble men went to coun-

<sup>1</sup> ah?

<sup>2</sup> The greater part of these two lines is written on an erasure, but by the original hand.



MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

of swulchere neode.

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summe hit gonnen ræden ⁊

. . . . .

summe to for-beoden.

. . . . .

sūme þer heolden wel to ⁊

. . . . .

summe nolden hit no.

. . . . .

þa while þa cnihtef wife ⁊

. . . . .

þa spechen sculden rihte.

. . . . .

þe king in are medewe ⁊

. . . . .

alihte of hif stede.

. . . . .

þā kinge luste flepe ⁊

10 . . . . .

þa riche weoren at rede.

þe riche weren at reade. [f. 142<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.]Com þer a b<sup>r</sup>-cnihte ⁊

Com þar a bour-cniht ⁊

and fat adun forþ riht.

he wef þef kingef fuster fune ⁊

he was þe kinges foster fone ⁊

*Bri[en].*

Brien hehte hif nome.

Brian hehte his name.

he nom<sup>1</sup> hif lauerdef hefd ⁊

he nam þan kýnges hefd ⁊

þe leof him wef on uolke.

and leyde vppe his lappe.

in hif bærm he hit læide ⁊

& hif lockef he to-scædde<sup>2</sup>.

þe king him gon to flæpen ⁊

20 þe king him gan fleape ⁊

and Brien gon to wepen.

and Brian gan wepe.

urnen þa teref ⁊

vrne þe teares ⁊

uppen þef kīgef leoref.

vppe þe kīg his leores.

and þe king awoc of flepen ⁊

and þe king of-frihte ⁊

sel of such need; some gan it advise, some to forbid; some there held well to (consented), some would it not. The while the wise knights should right the speeches, the king alighted from his steed in a meadow; the king *it* list to sleep, while *the* nobles were at counsel. There came a chamber-knight, and sate down forth-right; he was the kings sisters son, Brian hight his name; he took 'his lords [the kings] head, 'who was dear to him among folk', [and] 'he' laid 'it' 'in [upon] his lap, 'and his locks he divided.' The king gan him to sleep, and Brian gan to weep; the tears ran upon the 'kings [king his] features; and the king [was frightened, and] awoke from

<sup>1</sup> inom, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> stæbde, *pr. m.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

wete weoren his wongen.  
 he grapede<sup>1</sup> an his nebbe ⁊  
 he wende þat hit bledde. [f. 179<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.]  
 and biſæh uppen Brien ⁊  
 mid braden hiſ lechen.  
 þa iſah he of Brien ⁊  
 hiſ teres ut luken.  
 sære gon þe kempe ⁊  
 wepen ouer<sup>2</sup> kinge.  
 þa axede þe king anan ⁊ 10  
 Cadwalan ihaten.  
 Whæt iſ þe leofe mæi ⁊  
 þat þu ſwa wepeſt to-dæi.  
 þu ært ihalden kene gume ⁊  
 hauēſt þunu quene þeouwes inume..  
 ſæiȝe me biliue ⁊  
 hu þe beon on fiðe.  
 Bʼen þa andſwerede ⁊  
 cniht mid þan bezſte.  
 Nu we maȝen wepen ⁊ 20  
 and<sup>3</sup> wanliche i-beren.  
 halden uf for hæne ⁊  
 þer we weoren heȝe.  
 nu þu wult under-uon ⁊

and a-wok of ſleape.  
 he gropede on hiſ nebbe ⁊  
 he wende þat hit bledde.  
 and biheold Brien ⁊  
 þat weop ſwiþe ſore.  
 þo axede þe king anon ⁊  
 Cadwalþan .....  
 .at hiſ þe leoue ...  
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ſleep, 'wet were his cheeks'; he felt on his face, he weened that it bled; and 'looked upon [beheld] Brian, 'with his broad glances. Then ſaw he from Brian his tears out leap;' 'ſore gan the warrior weep over the king [who wept exceeding ſore]. Then aſked the king anon, named Cadwalan: "What is to thee, dear couſin, that thou ſo weepeſt to-day? Thou art eſteemed keen man; haſt thou now taken a ladys manners? Say to me quickly, how is to thee in fortune?" Brian then answered, knight with the beſt: "Now we may weep with rueful cries; account us for vile where we were noble! Now thou wilt undertake what never was ere done, two

<sup>1</sup> gapede, pr. m.

<sup>2</sup> ouer þan?

<sup>3</sup> mid?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
þat nauer ær nef idon.	. . . . .
tweien kinges halden ʒ	. . . . .
kine-helmeſ on lōden.	. . . . .
nuðe we scullen wepē ʒ	. . . . .
þæ ær richen weoren.	. . . . .
for wurðſcipe ualleð adune ʒ	. . . . .
þer wef ær wunne.	. . . . .
Cadwadrā þif iherde ʒ	. . . . .
þe king wef on londe.	. . . . .
and iwærð him abolze <sup>1</sup> ʒ	10 . . . . . .bolwe ʒ [c.2.]
bitter ane ſwiðe.	biterliche ſwiþe.
and a-neouſte ſende ſonde ʒ	and ſende hiſ ſonde ʒ
to Edwine kinge.	to Edwin þan kinge.
and hehte hine hiþenliche ʒ	and hehten him hiþenliche ʒ
uaren of hiſ riche. [quiken liuen ʒ	wende vt hiſ riche.
For ne ſcal he nauere bi mine	For ne ſal he bi mine liue ʒ
kine-helme broken.	kinchealm brouke.
and ʒif he hit wul auon ʒ [c.2.]	and ʒef he hit ʒorneþ ʒ
ich hit wulle wernen.	ich him ſal werne.
and ic hine biræuien wulle ʒ	20 and ich him bi-reaue wolle ʒ
at hiſ baren liue <sup>2</sup> .	of hiſ bare liue.
& nimen al Norð-humberlond ʒ	and nime al Norþhumberlond ʒ
to mire aʒære hond.	to min owene hond.
and walden al hiſ riche ʒ	and habbe . . . riche ʒ

kings to hold crowns in land! Now we shall weep that ere were noble, for worship falleth down, where ere was weal!" Cadwalan heard this, who was king in land, and became him enraged very bitterly, and 'quickly' sent [his] messengers to Edwine [the] king, and bade him hastily to go 'from [out of] his realm:—"For never shall he, by my 'quick' life a crown enjoy; and if he it 'will take [yearneth], I will 'it [him] forbid, and I will him bereave of his bare life, and seize all Northumberland to mine own hand, and 'possess [have] 'all' his realm, and he shall become abject!"

<sup>1</sup> aboze, *pr. m.*

<sup>2</sup> liuen, *pr. m.*

IS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

ie ſcal wurðen hene.  
 idende me brohten ⁊  
 lwine kinge.  
 iwræð abolzen ⁊  
 er ane ſwiðe¹. -  
 ið a bar wilde.  
 ⁊ he bið² in holte ⁊  
 len mid hunden.  
 as andſware kende ⁊  
 eft alre kingen. 10  
 ne helpen drihten ⁊  
 ⁊p þaf dæiʒef lihten.  
 a halidomef alle ⁊  
 inieð inne Rome.  
 elm ich wulle bruke ⁊  
 hit ſcal abugge.  
 er uore ibiden ⁊  
 eft alre balewen.  
 al habben paþef wefte ⁊  
 vilderneffe inoʒe. 20  
 noni mod-forhʒe ⁊  
 onſcipe ſcal ualle.  
 ⁊a hit ilomp fuððe ⁊  
 eft³ ful ſone.

and he ſal worþe wrecche.  
 þeos tȝdinge me brohte ⁊  
 to Edwȝn þan kinge.  
 and .. was a-bolwe ⁊  
 afe þe ... wilde.  
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tidings men brought to Edwine [the] king, and he was incensed 'wony much,' as is 'a [the] wild boar, when he is in *the* wood surrounded inds; and this answer delivered *the* wrathest of all kings: "So help e Lord that shaped the day-light, and all the halidomes that are in , crown I will enjoy, and he shall buy it *dear*, and abide therefore tterest of all ills! He shall have wasted paths, and wilderness enow, any mind-sorrow,—his honor shall fall!" All so it happened subntly, thereafter full soon. Either threatened other greatly, and thrust

*This line seems from the second text and punctuation to be superfluous.*  
 bit, pr. m.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. x111.

	Æiðer þratte oðer fwiðe ⁊	. . . . .
	and þruste mid worde.	. . . . .
	& swa heo to-delden ⁊	. . . . .
	dæd heo bi-hehten.	. . . . .
	Ædwine wef kempe ⁊	. . . . .
	hif men weoren kene.	. . . . .
<i>Cadwalan.</i>	Cadwaðlan wef cniht god ⁊	. . . . .
	and he hafde muchel mod.	... de mochel mod. [f. 143. c. 1.]
<i>Edwin.</i>	Edwine wende ouer Humbre ⁊	Edwÿn wende ouer Humbre ⁊
	and Caðwaðlan to Lundene. <sup>[f. 180.</sup>	and Cadwalþan to Londene.
	þaf kingef weoren wraðe ⁊ <sup>c. 1.]</sup>	þeos kinges weren wroþe ⁊
	þa aræs þa weore. <sup>11</sup>	þo a-ros þe werre.
	heo riden að heo arnden ⁊	hii riden and hii hearde <sup>1</sup> ⁊
	heo herþede and heo barnde.	hii nome hii barnde.
	heo slozen & heo uomen ⁊	hii flowen and nomen ⁊
	al þat heo neh comē.	al þat hii neh comen.
	wa wes þan beondef ⁊	wo were þan bondes ⁊
	þa on lōde wuneden.	þat in londe wonede.
	Cadwalan wef inne Lundene ⁊	Cadwalþan was in Londene ⁊
	and fomnede hif leoden. <sup>20</sup>	and gaderede his ferde.
	wide he fende sōde ⁊	wide he fende his sonde ⁊
	þeond feole kine-londe.	.... fale cune londe.
	he hafde on hif ferde ⁊	he hadd. ...-gadere ⁊
	fifti þufende.	fifti .....

with words; and so they separated, deeds they promised. Edwine was a warrior; his men were keen; Cadwalan was knight good, and he had mickle mood. Edwine passed over *the* Humber, and Cadwalan *went* to London; these kings were wrath,—then arose the war. They rode and they ran, they harried and [took,] they burnt, they slew and 'they' took all that they came nigh; woe 'was to [were] the peasants that dwelt in *the* land! Cadwalan was in London, and 'assembled [gathered] his 'people [host]; wide he sent [his] messengers over 'many a kingdom {lands of many kind}; he had 'in his army [together] fifty thousand noble warriors, for harm most

<sup>1</sup> hearnde?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.		MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
here-kempen heȝe ʒ		. . . . .
to hermen fwiðe kene.		. . . . .
Adwine bi norðe ʒ		. . . . .
hif writen nom aneouste.		. . . . .
and fende in to Denene <sup>1</sup> ʒ		. . . . .
to Galwaðe & to Scotlond ʒ		. . . . .
þat stod on Edwinef hond.		. . . . .
he fonnede uerde ʒ		. . . . .
ȝeond alle hif ærde.		. . . . .
þat he ifōned hafde ʒ	10	. . . . .
fixti þufende.		. . . . .
cnihtef swiðe kene ʒ		. . . . .
wode to uihte.		. . . . .
Cadwaðlan gon liðe ʒ		. . . . .
ut of Lundenne.		. . . . .
touward Norð-humbre ʒ		. . . . .
hærmef he wrohte.		. . . . .
he for ouer Humbre ʒ		. . . . .
hiȝenliche swiðe.		. . . . .
and bigon to westen þat lond ʒ	20	. . . . .
þat stod on Edwinef hond.		. . . . .
þa wes Edwine king ʒ		. . . . .
ærhðen bideled.		. . . . .
and he forð rihtef ʒ		. . . . .
spac wið hif cnihtef.		faide forþrihtes. [c. 2.]

keen. Edwine by *the* north took his writs speedily, and sent into Denmark, to Galloway, and to Scotland, that stood in Edwines hand; he assembled forces over all his territory, *so* that he had collected sixty thousand knights most keen, *and* mad for fight. Cadwalan gan march out of London toward Northumberland,—harms he wrought; he passed over *the* Humber very hastily, and began to waste the land that stood in Edwines hand. Then was king Edwine void of fear, and he 'spake [said] forth-right

<sup>1</sup> Denene anon, *pr. m.*, but anon struck out. *A line apparently is missing here.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.

Wurðe for niðing þe mon ʒ  
 þe nule hie sturien. [c. 2.]  
 habben baref heorte ʒ  
 and remef brede.  
 cuðen þan kinge ʒ  
 þat we quiken fūde.  
 He lette blawen bemen ʒ  
 and bonnien hif uerden.  
 forð he gon wende ʒ  
 þat he com to þan ende. 10  
 þer þe king Cadwaðlan ʒ  
 wunede on cumelan.  
 To-gadere gunnen refen ʒ  
 þeines riche.  
 breken speren longe ʒ  
 fcealdes braftleden an honde.  
 heouwen heȝe helmef ʒ  
 fcaenden þa brunief.  
 feollen ærm kempef ʒ  
 æmteden fadelef.  
 drem wef on uolke ʒ  
 þa eorðe gon to dunien.  
 urnen þa brockef ʒ

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

For niþing worþe þe mon ʒ  
 þat nele him seolue heolpe.  
  
 teache þan kinge ʒ  
 þat he cwik ouf finde.  
 He lette blowe bumef ʒ  
 and banni his ferde.  
 forþ he gan wende ʒ  
 10 þat he com to þan eande.  
 þar þe king Cadwalþan ʒ  
 wonede on comelan.  
 To-gadere hii gonne rease ʒ  
 cnihtes fwiþe riche.  
 breaken speares lange ʒ  
 fcealdes braftelende<sup>1</sup>.  
 hewen heȝe healmes ʒ  
 faulfede brunief.  
 .. mtede fadeles ʒ  
 20 and folle .... e cnihtes.  
 .. þar was .... orlich<sup>2</sup> ʒ  
 .. .rþe gan ... nie.  
 vr... . . . .

with his knights: "Be the man *accounted* for nothing, that will not him [self] 'stir [help]; 'have boars heart, and ravens cunning,' to teach the king, that 'we are [he find us] alive!" He caused trumpets to be blown, and his army to be assembled; forth he gan march, until he came to the spot where the king Cadwalan dwelt in covert (?). Together [they] gan rush 'thanes [knights most] noble; brake long spears, shields shivered 'in hand'; high helms are hewed, failed 'the' cuirasses; 'wretched warriors fell, and saddles *were* emptied [saddles *were* emptied, and fell wretched knights]! [There] was clamor among *the* folk; the earth gan to din; the brooks ran

<sup>1</sup> braftelede?

<sup>2</sup> *The second text differs here, but is too imperfect to be supplied.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

of reden blodef.	of þan r . . . . .
feollen þa folckef <sup>1</sup> ⁊	. . . . . e þe flockes ⁊
falewede nebbef.	..... .ebbef.
Bruttef gunnen breoðen ⁊	.ruttus go... .oþe ⁊
balu wef on uolken.	wo ... . . . . .
þuf heo gunnen delen ⁊	þus hii . . . . .
þene dæi longe.	.... .ay lange.
riht to þan euening ⁊	. . . . . g ⁊
þa fleh Cadwalan þe king.	þo . . . . .
and Edwine him aft <sup>9</sup> gende ⁊ 10	. . . . .
mid allen his imihten.	. . . . .
Alle niht Cadwalan ⁊	. . . . .
flah mid hif cnihten.	fleaþ . . . . .
nefden he of hif ferde ⁊	. . . . . he forþ <sup>2</sup> ⁊
buten fif hundred cnihten.	.... .undred .....
heo fluzen to Scotlonde ⁊	... .. .o Scotlode ⁊
forhen heom com on honde.	. . . . . nde.
And Edwine after an-non ⁊	. . . . . on.
mid fiftene þufend monnen.	mid . . . . . e ⁊
baldere þeines ⁊ 20	bal..... . . . .
heore beot wef iuorðed.	. . . . .
Fulede <sup>3</sup> þere uerde ⁊ [f.180 <sup>b</sup> .c.1.]	...ede þ... ..
folc uninete.	. . . . .
from dæiȝe to daȝe ⁊	. . . . .

with red blood; the peoples fell, faces became pale; *the* Britons gan to be broken,—mischief [woe] was among *the* folk! Thus they gan deal *all* the day long, right to the evening; then fled Cadwalan the king; and Edwine pursued after him with all his might. All night Cadwalan fled with his knights; he had not of his host but five hundred knights; they fled to Scotland,—sorrow came them to hand! And Edwine *followed* after anon, with fifteen thousand men, bold thanes; their threat was accomplished! Innumerable folk followed the army; from day to day the king they gan drive;

<sup>1</sup> sockef, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> *The second text appears to differ.*<sup>3</sup> fuleden, *pr. m.*



MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

þene king heo gūnen driuen.  
 soð if on þan spellē ⁊  
 heo þohten hine aquellen.  
 Cadwaddlan flæ<sup>1</sup> to þere fæ ⁊  
 fciþē he þer funde.  
 þa fciþen heo gūnen hure ⁊  
 mid ahten swiðe deore.  
 into Irlonde ⁊  
 þa fciþē gunnen wende.  
 hauene heo þer nomen ⁊ 10  
 ifund þa fciþen comen.  
 þa ahte Irlond ⁊  
 a kīg þat wef swiðe fstrong.  
 he hehte Gille Patric ⁊  
 god kīg i þan rich.  
 he underfeng Cadwadlan ⁊  
 faire mid hif coffē.  
 and ȝaf him wickinge ⁊  
 ȝeond Irlonde.  
 [Cadw]ad-  
 lan. Lette we nu beon Cadwaðlan ⁊  
 and ga we to Edwine aȝan. 21  
 Edwiene<sup>2</sup> in þiffen londe ⁊  
 a-marden þaf leoden.

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 hii þohte hine a-cwelle. [f. 143<sup>v</sup>. c. 1.]  
 Cadwalþan fleah to þare féé ⁊  
 and fipes þare he funde.  
 þe fipes he gan hure ⁊  
 mid ȝeftef swiþe deore.  
 and in to Irlonde ⁊  
 þe fipes gonne wende.  
 hauene þar nemen ⁊  
 and to londe ȝeoden.  
 þo hadde Irlond ⁊  
 a king þat was swiþe fstrōg.  
 he was icleoped Gillopart ⁊  
 he was god cniht and hard.  
 he vnderfeng Cadwalþan ⁊  
 faire mid his coffes.  
 and ȝef him wikeninge ⁊  
 oueral his londe.  
 Leate we . . . beon Cadw . . . þan ⁊  
 and . . . to Edw . . . an.  
 Edw . . . in . . . . .  
 . . . . . leode.

sooth is in the sayings, they thought him to kill. Cadwalan fled to the sea, [and] ships he there found; the ships they [he] gan hire with treasure [gifts] most precious, [and] into Ireland the ships gan wend; haven there they took, in safety the ships came [and went to land]. Then possessed [had] Ireland a king that was most strong; he hight Gille Patric, good king in the realm [was named Gillopart, he was good knight and hardy]; he received Cadwalan courteously with his kisses, and gave him dwelling over Ireland [all his land]. Let us leave now Cadwalan, and go we to Edwine again. Edwine in this land destroyed this people; burghs he

<sup>1</sup> R. flæh.<sup>2</sup> R. Edwine.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

burȝes he barnde ʒ		..... he barnde ʒ
caſtlef he ualde.		caſt... .. de.
hiſ here wrohte on londe ʒ		hiſ f.... dude .. .. .
harmes vniuoȝe.		.earmes ..... ſtrong.
al Cadwaðlanes lond ʒ		. . . . . lond ʒ
he walde to hiſ aȝere hond.		h . . . . . hond.
þa comen hauweres ʒ		. . . . .
to hirede <sup>1</sup> þaf kinges.		. . . . .
and feiden tidende ʒ		. . . . .
Edwine kinge.	10	. . . . .
wa wrðe heom for <sup>2</sup> þon ʒ		. . . . .
þat heo iboren weore.		. . . . . ibore . .
saȝen heo hī ſæiden ʒ		. . . . .
of ane mæidenne.		. . . . .
þ wef Briennef fufter hende ʒ		þat w... . . . .
ueireft wifmonne.		. . . . . man.
heo wunede i Winchæſtre ʒ [c.2.]		... ..de in . . . . .
inne þā caſtle.		. . . . . longe.
And Edwine mid hiſ ferde ʒ		. . . . . hiſ f....
þiderward wende.	20	. . . . .
ſone ſwa he þider com ʒ		fo ſone . . . . .
mid ſtrenðe he heo nom.		. . . . .
laddē heo to Eouwerwic anan ʒ		. . . . .
cnihtef ſwiðe wel idon.		. . . . .

burnt, castles he felled; his army 'wrought [did] harms 'innumerable [most strong] in *the* land; all Cadwalans land he possessed in his own hand. Then came spies to the kings host, and said tidings to Edwine *the* king,—woe worth them therefore, that they *ever* were born!—sayings they said to him of a maiden, who was Brians comely sister, fairest of women; she dwelt in Winchester, in the castle. And Edwine with his host thitherward marched; as soon *as* he thither came, with strength he her took; knights exceeding good anon led her to York; to chamber men

<sup>1</sup> hire, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> *Added by a second hand in margin.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

Pelluz.

to bure me ladde ⁊  
 to þaf kingef bedde.  
 Þe king dude vnwifdom ⁊  
 þat he þat ilke maide nom.  
 for þe wifmon a ⁊  
 was þef ilke kingef iua.  
 Þa wunede i þā hirede ⁊  
 an clarc þe com from Spaine.  
 Pelluz wef ihaten ⁊  
 of hegere laren.  
 feole craftef he cuðe ⁊  
 þa he ifah in þā lufte.  
 on fterren and on fūne ⁊  
 and on þare fæ brade.  
 infiht he cuðe ⁊  
 a winde and a mone.  
 of þan uifce þer he wlæt ⁊  
 and of wurmen þer heo crepe.  
 Cadwaðlan in Irlonde ⁊  
 gadere genge.  
 and to fcipe flutte ⁊  
 mid muchelre uerde.  
 Pelluz swiðe ueorre ⁊  
 ifah on þan fterre.

. . . . .  
 . . . . . bedde. [c.2.]  
 Þe king dude . . . . . dom ⁊  
 þat he þat ilke maý nom.  
 for þe wifman eueremo ⁊  
 was Edwýnes fo.  
 Þo was mid þan kinge ⁊  
 a clark þat com fram Spayne.  
 Peluz was ihote ⁊  
 10 of fwiþe hege lore.  
 he couþe of þan craftef ⁊  
 to lokie in þā lufte.  
 in fonne and in fteorres ⁊  
 and in þan fee brode.  
 infiht he couþe ⁊  
 of wind. and of mone.  
 of þan fiffe þa. . . fleot ⁊  
 and of þan . . . . . þare<sup>1</sup> creop.  
 Cadw. . . . . londe ⁊  
 20 gadere . . . . .  
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*her* led, to the king's bed. The king did un-wisdom, *in* that he took the same maid, for the woman ever[more] was 'the same king's [Edwyns] foe. Then 'dwelt in the court [was with the king] a clerk that came from Spain, *who* was named Pelluz, of [exceeding] high lore; 'many crafts [of the craft] he knew, 'that he beheld [to look] in the sky, 'on *the* stars [in sun] and 'on *the* sun [in stars], and 'on [in] the broad sea; he knew *the* history of *the* wind and of *the* moon; of the fish where he swam, and of *the* worms where they crept. Cadwalan in Ireland gathered forces, and to ship moved with a mickle host. Pelluz very far *off* beheld in the stars, that *an* army would

<sup>1</sup> þare hii?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
ferde cumen wolde ʒ	. . . . .
en Ædwine kinge.	. . . . .
Pelluz hine lorde <sup>1</sup> ʒ	. . . . .
re þaf leoden mihtte ʒ	. . . . .
bezft bi-witen.	. . . . .
bi londen and bi ſcipen ʒ	. . . . .
waðlan and hiſ men.	. . . . .
gunnen fuſen ʒ	. . . . .
imen to þiſſen londen.[f.181.c.1.]	. . . . .
re wef æuere Edwine <sup>2</sup> ʒ 10	. . . . .
þa hafne heom for-warnde.	. . . . .
re Pelluces lare ʒ	. . . . .
re mihtē heo cumen here.	. . . . .
wef Cadwalan ʒ	. . . . .
he wef on liuen.	. . . . .
re bigon þene ſwikedom ʒ	. . . . .
en hiſ ſweord broðeren.	. . . . .
þer uore him ſelf hafde ʒ	. . . . .
re þene meſte.	. . . . .
walan him to cleopede ʒ 20	..... cleopede ʒ [f.144.c.1.]
re beſte cnihtef alle.	his beſte cnihtes alle.
re feide þat he wolde ʒ	and faide þat he wolde ʒ
de to Brutaine.	to Brutayne wende.
þene king iſeon ʒ	and þane king he wolde i-ſen ʒ

re upon Edwine *the* king; and Pelluz instructed him how he might of all defend this country. Both by land and by ſhips Cadwalan and re ſen oft gan move, to come to this land; before was Edwine ever, and re ſibited them the haven; through Pelluzes lore they might not come . Woe was Cadwalan, that he was alive, for he began the treachery re ſhis ſworn brother, and therefore had himſelf harm the moſt! Cad- re ſn called to him all his beſt knights, and ſaid that he would go to re ſagne, and [he would] ſee the king, who was named Salomon; in

<sup>1</sup> A line ſeems here omitted. <sup>2</sup> Edwune, *pr. m.*  
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MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho. C. xiir.
þe Salemon wef ihaten.	... Salomon was .hot..
an heorte him weore þe felere ʒ	.. . . . him likede þ. ..ler ʒ
for heo weoren ifibbe.	... ..e fibbe.
heo weoren of ane cunne ʒ	hii w... of ... ..e ʒ
þa kingef beiȝe tweien.	þe kinge. boþe t.. ȝue.
Bruttef heo weoren beine ʒ	
ah fwiðe heo weoren un-balde.	
Cadwaðlan to ſcipen com ʒ	Cadwalþan .. .ipe com ʒ
and feh forð mid uðen.	and wende forþ ..d .þe.
and feilede after vðe ʒ	10 and faile... wilde féé ʒ
unfel him wef on mode.	forþ. . . . .
to ane æit-londe heo bicomēn ʒ	to on ȝllond he .....
þat ftōdeð bi Gernemuðe.	... ſtond bi ȝernem...
likede ſwa heom likede ʒ	...de ou him likede ʒ
þer heo gūnen wikie.	þar he ... ..kie.
þer heo abiden wederef ʒ	þar h. ibade ....re ʒ
for þe wind heom ſtod to-ȝæinef.	for þ. ...d him .....
þa iwarð þe kīg þere ʒ	...warþ . . . . .
ifæcled ful ſwiðe.	þorh . . . . .
and hafde þat uuel hate ʒ	20 . . . . .
binumen hin <sup>1</sup> wef þa hele. [c.2.]	. . . . .
þa niȝe dæȝes weoren aȝeong ʒ	. . . . .

heart *it* 'were [would like] him the better, for they were related; they were of one kin, both the kings twain; 'Britons they were both, but much they were disheartened.' Cadwalan came to ship, and went forth with *the waves*, and sailed 'along *the waves* [on *the wild sea*],—sorrow was to him in mind;—to an island 'they [he] came, that standeth by Yarmouth\*; liked 'as them [how him] liked, there they [he] gan dwell; there 'they [he] abode *the weather*, for the wind stood against 'them [him]. Then became the king there full greatly disordered, and had the evil heat (*fever*).—the health was from him taken. When nine days were passed, the king

<sup>1</sup> R. him.

\* See Notes.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

þe kīg wef swiðe unstrong.	. . . . .	
þa wes he wræccheliche of-luft?	. . . . .	a luft?
aft <sup>9</sup> deoref flæfce.	. . . . .	
Brien hif mæi he cleopede?	Brian his . . . . .	de?
and sone hit hī cudde.	[anan? and sone hit . . . . .	
þat buten he hafde deoref flasc	bote ich habbe deor. . . . .	anon?
dæd he mošte þolien.	deap̄ ich mot . . . . .	
Ofte wes Briene wa?	Ofte was Brian wo?	
and neouuere wurfe þene þa.	. . . neuere worfe þan þo.	
hundes nom Brien?	10 hundes nom Brian?	
and hired-men wel idon.	and hired-men wel idon.	
ʒeond wudes & ʒeond feldef?	oueral wodes and feldef?	
heo uerden bilifes.	1	
þurh nanef cunnes gīne?	ne mihte he noþing finde?	
no mihten heo deor iwīne.	þorh none cunnes þinge.	
nouþer heort no hinde?	noþer heorte .. hinde?	
no mihte heo nauere ifinde.	ne mihte .. . . . . finde.	
þe king fende hif sonde?	þe king fende his sonde?	[c. 2.]
after Brien þa wef to longe.	to Brian þat was so longe.	
Leof was þe king Briene?	20	
wa wes him on liue.		
ofte <sup>2</sup> he hine biðohte?	Brian him bi-þohte?	
what he don mahte.	wat he don mihte.	

was very weak ; then was he miserably desirous after deers flesh. Brian his relative he called, and soon made it known to him, 'that' unless 'he had [I have] deers flesh anon, death 'he [I] must suffer. Oft was Brian woe, and never worse than then! Brian took hounds and attendants good; over [all] woods and 'over' fields they fared quickly; through no kind of 'stratagem [thing,] 'might they deer procure [nothing might he find]; neither hart nor hind might they ever find. The king sent his messengers 'after [to] Brian, who was 'too [so] long. 'Dear was the king to Brian, woe was to him alive'; 'oft he [Brian] bethought him, what he might do, and

<sup>1</sup> A line appears to be missing.<sup>2</sup> este, pr. m.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

and biþohten him enne ræd ⁊  
 seoððen he<sup>1</sup> þohten him fwi<sup>2</sup> god.  
 he igrap a nail fax ⁊  
 felliche kene and wel iwhæt.  
 and feng him feolue swa neh ⁊  
 þat he nom his aȝe þeh.  
 for unimete neode ⁊  
 þer of he madeke brede.  
 he bredde heo an hizinge ⁊  
 and brohte heo þan kinge. 10  
 Hail feo þu Cadwaðlan ⁊  
 þu ært mi kine-lauerd. [f. 181<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.]  
 ich habbe þe here i-broht ⁊  
 breden alre deorest.  
 þat ich auere an æi borde ⁊  
 beren bi-uoren kinge.  
 held me to and æt her of fone ⁊  
 þin hele heo scal iwurðen.  
 þe king sæt on his bedde ⁊  
 his beornef hine biheolde. 20  
 of þere brede he æt ⁊  
 fone þer after him wes þæ bet.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

and bi-þohte of one read ⁊  
 þat tornde to mochel god.  
 he igrop an nailfex ⁊  
 wel i-wet and kene.  
 and feng him seolue fo neh ⁊  
 þat he cutte his owe þeh.  
 for onimete neode ⁊  
 þar of he madeke breade.  
 he hit ....de an hizenge ⁊  
 and ..... .t þan kinge. 10  
 Hayl ... .u Cadwalþan ⁊  
 þou ... min kinelouerd.  
 ich ... be þe her ibroht ⁊  
 bread. alre deorest.  
 þat ich euere on borde ⁊  
 bere bi-vore kinge.  
 ... her of fone ⁊  
 þin eale ... .l worþe.  
 þe king sat on his bedde ⁊  
 and cnihtes him ... eolde.  
 .f þare b..... .t ⁊  
 . . . . .

bethought 'him' of a counsel, 'afterwards it seemed to him most [that turned to mickle] good; he grasped a nail-knife, 'wondrous' keen and well whetted, and touched himself so nigh, that he 'took [cut] his own thigh; for extreme need he made thereof roast *meat*; he roasted it in haste, and brought it to the king.—"Hail be thou, Cadwalan, thou art my sovereign! I have brought thee here roast *meat* dearest of all, that I ever on 'any' board bare before king. 'Approach to me, and 'eat hereof soon; thy cure it shall be.'" The king sate on his bed, 'his barons [and knights] him beheld; of the roast *meat* he ate, and soon thereafter it was

<sup>1</sup> hit?<sup>2</sup> fwiðe?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiii.

þe king him gō to sweten ʒ  
 þat ufel hine gon for-leten.  
 wið innen þan fif nihte ʒ  
 þe king iwræð<sup>1</sup> fere forð riht.  
 swa næuer þe king n<sup>o</sup>te ʒ  
 whæt he inoted hafde.  
 þe king iwræð<sup>1</sup> al uere ʒ  
 his folc iwarð bliðe.  
 wind heom com on wille ʒ  
 heo wunden up feiles to coppe.  
 scipen gūnen liðen ʒ  
 leod-scopef fungē.  
 Ba weoren sehte ʒ  
 sæ & þa fūne.  
 wind and þa wide fe ʒ  
 ba eke ifome.  
 flod ferede þa scipen ʒ  
 scopes þer fungen.  
 At Ridelet he com aloud ʒ  
 þer wes blisse & mucho fong. 20  
 bitwixe Dinan & þere sæ ʒ  
 3et hit if ifene.

þe . . . . .  
 . . . . .  
 . . . . . niht ʒ  
 þe k.. . . .orþriht.  
  
 his fo.. . . . . þe ʒ  
 þo he tornde ..ife.  
 ..nd 3am com to wille ʒ  
 and hii .. fiþe wende.  
 sailes hii dro3e ʒ  
 and ...en mid þan wedere.  
 .....eoren glade ʒ  
 hire . . . . . unge.

At Ridelet . . . . aloud ʒ  
 þar was blisse ... mochel fong.  
 bi .wix Di... .. fee ʒ  
 3et hit his i-fene. [f.144<sup>b</sup>.c.1.]

to him the better. The king gan him to sweat, the evil gan him leave; within the five nights the king became whole forth-right; 'so *that* never the king knew what he had used.' 'The king became all whole [When he turned to life], his folk was blithe; wind came to them at will, 'they wound up sails to *the* top; the ships gan voyage, *the* minstrels sung [and they went to ship; sails they *up* drew, and voyaged with the weather; *minstrels* were glad, their *songs they* sung]. 'Both were calm, *the* sea and the sun; *the* wind and the wide sea both eke together; *the* flood bare the ships; *the* minstrels there sung.' At Ridelet he came ashore,—there was bliss and much song,—betwixt Dinan and the sea; yet it is seen. So

<sup>1</sup> iwarð?



MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

Sone swa he þer com ⁊  
 feire he wes under-uon.  
 þa kinges weoren bliðe ⁊  
 beiene to-gaderes.  
 Þer wūede þe king ⁊  
 al þene winter a fkening.  
 þer after com leinten ⁊ [c. 2.]  
 and dæȝef gunnen longen.  
 þer heo gunnen somnien ⁊  
 scipen uniuoȝen. 10  
 folc unimete ⁊  
 grunden an uolde.  
 þuſ dude Cadwalan ⁊  
 and Peluz hit w<sup>o</sup>te anan.  
 þurh hiſ dweomer-cræften ⁊  
 þe wunede in þan luſte.  
 and al þat he auunde ⁊  
 in þan luſte & bi þan grunde.  
 þurh ælches cunneſ þing ⁊  
 he warnede æðre Ædwine king.  
 and dude hī al to witē ⁊ 21  
 of þare uerde & of þan ſcipen.  
 Cadwaðlan weſ in Brutaine ⁊  
 mid Salemonne þā kinge.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

So ſone ſo he þar com ⁊  
 he waſ faire onderfon.  
 þeſ kingeſ weren bliþe ⁊  
 boþe to gadere.  
 Þar wonede þe king ⁊  
 al þan ilke winter.  
 þar after com leinte ⁊  
 and dæȝeſ gonne longȝ.  
 þar hii gonne ſomni ⁊  
 10 fiþeſ onifoȝe.  
 mid folk ſwiþe kene ⁊  
 þe fiþeſ he fulde.  
 þuſ dude Cadwalþan ⁊  
 ac Peluz . . . iſte anon.  
 þorh þan . . . . . te ⁊  
 for loki in þan l . . . .  
 . . d al þat he aſunde ⁊  
 . . . . . and bi grunde.  
 þorh a . . . cunneſ þing ⁊  
 he warnede þan kinge.  
 and dude him al to iwite ⁊  
 of . . n ferde and of þa . . . . .  
 Cadwalþan waſ in Brutayne ⁊  
 and Salomon þan kinge.

soon [as] he there came, he was courteously received; 'the [these] kings were blithe, both together. There remained the king all 'the [that] winter 'in amusement'; thereafter came Lent, and *the* days gan to lengthen; there they gan assemble numerous ships, with folk 'innumerable filled to *the* bottom [most keen the ships he filled]. Thus did Cadwalan; and Peluz it knew anon through 'his [the] magic-craft 'that dwelt [for looking] in the sky; and all that he found in the sky and by 'the' ground, through each kind of thing he warned 'ever Edwine' [the] king, and caused him all to know, of the forces and of the ships. Cadwalan was in Britain with Salomon the king, who was his aunts son, and much him loved; and heard

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.		MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
wes hif moddrie fune ʒ		þat was ... ..ie sone ʒ
muchel hine lufede.		an. . . . .
æt iherde suggē ʒ		. . . . .
feole siðen.		. . . . .
Pelluz þe hende ʒ		. . . . .
om ut of Spaine.		. . . . . ne.
æde Edwine þene king ʒ		w . . . . . king ʒ
ær þurh alle þing.		. . . . . þing.
æsole cunne þinge ʒ		of ..le cu.ne þinges ʒ
to him weoren to cumēe.	10	þat him to coming were.
waðlan þan gode ʒ		Cadwalþan þe gode ʒ
wes on mode.		wo was him in mo.e.
ofte spæc wið Brien ʒ		and ofte spæc wiþ Bria. ʒ
ær his deoreste mon.		... was hif deore m..
to nomen heom to rede ʒ		... ..n heom to reade ʒ
to som rune.		a... .. rounne.
alle þa while ʒ		þat al þa. ..le ʒ
Pelluz weore alife.		þat Pell.. ....e.
nihte Cadwaðlan ʒ		ne mihte Cadwalþan ʒ [c.2.]
to en to þiffē londe.	20	come to .... londe.
to nauere nare liffe ʒ		mid neuere none .....
Edwine hit nufte.		þat Edwin hit nufte.
ær bonnede hif fare ʒ [f.182.c.1.]		Brian hadde moche care ʒ
ær en hafde mucle care.		...d he bannede ... fare.
ær to him an honde ʒ		... him afe h.... ..

Brien.

say, well many times, that Pelluz the fair, who came out of Spain, and Edwine the king ever through all things, of many kind of things were to 'come [coming] to him. Cadwalan the good woe was [to him] good; and oft *he* spake with Brian, who was his 'dearest [dear] man; *they* betook them to counsel, and to some communing, that all the while that Pelluz were alive, Cadwalan might not come to this land with any ease; so that Edwine knew it not. Brian 'made ready his voyage; Brian had mickle care [had much care, and he made ready his journey]; *he* took to him 'in hand [as . . . . .] of silver and of gold, 'treasures

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

of feoluer and o<sup>1</sup> golde.  
maðmes unimete<sup>2</sup>ʹ

of ...luer and of .....

moniare cunne.

and he nam tonnes ....

nom he tunnen godeʹ  
and þa æhte dude þer inne.

and þat catel dude ... ine.

To þære fæ he wendeʹ  
and feilede mid vðe.

To þære féé he wendeʹ

he hafde on hif uoreʹ

and . . . . . uþe.

wintunnen inoʒe.

he hadde . . . . .reʹ

on sæ and on londeʹ

win-tonnes i....

hif win he he<sup>3</sup> lette fonden.

10 .. féé and in londeʹ

his ... he lette fondi.

and on alle wiffen he toc him onʹ

and in eche wife he tok ... ..

swulc he<sup>4</sup> weore a chepnon.

afe he were a chep...

*Barbefleod.*

In he wende at Barbefleotʹ

.. he w.... t Barb.....

*Suð-ham-  
lone.*

and at Suð-hamtune up a-leop.

and a. ....amt... vt leo..

þer he ut draʒen letteʹ

. . . . . letteʹ

win of hif tunne.

. . . . .

and hendeliche hit deldeʹ

and . . . . .

alle þare<sup>5</sup> duʒeðe.

. . . . .

þa him abuten weoreʹ

20. . . . .

riche and henen.

. . . . .

and alle luuede þene chapmonʹ

. . . . .

þa hī lokede on.

. . . . . an

Vnbe<sup>5</sup> seouennihtenʹ

Bi an fe.....teʹ

infinite of many a kind'; [and] he took 'good' tuns, and the goods placed therein. To the sea he went, and sailed with *the* waves; he had in his voyage wine-tuns enow; on sea and on land he let his wine be proved, and in all wise he took him on as if he were a merchant. Iu he went at Barbefleot, and at Southampton 'up [out] leapt; there he caused to be out drawn *the* wine from his tuns, and courteously dealt it to all the people that were about him, rich and poor; and all loved the merchant who looked on him. After

<sup>1</sup> of?

<sup>2</sup> uninete, *pr. m.*

<sup>3</sup> *Sic MS.*

<sup>4</sup> hin, *pr. m.*

<sup>5</sup>vmbe?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

he spac wið hif cnihten.  
 alle weoren hif iueren ⁊  
 swulc heo chapmen weoren.  
 and<sup>1</sup> eorð-huf heo huredē ⁊  
 ftið biwaled on eorðen.  
 heo clufeden þer wið innen ⁊  
 alle heore win-tunnen.  
 heo scuptē heore lauwerde ⁊  
 ænne nome neowe.  
 heo hahten hine Kinebord<sup>2</sup> ⁊ 10  
 ut of Spainifce ard.  
 He faiden he wenden wolde ⁊ [c. 2.]  
 wide ȝeond þiffen londe.  
 & fondien wher he mihte ⁊  
 hif win fullen on wille.  
 Forð he wende bi nihte ⁊  
 mid one of hif cnihte.  
 forð he gon liðe ⁊  
 in to Lundene.  
 and aneoufte gunnen wende ⁊ 20  
 on-faft Westmustre.  
 and fraineden tiðinde ⁊  
 of Edwine kinge.  
 Sone men him talde ⁊

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

he spac wiþ hiȝ .....s.  
 alle weren his ....s ⁊  
 fo ase hii chepmen ..re.  
 an eorþ-hus hii hurede ⁊  
 þat was wel bi-walled.  
 hii clufden þar wiþ ine ⁊  
 alle hire wýntonnen.  
 hii makede hire louerd ⁊  
 ane name neuwe.  
 hii he.te hine Kinebord ⁊ 10  
 vt of Spaynes eorþ.  
 Hii faide þat hii wenden .....  
 . . . . . [f. 145. c. 1.]  
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[a] se'nnight he spake with his knights; all his companions were as if they were merchants; an earth-house they hired, 'strongly walled in earth [that was well walled], they closed there within all their wine-tuns; they 'shaped [made] to their lord a new name, they named him Kinebord, out of 'Spanish [Spains] land. 'He [They] said 'he [that they] would journey wide over this land, and seek where he might sell his wine at will. Forth he went by night with one of his knights; forth he gan proceed into London, and speedily gan wend near Westminster, and asked tidings of Edwine the king. Men soon him told *the* sooth that they found, that the

<sup>1</sup> ane?<sup>2</sup> kinelord, *pr. m.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
soð þat heo funde.	. . . . .
þat þe king in Eouerwic wneð <sup>1</sup> ?	. . . . .
mid allen his folke.	. . . . .
mid muchere blisse?	. . . . .
mē he hafde inoȝe.	. . . . .
Brien gon to farene?	. . . . .
uorð mid ane iuere.	. . . . .
ut of Lūdene?	. . . . .
derneliche he liðede.	. . . . .
þene wæi toward Eouerwike?	. . . . .
wrað on hif mode.	11 . . . . .
þa he iuaren hafde?	. . . . .
fulle feouen nihte.	. . . . .
þa imette he enne pilgrim?	. . . . .
pic bar an honde.	. . . . .
hiȝedliche þe com?	. . . . .
from þaf kingges hirede.	. . . . .
Brien hine gon fræine?	. . . . .
of hif fare-cofte.	. . . . .
þe pilleg <sup>1</sup> m hine talde?	20 . . . . .
al þat he wolde.	. . . . .
Wið him warfte Brien?	. . . . .
al hif iweden.	. . . . .
and æiþer gon liðe?	. . . . .
þider him to l <sup>o</sup> te.	. . . . .

king dwelt in York, with all his folk, with much bliss,—men he had enow. Brian gan to fare forth with one companion; out of London secretly he travelled the way toward York, wrath in his mood. When he had journeyed full seven nights, then met he a pilgrim, *who* bare a pick in hand, who came hastily from the kings court. Brian gan ask him of his business; the pilgrim him told all that he would. Brian changed with him all his clothes, and either gan proceed thither *it* list to him. Brian found

<sup>1</sup> *At first written winede, but i expuncted.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
Brien enne fmið funde ʒ	. . . . .
þe wel cuðe fmiðie.	. . . . .
and faide þat he wef peleg <sup>1</sup> m ʒ	. . . . .
ah pic nefden he nan mid him.	. . . . .
þene þridde dæi þer bi-fore ʒ	. . . . .
at his inne he wef forlore.[f.182 <sup>b</sup> .c.1.].	. . . . .
Hif foreward he makede ʒ	. . . . .
þe fmið gō to fmiðeʒe.	. . . . .
ane pic fwiðe lōg ʒ	. . . . .
swiðe muchel an <sup>1</sup> swiðe strong.	. . . . .
swe <sup>2</sup> scarp wef <sup>3</sup> þe pic ʒ	11 . . . . .
þe staf wes swiðe fellic.	. . . . .
þene staf he nō an honde ʒ	. . . . .
and ferde ouer þan londe.	. . . . .
þat he com sone liðe <sup>4</sup> ʒ	. . . . .
to þaf kingef hirede.	. . . . .
Brien eode upward ʒ	. . . . .
Brian eode dūward.	. . . . .
ne mihte he iheren ʒ	. . . . .
word of hif sufte nan.	20 . . . . .
no he uraini ne durfte ʒ	. . . . .
for þef kingef folke.	. . . . .
þa hit wes dai a marʒe ʒ	. . . . .
þat drihten hine fende.	. . . . .

a smith, who well could forge, and said that he was a pilgrim, but he had not any pick with him; the third day there-before it was lost at his dwelling. His agreement he made; the smith gan to forge a pick exceeding long, very mickle and very strong; most sharp was the pick, the staf was very marvellous! He took the staf in hand, and fared over the land, until he arrived soon at the kings court. Brian went upward, Brian went downward; he might not hear any word of his sister, nor durst he inquire, for the kings folk. When it was day on *the* morrow, that *the* Lord it sent,

<sup>1</sup> and?<sup>3</sup> scap we, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> swiðe?<sup>4</sup> *This line is on an erasure.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
þe king lette feden alle ⁊	. . . . .
þa neode hafden.	. . . . .
alle þe blæðe ⁊	. . . . .
þe wuneden on þe b <sup>3</sup> e.	. . . . .
me heom hehtte on-neoufte ⁊	. . . . .
cume to þan caſtele.	. . . . .
bi þuſend and bi þuſude ⁊	. . . . .
þræſten gunnen binward.	. . . . .
Brien wenden binne ⁊	. . . . .
mid oðer wrecche monnen. 10	. . . . .
hiſ læteſ weoren alle ⁊	. . . . .
fwulc he lome weore.	. . . . .
alle hiſ hateren weoren to-toren ⁊.	. . . . .
naſ he noht to þan iboren.	. . . . .
þe an hine putte hiderward ⁊	. . . . .
and þe oðer hine putte ȝeōdward.	. . . . .
uncuð him weſ ſwiðe ⁊	. . . . .
ſwulc craft on folcke.	. . . . .
hiſ pic he heold bi-fiden ⁊	. . . . .
and fat imong þan oðeren. [c. 2.]	. . . . .
þe king him gon to þeinen ⁊ 21	. . . . .
mid alle hiſ here-cnihten <sup>1</sup> .	. . . . .
þæ quene bar to drinkē ⁊	. . . . .

the king caused all to be fed that had need ; all the poor that dwelt in the burgh, men bade them come quickly to the castle ; by thousands and by thousands *they* gan thrust withinward. Brian went within with other wretched men ; his looks were all as if he were lame ; all his garments were torn in pieces,—he was not born to that. The one pushed him hitherward, and the other pushed him overward ; very strange to him was such craft among folk ; his pick he held by *his* side, and sate among the others. The king gan him to serve, with all his attendants ; the queen bare to drink,

<sup>1</sup> hired-cnihten ?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.	. . . . .	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
& alle hire bur-lutlen.	. . . . .	
þa i-lomp hit seoððe?	. . . . .	
þe <sup>1</sup> after ful sone.	. . . . .	
þat Galarne þat maiden?	. . . . .	<i>Galarne.</i>
com hire ȝeongē.	. . . . .	
bolle heo hafde an honden?	. . . . .	
þer mide heo bar to dringen <sup>2</sup> .	. . . . .	
þa i-fæh heo Briēn þer?	. . . . .	
deore hire broðren <sup>3</sup> .	. . . . .	
on wræcchef mōnef liche? 10	. . . . .	
þeh he weoren riche.	. . . . .	
Anan swa þat maidē hine i-fæh?	. . . . .	
fone heo him to bæh.	. . . . .	
and droh of hire uingre?	. . . . .	
an of hire ringe.	. . . . .	
and falde him an honde?	. . . . .	
æne rīg of rede golde.	. . . . .	
and þuf fæide Galerne?	. . . . .	
þat god-fulle maide.	. . . . .	
Haue þif gold wræcche? 20	. . . . .	
godd þe wurðe milde.	. . . . .	
and buȝe þe þer mide hateren?	. . . . .	
þat wið chele þe maȝen werien.	. . . . .	

and all her maidens. Then befell it eft, thereafter full soon, that Galarne the maiden approached her; a bowl she had in hand, therewith she bare to drink; then saw she Brian there, her dear brother, in form of a poor man, though he were rich. Anon as the maiden saw him, soon she advanced to him, and drew from her finger one of her rings, and delivered to him in hand a ring of red gold; and thus said Galarne, the goodly maid: "Have this gold, poor *man*, God be mild to thee, and buy thee therewith garments, that against *the* cold may protect thee." Then wist he in sooth,

<sup>1</sup> *R.* þer.<sup>2</sup> *drinken?*<sup>3</sup> *Altered by a second hand to broðrer, apparently intended for broðer; but compare ll. 30523. 30824.*



MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. XIII.
þa wufte he to foðe ⁊	. . . . .
þat hiſ sufter icneou hine.	. . . . .
& þaf word feide ⁊	. . . . .
Brien þe fele.	. . . . .
For-ȝelde hit þe drihten ⁊	. . . . .
þe ſop þaf daȝes lihten.	. . . . .
þat þu þiſſen lome monne ⁊	. . . . .
ȝiue of þine golde.	. . . . .
Ýmong þan wrecche uolke ⁊	. . . . .
þat maiden heo hudde. 10	. . . . .
bitwxē <sup>1</sup> twam widewen <sup>2</sup> [f. 183.c.1.].	. . . . .
þat maidē iwarð an felden.	. . . . .
and ſpæc wið here broðren ⁊	. . . . .
þa bet hire wef on heorten.	. . . . .
and talden him tiðende ⁊	. . . . .
al of þaf kingef hirede.	. . . . .
and heo hī tahte Pelluz ⁊	. . . . .
þene clarc þe com from Spæine.	. . . . .
and he lokien agon ⁊	. . . . .
in læðeft alre monne. 20	. . . . .
þa heo to-gadere hafden iſpeken ⁊	. . . . .
sone heo gunen to-delen.	. . . . .
for nau <sup>1</sup> neoðer nalde ⁊	. . . . .

that his sister him knew; and said these words Brian the good: "The Lord reward it to thee, who formed the daylight, that thou givest of thy gold to this lame man!" Among the poor folk the maiden hid her; betwixt two windows the maid was in seat (seated), and spake with her brother,—the better *it* was to her in heart,—and told him tidings all of the kings court; and she shewed him Pelluz, the clerk that came from Spain; and he (Brian) gan to look at *the* most hateful of all men. When they had spoken together, soon they gan separate, for ever either would not

<sup>1</sup> bitwixen?

<sup>2</sup> windewen?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.		MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
for hif æfne wiht <sup>1</sup> of golde.	.	.
þat þe king hit w <sup>o</sup> ftēʒ	.	.
þat heo to-gaderen weoren.	.	.
for sone heo weoren for-don baʒ.	.	.
oðer of-flaȝē oðer an-hon.	.	.
þat folc hafden alle iȝetenʒ	.	.
and arifen from heore feten.	.	.
dremedē drunkene menʒ	.	.
dune wef on folke.	.	.
Pelluz wes aneofteʒ	10	.
and ȝemde þene nap.	.	.
Briē him atlede toʒ	.	.
for he hafde him ful wa ido.	.	.
hif pic he nom an hondenʒ	.	.
& helede hine under capen.	.	.
swa longe he gon atlenʒ	.	.
þat he com him baften.	.	.
and imong al þan þrūȝeʒ	.	.
þærften hi i þan ruȝe.	.	.
þat he brac ut bi-forenʒ	20	.
under hif breofstē.	.	.
And forð he bi-wafdeʒ	.	.
þene pic he bilæfde. [c. 2.]	.	.

for his even weight of gold, that the king it knew, that they were together, for soon they should be both destroyed, either slain, or up hung. The folk had all eaten, and arose from their seats; clamored *the* drunken men, din was among *the* folk. Pelluz was near, and took care of the cup. Brian approached to him, for he had done him full woe; his pick he took in hand, and concealed it under *his* cape; so long he gan approach, that he came behind him, and among all the throng thrust him in the back, so that it (the weapon) brake out before, under his breast. And forth he departed, the pick he left, and forth *went* among the folk; then was he all

<sup>1</sup> wit, *pr. m.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
and forð imōg þan uolke ⁊	. . . . .
þa wef he al fere.	. . . . .
and wende him a-neofte ⁊	. . . . .
of þaf kingef hirede.	. . . . .
æuere forð þene wæi ⁊	. . . . .
suð riht alfe he læi.	. . . . .
þa he þuf hafde idon ⁊	. . . . .
to Axcetre he bi-com.	. . . . .
þer he funde forð rihtef ⁊	. . . . .
monie of hif cnihtef.	10 . . . . .
and freiēden ȝeorne ⁊	. . . . .
of hif leod-kinge.	. . . . .
And Brien heom gon tellen ⁊	. . . . .
þat wil-spellef weoren.	. . . . .
and feiden þat Cadwaðlan ⁊	. . . . .
cumen wolde anan.	. . . . .
mid swa muchele uerde ⁊	. . . . .
of feole cunne ærde.	. . . . .
þat ne durfte Edwine king ⁊	. . . . .
cumen to-ȝæinef him naðing.	20 . . . . .
no in nauer nare burȝe ⁊	. . . . . borewe ⁊ [£.146.c.1.]
ne durfte he him ibide.	ne . . . . . him abide.
þat iherde Deuene ⁊	þat ....de Deuenef ⁊
and þa men of Deorchestre.	and .. ... of Dorfete.
and þan Cornwælfcen <sup>1</sup> ⁊	and þe ..rnwalfe ⁊

safe; and turned him quickly from the kings court, ever forth the way south right as it lay. When he had done thus, to Exeter he came; there he found forth-right many of his knights, and *they* asked eagerly of his sovereignty. And Brian gan tell them welcome speeches that were, and said that Cadwalan would come anon, with so mickle forces of many kind of land, that Edwine *the* king durst not come against him any thing, nor in ever any burgh durst he him abide. That heard *the* Devons, and the men of 'Dorchester [Dorset], and the Cornwalish *men*,—well was them alive!

<sup>1</sup> Cornwælfcen, *pr. m.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

wel heom wef on liuen.  
 Brien sende hif sende<sup>1</sup> ʒ  
 ouer sæ to Brutlonde.  
 and dude þan kinge to witen ʒ  
 aiðer bi worden and bi writen<sup>2</sup>.  
 of alle his dedē ʒ  
 and þat Pelluz wef on deðē.  
 and bad hine an hihȝende ʒ  
 comen to þiffen londe.  
 & þe king duden fwa ʒ 10  
 swa fwiðe swa he mæhte.  
 And Brien sende sonde ʒ  
 in to Suð-hātune. [f.183<sup>b</sup>.c.1.]  
 and longien him to lette ʒ  
 hif maðmes leoue.  
 & alle þa beornes anan ʒ  
 þe buȝen him to wolden.  
 comen aneouste ʒ  
 in to Exchæstre.  
 and stið imodede men ʒ 20  
 þa burh gunnen walden.  
 Cadwalan þat iherde ʒ  
 þe king wef ful bliðe.

wel was heo. on liue.  
 Brian sende his sonde ʒ  
 ouer féé to Brut-londe.  
 and dude þan kīge to wite ʒ  
 boþe bi wor... and bi ..ite.  
 of alle his deade ʒ  
 ..d ou P..... was<sup>3</sup> deap..  
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Brian sent his messengers over sea to Bretagne, and caused the king to know, 'either [both] by word and by writ, of all his deeds, and 'that [how] Pelluz was dead; and bade him in haste come to this land; and the king did so, as quickly as he might. And Brian sent messengers into Southampton, and caused to be brought to him his dear treasures; and all the men anon that would come to him, came quickly into Exeter, and stiff minded men gan possess the burgh. Cadwalan heard that, the king was full

<sup>1</sup> sonde?  
<sup>2</sup> Part of this and the next line are on an erasure, but by first hand.  
<sup>3</sup> was on?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.		MS. Cott. Otho, C. x111.
and ine Brutaine ⁊		. . . . .
bonnede ferde.		. . . . .
þat he þreo hundred hauede ⁊		. . . . .
hæzere scipene.		. . . . .
and al he hafden þer to ⁊		. . . . .
þat heom bihouede <sup>1</sup> .		. . . . .
And þe king <sup>2</sup> Salomon ⁊		. . . . .
wide gon sende.		. . . . .
and forð he gon liðen ⁊		. . . . .
mid hif Brutleoden.	10	. . . . .
þat if to iwitene ⁊		. . . . .
mid twa hundred scipene.		. . . . . pes.
to helpen hif cunne ⁊		. . . . .
Cadwaðlan kinge.		Cadwalþan .....
Weder stod an wille ⁊		..der stod at .....
wind mid þā bezfte.		.... mid þan bef..
heo rihten heore louef ⁊		... .. hire loues ⁊
and up drozēn feiles.		a.. .. . . fayles.
liðen ouer sæ stræm ⁊		
swa fel þuhte heom.	20	
þa comen he <sup>3</sup> to Tottenef ⁊		and comen .. . . . nas ⁊
beien þa kinges.		boþe þe kinges.
Selemon þe fele ⁊		Salamon þe feale ⁊ [c. 2.]
and Cadwalā þæ kene.		and Cadwalþan þe kene.
þat lond-folc wes bliðe ⁊		þat lond-folk was bliþe ⁊

blithe, and in Bretagne assembled an army, so that he had three hundred noble ships: and all he had thereto that behoved them. And the king Salomon gan send wide, and forth he gan proceed with his Britons, that is to wit, with two hundred ships, to help his kinsman, Cadwalan the king. The weather stood at will, wind with the best; they righted their loofs, and drew up sails, 'and voyaged over the sea-stream, as to them seemed good.' Then [and] came 'they' to Totnes, both the kings, Salomon the good, and Cadwalan the keen; the land-folk was blithe for their sovereigns! Then

<sup>1</sup> bihoueden, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> kin, *pr. m.*<sup>3</sup> heo?



MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

Sone þa tidende icumen wes ⁊  
 to þære hauene of Totenes.  
 to Caðwalane kinge ⁊  
 hu Brien wef bi-þrügen.  
 he lette blawen bemē ⁊  
 and bonnien hif ferden.  
 & ferde æuere þene wæi ⁊  
 þæ toward Excestre lai.  
 and delde a þreo ulockes ⁊  
 hif duhtie cnihtef.  
 and þus cleopiē a-gon ⁊  
 þe king wef abolzen.  
 Æuer ælc god cniht ⁊  
 faren heom to forð riht.  
 for we beoð cnihtef gode ⁊  
 mid wēpnen<sup>1</sup> wel idihte.  
 arude we Brien ⁊  
 þe if min ibore mon.  
 For ȝif heo nimeð Brien ⁊  
 heo hine wulleð aquelen. 20  
 and feoðden<sup>2</sup> heo wulleð hine  
 a-hon ⁊ [f. 184. c. 1.]  
 and alle hif i-feren for-don.  
 & uf þer after sone ⁊

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

... .. tȝdinge .....  
 .o þære haue... .. as.  
 to Cadw..... inge ⁊  
 ou Bri... .. onge.  
  
 he wol... .. þane way ⁊  
 þat toward Excestre lay.  
 and dealde on þreo flockes ⁊  
 10 his staleworþe cnihtef.  
 and þus clepie agon ⁊  
 þe ki.. was a-bolwe.  
 Euer ech. god cniht ⁊  
  
 mid wepnef him dihte.  
 and a-reade we Brian ⁊  
 þat his min .leoue man. [f. 146<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.]  
 For ȝef heo nimeþ Brian ⁊  
 20 he<sup>2</sup> hine wolle a-cwelle.  
 and suppe he<sup>2</sup> wole him a-hon ⁊  
  
 and alle his veref for-don.  
 and ouf þar after suppe ⁊

was come soon to the haven of Totnes, to Cadwalan *the* king, how Brian was bestad; 'he caused trumpets to be blown, and his host to assemble', 'and marched ever [he would go] the way that toward Exeter lay, and divided his 'doughty [stalworth] knights in three troops; and thus *he* gan call,—the king was angry:—"Every good knight 'march to them forth-right, for we are knights good', with weapons 'well provided; [provide him; and] succour we Brian, who is my 'man born [dear man]. For if they take Brian, they will him kill, and afterwards they will him hang, and all his companions destroy, and us thereafter 'soon [next], with all their might."

<sup>1</sup> R. wepnen.<sup>2</sup> heo? hii?<sup>3</sup> feoðden?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

mid alle heore imæhte<sup>1</sup>.  
 To heo gunnen riden :'  
 gæref heo letten gliden<sup>2</sup>.  
 breken bræde<sup>3</sup> weiȝef :'  
 bruftleden<sup>4</sup> scaftes.  
 gold-uaȝe sceldef :'  
 scanden bilifes.  
 feollen þa cnihtes :'  
 faleweden nebbes.  
 ȝeond þan feldef wide :'  
 10 swulten men uæiȝe.  
 blod orn in þe weiȝe :'  
 f<sup>a</sup>amef swiðe brade.  
 þer neorē eorlef :'  
 no wurðer þene cheorlef.  
 þer weoren þa of-flæȝene :'  
 seouen þufend fulle.  
 Marcchifce monnen :'  
 þa þer icumen weoren.  
 þa falden heo adune :'  
 20 heremarken uaȝe.  
 heo wurpen sceldef fone :'  
 dunede þa eorðe.  
 þa fette to fleme :'

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

bi al hire mihte.  
 To hii gonne r...  
 sferes hii lette glide.  
 breken brode weȝes :'  
 braftlede scealdes.  
 falewede nebbes :'  
 folle þe cnihtes.  
 blod þar orn in waȝe :'  
 stremes swiȝe brode.  
 þare neren eorles :'  
 .. worþere þane che.....  
 .are ..... of-slaw :'  
 .... ..... uulle.  
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Forward they gan ride, spears they let glide; brake *the* broad clubs, splintered 'shafts [shields]; 'gold-hued shields shivered quickly'; fell *the* knights, paled faces; 'over the fields wide perished *the* fated men'; blood ran [there] in 'the' way, streams exceeding broad; there were earls worthier than churls! There were 'then' slain full seven thousand Mercian men, who there were come; then felled they down *the* variegat standards; they threw *away* shields soon, the earth dinned! Then set

<sup>1</sup> imæh, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> bæde, *pr. m.*<sup>3</sup> riden, *pr. m.*<sup>4</sup> brutleden, *pr. m.*



MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
alre ȝeomereft folke.	. . . . .
and Cadwalan after heom ȝ'	. . . . .
mid allen hiſ imahten.	. . . . .
& mid hiſ aȝene honden ȝ'	. . . . . da ȝ'
nō þene king Pendan.	m... ..nde.
he wes Mærwalef fader ȝ'	
Mildburȝe aldeuader.	
Pendan heo nomen ȝ'	þus h . . . . ng ȝ'
and duden hine i benden.	and dude . . . . .nde.
wið innen Exceſt <sup>e</sup> ȝ'	10 wiþ ine .....
and biwuften hine wel faſte.	... ..-witede hine fa...
Swa fellic hit ferde ȝ'	.. .. hit ferde ȝ'
i alle þan uahte.	in .... ..hte.
þat naf Pēdan þe king ȝ' [c.2.]	þat nas ..... þe king ȝ'
amarred nanef kunneſ þig.	iwemmed þ... .. cunnes þing.
and Cadwalan hine biwuſte ȝ'	and Cadwalþan hine bi-wiſte ȝ'
wel þurh alle cuſte.	wel mid þan beſte.
and fære heo hine uedde ȝ'	and faire hine ..edde ȝ'
and faire he eode to bedde.	and faire hine be..edde.
þa weoren agan ſeouen niht <sup>1</sup> ȝ' 20	þo weren agon ſe...e niht ȝ'
þa nom Pendan enne cniht.	þo nam Penda .ne cniht.
þe wef ſwiðe wiſ mon. ȝ'	þat was ſwiþe .if man ȝ'
and wel cuðe ſpeken.	and wel coupe of ſpeche. [c.2.]
and cleopede hine to rade ȝ'	

flight *the* folk most miserable of all, and Cadwalan *pursued* after them with all his might; and with his own hand took the king Penda,—‘he was Mærwals father, Mildburȝs grandfather.’ ‘Penda [Thus the king] they took, and put him in bonds, within Exeter, and guarded him well fast. So strangely it happened in all the fight, that Penda the king was not harmed [through] any kind of thing; and Cadwalan him kept well ‘through all manner [with the best], and fairly ‘he’ him fed, and fair ‘he went to bed [him bedded]. When seven nights were gone, then took Penda a knight, who was an exceeding wise man, and well could ‘speak [of speech], ‘and called him to

<sup>1</sup> niht?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

and feide him of his neode.

and ȝeorne his biſohte ʒ

for luſe of ure drihte.

þat he ſpeke wið<sup>1</sup> Cadwalan<sup>2</sup> ʒ

þe wef his kine-lauerd.

þat he hine griðede ʒ

þurh þene godd heȝe.

and he wolde bi-cumen his mon ʒ

his mon-ſcipe hæhȝen.

dæiȝef and nihtef ʒ

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he and al his cnihtes.

þe cniht him forð wende ʒ

to Cadwalane kinge.

þer he hine imette ʒ

and fæire hine igrette.

and dude alfe god mon ʒ

fel him wurðe for þan.

for a is on treowe monnen ʒ

treouðe ihalden.

Al ſwa<sup>3</sup> þu Cadwalan ʒ

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þu art mi kine-lauerd.

þe ibundene king Penda ʒ

hider me gon ſende.

& ȝerneð þine ære ʒ

and .... bi-fohte ʒ

for lou. . . . drihte.

þat he ſpe... Cadwalþan ʒ

þat was . . s kine-louerd.

þat he hi. . griþie wolde ʒ

for loue o. god ſeolue.

and he wolde bi-come his man ʒ

his manf... e heȝi.

dæȝes aud nihtes ʒ

he and a. his cnihtes.

.. cniht .... forþ wen..

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counsel, and said to him of his need'; and earnestly besought him, for love of our Lord, that he should speak with Cadwalan, who was his sovereign, that he him would set free, 'through the high God [for love of Gods self]; and he would become his man, his honor exalt, by day and night, he and all his knights. The knight forth him went to Cadwalan *the* king; there he him met, and fair he him greeted, and did as a good man,—prosperity be to him therefore!—for ever is truth held by true men.—“Hail be thou, Cadwalan, thou art my sovereign! The bounden king Penda hither gan send me, and yearneth thy mercy, now and evermore. And he

<sup>1</sup> wið ? mid ?

<sup>2</sup> Cadwalane, *pr. m.*

<sup>3</sup> Hal ſeo ? *Cf. l. 29031.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.		MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
nu and auere mære.		. . . . .
and he wulle þi mon bi-cume ʒ		. . . . .
and to ʒifle scollē þe hif fune. <sup>[f.184<sup>b</sup>. c.1.]</sup>		. . . . .
and of þe hif kine-lond halden ʒ		. . . . .
and for lauerd þe ikenne.		. . . . .
& on ælchere þeode ʒ		. . . . .
beon ʒaru to þine neode.		. . . . .
he wule beō þi mon icoren ʒ		. . . . .
aʒein ælcne mon iboren.		. . . . .
þa andſwærien agon ʒ	10	. . . . .
mid aðelen hif worden.		. . . . .
Cadwalan þe kene ʒ		. . . . .
þe king of Suð-londe.		. . . . .
ʒif Penda wolde halde ʒ		. . . . .
þ he me bi-hateð to don.		. . . . . hoteþ . . . . .
and bitechen me hif fune ʒ		. . . . . i-take me hif . . . . .
his gold and hif gærfume.		. . . . . d and his ga . . . . .
& treouwe mon auere beon ʒ		. . . . . min trewe . . . . . beon ʒ
& neuowar min herm ifeon.		. . . . . and noh . . . . . mine harm ifeon.
& likede fwa him likede ʒ	20	
næue <sup>1</sup> me bi-fwike.		
ich me biræden wolde ʒ		ich me bi-readen wolle ʒ
of ſwulchere neode.		. . . . . eode. [f.147. c.1.]
þer anan forð riht ʒ		þar . . . . . iht ʒ
andfwarede þe gode cniht.		anfwerede . . . . . e cniht.

will become thy man, and for hostage deliver thee his son; and hold of thee his kingdom, and for lord acknowledge thee, and in each country be ready at thy need; he will be thy chosen man against each man born." Then gan answer with his good words Cadwalan the keen, the king of Southland: "If Penda would hold what he promiseth me to do, and deliver me his son, his gold and his treasure, and be ever [my] true man, and nowhere see my harm, 'and like so him should like, never me betray', I 'would [will] counsel me of such need." There anon forth-right answered the good

<sup>1</sup> *R.* næuere.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

La swa ic aũre mote iþeon ʒ  
 ich wulle his an barh beon.  
 and habbeon to iueren ʒ  
 an hōdret<sup>1</sup> riderē.  
 uppē alle ure londe ʒ  
 uppen feoluer and uppen golde.  
 And swa ich bide are ʒ  
 ʒet he wulle mare.  
 ane sufter he haueð hende ʒ  
 in þan æst ende. 10  
 nis nan feirure wifmon ʒ  
 þa whit sunne scineð on.  
 þe king of France Leouwis ʒ  
 ʒirneð hire ful iwif.  
 and he wulle hire to mōrʒeue ʒ  
 þene Manf bitæchen. [c.2.]  
 and habben<sup>2</sup> heo to quene ʒ  
 þat mæiden Helene.  
 And ich fuggen þe to soðe ʒ  
 þæh ich þi broder weore. 20  
 æuere þe if selere ʒ  
 þi sulf þat þu heo habbe.  
 þurh hire þu miht biwinnen ʒ  
 lufe of hire cunnen.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

So ich euere .... iþeon ʒ  
 ich wolle here .. borh beon.  
 and habbe to ivere ʒ  
 an hundred ridearef.  
 vp al oure lond ʒ  
 vppe feoluer and vppe gold.  
 And so ich ibide ore ʒ  
 ʒet he wole ....  
 ... .ster he haueþ .....  
 .. . . . eande.  
 þe for . . . . mon ʒ  
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knight: " 'La!' so may I ever thrive, I will be 'his [here] one surety, and have for companions an hundred riders; upon *penalty* of all our land, upon silver and upon gold. And so pray I for mercy, yet will he *do* more. A sister fair he hath in the East end; 'is none fairer [the *fairest*] woman the white sun shineth on;—the king of France, Louis, desireth her full truly, and he will give her for nuptial-gift the Mans, and have her for queen,—the maiden Helen. And I say thee in sooth, though I were thy brother, ever thee is (will be) the better, that thou have her thyself; through her thou mightest obtain *the* love of her kindred, and win all thy kingdom to thine own hand,

<sup>1</sup> Corrected by a second hand, on an erasure.<sup>2</sup> habenen, *pr. m.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
and iwinnen al þi kine-lond ⁊	. . . . .
to þire aȝere hond.	. . . . .
and wunien on londe ⁊	. . . . .
and walde þine riche.	. . . . .
þa andfwarede Cadwalan ⁊	.. .....rede .....n ⁊
þe king wef on londen.	þ.. waf ... .. londe.
Hit if on mine rede ⁊	
to don þat þu bede.	
ȝif þu miht under crifte ⁊	ȝef þ. .... nder crifte ⁊
þif forward me ileste.	10 þes ..... me holde.
ich þe ȝeuē to hure ⁊	ich .. .... .. hure ⁊
al Deuene-scire.	al Deu.....
al for Heleine lufe ⁊	.. for Elene loue ⁊
hiȝendliche let heo come.	loke fwiþe þat ȝeo come.
þe cniht him gon wende ⁊	þe cniht him gon wende ⁊
mid muchelere genge.	mid mochelere genge.
to þan castle of Deoure ⁊	to þane castle of Douere ⁊
on þere sæ oure.	þat stond vp þar oure.
he nom þer Helene ⁊	he nam þare Eleýne ⁊ [c. 2.]
wunderliche & <sup>1</sup> fæire.	20
and forð he heo ladde ⁊	and to Londene ladde.
in to Wichæstre <sup>2</sup> .	
þer wes muchel bliffe ⁊	þat was mochel bliffe ⁊
burh-men weoren bliðe.	to alle þan folke.

and dwell in *the* land, and rule thy realm." Then answered Cadwalan, who was king in *the* land: "' It is in my counsel to do that thou biddest.' If thou mightest under Christ hold me this covenant, I give thee for reward all Devonshire; all for Helens love,—'let her speedily [look quickly that she] come!' " The knight gan him wend with a mickle retinue to the castle of Dover, 'on [that standeth upon] the 'sea'-shore; he took there Helen, 'wondrously fair,' and 'forth he her' led 'into Winchester [to London]; 'there [that] was mickle bliss, 'the burgh-men were blithe [to all the folk]! There

<sup>1</sup> *Superfluous?*

<sup>2</sup> *This line is on an erasure, but by first hand.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

þer þe king Cadwalan ʒ  
 com him to-ʒeines heom.  
 he weddede þat þat<sup>1</sup> mæidē ʒ  
 & nom heo to his bedden.  
 þe<sup>2</sup> wes wif-ðig riche ʒ  
 and vnmete blisse.  
 þa hit wes dæi a marȝen ʒ  
 & duȝeðe gunnen sturien. [f.185.c.1.]  
 & þe king iuæstned hafde ʒ  
 alle his forwarde. 10  
 þa nom he muchele genge ʒ  
 and after Penda<sup>3</sup> fende.  
 þer he wes ful faste ʒ  
 in þan castle of Æxchæstre.  
 and mid muche lufe hine hehte ʒ  
 cumen to Lundēne.  
 Penda to Lundene com ʒ  
 he wes ahtliche under-uð.  
 and Cadwalan þe kene ʒ  
 mid lufe hine custe. 20  
 and Penda bicom his mon þer ʒ  
 his monscipe wes þe mare.  
 þa weoren Lundenisce men ʒ

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xlii.

þar þe king Cadwalþan ʒ  
 com to-ʒenes ȝam.  
 he þat maide weddede ʒ  
 and nam hire to his bedde.  
 þar was mid iwisse ʒ  
 onimete blisse.  
 þo hit was day a morwe ʒ  
 and þe forewardes ifastned were.  
 þo nam he cnihtes hende ʒ  
 and after Penda fende.  
 ware he was wel faste ʒ  
 in þan castle of Excestre.  
 and mid mochele loue ʒ  
 hehte him come to Londene.  
 Penda to Londene com ʒ  
 he was faire onderfon.  
 and Cadwalþan þe kene ʒ  
 mid .... hine custe.  
 and Pen... com his man ʒ  
 his ...sife was þe mo.  
 þo ..ren Londenisse men ʒ

the king Cadwalan came 'him' against them; he wedded the 'maiden [maid], and took her to his bed; there was 'wedding rich, and [with truth] bliss without bounds! When it was day in *the* morning, and 'the folk gan to stir, and' the 'king had confirmed all his covenant [covenants were confirmed], then took he 'a mickle troop [knights good], and sent after Penda, where he was 'full [well] fast, in the castle of Exeter; and with much love bade him come to London. Penda came to London; he was 'nobly [fairly] received, and Cadwalan the keen with love him kissed; and Penda 'there' became his man,—his honor was the more;—then were Londonish

<sup>1</sup> Sic MS.<sup>2</sup> þer?<sup>3</sup> Pende, *pr. m.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

bliðest arle<sup>1</sup> leoden.  
 þa wes hit feodðe<sup>2</sup> ⁊  
 þer after noht lōge.  
 Cadwalan gan liðe ⁊  
 wide ȝeond þif londe.  
 alle þa hine lufeden ⁊  
 he heom gon griþien.  
 alle þa him heoldē wið ⁊  
 he bi-nom heore lif.  
 and heore leoden ⁊  
 and al þat heo leof hafden.  
 and hiȝendliche gon wende ⁊  
 touward þere Humbre.  
 and gon þat lond westen ⁊  
 mid hærmen þan mæsten.  
 þat iherde Edwine ⁊  
 and alle þat luueden hine.  
 swiðe heo gunnen dreden ⁊  
 of Cadwalanef deden.  
 Edwine nom his fonde ⁊  
 and fenden to Sexlonde. [c. 2.]  
 he fende in to Denene ⁊  
 he fende in to Noreine.  
 in to Wellifce londe ⁊

*Edwine.*

*Anno gr...  
 M. Sanctus  
 Ed... rex  
 Norð... a  
 paganif  
 [Pen]da &  
 Ced...  
 bello occ[i-  
 sus.]*

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

.... est alre leode.  
 þo was hit suppe ⁊  
 þar after noht lon..  
 Cadwalþan gan wen..  
 oueral þis londe.  
 and alle þat him louede ⁊  
 he ȝan gan griþie.  
 and alle þat ne heolde him wiþ ⁊  
 he bi-nam .am þat lif.  
 and hiȝendliche gan wende ⁊  
 in to Norþ-humbre.  
 and þat lond gan weste ⁊  
 mid harme þan meste.  
 þat ihorde Edwȳn ⁊  
 and al þat louede him. [f. 147<sup>b</sup>.c.1.]  
 fwiþe he gan drede ⁊  
 of Cadwalþanes deades.  
 Edwȳn nam his fonde ⁊  
 and fende to Saxlonde.  
 he fende into Dene<sup>3</sup> ⁊  
 and into Norene.  
 in to Walfelonde ⁊

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men blithest of all people. Then was it eft, not long thereafter, Cadwalan gan journey 'wide over [over all] this land, [and] all that him loved, he gan them free (or grant peace), [and] all that held 'against [not with] him, he took away 'their [from them the] life, 'and their people, and all that they had dear ;' and hastily gan march 'toward the Humber [into Northumberland], and gan waste the land with the most harm. That heard Edwine, and all that him loved ; greatly 'they [he] gan dread of Cadwalans deeds. Edwine took his messengers, and sent to Saxland ; he sent into Denmark, 'he sent [and] into Norway ; into Welsh-land, into Scotland ; into Orkney,

<sup>1</sup> R. alre.<sup>2</sup> feoððe ?<sup>3</sup> Denene ?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

in to Scotlonde.  
 in to Orcaneȝe?'  
 in to Galwaiȝe.  
 in to Iflonde?'  
 in to Friflonde.  
 in to Gutlonde?'  
 þer gumen weoren kene.  
 he bed heō cumen fone?'  
 mid wepnen wel idone.  
 to driuen ut þa Bruttes?'  
 10 þe bifie weoren to harmes.  
 and þenne he Bruttes hæfden?'  
 mid bronden to-hæuwen.  
 he wolde al þis kine-lond?'  
 setten an heore hond.  
 bute þat he icloped weore?'  
 king of þan londe.  
 he wolde þere duȝeðen?'  
 þis lond al to-dalen.  
 Ah he ful lutel wufte?'  
 20 what ilomp feoððe.  
 Comē touward londe?'  
 touward Edwine kinge.  
 bi fæ & bi londe?'  
 feole cūne leoden.  
 þer comen feouen kinges?'

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xi11.

in to Scotlonde.  
 in to Orcaneȝe?'  
 in to Galeweȝe.  
 in to Iflonde?'  
 in to Friflonde.  
 and bad þam come fone?'  
 mid wepne wel idone.  
 to driue vt þe Bruttus?'  
 10 þat bufie were to harmes.  
 and wane he Bruttus hadde?'  
 mid bronde to-hewe.  
 he wolde al þis kinelond?'  
 fette on hire hond.  
 bote þat he icleopid were?'  
 king of þan londe.  
 he wolde to þan cnihtes?'  
 al þis lond to-deale.  
 20 Ac he wel lute wufte?'  
 wat bi-ful after.  
 þare come t. ... king Edwȝn?'  
 of ma... ..nef londe.  
 þar comen f..... ..ges?'

into Galloway; into Iceland, into Friesland; 'into Gothland, where warriors were keen'; 'he [and] bade them come soon, with weapons good, to drive out the Britons that were busy to harm; and when he had hewed in pieces with swords *the* Britons, he would set all this kingdom in their hand; except that he should be called king of the land, he would to the 'people [knights] distribute all this land. But he 'full [well] little wist what befell afterwards! [There] came 'toward land,' 'toward [to] Edwine [the] king, 'by sea and by land,' 'people of many kind [*folk* from many kind of land]; there came seven kings, and six sons of kings, seventeen earls, and



MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

and fix funen kingef.  
 seouentene eorles?  
 and fixti þusend beornnes.  
 Næf he boren nauere?  
 in nauer nare burhȝe.  
 þe mihte in æi spelle?  
 þat oðer uolc telle.  
 naf hit nauere ifæid?  
 no on bocken irad.  
 þat æuer ær weore?  
 æi swa muchel ferde.  
 æuere in Ængelonde?  
 þurh ænie king to-gadere.  
 Edwine gon to uarene?<sup>[f. 185<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.]</sup>Edwȳn forþ wende?  
 mid mucle hif ferde.  
 and Cadwalan after wende?  
 mid unimete folke.  
 þe stude hehte Hædfeld?<sup>2</sup>  
 þer heo at-stoden under scelde.  
 twelf milen if þe wald?  
 þe if ihaten Heð-feld.  
 Edwine an hif ende?  
 hif teldef alle fette.  
 hif marken & hif mare?

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

<sup>1</sup>  
 souentene eorl...  
 ... fixti þusend cnihtes.  
 N.. he ibore neuere?  
 in none borewe.  
 þa. ...te in enȳ spelle?  
 þat o... folk telle.  
 nas hit neuere ifeid?  
 no in boke irad.  
<sup>10</sup> þat euere eni king?  
 so moche folk welde.  
 in his owe honde?  
 here in Engelonde.  
 mid mochele his ferde.  
 and Cadwalþan after wende?  
 mid onimete folke.  
 þe stude hatte Aþel-feld?  
 þar hii a-stode vnder sceald.  
<sup>20</sup> twealf mile his þ. .... [c. 2.]  
 ... his so hote.  
 Edw... . . . eande?  
 his teldef al... ..

sixty thousand knights. Was he never born, in 'ever' any burgh, that might in any speech the other folk tell; never was it said, nor in book read, that ever 'previously any so mickle host were ever together in England through any king [any king possessed so much folk in his own hand here in England]! Edwine 'gan to march [forth went], with his mickle army; and Cadwalan after pursued, with innumerable folk. The place hight 'Heathfield [Athel-field], where they fought under shield; twelve miles is the weald, that is named 'Heathfield [so]. Edwine on his side his tents all set, 'his stand-

<sup>1</sup> A line appears to be missing here.<sup>2</sup> Hæðfeld?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

eke his mon-weorede.

Cadwalan þe kene ⁊

com to-ȝainef fone.

ūfden to-somne ⁊

en unimete.

fuhten feondliche ⁊

en þa uaiȝe.

ef þer urnen ⁊

unimete ſtremen.

loden þan rede ⁊

alu wef unimete.

ief þer gullen ⁊

nef þer ueollē.

les gunnen ſcenen ⁊

ief gunnen ſwelten.

an forme reſe ⁊

þuſende.

ere beornen ⁊

e beot wes þæ laffe.

wes Edwines ferde ⁊

merest alre uolke.

dwine him ſeolf anan ⁊

est alre kingen.

weſ Edwine of-flaȝen ⁊

hiſ sunen tweien.

feollen feouen kinges ⁊

and Cadwalþan þe k...

him com to-ȝeines fon..

... þar reafde to-gadere ⁊

m.. folk onimete.

Hii fohten feondeliche ⁊

follen þe feȝe.

brokes þar ..ne ⁊

10 of þan blod reade.

h..... ..llen ⁊

cnihtes ... ..

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and his limits, and eke his forces'; and Cadwalan the keen came  
 ſt him ſoon; [they] there ruſhed together 'hosts [with folk] without  
 ber! They fought fiercely, the fated fell; *the* brooks there ran 'with  
 enſe streams' of the red blood;—'the miſchief was boundleſs!' Helms  
 reſounded, knights there fell; 'ſhields gan ſhiver, warriors gan pe-  
 ' at the firſt aſſault fifty thouſand bold men,—their threatening was the

There was Edwines hoſt moſt piteous of all folk; and Edwine him-  
 ſon moſt wretched of all kings; there was Edwine ſlain, and his ſons  
 a; there fell ſeven kings, and ſix ſons of kings; his earls, his barons,

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
and fix funen kinges.	. . . . .
his eorlef hif beornes ʒ	. . . . .
hif cnihtes hif cheorlef.	. . . . .
þer wes þe swein & þe cnaue ʒ [c.2].	. . . . .
beinen of are laȝe.	. . . . .
nefden heo nane are ʒ	. . . . .
of þan lasse no of þan mare.	. . . . .
ah al þa ferde wef of-flaȝen ʒ	. . . . .
and idon of lif-daȝen.	. . . . .
Of þan fehte <sup>1</sup> fleh a gume ʒ 10	. . . . . a gom.
Edwines ȝugeste fune.	. . . . . son..
wellen henden wes þe mō ʒ	. . . . .
Ofric ihaten.	. . . . . ihote.
nefde he to iueren ʒ	. . . . .
biten <sup>2</sup> an hundred riderē.	.... one hundred .....
þeof to wuden wenden ʒ	þeos to wode .....
and þer gunnen wunien.	... þare gonne wonie.
and barnden Cadwalanef lond ʒ	and barnde Cadwalþanes lond ʒ
and eoden him luðere an hond.	and ȝeode him to harme an hond.
& hif folc floȝen ʒ 20	and hif folk flowe ʒ
a feole cunnef wiffen.	in fale cunne wife.
þat iherde Cadwalā ʒ	þat ihorde Cadwalþan ʒ
þe king wes on londen.	þat king was in londe.
hu Ofric Edwines fune ʒ	. . . . . [£ 148. c. 1.]
dude ut-laȝen wune.	. . . . .

his knights, his churls; there was the swain and the lad both of one law (equal); they had no mercy of the less nor of the great, but all the host was slain, and deprived of life-day. From the fight fled a man, Edwines youngest son; well fair was the man, *he was* named Osric; he had for companions only a hundred riders. These went to *the* wood, and there gan to dwell, and burnt Cadwalans land, and went to him 'evil [to harm] in hand; and slew his folk, in many kind of wise. Cadwalan heard that, who was king in *the* land, how Osric, Edwines son, did *the* usage of out-

<sup>1</sup> *Added by a later hand in the margin.*

<sup>2</sup> *R. buten.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
Cadwalan muchel uolc nom ʒ	. . . . .
and lette heom to wuden gan.	. . . . .
and Ofric heo funden ʒ	. . . . .
& wið hī fehten.	. . . . .
þer heo Ofric floȝen ʒ	. . . . .
and alle hif iueren.	. . . . .
Nu wef þe king Cadwalan ʒ	. . . . .
bliðeft alre kempen.	. . . . .
nu wef icleoped Cadwalan ʒ	. . . . .
king ouer Anglen. 10	. . . . .
Penda wef king under hī ʒ	. . . . .
and ma þa iqueme weorē him.	. . . . .
Cadwalan aquald hefde ʒ	. . . . .
of Edwines cunne.	. . . . .
al þat þer wef hende ʒ	. . . . .
wið utē ane mōne.	. . . . .
he wef ihaten Ofwald ʒ	. . . . .
under drihtene bald.	. . . . .
he wef of Edwines cunne: [f. 186. c. 1.]	. . . . .
& him leofueft monne. 20	. . . . .
& he wes hex <sup>1</sup> monnen ʒ	. . . . .
of Edwines cūnen.	. . . . .
Ofwald nom on hif hond ʒ	. . . . .
al to-gadere Edwines lond.	. . . . .

laws. Cadwalan took mickle folk, and caused them to go to *the* wood, and Osric they found, and fought with him; there they slew Osric, and all his comrades. Now was the king Cadwalan blithest of all warriors; now was Cadwalan called king over *the* Angles. Penda was king under him, and more that were acceptable to him. Cadwalan had killed of Edwines kindred all that there was fair, without (except) one man,—he was named Oswald, under *the* Lord *he was* bold,—he was of Edwines kin, and dearest to him of men, and he was highest of the men of Edwines kin. Oswald took in his hand Edwines land altogether; earls and warriors all

<sup>1</sup> hexft?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xii.
eorlef and kempen ʒ	. . . . .
hif men al bicomen.	. . . . .
me heold hine kīg hæhne ʒ	. . . . .
biȝeonde þere Humbre.	. . . . .
þat iherde Cadwalan ʒ	. . . . .
and þuf quað to hif eorlen.	. . . . .
Somnie we nu ferde ʒ	. . . . .
ȝeōd alle mine ærde.	. . . . .
nu ich mi lōd habben bi-tald ʒ	. . . . .
nu haurð <sup>1</sup> hit Ofwald.	10 . . . . .
ah þer uore him scal ileoten ʒ	. . . . .
bitterest alre baluwen.	. . . . .
for þan kinelonde ʒ	. . . . .
ich hine aquelle wulle.	. . . . .
and al hif ferde ʒ	. . . . .
fallen to grunde.	. . . . .
and al þat he of com ʒ	. . . . .
ich hit wulle for-don.	. . . . .
and swa me scal him tache ʒ	. . . . .
to waldē kineriche. [mod ʒ	. . . . .
aleggen ich wulle hif muchele	. . . . .
monnen he if me laðest.	22 . . . . .
Cadwalan somnede uerde ʒ	. . . . .
mucle in þiffen ærde.	. . . . .

became his men; men held him *for* chief king beyond the Humber. Cadwalan heard that, and thus quoth to his earls: "Assemble we now *an* army over all my territory; now I have conquered my land, now hath *obtained* it Oswald, but therefore shall be decreed to him *the* bitterest of all evils! For the kingdom I will kill him, and all his host fell to *the* ground, and all *the* race that he comes of, I will it destroy; and so shall men teach him to possess *a* kingdom! Depress I will his mickle mood; he is to me most hateful of men!" Cadwalan assembled *a* great host in this land, and marched

<sup>1</sup> aðneð, *pr. m.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
& ferde touward þere Humbre ʒ	. . . . .
ʒaru al to fehte.	. . . . .
Oswald þif iherde ʒ	. . . . .
þaf heʒes godef icorne.	. . . . .
and nom him al hif ferde ʒ	. . . . .
þa <sup>1</sup> hafde in hif ærde.	. . . . .
and for-foc þat feht sone ʒ	. . . . .
for-faken him weoren laðe.	. . . . .
and ferde æuere forðward <sup>2</sup> ʒ [c. 2.].	. . . . .
& Cadwalan him after wende ʒ	. . . . .
ah of-taken he hine ne mahte. 11	. . . . .
þa wef Cadwalan adred ʒ	. . . . .
for wið Scotten he wef iuæid.	. . . . .
for he þat norðerne uolc hæuede ʒ	. . . . .
ineouðered ful fwiðe.	. . . . .
& nom him to rede ʒ	. . . . .
of swulchere neode.	. . . . .
þat he aʒain wolde ʒ	. . . . .
for þer he kare hafde.	. . . . .
and bi-teche Penda ʒ 20	. . . . .
þe wef hif under-kinge.	. . . . .
folc and hif ferde ʒ	. . . . .
to flemen of arde.	. . . . .

toward the Humber, all ready to *the* fight. Oswald this heard, *the* chosen of *the* high God, and took to him all his forces that he had in his territory, and forsook soon the battle,—to forsake *it* were loath to him!—and marched ever forward; and Cadwalan pursued after him, but he might not overtake him. Then was Cadwalan adread, for with *the* Scots he was at enmity, because he had full greatly injured (*or* humbled) the northern folk; and betook him to counsel of such need, that he would *turn* back, for there he had care, and deliver to Penda, who was his under-king, *his* folk and his host, to expel from *the* country Edwines relative Oswald, and

<sup>1</sup> þa he t<sup>2</sup> *The corresponding line is here deficient.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.		MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
Edwines mæi Ofwald ʒ		. . . . .
and driuen hine of londe.		. . . . .
And al Cadwalan spede <sup>1</sup> ʒ		. . . . .
swa he ispeken hafde.		. . . . .
aȝæn he gou wende :		. . . . .
in to þisse londe.		. . . . .
and in þan norð ende ȝ		. . . . .
fette þene king Penda.		. . . . .
to fleomē Ofwalde ʒ		. . . . .
ut of þissen londe.	10	. . . . .
Ofwald þat iherde ʒ		. . . . .
þat Cadwalan chærde.		. . . . .
and þer wunede Penda ȝ		. . . . .
to driuen hine of londe.		. . . . .
þa waf þæ king Ofwald ʒ		. . . . .
an hif þonke swiðe bald.		. . . . .
and aȝæin him gon wēde ʒ		. . . . .
muchele hif ferde.		. . . . .
to-ȝeines þan kinge Penda ʒ		. . . . .
to fleomen hine þenne.	20	. . . . .
Penda hine bi-þohte ʒ		. . . . .
swiken hu he mahte.		. . . . .
he fende to Ofwalde ʒ		. . . . .
þē norðerne kinge.		. . . . .
& feide þat he wolde ʒ		. . . . .

drive him from *the* land. And all Cadwalan sped, as he had spoken; back he gan march into this land, and in the north end set the king Penda, to expel Oswald out of this land. Oswald that heard, that Cadwalan returned, and there remained Penda, to drive him from *the* land; then was the king Oswald exceeding bold in his thought, and gan march against him *with* his mickle host, against the king Penda, to expel him thence. Penda bethought him how he might deceive; he sent to Oswald, the northern king, and said that he would work amity, and speak with him

<sup>1</sup> sped, *pr. m.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xliii.
fahtneffe wurche. [f. 186 <sup>b</sup> .c.1.] . . . . .	
and timliche him ſpeken wiðʹ . . . . .	
& makeȝen fehtneffe and grið. . . . .	
and beon faht and ſomeʹ . . . . .	
swulc heo weoren broðeren. . . . .	
and faren of þan endeʹ . . . . .	
to Cadwalane kinge. . . . .	
and leten þene kīg Ofwaldʹ . . . . .	
habben hiſ riſe and hiſ lond. . . . .	
þene dæi and þe ſtude <sup>1</sup> heo fettenʹ. . . . .	
ſæhneffe <sup>2</sup> to makien. 11 . . . . .	
and þer aſt <sup>3</sup> ful ſoneʹ . . . . .	
heo cumen to-ſomne. . . . .	
Oſwald com muchel biforenʹ . . . . .	
he weſ to godeſ hond icoren. . . . .	
þe ſtuden hehte Houē-ſeldʹ . . . . .	
þer Ofwald ſette hiſ teld. . . . .	
he lette ſone arereʹ . . . . .	
a muchel crof <sup>3</sup> and mare. . . . .	
ād hehten al hiſ ferdeʹ 20 . . . . .	
fallen on heore cneowen. . . . .	
and bidden þane al-mihti goddʹ . . . . .	
þurh hiſ milde mihti <sup>4</sup> mod. . . . .	

timely; and make concord and peace, and be friends and allies, as if they were brothers; and go from the place to Cadwalan *the* king, and let the king Oswald have his realm and his land. They set the day and the place to make amity, and thereafter full soon they came together. Oswald came much before,—he was chosen to Gods hand;—the place hight Heavenfield, where Oswald set his tent; he caused soon to be areared a mickle cross and tall, and bade all his army fall on their knees, and pray the Almighty God, through his mild mood, that he should give them grace of

<sup>1</sup> stunde, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> sæhtneffe?<sup>3</sup> croft, *pr. m.*<sup>4</sup> Probably a *superfluous repetition*.



MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

þat he heom ȝiue mildze ʒ	. . . . .
of heore miſde <sup>1</sup> .	. . . . .
and ȝif Penda þat grið breke ʒ	. . . . .
þat ure drihten hit awreke.	. . . . .
þa weren iended þaſ beden ʒ	. . . . .
þa cō him Penda riden.	. . . . .
and word <sup>2</sup> feide ʒ	. . . . .
ſwikeleſt alre kinge.	. . . . .
Oſwald þu art wilcume ʒ	. . . . .
wunne þe if ȝeueðe.	10 . . . . .
hafue þu al þi kine-lond ʒ	. . . . .
al <sup>3</sup> nim þi feoluer and þi gold.	. . . . .
nim an hundred hunden ʒ [c.2.]	. . . . .
nim an hundred haeken.	. . . . .
nī an hundred ſteden ʒ	. . . . .
nim gold-fah i-wede.	. . . . .
and ſend þaſ gretinge ʒ	. . . . .
to Cadwaðlan kinge.	. . . . .
and þuſ þu maht him wið ʒ	. . . . .
makien þe ſahtneſſe and grið.	20 . . . . .
& ich wulle a þine ſtude beon ʒ	. . . . .
þat þa luſe ſcal wel iþeon.	. . . . .
& ȝet ich þe ſuggen wulle ʒ	. . . . .
ane ſunder rune.	. . . . .

their misdeeds, and if Penda should break the peace, that our Lord should avenge it. When these prayers were ended, then came him riding Penda, and said these words,—most deceitful of all kings:—“Oswald, thou art welcome; joy is given to thee! Have thou all thy kingdom; but take thy silver and thy gold, take an hundred hounds, take an hundred hawks, take an hundred steeds, take gold-dyed weeds, and send this greeting to Cadwalan *the* king; and thus thou mayest with him make to thee reconciliation and peace, and I will be in thy place, that the love shall well thrive. And yet I will say thee a different counsel, how thou mightest take on,

<sup>1</sup> miſdede?<sup>2</sup> þaſ word?<sup>3</sup> ah?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
u mihte fon on ⁊	. . . . .
t ne buð nauere undō.	. . . . .
cleope mid þe tweien ⁊	. . . . .
þine treowe men beon beien.	. . . . .
h wulle tweien to me ⁊	. . . . .
weel scullen reden.	. . . . .
ad forð a þan felde ⁊	. . . . .
ft alre kinge.	. . . . .
Oswald rad a þene feld ⁊	. . . . .
le he sper ne nænne sceld. 10	. . . . .
la his sweord ut a-droh ⁊	. . . . .
he Oswald of-floh.	. . . . .
wef seint Oswald ⁊	. . . . .
m <sup>u</sup> ðered <sup>1</sup> wef aquald.	. . . . .
Penda gon to fleonne ⁊	. . . . .
alle his ferde.	. . . . .
ifehzen forð rihtef ⁊	. . . . .
aldef cnihtes.	. . . . .
after heom fettē ⁊	. . . . .
allen heore mihten. 20	. . . . .
chel del heo flozen ⁊	. . . . .
in mon-weorede.	. . . . .
þe king Penda ⁊	. . . . .
he gon anwende <sup>2</sup> .	. . . . .

it be not ever undone; and call with thee twain that are thy true men and I will call twain to me, that well shall counsel." Then rode in the field *the* falsest of all kings; and Oswald rode in the field,—he not spear nor any shield. Penda drew out his sword, and he slew Oswald,—this was Saint Oswald, who was killed in murder,—and Penda to flee, with all his army. Oswalds knights saw that forth-right, and them set, with all their might; great part they slew of the multitude, he king Penda with difficulty gan depart; and nevertheless he escaped

<sup>1</sup> a murðe? Cf. l. 31450.

<sup>2</sup> awende?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

and neoðelef he at-ræd ⁊		. . . . .
þe feit Ofwald bifwac. [f. 187. c. 1.]		. . . . .
Penda com to þiffen londe ⁊		. . . . .
to Cadwaðlan kinge.		. . . . .
and talde al þan kinge ⁊		. . . . .
hu he iuarē hafden.		. . . . .
hit likede wel þan kinge ⁊		. . . . .
buten for ane þinge.		. . . . .
hit of-þuhte him ful fone ⁊		. . . . .
for þan swikedome.	10	. . . . .
Nu hafde Ofwald ⁊		. . . . .
þe a morðe wef aquald.		. . . . .
æne ælpine broðer ⁊		. . . . .
nes þer nan oðer.		. . . . .
<i>Oswy.</i> he wef icleoped Ofwi ⁊		. . . . . id Ofwý ⁊ [f. 149. c. 1.]
þe wes a swiðe duhti mon.		. . . . . wiþe dolhti.
þa þringef norðerne ⁊		þe . . . . norþerne ⁊
makeden hie to kinge.		make.. .ne to king.
for wa wef heom on life ⁊		
for heore lauwerdes deðe.	20	
Ofwi nom to hif hōd ⁊		Ofwý nā . . . is hond ⁊
al hif broðer <sup>1</sup> kine-lond.		al his broþer . . . elond.
Ofwi hafde emes <sup>2</sup> funē ⁊		Ofwý hadde .ames fones ⁊
þe weorē swiðe prute gumen.		þat were fwipe proute gomes.

who Saint Oswald deceived. Penda came to this land, to Cadwalan the king, and told all to the king, how he had fared; it liked well to the king, but for one thing; it repented him full soon for the treachery. Now had Oswald, who in murder was killed, an only brother,—there was no other; he was called Oswy, who was an exceeding doughty man; the northern chiefs made him king, 'for woe was to them in life, for their lords death.' Oswy took in his hand all his brothers kingdom. Oswy had uncles sons, who were men exceeding proud, 'and more of his kindred, who were

<sup>1</sup> broðe, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> *At first written ennes.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

and ma of hif cunne ʒ		
þa weoren mod-fulle.		
heo hafden mucchele onde ʒ		hii hadde mochel onde ʒ
to þan kie-londe.		for þan kinelonde.
and makeden mucchel un-frið ʒ		and lutel heolden his griþ ʒ
and ofte fuhten him wið.		ac lome ifohten him wiþ.
and þohten hine aquellen ʒ		and þohten hine a-cwelle ʒ
for hif kine-londen.		for his kinelonde.
Ah Ofwi wef cniht sturne ʒ		Ac Ofwý was cniht steorne ʒ
þat he þer cudde.	10	þat he þare cudde.
alle þa him beren onde ʒ		al þat him bere onde ʒ
he draf of þan londe.		he drof ȝam of londe.
hiȝendliche he heð quehte ʒ		hiȝenliche heom cwehte ʒ
ouer pere Humbre.		ouer þare Humbre.
þat nef þer nan to laue ʒ [c.2.]		þat nas ... .. ileued ʒ
of þan þe him weoren laðe.		of þan þ.. .. þe were.
And heo gunnen wendē ʒ		And hii .onne wende ʒ
to þā kinge Pendan.		to Penda þan kinge.
and mendē heom to Penda ʒ		.nd me.den to þan .....
of Ofwý þan kinge.	20	
þat he heð idriuen ut hafde ʒ		. . . . . iflemid were.
of al heore icunde.		
and heo bi-fohten Penda ʒ		. . . . . Penda ʒ
þene king of Æst-lōde.		king o. ....de.

aspiring'; they had mickle envy 'to [for] the kingdom, and 'made mickle enmity, and [little held his peace, but] oft fought with him, and thought to kill him for his kingdom. But Oswy was a stern knight, that he there shewed; all that bare envy to him he drove [them] from 'the' land; speedily 'he' chased them over the Humber, so that there was none remained of those that were hateful to him. And they gan wend to the king Penda, and complained them to 'Penda [the king] 'of Oswy the king', 'that he had driven them out of all their territory [*how they were driven out*]; and they besought Penda, the king of East-land, that he would help them to

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

þat <sup>1</sup> heom fulste ⁊	þat he ȝam w.... .lste ⁊
Ofwý to for-uarne.	Ofwý to . . . . .
and heo woldē bieumen hif men ⁊	.nd hii wolde ..... men ⁊
and hif monfcipe heȝen.	his mon.... .
ȝif he wolde Ofwý don <sup>2</sup> ⁊	
oðer flæn oðer a-hon.	
þa andfwerede Penda ⁊	.o anfwere Pen..
þe king of Æst-londe.	... of Eaftlonde.
At me nabbe ȝe nenne ræde ⁊	... be ȝe nanne ....
for ich æm wið Ofwi iuæid. 10	... .ch ham þare ....d.
for ich Ofwald aqualde ⁊	for ich Ofwald .....
wihtefte alre kinge.	þane wittýe .....
and Ofwý hif broðer if oht cniht :	and his broþer ....
and arð heorte na wiht.	... cniht fwiþe dohti. [c. 2.]
ȝif he me mihte cacchē :	ȝef he me mihte cache ⁊
he me wolde quellen.	he me wolde acwelle.
Ah fareð to Cadwalane ⁊	Ac wendeþ to Cadwalþan ⁊
þe king if on londe.	þat king his in lond.
and ȝif he me wulle fende ⁊	and ȝef he me wole fende ⁊
þat folc of hif londe. 20	þat folk of þan eande.
vt of Corwale <sup>3</sup> ⁊	vt of Cornwale ⁊
cnihtef icudde.	cnihtes icoren.
and of Walifce londe ⁊	
mid feolure <sup>4</sup> and mid golde.	

destroy Oswy, and they would become his men, and exalt his honor, 'if he would kill Oswy, either slay either hang.' Then answered Penda, the king of East-land: "At me ye have no counsel, for I am at enmity with Oswy, for I Oswald killed, *the* bravest of all kings [the wise *king*]; and Oswy his brother is a knight 'brave [most doughty], 'and no whit timid in heart'; if he might me catch, he would me kill. But go ye to Cadwalan, who is king in *the* land; and if he will me send the folk of 'his land [the territory], out of Cornwall, 'proved [chosen] knights, 'and of Welsh land, with silver

<sup>1</sup> þat he?<sup>2</sup> for-don?<sup>3</sup> R. Cornwale.<sup>4</sup> feoluer?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. IX.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. XIIII.

wille ich Ofwý anan ʒ

þan wolle ich Ofwý ʒ

armðen igreten.

mid mochele harm grete.

hie of londe ʒ

driue him of londe ʒ

1 to sconde.

his folk to moche sconde.

lan hine mid egge ʒ [f. 187<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.]alle<sup>1</sup> ginge.

nihtes gunnen wende ʒ

þeos cnihtes gonne wende ʒ

dwaðlane kinge.

to Cadwalþan þan kinge.

adwaðlane heo come ʒ

**T**O Cadwalþan hii come ʒ

alfæn dome.

10

mid false hire domes.

ingen heo toldē ʒ

þan kinge hii tolden ʒ

heo wolden.

al þat hii wolden.

omp an ane time ʒ

Hit was in Witfontime ʒ

1 White-fune tide.

þe king to Londene ʒeode.

þ king hehte of londen ʒ

and hehte alle his cnihtes ʒ

n al to Lunden.

comen þider forþrihtes.

e wolden his grið ʒ

við þan kinge habben frið.

comen kinges ʒ

ec here-þriȝes.

20

þider wende eorles ʒ

comen eorles ʒ

comen beornef.

es<sup>2</sup> þider comen ʒ

biffopes and cnihtes.

with gold,' then will I greet Oswy anon with [much] harm; drive  
 rom land, to [much] disgrace of [his] folk, 'either slay him with  
 on, most hateful of all persons!'" These knights gan wend to Cad-  
 [the] king. To Cadwalan they came, with [their] false sentence;  
 ing they told all that they would. It 'befel on a time, at the Whit-  
 ide, that the king [was at Whitson-time, the king to London went,  
 ndered all 'of *the* land to come to London [his knights to come thither  
 right]; 'all that would *have* his peace, and with the king have con-  
 Thither came kings, and eke chieftains'; thither 'came [went the].  
 'thither came barons'; bishops 'thither came, and book-learned men

<sup>1</sup> alre?<sup>2</sup> R. biffopes.

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and boc-ilerede mē.

riche and hene ⁊

þider heo comen alle.

alchef cunnes leoden ⁊

þa þene king lufedē.

&amp; þe king a þan daiȝe ⁊

his crune bar an hæfde.

þer wes muchel bliffe ⁊

mid balde þā kinge.

for þe king wef swiðe treowe mon ⁊

hif treouþe wel he iheold. 11

þa þaf leoden alle ⁊

iliðen weoren to-fomē.

þa stod him up Penda ⁊

biuore Cadwaðlane kinge.

and þuf he gon tellen ⁊

on false hif spellen.

Lauerd we beoð icumen ⁊

alfe þu hafest i-queðen.

alle þine men iborne ⁊ 20

Englifce and Bruttifce. [c. 2.]

eorlef &amp; beornes ⁊

cnihtes &amp; clærckes.

and we þine kinges ⁊

þa beoð þine underlinges.

of alle cunnes leode ⁊

þat þan king louede.

And þe king in þan daie ⁊

his croune bar on hefde.

þar was moche bliffe ⁊

mid bolde þan kinge.

þo þis folk alle ⁊

icome weren to-gadere.

þo stot<sup>1</sup> him vp Penda ⁊

to-vore þan heȝe kinge.

and þus be-gan telle ⁊

of false his spelle.

Louerd king we beoþ icome ⁊

afe þou hauest i-hote.

alle þine men i-core ⁊

Eangleffe and Bruttiffe.

and we þine kinges ⁊

þat beoþ þine onderlinges. [f. 149<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.]

[and knights]; 'the rich and the poor, thither they came all,' of 'each [all] kind of people that loved the king. And the king in those days bare his crown on head; there was much bliss with the bold king, 'for the king was man most true, his truth he well held.' When this folk all were come together, then stood him up Penda before 'Cadwalan the [the high] king, and thus 'he gan [began] tell, in his false speech: "Lord [king], we are come as thou hast bade, all thy men born, English and British, 'earls and barons, knights and clerks'; and we thy kings, who are thy underlings.

<sup>1</sup> stot?

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Ah Oſwý ſeiðe<sup>1</sup> æuere ð  
 þ nulle he come nauere.  
 no þine heſte iuorðen ð  
 ah bi-hateð hærm to don.  
 nert<sup>2</sup> þu noht ſwa modi ð  
 ſwa him if Oſwý.  
 he for-hoʒeð ful iwis ð  
 to iſečen þine hiredef.  
 Ah ʒif þu wult me lenen ð  
 & þine læue iunnen. 10  
 and þu me wulle fulſten ð  
 and ferde bi-tæcſten.  
 and ſwa muchel of þine garfume ð  
 god ſwa þe þunche.  
 ich wulle uorð aneouſte ð  
 and faren ouer Humbre.  
 & Oſwý þar makien ð  
 ærmeſt alre kingen.  
 no ſcal he mid ſtrenðe ð  
 þene ſtude uinde. 20  
 þat ich hine nulle ð  
 þe an honde fulle.  
 oðer quic oðer ded ð

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Ac Oſwý faiþ euere ð  
 þat he neole come neuere.  
 ne þine heſtes onderfon ð  
 ne nohware þe god don.  
 nart þou noht ſo modi ð  
 fo him his Oſwý.  
 and he for-hoʒeþ foliwis ð  
 for do þine heſtes.  
 Ac ʒef þou me wolt lene ð  
 10 mid þine gode wille.  
 and þou me wolt fulſte ð  
 and ferde bi-take.  
 and ſo moche of þine garifome ð  
 ſo þe god þincheþ.  
 ich wolle an hiʒenge ð  
 faren ouer Humbre.  
 and Oſwý þar makýe ð  
 harnmeſt alre kinge.  
 ne ſal he mid non ſtrengþe ð  
 20 kinelond holde.  
 þat ich hine nolle ð  
 þe an honde fulle.  
 oþer cwik oþer dead ð

But Oswy saith ever, that he will not ever come, nor perform thy commands, 'but promiseth to do harm [nor anywhere do thee good]; thou art not so proud as Oswy is himself, [and] he despiseth full truly 'to seek thy court [for to do thy orders]. But if thou wouldest me permit, 'and grant thy leave [with thy good will], and thou wouldest me assist, and forces deliver, and so much of thy treasure as to thee good seemeth, I will speedily 'march forth, and ' pass over *the* Humber, and make Oswy there *the* most wretched of all kings; he shall not with [any] strength 'find the spot [hold kingdom], that I shall not deliver him to thee in hand, either alive or dead,—

<sup>1</sup> seide, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> ner, *pr. m.*



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þat me þuncheð god ræd.  
 & ȝif þu þif nult don ?  
 þu ſcalt wurfe under-fon.  
 for Ofwý if a ſwulc mon ?  
 þine ſcome he wulle don.  
 þa andſwarede ?  
 Cadwalan þe kene.  
 Penda ich hit þe fugge ouer al ?  
 Ofwý haueð for-wal.  
 oðer he lið ibedde ?  
 ibunden mid ufele.  
 oðer uncuðe leoden ?  
 icumen beoð to hiſ þeoden. <sup>[f. 188.</sup>  
<sup>c. 1.]</sup>  
 for nulle he nauere icnawē ?  
 þat he nolde him to cumen.  
 þa ich hehte alle cumen ?  
 mid griðe mid friðe and mid luſe.  
 Ah Penda ga þider ut anan ?  
 ich wulle wið mine eorlen.  
 mine rune<sup>3</sup> halden ?  
 and mīne red finden.  
 wheðer ich þe ȝettē wullen ?

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þis me þincheþ god read.  
 þo anſwerede Cadwalþan ?  
 þat was a king treowe.  
 Penda ich þe ſegge ?  
 and wel ich wene.  
 10 þat Ofwi hiſ ſwiþe on-hol ?  
 and in bedde ligge<sup>1</sup>.  
 oþer oncouþe léode ?  
 icome beoþ to hiſ londe.  
 for ne māy ich hit ileue ?  
 þat he nolde to me liþe.  
 Ac Penda go þou vt anon ?  
 2  
 20 and ich wolle of þiſſe þinge ?  
 make rounge.  
 waþer ich þe aleane wolle ?

'that [this] seemeth to me good counsel. ' And if thou wilt not do this, thou shalt receive worse, for Oswy is such a man, thy shame he will do.'"  
 Then answered Cadwalan 'the keen [who was a king true]: " Penda, I say ' it ' to thee ' over all ', [and well I ween, that] Oswy 'hath sickness, or he [is exceeding sick, and] lieth in bed, ' bound with sickness,' or *else* foreign people are come to his land; for 'he will never acknowledge [I may not it believe], that he would not 'himself [to me] come, ' when I bade all to come, with peace, with concord, and with love.' But, Penda, go 'thither [thou] out anon, [and] I will 'hold my communing with my earls [make communing of this thing], 'and find my counsel,' whether I will grant

<sup>1</sup> liggeð ?<sup>2</sup> A line is here apparently missing.<sup>3</sup> rine, *pr. m.*

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þa þing þe þu bede.	þat þing þat þou ȝeorneſt.
and ich wulle after Ofwine fenden :	and ich wolle after Ofwý fende :
aðele mine fonde.	cwikkliche mine fonde. [c.2.]
and haten hine hiȝindliche :	and .... .. ȝenliche :
cumen to mine riche.	come . . . . . riche.
Þider ut eode Peda <sup>1</sup> :	Vt wende . . . . .
an eorl wes his iuere.	
and Cadwaðlan wef þer inne :	Cadwalþan abod . . . . .
mid ſwiðe feole monne <sup>2</sup> .	
Þuſ him ſpac Cadwaðlan :	10 and þuſ him ſaide ... walþan :
þe king wef of Englen.	þat king w.. in Engeland.
ȝe beoð mīe men alle :	ȝe beoþ .... men alle :
þa beoð a þiſſe mote.	þat beoþ in þiſ.. alle.
and ȝe habbeoð alle iherd :	and alle ȝeo habbeþ ihord :
whæt Penda king hafueð iſeid.	wat king Penda haueþ iſeid.
and hu he wulle taken on :	and ou he wole taken an :
and Ofwi king al fordon.	and Ofwý þane king for-don.
ȝif ic him lenen wulle :	ȝef ich him leane wolle :
mine leodē to vulſte.	of mine folke to healpe.
and ic wulle þat ȝe me reden :	20 and ich wolle þat ȝe me reade :
of wlchere dedē <sup>3</sup> .	of foçhere neode.
þa ich lete Ofwi for-do :	waper ich Ofwý for-do :

thee the thing that thou 'prayest [yearnest]; and I will send after Oswy 'my good [quickly my] messengers, and order him hastily to come to my realm.' 'Thither' out went Penda, 'an earl was his companion; and' Cadwalan 'was [abode] therein, 'with very many men'. 'Thus spake [and thus said] him Cadwalan, who was king 'of the Engles [in England]: "Ye are all my men, that are in this meeting [hall], and ye have all heard what king Penda hath said, and how he will take on, and Oswy [the] king 'all' destroy, if I will him lend [of] my folk to help; and I will that ye me counsel of such need, whether I 'let Oswy be destroyed [destroy Oswy],

<sup>1</sup> R. Penda.<sup>2</sup> nomne, pr. m.<sup>3</sup> This and the next line are written in the margin by a second hand. For wlchere deden, the original hand would probably have written ſwulchere neode.

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þa ich lete hine cumen<sup>1</sup> me to.  
 & ȝif he for mire fonde<sup>ʒ</sup>  
 for-fakeð hider to cumene.  
 mine here ich lete feoððen<sup>ʒ</sup>  
 hine hene makien.  
 þa iwærð abolȝen<sup>ʒ</sup>  
 a Welisc king in þe hepe.  
 he wef ihaten Margadud<sup>ʒ</sup> [c. 2.]  
 mōnen wurðe him ȝeomerift.  
 for auere he Ænglifce men<sup>ʒ</sup> 10  
 bi-hehte hærm þene meste.  
 þus feide Mærgadud<sup>ʒ</sup>  
 of Suð-Walef he wef duc.  
 Her nu me Cadwaðlan<sup>ʒ</sup>  
 whæt ich þe wulle cuðe.  
 þu haueft þine willen ifeid<sup>ʒ</sup>  
 ah þif niſ noht god red.  
 Hit of swiðe ȝare<sup>ʒ</sup>  
 þat Bruttes<sup>2</sup> comen here.  
 and mid hī ure ældre<sup>ʒ</sup> 20  
 þe Bruttes weorē aðele.  
 and þif lond ieodē<sup>ʒ</sup>  
 Bruttifce leoden.

Mærg[a-  
dud].

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oþer lete hine come me to.  
 and ȝef . . . mine fonde<sup>ʒ</sup>  
 forfakē . . . londe.  
 ich wolle mid mine cnihtes<sup>ʒ</sup>  
 al hiſ folk fa . . .  
 þo iwarþ abolwe<sup>ʒ</sup>  
 a .alse k . . . þau heape.  
 . . . . . Margadud<sup>ʒ</sup>  
 . . . . . him ȝomereft.  
 . . . . . e he Eanglifſſe men<sup>ʒ</sup> 10  
 . . . arme gan grete.  
 . . . . . Margadud<sup>ʒ</sup>  
 . . . . . les was duke.  
 . . . . . nou Cadwalþ . . .  
 . . . þe wolle reade.  
 . . . . . þine wille ifei.  
 . . . . . god read.  
 Hit h . . . . . ȝare<sup>ʒ</sup>  
 þat Bruttu . . . . . re.  
 and mid him ou . . . dre<sup>ʒ</sup> 20  
 þat cnihtes w . . . . .  
 . . . . . [f. 150. c. 1.]  
 . . . . .

or let him come to me; and if he refuseth hither to come, for my messengers, I will 'cause afterwards my host to make him abject [with my knights all his folk fell]." Then became enraged a Welsh king in the assemblage; he was named Margadud,—of men be he *the* most afflicted,—for ever he 'vowed to English men harm the most [gan greet English men with harm]! Thus said Margadud,—of South-Wales he was duke: "Hear me now, Cadwalan, what I will thee 'shew [advise]; thou hast said thy will, but it is not good counsel. It is very long ago, *that* Brutus came here, and with him our ancestors, who were 'Britons [knights] noble, and *the* British people

<sup>1</sup> þa ich lete cumē hine lete cumen, *pr. w.*<sup>2</sup> Brutus?

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unge hit walden ⁊		. . . . .
heore willen.		. . . . .
ile þa hit wes on heore hond ⁊.		. . . . .
ƿiſ ihaten Brut-lond.		. . . . .
abbe we of þan londe ⁊		. . . . .
þene weſt ende.		. . . . .
uttef hafden iwuned here ⁊		. . . . .
ole wintre.		. . . . .
nen Engliſce men ⁊		. . . . .
eore ufele craften.	10	. . . . .
eore wiȝel-fulle ⁊		. . . . .
f lond al biwunne.		. . . . .
ƿwiken heore laud fonē <sup>1</sup> ⁊		. . . . .
le hiſ leoden.		. . . . .
nen heore kinge ⁊		. . . . .
ðene quene.		. . . . .
nen of Sex-londe ⁊		. . . . .
len uf beoð laðe.		. . . . .
ere quene ⁊		. . . . .
n aqualden here.	20	. . . . .
ƿa habbeoð Engliſce men ⁊		. . . . .
indē at-heolden.		. . . . .
nauere seoððen ⁊ [f. 188 <sup>b</sup> . c. 1.].		. . . . .
nen hit no mihten.		. . . . .

red this land, and long possessed it, after their will; the while that  
 a their hand, it was named Britain. Now have we not of the land  
 west end; the Britons have inhabited here well many winters.  
 ame English men, with their evil crafts; they were guileful, and  
 this land; and betrayed their lord soon, and all his people, and  
 ir king a heathen queen, that came from Saxland,—the people are  
 to us,—and through the queen killed here our race; and so have  
 men our territory withheld, that we never since might it obtain.

<sup>1</sup> fone?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
Penda king is Englisc ⁊	. . . . .
and Ofwý al fwa ful iwif.	. . . . .
let þu þa hundes ⁊	. . . . .
hannen to-gaderef.	. . . . .
eiðer freten oðer ⁊	. . . . .
swa hund deð his broðer.	. . . . .
and leten heore whelpes ⁊	. . . . .
whæruen heom bi-fides.	. . . . .
elc oðer quelle ⁊	. . . . .
þat þer nan quic no leue. 10	. . . . .
And ȝif Ofwý cumeð bufē ⁊	. . . . .
and þat feht maȝen ouer-cumen.	. . . . .
we him sculleð to luken ⁊	. . . . .
and neouðer hine aleggen.	. . . . .
lond and his leoden ⁊	. . . . .
and his laȝen uallen.	. . . . .
and ȝif Penda bið buuen ⁊	. . . . .
& þat cōp maȝen ouer-cumen.	. . . . .
þin aȝe mō if Penda ⁊	. . . . .
mid alle his kinelonda. 20	. . . . .
þenne haueft þu Englisc lond ⁊	. . . . .
to þire aȝere hond.	. . . . .
and alle þine wurðscipe ⁊	. . . . .
þuþ þu miht biwīnen.	. . . . .
& libben a þin lif ⁊	. . . . .

King Penda is English, and Oswy also, full truly; let thou the hounds perish together, either gnaw other, as hound doth his brother; and let their whelps roll beside them, *and* each other kill, *so* that there may remain none alive! And if Oswy come above (have the superiority), and *is* the fight may overcome, we shall advance to him, and lay him low, *his* land and his people, and abolish his laws; and if Penda be above, and *is* the combat may overcome, thine own man is Penda, with all his kingdom. Then will thou have *the* English land in thine own hand, and all thy worship; thus thou mayest conquer, and live in thy life as to thee is liefest

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.		MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
swa þe arle <sup>1</sup> leofest bið.		. . . . .
no findest þu nauer mare mon?		. . . . .
þa þe durre hatē on.		. . . . .
þa andfwarede a mō?		. . . . .
þe bald wef on hiredē.		. . . . .
Luft nu me Cadwaðlan?		. . . . .
luft me ane stūden.		. . . . .
nif þar nan betere red?		. . . . .
þene Margadud haueð ifed.		. . . . .
& ȝif þat <sup>2</sup> nult don?	10	. . . . .
þu scalt wurfe afon.		. . . . .
& alle þine leoden?		. . . . .
þa later þu hafuest to neodē. [c. 2.]		. . . . .
Efne þiffere saȝe?		. . . . .
þa þe Brut sæide.		. . . . .
þa wef icleoped Pēda?		. . . . .
& cō into hirede.		. . . . .
ād Cadwaðlā hī ȝette?		. . . . .
al þat he wolde.		. . . . .
þa wef Penda bliðe?	20	. . . . .
& igladed swiðe.		. . . . .
Penda & hif cnihtes?		. . . . .
to horfen forð rihtes.		. . . . .

of all; thou wilt nevermore find a man, that dare anger thee." Then answered a man, who was bold in *the* assembly; "Listen to me now, Cadwalan, listen me a while; there is no better counsel than Margadud hath said; and if thou wilt not that do, thou shalt receive worse, and all thy people the later thou wilt have at need!" Even with this speech that the Briton said, then was Penda called, and came into *the* assemblage; and Cadwalan granted him all that he would. Then was Penda blithe, and exceedingly rejoiced. Penda and his knights *went* to horse forth-right,

<sup>1</sup> alre?<sup>2</sup> þu ȝat?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
and aneouften gunnen wendē ⁊	. . . . .
toward Norh-humberlonden.	. . . . .
& Ofwi iherdē fuggen ⁊	. . . . .
þat Penda hine fohte.	. . . . .
& ȝarecode hif ferdē ⁊	. . . . .
& fufde toȝæinef Pendan.	. . . . .
faht heo bi-gūnen ⁊	. . . . .
ræȝe heo weoren beien.	. . . . .
feondliche heo fuhtē ⁊	. . . . .
uæiden heo weoren.	10 . . . . .
vnimete feollē ⁊	. . . . .
fæie men on folden.	. . . . .
þa hit wes uppen non ⁊	. . . . .
þa funne gon to nipen.	. . . . .
þer wes Ofwȝ of-flaȝen ⁊	. . . . .
& idon of lif-daȝen.	. . . . .
& hif sune & hif æm ⁊	. . . . .
& eorlef fume uiuē.	. . . . .
þer weoren niȝe þufude <sup>1</sup> ⁊	. . . . .
ðriges norðerne.	20 . . . . .
iflaȝen i þan dæiȝe ⁊	. . . . .
þa duȝeðe wef þa laffe.	. . . . .
& þe king Penda ⁊	. . . . .
sære wef iwunded þa.	. . . . .

and quickly gan proceed toward Northumberland. And Oswy heard say, that Penda him sought, and made ready his forces, and marched against Penda. Battle they began, stern they were both; fiercely they fought, enemies they were; men innumerable fell dead on *the* earth! When it was afternoon, the sun gan to set; there was Oswy slain, and deprived of life-day; and his son, and his uncle, and earls some five; there were nine thousand northern warriors slain in the day,—the people was the less! And the king Penda was sore wounded then, and thence gan wend, east-

<sup>1</sup> R. þufunde.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
& þonene gon wende ʒ	. . . . .
æft to hif londe.	. . . . .
Oſwý hæfden æne fune ʒ	. . . . .
Oſric wef hif nome.	. . . . .
he wef ane ftúde ʒ	. . . . .
mid Cadwaðlane kinge.	. . . . .
in hif hrede <sup>1</sup> iued ʒ	. . . . .
& deorliche ifoftred.	. . . . .
Oſric biſohte Cadwalan ʒ	. . . . .
ſwa mō ſcal hif lauðe <sup>2</sup> don.	<sup>10</sup> . . . . .
þat he moſte beon hif mon ʒ	[f. 189. c. 1.] . . . . .
& hif fader lōd habbeon.	. . . . .
Cadwaðlan hī ʒet ʒ	. . . . .
al þat he ʒirde <sup>3</sup> .	. . . . .
he bitahte hī an hond ʒ	. . . . .
al hif fader kinelōd.	. . . . .
hehte hine hit habben ʒ	. . . . .
& halde mid wunne.	. . . . .
God king wef Cadwaðlan ʒ	. . . . .
ſwa him wef icunden.	<sup>20</sup> . . . . .
he wes king hire ʒ	. . . . .
feouen and feouwertī ʒere.	. . . . .
þa uerde he to Lundē ʒ	. . . . .
to gladien þa leoden.	. . . . .

*ward* to his land. Oswy had a son, Osric was his name; he was a while with Cadwalan the king, fed in his court, and dearly fostered. Osric besought Cadwalan, as men shall do his lord, that he might be his man, and have his fathers land. Cadwalan granted him all that he asked; he delivered him in hand all his fathers kingdom; bade him have it, and hold with joy. Good king was Cadwalan, as was to him by nature; he was king here seven and forty years. Then went he to London, to gladden

<sup>1</sup> R. hirede.<sup>2</sup> At first lau'ede, but e expuncted.<sup>3</sup> ʒirnde †



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MS. Cott. Otho, C. xliii.

and heold ane metfunge ⁊	. . . . .
mid þan uolke of Lundene.	. . . . .
he æt of ane uifce ⁊	. . . . .
urecliche swiðe.	. . . . .
ær þe uifc i-eten weore ⁊	. . . . .
i-ueeled <sup>1</sup> waf þe kig <sup>2</sup> .	. . . . .
seouen niht & ēne dæi ⁊	. . . . .
þe kig a þan ufele læi.	. . . . .
nef þer nan oðer red ⁊	. . . . .
seoððen wes þe king ded.	10 . . . . .
heo bureden hine in Lunden ⁊	. . . . .
særi weoren þa leoden.	. . . . .
Enne fune hafde Cadwaðlan ⁊	. . . . .
Cadwalader ihaten.	. . . . .
he wes Penda fuster fune ⁊	. . . . .
al of kingen icume.	. . . . .
þeof feng to hif riche ⁊	. . . . .
after hif fader daiȝe.	. . . . .
Swiðe leoflic wef þe mon ⁊	. . . . .
his leoden hine luueden.	20 . . . . .
he wes swiðe god cniht ⁊	. . . . .
and swiðe sturne inne fiht.	. . . . .
æh an his dāȝen ilompen ⁊	. . . . .
reoðen on leoden.	. . . . .

Cadwaðla-  
der.

the people, and held a feast with the folk of London; he ate of a fish very voraciously, ere the fish were eaten, the king was disordered. Seven nights and a day the king lay in the sickness; there was no other counsel, then was the king dead; they buried him in London,—sorry were the people! A son had Cadwalan, named Cadwalader; he was Pendas sisters son, all of kings descended; this son took to his realm, after his fathers day. Very amiable was the man, his people him loved; he was exceeding good knight, and most stern in fight; but in his days befell sorrow in the nation. First

<sup>1</sup> i-ufeueled, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> *R.* king.

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þæt afwond þæt corn here ʒ	. . . . .
d al þaf kineriche.	. . . . .
aft <sup>9</sup> hit wef fwa deore ʒ	. . . . .
folc gon to deʒen. [c.2]	. . . . .
þæt þu mihtef fare ʒ	. . . . .
seouen nihte.	. . . . .
mihtest þu þurh nene chep ʒ.	. . . . .
neouwer na bred.	. . . . .
ʒe and on londe ʒ	. . . . .
en weoren ʒeoumere. 10	. . . . .
an uolc on londe ʒ	. . . . .
of-fingred nef fære.	. . . . .
at wef idriuuen <sup>1</sup> ʒ	. . . . .
e ʒeond þaf leoden.	. . . . .
om þer an oðer forʒe ʒ	. . . . .
after ful sone.	. . . . .
þuale com on orue ʒ	. . . . .
iete swiðe.	. . . . .
theorl draf his fulʒe ʒ	. . . . .
ned swiðe fæire. 20	. . . . .
while he brohte ham ʒ	. . . . .
e his oxen.	. . . . .
brohte enne ʒ	. . . . .
ðer no brohte nenne.	. . . . .

[ here the corn, over all this kingdom ; thereafter it was so dear, and  
 ilk gan to die ; so that thou mightest journey full a se'nnight, that  
 mightest not through any purchase find nowhere any bread,—in  
 1 and in land *the* people were doleful,—nor any folk in *the* land, that  
 not sorely a-hungred ! When that had long driven over this nation,  
 came there another sorrow, thereafter full soon ; the murrain came  
 ttle, exceeding much ; where *the* churl drove his plow, oxened most  
 other while he brought home *only* half his oxen ; *the* one brought one,  
 ther brought none ; and so it lasted well long in *the* land ! There-

<sup>1</sup> idriuuen ?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.		MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
and fwa hit on leode ⁊		. . . . .
ilaste wel longe.		. . . . .
þer after sone ⁊		. . . . .
forȝen vnimete.		. . . . .
comen to folke ⁊		. . . . .
ȝeond al þas kine-þeode.		. . . . .
uppen þan monē ⁊		. . . . .
morð wef iwurðen.		. . . . .
quelē þa eorlef ⁊		. . . . .
quelen þa beornef.	10	. . . . .
quelen þa þeines ⁊		. . . . .
quelen þa sweines.		. . . . .
quelen þa lareden ⁊		. . . . .
quelen þa leouweden.		. . . . .
quelan þa ældren ⁊		. . . . .
quelen þa ȝeongerē.		. . . . .
qlæn þa wifmen ⁊		. . . . .
quelen þa wāclen.		. . . . .
þat no mihte on þan ende ⁊		. . . . .
þat folc on þan londe.	20	. . . . .
huriē þa dede ⁊		. . . . .
swiðe heo gunnen deȝe.		. . . . .
þat ofte ī þan putte ⁊		. . . . .
þer me þene dede ifette.		. . . . .
þer deiȝede þe quike ⁊		. . . . .
uppen þen dede.		. . . . .
And fwa hit ilōp wide ⁊ [f. 189 <sup>b</sup> . c. 1.].		. . . . .

after soon infinite sorrow came to *the* folk, over all this kingdom, upon the men was mortality inflicted; died the earls, died the barons; died the thanes, died the swains; died the clergy, died the laymen; died the elder, died the younger; died the women, died the weaklings (children); *so* that the folk in the land might not at the end bury the dead; quickly they gan die, *so* that often in the pit where men set the dead, there died *also* the quick upon the dead! And so it befell wide over *the* English nation. The

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiih.
Ʒeond Ænglene þeode.	. . . . .
þ̅ folc ut of londe Ʒ	. . . . .
flah on ælche ænde.	. . . . .
monie hundred tunē Ʒ	. . . . .
bi-læued weoren of monnē.	. . . . .
þat lut me uinde mihte Ʒ	. . . . .
mē uaren Ʒeond londe.	. . . . .
Wa wæs Cadwalader Ʒ	. . . . .
þe king wef on londe.	. . . . .
for ſcome he ne mihte fleon Ʒ 10	. . . . .
no for hærmē her beon.	. . . . .
Neoðelef he hine biþohte Ʒ	. . . . .
hu he faren mahte.	. . . . .
he nom his maðmef alle Ʒ	. . . . .
and hiſ mon <sup>1</sup> deore.	. . . . .
& bah fuð ouer ſæ Ʒ	. . . . .
into Brutaine.	. . . . .
and nom þe <sup>2</sup> wickige Ʒ	. . . . .
mid Alaine þan kinge.	. . . . .
þe wæs ſune Salemonnes Ʒ 20	. . . . .
þaſ fele kingeſ.	. . . . .
þe ſwiðe luſede Cadwaðlan Ʒ	. . . . .
þe while hiſ daiƷeſ ilaſte.	. . . . .
þær Alæin þe king Ʒ	. . . . .
Cadwalad <sup>3</sup> under-ueng.	. . . . .

folk fled out of *the* land in each end; many hundred towns were deserted by men, *so* that one might find few men going over *the* land. Woe was Cadwalader, who was king in *the* land; for shame he might not flee, nor for harm be here. Nevertheless he bethought him how he might depart; he took all his treasures, and his dear men, and passed southward over sea into Brittany, and took there dwelling with Alain the king, who was son of Salomon the good king, who loved greatly Cadwalan, the while his days lasted. There Alain the king received Cadwalader, and found him in the

<sup>1</sup> men?<sup>2</sup> þer?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.

& funde him ī þā londe ⁊  
 al þat he wolde.  
 þurh elleouen ȝere ⁊  
 þe king wunede þere.  
 & elleouen ȝere ⁊  
 þe forhȝe wunede here.  
 þat wes hunger and hette ⁊  
 nefede<sup>1</sup> þat folc neñe mete.  
 & þe qualm muchele ⁊  
 þe wef on moncunne.  
 þat folc flah in to wudē ⁊  
 & wuneden in þe cluden.  
 leien in þa stan-graffen ⁊  
 & liueden bi deorē.  
 heo luueden<sup>2</sup> bi wuden ⁊  
 heo lufeden<sup>3</sup> bi wurten. [c. 2.]  
 bi moren and bi rote ⁊  
 naf þer nan oðer boten.  
 þa elleue<sup>4</sup> ȝer weoren ⁊  
 on fast aȝeongē.  
 þa funne gon to scine ⁊  
 þe rein bi-gon to rine.  
 þe qual' gon to stunte ⁊  
 men gunnē to sturien.

MS. Cott. Otho. C. xiiii.

... funde him in þan londe ⁊ [f. 151.  
 c. 2.]  
 al þat he wolde.  
 folle eolleue ȝear ⁊  
 Cadwaladre wonede þar.  
 and al þan ilke time ⁊  
 þe wowe waf here.  
 her was hunger and .. te ⁊  
 nadde þat folk no . e mete.  
 . . . . .  
 10 . . . . .  
 þat folk was to wode iflowe ⁊  
 and wonede ine stokkef.  
 leien in greaues ⁊  
 and leuede afe . eares.  
 hii leouede bi wor...  
 and bi many wedes.  
 .. moref and bi rotef ⁊  
 naf . . r non oþer bote.  
 þo eol . . . . ȝear were a-gon ⁊  
 20 . . . . .  
 . . . . .  
 . . . . .  
 þo a-stunte þ<sup>5</sup> cwaolm.  
 þo gonne þat folk storie ⁊

land all that he would; 'through [full] eleven years the king remained there, and 'eleven years [all that time] the calamity remained here,—that [here] was hunger and drought (?),—the folk had no meat,—and the mickle mortality that was among *the* people. The folk fled into woods, and dwelt in the cliffs, lay in 'the' stone-pits, and lived 'by [as] wild animals; they lived by 'trees, they lived by herbs [herbs, and by many weeds]; by berries and by roots,—there was no other remedy! When eleven years were nearly gone, the sun gan to shine, the rain began to rain; the mortality gan to stint, 'men [the folk] gan to stir; out of woods they drew,

<sup>1</sup> Partly corrected on erasure.<sup>2</sup> liueden ?<sup>3</sup> lifeden ?<sup>4</sup> elle, *pr. m.*<sup>5</sup> *R. þe.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

ut of wude heo droȝen ʒ  
 and wuneden in tunen.  
 Heo ſpeken to-fomne ʒ  
 & ſpileden bi-tweonen.  
 and nonnen heore fonde ʒ  
 and fende ī to Sex-londe.  
 and cudden heore cunne ʒ  
 of heore quale-ſiðe.  
 & hu heo ifaren hafden ʒ  
 elleue ȝeren. 10  
 & hu þat ufel wef at-ſtunt ʒ  
 & hu þa tunef ibuld.  
 and hu þer wes fæiȝer lond ʒ  
 inoh feoluer and gold.  
 & beden heom cumen fwiðe ʒ  
 hider to heore icunde.  
 for þa Bruttes þa ær weoren here ʒ.  
 æuere heo weoren fleme.  
 no durſte heo næuere mængen ʒ  
 imong Engliſce monnen. 20  
 no nawhit heo nuſten ʒ  
 of heore uare-coſten.  
 þat weoren heore fonden ʒ  
 ifēd to Sexlondenden<sup>1</sup>.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

and vt of wode drawe.  
 and wo .ede in tounes ʒ  
 and f . . . e to-gaderes.  
 . . . . .  
 and nemen hire fonde ʒ  
 and fende to Saxlonde.  
 and dude hi . . cunne wite ʒ  
 of hire . . . . wowe.  
 . . . . .  
 . . . . .  
 . . . . . was a . . .  
 . . . . . en ibuld.  
 . . . . . riche.  
 . . . . . luer and . . . .  
 . . . . . d bede an hiȝeg . . . .  
 come to hire cun . . .  
 . . . . .  
 . . . . .  
 for ne dorſte neuere þe Bruttuf ʒ  
 . . . . . Eangliſ.  
 ne now . ht hii . . ſte ʒ  
 of hire fare-coſte.  
 . . . weren hire fonde ʒ  
 . . . fende to Saxlonde.

and dwelt in *the* towns. They [and] spake together, and discoursed between; and took their messengers, and sent into Saxland, and made known to their kindred of their mortality, and how they had fared eleven years, and how the sickness was abated, and how the towns *were* built, and how there was fair land, silver and gold enow. And bade them come quickly hither to their territory; for the Britons that ere were here, ever they were expelled; they durst not ever mingle among English men; nor knew they (the Britons) aught of their proceeding, that their messengers were sent to Sax-

<sup>1</sup> R, Sex-londen.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

þa heȝe Sexiſce men ʒ  
 iherden þaf ſonden.  
 þa fuſden touward ſæ ʒ  
 fifty þuſende.  
 baldere beornen ʒ  
 mid ſcelden and mid burnen.  
 mid wiſen and mid children ʒ  
 to þiffē londe wenden.  
 Mid þan formeſte ſwipen ʒ <sup>[f. 190.</sup>  
<sup>c. 1.]</sup> her comen þreo hūdred ſcipen. 10  
 fiȝen after ſeoððe ʒ  
 fixti to-ſonne.  
 bi fixe bi ſeouene ʒ  
 bi tene bi eolleue.  
 bi twelue bi twenti ʒ  
 bi þritti bi feowerti.

Æðelſtan.

Mid heom com Æðelſtan ʒ  
 þe ædele<sup>1</sup> ut of Sexen.  
 inne Lundene hine crunedē ʒ  
 & houen hine to kingen. 20

Edward.

Edward þe king þeſue biȝat ʒ  
 on are chiueſe.  
 þif weſ þe formeſte Engliſce mon ʒ  
 þe al Ængle-lond biwon.

.. heȝe Sax . . . men ʒ  
 ihorde þe ſonde.  
 þo fuſde toward ſéé ʒ [f. 151<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.]  
 fifty þouſend.  
 baldere cnihtef ʒ  
 mid ſcealde and mid brunies.  
 mid wiſmen and mid children ʒ  
 goune to þis lond wende.  
 Mid þan forme ſwiſe ʒ  
 here comen þreo hundred ſipes.  
 þare comen . . ter ſupþe ʒ  
 fixti to-gadere.  
 bi fixe bi fouene ʒ  
 bi teon bi eollouene.  
 bi twealue bi twenti ʒ  
 bi þritti bi four . .  
 Mid heom com Adelf . . .  
 .. gode vt of Saxlonde.  
 . . . . . dene hii hene croune . .  
 and houe hine to kinge.  
 Eadward þe king hine biȝet ʒ  
 bi one cheueſe.  
 þif waſ þe forſte Eangliſſe man ʒ  
 . . . Eangelond al awan.

land. The noble Saxish men heard these [the] messengers; then marched towards *the* sea fifty thousand bold men, with shields and with burnies; with wives and with children to this land *they* went [gan wend]. With the foremost sweep here came three hundred ships; then [there] followed afterwards sixty together, by six, by seven, by ten, by eleven, by twelve, by twenty, by thirty, by forty. With them came Athelstan the noble, out of Saxland; in London *they* crowned him, and raised him to be king. Edward the king begat this *man* [him] on a concubine; this was the first English man, that acquired all England; he was crowned and anointed, this

<sup>1</sup> ædele?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

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he wef icruned and ieled :  
 þif lond wef al hif aȝen.  
 and seoððen he wuneden here :  
 sixtene ȝere.  
 Hit ilomp inne frimdæȝen :  
 feor her bi-æften.  
 þat her wef an heh mon :  
 Inne wef ihaten.  
 þe king wende to Rome :  
 to þan heȝe dome. 10  
 and he Peteres weofed þere :  
 wunliche ifohte.  
 brohte þer to lake :  
 hif maðmes leofe.  
 þa ȝet he dude mare :  
 to Peteres are.  
 of æu elche huse :  
 þat husbonde wunede.  
 & hif biweddede wif weore :  
 on þere ilke wike. 20  
 ðe king eñe peni ȝette :  
 to Peteres huse.  
 Inne wef þe uorneste mon :  
 þe Peteres peni bigō.  
 þa Inne king wef hī ded :  
 and hif laȝen weoren aleid.

h . was i-crouned and iheled :  
 þis lond was al his owe.  
 and suppe he wonede here  
 sixtene ȝere.  
 Hit h . . . . . ne daȝen :  
 . . . . . after.  
 þ . . her waf . . . . man :  
 . . . . . ih . . .  
 . . . . . wende . . . .  
 . . . . . þon pope.  
 . . . . .  
 . . . . . his lok :  
 ȝeftes . . . . .  
 And ȝet he dude m . . .  
 . . Peter his are.  
 of eu . . . house :  
 . . . hofeb . nde were.  
 . . . . .  
 . . . . .  
 þe . . . . one . eny ȝeaf :  
 to Peter his housfe.  
 Ine waf þe forste man :  
 þat Peter hif peny bi-gan.  
 þo Ine ki . . waf dead :  
 and . . . law . . a-lead.

Inne.

[c. 2.]

land was all his own; and afterwards he dwelt here sixteen years. It happened in early days, far (long) hereafter, that here was a noble man, *who* was named Inne (Ina). The king went to Rome, to the 'high power [pope], and there he gladly sought Peters altar; *he* brought there for offering his precious 'treasures [gifts]. The yet he did more for Peters honor; of every house that husbandman inhabited, and his wedded wife were in the same dwelling, the king granted a penny to 'Peters [Peter his] house. Inne was the first man that began 'Peters [Peter his] penny. When Inne *the* king was dead, and his laws were done away, then ceased



MS. Cott. Calig. A. IX.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. XIII.

<i>Anno gratie</i>	þa afeol þat feoh here ⁊	[c. 2.]	þo . . . . . þare ⁊
<i>dccc<sup>o</sup> c. xx<sup>o</sup>.</i>	fif and fixti ȝere.		fif a . . . . .
<i>iiiij<sup>o</sup>. Rex</i>	a þet Aðelstan com liðen ⁊		for . . þat A . . . . .
<i>Anglorum</i>	in to þiffen londen.		. . to þiffe l . . . . .
<i>Edwardus</i>	& hafden iwuned here ⁊		. . . . oned here ⁊
<i>senior obiit.</i>	fulle fiftene ȝere.		. . . . .
<i>Cui filius</i>	þe king hif fet custe ⁊		. . . . .
<i>sus Ædel-</i>	and faire hine igrette.		. . . . .
<i>stanus suc-</i>	& eft þat ilke feoh ȝete ⁊		. . . . .
<i>cedens, et ab</i>	þat Inne king dude ære.	10	. . . . .
<i>Aldelmo,</i>	& swa hit hafeð iftonde ⁊		. . . . .
<i>Dorobernie</i>	æuer feoððe a þiffe londe.		. . . . .
<i>archiepisco-</i>	drihtē wat <sup>1</sup> hu longe ⁊		. . . . .
<i>po, Rex con-</i>	þeo laȝen scullen ilæfte.		. . . . .
<i>secratur. Eo</i>	þa tiden <sup>2</sup> comen sone ⁊		. . . . .
<i>anno rex</i>	to Cadwaðlader kinge.		. . . . .
<i>Ædelstanus</i>	into Brutaine ⁊		. . . . .
<i>sororem suam</i>	þer þar he wunede.		. . . . .
<i>Sihtricem</i>	mid Alaine kinge ⁊		. . . . .
<i>(sic), Norð</i>	þe wef of hif cunne.	20	. . . . .
<i>humbroꝝum</i>	me dude him to under-ſtonde <sup>3</sup> ⁊		. . . . .
<i>regi, in con-</i>	of al þiffe londe.		. . . . .
<i>jugem dedit.</i>	hu Aðelstan her com liðen ⁊		. . . . .
<i>Tercio anno</i>	ut of Sex-londen.		. . . . .
<i>Ædelstani</i>	and hu he al Angle-lond ⁊		. . . . .
<i>regis, Siht-</i>			. . . . .
<i>ricus, Rex</i>			. . . . .
<i>Norð hum-</i>			. . . . .
<i>broꝝum,</i>			. . . . .
<i>obiit, cuius</i>			. . . . .
<i>regnum Rex</i>			. . . . .
<i>Ædelstanus</i>			. . . . .
<i>suo imperio</i>			. . . . .
<i>adiexit, om-</i>			. . . . .
<i>nesque Re-</i>			. . . . .
<i>ges prelio</i>			. . . . .
<i>uicit et fu-</i>			. . . . .
<i>gavit.</i>			. . . . .
<i>Rex Ædel-</i>			. . . . .
<i>stanus obiit,</i>			. . . . .
<i>qui solus per</i>			. . . . .

the tribute here five and sixty years, until that Athelstan arrived into this land, and had dwelt here full fifteen years. The king kissed his (the popes) feet, and greeted him fair, and eft the same tribute granted, that Inne the king did ere; and so it hath stood ever since in this land,—the Lord knoweth how long the law shall last! The tidings came soon to Cadwalader the king, into Brittany, there where he dwelt with Alain the king, who was of his kin; men caused him to understand of all this land, how Athelstan here arrived out of Saxland, and how he set all England in his own

<sup>1</sup> what, *pr. m.*<sup>2</sup> *R.* tidende.<sup>3</sup> unde-ſtonde, *pr. m.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.		MS. Cott. Otho, C. x111.	
fette on hif aȝere hōd.	. . . . .		
and hu he fette moting ȝ	. . . . .		
& hu he fette husting.	. . . . .		
and hu he fette sciren ȝ	. . . . .		
and makede frið of deoren.	. . . . .		
& hu he fette halimot ȝ	. . . . .		
& hu he fette hundred.	. . . . .		
and þa nomen of þan tunen ȝ	. . . . .		
on Sexifce runen.	. . . . .		
& zilden he gon rere ȝ	10 . . . . .		
mucle & fwiðe mære.	. . . . .		
& þa chirchen he gon dihten ȝ	. . . . .		
aft <sup>9</sup> Sexifce irihten.	. . . . .		
and Sexif <sup>1</sup> he gan kennen ȝ	. . . . .	Saxiffe h.	. . . . .
þa nomen of þā monnen.		þe names of	. . . . .
and al me him talde ȝ		and al me h..	. . . . .
þe tiden <sup>2</sup> of þisse londe.		.. tydinge	. . . . .
Wa wef Cadwaledere ȝ [f. 190 <sup>b</sup> . c. 1.].. was Cad.			. . . . .
þat he wef on liue.		. . . waf	. . . . .
leofere him weore on deðe ȝ	20 . . . . .		
þeone quic on life.	. . . . .		
færi wes hif heorte ȝ	. . . . .		
and forhful wes hif duȝeðe.	. . . . .		
Wið hif freond he spac ofte <sup>3</sup> ȝ	. . . . .		

*totam Angliam primus regum Anglorum regnavit, et coronam por[tauit.] Cui frater suus Ed[mun]dus successit, anno g[ratiæ] dcccc<sup>o</sup>. xl.*

hand; and how he set mooting, and how he set husting, and how he set shires, and made chaces of deer; and how he set halimot, and how he set hundred; and the names of the towns in Saxish speech; and *how* he gan rear guilds, great and very ample, and the churches he gan make, after *the* Saxish manner; and *in* Saxish he gan speak the names of the men;—and men told him all the tidings of this land. Woe was Cadwaler, that he was alive; liefer *it* were to him *to be* dead, than quick in life; sorry was his heart, and sorrowful was his folk! With his friends he

<sup>1</sup> Sexifce?

<sup>2</sup> R. tidende.

<sup>3</sup> A line appears to be missing here.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

hu he faren mihte ʹ	. . . . .
and iwennen <sup>1</sup> hif rihte.	. . . . .
and wulchere wife he mihte ʹ	. . . . .
wið Aðelstane fihte.	. . . . .
& i-winnen hif <sup>2</sup> cunde ʹ	. . . . .
æft to hif hōde.	. . . . .
þa Aðestan <sup>3</sup> and hif cnihtef ʹ	. . . . .
eke heolde mid unrihte.	. . . . .
Sume him radde to uehten ʹ	. . . . .
summe wrið <sup>4</sup> to wurchen.	10 . . . . .
þat he mosten of Aðelstā ʹ	. . . . .
halden hif lond and beon hif mō.	. . . . .
Vnder þiffē uare-cofte ʹ	. . . . .
he fūnede ferde.	. . . . .
of alle þane mōne ʹ	. . . . .
þat he bi-ȝeten mihte.	. . . . .
& fonnede alle þa scipen ʹ	. . . . .
þa bi þare sæ fluten.	. . . . .
and þohte mid strengðe ʹ	. . . . .
steppē to londe.	20 . . . . .
þa þe ȝaru wef þa uerde ʹ	. . . . .
& þaf <sup>5</sup> scipen ibone.	. . . . .
com þe wī <sup>6</sup> suðerne ʹ	. . . . .

spake oft, how he might go, and obtain his right, and in what way he might fight with Athelstan, and win his territory eft in his hand, that Athelstan and his knights eke held with unright. Some counselled him to fight, some to make peace, that he might of Athelstan hold his land, and be his man. Amidst this proceeding he assembled forces of all the men that he might procure, and assembled all the ships that by *the* sea floated, and thought with strength to step to *the* land. When that the host was ready, and these ships prepared, the wind became southern, that

<sup>1</sup> iwinnen?<sup>2</sup> hifn, *pr. m.*<sup>3</sup> R. Aðelstan.<sup>4</sup> frið?<sup>5</sup> þa?<sup>6</sup> wind?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.

MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.

þa fæt an heore wille.	. . . . .
þa sæide þe king ⁊	. . . . .
Nu to fcipe an hizing. [wenden.	. . . . .
And þe kīg in to chirche gon	. . . . .
godef werk to worchen.	. . . . .
and maffe þer iherden ⁊	. . . . .
of mære ane þreofte.	. . . . .
¶ þe king læi on cneouwen ⁊	. . . . .
and cleopede to crifstin.	. . . . .
& bed ure drihten ⁊	10 . . . . .
þe walt alle deden. [c. 2.]	. . . . .
þat he from him felue ⁊	. . . . .
taken him fende.	. . . . .
ʒif hit weore iqueme ⁊	. . . . .
þan heouenliche deme.	. . . . .
wheðer he scolde liðen ⁊	. . . . .
þe he scolde bi-lauen. [goden ⁊	. . . . .
þe while þe he spac touward	. . . . .
þa gon he to flepen.	. . . . .
þa gon he to flūme <sup>1</sup> ⁊	20 . . . . .
felehðe him wes ʒiueðe.	. . . . .
of feoluen <sup>2</sup> ure drihten ⁊	. . . . .
þe scop þif dæʒes lihte.	. . . . .
þeñe þe kīg imætte ⁊	. . . . .

Cadwala-  
der.

set at their will. Then said the king: "Now to ship in haste!" And the king gan wend into church, to work Gods work, and there heard mass of a chief priest. The king lay on *his* knees, and called to Christ, and prayed our Lord who rules all deeds, that he should send him *a* token from himself, if it were pleasing to the heavenly judge, whether he should go, or *whether* he should stay. The while that he spake toward God, then gan he to sleep; then gan he to slumber,—happiness was given to him from our Lord *himself*, who formed the day-light. Then dreamt the king,

<sup>1</sup> Altered by a second hand on an erasure.<sup>2</sup> feoluenen, *pr. m.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.		MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
a cneouwen he flepte.		. . . . .
þat him com bi-foren gon ʒ		. . . . .
a wunder ane fair mon.		. . . . .
& þaf word kende ʒ		. . . . .
to Bruttene <sup>1</sup> kinge.		. . . . .
Awake Cadwalad <sup>2</sup> ʒ		. . . . .
crist þe haueð deore.		. . . . .
and ȝarke þine uore ʒ		. . . . .
and far fwide <sup>3</sup> to Rome.		. . . . .
þu uindefst ænne pape ʒ	10	. . . . .
preoft mid þan bezfte.		. . . . .
he þe scal <sup>3</sup> scriuen ʒ		. . . . .
of þine weorld-lifen.		. . . . .
þat þine funen alle ʒ		. . . . .
fcullen þe from falle.		. . . . .
and þu scalt wurðe clene ʒ		. . . . .
al þurh godef dome.		. . . . .
of alle þine misdede ʒ		. . . . .
þurh mihte of ure drihte.		. . . . .
And feoðen <sup>4</sup> þu scalt iwiten ʒ	20	. . . . .
and faren to heofne-richen.		. . . . .
for no most þu nauere mære ʒ		. . . . .
Ængle-lond aȝe.		. . . . .
ah Alemainifce men ʒ		. . . . .

on knees while he slept, that a wondrous fair man gan come before him, and spake these words to *the* king of Britain: "Awake, Cadwalader, Christ hath thee dear! And make ready thy voyage, and go quickly to Rome; thou wilt find *there* a pope, priest with the best; he shall thee shrive of thy worldly life, *so* that all thy sins shall fall from thee, and thou shalt become clean, all through Gods doom, of all thy misdeeds, through might of our Lord. And afterwards thou shalt die, and go to heaven; for nevermore must thou possess England, but Allemainish men shall have England;

<sup>1</sup> Brutte, *pr. m.*

<sup>2</sup> Added in margin by a later hand.

<sup>3</sup> fwide?

<sup>4</sup> feoðen?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
Ænglē scullen aȝen.	. . . . .
and næuermære B <sup>tt</sup> ifce men ʒ	. . . . .
brukē hit ne motē.	. . . . .
sær cume þe time ʒ [f. 191. c. 1.]	. . . . .
þe iqueðen wes while.	. . . . .
þat M <sup>l</sup> in þe witeȝe ʒ	. . . . .
bodede mid worde.	. . . . .
þenne sculle Bruttes fone ʒ	. . . . .
buzen to Rome.	. . . . .
and d <sup>ȝ</sup> en ut þine banef alle ʒ 10	. . . . .
of þene marme-stane.	. . . . .
and mid bliffen heom uerien ʒ	. . . . .
uorð mid heom seoluen.	. . . . .
in seoluere and in golde ʒ	. . . . .
in to Brutlonde.	. . . . .
þenne sculle Bruttes anā ʒ	. . . . .
balde iwurðen.	. . . . .
al þat heo bi-ginneð to done ʒ	. . . . .
iwurðeð after heore wille.	. . . . .
þenne <sup>1</sup> scullen i Bruttene ʒ 20	. . . . .
bliffen wurðen riue.	. . . . .
waftmes and wederes fele ʒ	. . . . .
after heore i-wille.	. . . . .
þa awoc Cadwalader ʒ	. . . . .

and nevermore may British men possess it, ere the time come that was whilom declared, that Merlin the prophet foretold with words. Then shall *the* Britons soon come to Rome, and draw out all thy bones, from the marble stone, and carry them with bliss forth with themselves, in silver and in gold, into Britain. Then shall *the* Britons anon become bold; all that they begin to do, shall be after their will; then shall in Britain bliss become rife; fruits and weathers prosperous, after their will!" Then awoke Cadwalader,—wondrous *it* seemed to him,—strongly he was alarmed,

<sup>1</sup> *At first þeonne, but o expuncted.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
wurder <sup>1</sup> him þuhte.	. . . . .
ſtrōgliche he wef auæred ⁊	. . . . .
ladliche <sup>2</sup> of-furhte.	. . . . .
to wulche þinge hit iteon wolde ⁊.	. . . . .
þat him wef itacned þere.	. . . . .
Ofte he he <sup>3</sup> lette runen ⁊	. . . . .
ofte he lette ræde.	. . . . .
and feowede hit þan kinge ⁊	. . . . .
þe wunede i þan londe.	. . . . .
þe inēned wes Alain ⁊	10 . . . . .
Cadwalader nexte mæi.	. . . . .
þe king fende hif fonde ⁊	. . . . .
ʒeond al hif londe.	. . . . .
and lette beoden alle ⁊	. . . . .
þa bocareſ wife.	. . . . .
and taldē heō þa tacnige <sup>4</sup> ⁊	. . . . .
of Cadwalader kige.	. . . . .
þær heo gunnen ræde ⁊	. . . . .
þer heo gunnen rune. [c. 2.]	. . . . .
& radden him to taken on ⁊ [don..	. . . . .
al ſwa godd him hafde itakned to.	. . . . .
þer he bi-laſde ⁊	22 . . . . .
hif ſcipen and his leode.	. . . . .
hif wæi and hif iwille ⁊	. . . . .

terribly frightened, to what thing it would come, that was there to him betokened. Oft he caused communing, oft he caused counsel; and shewed it to the king that dwelt in the land, who was named Alain, Cadwaladers nearest relative. The king sent his messengers over all his land, and caused all the wise scholars to be summoned; and told them the tokening of king Cadwalader. There they gan counsel, there they gan commune, and advised him to take on as God had signified to him to do. There he left his ships and his people; his way and his will. He called to

<sup>1</sup> wunder?<sup>2</sup> laðliche?<sup>3</sup> Sic MS.<sup>4</sup> tacninge?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. 1x.		MS. Cott. Otho, C. x111.
he cleopede heom to stille.		. . . . .
Ȝuni and Iuore ȝ		. . . . .
beizen heo weoren him deore.		. . . . .
Ȝuor wef his step-fune ȝ		. . . . .
and Ȝuni his suster fune.		. . . . .
beien heo weoren him leofe ȝ		. . . . .
beine heo weoren him deore.		. . . . .
heo weoren cnihtef beien ȝ		. . . . .
and fwiðe wel idihte.		. . . . .
þ <sup>o</sup> fpac Cadwalader ȝ	10	. . . . .
þe king wef of Bruttene.		. . . . .
Ȝuor and Ȝuni beiene ȝ		. . . . .
ȝet fenden of mine leode.		. . . . .
hercnieð mine lare ȝ		. . . . .
no scal hit eou reouwe nauere.		. . . . .
Of heouene me beoð icume ȝ		. . . . .
hiȝe godef tacne.		. . . . .
þat ich scal faren to Rome ȝ		. . . . .
to þā pape wel idone.		. . . . .
þe pape hatte Sergiuf ȝ	20	. . . . .
he weteð Peteres hus.		. . . . .
me and mine wiue ȝ		. . . . .
he scal bletfeizen & scriue.		. . . . .
& þer we scullen ure dajef ba ȝ		. . . . .
driuē to þan ende.		. . . . .

them stilly Yuni and Ivor; both they were to him dear. Yvor was his step-son, and Yuni his sisters son; both they were beloved by him, both they were to him dear; they were knights both, and exceeding well dight. Thus spake Cadwalader, who was king of Britain; “Yvor and Yuni, both ye are of my nation; hearken my advice; ye shall never rue it! From heaven are come to me tokens of *the* high God, that I shall fare to Rome, to the good pope;—the pope hight Sergius, he ruleth Peters house;—me and my wife he shall bless and shrive, and there we shall both drive our days to the end; *so long as it ever be, ye see me never eft.* But



MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
longe bið auer ʒ	. . . . .
no ifeo ʒe me æft næuere. [lond ʒ	. . . . .
Ah here <sup>1</sup> ich bi-tache inc Walife .	. . . . .
þat ʒet stond a mire hond.	. . . . .
and nimeð þaf muchele uerde ʒ	. . . . .
and fareð to þan londe.	. . . . .
and haldeð hit on wunne ʒ	. . . . .
þa wile ʒe maʒen hit werie. [f. 191 <sup>b</sup> . c. 1.]	. . . . .
and ich inc halfi <sup>2</sup> beien ʒ	. . . . .
þurh þan heouē kinge. 10	. . . . .
þat unker æiðer oðer ʒ	. . . . .
luuie swa hif broðer.	. . . . .
and habbeoð þat lond auer mære ʒ	. . . . .
tou æure liuef ende.	. . . . .
& brukeð hit on wunne ʒ	. . . . .
& eouwer bernnen <sup>3</sup> alle.	. . . . .
Yuni hit wes itacned me ʒ	. . . . .
alfe ʒe scullen nu ifeo.	. . . . .
for Merlin þe wife ʒ	. . . . .
hit feide mid worde. 20	. . . . .
al of mine ford-fare <sup>4</sup> ʒ	. . . . .
& of mire unimete care.	. . . . .
and Sibillie þa wife ʒ	. . . . .
a bocken hit ifette.	. . . . .

here I give to you *the* Welsh land, that yet standeth in my hand ; and take *ye* this mickle host, and go to the land, and hold it in joy, the while *ye* may it defend. And I you adjure both, through the king of heaven, that either of you love *the* other as his brother ; and have *ye* the land evermore to your lives end, and possess it in joy, and all your children. Yuni, it was betokened to me, as *ye* shall now see ; for Merlin the wise said it with words, all of my death, and of my excessive care ; and Sibillie the wise set it in book, that I shall fulfill my Lords will. Each go now his way,

<sup>1</sup> auere, *pr. m.*

<sup>2</sup> bernnen, *pr. m.*

<sup>3</sup> halfin, *pr. m.*

<sup>4</sup> forð-fare ?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	. . . . .	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
þat ich scal iuullen ⁊	. . . . .	
minef drihtef wille.	. . . . .	
Alc faren nu hif wæi ⁊	. . . . .	
and habbeoð alle godne dæi.	. . . . .	
Cadwalader fufde ⁊	. . . . .	
þat he cō to Rome.	. . . . .	
þer he Sergiuf fūde ⁊	. . . . .	[Serg]iuf.
þene ifelie pape.	. . . . .	
he scraf Cadwalader ⁊	. . . . .	
þe king wes of Bruttenne. 10	. . . . .	
Ne wunede þe king þer ⁊	. . . . .	
bute uifte half ȝere.	. . . . .	....deco <sup>o</sup> xl.
þa com him ufel on ⁊	. . . . .	[Sergi]uf
fwa godd hit wolde habben idon..	. . . . .	papa se....f
elleoue dāȝef biforen Maiȝe ⁊	. . . . .	ix.
he ferde of þiffe liue.	. . . . .	
and hif faule fende ⁊	. . . . .	
to þan heouenlicche kinge.	. . . . .	
Hif ban beoð ilokē fafte ⁊	. . . . .	
i guldene chefte. 20	. . . . .	
and þer heo scullen wunie ⁊	. . . . .	
þat þa dāȝef beon icumene <sup>1</sup> ,	. . . . .	
þa Merlin ine iuurn dāȝen ⁊ [c.2.]	. . . . .	
vaftnede mið worden,	. . . . .	
Ga we nu to Yuni aȝan ⁊	. . . . .	

and have all good-day!" Cadwalader proceeded until he came to Rome; there he found Sergius, the good pope; he shrove Cadwalader, who was king of Britain. The king remained there but the fifth half year; then came on him sickness, as God would have it done; eleven days before May he departed from this life, and sent his soul to the heavenly king. His bones are locked fast in a golden chest, and there they shall remain until the days are come, that Merlin in old days fixed with words. Go we now to Yuni again, and to Ivor, his cousin. They assembled forces

<sup>1</sup> icume, *pr. m.*

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
& to Iuore hif wedde-b <sup>o</sup> ðere.	. . . . .
Heo fomneden ferde :	. . . . .
wide 3eond þan ærde.	. . . . .
forð heo gunnen fufen ʒ	. . . . .
mid fif hundred scipenen.	. . . . .
nef hit nawit longe :	. . . . .
þat heo ne comen to Walifce londe..	. . . . .
Al þaf Bruttes weoren to-driuen ʒ.	. . . . .
3eond cludef & 3eond cliuenen.	. . . . .
3eond chirchen & 3eond munec-	. . . . .
3eond wudef & 3eod liðen. [cliuen ʒ.	. . . . .
Sone ine heom faiden ʒ	12 . . . . .
þat ifiȝen weoren to londe.	. . . . .
mid Iuore & Yuni ʒ	. . . . .
ten fiðen fifti.	. . . . .
scipen brade-fulle ʒ	. . . . .
of Brutten swiðe balde.	. . . . .
þæf Bruttes on ælc ende ʒ	. . . . .
foren to Walifce londe.	. . . . .
and heore laȝen leofeden :	20 . . . . .
& heore leodene-þæuwen.	. . . . .
and ȝet wunied <sup>1</sup> þære ʒ	. . . . .
swa heo doð auere mære.	. . . . .
& Ænglifce kingef ʒ	. . . . .

wide over the country; forth they gan voyage, with five hundred ships; it was no whit long, before they arrived at *the* Welsh land. All the Britons were dispersed, over rocks and over cliffs, over churches and over monasteries, over woods and over mountains. Men soon said to them, that ten times fifty ships, brimful of Britons exceeding bold, were come to *the* land with Ivor and Yuni. These Britons on each side moved to *the* Welsh land, and lived in their laws, and their popular manners; and yet *they* dwell there, as they shall do evermore. And *the* English

<sup>1</sup> wunied?

MS. Cott. Calig. A. ix.	MS. Cott. Otho, C. xiiii.
walden þas londes.	. . . . .
& Bruttes hit lofedenden <sup>1</sup> ʒ	. . . . .
þif lond and þas leodē <sup>2</sup> .	. . . . .
þat næuere seoððen mære ʒ	. . . . .
kinges neoren <sup>3</sup> here.	. . . . .
þa ʒet ne com þæs ilke dæi ʒ	. . . . .
beo heonne uorð alfe hit mæi.	. . . . .
iwurðe þet iwurðe ʒ	. . . . .
iwurðe Godes wille. 9	. . . . .
Amen.	. . . . .

kings ruled these lands, and *the* Britons it lost, this land and this nation; so that nevermore afterwards kings were *they* here. The yet (hitherto) this same day came not, be *it* henceforth as it may; happen what happen, happen Gods will! Amen.

<sup>1</sup> *R.* lofeden.

<sup>2</sup> *Added by a later hand in the margin.*

<sup>3</sup> neouren, *pr. m.*



## N O T E S.

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### VOL. I.

*P. 3. v. 55.*—This form of poem seems to have been adopted from writers of the Saxon period. Compare the Preface of Alfred to the translation of Boethius *De Consolatione*, ed. Cardale, 8° 1829.

*P. 4. v. 72.*—Here commences Wace, after a short Introduction of nine lines.

*Ibid. v. 80. Paris Alixandre.*—The additional appellative of *Alixandre* does not appear in Waces *Brut*, and was probably derived by Layamon from Dictys Cretensis or Dares Phrygius, the popular middle-age writers on the destruction of Troy.

*Ibid. v. 98. tuenti gode scipen.*—So also in the French text of Wace, and in the inedited portion of Robert of Brunnes Chronicle, MS. Inner Temple, No. 511. 7. f. 5. Geoffrey of Monmouth does not state the number of ships, but in the Basingwerk copy of the Welsh version of his history it is stated at *twenty-eight*. See Roberts's *Chronicle of the Kings of Britain*, 4to. Lond. 1811. p. 1.

*P. 6. v. 109. Nas ȝet Rome bi-wonnen.*—In Wace the passage stands thus :

Ni ert de Rome uncore nule chose,  
Nene fut il puis de bien grant pose.—*MS. Cott. Vit. A. x. f. 19. c. 1.*

which is rendered by Robert of Brunne,

Of Rome th' ilke tyme was noȝht,  
Ne long after was it wroȝht.—*f. 5<sup>b</sup>.*

*P. 8. v. 169. luf-þing hire biheite.*—In Wace "et ele li fu creanteé," vol. i. p. 4. ed. Le Roux de Lincy, 8vo. Rouen, 1836. The term *luf-þing* appears here equivalent to that of *luf-tacen*, love-token, used in *Beowulf*, l. 3722.

*P. 10. v. 219. Albe Lingoe.*—"Albam super Tyberim," Geoffrey, lib. i. c. 3. ed. fol. 1587. "Albe Longue," Wace. The same story is found

in Nennius, p. 8. ed. Stevenson, 8vo. 1838, and is founded on classical authority. See Virgil, *Æn.* v. 597. 848.

P. 11. v. 230. *pene mahum*.—Is here, apparently, in the singular, but in Wace a plural form is used,—“les Deus de Troie,” MS. Cott., and so also in Robert of Brunne.

The morn *thai* were agayn alle prest  
At the castelle of Lauion,  
& wild not duelle in Albe his toun.  
He ne wist, no was certayn,  
In what manere *thai* com agayn.—*f.* 5<sup>b</sup>. c. 2.

The whole passage is wanting in Geoffrey of Monmouth. Compare Virgil, *Æn.* iii. 148. The term *mahum* or *mahun* is immediately borrowed from the *Mahom*, *Mahum*, of the French romances of the 12th century, by which title is designed Mahomet, the supposed Saracen deity. In English writers of a later æra it assumes the form of *Mahoun*. See the fabulous history, attributed to Turpin, *De vita Caroli Magni et Rolandi*, cap. 4. edit. Ciampi, 8°. Flor. 1822, and Michels edition of the *Roman de Mahomet*, 8°. 1831.

P. 12. v. 270. *dwoemerlakes song*.—Wace has the terms *sorcisseurs* and *sages devineors*, which are equivalent to the *magi* of Geoffrey. The same story occurs in Nennius, who adds, that the magician (for he only speaks of one) was killed by Ascanius, p. 8. ed. Stev.

P. 15. v. 331. *pere quene cun Heleine*.—A singular mistake of the English versifier, who has evidently confounded Helenus, son of Priam, with Helena, the wife of Paris. The author of the later text has partly seen the error, and awkwardly endeavours to rectify it by substituting *dopter* for *sune*. In Wace the passage is clear enough:—

Tute la lignée Eleni,  
Un de filz al rei Priami.—*MS. Cott. f.* 20. c. 1.

Geoffrey of Monmouth tells us, that Helenus and his lineage were brought from Troy by *Pyrrhus*, and kept by him in a state of servitude to avenge his fathers death, lib. i. c. 3. So also in the Anglo-Norman metrical Brut, MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi., which proves the anonymous writer of the earlier portion not to have abridged Wace, but to have made an independent version from the Latin. It is very evident, that here, as elsewhere, the compiler of the British history has borrowed from the *Æneid*, in which it is related, that Helenus, after the death of *Pyrrhus*, reigned over part of Epirus, and received *Æneas* as he voyaged towards Italy. Compare *Æn.* iii. 295. 334.

P. 16. v. 364. *seoue pusund*.—So also the text of Wace in MS. Cott., but in the printed edition by M. Le Roux de Lincy it is *six*, vol. i. p. 10.

*P. 17. v. 377. of þriti ȝeren.*—His age is not expressed in Wace.

*Ibid. v. 378. Assaracus.*—This name appears to have been borrowed from Virgil, *Æn.* i. 288. etc.

*P. 19. v. 430. seoue þusend.*—Here and in *v. 463*, the numbers expressed are additions of *Lajamon*, as elsewhere frequently will be observed.

*P. 24. v. 542. Achalon.*—Under this name perhaps the river Achelous in Epirus is meant. Roberts, in his edition of the Welsh version attributed to Tysilio, p. 8, wishes to prove it the river Acheron in Thesprotia.

*P. 26. v. 599. Sparatin.*—Apparently intended for Sparta; at least this is certainly the interpretation given by the anonymous author of the Latin metrical version of Geoffrey in MS. Cott. Jul. D. xi., who writes,

Brutus ab Enea quartus, casu parricida,  
Exulat, Italiam fugiens, Lacedemona querit;  
Pandrasus est ibi rex, sub quo captiva tenetur  
Progenies Eleni, etc.—*fol. 2.*

*P. 27. v. 628. Grickisce fure.*—Wace only says,

Li altre unt feu appareillé.—*MS. Cott. f. 21. c. 2.*

but in Geoffrey we read, “Græco igne atque calidarum aquarum aspergine,” lib. i. c. 7. The assault is described in the French paraphrast at greater length than in the English version. On the *Greek fire* see the authorities quoted by Warton, *Hist. Engl. Poetry*, vol. i. p. 161. ed. 1840.

*P. 28. v. 649.*—Wace adds, that only three entries were left to the dyke, all of which were well guarded, vol. i. p. 17.

*P. 30. v. 684. bi þone toppe.*—In Wace thus:

Puis est coru mult fierement,  
Si prist par le *sup* un prison,  
Anacletus aveit à non.—*MS. Cott. f. 21<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.*

which is translated by Robert of Brunne,

Brutus toke hym be the *toppe*,  
& seid, “Hedeles salle thou hoppe,  
But thou do as I the saye!”—*f. 7. c. 2.*

Le Roux de Lincys printed text is here very corrupt, vol. i. p. 19.

*P. 31. v. 711. þonne men gað to bedde.*—In Wace,

— apres cel hure,  
Ke l'em apele *cocheure*.—*MS. Cott. ibid.*

The *number* of the guards is an addition of the English poet.

*P. 32. v. 747.*—The sudden transition here would raise some suspicion of an *hiatus* in the MS., or of an error occasioned by the versifier having



inadvertently united into one the verbal directions given by Brutus to Anacletus, and the speech uttered afterwards by the latter to the kings guards. In Wace the narrative is at greater length, and supplies the portion of the narrative here wanting. Brutus concludes by saying, that when the guards are brought by persuasion to the spot where he designs to lie in ambush, he will rise and seize them. Anacletus assents to the proposal, and swears to execute it. At night Brutus assembles his forces, and stations them in a valley, concealed in three different places. When all is prepared, Anacletus takes leave, and speeds toward the guards, as if he were flying from an enemy. They inquire the cause, and also what has become of the kings brother. Anacletus replies, he has left him in the wood, on account of the heavy fetters with which he was loaded, and prays them to follow him. The guards believe him, and follow, etc., vol. i. pp. 20. 21. The moral reflexion shortly afterwards is an insertion by Lajamon, who often indulges in similar additions to his original.

*P. 32. v. 772. on feowre.*—Geoffrey, Wace, and Robert of Brunne all agree in reading *three*.

*P. 35. v. 818. parmes heo drozen.*—So in Wace,  
Espandue meinte cervele,  
*E perçée meinte boele.*—*MS. Cott. f. 22. c. 2.*

and elsewhere, in describing the battle of the Britons with Octa,

Perçent ventres, perçent curailles,  
*Traient buels, traient entrailles.*—*f. 76. c. 2.*

The speech of Brutus, on capturing the king, is an addition by Lajamon.

*P. 37. vv. 850–886.*—In Wace this passage occupies only eight lines, vol. i. p. 24.

*P. 42. v. 979. 3if we heom ilefed.*—Wace has here a proverbial expression omitted by the English versifier.

Mult est fol ki el en espeire,  
Ja ne deit l'em mal fait creire;  
James ne crerai lor manaie,—  
*De vielz peché novele plaie.*—*MS. Cott. f. 22<sup>b</sup>. c. 2.*

From *v. 993* to the end of the speech, is added by Lajamon.

*P. 44. v. 1022.*—The threats here used are only generally intimated by Wace, vol. i. p. 28, who in this instance departs from the narrative of Geoffrey, in which the king is stated to have been treated with great respect. Thus also in the Anglo-Norman version of MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi.

Cest conseil unt otrié,  
Le Rei de Grèce unt demandée.

Entr' els l'aseent hautement,  
 Sur un falestol d'argent;  
 Entur lui seent li baron,  
 Nul d' els ne dit oil ne nun.—*f.* 42. c. 1.

*P.* 45. *vv.* 1051–2.—Similar sententious additions by *Lazamon* constantly occur, who omits here the praise bestowed on Brutus by the king.—Compare *Wace*, vol. i. p. 28.

*P.* 46. *v.* 1080. *bi þan se flode*.—It is singular that the author of the Anglo-Norman Brut in MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi. should here, of his own authority, fix the spot where the ships were assembled at *Miccine*, whence, he says, Helen was ravished, and which he proceeds immediately to identify with Messina in Sicily.

Cil qui meinent en Seizille  
 Entr' els l' apellent *Meschine*;  
 Illoc si curt un braz de mer,  
 Le Far l'ai oi numer.—*f.* 42. c. 1.

In the description of *Ignogens* departure from her native land there is a degree of pathos in this text far superior to *Waces* brief narrative.

*P.* 47. *v.* 1091.—*Lazamon* omits some lines here on the liberality of *Pandrasus* to the followers of Brutus, which are in *Wace*, vol. i. p. 30, and also in Robert of Brunne.

*Ibid.* *v.* 1103. *sistene siðe tuenti scipen*.—In Geoffrey and *Wace* the number of ships is three hundred and twenty-four.

*P.* 48. *v.* 1113. *Tweize dawes & tua niht*.—Robert of Brunne agrees with the text; but the printed edition of *Wace* and MS. Cott. read, “*Dous jorz et ðæe nuit*,” which agrees with Geoffrey, and is more correct.

*Ibid.* *v.* 1115. *þen oðer dai*.—So *Wace*, “*al secund jor*,” but the author of the later English text has altered it to *pridde*, supposing naturally that two days had already passed.

*Ibid.* *v.* 1117. *Logice*.—Roberts, p. 15, conjectures that *Leucadia* is here meant, and Le Roux de Lincy supposes it to be *Lycia*; but neither of these opinions seems very probable.

*P.* 50. *v.* 1177.—In *Wace* Brutus enters the temple alone, and his speech is given only in general terms. The promise to build the goddess a temple occurs subsequent to his dream, vol. i. pp. 32. 34.

*P.* 53. *vv.* 1235–1240.—These lines, descriptive of Britain, are not in *Lazamon's* original.

*P.* 54. *v.* 1275. *þritti dawes*.—This is the correct text, as proved by Geoffrey and Robert of Brunne. In the printed edition of *Wace*, vol. i.

p. 34, the faulty reading of *trois jors* is adopted. It is remarkable that this voyage of Brutus is related nearly in the same terms in Nennius, (from whom Geoffrey must have borrowed it,) but is there told of the expedition of the Scythians from Egypt to Spain, p. 13, ed. Stevenson, and p. 53, ed. Gunn, 8vo. 1819. In Robert of Brunnes Chronicle, the passage of Wace is thus given :

Into the see of Aufrike  
Thei com, & passed a grete strike  
A lough of water of Salins,  
& other lounes of Filistyns ;  
The grete lough of Rusciciodan,  
Betwex the hilles of Dazardan.—*f.* 9. c. 2.

Roberts, in No. IV. of his Appendix to the Welsh version, argues that the whole narrative is founded on a real voyage of a colony of Grecian origin, who settled in Britain, and geographically such as in a rude state of navigation must have been pursued, pp. 259, 260.

*P.* 54. v. 1279. *lac of Silvius*.—In Nennius and Geoffrey, “*ad lacus Salinarum*,” which Wace has misunderstood, in rendering it “*le lac des Salins* ;” and this has been further corrupted in the English version. M. de Roux de Lincy is greatly in error in supposing that the ruins of Selinuntium are referred to, vol. i. p. 35. In Alfreds translation of Orosius, the same spot is designated “*pone sealtan mere*,” lib. i. c. 1, and is described in the Latin original as lying to the west of the province of Tripoli. See, in regard to the prevalence of salt lakes in this country, the quotations from Rennel and Shaw in Gunns Nennius, p. 123.

*Ibid.* v. 1280. *pen lac of Philisteus*.—Another error of Laxamon, occasioned by an inaccurate copy of his original, or by negligence. In Wace it is “*les auteus as Philistins*,” vol. i. p. 35, and in Nennius and Geoffrey “*aras Philistorum*,” although in the printed text of the latter, ed. 1587, it appears in the more correct form of “*Philænorum*.” These altars were mounds of earth which marked the limit of the kingdom of Carthage on the east. They are situated to the south-east of the greater Syrtis, between Tripoli and Cyrene. For the legend which gave rise to the name see Sallust, *De Bello Jug.* p. 126. edit. Delph. 4to. 1674, and Valerius Maximus, lib. v. c. 6.

*Ibid.* v. 1281. *Ruscikadan*.—The ruins of this city still exist at the mouth of the Lessaf, in the immediate vicinity of Stora, the nearest port to Constantine on the coast of Algiers.

*Ibid.* v. 1282. *mountaine of Azare*.—In Nennius and Geoffrey “*montes Azaria*” or “*Azara*,” but some copies of the former read falsely “*montans*”

*Syria.*" In Orosius, lib. i. p. 31. ed. 4to. 1738, "*montes Uzarae.*" The situation of these mountains was to the south of Algiers; probably the same with or a branch of Mount Atlas.

*P. 55. v. 1299. Maluan.*—Still called the Mulua. It flows from Mount Atlas into the Mediterranean, and separates the territory of Algiers from Morocco. D'Anville and others confound it with the river *Mulucha*. See Pliny, *Nat. Hist.* lib. v. c. i. p. 892, ed. Lond. 1826, and Mela, lib. i. c. 7.

*Ibid. v. 1300. Muritanie.*—So also in Geoffrey, which proves that the reading *maritima* in some copies of Nennius is erroneous.

*P. 56. v. 1317. of marmon stane.*—Robert of Brunne says,  
A piler of bras ther thei fonde.—*f. 9<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.*

*Ibid. v. 1322. merminnen.*—In Wace, vol. i. p. 37, the passage respecting the mermaids is longer than in Laȝamon, and in the inedited portion of Robert of Brunnes Chronicle, it appears thus :

Ther fand thei sakers th' mery song,  
Th' drecched tham ferly long.  
In the west see es ther wonyng,  
As womenne mery thei syng;  
& tho th' listen to ther song,  
Out of ther weie thei turne wrong,  
Or thei forget ther schippe to stere,  
For ther song th' thei here.  
So ere tho nykeres fast aboute  
To bring schipmenne ther it is doute,  
To some suelhu to turne or steke,  
Or ageyn roches breke.—*f. 9<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.*

*P. 57. vv. 1338–1341.*—These lines are not in Wace.

*P. 58. v. 1364. Atenor.*—A corrupt reading for *Antenor*. According to classic authority, Antenor migrated to Italy, and established himself near the mouth of the Po, where he built the town of Padua. See Virgil, *Æn.* i. 242. Livy, lib. i. c. 1.

*P. 59. v. 1396. Armoriche.*—Geoffrey only says, "Deinde venerunt ad *Aquitaniam*," lib. i. c. 12, and so also MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi. f. 43, Robert of Brunne, f. 9<sup>b</sup>, and the Welsh version ascribed to Tysilio. Laȝamon closely follows the text of Wace. Of course, by *Britain* is meant Brittany. Pliny testifies that *Aremorica* was the ancient name of the Aquitanian territory. See *Nat. Hist.* lib. iv. c. 31, 8<sup>o</sup>. 1826.

*P. 60. v. 1402. seoue niht & enne dai.*—In Wace "*set jorz*," MS. Cott., which corresponds with Geoffrey and Robert of Brunne. In Le Roux de Lincys printed text, i. 39, the line is faulty.

*P. 60. v. 1420. Numbert.*—*Imbertus*, Geoffrey, which name Roberts informs us is not even now uncommon in France, p. 21.

*P. 61. v. 1425. fif hundred.*—In Geoffrey, Wace, and Robert of Brunne, *two hundred*.

*P. 63. v. 1475. stiward.*—In Wace, *sergant*, in Geoffrey, *nunciis*. The lines 1486–1509 are amplified from a single line of the French text.

*P. 64. v. 1510. zunge folc.*—Wace has *ringaille*. See Le Roux de Lincys note, i. 42, which, however, is far from satisfactory as to the etymology.

*P. 66. v. 1556. twa hundred.*—The number of men slain by Corineus, as well as the imprecation uttered against the smith, are additions by Lajamon.

*P. 67. vv. 1576–1581.*—In Wace the speech is more diffuse, which is but seldom the case. See Le Roux de Lincys edition, vol. i. p. 43.

*Ibid. v. 1584. pein.*—“*Un des reals*,” Wace, MS. Cott.; “*quidam consul*,” Geoffrey. His name in the best MS. copies of Geoffrey is *Suardus*, which is confirmed by the MSS. of Wace and Robert of Brunne reading *Suart* or *Suard*, yet Le Roux de Lincys text exhibits the corrupt form of *Suchars*. Throughout his edition the proper names are thus disguised and misrepresented.

*P. 68. v. 1602–1605.*—Instead of these lines Wace has here a simile, comparing Corineus to a lion among a flock of sheep, which Lajamon has transposed to *v. 1545*, merely changing the lion into a *wolf*, the latter of which animals was doubtless more familiar to himself and his readers.

*P. 69. v. 1622. dusze pers.*—See the remarks of Le Roux de Lincy in his analysis annexed to vol. ii. of Wace, part 3. § 2. pp. 98–103. He treats the subject, however, as if Wace were the original author of the passage, instead of being merely the versifier of Geoffrey, lib. i. c. 13.

*P. 70. v. 1649. castel.*—Here occur in the French text some lines relative to the origin of the town of Tours, which are omitted by Lajamon. In Geoffrey it is stated in the following singular manner: “*At dum tali cæde totius fere Aquitanix partes affecisset, venit ad locum ubi nunc est civitas Turonorum, quam, ut Homerus testatur, ipse postmodum construxit*,” lib. i. c. 14, (corrected by a fine MS. of the 12th century, which formerly belonged to Margan-abbey, MS. Reg. 13 D. ii.). Le Roux de Lincy views the passage, “*comme le résultat du souvenir laissé par l’Iliade et l’Odyssée*,” *Dissert.* pl. 3. § 2. p. 97, whilst the author of “*Britannia*

after the Romans," 4to. Lond. 1836, Introd. p. xxix. believes it to refer to some forged Homeric poems, expressly fabricated to support the fiction of the *Brut*! All mention of Homer is judiciously omitted by Wace and his subsequent imitators, and in the Welsh versions called *Brut Tysilio* and *Brut Gruffudd ab Arthur*, this sentence is not to be found. In the miserably corrupt and interpolated copy of Basingwerke abbey, said to have been written by Guttyn Owain in the middle of the 15th century, and which, critically speaking, is not worth a straw, the passage appears as quoted above from the Latin, and Roberts in his translation boldly substitutes for *Homer* the name of *Cæsar*, but in what part of Cæsar's writings he finds the fact referred to, he neglects to tell us.

*P. 70. v. 1656. & of alle þon londen.*—Geoffrey and Wace speak in general terms of the forces assembled, but in the anonymous metrical chronicle in MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi. the names of the peoples are enumerated :

Il nus assaundrunt veirement,  
 Kar li reis repaire od mult grant gent,  
 Franceis, Flamans, Alemans,  
 Angevins, Manseis, e Normans;  
 Mult amenat beles compaines  
 Par ces valeis et par plaines.—*f. 43<sup>v</sup>. c. 2.*

*P. 71. v. 1664. a tweolfa.*—This is also the correct text of Wace, yet the printed edition, vol. i. p. 47, exhibits the false reading *deus*.

*Ibid. v. 1669. preo þusende.*—In Wace "pres de dous mille," and in Brunne "two thousand or mo."

*Ibid. v. 1672. bi niðinges beard.*—From a comparison of the expression here with the parallel passages in vol. ii. p. 21, vol. iii. p. 220, it is evident that they all allude to the opprobrium incurred by those who from any act of cowardice or recreant behaviour were called *Nithings*; a term considered so disgraceful among the English, that the fear alone of it was sufficient to cause them at once to assemble at the military summons of their sovereign. See the Saxon Chronicle, a<sup>o</sup>. 1088, and the parallel passages in William of Malmesbury, p. 68. edit. 1596, and Matthew Paris, p. 15. edit. 1640. This epithet was undoubtedly derived from the Northmen, and in Icelandic *Niðingr* has exactly the same application. Consult Haldorsons Lexicon, *in voce*. In other instances the term was applied in the general sense of *wicked man, wretch*. See *Leges Inæ*, p. 27. ed. Wilkins, fol. 1721, the Glossaries of Ihre and Du Cange, and *vv.* 690. 4551. 18065, of *Lazamon*. The term *culvertage* used by the Normans, seems to have been nearly synonymous, as proved by the instances given by Matthew Paris, sub a<sup>o</sup>. 1213, p. 233.

*P. 72. v. 1697.*—This simile is not in Wace.

*P. 73. v. 1713. enne mai.*—"Un nies," Wace.

*Ibid. v. 1719. monie hundred.*—"set vint," Wace, MS. Cott.; "seus cent," edit. i. 49; "sexcentos," Geoffrey, lib. i. c. 15.

*Ibid. v. 1730.*—It is remarkable that this tradition of the death and burial of Turnus should have been perpetuated on the spot, and the fact most clearly acquits Geoffrey of being the inventor. In the inedited prose Chronicle of Gulielmus, surnamed Armoricus or Brito, from the land of his birth, composed about the middle of the 13th century, (and which is chiefly an abridgement of the *Gesta Regis Philippi* by Rignoldus or Rinotus, from A.D. 1184 to A.D. 1223,) among the additions of Brito himself, we meet with the following curious passage: "Pugnauerunt [Brutus and his followers] cum Gallis super ripam Ligeris, ibique interfectus est Turnus, et honorifice in pyramide nobilissima tumulatus, qua ibi usque ad hodiernum diem ostenditur, non procul a Turonis civitate; et sic ab eodem Turno fundacionem et nomen accepit civitas Turonica." *MS. Cott. Vesp. D. iv. f. 6'*. See also Seldens notes to Draytons *Poly-olbion*, p. 20. fol. 1612.

*P. 76. v. 1786. Æt Dertemuðe i Totenes.*—In Wace, "A Toteneis en Dertemue," which his editor falsely interprets, Totness at the mouth of the river Dart, vol. i. p. 51. Robert of Gloucester thus renders the passage:

Hii come here to Engeland, to the hauene of Totteneis,  
To the on ende of Engeland, as in the west south,  
A lute bi northe Cornewaile, as in an hauene mouth.—*MS. Cott. Celig. A. xi. f. 7.*

Totnes in Wace and *Lazamon* evidently means the *district*, and Dartmouth the *port*. See *Camdens Britannia*, vol. i. p. 161. ed. 1772.

*P. 77. v. 1807. pe heihste.*—This expression may refer to his stature as well as to his strength. Wace has, "Pur sa force e pur sa vigur," MS. Cott., but in the printed text, "Por sa force e por sa grandor." Geoffrey tells us he was twelve cubits in height, which is increased by Robert of Gloucester to "an twenti vet." See *Le Roux de Lincys* remarks on Gogmagog, *Analyse*, pt. iii. § 3. p. 106.

*P. 79. v. 1864.*—Compare the description of this wrestling match in Wace, vol. i. pp. 53–57. *Lazamon* introduces some highly poetical lines, *vv.* 1880–1891, which are not in his original. In order to show the superiority of our old poet, the corresponding passage in the inedited portion of Robert of Brunnes Chronicle is annexed.

Gogmagog the Troiens toke;  
Brutus sayd, th' thei suld loke,

Whethir he were stranger or Corineus ;  
 A place to play ordaynd Brutus.  
 Corrineus was wele o grante,  
 For to wristle w<sup>t</sup> the geante.  
 On o felde fast bi the see,  
 The wristelyng was set to be ;  
 Alle thei jede, jenge & olde,  
 Th<sup>t</sup> wristelyng for to beholde.  
 Corrineus vpestirt first,  
 & w<sup>t</sup> a cloth his body girt ;  
 Streit in the flank did hym lace,  
 He com & stode forth in the place ;  
 & Gogmagog ros vp sone,  
 He had hym dight, & was alle bone.  
 The first pulle so hard was sette,  
 Th<sup>t</sup> ther brestes togidere mette ;  
 Ouer bakkes handes the<sup>[i]</sup> cast,  
 Syde to syde was set fulle fast.  
 Ther was turne set to turne,  
 Th<sup>t</sup> waikest was, behoued scurn ;  
 Forset befor, forset behynd,  
 W<sup>t</sup> krokes ilkon other bynd.  
 Oft about ilk other threwe,  
 The stem stode whan thei blewe ;  
 Thei handeled bothe sore ther nekkes,  
 Chynnes, chokes, gaf hard chekkes ;  
 Ther teth gnaisted, w<sup>t</sup> nese snore,  
 Hurteld hedes set fulle sore.  
 Ilk other pulled, ilk other schoke,  
 W<sup>t</sup> fete in fouche ilk other toke ;  
 W<sup>t</sup> trip, forset, ilk other to gyle,  
 In list & writhyng thei fraist vmwhile ;  
 Ilk other fro the erth did vp rise,  
 W<sup>t</sup> strength more than w<sup>t</sup> quantise.  
 Gogmagog proued his strength ;  
*Twelf elbows* he was o length ;  
 In armes Corrineus he laucht,  
 & oñ hym drow so strong a draucht,  
 Th<sup>t</sup> *sare* ribbes brak in his side,  
 & had nere cast hym th<sup>t</sup> tide.  
 Than was Corrineus oschamede,  
 Th<sup>t</sup> he was for geant lamede ;  
 He recouerde his strength for tene,  
 Of scathe he wild hym nomore mene.  
 Alle w<sup>t</sup> ire the geant he hent,  
 In his armes so hym went,  
 Th<sup>t</sup> Gogmagog began to suoune,  
 & bare w<sup>t</sup> (*sic*) the bank down.



Doun of the roche he lete hym falle,  
 The name jit *Feleise* men calle.  
 Are he com doun was fleshe & bone  
 Alle to-ryuen fro stone to stone;  
 A grete (*sic*) ther he lay dede;  
 The water of his blode was rede.—*f.* 11b. c. 1.

This is probably the earliest *technical* description of a wrestling match extant, and is written, if not with poetical feeling, yet with the spirit of an amateur. The author had probably often witnessed these trials of skill among the Lincolnshire men.

*P.* 81. *v.* 1902. *feower*.—Wace has *treis*, MS. Cott., which agrees with Geoffrey, Robert of Brunne, and Robert of Gloucester, but in Wace's printed text it is erroneously "*une coste*."

*P.* 82. *v.* 1928. *Geomagoges lupe*.—Wace only says,

La feleise out le non, e a,  
 Del geant ki si trebucha.—*f.* 27. c. 1.

but in Geoffrey we read, "Locus autem ille a precipitatione gigantis nomen adeptus *Lam Goemagot*, id est, saltus Goemagot, usque in presentem diem vocatur," lib. i. c. 16. In Camdens time, the rock from which the giant was supposed to have fallen, was called the *Haw*. See his *Britannia*, vol. i. p. 160. ed. Gibson; and so also Drayton, in his *Poly-olbion*, p. 12. ed. 1622,

Upon that loftie place at Plimmouth, call'd the *Hoe*,  
 Those mightie wrastlers met.

*Ibid.* *v.* 1930.—After this line is an interpolated passage of twenty-two verses in one of the later MSS. of Wace, inserted in the printed edition, vol. i. p. 57, but which forms no part of his genuine text.

*P.* 84. *v.* 1976.—Here occurs another interpolation of four lines in the printed text of Wace, vol. i. p. 59, which is omitted in MS. Cott., as well as in *Lazamon* and Robert of Brunne. It is to the effect, that Gurmund died in France, having previously established the laws still held by the English in the time of the writer. Compare Wace, vol. ii. pp. 247–249, and *Lazamon*, vol. iii. p. 179.

*P.* 87. *v.* 2049.—The passage here inserted in Geoffrey of Monmouth, relative to the dispute between Lud and his brother Nennius, for the narrative of which he refers to "Gildas historiographus," and of which no trace has hitherto been discovered, is omitted by Wace and his English paraphrasts. The lines which follow in *Lazamon* relative to the change of the name of the city differ from the printed text of Wace, vol. i. p. 61, as also from MS. Cott. *f.* 27<sup>b</sup>, but correspond sufficiently well with a

MS. in the Bibliothèque du Roi, marked 73 Cangé, written early in the 13th century, which would seem to preserve here a text similar to that used by Lajamon for his work. Compare the very similar passage at p. 303, and Wace, vol. i. p. 182.

P. 88. v. 2070. In the MS. Cangé 73, and in MS. Cott. are inserted four lines relative to Heli, priest of the Jews, and to the capture of the ark by the Philistines. They also occur in Geoffrey, lib. i. c. 18, and are borrowed from Nennius, p. 9. ed. Stevenson. They are not, however, in the common copies of Wace, and are omitted also by Robert of Brunne.

*Ibid.* vv. 2083-2090.—Added by Lajamon to his original.

P. 89. v. 2091.—Here begins the second book of Geoffrey.

*Ibid.* v. 2111. *pat swð lond.*—Geoffrey says, “*mediam partem insulæ,*” lib. ii. c. i., and Wace only

..... la region,  
Qui de son non *Logres* out à non.

According to Fordun, Locrins share, called Loegria, comprehended the entire south division, from Totnes to the junction of the Trent with the Humber, lib. ii. c. 6. See also Higden, *Polychron.* p. 194, ed. Gale.

P. 90. vv. 2119, 2120.—These two lines are not in Wace, who on the other hand has some verses omitted by Lajamon :

E Chamber ad à sa part prise  
La terre *ke Saverne* devise,  
*Devers le north*, e quant il l'out prise,  
De son non l'apela Cambrie.  
*Grant paleis [i fist] e grant sales :*  
Mais ore ad nun Cambrie Gwales.  
Cambrie out non Gwales apres  
Pur la reine Gualaes ;  
Pur memorie del dux Gualon,  
Out Gwales primes iceat non.  
*Gwales fut de mult grant poissance,*  
*Si fut de lui grant reparlance.*—MS. Cott. f. 27<sup>b</sup>. c. 2.

Compare the printed text, vol. i. p. 64, and vol. ii. p. 298. The etymology thus assigned to the name of Wales is taken from the conclusion of Geoffrey of Monmouths work, lib. xii. c. 19. We are informed further on by Lajamon, p. 115, that the *Galoës* mentioned here was the youngest and fairest daughter of king Ebrauc ; a piece of intelligence which occurs neither in Wace nor Geoffrey, except by inference. It may be found, however, in Higden's verses on the etymology of *Wallia*, p. 187.

*Ibid.* v. 2130. *Scotland.*—In Wace it is designated as “*une terre qui ert boscaine.*”

P. 90. vv. 2133–2136.—These lines are not in Wace. The discrepancy in speaking of the position of Cambers territory, Wace calling it *north*, and Lajamon *west* of the Severn, is accounted for by the different locality of the writers. Compare Fordun, lib. ii. c. 6, and Higden, p. 194.

P. 91. v. 2141. *seouentene zere*.—In Wace no time is mentioned, and in Geoffrey the indefinite term *diu* is used, but in MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi. the period is stated to have been “*deus auz*,” and the arrival of Humber to have taken place in the third.

P. 93. v. 2191. *he ferde ouer Scotte water*.—The reading of the Cotton MS. of Wace is “*Humbre passa Escoce uatre*,” f. 28. c. 1, in which it agrees with MS. Harl. 6508, and a MS. in the library of St. Geneviève. Le Roux de Lincys printed text has erroneously “*Escoce et Gatre*,” which he absurdly supposes to mean *Waterford* in Ireland! The allusion is undoubtedly to the Frith of Forth, otherwise called the *Scotte-watre* and *Scottis-se*, and in Fordun, “*mare Scoticum*,” lib. ii. c. 2, and “*vadum Scoticum*,” lib. iii. c. 2. In the Saxon Chronicle, a°. 1072, the writer, describing the conquerors expedition into Scotland, states that he “*his land-fyrde æt þam Gewæde inn lædde*,” p. 277, where MS. Cott. Tib. B. iv. reads, “*ofer þ Wæð*.” Ingram translates it by *Tweed*, but is clearly mistaken, as is manifest by the Annals of Waverley rendering the same passage “*exercitum suum per terram apud Scodwade introduxit*,” ap. Gale, vol. ii. p. 131. We know also that William passed the Frith of Forth, and concluded the treaty with Malcolm at Abernethy, in Perthshire. See the *Chron. de Mailros*, a°. 1072. It must not, however, be concealed that the etymology of *Tweed* seems to be from the Saxon þ *wæð*, and the same root is visible in *Scottiswath*, the ancient name given to the Solway Frith, which by many writers has been confounded with the Frith of Forth. See, in addition to what is here remarked, the passages quoted by Jamieson, in v. *Scotte-watre*. I do not find in Bosworths Saxon Dictionary either *wæð* or *gewæð*, both of which ought to have been noticed.

P. 95. v. 2251. *hand-fast*.—It would here appear that the ancient northern custom of betrothing previous to marriage by the ceremony of joining hands was in usage in the West of England in the 13th century. In Scotland it existed to a very late period, as we learn from Pennants Tour, pt. i. p. 91. 4to. 1772, and from the instances of the word quoted by Jamieson, in v. “*To hand-fast, to betroth by joining hands*.” In England also the term at least remained to a comparatively modern period, as appears from Palgraves “*Esclaircissement de la langue Françoyse*,” B. iii. f. 12<sup>v</sup>. 8°. 1530, where we find “*Une fiançayles, an assuryng or hand-fastynge of folkes*

to be martyed." See *Ihres Glossar. Suegothicum*, tom. i. pp. 435, 781. The line is not in Wace.

*P.* 98. *vv.* 2311–2316.—In Geoffrey, Corineus merely shakes his axe, as if about to strike, and in Wace he approaches only in a threatening attitude, vol. i. p. 68. The additional lines in *Lazamon* constitute one of those graphic touches with which he so often improves on his original.

*P.* 100. *vv.* 2361–2379.—The whole of the narrative respecting *Æstrild* is greatly amplified by the English poet, and these lines are entirely of his own invention. Compare the printed text of Wace, vol. i. p. 68. Perhaps we have here the earliest instance of the use of the term *whales-bone*.

*P.* 102. *v.* 2404. *Abren*.—The folio edition of Geoffrey reads *Sabren*, with MS. Reg. 13 D. ii. and so does Robert of Brunne.

Sabren it hight, white so glas.—*f.* 13. *c.* 2.

*P.* 104. *v.* 2472. *Stoure*.—This river rises in the most northerly part of Dorsetshire, and after its entrance into Hampshire, flows into the Avon opposite Christchurch.

*P.* 106. *v.* 2498, etc. *Auren*.—*Lazamon* has here strictly adhered to the text of Wace, as we find it in the Cotton MS.

Puis fut l'ewe u ele fut jetée,  
Del nom Abren *Avren* apelee;  
Avren, ke de Abren son nom prent,  
A *Criste-cherche* en mer descent.—*f.* 28<sup>t</sup>.

It is very evident that by *Auren* or *Avren* the river *Avon* is intended, which, after being joined by the *Stour*, falls into the sea at Christchurch. So far all is intelligible enough, but in the printed text of Wace for *Criste-cherche* is absurdly read *Circecestre*, which the editor at once declares to be Cirencester in Gloucestershire, and interprets *Avren* to be the Severn. The latter error, however, is of ancient date, and is found in the text of Geoffrey, who writes, "Jubet enim Estrildem et filiam ejus Sabren præcipitari in fluvium qui nunc *Sabrina* dicitur. Unde contigit quod usque in hunc diem appellatum est flumen Britannica lingua *Sabren* [*Havren*], quod per corruptionem nominis alia lingua Sabrina vocatur," lib. ii. c. 5. He is followed in this by the Welsh translations, by the anonymous author of the metrical Anglo-Norman *Brut*, in MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi. f. 45<sup>t</sup>. c. 1, by Robert of Gloucester, vol. i. p. 27, and by Robert of Brunne:—

Scho did take faire Estrilde,  
& Sabren, th' was hir childe,  
& did tham in a water cast,  
The name for tham is rotelfast.  
*Seuerne* it hate for the child Sabren,  
For th' childe the name we ken.—*f.* 13<sup>t</sup>. c. 1.

The mistake appears to have arisen from confounding the Hampshire *Avon* with the river of the same name in Warwickshire, into which flows a second *Stour*, and which falls into the *Severn* at Tewksbury. The above legend is perpetuated also by Drayton in his *Poly-olbion*, p. 90.

*P.* 106. *v.* 2512, 2513.—This passage is not in Wace, and seems to have been a common place among the early English and French writers. See the eulogium on the Conqueror in the Saxon Chronicle, a°. 1087, p. 295. and on Henry I., a°. 1135, p. 364. So also in Benoit St. Mores Chronicle of Normandy, MS. Harl. 1717. ff. 55<sup>r</sup>. 56. from William of Jumièges, ap. Du Chesne, p. 232. ed. 1619. See also a Note in my edition of the Romance of *Havelok*, p. 184. printed for the Roxburghe Club, 4to. 1828.

*Ibid.* *v.* 2516. *nizen dawæes*.—The *nine days* are added by Lajamon, and do not appear in any other writer.

*P.* 108. *v.* 2561.—After this line in some copies of Wace, as also in Geoffrey and Robert of Brunne, is inserted a notice of Saul being at that time king of the Jews, and Euristheus of the Greeks, which was omitted, apparently, in the text used by Lajamon.

*P.* 109. *v.* 2583. *mid teonen he wes i-funden*.—"Ceo fut contre son destrurber," MS. Cott. In the sixth line following, where Lajamon has *hinde*, Wace writes "Ne sai si bisse u cerf sui," and Geoffrey only says, "dum venationem exerceat." This is a short but sufficient specimen of the manner in which the three texts often vary.

*P.* 110. *v.* 2607.—Here again in some copies of Wace is an addition relative to the prophet Saul and the poet Homer, which in Geoffrey comes in previously, lib. ii. c. 6. immediately after the accession of Madan.

*P.* 111. *vv.* 2624–2629.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 112. *v.* 2640.—Compare the French text, vol. i. p. 74, in which the *Flamans* and *Tiois* (Germans) are specified.

*Ibid.* *v.* 2653.—After this line a further insertion appears in some copies of Wace, referring to the reign and actions of David, etc. The passage is omitted by Robert of Brunne, as by Lajamon, but will be found in Geoffrey, lib. ii. c. 7.

*P.* 113. *v.* 2665. *Adud*.—This should be *Actud* (or more correctly, *Alclud*), but in MSS. of the 12th and 13th centuries *cl* is often mistaken by the copyists for *d*, and *vice versa*. The etymology is given by Bede,

lib. i. c. 12. It is the ancient name of Dunbarton, the capital of the kingdom of Strathclyud. Consult Camdens *Britannia*, vol. ii. p. 279. edit. Gibson, and Chalmers's *Caledonia*, vol. ii. p. 29. 1810. vol. iii. p. 856. 4to, 1824. Those who suppose it to be Aldburgh, or Aldborough, on the Ouse, in Yorkshire, are mistaken. See Higden, p. 199.

P. 113. vv. 2668–2673.—Wace instead of these lines has the following :

Cele ke out le non de *Ebraic*  
 Fut puis apelé *Eborac* ;  
*Franceis* le nom si corumpirent  
 E de Eborac *Everwike* firent.—*MS. Cott. f. 29. c. 2.*

and so also Robert of Brunne,

In the north he made a cite ;  
 Kaer Ebrank he called th' toun ;  
 Another, Aklud opon Breton.  
*Kaer Ebrauk* first men spak,  
 Sithen men calde it *Eborak* ;  
 Frankys spech is not so like,  
 For *Eborak* thei calde it *Everwyk*.—*f. 13<sup>a</sup>. c. 2.*

The intimation added by *Lazamon* of the subsequent change in the pronunciation of the name by the *Northern men*, is remarkable, and, could the fact be chronologically established, might perhaps assist in determining the date of his work. In the Saxon Chronicle it is written *Eoferwic* from the year 1100 to 1123, *Eferwic* in 1125, and *Eworwic* in 1138. The same forms occur in Henry of Huntingdon and Simeon of Durham ; but in Hoveden, who wrote in the beginning of Johns reign, it is *Eworwic*. The Pipe Rolls I have been able to consult do not assist in the inquiry ; for in the 29 Hen. II. I find it written *Euerwicke*, and in the 4 John, *Euerwic*. A very slight change in pronouncing the *v* as *u* would produce the altered form. In the interpolated copy of Robert of Gloucester in the College of Arms, of the 14th century, are these lines inserted :

And suth me clefeth *Euerwicke* this ilke toun y-wis,  
 And *York* also, thorgh light speche, y-hote also hit is.—*ed. Hearne, p. 27.*

The name of the city was undoubtedly derived from the river *Eure* (written *Your* in Drayton), on which it stands. See Drakes *Eboracum*, pp. 3, 6. fol. 1736.

*Ibid. v. 2678. Maidene castel*.—In Geoffrey this castle, built upon mount Agned, “quod nunc *Castellum Puellarum* dicitur, et *Montem dolorosum*,” is clearly distinguished from *Alclud* ; yet by an obscurity in the text of Wace they have been by some confounded together. Robert of Brunnes version is curious :

*Aklud* he called *Maydens toun*,  
*Kaer-lauerok* is now the renoun ;

Maydens castelle bi th<sup>t</sup> day,  
W<sup>t</sup> maydens had he ther his play.—*f.* 13<sup>a</sup>. *c.* 2.

The editor of *Wace* writes a confused and ill-advised note on the passage, vol. i. p. 75. There can be no doubt, however, that by *Agued* and the *Castellum Puellarum* is meant Edinburgh. See Macpherson's *Geographical Illustrations of Scottish History*, 4to, 1796. in vv. *Edinburgh* and *Puellarum*, Chalmers's *Caledonia*, vol. ii. pp. 29, 536. and MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi. f. 45<sup>c</sup>. *c.* 2.

*P.* 114. *v.* 2693.—*Lazamon* contents himself here with transcribing the names of Ebraucs children literally from *Wace*, of which names numerous unimportant orthographical variations occur in the French MSS.

*P.* 115. *v.* 2719. & *Anoper wes alre best itowen*.—A few lines above she is called *Andor*, which should probably be *Anaor*, as in *Geoffrey*. *Wace* and *Robert of Brunne* have *Anor*. This line is one of *Wace's* additions to *Geoffrey*, and in one MS. are four other lines inserted, which are not in *Lazamon*. See the printed edition, vol. i. p. 77.

*P.* 116. *v.* 2751. *yider*.—In *Wace* it is not stated that Ebraucs sons accompanied their sisters to Lombardy, but simply that they prepared an expedition to Germany. *Geoffrey* says they had assistance from *Sylvius Albanus*, lib. ii. *c.* 8.

*P.* 118. *v.* 2779. *Kaer Leil*.—In MS. Cott. *Karlius*; but *Carlisle* and *Caerleon* are frequently confounded. The commendatory couplet is an addition by *Lazamon*. In the metrical version of MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi. is added,

Icist fist *Ececestre*,  
E la cité de *Porecestre*;  
Puis si fist citez plusurs,  
E les clost de riche murs.—*f.* 46. *c.* 1.

*P.* 119. *v.* 2798.—After this line *Robert of Brunne* has a passage borrowed from *Peter Langtoft*, which concludes thus :

Leyl lygges at Karlele, thus the story spak,  
Brutus lygges at 3ork, beaides Ebrak.—*f.* 14. *c.* 2.

*P.* 120. *v.* 2822. *Cestesburi castel*.—In *Wace*,

Cist fist Wyncestre e Cantorberie,  
E le chastel de *Cesteberie*,  
Ke est al mont de *Paladur*.—MS. Cott. *f.* 30. *c.* 1.

which *Robert of Brunne* thus translates :

He mad Wynchester & Cantirbyre,  
& the castelle of *Chestirshire*;  
One spak ther & prophecied,  
*Aquile*; men sais he lied.—*f.* 14. *c.* 2.

*Geoffrey* has, "atque oppidum montis Paladur, quod nunc Sephton di-

citur. *Ibi tunc aquila locuta est,*" etc., lib. ii. c. 9. MS. Reg. 13 D. ii. Following his authority, writers of a later period have generally fixed the locality at Shaftsbury. See Camdens *Britannia*, vol. i. p. 173, and Seldens Notes on Drayton, p. 35. Both in this place and in lib. xii. c. 18, where these prophecies are again referred to, (and where the printed edition 1587 has *qui* falsely for *quæ* of the best MSS.) it is clear that Geoffrey intended to speak of an *eagle*, endowed with a prophetic voice. Roberts, however, p. 39, will have it, that the word *eryr* in the Welsh *original* (as he pleases to call it) is a corruption for *aerur*, and that one of the priests of the tower or temple on the hill was intended. However improbable this may be, it is certain that Leland has converted the eagle into a prophet named *Aquila*, and under that name he is admitted into the *Bibliotheca Britannica* of Tanner! What the prophecy was, we are left in the dark; for Geoffrey writes, "cujus sermones, si veros esse arbitrarer, sicut cetera, memoriae tradere non diffugerem." It is not a little provoking to find a man who had admitted so many incredible stories into his history, should here be so fastidious! Fordun quotes some Latin verses, ascribed to Gildas, in reference to this prophecy, lib. iii. c. 22, which relate to an alliance between the Britons and the Scots, and the restoration of the name of Britain. Wace owns he knew not what the eagle said, and Lajamon adds, that the bird betokened the death of Rudhudibras. Leland says of Aquilas prophecies, "Qualia tamen ea fuerint, cum non, quod ego sciam, extant, prorsus ignoro." In the Royal MS. 15 C. xvi. f. 182<sup>b</sup>, of the 14th century, I find the "*Prophecias Aquile*" appended to a copy of Geoffrey, and composed in a style resembling the prophecies of Merlin. It occupies rather more than two folio columns, and commences, "Arbor fertilis a primo trunco decisa, ad spacium trium jugerum a radice propria separabitur," etc. In MS. Cott. Claud. B. vii. f. 230<sup>b</sup>. c. 2. occurs also part of a prophecy ascribed to *Aquila*, relative to the future glory of Cambria; and in MS. Arundel 57. f. 4<sup>b</sup>, are *Versus Gylde de prophecias Aquile*, with an exposition. I need only add, that some copies of Wace convert the *eagle* into an *angel*, and so also in the metrical Chronicle of John Hardyng.

P. 120. v. 2836.—Previous to this line are some lines in several MSS. of Wace, relative to Solomon, etc. See edition, vol. i. p. 79.

P. 121. vv. 2847–2851.—Wace and Geoffrey only speak in general terms of the formation of Bladuds baths, and instead of the lines in Lajamon the former has a passage relative to the derivation of the name of Bath from its founder. The popular local traditions no doubt furnished the addition in the English text, and to the same source we are indebted for the variations given by later writers of the same story. In the French metrical Brut, MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi. we read,



Icist fit faire Kairbadum,  
 E les chaux bainz qui dedenz sunt ;  
 Cist out tut-dis en sa mance  
 Od sei l'art de nigromance ;  
 Pur co les bainz atemprat  
 Od le suffre que mis i ad ;  
 Maistre esteit de fsiike,  
 De astronomie e de musike.—f. 46. c. 1.

and in Robert of Brunne,

The hate bathe he did mak  
 For mykille gode to mans sak ;  
 He did ley, ther it springes,  
*Tunnes of bras*, quante thinges,  
 Th' makes the water euer hote,  
 What is ther in no man wote, etc.—f. 14. c. 2.

Another authority, however, has peeped into the *tunns*, (the use of which word might make some suspect that we should read *tunne* for *cunne* in Lajamons text,) and tells us what was the composition within,

Two *tunne* ther both of bras,  
 And other two imaked of glas ;  
 Seue saltes ther both inne  
 And other thing imaked with ginne ;  
 Quick brimston in other also,  
 With wilde fur imaked therto ;  
 Sal gemme and sal petre,  
 Sal armonac ther is eke ;  
 Sal abrod, and sal alkyn,  
 Sal gemme is mengd with him ;  
 Sal comin, and sal almetre brijt,  
 That brenneth bothe day and niȝt, etc.

See the remainder of this curious metrical fragment in Seldens Notes to Drayton, p. 52. He says he took them "*ex antiq. sched.*" but I have found the original inserted in the Cotton copy of Robert of Gloucester, Calig. A. xi. f. 12. written in a hand of the beginning of the 14th century, from which Seldens quotation has been materially corrected. Compare also Robert of Gloucesters account, vol. i. p. 28.

P. 121. v. 2860.—It is worthy of notice that Geoffrey here adds a marvellous circumstance omitted by Wace. "In cujus [*scil.* Minervæ] *sede inextinguibiles posuit ignes, qui nunquam deficiebant in favillas, sed ex quo tabescere incipiebant, in saxeos globos vertebantur,*" lib. ii. c. 10. This passage is copied, with slight variation, from Solinus, cap. 35 ; but it is, nevertheless, found in the Welsh translation attributed to Tysilio, p. 40. These *saxei globi* are evidently the same as the *stæx cunne* of our text.

P. 122. vv. 2868–2895.—The narrative of Bladuds flight is here given at much greater length than in the French original.

P. 123. vv. 2902–3780.—The whole of this narrative of King Leir and his daughters has been printed in Thorpes *Analecta*, pp. 143–170, 8vo, 1834; a volume which may be recommended to all those who wish to study the gradual formation of the English language. Camden in his *Remaines*, p. 306, ed. 1674, tells the same story of Ina, king of the West Saxons, but does not give any precise authority for it.

P. 123. v. 2915. *Leirchestre*.—Geoffrey and Wace add, that the city was built on the river Soar. The allusion made by Wace to the early prosperity and subsequent decay of Leicester, is an addition to Geoffrey, and refers probably to the destruction of the city in the year 1173, by William Rufus, on account of the rebellion of Robert, earl of Leicester. See Nichols's *History of Leicestershire*, vol. i. pt. i. p. 72, pt. ii. pp. 356, 358.

P. 124. v. 2930. *Gornoille*.—Geoffrey has *Gonorilla* and MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi. *Gonorille*. By later writers this form was rendered the popular one. *Ragau* is right, and the more modern *Regan*, even to the time of Shakspeare, is a corruption.

P. 124. v. 2967.—The sarcasm thus levelled against women in general, is an addition of our English poet.

P. 129. v. 3053.—In Robert of Brunne, the reply of Cordeille is in these terms :

Right as thou has, so ert thou worthi;  
So mykelle luf to the ouh I.—*f.* 14<sup>b</sup>. c. 2.

P. 130. v. 3069.—In the original this couplet is as follows :

Li peres fut de mult graut ire,  
De maltalent devint tut *pers*.—*MS. Cott. f.* 30<sup>b</sup>. c. 2.

which his editor renders, “Leir devint *bleu* [read *noir*] de colère.”

P. 133. vv. 3147–3234.—The whole of this is comprised by Wace in twenty-four lines, vol. i. p. 88. Instead of a letter, as in *Lajamon*, Leir sends a message in general terms.

P. 139. v. 3274. *feowerti*.—In Geoffrey and Robert of Gloucester the number is *sixty*, and in the printed text of Wace *fifty*, but the MS. Cott. and MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi. agree with *Lajamon*.

P. 141. vv. 3325–3370.—This conversation of Maglaunus and Gornoille, with her subsequent proceedings, and the wailings of the old king, as also the speeches of Regau and Hemeri, are all poetical additions of *Lajamon*, and do not occur in his original.

*P. 143. v. 3369. Hemeri.*—In Wace, *Hennin*, and so in Robert of Gloucester. Geoffrey has *Henninus*, MS. Reg. 13 D. ii.

*P. 145. vv. 3411–3441.*—Here again the inventive powers of the English poet are called forth, as in the French text we find simply two lines :

‘Chartif, dist il, ‘mar i vinc,  
Si vil fu là, plus vil sui chà.’—*f. 31<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.*

So also his judgement is exercised in p. 147, in retrenching the common-place reproaches against Fortune, which Wace causes him to utter. The version of this part of the narrative by the anonymous author in MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi. f. 47. is much superior to Wace.

*P. 149. v. 3499.*—In Geoffrey and the anonymous Anglo-Norman metrical Brut the king has two attendants ; but in Wace no number is specified.

*Ibid. v. 3503.*—In the Cott. MS. of Wace,

A un port en *Kaleis* arriva.—*f. 32. c. 1.*

Other copies read *Chaus*, *Chain*, etc., all of which are intended to designate *Calais*, the *Karicia* of Geoffrey, which in Robert of Gloucester is rendered by *Caric*.

*Ibid. vv. 3516–3597.*—Considerably amplified from the French text.

*P. 154. vv. 3630–3643.*—Supplied by *Lazamon*. This is one of the many passages which are valuable from the incidental illustrations they afford of the state of manners at the end of the 12th and beginning of the 13th century. The proclamation of *Leir*, p. 155. and the speech of *Aganippus*, p. 156, are also so much amplified, as to present a completely new text. Wace merely states in brief, that *Aganippus* assembled a large navy, and sent *Leir* back to Britain, accompanied by his youngest daughter.

*P. 158. v. 3725. al swa þe bac tellet.*—The authority here meant is, of course, Wace. Geoffrey adds, lib. ii. c. 14, that the place of sepulture was in a subterranean vault beneath the bed of the river *Soar*, built by *Leir* in honor of *Janus*. This passage is literally rendered in the metrical English Brut of the 14th century, preserved in the University library at Göttingen. See what is said by *Gibson* on the subject of this temple, in his additions to the *Britannia*, vol. i. p. 415, and *Nichols’s Leicestershire*, vol. i. pt. i. p. 5, pt. ii. p. 355.

*P. 159. vv. 3734–3754.*—Not in Wace ; and the same may be stated of vv. 3832–3841.

*P. 164. v. 3867. Margan.*—In Wace, according to the Cott. MS.,

De *Margan* ot *Maryan* cest nun,  
Unkes n’i out altre achesun.—*f. 33. c. 2.*

which Robert of Brunne translates,

Thogh th<sup>t</sup> has it name nowe;  
*Clon-morgan* is now the name,  
 For Morgan died in th<sup>t</sup> same.—*f.* 16. *c.* 2.

And in the Welsh translation of Geoffrey, ascribed to Tysilio, it is added, that he was slain at Maesmawr, in Glamorganshire, nearly on the spot where the monastery of Margan stood, p. 45. Le Roux de Lincy misprints the name *Marge*, and then in a note refers the locality to *Margate*, in Kent!!!

*P.* 165. *v.* 3882. *pritti*.—This seems to contradict what is said above in line 3872. Geoffrey and Wace read *thirty-three*, but Robert of Brunne has *thirty*. The MSS. of Robert of Gloucester have both numbers. Previous to this line is inserted a passage in some copies of Wace, relative to Ezechias, king of Juda, edit. vol. i. p. 101., but it does not appear in the Cotton MS.

*P.* 167. *vv.* 3914–3923.—The dates of the reigns of these five kings are not given by Wace; and on the other hand, Lajamon omits to state that Lago was nephew of Gurgustius, and Kinemark son of Sisillius.

*P.* 168. *vv.* 3957–3983.—In Wace this passage is comprised in four lines, vol. i. p. 103.

*P.* 170. *v.* 3992. *Judon*.—The MSS. present here an unusual degree of variation. In the printed text of Geoffrey, *Widen*; in the Welsh translation, *Widon*; in the Cotton MS. of Wace, *Ludon*, (which Le Roux de Lincy misprints *Luclon*); and in MS. Harl. 6508, *Juden*. The Royal MS.; 13 D. ii. of Geoffrey, and Robert of Brunne read as in Lajamon. Lord Buckhurst, in his tragedy of *Ferrex and Porrex*, corrupts it further into *Videna*.

*P.* 172. *v.* 4033.—In Wace and Geoffrey there is no notice whatever of the death of the queen Judon; but it is singular that the Welsh have preserved the tradition, that the partisans of her son put her into a sack, and threw her alive into the Thames. See Roberts, p. 46. This affords us a proof, which is elsewhere corroborated, that Lajamon had access to other authorities than those named by him in his preface, or else, from his proximity to Wales, was well acquainted with its national legends.

*Ibid.* *v.* 4046. *fewere*.—*Five* in Geoffrey, Wace, and Robert of Brunne; but only four kings are subsequently named.

*P.* 173. *v.* 4057. *Logres*.—So also in MS. Cott., but the printed text of Wace has here and elsewhere *Londres*. By *Logres* is understood *England*,

as distinguished from Wales, Cornwall, and Scotland. See Note in my edition of *Syr Gawayne*, etc., p. 320.

*P. 174. v. 4079. Donwallo Molinus.*—Called in the Welsh copies, Dyfnwall Moelmyd. We are informed, that in the 38th Triad he is named son of Prydain, and elsewhere son of Cyrdon; Roberts, p. 47. The name of his father is Clydno in the Welsh version, and Diocenis, in MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi.

*Ibid. v. 4082.*—See Note on the romance of *Havelok*, v. 9.

*Ibid. vv. 4092–4105.*—In Wace the passage is thus :

Puis volt Escoco e Guales prendre,  
Mes li rois se voldreit defendre ;  
Contre lui unt fait aliance,  
Par serment e par fiance.—*MS. Cott. f. 34. c. 1.*

In the English text it would appear as if the hostile kings had made a feigned treaty of peace with Donwallo, previous to their invading his territories. Moreover, it is not stated in the French text that Donwallo marched to Wales, but only manifested an inclination to conquer it.

*P. 176. vv. 4122–4155.*—All omitted in Wace; but the latter adds, that Dunwallo had a force of 30,000 men.

*P. 178. v. 4179. six hundred.*—“*Set cenx,*” Wace.

*P. 181. vv. 4247–4249.*—These lines are not in Wace. The testimony is valuable, if dependence may be placed on it, as to the existence of several written accounts of the reign of Dunwallo previous to the 13th century.

*P. 182. v. 4264. burje.*—The words of Wace are, edit. vol. i. p. 109,

Que tuit li temple et les cités  
Eussent si grant dignités, etc.

which agrees with the text of Geoffrey, lib. ii. c. 17., who here and elsewhere, lib. iii. c. 5, refers to *Gildas* as his authority for the laws themselves, which he states were translated out of Latin into Saxon by king Alfred. His words are copied by many subsequent compilers, and often appealed to by the Welsh writers; but the laws themselves, did they ever exist, are nowhere to be found. In the collection of Welsh laws edited by Wotton, it is stated, p. 155, that the laws of Molmutius were abrogated by Howel Dda, except those relating to the measurement of land, which were retained. The statement respecting any Saxon translation of these laws, is a mere figment; yet it is true that regulations establishing the churches as sanctuaries or places of refuge were made by Ina and Alfred,

and were continued by their successors. Consult Wilkins's *Leges Anglo-Saxonicae*, pp. 15, 34, &c. fol. 1721.

*P. 183. v. 4286.*—In Wace,

*Lez le temple Seint Concorde.—f. 34<sup>v</sup>. c. 1.*

and in Geoffrey, “prope templum Concordiæ;” which Mr. Jones tells us stood where Blackwall is now situated. See Roberts, p. 49. The mention of a gold coffin or shroud is an addition of the English writer.

*Ibid. v. 4288.*—Here commences the third book of Geoffrey.

*Ibid. v. 4292.*—There is no mention of the quarrel and reconciliation of the brothers in Wace; but we find it in Geoffrey, which would cause us to suspect the loss of some lines in the French text.

*Ibid. v. 4306.*—In Robert of Brunnes version of this passage, he introduces some curious prefatory lines, which are worth quoting.

So thei held it fyue jere,  
In pes & in faire manere;  
Bot contek & covetise  
Out of the North wille algate rise.  
For thus men said be old dawe,  
& jit it is a comon sawe,  
Sothron dere gos northward,  
& northern were to the south is hard;  
Bot northern dere & southron were  
Non dredes other, thei thei com not nere;  
Bot northern were th' is to doute,  
& southren dere the north dos loute.—*f. 17<sup>v</sup>. c. 1.*

*P. 185. v. 4350. Chefton.*—The name of this prince and of his territory varies greatly. In Geoffrey, MS. Reg. 13 D. ii., we read “*Cheulfo*, duci *Morianorum*,” but in the edition of 1517. it is “*Chenulfo*, duci *Maurorum*,” and *Moranorum*, ed. 1587. In Robert of Brunne, and Wace, MS. Cott., it is *Cenflo*, but in the printed text *Cesio*. Roberts, p. 50, recognises the *Morini* in the name of the country (as in Geoffrey, lib. iv. c. 7.), and Le Roux de Lincy, with his usual geographical skill, determines it to be *Savoy*! There can be no doubt, however, that *Moray*, in Scotland, is here intended. The notice of this chieftains death is an addition by Laȝamon.

*P. 186. v. 4372. Alfinge.*—So also in Wace, but Geoffrey reads *Elsingii*; and in the Welsh version ascribed to Tysilio, p. 50, (by a mis-translation probably of the editor,) *Elsing* is made the name of the king of Norways daughter. In the metrical Latin version, MS. Cott. Jul. D. xi. f. 12., it is *Elsinus*.

*P. 188. v. 4404.*—This name is supplied by Laȝamon, and is not found in Wace or Geoffrey, or elsewhere.

*Pp.* 189. 190. *vv.* 4430–4439. 4448–4457.—Not in Wace, whose narrative here is very brief throughout.

*P.* 191. *v.* 4482. *Delgan*.—This name again is not to be found in the French original, nor elsewhere.

*Pp.* 192. 194. *vv.* 4506–4525. 4549–4557. 4560–4573.—Not in Wace.

*Pp.* 195–199. *vv.* 4583–4602. 4611–4632. 4636–4682.—Not in Wace, who contents himself with a short narrative. Compare edit. vol. i. p. 120.

*P.* 196. *v.* 4606. *to pisse londe*.—Wace says, “en *Engleterre*,” and Geoffrey, more circumstantially, “in *Northumbriam*.” So also in MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi.

En l'ewe de Tine est arivé.—*f.* 48. *c.* 2.

*P.* 200. *v.* 4693. *fewer hundred*.—In Wace, “od grant navie.”

*P.* 202. *v.* 4734. *Kalater*.—On the authority of Camden (preceded however by earlier writers, as Higden, ap. Gale, pp. 199, 214), *Britannia*, vol. ii. p. 116, this has generally been supposed to be the forest of *Gualtres*, in the north riding of Yorkshire; but the narrative here, and at p. 283, evidently obliges us to place it in Scotland, and there in truth we find it, in Perthshire. The modern appellation is *Torwood*. It may be added, that from the antient name of this forest, as variously spelt and pronounced, the thanes of *Cawdor* derive their name. See Macphersons *Illustrations*, in *vv.* *Calatria*, *Coiladar*.

*Ibid.* *v.* 4751. *sixti þusende*.—In Wace the estimate is only 15,000.

*P.* 204. *v.* 4782. *þreo þusund þunden*.—No sum is named in the French text.

*P.* 205. *v.* 4808.—Wace omits mention of the laws, but Geoffrey has, “leges quas pater invenerat, confirmavit....Maxime autem indixit, ut civitates et viæ quæ ad civitatem ducebant, eandem pacem quam Dunwallo statuerat, haberent. Sed de viis orta est discordia, quia nesciebatur quibus terminis diffinitæ essent.” lib. iii. *c.* 5. And this is assigned as the cause for the establishment of the four great roads.

*P.* 206. *v.* 4829. *Toteneis*.—So also in the Cotton MS. of Wace. In Geoffrey we only have, “a *Cornubico mari*.” The printed text of Wace is here, as usual, corrupt, and the note of the editor absurd. Vol. i. p. 127. After copying Geoffrey, Higden adds the following correction of his statement: “Verius tamen, secundum alios, incipit in *Cornubia*, tendensque per *Devoniam*, et *Somerset*, juxta *Tetteburiam*, supra *Cotteswold*, juxta *Conventriam*, usque *Leicestriam* procedit, indeque per vasta plana versus *Newark* progrediens diutius, apud *Lincolniam* terminatur.” p. 196.

*P. 206. v. 4834. Suð-hamtone.*—"Del port de *Hamtone*," Wace, and "ad portum *Hamonis*," Geoffrey; yet this plain text is in the Welsh version converted into *Northampton*, and the sapient commentators will needs have it mean *Yarmouth* in Norfolk! See Roberts, p. 52. This was the Irmin street of the Romans.

*Ibid. v. 4835. þe þridde.*—Wace and Geoffrey mention *two* others, which of course were the *Watling* and *Ikenild* streets. With regard to these four roads and the directions they took, consult Gales Essay, in vol. vi. of *Lelands Itinerary*, and his Letter to Hearne, at the end of *Lelands Collectanea*, vol. vi. p. 273, Pegges paper in the *Bibl. Top. Brit.*, vol. iv. no. 24, and Nichols's *Leicestershire*, vol. i. pp. cxlvii-cliv.

*P. 208. v. 4877-8.*—These lines are omitted in Wace, and Geoffrey tells us, that Brennus, having *failed* in his application to the other princes of Gaul, proceeded to the duke of Burgundy (*ducem Allobrogum*). *Lazamon* adds *Britanny* to his dominions.

*P. 209. vv. 4907-4934.*—In Wace only a few lines of narrative.

*P. 213. vv. 4993-4998.*—*Lazamon* seems here to have misunderstood his original. Wace does not say that the mother of the hostile brothers *previously* put on tattered clothes to excite pity, but that *after* she had embraced her son, she tore her dress down to the girdle, and showed her naked bosom, imploring him to remember the breasts he had sucked. The address in the French text is perhaps more touching and natural than in the English version. Compare the printed edition, vol. i. p. 132. The mothers speech of reconciliation, vv. 5091-5102, is entirely an addition by *Lazamon*.

*Pp. 217. 218. vv. 5107-5120. 5123-5132.*—These lines are not in Wace.

*P. 219. v. 5140. fewer.*—In Wace, "*plusors reis*."

*Pp. 219. 220. vv. 5149-5158. 5169-5246.*—The whole of this in Wace is comprised in eighteen lines, vol. i. p. 138.

*P. 224. v. 5255. Mungiu.*—Corrupted from *Mons Jovis*. It is the pass of the Great St. Bernard, a mountain of the Pennine Alps, on the frontiers of Piedmont. It was by this road the French army under Bonaparte entered into Italy in 1800.

*Ibid. v. 5259. Taurins and Ivorie.*—*Turin* and *Ivrea*, cities of Piedmont.

*Ibid. v. 5261. Versæus.*—The Cott. MS. of Wace reads *Verceles*. It is easy to recognise *Vercelli*.



*P. 224. v. 5263. Taurim.*—The river *Taro*, which rises at the foot of the Apennines, and falls into the Po, thirteen miles below Cremona.

*Ibid. v. 5264. Bardun.*—Wace reads, “E puis passerent *Mont Bardun*.” By this name are designated the mountains on which stand the town and citadel of Bardi, in Lombardy, within the limits of the Duchy of Parma, and a principality of the *Val di Taro*. The editor of Wace makes a very weak conjecture on the locality.

*Ibid. v. 5266. Salome.*—I do not find any such place, and the word itself seems to be an error arising from the corrupted text of Wace. The Cotton MS. has,

Tuscane unt conquise e robée,  
Une terre *de saluée*.—*f. 38<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.*

but in the printed text is, “Une tère *dès aloée*,” which the editor explains, “*très louée, très bonne*.”

*P. 225. vv. 5291–5475.*—In Wace, as usual, this passage is comprised in a brief narrative of thirty-four lines, without speeches or ornament, vol. i. p. 140. The amount of the promised tribute is due to the invention of *Lazamon*, as well as the odd introduction of *Tervagant* and *Dagon* as the gods of the Romans. With regard to the former deity, see Ritsons note in *Anc. Metr. Rom.* vol. iii. p. 257. *Lazamon* is, perhaps, the earliest existing English author who has used this term, which must have been borrowed from the Anglo-Norman writers.

*P. 233. vv. 5484–5489.*—Not in Wace, although the narrative very properly requires these lines.

*P. 234. vv. 5494–5500.*—In Wace,

Si unt pris de lur chevalers  
Ne sai quanz cenz ne quanz millers.—*MS. Cott. f. 39. c. 1.*

*P. 236. vv. 5542–5569.*—Wace has only two lines for the whole of this :

Cels de France e cels de Burgoigne  
Mena Brenne en sa besoigne.—*Ibid.*

*P. 237. vv. 5575–5577.*—In the French text is no mention of *Godlac*, nor of the Danes.

*P. 239. vv. 5604–5640.*—Wace has only four lines, stating that peasants were employed as guides to show the shortest route to the enemy, vol. i. p. 144.

*P. 240. v. 5649.*—In the French original are here introduced some lines, injudiciously omitted by the English paraphrast,

Beals fu li tens, cum en esté,  
Bele la nuit, li air sanz orrée,  
La lune clere [*read bien*] cler raya.—*MS. Cott. f. 39. c. 2.*

In the description of the attack there is considerable variation. Compare Wace's printed text, vol. i. p. 146.

*P. 242. v. 5685.*—Wace is here more minute,

Perieres, troies e multons,  
E engins de plusors façons.  
Firent fere, e al mur hurter,  
Pur le mur freindre e enfundrer.—*MS. Cott. f. 39<sup>l</sup>. c. 1.*

*Ibid. v. 5692. grund-hat led.*—No doubt this is the meaning of the word *plumées* or *plomées* used in the original, which Le Roux de Lincy erroneously interprets *balle de plomb*.

*P. 245. vv. 5748–5771.*—Wace simply says, that the people within Rome waited until a certain day, when they knew the earls would arrive with their forces from *Puille* and Lombardy, and then made a sally. Vol. i. p. 148.

*P. 247. v. 5804.*—The jest in the original is passed over; perhaps with judgment.

Nus vus frum vostre sang beivre,  
Pur espa[r]nier l'ewe de Teyvre.—*f. 40. c. 1.*

*P. 248. vv. 5812–5911.*—Throughout this description of the battle *Lazamon* varies much and unusually from the French text. Compare Wace, vol. i. pp. 149–152.

*P. 252. vv. 5926–5973.*—The whole of this is supplied by the English poet, and is a curious instance of amplification. *Lazamon's* text is to Wace, what the latter's is to Geoffrey. It is remarkable, that in Geoffrey we have a reference to the "*Romanæ historiæ*," for the rest of the acts of *Brennus*, lib. iii. c. 10. Compare *Livy*, lib. v. c. 38–43.

*P. 255. vv. 5986–5997.*—These lines are also supplementary, and not in the French text.

*P. 256. v. 6006. Kair-Lion.*—*Caerleon* on *Usk*, in *Monmouthshire*. Wace, and after him *Lazamon*, speaks of it as being in *Glamorganshire*.

*Ibid. vv. 6008–6017.*—Wace states it shortly thus: "Long time after the death of *Brennes*, it befell, that the Romans held England in their hands, and took great pains to maintain themselves in it." He proceeds

to say, that they had always *two, three or four* legions stationed in Britain, and that a legion consisted of 6666 men, etc. Vol. i. p. 153.

*P. 258. vv. 6061. Belynesȝat.*—In Robert of Brunnes version of Wace, we have the following lines :

Long man called tille now late  
After Belyn, Belyns gate ;  
Thorgh schort langage, I told ar how,  
*Billingsgate* men calle it now.—*f. 22. c. 2.*

*P. 259. vv. 6070–6071.*—Not in Wace.

*Ibid. v. 6082.*—Wace says, more explicitly,

*Li cors fu ars, la cendre prise,*  
*Si fu en un baril d'or mise.*—*f. 41. c. 1.*

*P. 260. v. 6092. Bertruc.*—The Welsh MSS. read *Varo-truoch*, which is interpreted *Grim-beard*; but in the Latin metrical text, MS. Cott. Jul. D. xi., it is rendered “Gorguandus barbæ rubeæ,” *f. 14<sup>b</sup>*.

*P. 261. vv. 6120–6176.*—In Wace this is all comprised in nine lines, vol. i. p. 157. Neither Wace nor Geoffrey states that the king of Denmark was Gudlacs son.

*P. 266. vv. 6237–6254.*—Wace merely says in six lines, that Gurguint was unwilling to receive them into his territories, but sent them to Ireland. He omits the name given to this people by Geoffrey, who says, “Ut igitur Gurguint Barbtruc et ipsos ex Hispania venisse, et *Basclenses* esse vocatos,” etc. MS. Reg. 13 D. ii., where the printed text falsely has *Barclenses*. The Basques or Biscayners are probably intended. See, on the probability of this tradition, Turners *History of England during the Middle Ages*, vol. i. p. 276. edit. 1830, and Gunns Notes on Nennius, p. 115. 8vo. 1819.

*P. 267. vv. 6267–6278.*—Wace, following Geoffrey, says they had wandered in the sea “*an et demi*.” The rest of this curious passage is wholly an addition of Lajamon, in the place of which Wace has others, giving a description of the state of Ireland, when first colonised. Vol. i. p. 160.

*P. 268. vv. 6294–6299.*—This testimony to the reputation of Marcia proceeds from the English poet; but the account which follows of the *Myrcenelage* is taken closely from Wace and Geoffrey. Robert of Brunne in his version judiciously omits Alfreds name, and writes,

In the Bretons tyme, as I wene,  
Thei called th' law *Marciene* ;  
Pro kyng to kyng th' lawe men wrote,  
\* \* [*A line wanting.*] \* \* \*

*Marchenlawe* the Inglis it callede,  
 In aht schires th' lawe men halde;  
 Gloucester, Wircester, Herford, Werwik,  
 Oxenford, Schropschire, Chester, Staford.—*f.* 23. *c.* 1.

So also in Brompton, in Twisdens *Decem Scriptores*, col. 956. fol. 1652. Roberts seems to consider it very possible that Alfred caused these Welsh laws to be translated into Saxon by Asser; but it is scarcely necessary to add, that there is not an iota of evidence in the Saxon laws themselves of the fact; and the whole account of Marcia is probably fabulous. The absurdity of deriving the *Myrcenelage* from the name of the British queen is sufficiently obvious. See Higden, p. 202.

*P.* 270. *vv.* 6345–6.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 271. *v.* 6351. *Rummarus*.—So also in Wace, but in Geoffroy, *Kimarus*, in Robert of Brunne, *Kymare*, and in the Welsh MSS. *Cynvarch*.

*Ibid.* *v.* 6356.—Geoffrey supplies the name,—“quem ex *Tangustela* concubina genuerat,” lib. iii. *c.* 14.

*P.* 272. *vv.* 6391–6394.—Wace only says, “E à gaster la comença.”

*P.* 274. *vv.* 6419–6428.—In the French original,

Si dist l'um ceo, en vérité,  
 Ne sai coment il fu prové,  
 Ke Morpidus plus conquist,  
 E o sa mein plus en occist,  
 Ke ne fist tote l'assemblée  
 De la gent k'il out amenée.—*MS. Cott. f.* 42. *c.* 2.

There is nothing said by Wace about burying the dead.

*P.* 275. *vv.* 6461–6510.—Wace dilates very considerably the combat of Morpidus with the sea-monster, and improves on his original. See Le Roux de Lincys edition, vol. i. p. 166. It is curious to compare the Latin, French, and English texts here, to mark how one circumstance is invented after another by succeeding writers. Geoffrey says the monster swallowed the king “velut pisciculum,” but adds not a word of the creature's death, and Layamon only mentions it casually, and subsequently to the combat. Wace, however, has several lines to express the death of the monster from the wounds it had received.

*P.* 282. *vv.* 6611–6646.—The narrative here receives some embellishment; for in the original it is merely said, that Argal, after an absence of five years, met his brother in the wood of Calatere, begged forgiveness, and was forgiven. The account which ensues of the homage enforced by Elidur to his brother, is told by Layamon with the same degree of latitude.

Compare Wace, vol. i. pp. 170–172. See, as to the wood of Calatere, a previous note, p. 324.

*P.* 288. *v.* 6768.—Geoffrey says, that the king from this act of grace towards his brother was surnamed *Pius*, and Wace introduces here some lines to the same purpose, omitted by Lazamon.

*P.* 289. *v.* 6784.—Wace omits to mention the burial-place of Argal, which by Geoffrey is stated to have been “in urbe *Kaerleir*,” lib. iii. c. 17, which is rendered *Carlisle* by the author of the anonymous metrical Brut in MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi. f. 51. c. 2. as also by Langtoft, Robert of Brunne, and the Welsh version.

*P.* 292. *v.* 6852.—Robert of Brunne has the following addition, out of Langtoft,

In *Aldburyhe* castel was he laid,  
*Eld* th<sup>t</sup> time the name was said.—*f.* 24. c. 2.

Aldborough, in the West Riding of Yorkshire, is meant, which, according to some authorities, was the British *Alclud*. See Drakes *Eboracum*, p. 3, and a previous note, p. 315.

*Ibid.* *vv.* 6857–6860.—These lines are not in Wace, nor does the name of this king occur in any other writer I have consulted. On the other hand, there is a passage in the French text in praise of Margan or Morgan, which is passed over by Lazamon, but Wace has no notice of the duration of his reign.

*P.* 293. *v.* 6878.—In Wace is added,  
*Sis ans mena sa tyrannie,*  
*Sa cruelté e sa folie.*—*MS. Cott. f.* 43<sup>t</sup>. c. 2.

and so also in Geoffrey and Robert of Brunne, but in the printed text of the former, vol. i. p. 175, it is erroneously “*sept ans*.”

*P.* 294. *v.* 6903. *seouen zere*.—No time is mentioned in Wace.

*Ibid.* *v.* 6908. *Rime*.—In the Cotton *MS.* *Rimo*, but in other copies and in Geoffrey, *Runo*; in Welsh, *Rhun*.

*P.* 295. *v.* 6916.—An addition of Lazamon, not found elsewhere, as well as the lines 6921–6926. If these and numerous similar instances are not mere *inventions* on the part of the English writer, it results that he must have had access to other British authorities than those used by Geoffrey.

*P.* 296. *v.* 6953. *feouwer zere*.—In Wace only, “*Mes poi de tens regnerent*,” f. 44. c. 1.

*P.* 297. *vv.* 6967–6972.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 298. *vv.* 6991–6996.—The statement that Cap was *son* of Bledon, and

Sillius *son* of Oein, rests solely on the *dictum* of Lazamon, who (perhaps for the sake of a rhyme) has given a bad character to Oein, not in his original.

P. 298. vv. 6999–7012.—Compare the corresponding lines in Wace, vol. i. p. 178. Robert of Brunne thus translates them, and names the king *Blegabret*,

Th' was a syngere of the get ;  
Of song & of mynstralcie,  
Of alle men gaf him maistrie ;  
The note he couth of alle laies,  
& mynstralcie alle the saies ;  
He couth so mykelle musik and chyme,  
Th' the pupille said in his tyme,  
He was god of fithelers,  
Of jugelours & sangesters ;  
For he was euer glad & gamen  
Fele in seruisse held he samen.—*f.* 24<sup>l.</sup> c. 2.

P. 299. v. 7018. *Arkinaus*.—Wace has *Archinal*, and Brunne *Archmaul* ; the Welsh copies *Arthmal*, and Geoffrey *Arthmail*. The term of his reign is mentioned by Lazamon only.

P. 300. vv. 7039–7040. 7042. 7045–6.—Lines not in Wace.

P. 301. v. 7053. *Eligille*.—Wace and Geoffrey state him to be the *son* of Capor. In the printed French text we have the corrupt reading *Nennius*, although the editor might by collating Geoffrey, here and elsewhere, have established the correct name. The Welsh copies read *Manogan*, which is justified by Roberts, on account of *Beli Maur* (the *Heli* of the text) being called in an old Welsh poem, son of *Mynogon*, and in Nennius, “*Belinus, filius Minocanni*,” p. 17. edit. Stev. The period of his reign is omitted in the French and Latin texts.

*Ibid.* vv. 7061–7063.—Not in Wace. Robert of Brunne adds, out of Langtoft,

A noble man and a wys,  
He died, & at *Castre* lys.—*f.* 25. c. 1.

*Ibid.* v. 7064. *preo snelle sunen*.—In the Welsh version, *four* sons are mentioned, namely *Lludd*, *Llefelys*, *Caswallon*, and *Nyniaw*, and a passage is inserted respecting the marriage of the second to a daughter of the king of France. See Roberts, p. 66. Then follows an interpolation of the three calamities of Britain, evidently inserted by the translator.

P. 302. vv. 7081–7084. 7092–3. 7095–6.—All omitted in Wace.

P. 303. vv. 7115-7118.—In Wace thus,

Puis vindrent Norman e Franceis,  
Ki ne seurent parler Engleis ;  
De Lundene nomer ne seurent,  
Einz distrent, si cum dire peurent ;

*Lundene* uut *Lundres* nomée, etc.—MS. Cott. f. 44<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.

Compare Geoffrey, lib. iii. c. 20, and vol. i. p. 87. of *Lazamon*.

P. 307. v. 7195.—Here commences the fourth book of Geoffrey: "Interea contigit, ut in Romanis reperitur historiis, Julium Cæsarem, subjugata Gallia, ad littus Rutenorum venisse," etc. Wace opens in a different manner,

Seisante anz einz ke Jhesu Crist  
De la sainte Virgine nasquist,  
A cel tens est Cesar meuz, etc.—f. 45. c. 1.

So also Bede, lib. i. c. 2. from Orosius.

*Ibid.* vv. 7203-7214.—Not in Wace.

P. 308. vv. 7219-7224.—These lines are an addition by *Lazamon*, and are curious.

*Ibid.* vv. 7229-7235.—In Wace the order of Cæsars conquests is stated differently,

Primerement conquist *Burgoine*,  
E puis *Aoverne e Gascoigne*,  
*Peylou, Normendie, e Bretaine* ;  
Puis prist son tur vers *Alemaine*.  
Par plusors lius fesait chastels,  
E citez e recetz novels ;  
Mult espleitout ben sa bosoine  
En *Flandres* vint e *Boloine*.—MS. Cott. f. 45. c. 1.

Compare the printed text, vol. i. p. 186.

P. 309. v. 7240. *Flandre lond*.—Geoffrey says, "ad littus Rutenorum," which by the anonymous author of the Anglo-Norman metrical Brut, MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi. f. 51<sup>b</sup>. c. 2. is rendered *Witsand*. Bede says, "venit ad *Morinos*, unde in Britanniam proximus et brevissimus transitus est," lib. i. c. 2., which is taken from Cæsar himself, *De Bello Gall.* lib. iv. c. 21. It is certain, that Cæsar embarked from *Witsand*, a port situated between Calais and Boulogne, and which as late as the 15th century continued to be the direct place of transit between France and England. See the treatise of Du Fresne annexed to the "Portus Iccius" of Somner, 12mo. Oxon. 1694.

Pp. 310. 311. vv. 7263. 7265. 7282-7285. 7300-7301.—Not in Wace, and instead of vv. 7288-7200, are some lines in the French text, to the

effect that Rome had become of greater power than in former times, and it was right that the Britons should restore what they had taken away. See edit. vol. i. p. 188.

*P. 314. vv. 7359–7377.*—This part of the letter differs from Wace, who enlarges on the Britons determination to live and die free, vol. i. p. 190. Compare Nennius, p. 16. ed. Stevenson.

*P. 315. vv. 7378–7391.*—Wace only states, that when Cæsar had read the letter, he became aware that it would be necessary for him to cross the Channel.

*Ibid. v. 7392. sisti scipen.*—Wace has “*quatre vint,*” which he borrowed probably from Bede, lib. i. c. 2. or from Cæsar himself, *De Bello Gallico*, lib. iv. c. 22. But in Nennius we find a statement as in *Lazamon*: “*Tunc Cæsar. . . . iratus est valde, et venit ad Britanniam cum sexaginta ciulis.*” p. 17.

*P. 316. v. 7415. Douere.*—It is clear that Wace intends by *Dover* to express the “*Dorobellum oppidum*” of Geoffrey, lib. iv. c. 3. In MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi. it is rendered,

*En Dorobelle, la grant cité;  
Issi out nun à icel tens  
Doint l'apelent nos parenz.*—*f. 52. c. 2.*

Geoffrey, however, seems to have borrowed here from Nennius, and the text of the latter is unfortunately corrupted in this passage. See Stevensons edition, p. 17. and Gunns note, p. 125. who supposes *Deal* to be meant. In all probability the real landing-place of Cæsar was between Walmer Castle and Sandwich.

*P. 317. v. 7424. Belan.*—In Wace, *Belins*, called by Geoffrey “*Belinus, princeps militiæ.*” Nennius appears to mention him as the “*proconsul regis,*” but confounds him with *Beli Maur*, or *Cassibelaunus*.

*P. 318. vv. 7450–7453.*—These lines are not in Wace, nor in any other authority I have seen.

*P. 320. vv. 7492–7495.*—Not in Wace.

*Ibid. v. 7497. fader.*—This is an error probably of the scribe, which is corrected in the second text. *Androgeus* and *Tennancius* were the sons of *Lud*, and nephews of *Nennius* and *Cassibelaunus*, according to the genealogy of the *Brut*. The conflict is described in Wace at greater length, and with more energy than in the English paraphrase. See *Le Roux de Lincys* edition, vol. i. p. 195.

*P. 323. v. 7561.*—It is remarkable, that *Lazamon* should here omit the notice of the death of the tribune *Labienus*, whose head is severed from his



body by a blow from the sword of Nennius. See Wace, vol. i. p. 198. The name of Labienus was probably borrowed by Geoffrey from Bede, lib. i. c. 2. who had it from Orosius, lib. vi. c. 9. But the person meant was *Quintus Laberius Durus*, who was killed on the *second* landing of Cæsar in Britain. *De Bell. Gall.* lib. v. c. 15. See Stevensons note on Bede, p. 13. edit. 1838. as to the place of his burial.

P. 323. vv. 7570–7585.—Not in Wace, nor elsewhere.

P. 324. v. 7595. *Flandre*.—So also in Wace, but Geoffrey has, “*in Galliam*,” and so Bede, from Orosius.

Pp. 325. 326. vv. 7622–7625. 7643–4. 7649–7650.—Not in Wace.

P. 328. vv. 7683–7694.—Not in Wace, but the previous passage respecting Cæsar is fuller than in Lajamon.

P. 329. vv. 7711–7756.—The whole of this is added by Lajamon, dilated from the French text. Compare Geoffrey, lib. iv. c. 5.

P. 331. v. 7768. *Oðeres*.—Geoffrey writes, “*turrim quam in loco, quæ Odnea vocatur, construxerat*,” lib. iv. c. 7. This is the *Tour d'Ordre* or *Old Man* of Boulogne, said to have been built for a light-house by Caligula, and by popular tradition transferred to Cæsar. We owe to Wace the description of this tower, which is curiously improved on by Lajamon. Compare the French text, vol. i. p. 203, and a Dissertation by Montfaucon, inserted in the *Mem. de l'Académie des Inscriptions*, tom. vi. p. 586. 4to. 1729, in which an account is given of the ultimate fate of the tower. It remains to be noted, that the term of *thirteen months* in the English paraphrase, v. 7771, is *two years* in Wace and Geoffrey, and *three* in Nennius. The superior chronological accuracy of Lajamon is here apparent, since Cæsar's first expedition took place B.C. 55, and the second in the following year.

P. 333. vv. 7805–6.—An addition by Lajamon. It is singular that nothing should be said by Wace or our English writer of the military forces collected on this occasion by Cæsar. Geoffrey says, “*cum innumerable multitudine militum mare ingressus est*,” lib. iv. c. 7. which the anonymous author of the metrical Anglo-Norman Brut, in MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi. renders in the following curious lines.

Il out od sei Moridiens,  
 E Pincenaos e Indiens;  
 Il out od sei les Macedons,  
 E d'Affrike les barons;  
 De Arabie e de Romanie,  
 E tuz icels de Hungrie;  
 Il out od sei les Burgoignons,  
 E tuz icels delà les mons.—f. 54. c. 1.

Instead of the grave and sober narrative of history we are carried at once into the regions of romance! Could the popular legends respecting Cæsar's expedition have had any share in this account?

*P.* 334. *v.* 7821.—Wace merely says, he knew not who conveyed the information to the Britons.

*Ibid.* *vv.* 7833–7840. *sæ lithende men.*—Lazamon's description of these stakes is more minute and accurate than in the French text. Cæsar only speaks of them as being pointed, and concealed by the water. *De B. G.* lib. v. c. 18. Nennius calls them "*sudes ferreas, et semen bellicosum, id est Cetilou,*" which, according to Roberts, is derived from the British *coethawl*, a stake. Bede has nearly the same words as Cæsar, but adds, that vestiges of the stakes remained in his time, and were about the thickness of a man's thigh, bound round with *lead*, lib. i. c. 2. Then comes Geoffrey, and evidently having Bede before him, writes, "*palis ferreis atque plumbatis, instar femoris grossis,*" which the anonymous Anglo-Norman Brut, so often quoted, renders very remarkably,

L'ewe de Tamise fust ben palé,  
 Les pels tresben asceré ;  
 Les chefs de suis sunt asceréz,  
 Icels de suz tresben plumez ;  
 Si com disent li paisant,  
 En cel ewe, que tant est grant,  
 Uncore pout l'em asez trover  
 Ben grant trunçons de ces peus.—*f.* 53<sup>a</sup>. c. 2.

*P.* 335. *vv.* 7855–6.—Not in Wace. Bede says, that *forty* ships were destroyed, lib. i. c. 2.

*Pp.* 336. 337. *vv.* 7869–7886. 7889–7928.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 339. *vv.* 7943–7996.—This is related differently from Wace, who only states, that Cæsar, on perceiving the force of the Britons to be superior to his own, drew up his men in order, gave a final assault to the enemy, and made good his retreat to the ships that remained, into which he enters himself last of all, and they run before the wind to Boulogne. Vol. i. p. 207.

*Pp.* 341–350. *vv.* 7999–8194.—Wace states in comparatively few lines, that Cassibelaunus, rejoiced at his double victory over Cæsar, resolves to celebrate a high feast of thanksgiving and sacrifice to the gods. He summons all his people to come to London. They assemble with their families, dressed richly, to celebrate the festival, and each made a fitting sacrifice. Forty thousand kine, thirty thousand hinds, and one hundred thousand sheep, besides a marvellous quantity of fowls, were offered. After the feast, they turned their thoughts to pleasure; the knights began to joust together,

and the bachelors to fence, throw the stone or dart, and leap. Then follows in *fourteen* lines the episode of *Hirelgas* and *Evelin*. See vol. i. pp. 208–210. The additional details in the English text are wholly due to the invention of *Lazamon*, who perhaps here as elsewhere, may have been assisted by some floating popular traditions.

*P. 347. vv. 8127–8134.*—The corresponding lines in the inedited portion of the Chronicle of Robert of Brunne are,

Mynstrals bigan to glewe & ryme,  
As ther custom was th' tyme ;  
Knyghtes & squyers mad burdis,  
In ther quantise of purpur and bis ;  
& other bachelers skirmed fast,  
Wristled, skipped, stones kast.  
In felde & toun at ilk a way,  
Ilkon plaied th' he couth play.—*f. 29. c. 1.*

*P. 350. v. 8215.*—The conjectural reading is supported by the French text,

Si dist, ke pas ne le menra,  
Kar francs home est, e sa curt a.—*f. 48'. c. 2.*

*P. 351. vv. 8233–8240.*—Not in Wace.

*Pp. 352. 353. vv. 8249–8276.*—In Wace only *five* lines, vol. i. p. 211.

*P. 355. vv. 8313–8318.*—Not in Wace.

*Pp. 356–360. vv. 8355–8442.*—The story is here again much dilated from the brief narrative of Wace, and with considerable variation. The author of the later English text has not thought proper to repeat the story.

*P. 361. vv. 8459–8474.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 362. v. 8504. Cenan.*—Wace gives the name *Scenan*, and Robert of Brunne, *Senna*, which the Welsh copies represent by *Cynan* ; but in Geoffrey it appears under the Romanised form of *Scævam*. Why the author of the second English text should have substituted *Madan*, is not very obvious.

*P. 363. v. 8524. Douere.*—So MS. Cott. and other copies of Wace, yet *Le Roux de Lincy* has thought proper in his edition, vol. i. p. 218. to insert a false reading, which assigns *Romney* as the landing-place of Cæsar. Geoffrey has, “in *Rutupi* portum,” respecting which see Somners “*Treatise of the Roman ports in Kent*,” 12mo. Oxf. 1693.

*P. 364. vv. 8538–8556.*—Wace has no mention of this castle, and says, generally, that Fame conveyed to the king the news of the Romans arrival.

*P. 366. vv. 8591–8620.*—There is no speech assigned to *Androgeus* in

Wace, but one somewhat similar is given to Cæsar. The number of Cæsar's troops is not mentioned, and those of Androgeus are estimated at five thousand.

*P. 369. v. 8674. muchel and unifo.*—Geoffrey says of the battle, "Concidunt in utraque parte vulnerati, quemadmodum in autumnno arborum folia," lib. iv. c. 9; which is copied by Robert of Gloucester, vol. i. p. 56. Wace only speaks in general terms.

*P. 371. vv. 8700–8717.*—Not in Wace, who merely says, they defended themselves so well as to get the better of the Romans. Robert of Brunne writes,

For ilke man tok a tre to stalle,  
Trostere than a castelle walle.—*f. 30<sup>b</sup>. c. 2.*

But in Wace it is Cæsar, who surrounds the Britons with trunks of trees to prevent escape, vol. i. p. 222.

*P. 372. vv. 8742–8753.*—An addition by Lazamon.

*P. 376. v. 8836.*—In one MS. of Wace are some lines here interpolated, which certainly do not form part of the genuine text, although the editor has admitted them into it, vol. i. p. 227. They are of no moment, except that M. Le Roux de Lincy takes occasion to infer from them, that Androgeus is the same person as the *Mandrubatus* mentioned in Cæsar, *De Bello Gall.* lib. v. c. 20.

*P. 380. vv. 8914–8933.*—Wace has only the two following lines:

Cesar par tant se paia,  
E ceo qu'il quist li otria.—*MS. Cott. f. 51<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.*

*P. 381. vv. 8942–8948.*—A curious addition on the part of Lazamon, as no such generosity in Cæsar is mentioned by Geoffrey or Wace.

*P. 382. v. 8971.*—The Cotton MS. of Wace and two others cited by his editor have here four lines omitted in Lazamon, relative to the building of Exeter by Julius Cæsar; and the passage is also found in Robert of Brunne.

*P. 383. vv. 8976–8991.*—Nothing is said in Wace in regard to any power or command possessed by Androgeus, and some error seems to have crept into the text, either from a misconception of the English paraphrast, or a blunder of the scribe, for Wace writes,

*Cassibellan set anz vesqui,*  
Puis ke Cesar de lui parti;  
Tren reddant vesqui set anz,  
Ne sai s'il ont femme u enfanz.—*f. 51<sup>b</sup>. c. 2.*

*P. 383. vv. 8992–9033.*—The whole of this is an amplification of four lines in Wace, who merely says that Tenuacius of Cornwall was elected king after Cassibelan. The period of his reign is not mentioned either by Wace or Geoffrey, but in the anonymous Anglo-Norman Brut in MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi. we read,

*Trente anz pleners e alques plus  
Regnat dan Tenuacius ;  
Icil reüst plusurs citez,  
Ki chaicit erent d'antiquitez.—f. 56<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.*

*P. 385. vv. 9040–9061.*—Another addition by Lajamon. The lines also which follow, respecting the birth of Jesus Christ, and the prophecy of Taliesin, are very considerably amplified from the French text. See the printed edit. vol. i. p. 231. It may be remarked, moreover, that in Geoffrey there is no mention whatever of Taliesin, or his prophecy, which Wace must have collected from the Welsh traditions.

*P. 387. v. 9089. twa and twenti zere.*—Wace says, after Geoffrey, “*Dis anz fu reis, e puis fina,*” *f. 52*; and so Robert of Brunne.—Compare r. 9183.

*P. 391. vv. 9184–5. inne Eowuerwike.*—Lajamon states this of himself, and I do not find it in any other authority. In the French and English prose Bruts, it is said he was buried at London. MS. Harl. 200. f. 14. MS. Harl. 24. ca. 39.

*P. 392. vv. 9202–9207.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 394. v. 9242–9247.*—Wace does not say that the city was *then* destroyed by Claudius, but *subsequently*,

*Porcestre fu cité nomée,  
Mès arse fu puis e guastée.—f. 52. c. 1.*

*P. 395. v. 9265. Hamund.*—So also in Wace, but in Geoffrey he is named *Lælius Hamo*, MS. Reg. 13 D. ii., which in edit. 1587 is falsely printed *Lewis Hamo*.

*P. 396. v. 9300. al Brutisc.*—Lajamon omits to tell us how he acquired a knowledge of the British tongue, but, according to Geoffrey and Wace, he learnt it of the hostages at Rome. The English poet much improves on his original in describing the stratagem of Hamun. The circumstantial account also of the king's death, *vv. 9308–9321*, is entirely due to Lajamon, and does not elsewhere appear.

*P. 398. v. 9342. nizen thusende.*—The numbers here and in the next page, as also frequently in other passages, are supplied by Lajamon.

*P. 400. vv. 9371–9381.*—In Wace, Arviragus smites off the head of Hamun with his sword. There can be no doubt, that the spot intended by

Geoffrey and his copiers was *Southampton*; yet Roberts, in his notes on the Welsh version, p. 85, would place it at Northampton, on the river Nen, and Le Roux de Lincy, by an unpardonable error, transfers it to *Hampton*, in *New Hampshire, America!!!*

*Pp.* 402. 404. *vv.* 9438–9455. 9470–9533.—These lines are either wanting in Wace, or the sense is expressed in a brief narrative. Vol. i. p. 240.

*P.* 407. *vv.* 9538–9541. 9548–9549.—Not in Wace. With regard to the name of the daughter of Claudius, in Geoffrey it is *Geuissa*, but Ponticus Virunnius in his abbreviation of this writer, p. 105, cites a work of Gildas, in which she was named *Juvenissa*, and, according to the same writer, p. 93, Gildas lived about that period.

*Ibid.* *vv.* 9554–9559.—Bede (copying Orosius) and Nennius only state, that Claudius subdued the Orkneys, without any mention of Arviragus. Geoffrey says, “*auxilio Arviragi usus*,” which phrase, as translated by Wace, is interpreted by *Lazamon*, that Arviragus accompanied the emperor, and shared in the conquest. Thus is fiction developed by degrees! The *number* of the islands is also an addition by *Lazamon*.

*P.* 408. *vv.* 9580–9585.—Not a word of this appears in the French text. Geoffrey states, that the town was built by Claudius at the *suggestion* of Arviragus.

*P.* 409. *vv.* 9598–9628.—Here again we are indebted to *Lazamon* for a story which is not met with elsewhere. Geoffrey and Wace only say, that according to some, the name of the city was derived from *Gloi*, whom Claudius had begat there, but they add not a word respecting his mother. In Nennius, p. 40, we also find the foundation of the city attributed to *Gloui*, who is made the ancestor of Vortigern in the fourth degree.

*P.* 412. *vv.* 9658–9673.—Not in Wace. *Lazamon*, however, has fallen into an error, in supposing that Arviragus refused to yield tribute to Rome after the death of Claudius. In Geoffrey it is stated expressly, lib. iv. c. 16, that *Vespasian* was sent by Claudius to Britain; but this circumstance having been omitted by Wace, the English paraphrast has too hastily concluded, that *Vespasian* himself was emperor at the period. This is a sufficient proof, that the Latin text was never consulted. The lines which follow, from *v.* 9674 to *v.* 9774, are an amplification of eighteen lines in the French text, vol. i. p. 243.

*P.* 416. *v.* 9755. *Ærechestre*.—Geoffrey writes, “*Nactus deinde tel-  
lurem, Kaer Penhuelgoit, quæ nunc Exonia vocatur, obsessurus, eandem  
adivit*,” lib. iv. c. 16. MS. Reg. 13 D. ii. In the editions it is erroneously

printed *Oxoniam*, and such must have been the reading of some early MSS., for in Robert of Brunne's Chronicle we read

Tille *Oxenford* thei gan alle ride,  
To take the toun in the euentide;  
*Karpenhuelgoit*, opon Bretoun,  
Onne Ingliſſe, *Oxenford* the toun.—*f.* 33<sup>v</sup>. *c.* 2.

See Gales note on Nennius, p. 138.

*P.* 418. *vv.* 9808–9865.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 422. *v.* 9893.—Here occurs in Geoffrey a long eulogium on Arviragus, with a reference to Juvenal, Sat. iv., and a notice of his being buried at Gloucester; all of which is omitted by Wace. It is curious to remark how this passage has been misunderstood by the monkish rhymers, Robert of Brunne.

Gode kyng he was, we find in boke;  
A boke men calle it *Juvenal*;  
*Of stories it ſpekes alle*;  
At Gloucester it ſais he lies,  
& the queene, dame Genuys.—*f.* 34. *c.* 1.

*Ibid.* *vv.* 9898–9909.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 425. *vv.* 9962–9969.—Lazamon here almost literally translates his French original, and Geoffrey writes in similar terms. Previous, however, to the latter, William of Malmesbury had noticed a monument at *Carlisle*, which would appear to be the same with that mentioned in the text. He calls it “*triclinium lapideum, fornicibus concameratum*,” and says, that in the front was the inscription *MARIUS VICTORIAE*. *De Gest. Pontif.* lib. iii. pref. Fordun gives a still more minute description of the monument, but omits the inscription, and calls Marius a *Roman general*, lib. ii. capp. 30, 31, for which he is taken to task by Higden, p. 216. Later writers fix the site of this memorial on *Stanmore*, where *Reicross* afterwards stood, and give the inscription very differently. See Ushers *Antiquitates*, p. 303, and Camdens *Britannia*, vol. ii. pp. 123, 177.

*Ibid.* *vv.* 9978–10073.—The whole of this only occupies fourteen lines in Wace, vol. i. p. 246. The name of the Irish king, *Gille Caor*, with the notice of the introduction of the Irish language into Scotland, are curious additions by Lazamon. See on the subject of these Picts, Usher, p. 302, and Chalmers, vol. i. p. 225.

*P.* 430. *v.* 10079.—Robert of Brunne adds in his Chronicle the following lines, out of Langtoft:

Marius kyng in his lyf here  
Lyued nyne & fourty yere,

& biried is at *Salesbiri*,  
Th' stands onne a playn fulle miri.—*f.* 34. *c.* 2.

So also of his successor the same writer adds,

Ten ȝere he regned wele and riche,  
He lies biried at *Norwich*.—*ib.*

Compare Langtoft, MS. Cott. Jul. A. v. f. 14<sup>b</sup>.

*P.* 431. *vv.* 10114–10123.—Wace only says, that Eleutherius heard Jesus Christ spoken of, and the miracles he did; without a word about Peter.

*P.* 433. *vv.* 10172–3.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 434. *vv.* 10178–10189. These lines are curious, and are amplified from the following passage in Wace :

Les temples u li deu esteient,  
Ke li paien einceis creeient,  
*Unt sanctifex e munde.*—*MS.* Cott. *f.* 54. *c.* 1.

It must be observed, that Wace converts the *flamines* and *archiflamines* of Geoffrey into bishops and archbishops, and so also in the Welsh version. Robert of Brunne renders the lines in a singular manner :

In th<sup>a</sup> lond were temples olde,  
Auht & tuenty grete, men tolde;  
The Latyn sais the temple flamyns,  
Som of *Mahoun*, & of *Appolyns*;  
Som of *Diane*, som of *Berit*;  
Two archefflamyns were ther ȝit;  
At London was the archefflamé,  
& at ȝork the tother se;  
The tother flamyns in the lond ware,  
Als the bisshop sees now ar.—*f.* 34<sup>b</sup>. *c.* 2.

*P.* 435. *vv.* 10204–10207. 10214–10229.—These lines are not in Wace.

*P.* 436. *v.* 10223.—Geoffrey has here a passage which Wace has thought proper to omit: “Confirmatione vero facta, reversi sunt in Britanniam, compluribus aliis comitati, *etc.* Eorum nomina et actus *in libro reperuntur, quem Gildas de Victoria Aurelii Ambrosii inscripsit,*” lib. iv. *c.* 20.



## VOL. II.

*P. 1. vv. 10230–10243.*—Not in Wace or Geoffrey, whose fifth book commences about this place.

*P. 2. v. 10254. an hundred zere and sisti.*—In Wace, as in Geoffrey, the date of the kings death is given A.D. 156. The MSS. of Nennius read A.D. 164 or 167, as the date of his baptism. See Ushers *Antiquitates*, pp. 19–21. ed. 1687.

*P. 3. v. 10270.*—Wace and Geoffrey state that two legions were sent under Severus into Britain.

*Ibid. vv. 10278–10307.*—The whole of this passage is founded on four lines of Wace, who says, that by promises and gifts Severus succeeded in bringing a part of the Britons over to him, by whose aid he vanquished the remainder. Vol. i. p. 251.

*P. 5. v. 10327. Deire.*—Robert of Brunne writes :

In a cuntre men did grete schame,  
Deire was than the name;  
Fro Scotland vnto Thirlwalle,  
Feihlond thei told it alle.—*f. 35. c. 1.*

*P. 6. v. 10354. scid wal.*—Wace has “un palis.” See Bedes account of it, lib. i. c. 5. The verses that follow, 10356–10363, are not in the French text.

*P. 7. v. 10375. Cise.*—So also in the text of Wace, MS. Cott., but two lines are here omitted in the printed edition. See Forduns remark on *Scythia*, lib. ii. c. 30, and Nennius, p. 28, “*Scythicam vallem.*”

*P. 9. vv. 10424–10441.*—Amplified from the original, which merely states, that at the entreaties of the Romans, his body was interred at York with great honor.

*P. 12. vv. 10478–10483.*—Not in Wace.

*Ibid. vv. 10494–10541.*—In Wace, as in Geoffrey, Carausius is represented as making a short statement to the Roman *Senate*, but there is no speech, nor is it easy to divine whence Laȝamon has borrowed the name of *Cyrian*. Compare Bede, lib. i. c. 6.

*Pp. 15–17. vv. 10564–10595. 10610–10617.*—Not in Wace, who dilates on the ravages committed by Carausius *previously* to his arrival in Britain. Vol. i. p. 257.

*P. 19. vv. 10642-10644. 10646.*—Not in Wace. What authority Laȝamon had for fixing the battle near York, I am ignorant. The line in the French text, “Carais ad le rei occist,” is only meant to express generally, that he was killed in the battle; but Laȝamon has understood it literally, as if he had been slain by the usurper himself.

*P. 20. v. 10668. tva ferdēn.*—Wace and Geoffrey have *three* legions, but Robert of Brunne agrees with Laȝamon.

*P. 23. vv. 10742-10755.*—Wace only says here, he sent messengers “par tut,” but afterwards adds,

Al comand Asclepiadot  
Vindrent Waleis e Escot;  
De tutes parz Breton vindrent  
Od tute cil ke lur part tindrent.—*MS. Cott. f. 56. c. 1.*

*P. 25. v. 10798. Scottene king.*—Geoffrey says, “venerunt *Venedoti*,” i. e. the men of North Wales, and Wace names both the Scottish and Welsh forces. The verses which follow, 10802-10821, are an addition by Laȝamon, who has also invented the name of the king of Scotland, or derived it from some authority not now extant.

*P. 27. v. 10839. Galli.*—In Wace *Nengallum*, MS. Cott., and *Nantigal* in the anonymous Anglo-Norman Brut, MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi. f. 59<sup>b</sup>. c. 2. Geoffrey has “*Britannice Nautgallun, Saxonice vero Gallabroc*,” MS. Reg. 13 D. ii. The supposed locality still bears the name of *Walbrook*.

*P. 28. vv. 10862-3.*—Not in Wace, and this addition seems to have been suggested to Laȝamon by the erroneous reading of *Glouchæstre*, v. 10856, which, although supported by the printed text of Wace, vol. i. p. 264, and by the Welsh version, is in the best MSS. *Colecestre*; and that the latter is the correct reading we know from Geoffrey, lib. v. c. 6, and it is confirmed by MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi. f. 24.

*Ibid. vv. 10870-10909.*—The whole of this passage is founded on an error. Wace only says that Maximian was sent into the west to destroy all the Christians dwelling beyond Mount Giu (the Great St. Bernard), and that the persecution extended into every country. In Britain is then noticed the martyrdom of Alban, Julius, and Aaron. Laȝamon has inferred that Maximian came himself to *Britain*, and has constructed his narrative on that mistaken notion.

*Pp. 30. 31. vv. 10919-10920. 10934-5.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 31. v. 10940.*—In Wace and Geoffrey it is more specifically mentioned, that he had subdued *Spain* to the Roman power.

*P. 32. vv. 10954-10999.*—The substance of this, briefly narrated in sixteen lines, is in Wace, vol. i. p. 266.

*P. 34. vv. 11016-11029.*—Not in Wace. It is hardly necessary to note, that Eutropius and Bede speak of Helena only as *concubine* to Constantius, lib. i. c. 8.

*P. 36. vv. 11062-11077.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 37. v. 11078. thrittene zere.*—Wace says, “*Unze anz, un poi plus aveit,*” and so Geoffrey, who fixes the death of Constantius at York; but according to Nennius it took place at *Caer Sergeint*, near *Caernarvon*, where his tomb remained, and where later historians state his body to have been found in the reign of Edward the First. See Gunns note, p. 98, and Stevensons, p. 20.

*P. 40. vv. 11140-11145.*—Not in Wace or Geoffrey, who merely state that Maxentius was deprived of his kingdom. The mention also of Helena being at Rome, v. 11148, is introduced by *Lajamon*, in the same manner as the account of her going to Rome is engrafted by Wace on the original Latin text.

*Ibid. v. 11153. bitahte Rome.*—This is a misinterpretation of the French text, which only says that they were made of senatorial dignity, vol. i. p. 270.

*P. 41. vv. 11170-11173. 11176-7.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 42. v. 11194. Walsce lond.*—Geoffrey says, “*dux Gewisscorum,*” which in the Welsh translation is rendered “*earl of Erging and Ewas,*” which Roberts informs us are two small districts of Monmouthshire, p. 97. We learn, however, from Bede, lib. iii. c. 7. that the West Saxons anciently bore the name of *Gewissæ*; probably from *Gewis*, the great grandfather of *Cerdic*.

*Pp. 43. 44. vv. 11214-11221. 11226-7. 11232-11235.*—Not in Wace. The forces brought over by *Trahern* are stated in the French text to be *two* legions, but in Geoffrey, *three*.

*P. 44. v. 11251.*—Wace has here (out of Geoffrey) two lines, designating the field of battle, which are omitted by *Lajamon*,

En un champ ki out non *Maisure*

Fu la bataille entr'els mult dure.—*MS. Cott. f. 57b. c. 1.*

The editors note, vol. i. p. 271, is very faulty. It is remarkable that these lines should also be omitted by Robert of Brunne. According to the Welsh copies the spot was named *Maes Urien*, i. e. the field of battle of *Urien*.

*P. 45. vv. 11256. 11264–11267. 11274–11277.*—Not in Wace, who omits again the locality of the battle as given by Geoffrey ;—" in provincia quæ *Westmarialandia* [Westmoreland] vocata fuit, dimicavit." lib. v. c. 8.

*P. 46. vv. 11290–11295.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 47. vv. 11302–11339.*—The whole of this is due to the invention of Lajamon. Wace merely says, in four lines, that Octaves secretly prayed the friends he had left in Britain to put Trahern to death.

*P. 48. vv. 11342–11345. 11348–9.*—Not in Wace.

*Ibid. vv. 11350–11369.*—The name of this earl is solely found in Lajamon, and the narrative is altered and amplified. Geoffrey only says, "comes oppidi municipii," and Wace, "*un quens.*" Compare the printed text, vol. i. p. 273. The duration of Traherns reign, v. 11382, is also unnoticed in the French text, and Geoffrey writes in general terms "usque in dies Valentiniani et Gratiani," but Langtoft fixes it at *thirty-two* years.

*P. 50. vv. 11396–11401.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 51. v. 11415.*—The Conan here named was *Conan Meriadoc*, the kings nephew.

*P. 52. vv. 11424–11459.*—These lines are due to Lajamon alone, in which it must be confessed he has shewn a sad ignorance and disregard of history and chronology ; although in a narrative of this kind we ought not to expect much accuracy in either. He supposes, apparently, that Constantine and Helena survived to the time of Gratian and Valentinian, and were then king and queen of Jerusalem !—errors so extravagant as to exceed even those of the Latin Brut. According to the best historical evidence, Constantine came to the empire A.D. 306, and died A.D. 337. His mother Helena died, aged eighty, A. D. 326. Gratian and Valentinian junior became joint emperors, A.D. 374. and the accession of *Maximus* as tyrant of Britain, (for whom Nennius and Geoffrey falsely substitute *Maximian*) took place A.D. 382.

*P. 54. vv. 11484–11517.*—This is comprised in Wace in six lines, which merely state that Conan, by the kings leave, sent his son Maurice to seek Maximian at Rome. There is no mention of *Orien* elsewhere, but the Welsh copies call the kings daughter *Helen*.

*P. 56. vv. 11536–11617.*—In Wace this occupies only four lines.

*P. 60. vv. 11626–11633. 11636–11639.*—Not in Wace. In Geoffrey, lib. v. capp. 10. 11. are some details relating to the arrival of Maximian, which are omitted by the French versifier.

*P. 61. vv. 11646–11657.*—These lines also are not in Wace. The town referred to is *Conisburgh*, halfway between Doncaster and Rotherham, in the West Riding of Yorkshire. Laȝamon commits an error in placing it in Scotland. See Camden, vol. ii. p. 82. It was here that Hengist was at a subsequent period taken prisoner.

*P. 62. v. 11675. fif ȝere.*—In the printed text of Wace and MS. Cott. we read “en treis anz,” but Geoffrey has “emenso *quinquennio*,” and with this agrees the metrical Anglo-Norman Brut in MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi. f. 62. c. 2.

*P. 63. vv. 11690–11695. 11704–5. 11710–11721.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 64. v. 11735.*—The death of Humbold is not noticed by Wace, but occurs in Geoffrey.

*P. 65. vv. 11742–11755.*—In Wace and Geoffrey this passage is inserted subsequently. The latter has “iverunt *Redonum*,” which Wace renders, “D’iloc sunt à Resnes alé.” In the printed text the line is given falsely, vol. i. p. 281.

*P. 66. vv. 11766–11769.*—Not in Wace.

*Pp. 67. 68. vv. 11786–11807. 11825–11838.*—These passages must be taken together, and contain considerable variations from the French and Latin texts. In the latter, after the capture of *Rheims*, Maximian sends to England, and orders 100,000 workmen to be sent over, and 30,000 knights, who might defend the people. There is no mention of *Abionard* (*Dionot*) in this transaction, nor any notice of *women* to be sent, and indeed there ought not to be, since the application for them properly comes in afterwards, and proceeds from *Conan*. See with regard to this expedition of Conan [*Cynan Meiriadog*] the remarks in Lobineau, *Hist. de Bretagne*, tom. i. p. 6. fol. 1707, in the *Cambro-Briton*, vol. i. p. 87, 8vo, 1819, and in “*Britannia after the Romans*,” p. 17, 4to, 1836. See also the curious passage in Nennius, p. 20. ed. Stev. on the limits of the territory granted by Maximian to the Britons.

*P. 69. v. 11848. Luueine.*—For *Lovaine* some copies of Wace read *Alemaigne*, as in Geoffrey. Other MSS. add, that Maximian made Treves the capital of his kingdom.

*Pp. 69. 70. vv. 11852–11856. 11867–11884.*—Wace only speaks of the deaths of Caradoc and Maurice incidentally, as preceding the departure of Maximian from England. To the kingdom of Cornwall, which was the heritage of Caradoc, succeeded Dionot, his younger brother, to whom Maximian committed the custody of Britain.

*P. 70. vv. 11859–11862.*—Wace says, on the contrary,

*L’un en chaça, e l’autre occist.*—MS. Cott. f. 59. c. 2.

Compare Geoffrey, lib. v. c. 14, where it is remarkable that he borrows the very words of Gildas, p. 21. edit. Stevenson.

*P. 71. vv. 11897–11914.*—Not in Wace.

*Ibid. v. 11924.*—In the original he requests also to have *vavasors* daughters sent to him, as wives for his principal men, and *peasants* daughters for the inferior classes. The lines which follow in *Lazamon*, 11925–11936, are an addition of his own.

*P. 73. vv. 11945–11954.*—Wace says that Dionot assembled 11,000 maidens of gentle birth, and 60,000 of lower degree.

*P. 74. v. 11960. seouen and twenti scepen.*—The number of ships is not mentioned in Wace.

*P. 75. vv. 11981–11984. 12001–12010.*—Not in Wace, whose description of the tempest, vol. i. p. 285, should be compared with the English version. As to the name of *Oriene*, v. 12004, and v. 12099. of the earlier English text, it would appear to be a mistake for *Ursele*. The error would seem to have arisen from the previous introduction of the name *Oriene*, as the daughter of Octaves, pp. 55. 59.

*P. 76. vv. 12011–12116.*—The narrative of *Lazamon* differs so much here from his original, that it will be best to give a version of the corresponding passage in the French text.—“Many of the ships were destroyed by the storm, and many of the maidens drowned. Some of them, who escaped, and arrived among pagans, were slain, sold, or reduced to slavery. Eleven thousand were taken to Cologne, and there beheaded. *Ursele* was among the number. They were martyrs, and are saints, and the people of the country celebrate their festival. Many of them met with the fleet of *Ivains* and *Melga*, roving on the sea. *Ivains* was king of Hungary, and *Melga* of Scythia [falsely printed *Escoce* in *Le Roux de Lincys* edition, vol. i. p. 287]. They put to death many of the maidens, because they refused to cohabit with them.” Vol. i. pp. 286–288. It will be remarked that *Lazamon* omits designedly all mention of the *Cologne legend*, and attributes the death of *Ursula* to the pagan *Melga*, with the addition of circumstances which take away all her pretensions to a crown of virginity. Geoffrey also has nothing of this legend, but adds a circumstance unnoticed by Wace, “*Erat autem Guanius rex Hunnorum, Melga vero Pictorum, quos asciverat sibi Gratianus, miseratque in Germaniam, ut eos qui Maximiano faverent, inquietarent.*” lib. vi. c. 16. The scene of the slaughter of the maidens he places “*in barbaras insulas,*” which in Robert of Brunne is converted into *Barbary*, and the pagan kings called

by him *Saracens* ! See, on the subject of this legend, the collections of Usher, *Antiquitat.* pp. 108. 331.

P. 82. vv. 12149–12180.—Not in Wace, who says only,

E il lur tramist Gratian ;  
Un chevaler mult succurable,  
De dous legions conestable.—*MS. Cott. f. 60. c. 1.*

It is evident that Laȝamon has here again fallen into error, and supposed this Gratian to be the same with the emperor, who, he tells us previously, had been put in bonds by Maximian. This is quite contrary to history, which informs us that Gratian was slain by one of the generals of Maximus, A.D. 383. On the other hand, this Gratian dispatched to Britain is identified by Geoffrey with the *Gratianus Municeps*, who in A.D. 407. became emperor in Britain, and was slain after a reign of a few months. Yet this is equally at variance with true chronology, since Maximian (or more truly Maximus) was slain A.D. 388, a period of nineteen years before the appearance of Gratian Municeps in Britain. But it is useless to discuss further such contradictions in a work which properly belongs to a cycle of fiction.

P. 83. vv. 12187–12236.—Much of this proceeds from the invention of the English paraphrast, since Wace only states that the relatives and friends of Valentinian, with the assistance of Theodosian [Theodosius], took Maximian by force at *Aquileia*, and put him to death. Those of his British forces who escape join their comrades in Armorica. In this brief narrative it is curious to remark, that he corrects Geoffrey, who says, that Maximian was slain at *Rome* ; a tradition which, apparently, must have been popular, since we meet with it again in Laȝamon.

P. 86. v. 12239.—Here begins the sixth book of Geoffrey.

*Ibid.* vv. 12253–12336.—We have in this passage a singular example of the mode in which Laȝamon has grafted his own inventions, or perhaps traditions gleaned from unknown sources, on the short narrative of the original writers. The account Geoffrey gives of this circumstance is comprised in a single line, “*catervis factis, plebs in eum irruerent et interficerent,*” lib. vi. c. i. Wace adds, that the people tore his body to pieces like enraged mastiffs. *MS. Cott. f. 60. c. 1.* The anachronism in the English text of introducing *Saxon* names before the settlement of the Saxons in England will not fail to strike the reader.

P. 91. vv. 12360. 12364–5.—Not in Wace.

P. 93. vv. 12401–12406. 12417–12420.—In the French text it is briefly stated that a single legion was sent, and no mention is made of the com-

manders name, nor do I elsewhere find it. See Turners remarks on this event, who fixes its chronology to the year 399. *Hist. of Anglo-Saxons*, vol. i. pp. 169–172. ed. 1836. It is certain, from a passage in Claudian, *De Bello Getico*, that the legion then sent to Britain had returned to Italy, and was at the battle of Pollentia early in the year 403.

*P. 93. vv. 12422–12426.*—Compare Bede, lib. i. c. 12. § 29. 30. ed. Stevenson.

*P. 94. vv. 12433–12529.*—Wace only notices that a meeting was held, but does not say where. Vol. i. p. 292. Instead of *Phebus*, v. 12461, he says, “un sage home i out,” and the speech is much amplified in the English version. In Geoffrey, lib. vi. c. 2, the speech is given to Guethelinus, bishop of London.

*P. 99. v. 12544. Bruttes bilafden.*—According to Bede, the Romans finally quitted Britain A.D. 410. See Turner, vol. i. p. 180.

*P. 101. vv. 12590–5.*—Not in Wace. It is remarkable that Geoffrey in the description of this assault of the wall copies the exact words of Bede, lib. i. c. 12. § 31, who borrows them from Gildas, § 19.

*Ibid. v. 12609.*—Wace says, “ont envoyé as senators,” but in Geoffrey (as in Bede and Gildas) the Britons are stated to have addressed themselves to Aetius, who was consul with Symmachus, A.D. 446. See Turners remarks, *loc. cit.*

*Pp. 103. 104. vv. 12640–12655. 12662–12697.*—Not in Wace; who merely says, that Guencelin passed to Armorica by the advice of the assembled bishops.

*P. 106. vv. 12724–12735.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 109. v. 12795.*—In the Cotton MS. and several other copies of Wace six lines are here added from Geoffrey, intimating that the archbishop bestowed his solemn benediction on Constantine.

*Pp. 110. 111. vv. 12815–12822. 12832–12841.*—Not in Wace.

*Ibid. vv. 12842–12879.*—All that Wace has on the subject is comprised in four lines :

Ke vus frai jeo lung plait  
Tant unt erré e tant fait,  
La male gent unt vencue,  
Ke la terre aveit confundue.—*MS. Cott. f. 62. c. 1.*

*P. 113. vv. 12881. Selechastre.*—Geoffrey has *Silcestriam*, MS. Reg. 13 D. ii., but Wace *Cirecestre*, as in the later English text, which is also



found in Alfred of Beverley, Higden, and others. Robert of Gloucester reads *Cicestre*.

*P.* 114. v. 12893. *of Bruttene*.—Wace on the contrary says, “Ke de gentilz *Romains* fu née,” and so Geoffrey. In Robert of Brunne it is oddly translated,

Wife he toke anenant and gode,  
Sibbe the bisshop of Romeyns blode.—*f.* 42. c. 1.

*Ibid.* vv. 12910–12911.—The similarity of the corresponding lines in Robert of Brunne, who wrote near 130 years afterwards, is remarkable.

The tother sone hight Aurelius,  
His to-name was Ambrosius.—*f.* 42. c. 1.

*P.* 115. v. 12927. *twelf*.—So the best MSS. of Wace, but the printed text has *deus*. Geoffrey reads *decem*, and with him agree the anonymous metrical Brut, MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi., Robert of Brunne, and one of the Welsh copies.

*Ibid.* vv. 12931–12953.—There is nothing of this in the French text, which only says,

Un traïtor, un mal felon,  
Ki longement l'aveit servi,  
Puis l'out, ne sai pur quei, hai.—*f.* 62. c. 1.

The name of the traitor is found only in *Lajamon*.

*P.* 117. v. 12967.—In one manuscript copy of Wace are two lines attributing the murder of the king to Vortigern, vol. i. p. 305; and Robert of Brunne appears to have used a similar copy, for he writes,

Priely the fame ȝede,  
Th' Vortiger gart do th' dede.  
Vortiger was of the Walaherie,  
An earle th' lufed tricherie, etc.—*f.* 42. c. 2.

*P.* 118. vv. 12995. *Aurelian Ambrosiam*.—Wace only says, “Un des dous aveient choisi,” and Geoffrey, “alii itaque acclamabant Aurelium Ambrosium, alii Uther Pendragonem, alii ceteros ex generatione propinquos,” lib. vi. c. 6.

*Ibid.* vv. 13002–13014.—In Wace, Vortigern's speech is in favor of making the monk Constant king, and offering to take the sin of such a proceeding on himself. The barons consent, although it seemed to them a horrible thing to do.

*P.* 119. vv. 13021–13024.—Geoffrey calls him “consul *Gewissecorum*.”

Wace only says,

Un fort home, en Gwales maneit,  
Riches fu, e quens esteit.—*f.* 62. *c.* 2.

See a previous note, p. 344.

*P.* 120. *vv.* 13043–13062.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 121. *vv.* 13067–13070. 13075–13088.—Not in Wace, who says briefly, that Constant swore to all that was required of him.

*P.* 122. *vv.* 13097–13242.—All this is comprised in eight lines of the French original, by comparing which, vol. i. p. 307, the curious additions of *Lazamon* will be obvious. There is nothing said in the former of any stratagem used to carry off *Constanz* from the monastery, but simply that *Vortigern* brought him away, put royal garments on him, and conducted him to London. The anachronism relative to *St. Benedict*, v. 13159, who lived a century after the time of *Vortigern*, is to be laid to the charge of the English writer.

*P.* 129. *v.* 13243. *i p̄re ilke wike*.—Wace and *Geoffrey* merely say, that the archbishop had died previously.

*P.* 131. *vv.* 13319–13328.—In Wace, the enumeration of the enemies is much briefer,—

Ke semblé sunt li *Daneis*,  
E de *Norwege* les *Noreis*.—*f.* 62<sup>a</sup>. *c.* 2.

The allusion to *Russia* at this early period (which does not occur in Wace) is of interest. We know from *Fitzstephen*, that in the reign of *Henry II.* foreign merchants brought furs from *Russia* to London as articles of commerce, so that by the commencement of the 13th century, when *Lazamon* wrote, some general knowledge of this remote country must have been diffused.

*P.* 134. *v.* 13377. *threo hundred*.—In Wace no number is given, but in *Geoffrey* it is said *one hundred* Picts were invited.

*Pp.* 135–142. *vv.* 13381–13420. 13423–13432. 13453–13464. 13511–13516. 13537–13556. 13562–13590.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 142. *v.* 13564. *Gille Callet*.—This name is remarkable, supposing it to have been gleaned from any tradition. It does not appear in history.

*P.* 144. *vv.* 13593–13718.—This is told in Wace in thirteen lines. The Picts present the kings head to *Vortigern*, and desire him to assume the sovereignty. He pretends great grief, assembles the people of London [falsely printed *Rome*], and causes the traitors to be executed; edit. vol. i. p. 313.

P. 150. *vv.* 13739–13740.—Not in Wace.

P. 151. *vv.* 13777–13784.—No such intention is mentioned in Wace or Geoffrey.

P. 152. *v.* 13789. *inne pere Temese*.—The Cotton MS. reads, “A Sandwiz, un port, ariverent,” and so does the MS. du Roi, 73 Cangé. Geoffrey has only “in *partes Cantia*,” but the Saxon Chronicle and other authorities state, that Hengist and Horsa landed at *Ebsfleet*, in Thanet. Compare Gildas, p. 30, Nennius, p. 24, Bede, lib. i. c. 15, and Turners *Hist. of Anglo-Saxons*, vol. i. p. 254.

*Ibid.* *vv.* 13793–13800.—Not in Wace, nor is the number of the Saxons elsewhere mentioned. Turner seems to think, that in the present instance Lajamons statement must be near the truth.

P. 153. *vv.* 13821–13840.—Wace only says, the king looked at the two brothers, who were taller and fairer than the rest, and inquired from what land they came.

P. 154. 155. *vv.* 13849–13866. 13873–13882.—In Geoffrey, “*Saxonica tellus nos edidit, una e Germaniæ regionibus*,” and in Nennius, “*a Germania*.” Wace has, “*De Saissoigne, dist il, venom*.” The lines which follow in Lajamon seem to have been erroneously translated by him, or, at least, with not sufficient precision. Wace does not say, that the youth were assembled at periods of fifteen years, but that all those of *fifteen years of age* and upwards were collected, and the strongest among them chosen to settle elsewhere. See on this subject, Gunns note to Nennius, p. 149.

P. 156. *v.* 13889.—In Wace Hengist says, that they have come to Britain under guidance of their god *Mercury*, on hearing which, the king inquires respecting their faith; and so also in Geoffrey.

P. 157. *vv.* 13909–13912.—Geoffrey only names *Saturnus*, *Jupiter*, *Mercurius*, and *Frea*; to which Wace adds *Phebus*. Both notice that *Mercurius* was the same with *Woden*; a circumstance that Lajamon has overlooked. The versification of this passage in the metrical Latin Brut composed in the 13th century is curious:

Respondens Engistus ait, Nos numina celi,  
Cum Jove Junonem colimus, cum Pallade Martem,  
Saturnumque senem, satiros, fanesque (sic) laresque,  
Innumerosque alios; preponimus omnibus illis  
*Mercurium*.—*MS. Cott. Jul. D. xi. f. 30<sup>o</sup>*.

The additional names in the English version of *Appollin* and *Tervagant* were in all probability borrowed from the Anglo-Norman writers of the 12th century. See the *Chanson de Roland*, edited by M. Michel, 8vo, Par.

1837. In the *Roman de Lancelot*, written by Walter Map in the 12th century, a Saracen is made to say to Joseph of Arimathæa, "Nous ne avons que quatre dieux, Mahom, Tervagant, Apolin, et Jupin," vol. ii. f. xlvi. ed. 1533. See a previous note, p. 326.

P. 158. vv. 13929-13930. 13933-13936.—Not in Wace.—See Turner, *Hist. Anglo-Sax.*, vol. i. p. 216.

P. 159. vv. 13961-13966.—Not in Wace.

P. 160. vv. 13971-14016.—The first portion of this passage is comprised by Wace in two lines :

Sempres fu la curt respleiné  
De mut gent bachelerie.—MS. Cott. f. 64<sup>a</sup>. c. 1.

He then proceeds to state, that the Picts soon after passed the Humber with a great force, and burnt and destroyed the country. The king was informed of it, and marches against them with the Saxons and Britons. Vol. i. p. 322.

P. 163. vv. 14039-14048. 14051-14060.—Not in Wace. With regard to the territory bestowed on Hengist, Nennius says it was the *Isle of Thanet*, p. 24. ed. Stevenson, but Geoffrey writes, "in *Lindeseia* regione," in Lincolnshire, MS. Reg. 13 D. ii.

Pp. 166-169. vv. 14105-14124. 14143-14146. 14189-14194.—Not in Wace.

P. 170. vv. 14201-14230.—Wace has only four lines on the subject.

P. 171. vv. 14241-14246.—These lines are curious, if they can be depended on. In the Cotton MS. of Wace they do not occur, but in the printed text, vol. i. p. 327, are some lines which seem to countenance the statement :

Premièrement ot nom *Wancastre* [*Thuancastre*],  
Or l'apèlent pluisor *Lancastre*.

The site is placed by Camden at Caster, six miles from Great Grimsby, in Lincolnshire, vol. i. p. 431; but others, with more probability, place it at Tong, near Milton, in Kent. See Lambards *Perambulation of Kent*, 4to. 1596. p. 243, and Hasteds *Hist. of Kent*, vol. ii. p. 601.

P. 172. vv. 14249-14254.—Geoffrey and Wace only say, that eighteen ships arrived, filled with men. In Nennius the number is stated to be *sixteen* or *seventeen*, as the MSS. vary, p. 28. ed. Stev.

P. 173. vv. 14279-14282.—Not in Wace.

P. 174. v. 14317.—The name of the interpreter is not given in Geoffrey, but Wace borrowed it from the text of Nennius, p. 28. In some copies of the French text are added the following lines :

Brez ert, et bons latiniers;  
 Co fu li primers des Bretuns,  
 Ki solt le langage as Saïsons.—*MS. Cott. f. 65<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.*

Robert of Brunne has mistaken *Brez* for a proper name, and renders the passage,

A knight ther langage le rid in youthe;  
 Ebrez hight th' knight, born Bretoun,  
 Th' le rid the langage of Sessoun, etc.—*f. 45<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.*

*P. 175. vv. 14339–14342.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 176. vv. 14353–14356.*—Compare the corresponding lines in Robert of Gloucester, vol. i. p. 118. In addition to the notes of Selden on Dryton's *Poly-olbion*, p. 153, and of M. Le Roux de Lincy on the printed text of Wace, vol. i. p. 331, see Gaimar, *MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi. f. 134. c. 1*; an article in the *Foreign Quarterly Review* [by Thomas Wright], No. 32, Jan. 1836, p. 391; another in the *Athenæum*, for December, 1836; Bosworth's Preface to his Anglo-Saxon Dictionary, p. liv.; and a note of M. Michel, in his *Rapport* to the Minister of Public Instruction, p. 61. 4to. Paris, 1839.

*P. 178. vv. 14393–6.*—Not a word about *London* occurs in Nennius, Geoffrey or Wace; and with regard to *Kent*, they state it was previously made the condition of Rowenas nuptials.

*P. 179. vv. 14413–14422.*—Wace only says, the kings sons hated and abandoned him, on account of the Pagans. Their mother was then dead.

*Ibid. vv. 14423–14443.*—These lines are not in Wace, in whose text at this place there seems to be some defect, from the abrupt introduction of the speech of Hengist. In one of the MSS. the scribe has endeavoured to remedy the hiatus, but very awkwardly. See the printed edition, vol. i. p. 334.

*P. 181. v. 14469. wed-broðer.*—Nennius writes, “*filium meum, cum fratrueli suo,*” p. 29, and Geoffrey, “*filium meum Octam, cum fratre suo Ebissa.*” Wace in the first instance calls Ebissa *cousin* of Hengist, and afterwards *nephew*. In the Saxon Chronicle, a<sup>o</sup>. 656, the term *wed-brother* signifies a *brother by baptism*, pledged at the font together.

*Ibid. v. 14472. norð ende.*—Wace has “*vers Escoce,*” and Geoffrey “*juxta murum inter Deiram et Scotiam;*” which he borrows from Nennius.

*Pp. 181. 182. vv. 14480–14483. 14490–14501.*—Not in Wace.

*Pp. 183. vv. 14508–14527.*—Geoffrey and Wace also fix the number of ships at 300, but do not give the number of the adventurers, except in general terms. In Nennius, p. 29, the number of ships is reduced to *forty*. Geoffrey adds, that Cerdic came with Octa and Ebissa, lib. vi. c. 13. Compare the Saxon Chronicle, a<sup>o</sup>. 495.

*P.* 185. *vv.* 14568–14591.—Not in Wace, and the rest of the speech is comprised in a brief narrative of six lines. The king's reply is given in two lines, simply to the effect that he would not give up his mercenaries, since they had served him well. The lines which follow in *Lazamon*, 14608–14625, are entirely due to his own invention.

*P.* 188. *vv.* 14628–14637.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 189. *vv.* 14650–14749.—*Lazamon* has here greatly dilated his original, and, by an error, has confounded together the first two conflicts between the Britons and Saxons. Wace states, that Vortimer conquered the Saxons four times: first on the river *Derwent*; secondly, near *Episford*, at a ferry; thirdly, on the sea-coast; and lastly, in the Isle of *Thanet*. It is certain, however, that he was ignorant of the localities, for he speaks of the Saxons flying from *beyond the Humber* to Kent. The order of the battles is the same in Geoffrey, and in the text of Nennius, as printed by Gale, but in the emended edition by Stevenson, p. 35, the *first* conflict is assigned to the Isle of *Thanet*; the *second*, on the *Derwent*, conjectured to be the *Darent*, in Kent, and the same with the battle of *Crayford*, placed in the *Saxon Chronicle* under the year 457; the *third*, at *Episford*, supposed to be near Aylesford, on the Medway, in Kent, assigned by the *Saxon Chronicle* to A.D. 455; and the *fourth*, at a place called *Lapis Tituli*, opposite the French coast, which is conjectured to be *Stonar*, in the Isle of *Thanet*, or *Folkestone*, in Kent. See the notes of Gunn and Stevenson, and *Turner's Anglo-Saxons*, vol. i. p. 262. ed. 1836. In the later *Chronicles* these names are much corrupted.

*P.* 191. *v.* 14711.—Bede says, lib. i. c. 15, that the monument of Horsa still existed in his time, in the eastern part of Kent, the site of which is supposed to be *Horsted*. See *Hasted's Kent*, vol. ii. p. 177, and *Archæologia*, vol. ii. p. 107.

*P.* 193. *vv.* 14748–14771.—Wace tells us briefly, that the Saxons sent to Vortigern, praying him to intercede with Vortimer, that they might depart out of the land in peace.

*P.* 194. *vv.* 14792–14797.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 195. *vv.* 14806–14815.—With regard to this mission of Germanus, bishop of Auxerre, and Lupus, bishop of Troyes, who were sent by the Gallic Synod (some say by pope Celestine,) to combat the Pelagian heresy in Britain, A.D. 429, a gross anachronism has been committed. Germanus came over a second time in 447, and died the following year. It is therefore probable, that to this second arrival the narrative of Nennius must refer, p. 24, although even then it is impossible to reconcile the date

with the fables told of the Saints intercourse with Vortigern. Geoffrey has borrowed from Nennius (to whom he refers under the name of *Gildas*), but by associating Lupus with Germanus, he confounds the *first* arrival of the bishop of Auxerre with the *second*, lib. vi. c. 13. Then comes Wace, who increases the difficulties, by placing the mission of these bishops in the time of Vortimer [A.D. 464–468], and by way of heaping absurdity on absurdity, names the pope who sent them *Romanus*, whereas the only pope of that name who appears on the list, usurped the See from Sept. 897 to Feb. 898! Lazamon, of course, copies these errors, and invents some additional circumstances. See on this subject Bede, lib. i. c. 17, Usher, pp. 204–206, and Lingard's *Antiquities of the Anglo-Saxon Church*, vol. i. p. 6. 8vo. 1806. The name of the bishop of Troyes is given correctly in Geoffrey, *Lupus*, which in Wace takes the form of *Lous* or *Leous*, and thence the *Leois* of Lazamon, and *Loys* of Robert of Brunne.

Pp. 195. 198. vv. 14816–14879. 14884–14891.—Not in Wace.

P. 199. vv. 14902–15027.—Instead of this long and curious detail, Wace has only two lines,

Rowen, cum mal marastre,  
Fist envenimer son filastre.—MS. Cott. f. 66<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.

Nennius is wholly silent as to the cause of Vortimer's death, and Geoffrey says, that Rowena, "ascitis universis veneficiis, dedit illi per quendam familiarem suum [*chamberlain*, MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi. f. 67<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.] *venenum potare*, quem innumerabilibus donariis corrumperat," lib. vi. c. 14. It is difficult to conceive that Lazamon should here have departed so much from his original, unless he borrowed from some popular tradition of the treachery practised.

P. 206. v. 15057. *an chæsten*.—Geoffrey writes, "jussit sibi *pyramidem fieri æream*;" a circumstance omitted by Wace. The locality indicated in vv. 15070–1, is an addition by Lazamon.

P. 207. v. 15089. *an hundred ridaren*.—"petit de gent," Wace; "cum paucis," Geoffrey.

P. 208. vv. 15102–15105.—In Geoffrey and Wace the number of ships is not given, but the forces are stated to amount to 30,000. The Welsh version ascribed to Tysilio (if any dependence can be placed on the printed text) estimates the ships at sixty sail, and the author of the anonymous Anglo-Norman Brut says,

Nefs amenat plus que *treis cent*.—f. 68. c. 1.

The place of landing occurs only in Lazamon.

P. 209. vv. 15136–15159.—In Wace only two lines;—that the Britons

should retain such a number of men as they chose, and the rest should go away.

*P. 210. vv. 15168–15183.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 211. v. 15184. ænne isetne dæi.*—According both to Wace and Geoffrey, the meeting was fixed to take place on the calends of May.

*Ibid. vv. 15190–1.*—These two lines are an addition by Lazamon, and in all probability the allusion is to *Allington*, about four miles from Ambresbury, the ancient name of which was *Ellen-dune* (Sax. Chron. a<sup>o</sup>. 823.), “that is,” says Gibson, out of Brian Twynes Collections, “*Ellenge doune*, or a place naked, desolate or wild.” See Camdens *Britannia*, vol. i. p. 200. Others refer the name of Ellendune to Wilton. In either case Lazamon is mistaken as to the site of Stonehenge.

*P. 212. vv. 15192–15209.*—In Wace thus:—the king required that Hengist should come accompanied by only a few followers, which he granted, and asked in return, that no arms should be borne, for fear of an affray. Vol. i. p. 344.

*P. 213. vv. 15220–15247.*—Not in Wace, except as above cited.

*P. 215. v. 15270. feower hundred and fife.*—The number of the slain is stated in Wace and Geoffrey to amount to 460; but in Alfred of Beverley, in the anonymous Anglo-Norman Brut, in Robert of Brunne, and in the Welsh copies, the number is 360. Nennius reduces the number to 300. In the printed edition of Geoffrey, 1587, is an interpolation by a later hand (borrowed from lib. viii. c. 9.), that the bodies of the slain were buried by St. Eldad in the cemetery of the convent of Ambresbury, not far from *Kaercaradauc* or Salisbury, lib. vi. c. 15.

*P. 216. vv. 15290–15293. 15298–15301.*—The details here given are due to the invention of Lazamon. Geoffrey only says, that Eldol seized a stake (*palum*), which he found by chance, and Wace expressly writes,

Tint un grand *pel* en sun poin destre ;  
A sez pez l'out gisant trové,  
*Ne sai ki la l'out aporté.*—*MS. Cott. f. 67<sup>o</sup>. c. 1.*

*Ibid. v. 15306. preo and fifti.*—In Wace and Geoffrey the number is *seventy*; in Robert of Brunne “*seventi and ten.*”

*P. 217. vv. 15312–15321.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 218. vv. 15350–15382.*—Most of the circumstances here related appear to be due to the imagination of the English writer; at all events, they are not to be found elsewhere. Wace tells us, that Vortigern granted the Saxons the provinces of Sussex, Essex, and Middlesex, in fee, which



corresponds with the text of Nennius, as edited by Gunn. But it is singular that Wace here should differ from the Latin of Geoffrey, which he usually copies closely, and in which it is stated, that pursuant to the compact with Vortigern, the Saxons took possession of the cities of London, York, Lincoln, and Winchester, and slaughtered the people like sheep. See the judicious remarks of Turner on these exaggerated statements, in his *Anglo-Saxons*, vol. i. p. 264. The truth appears to be, that Hengist never extended his conquests beyond the boundaries of Kent.

*P. 220. vv. 15389–15391. 15394–5.*—Not in Wace.

*Ibid. vv. 15400–15471.*—The corresponding lines to these in the French text, vol. i. p. 349, merely state, that Vortigern assembled his *sortisseurs*, and sought from them counsel how to defend himself. They advise him to build a tower, so strong as to be impregnable. He then chose a spot whereon to build it, and fixed on the hill of *Reir* for that purpose. To prosecute the work the best masons are employed. Vol. i. p. 354. Geoffrey tells the story in nearly the same terms, which he appears to have borrowed from Nennius, p. 31. The hill of *Reir*, *Rir*, *Erir* or *Heriri*, is believed to be Snowdon in Caernarvonshire, on which still remain the traces of a building, called by popular tradition *Dinas Emris*, i. e. the fortress of Ambrosius. See Gunns Notes, p. 164.

*P. 224. vv. 15478–9. 15488–15493.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 225. vv. 15506–15509. 15512–15519.*—These lines are not in the French original, nor is the name of *Joram* there mentioned. The reply relative to the child is given as proceeding from the whole body of sorcerers, and not from their chief, as in *Lazamon*.

*P. 227. v. 15551.*—Nennius fixes the spot where Merlin was found at a place called *Campus Ellecti*, which is supposed by Roberts, with some probability, to be the village called in Welsh *Bassaleg*, in Monmouthshire. See *Cambrian Popular Antiquities*, 8vo. 1815. p. 58, and *Stevenson's Notes on Nennius*, p. 31.

*P. 229. vv. 15596–15657.*—In Wace this passage is given thus: The messengers of the king, hearing these words, inquired of the neighbours concerning Merlin, and are told that his mother, daughter of the king of Demetia, a part of Wales, was a nun in the town, and that she knew not by whom her son had been begotten. They then go to the provost (whose name is not mentioned), and order him to send the boy and his mother to the king, which is done.—With this narrative Geoffrey agrees, but adds, that Merlins mother was a nun “in ecclesia *Sancti Petri*.”

*P. 232. vv. 15662–15665.*—Not in Wace.

P. 232. vv. 15668–15681.—In the French text there is no question put to the lady respecting her parentage, nor does the name of *Conaan*, as her father, occur elsewhere. Nennius causes Merlin to say, that he is the son of a *Roman consul*, which can scarcely be reconciled with Geoffreys story. In the French *Roman de Merlin*, composed in prose by Walter Map before the close of the 12th century, his mother is represented as the daughter “d’ung preudhomme moult riche,” f. ii. ed. 4to. 1498.

P. 233. vv. 15696–15705.—Not in Wace.

P. 234. vv. 15710–15711. 15714–15715.—Wace is not so circumstantial, but only says, as rendered by Robert of Brunne,

Bot th' thing am I wele ograunt,  
Th' I was of elde auenaunt;  
One com to my bed I wist,  
W' force he me halsed & kist;  
Als a man I him felte,  
& als a man he me welte.—f. 48. c. 2.

The Latin text of Geoffrey, “quidam in specie *pulcherrimi juvenis*,” comes nearer to Lajamons version. See also Robert of Gloucester, vol. i. p. 129.

P. 235. vv. 15742–15771.—This is expressed in Wace by four lines, merely signifying, that the king caused Magant, a wise clerk, to be summoned, and inquired if what the nun had stated could be true. Then follows the account of the *incubi*, for which circumstance Geoffrey quotes the authority of Apuleius *de Deo Socratis*, but this is omitted by the French translator. The lines 15776–7. 15786–7. 15790–1. are added by the English paraphrast, and were probably gleaned from the popular belief. Robert of Brunne renders the passage very closely, with the exception of the following lines,

Thise spirites do women schame;  
*Incubi demones* is called ther name.  
*Fendes in bedde, so thei sayn*  
*Th' many women haf forlayn.*—f. 48. c. 2.

Compare Robert of Gloucester, vol. i. p. 130, who has *elvene* instead of *incubi*. The curious passage in Geoffreys metrical *Vita Merlini*, p. 31. edit. 1837, should be consulted on this branch of popular fiction, and in the legend of St. Margaret, composed probably about the year 1200, a fiend speaks thus: “*Ʒe liuieš bi Ʒe luſte . alre meſtendel . edie meiden . ant hure Ʒeies beoð abuuen Ʒið Ʒe Ʒindes . & beoð aƷakere to purchen al Ʒ̅ Ʒa . Ʒ̅ Ʒe eauer ma-hen moncun . & meast riht rihtƷise men ant meidenes as Ʒu art.*” MS. Reg. 17 A. xxvii. f. 50<sup>l</sup>.

P. 238. vv. 15814–15821.—Not in Wace.

P. 240. vv. 15854–15857. 15864–15875.—Not in Wace, nor docs he mention the *number* of Jorams companions.

P. 241. v. 15890. *Joram*.—Here and subsequently, instead of *Joram* singly, the whole body of *diviners* are spoken of by *Wace*, *Geoffrey* and *Nennius*.

*Ibid.* vv. 15896–15959.—*Lazamon* seems in this passage to have been led into error by misunderstanding the French text, which reads,

De suz ta tur, el fundement,  
Ad un estanc grant e parfunt.—*MS. Cott. f. 69. c. 1.*

This “*water pol*,” as *Robert of Gloucester* renders it, being emptied, the two dragons are found at the bottom, sleeping in two *hollow stones*. This account is perfectly similar to that given by *Geoffrey*, and differs in some particulars from the earlier narrative of *Nennius*, p. 32. See *Gunns* note in his edition, p. 166. *Lazamon's* narrative is here much amplified. Compare *Wace*, vol. i. p. 359.

P. 244. v. 15960.—Here commences the seventh book of *Geoffrey*, which is prefaced by a short introduction, and a prologue addressed to *Alexander*, bishop of *Lincoln*.

P. 245. vv. 15970–16003.—Not in *Wace*, who mentions the combat of the dragons in general terms, and does not state the issue of it. In *Geoffrey*, the white dragon at first prevails, but is at length compelled to retreat; and in *Robert of Brunne*, the white kills the red, and dies itself, “for wo,” the fourth day after; f. 49.

P. 246. vv. 16004–16039.—*Lazamon* here departs wholly from his French original, in which the king inquires only what the dragons signify. In reply to this question *Geoffrey* inserts the long series of prophecies which occupy the remainder of his seventh book, but *Wace* dismisses them with the following brief notice:

Dunc deist Merlin les prophecies  
Ke vus, co crei, oi avez  
Des reis ki avenir esteient,  
Ki la tere tenir deveient.  
Ne voil sun livre translater,  
Quant jo n'el sai enterpreter.—*MS. Cott. f. 69. c. 2.*

The king then asks respecting his death, etc. In *Robert of Brunne* the corresponding passage is as follows:

Merlyn said than many thinges  
What in th' lond suld tide of kynges,  
Th' in Blase boke is witen;  
Tho th' it haf, thei it witen;  
& in Tholomer, & ser Auntayn:  
Thise had Merlyn bokes playn.

Thise thre wrote his prophecies,  
 & were maistres at sere parties.  
 Som haf tham mykille in hande,  
 Th' can not tham understande.  
 I say for me, I haf no witte,  
 To open the knottis that Merlyn knytte.  
 Non may say more than he has said,  
 Ne nouht therto may be laid.—*MS. Cott. f. 49. c. 2.*

The allusions here are to the French prose *Prophecies de Merlin*, in which *Blaise*, *Tholomer* and *Anthoine* play a conspicuous part. They form the third volume of the printed *Roman de Merlin*, 1498. See also "Galfridi de Monemuta Vita Merlini," p. lxxv. 8vo. Par. 1837.

*P. 248. v. 16040.*—Here begins the eighth book of Geoffrey.

*Pp. 249–251. vv. 16069. 16128–16131.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 252. v. 16135. vnimete ferde.*—The number of their forces is not given by Wace, but Geoffrey says it amounted to 10,000.

*P. 253. vv. 16168–16172.*—Nennius relates that Vortigern retreated to a castle bearing his own name, in North Wales, near the river *Tivy*, but Geoffrey calls the castle *Genoreu*, and places it in the district of *Erging*, on the *Wye*, lib. viii. c. 2. Camden would locate this *Caer Guortigern* in Radnorshire, vol. ii. p. 2, but there can be no doubt that the spot intended is *Gennarew*, in the hundred of Wormelow, Herefordshire, three miles from Monmouth. It is also, in my belief, certain, that the *Cloarcus* of Geoffrey; the *Clouart* of Wace, and *Cloard* of *Lazamon*, are all intended, although disguised by a blunder of the first transcriber, who changed *d* into *ci* or *cl*,—an easy transmutation,—for mount *Doward*, situated in the same hundred, and not far from *Gennarew*. There existed on this hill in the last century the marks of ancient fortifications, and the bones of a gigantic person (which a sanguine Welsh antiquary might take to be those of Vortigern) were found in a vaulted structure. See *Gibsons Additions to Camden*, vol. ii. p. 494.

*P. 256. v. 16231.*—In the ancient legend of *St. Germanus*, quoted by Nennius, the death of Vortigern is attributed to the prayers of the Saint, p. 38. ed. *Stev.* In this and other circumstances of the history of Vortigern, it is impossible not to be struck with the similarity of the incidents to those related of *Gerontius*, a British officer attached to *Constantine*; and *Sharon Turner* has conjectured, with great probability, that Geoffrey may have confounded *Gerontius*, who died in Spain, with Vortigern in England. See *Hist. of the Anglo-Saxons*, vol. i. p. 178. note <sup>52</sup>.

*Ibid. vv. 16234–16239.*—In Wace the mention of *Aldolf* occurs previously,

and it is stated that he joined Aurelius, previous to the destruction of Vortigern. See vol. i. p. 365, and compare Geoffrey, lib. viii. c. 2. Neither has any notice of his being made "steward." Shortly after, Geoffrey inserts a laboured panegyric on Aurelius, which is omitted by Wace.

P. 257. vv. 16272-16288.—In Wace this is expressed in two lines:

A tuz pramist restorement,  
Si il repeirout seinement.—*MS. Cott. f. 70. c. 2.*

P. 260. vv. 16331-16346.—Not in Wace.

P. 261. vv. 16355-16366.—Wace only says, he chose 3000 of the forces he had brought from Armorica, to act as cavalry. Of the Britons he made two companies, one division of whom [the men of North Wales, according to Geoffrey] was stationed on the hills, the other [the men of South Wales] was sent to guard the wood. The mention of *Scots* by Lajamon seems to be an error, for Wace had previously stated that they had taken the part of Hengist.

P. 264. vv. 16425-16428.—In Wace only,

Paiens lur fals deus apelouent.—*f. 71. c. 1.*

*Ibid. v. 16434. Kunigges-burh.*—Conisburgh, on the river Don, in the West Riding of Yorkshire. See a previous note, p. 346. The remains of a castle still exist, to which Hengist is said to have retired, and Gibson, in his Additions to Camden, states, that an agger used to be pointed out as the burial-place of the Saxon. *Britannia*, vol. ii. pp. 75. 82. 215.

P. 265. vv. 16447-16460.—Not in Wace.

P. 266. v. 16474.—These were the 3000 Armorican horse, as previously stated by Wace and Geoffrey.

P. 267. vv. 16493-16500. 16509-16512.—These details of the combat are not in Wace. It is observable, that Lajamon has rendered "nasal" (*nasale cassidis*, Geoffrey), by "burne hode."

P. 268. vv. 16525-16562.—In Wace this is told very differently and briefly. "Knights," said Eldolf, "God be praised, I have accomplished my desire! We have vanquished the man who has done us so much injury. Kill this rabid dog, who had no pity upon us. This man was the chief of the war," etc. Hengist is then put in chains and delivered to the king. Vol. i. p. 374.

P. 270. v. 16573. *Eouerwic.*—So also in Wace; but Geoffrey states, that Octa fled to York and Eosa to *Alclud* (Dunbarton).

P. 272. v. 16612. *an hali biscop.*—Geoffrey tells us he was bishop of Gloucester, and he is recognised as such by the Welsh biographers. His

speech is very much amplified in *Lazamon* from the text of *Wace*, vol. i. p. 376.

*P. 276. v. 16722. after hebene lazen.*—So also *Wace*; but in *Geoffrey* more circumstantially, “jussit eum sepeliri, et cumulum terræ super corpus ejus, pagano more, opponi,” lib. viii. c. 7. See my note on *Wartons Hist. Engl. Poetry*, Diss. i. p. xi. edit. 1840.

*P. 277. vv. 16733–16736. 16743–16768.*—Not in *Wace*, who simply states, that *Octa* resolved to sue for mercy, and, with the consent of his relatives, issue from the city, to carry this into effect. *Lazamon's* ideas of the humiliation of the Saxons seem to have proceeded much further than those of his original author.

*P. 279. vv. 16789–16800.*—*Wace* merely has,

Trestut li deu nus unt failli,

U nus solum aver fiance;

Tis deus est de greinur puissance.—*MS. Cott. f. 72. c. 1.*

and does not add a word as to the offer of the Saxons to embrace the Christian faith. On the deities named, see a previous note, p. 352. In addition, we have here *Didon* and *Mamilon*, two personages who do not seem to have figured elsewhere in the mythological cycle of the north.

*P. 280. vv. 16819–16826.*—Not in *Wace*; nor is the condition afterwards expressed in *vv. 16839–16844*, at all mentioned by him.

*P. 282. vv. 16851–16854. 16859–16884.*—Not in *Wace*, who, instead of the latter part of the bishops speech, has mention of the mercy shown by the Jews to the conquered *Gabaonites*, vol. i. p. 380.

*P. 283. v. 16887. preo and fifti.*—The number of hostages is not given in the French text, nor the quantity of land bestowed. *Geoffrey* has “regionem juxta *Scotiam*,” which the author of the *Anglo-Norman Brut*, in *MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi.*, renders,

*Catenes lur ad le rei baillé*

U il se sunt tuz herbergé.—*f. 71<sup>a</sup>. c. 2.*

*P. 284. vv. 16909–16942.*—There is no speech in *Wace*, who states, in general terms, that the king restored to his people their lands and rights, commanded the monasteries to be rebuilt which had been destroyed, and appointed sheriffs and officers to receive his rents. Vol. i. p. 381.

*P. 287. vv. 16975–17113.*—This is all comprised in *Wace* in eighteen lines, vol. i. p. 383. With regard to the spot where *Merlin* was found, *v. 17024*, *Geoffrey* writes, “invenerunt eum in natione *Gewissecorum*, ad fontem *Galabes*, quem solitus fuit frequentare,” lib. viii. c. 10. *Waces* text reads,

A Labanes, une fontaine,  
 Ki en Guales ert, bien loingtaine,  
 Ne sai u, kar uoc ne fui.—MS. Cott. f. 72<sup>b</sup>. c. 2.

In the Welsh version of Geoffrey, ascribed to Tysilio, the well is placed in *Ewias*, and by the Wynnstay MS. in *Lower Guent*. Roberts notes, that *Ewias* is the name of a common in the hundred of *Gwent-uch-coed*, or *Gwent* above the wood, i. e. Upper Guent, near which is *Clydach*, which he wishes to identify with *Galabes*, p. 127.

P. 295. vv. 17156–17171.—Not in Wace.

P. 297. vv. 17214–17239.—Not in Wace, who has instead four lines, which state, that the stones had been carried by giants from Africa into Ireland. After this follows the passage relative to their medicinal virtue, which occurs in *Lazamon* higher up. Wace adds also, that the Britons were chiefly induced to bring over the stones, by this representation of their wonderful properties. Vol. i. p. 387.

P. 299. vv. 17268–17291.—Not in Wace.

P. 301. vv. 17314. 17316–17333.—The oath is supplied by *Lazamon*, as is also the threat to invade and conquer Britain.

P. 303. vv. 17352–17365.—Not in Wace.

P. 304. v. 17374. *to pan hulle*.—"ad *Killaraum* montem," Geoffrey, lib. viii. c. 12. The MSS. of Wace read *Kilomar* or *Killemar*, and the anonymous Anglo-Norman Brut, in MS. Reg., *Gillaraun*. Giraldus Cambrensis writes with more precision, "in *Kyldarensi* planitie, non procul a castro *Nasensi* (Naas)." *Top. Hibern.* dist. ii. c. 18. See *Ushers Antiquitates*, p. 242. Camden and Roberts assign the locality to *Killair*, in the county of Meath, but more recently the Rev. W. D. Conybeare, in a very ingenious geological argument, drawn from the substance of the inner circle of stones at Stonehenge, would refer them back to *Kildare*. See the *Gentleman's Magazine* for November, 1833. p. 454.

*Ibid.* vv. 17384–17387.—Not in Wace, who, instead of the speech which follows from Merlin, merely causes him to ask, in four lines, if they have force enough to remove the stones, vol. i. p. 389.

P. 305. vv. 17412–17435.—Wace comprehends this passage in eight lines. Compare Geoffrey, lib. viii. c. 12.

Pp. 308. 309. vv. 17460–17473. 17488–17493.—Not in Wace.

P. 309. vv. 17496–7.—Instead of these two lines, the French text here makes mention of the erection of the stones by Merlin, and adds four lines on the name of Stonehenge, which are omitted by *Lazamon*. Vol. i. p. 391.

In Geoffrey, the erection of the monument takes place *after* the arrival of the king, and by his order. Those who wish to see how the same event is related in the *Roman de Merlin*, may consult vol. i. f. xlvi. edit. 1498. Robert of Brunnes version of this story is printed by Hearne in the Appendix to his Preface to "Peter Langtofts Chronicle," p. clxxxviii. He has twice printed erroneously *quirisoun* for *coniurisoun*, not understanding the contraction used in the MS.

*P. 310. v. 17513. Passent.*—He is mentioned in Nennius, who says of him, "qui regnavit in duabus regionibus, Buelt et Guorthigirniaun, post mortem patris sui, largiente Ambrosio illi, qui fuit rex inter omnes reges Brittanicæ gentis." p. 39. ed. Stev.

*Ibid. v. 17523. fif hundred monnen.*—Wace does not mention the number of Pascents companions on his arrival in Germany; and instead of the "muchel volc" collected there, says, "Mes n'ont mie grant compaignie." Geoffrey, however, agrees here with Lajamon, lib. viii. c. 13.

*P. 311. vv. 17540–17563.*—In Wace this occupies only two lines, in general terms, vol. ii. p. 2.

*P. 313. vv. 17579. 17583.*—St. Davids in Pembrokeshire. See Camden, vol. ii. p. 33.

*Ibid. vv. 17588–17603.*—Instead of this speech Wace briefly states, that the king Ambrosius lay ill at Winchester.

*P. 315. vv. 17622–17627. 17632–3. 17640–17645.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 316. v. 17653. an hundrad pund.*—In the French text Pascent agrees to give £1000.

*Ibid. v. 17661.*—Wace has here six additional lines, in which it is mentioned, that Appas was well skilled in medicine, and could speak many languages, but that he was faithless and treacherous, vol. ii. p. 4. In Geoffrey he is named *Eopa*.

*Ibid. v. 17664. tweien iueren.*—No companions are mentioned in the original.

*P. 317. vv. 17669–17717.*—Instead of this long narrative it is simply stated by Wace, in six lines, that Appas went to the Court as a physician, spoke to the king, and promised to cure him in a short time, if the king would place himself in his hands, vol. ii. p. 5.

*P. 319. vv. 17724–17843.*—The entire story is amplified with much art from the brief account in Wace, which barely occupies a page. The poisonous qualities ascribed by Lajamon to *scamony*, do not, in reality, belong to it, and the statement must have arisen from an ignorance of its



real nature, since, as it was supplied to Europe from the East, in all probability it could have been but little known, even to physicians, at that early period. *Canel* (cinnamon) and *gingiver* (ginger) are often mentioned in the English poetry of the 13th and 14th centuries.

*P. 324. vv. 17849–17859.*—There is only one line in the French original which corresponds to these :

A Meneve out Yreis trovez.—*MS. Cott. f. 74<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.*

The next four lines are inserted by *Lazamon*, with the intention probably of rendering the appearance of the comet more marvellous. Roberts supposes, p. 131, that the comet of A.D. 504, noticed in the list appended to Sir Edward Sherburnes edition of *Manilius*, fol. Lond. 1675, and which is reported to have been “crowned with a dragon,” may be the one here alluded to.

*P. 327. vv. 17906–17913.*—This is a curious instance of paraphrastic translation. The French text reads,

E Merlin mult se contrubla  
Dol out al quor, mot ne suna.—*f. 74<sup>b</sup>. c. 2.*

*P. 328. vv. 17929–17935.*—Not in *Wace*, who afterwards interposes three lines, on the grief of *Uther* at his brothers death.

*P. 330. v. 17980. a dohter.*—*Wace* adds,

*Ki vers Escoce ert mariée.*—*f. 75. c. 1.*

It does not clearly appear who is intended here. The only daughter of *Uther* mentioned by *Geoffrey* and his followers, is *Anna*, who was married to *Loth*, king of *Lothian* (see *Lazamon*, vol. ii. p. 385.), and the romance writers do not even acknowledge her to be *Uthers* daughter, but the daughter of *Ygerne* by *Gorlois*, or by *Howel*. The Welsh writers state, that this *Anna* was the wife of *Amwn Ddu*, king of *Graweg* in *Llydaw*, by whom she had *Saint Samson*. *Owens Cambrian Biography*, pp. 7. 10.

*Ibid. v. 17997.*—In *Wace*, *Uther* causes his forces to rest during the night, and arm in the morning to assault the city, vol. ii. p. 8.

*P. 331. vv. 18005–18021.*—Not in *Wace*.

*P. 332. vv. 18022–18121.*—This long passage is comprised in fifteen lines of the French text, vol. ii. p. 8, and the amusing details of *Lazamon*, as well as the dramatic structure of the narrative, are entirely wanting. *Wace* merely states, that the Irish armed themselves, and came out to battle; they fought fiercely, but were quickly conquered. Their king and *Pascent* were slain (he does not state by whom), and those who remained alive fled to the sea, and escaped in their ships. The naked and unprotected state of the Irish is elsewhere more than once alluded to, (see *Lazamon*, vol. ii. pp. 303. 515. etc.) and is fully corroborated by the testimony of

contemporary writers. Giraldus Cambrensis, writing from his own personal observation, says, "Nudi et inermes ad bella procedunt; habent enim arma pro onere, inermes vero dimicare pro audacia reputant et honore." *Top. Hibern.* dist. iii. c. 10. A passage also in Graftons Chronicle, vol. ii. p. 168. ed. 1807. (copied by Hall), deserves notice, from its close correspondence with the text of *Lajamon*. Speaking of the battle of Stoke in the reign of Henry the Seventh, he states, "Of the other side the Irishe men, although they fought hardily, and stucke to it valiantly, yet because they were, *after the maner of theyr countrie, almost naked, without harnessse or armure*, they were striken downe and slain like dull and brute beastes." To a comparatively recent period they went with the legs and feet bare, as appears from many authorities. See *Planches History of Costume*, pp. 360-370. It would appear also from the passage in *Lajamon*, p. 332, that although they may have worn the *truis* or breeches (as in an illuminated copy of Giraldus, in the possession of Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.), yet that it was put off on going into battle. It is remarkable too, that *Lajamon* should, here and at p. 515, arm them with battle-axes, spears, and skeins or knives, which corresponds accurately with the accounts of Giraldus, Froissart and Monstrelet. Of these weapons the axe was the most formidable, the use of which the Irish borrowed from the Northmen. Compare the description of the Welshmen in the verses of Guilielmus Brito quoted by Camden, in *Remains*, p. 14. ed. 8vo. Lond. 1674, and Higden, *Polychron.* p. 188.

*P.* 336. *v.* 18128. *preo cnihtes*.—Wace says, "En eir encontra un message," who told him how Uther was dead, and buried by the bishops, according to his desire, in the "karole as jaianz."

*Pp.* 338. 340. *vv.* 18174-18205. 18220-18223.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 341. *v.* 18231.—After this is an interpolation of sixteen lines in one of the later MSS. of Wace, but inserted in the text by the editor, vol. ii. p. 11.

*P.* 341. *vv.* 18236-7.—There is an error here, repeated in pp. 350, 351. 386. 388. 395. 397. 398. 477, which has been occasioned by the confusion made between the names of *Ebissa* and *Eosa*. In Geoffrey, Octa "cum fratruele suo," *Ebissa*, are stated to have come to England together, lib. vi. c. 13. (which is copied from Nennius, p. 29, ed. Stev.), and the latter is never again mentioned, but in his place *Eosa*, called the *cognatus* of Octa, is introduced, lib. viii. c. 6, and they continue together till their death. Wace adopts the name of *Ebissa* until the death of Aurelius Ambrosius, and then substitutes *Eossa*, with whom agree Robert of Brunne and Robert of Gloucester. The author of the metrical Brut in MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi. reads *Eosa* for *Ebissa* throughout, and so does the Welsh ver-

sion attributed to Tysilio. He is called however *Ebissa* at his death both by Robert of Brunne and the metrical Brut. Lazamon therefore finding *Ebissa* mentioned at first, and *Eosa* mentioned subsequently in the French text, concluded they were *two* different persons, and continues, without any authority, so to consider them. It is remarkable, that in the genealogy of the Kentish kings appended to Nennius, p. 50, it is stated, "Hengist genuit *Octha*; [*Octha*] genuit *Ossa*."

*P.* 342. *vv.* 18254–18263.—Not in Wace.

*Ibid.* *vv.* 18264–18275.—In Lazamon's original this is expressed in two lines :

La gent que Pascent out amené,  
Ke de Uther ert eschapé.—*MS. Cott. f.* 75<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.

*Pp.* 343. 345. *vv.* 18278–18281. 18332–18335.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 345. *v.* 18336. *Dunian*.—The MSS. of Wace read *Danien*, which is a corruption of Geoffreys *Damen*.—In the metrical Anglo-Norman version of MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi., its author gives us some additions of his own, which are curious :

Icel mont à cel éé  
*Dianned* esteit apelée,  
Mes nus, qui el pais manum,  
*Windegates* ore l'apelum.  
El souverain est un coudrei,  
E al milieu un grant perrei;  
Desuz si curt un russellet,  
Ke nus apelom *Coquet*.—*f.* 74<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.

The locality is here removed from York to Northumberland, in which latter county, about six miles from Rothbury, in Morpeth wood, *Wind Gates* lie. The author of the *Scalachronica* mentions also the same tradition, as appears by the extracts made from his work by Leland, *Collectanea*, vol. ii. p. 510.

*P.* 346. *vv.* 18362–18377.—In Wace the king is merely said to ask the earls advice.

*P.* 350. *v.* 18453.—Wace introduces a simile here of a lion falling on a flock of sheep, and slaying indiscriminately the rams, ewes, and lambs, vol. ii. p. 16.

*Ibid.* *vv.* 18458–18475.—Not in Wace, but he has some lines instead relative to the flight of those who escaped from the battle.

*P.* 352. *v.* 18496. *an Æster*.—Wace adds, that the king had appointed Easter day for his coronation, and so also Geoffrèy.

*P.* 354. *v.* 18535. *Igarne*.—According to the Welsh authorities, *Eigr*, daughter of Amlawdd the Great, who was a prince of North Britain.

*Pp.* 354. 355. *vv.* 18544–18549. 18560–1. 18572–3. 18578–9.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 355. *vv.* 18580–18601.—Wace has only four lines, to the effect that the earl would not return, and held at nought the menaces of the king. Vol. ii. p. 20. (where for *S'il* we should read *Cil*).

*P.* 357. *v.* 18610. *Tintaicol*.—Remains of the castle still exist on a lofty crag almost surrounded by the sea, in the parish of *Dundagell* or *Tintagel*, hundred of *Lesnewth*. See *Paroch. Hist. of Cornwall*, by Davies Gilbert, vol. i. pp. 324. 340. It is very frequently mentioned in the Arthurian romances, and its construction ascribed to giants. See the Romances of *Tristan*, vol. ii. p. 94. 12mo, 1835.

*Pp.* 357. 358. *vv.* 18616–18635. 18645. 18649–18655.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 358. *v.* 18646. *ane oðere castle*.—In the Cottonian MS. of Wace are here two lines omitted in the printed edition.

*Dimiñoc ert apelez*

*Le chastel u il est alez.—f. 77. c. 1.*

and it is named in Geoffrey, and in the anonymous Brut, MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi. f. 75. c. 2.

*P.* 359. *vv.* 18666–18671.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 360. *v.* 18677. *Tambreis*.—The river Camel, which falls into the Bristol channel at *Padstow*. See a subsequent note on vol. iii. p. 140.

*Ibid.* *v.* 18693.—Wace adds, that the earl would not yield because he expected succour from the king of Ireland, vol. ii. p. 22.

*P.* 361. *vv.* 18707–18711.—In the French text we have only “un sien baron privé.” Geoffrey calls him *Ulfín de Ricaradock*, which in the Welsh version appears in the form of *Caer Caradoc*, i. e. *Salisbury*.

*Ibid.* *v.* 18721.—In Wace the kings passion for *Ygerne* is expressed much more forcibly and more at length, vol. ii. p. 23.

*P.* 362. *vv.* 18742–18761.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 363. *vv.* 18762–18909.—Instead of this long and curious narrative, we find in Wace only seven lines, thus briefly expressed: “Consult Merlin, who has arrived among the host, and who is skilled in many arts; if he is unable to counsel you, we know not how to help you.” The king, by the advice of *Ulfín*, caused Merlin to be sought and brought to him. He shewed to him all his desire, etc. Vol. ii. p. 23. So also Geoffrey, lib. viii. c. 19. Compare the *Roman de Merlin*, vol. i. f. lviii<sup>t</sup>.

*P.* 367. *vv.* 18856–18869.—This highly poetical passage relative to *Arthurs* future greatness seems to bear reference to the prophecy in Geoffrey, “In ore populorum celebrabitur, et actus ejus cibus erit narrantibus,”

lib. vii. c. 3. p. 49, but no doubt the popular traditions were also called in aid by the English writer. It is certain from this and several other passages that Lazamon was acquainted with the prophecies attributed to Merlin, but there is no direct proof that he derived them from Geoffrey of Monmouth; on the contrary he would appear from many circumstances not to have consulted the *Historia Britonum*. It is not improbable, however, that he may have read the Prophecies in an Anglo-Norman version, similar to that inserted in the Durham copy of Wace, and in the anonymous translation partly preserved in MS. Harl. 1605.

*Pp.* 370–372. *vv.* 18921–18931. 18967–18981.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 373. *vv.* 18982–3.—The French text is here rather more in detail, vol. ii. p. 25. From this passage the author or scribe of the Anglo-Norman metrical Brut in the Royal MS. 13 A. xxi. has adopted wholly the text of Wace.

*Ibid.* *vv.* 18990–19053.—All this is omitted in the text of Wace, which in three lines relates that the king was well received by those who believed they recognised their lord, vol. ii. p. 26. In the MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi. are some lines previously inserted, which approach nearer to the paraphrase of Lazamon and the text of Geoffrey.

Al chastel si sunt venut,  
Un poi devant qu'anuté fut,  
Li porters vit li duc venir,  
Mult tost li veit la porte overir.  
Ben quidat que co fust li sire;  
Si n'el osat contredire.  
En Tintagol, etc.—*f.* 75<sup>a</sup>. c. 1.

*P.* 376. *vv.* 19064–19067.—Not in Wace.

*Ibid.* *v.* 19071. *pa cnihtes*.—In the printed text of Wace we have “Li gent al duc,” which is nonsense. We should read “Les gentz le rei,” as in the best MSS.

*Ibid.* *vv.* 19074–19121.—Not in Wace. The subsequent assault is told by him in seven lines, which in the English poem extends to v. 19157.

*P.* 381. *vv.* 19176–19181.—Not in Wace, who makes the king say, that he left the castle for dread of some treason, without letting any one know it, vol. ii. p. 27.

*Ibid.* *vv.* 19190–19195.—Instead of these lines Wace writes, with more feeling,

Igerne ad cel conseil loé,  
Ki tut tens ont le rei duté;  
E li reis l'at dunc embracé,  
Si l'ad al departir beisé.—*MS. Cott. f.* 78. c. 1.

P. 382. *vv.* 19206–19218.—This is altogether different from the French text, which states, that the king inquired how the castle had been taken and the earl slain, and pretended to be angry at the death of Gorlois. He then returns to Tintagel, and summons those within. Vol. ii. p. 29. So also in Robert of Brunne.

P. 383. *vv.* 19220–19225. 19230–19237.—Not in Wace.

P. 384. *vv.* 19254–19269.—This curious passage is not in Wace, who contents himself with stating,

Ertur ont nun; de sa bunté

Ad grant parole puis esté.—*f.* 78. *c.* 2.

It will be remarked that the *elves* in *Lajamon* bear a greater affinity to the *fays of romance* than to the *popular fairies*, between whom there is a marked difference. On this subject Keightleys amusing work on the *Fairy Mythology* may be consulted, who remarks, that in the romances of Arthur and his Round Table the fairies appear but seldom, but are exhibited in all their brilliancy and power in those of Charlemagne and his Paladins, vol. i. p. 49. It may perhaps admit of a question, whether *Lajamon* derived his *elves*, who presided at the birth of Arthur, from the French romances, or from ancient British or Armorican traditions. Similar narratives are to be found in the romances of *Guillaume au Court nez*, and *Ogier le Danois*, as also in the later compilations of *Huon de Bordeaux* and *Isaie le Triste*, the comparison of which with the lines of our old English poet would be highly interesting in a work expressly on the subject, but can here only be briefly alluded to. It is almost certain that the French received their knowledge of these *fays* from the Northern mythology, in which the attendance of certain *norns* or fairies at the birth of a child was recognised; but we also find the same belief existing in Brittany, as appears by the ancient romance of *Brun de la Montagne*, quoted by M. Le Roux de Lincy in his interesting work entitled *Livre des Legendes, Introduction*, 8vo, Par. 1836, which may be read with advantage, on the subject of *fairy-lore*, pp. 175–186.

P. 385. *v.* 19275.—In one of the later MSS. of Wace is an interpolated couplet here, mentioning the birth of Walwain, son of Loth, and so also in Robert of Brunne, *f.* 57.

*Ibid.* *v.* 19287. *seoue zere*.—Wace says “*longement*,” and Geoffrey, “*multis diebus*.” The next four lines are an addition by *Lajamon*.

P. 386. *vv.* 19298–19355.—Here again the invention of the English poet is exercised. In the French text we only read, that Octa and Eosa, partly by promise and partly by bribe, corrupted the guard placed over them, and fled together to their native country, vol. ii. p. 31.

P. 389. vv. 19376-7.—Wace says, in general terms, they robbed and burnt the country.

P. 392. vv. 19436-19441.—Not in Wace.

*Ibid.* v. 19449. *Verolam*.—St. Albans, in Hertfordshire.

P. 393. vv. 19472-19507.—Not in Wace.

P. 395. vv. 19520-19559.—This speech, as well as the lines on the battle, are additions by Laȝamon.

P. 397. vv. 19562-3. 19566-19585.—Not in Wace. This notice of the popular songs is of interest; but the passage is illustrative not of the British but of the Anglo-Saxon period.

P. 399. vv. 19622-19625.—Instead of this repetition Wace has some lines omitted by the English paraphrast, and which are necessary to complete the narrative. He writes, that the king wished to pursue the fugitive Saxons, but by the advice of his barons was persuaded to remain in the city (*Verolam*, and not *Winchester*, as in the English text) until he should recover his health. He dismisses his army, and only retains with him his household. Vol. ii. p. 36.

P. 400. vv. 19626-19815.—The entire narrative of Uthers death by poison is greatly amplified and improved from the original, which occupies in the printed edition little more than two pages, vol. ii. pp. 36-38.

P. 408. v. 19826.—Here commences the ninth book of Geoffrey.

*Ibid.* vv. 19832-19927.—The whole of this narrative proceeds from Laȝamon, and is singularly at variance with the text of Wace, who only states in four lines,

Ertur, le fil; Uther, manderent,  
A *Cilcestre* le coronerent;  
Juvencels esteit de quinz anz,  
De su eage forz e granz.—*MS. Coll. f. 79<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.*

The Royal MS. reads *Cicestre*, and so does Robert of Brunne, but the printed edition of Wace, *Circestre*, as in the later English text. William of Worcester in his Itinerary fixes it at *Cirencester*, and says Arthur was crowned in the chapel of St. Cecilia, p. 299, 8vo, 1778. Geoffrey, however, has "in civitatem *Cilcestris*."

P. 412. v. 19928. *houn to kinge*.—Geoffrey tells us, that Arthur was crowned by the archbishop Dubricius, or Brice, lib. ix. c. 1.

P. 413. vv. 19942-19951.—Not in Wace, whose eulogium of Arthur, vol. ii. p. 39, should be compared with that of the English poet.

*P. 414. vv. 19964–19979.*—Wace says nothing of this meeting at London, nor of the oath taken by Arthurs knights.

*P. 416. vv. 20018–20021.*—Not in Wace. Geoffrey mentions previously that Colgrim had arrived from Germany, and had subdued all the northern part of Britain, from the Humber to Caithness, lib. ix. c. 1.

*P. 418. v. 20047. Scotleode.*—Roberts asserts, p. 139, that this is the first time the *Scoti* are mentioned in Geoffrey; but this is not true, since they are mentioned lib. iv. c. 17. lib. vi. c. 1. lib. viii. c. 3. etc.

*Ibid. v. 20068. Douglas.*—The river Douglas, near Wigan, in Lancashire. See Higdens *Polychron.* ap. Gale, p. 225, and Whitakers Manchester, vol. ii. p. 36. Nennius places the battle or battles of Arthur on the Douglas *second* in the series of his engagements against the Saxons.

*P. 419. vv. 20082–20175.*—This spirited and curious detail of the conflict is entirely supplied by Lazamon.

*Pp. 423. 424. vv. 20182–20185. 20187. 20192–3. 20210–20219.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 424. v. 20198. Childric.*—The *Cheldric* of Geoffrey and Wace is generally supposed to be the *Cerdic* of the Saxon chroniclers; but Roberts, p. 139, rejects this notion, and conjectures, without probability, that under the names of Baldulf, Colgrim, and Cledric, the three sons of Ella are designated.

*P. 425. v. 20229. seoue milen.*—Wace has “*cinc leues*,” Robert of Brunne, “*fyue myle*,” and Geoffrey, “*spatio decem miliariorum ab urbe.*”

*Ibid. vv. 20236–20269.*—The narrative here again is quite new, and due to Lazamon alone. In Wace we read simply,

*Mes acuns, k'is vit enbuscher,  
Le curut al rei a conter.*—*MS. Cott. f. 80. c. 1.*

Arthur summons Cador to his counsel, and gives him the command of *six* hundred (so the best MSS. read, and Geoffrey, but in the printed edition we have “*set*”) knights, and three thousand footmen, with which force he surprises Baldulf, vol. ii. p. 42.

*P. 427. v. 20279. nizen hundred.*—Wace says, more than half Baldulfs forces, and was prevented only by the approach of night from slaughtering the remainder.

*Ibid. vv. 20286–20294.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 428. v. 20306. Crosse.*—In the French text we read,



Se fist par mi la barbe rere,  
 E le chef par mi ensement,  
 E un des germans sulement,  
 Bien sembla lecheor u fol.—*MS. Cott. f. 80. c. 2.*

Geoffreys words are "cultum *joculatoris*," and in Robert of Brunne he is called "a *folled knave*." In the English romance of Ipomedon we have some lines so closely resembling those of Wace, that they (or at least the French original, from which it is translated) must have borrowed from the *Brut*. See Webers *Metr. Romances*, vol. ii. p. 340.

*P. 429. vv. 20313–20326.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 430. vv. 20339–20406.*—Lajamon here again draws on his imagination, for Wace merely tells us that news came to Arthurs tents of the arrival of Cheldric in Scotland with six hundred ships. The kings friends advise him to retreat to London, where he would be able to collect a greater force. Vol. ii. p. 44.

*P. 433. vv. 20411–20442.*—Instead of these lines we only have in the French text,

Dunc veissez terre mellée,  
 Chastels garnir, gent effrée.—*f. 80<sup>a</sup>. c. 1.*

*P. 434. v. 20445. Hoel his maie.*—Geoffrey writes, "Erat autem Hoelus filius sororis Arturi, ex Budicio [falsely printed *Dubricio* in the editions], rege Armoricanorum Britonum generatus," lib. ix. c. 2; and Wace calls him Arthurs nephew, and son of his sister. The Welsh writers make him son of Emyr Llydaw of Brittany. See *Cambr. Biogr.* p. 185, and Introduction to *Syr Gawayne*, p. xii. a, and a previous note, p. 366.

*P. 435. vv. 20469–20510.*—Wace only tells us, in six lines, that the barons and relatives of his lineage quickly got ready, and prepared their ships, the number of which is not stated. The army consisted of 12,000 knights, without foot-soldiers and archers. Geoffrey says, "*quindecim milibus armatorum.*"

*P. 437. v. 20511. Hamtone.*—The Welsh version ascribed to Tysilio absurdly reads *Northampton*.

*Pp. 437–439. vv. 20513–20550. 20561–20566. 20571–20576.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 440. vv. 20587–20640.*—All this is additional matter, for the French text merely states, in two lines, that Arthurs host fell upon the Saxons unawares.

*P. 443. vv. 20647–20657. 20661–2.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 444. v. 20670. pat æwere weore æi fikt.*—Wace makes a similar

remark, and Geoffrey estimates the number of slain on the part of the Saxons at 6000 men. *Lazamon* subsequently increases the amount to 40,000 and 60,000.

*P. 444. vv. 20679–20714.*—Not a word respecting this castle of Cheldric occurs in the original, nor is any further detail given, after describing the battle, than that the Saxons fled to the wood of *Calidon*, and made it their place of retreat. This is placed by Nennius the *seventh* in order of Arthurs victories, and he says it was called in British *Cat Coit Celidon*, *i. e.* battle of the wood. Carte and other writers have supposed the locality to be in Cumberland (see notes of Stevenson and Gunn on Nennius), but the narrative of Geoffrey would, with more probability, fix it in Lincolnshire, into which county formerly extended the forest which spread over parts of the shires of Nottingham, Derby, Rutland and Northampton. I am able however to quote an additional authority, Robert of Brunne, who being a native of Lincolnshire, is intitled to consideration in traditionary matters relating to this district. In the portion of his Chronicle still inedited he writes,

A wod beside hight *Calidoun*,  
That now men calle *Fiskertoun*;  
Bi the water side the wod was set ;  
Ther in had thei grete rescet.—*f. 59. c. 2.*

He probably means *Fiskarton*, a village in Lawress wapentake, and about four and a half miles from Lincoln.

*P. 446. v. 20718.*—Not in Wace.

*Ibid. vv. 20731–20918.*—The whole of this long narrative is comprised by Wace in fourteen lines, simply stating, that the Saxons took counsel to hold a parley with Arthur, and offer to yield up their arms and garments, retaining only their ships; to give hostages to keep thenceforth the peace, and to pay an annual tribute, provided they might be allowed to depart. Arthur grants these terms, and they embark. Vol. ii. p. 48.

*P. 451. vv. 20840–20870.*—These lines present by no means an unfavorable specimen of *Lazamon's* poetical talent; and the comparison of Childrics submissive conduct when hemmed in by his opponents to that of the fox when reduced to extremity by the hunters, is not inaptly introduced. We have here also, perhaps, one of the earliest existing descriptions of the fox-chase, which although at present the most prominent among English field-sports, does not seem to have held the same rank in the more manly diversions of our ancestors. It is alluded to in the curious old English poem of the *Hule and Nightingale*, p. 30, ed. Stevenson, 4to, 1838, and more at length in the romance of *Syr Gawayne and the Grene Knyzt*,

st. xxiii. xxiv. xxxi. edited by me for the Bannatyne Club in 1839. See notes, *ibid.* p. 323. In the treatise called "The Mayster of the Game," compiled for the use of Henry the Fifth when prince, the subject of unearthing the fox is thus mentioned, cap. viii. : "Whanne he [the fox] seethe that he may not dure, than he gooth to the ertbe, wher he may next en fynde, the whiche he knowethe wel; and thanne may men digge hym out, and take hym, so that he be in esy digging, but not amonge rochea." MS. Cott. Vesp. B. xii. f. 42'.

P. 456. vv. 20961-21010.—These remarkable lines are added by Lazamon in amplification of his original, and contain a vivid and probably faithful picture of the excesses committed by the Saxon ravagers.

P. 457. vv. 20993-20998.—This passage may bring to mind the cruel retaliation inflicted by the sons of Ragnar Lodbrog on Ella, king of Northumbria, in revenge for their fathers death. See the *Chronicon P. Olai*, ap. Langebek, *Scriptt. rerum Danicarum*, vol. i. p. 111. fol. Hafn. 1772.

P. 458. vv. 21013-21020.—Geoffrey says in general terms, that the Saxons depopulated the country to the Severn sea, lib. ix. c. 3, and Wace names only Devonshire, Somersetshire and Dorsetshire. The ignorance shown by his editor in regard to the first of these counties, is really extraordinary. See the printed edition, vol. ii. p. 50.

P. 459. vv. 21027-21030. 21047-21056.—Not in Wace.

P. 460. vv. 21063-21110.—Wace only says, in two lines, that Arthur caused the hostages to be hung forthwith, vol. ii. p. 51.

P. 462. v. 21115. *Clud*.—An abbreviated form of *Alclud*, already explained to be *Dunbarton*.

P. 463. v. 21119. *Bade*.—Carte is decidedly in error, *Hist. Engl.* vol. i. p. 204, in supposing that the scene of this battle was at *Mount Badon*, in Berkshire, and not at Lansdown-hill, near Bath. Compare Gildas, p. 34. ed. Stevenson, Ushers *Antiquitates*, p. 254, and Camden, vol. i. p. 188. The date of this battle, on account of the obscurity of the passages in Gildas and Bede, in which it is mentioned, has given rise to some controversy. The most probable opinion seems in favour of the year 520. See Stevensons Preface to Gildas, p. ix.

*Ibid.* v. 21125.—Not in Wace.

*Ibid.* vv. 21131-21134.—These curious lines are not in the French text, and were probably added by Lazamon from some tradition connected with *Weland*, the magician-smith, whose traditionary fame is discussed at length in a treatise intitled, "Véland le Forgeron," published by G. B. Depping and

Fr. Michel, 8vo. Par. 1833. At any rate this notice is a valuable addition to our scanty knowledge of the mythological lore introduced into England from Scandinavia.

*P. 464. v. 21157. Calibeorne.*—On this famous sword of Arthur see the Romances of *Tristan*, edited by M. Michel, vol. i. p. lxxxv.; Warton's *History of English Poetry*, vol. i. p. 126. edit. 1840; and Notes on *Syr Gawayne*, p. 343. In the Welsh versions of the *Brut* this sword is termed *Caledwolch*, or *hard cleft*, in allusion, as Roberts supposes, to the fable of its having been fixed in a rock. "Geoffrey alone," adds Roberts, "calls the sword Caliburn, i. e. *caled-vern*, the hard mass, i. e. well tempered and massive." In the *Roman de Merlin*, vol. i. f. lxxxii<sup>b</sup>, *Escalibort* is interpreted "ung nom en Ebrieu, qui vault au tant à dire en François comme *trencher fer et acier*;" and in the same manner in the English *Morte Arthur* it is explained *cut steel*, vol. i. p. 48, on which see Southey's note. Another name is *Broun-stele*, which occurs in a romance in the MS. *Red Book of Bath*.

*Ibid. v. 21139. Avalun.*—See the authorities quoted in a subsequent note on Arthurs fabled transportation to this fairy island, after the battle of Camlan.

*Ibid. vv. 21147–8. Goswhit.*—Here we have, no doubt, a traditionary name not handed down by Geoffrey or Wace. Of course *Goswhit*, i. e. Goose-white, must be taken as the interpretation of a British epithet. In the French text is a peculiarity passed over by Lajamon,

D'or fu tut li nassels devant.—MS. Cott. f. 81<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.

*Ibid. vv. 21151–21156.*—The signification of *Pridwen* in Welsh is said to be the *fair form*, or *that which is white*, in allusion probably to the figure of the Virgin said to be painted on it. Roberts would regard this passage as an interpolation, because it suited not his views, yet it is as ancient as any of the other traditions respecting Arthur. Nennius says, he bore the figure of the Virgin "super humeros suos," at the battle of Castle Guinnion, p. 48, but William of Malmesbury transfers the battle to Badon hill, where he says Arthur was assisted by the image of the Divine Mother "quam armis suis insuerat," lib. i. f. 4. edit. 1596. There is a later legend on the subject, preserved in MS. Bodl. 622, and MS. Cott. Cleop. D. viii., and inserted in an abbreviated form in John of Glastonbury's Chronicle, vol. i. p. 77. 8vo. 1726.

*Ibid. v. 21158. Ron.*—This word signifies *spear* in Welsh, and hence Geoffrey has been accused of not understanding its meaning, and making it a proper name. The Welsh texts add an epithet to it, signifying *commanding* or *tall*, Roberts, p. 142. The printed text of Wace is very cor-

rupt here. La;amon tells us subsequently, p. 576, that Arthurs spear had (like his helm) belonged previously to Uther, and was fabricated by a smith of Caermarthen, named Griffin, a personage unknown to the chroniclers.

*P. 464. v. 21159. al his iweden.*—The corresponding lines describing Arthurs armour in the inedited portion of Robert of Brunnes Chronicle, are curious enough to deserve being quoted at length.

Himself was armed fynly wele  
 W<sup>t</sup> gode chambres of iren & stele;  
 & a hauberk th<sup>t</sup> non was suilk,  
 Abouen an acton mad of silk;  
 & gird w<sup>t</sup> *Calaburn*, the gode bronde,  
 A better com neuer in kynges honde.  
 Ten fote long was the blade,  
 In *Ramseie* the merk is made;  
 Fro the hilde to the pomelle  
 Tuelue inche grete, th<sup>t</sup> tyme as felle;  
 The brede of the blade seven inche & more,  
 I trow th<sup>t</sup> wild smyte sore.  
 Arthure luffed it wele inouh,  
 Misshapped him neuer whan he it drouh.  
 His helme was gode, non better on molde,  
 The naselle befor was alle of golde;  
 The bendeles of gold burnyst bright,  
 A dragon about, selcouth in sight.  
 About his nek hang his schelde,  
*Pridwen* it hight, many it behelde;  
 Ther one was putreid, next him bi,  
 The image [of] our suete Lady.  
 His lance grete, he cald it *Ron*,  
 W<sup>t</sup> iren befor, suilk was non.—*f. 59<sup>t</sup>. c. 2.*

*Ibid. vv. 21161–21168.*—Not in Wace, who has instead some lines to the effect, that Arthur caused his troops to advance slowly and in perfect order. The Saxons, on their approach, withdraw to a neighbouring hill, where they prepare for defence. The Britons follow them, and are then addressed by Arthur, vol. ii. p. 54. In Geoffrey the address of Arthur precedes his putting on his armour, and he is seconded by the archbishop Dubricius, who promises the Britons absolution of all their sins, should they die in the conflict. In Geoffrey also the conflict occupies two days, lib. ix. c. 4.

*P. 466. vv. 21206–21216.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 467. vv. 21217–21235.*—This passage in the French text occupies only two lines:

Ne sai quel de Saines ateinst,  
E jus à la terre l'enpeinst.—*f.* 81<sup>a</sup>. c. 1.

*P.* 468. *vv.* 21250–21256.—Not in Wace.

*Ibid.* *vv.* 21257–21260.—Nennius says, that Arthur killed with his own hand in that battle 960 men, p. 49. ed. Stev. In Geoffrey the number is diminished to 470, which Wace further reduces to 400. Robert of Brunne renders the lines,

*Fyue* hundreth he slouh more alone  
Than his oste did ilk one.—*f.* 60. c. 2.

*P.* 469. *vv.* 21261–21456.—This long and highly poetic narrative is due to the invention of our English poet; for in his original, the conclusion of the battle, the death of Baldulf and Colgrim, and the flight of Cheldric, are described in four lines, vol. ii. p. 57.

*P.* 477. *vv.* 21461–21484.—All that Wace says is, that Arthur sent Cadur after the fugitives, with 10,000 of his best men. The account which follows in *Lazamon*, *vv.* 21485–21642, of the stratagem used by the Britons, and the defeat and death of Cheldric, is so greatly amplified and altered from the French text, as to present the appearance of an independent narrative. In Wace it occupies only thirty-five lines, vol. ii. p. 57.

*P.* 483. *v.* 21609. *Teinnewic*.—The ships of Cheldric had been left at Dartmouth (p. 456), to which port, or one near it, the fugitive Saxons would naturally direct their flight. Geoffrey, however, writes, “*insulam Tanet lacero agmine ingrediuntur*,” to which place being followed by Cadur, their chief is killed, and the rest submit, and give hostages. Wace, being apparently aware of the absurdity of bringing the Saxons from Bath to the isle of Thanet, where their ships were *not*, conducts them into Devonshire, and fixes the scene of the battle at Teignmouth, at that period called *Teignwick*, not many miles from the spot at which they had landed. *Lazamon* and Robert of Brunne follow Wace's authority, and it is far from improbable, that some local tradition might have existed at the period, of a conflict having taken place on the spot. The printed text of Wace is here, as in so many other passages, deplorably inaccurate.

*P.* 485. *vv.* 21647–21652.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 486. *vv.* 21671–21726.—Wace only says in three lines,

Ertur solt qu'il se resemlouent,  
Encontre lui se ralliouent;  
Jesque Marcif les siwi.—*MS. Cott. f.* 82. c. 2.

They hear of his approach, and fly to the lake of *Limonoi*, or *Lomond*, in Dunbartonshire, the marvellous traditions respecting which seem to have

been borrowed by Geoffrey from the tract "*De Mirabilibus Britannie*," which is often found appended to Nennius. See also Alfred of Beverley, p. 7.

*P. 489. vv. 21739-21748.*—These additional particulars of the wonders of the lake are added by Lajamon.

*P. 491. v. 21783. an imetliche broc.*—This is the *Levin watty*r of later writers. See Nennius, p. 56, and Macphersons *Geographical Illustrations*, in voce.

*Ibid. vv. 21797-21810.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 492. v. 21813. twalf milen.*—Wace says, "assés près d'Artus." His name in the printed edition is given *Diramaurus*, contrary to the readings of the best MSS. and the text of Geoffrey.

*P. 493. vv. 21827-21854.*—In the French original it is only stated in general terms, that Gillomar fled back to Ireland, and that Arthur returned to the lake where he had left the Scots; without any mention of Howel, vol. ii. p. 62. Then follows immediately the submission of the Scots by their bishops and women, but no number of the former is given, as in Lajamon. The whole is much amplified in the English paraphrase.

*P. 497. vv. 21937-21956.*—In Wace this passage is represented by a single line,

Lur humages prist, sis leissa.—*MS. Cott. f. 83. c. 1.*

*P. 500. vv. 21994-21996.*—The measure given in the original is *twenty* feet long and *twenty* broad, and so also in Geoffrey, and in the tract *De Mirabilibus*, from which he seems to have borrowed. In the latter this water is called *Finnaun Guur Helic*, and placed "in regione *Cindipluc*." ap. Nenn. p. 57. Giraldus Cambrensis mentions a similar lake on the hill called *Arthurs Chair*, in Gower, Carmarthenshire. Compare Alfred of Beverley, p. 7.

*Ibid. v. 21998.*—Not in Wace. Here as elsewhere, the disposition of the English writer to refer every marvellous occurrence to the agency of evil spirits or elves, is worthy observation.

*P. 501. v. 22015. i pissen londes ænde.*—Wace says, "De juste Saverne en Guales sit," MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi. f. 80<sup>b</sup>. c. 1, and so also Geoffrey, who adds, "quod pagenses *Linligwan* appellant," lib. ix. c. 7. This is also borrowed from the tract *De Mirabilibus*, on which the editor notes, that the name is probably a corruption of the Welsh *Aber-linn-llivan*. In the latter part of the description of this lake, Lajamon has either inadvertently omitted a part of his original, or some lines of his text are missing. The

latter supposition seems most probable. Compare Wace, vol. ii. p. 66, and the Latin authorities cited above.

*P.* 503. *vv.* 22067–22074.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 504. *v.* 22089.—In the original it is said, that Arthur remained at York till the feast of the Nativity.

*Ibid.* *vv.* 22099–22114.—Wace only writes, that Arthur caused his chaplain to be invested with the archbishopric, in order to maintain and restore the churches and monasteries destroyed by the pagans. Geoffrey has in addition, that archbishop Sampson and the other ministers of religion had been previously expelled by the heathen Saxons, lib. ix. c. 8.

*P.* 505. *vv.* 22115–22116. 22119–22126.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 506. *vv.* 22137–22140.—Not in Wace. The severity of the law against treachery of the tenants to their lord, is here and elsewhere strongly marked.

*Ibid.* *v.* 22143.—In the French text and Geoffrey, as well as in the French romances of the 12th century, the second name is given, more correctly, *Angusel* or *Augusel*. The Welsh authors call them sons of Cynvarch, a chieftain of the Northumbrian Britons, by Nevyn, daughter of Brychan, and name them Aron, Llew, and Urien.

*Ibid.* *vv.* 22145–22207.—Instead of this long interlocutory passage, Wace merely tells us, that the brothers had held, by right of their ancestors, the territory northward from the Humber, during the time of peace. Arthur restored to them their lands and heritages. To Urien, the eldest, he gave *Moray*, and commanded that he should be called king of it; to Angusel he gave *Scotland* in fee; and to Loth, who had married Arthurs sister, he gave all *Leonais*, and other fees. Geoffrey reads, “ad consulum *Lodenesia*,” MS. Reg., which is explained to be the ancient province of Lothian. Roberts, in commenting on the division above made, says, that the second portion seems to have included all the south-western counties of Scotland; the third, the south-eastern counties to Grahams dyke; and the first, the territory beyond it, p. 146.

*P.* 509. *v.* 22203. *mi suster*.—According to Geoffrey and his followers her name was *Anna*. See *Lazamon*, vol. ii. p. 385, and notes, p. 366. In Wace no mention is here made of Modred, but there is in Geoffrey, lib. ix. c. 9. The romance authorities say, that although Modred passed as the nephew of Arthur, yet he was in reality his bastard son by Loths wife. Robert of Brunne renders the passage thus :

Sir Loth, th' wedded Anne;  
Wawan, ther sone, at Rome was than,



To norise, as the romance sais ;  
He hight Wawan the curtais.—*f.* 62. c. 1.

*P.* 509. *vv.* 22213–22224.—Wace states briefly in five lines, that after Arthur had settled his kingdom and established his laws, he took Guenever to wife. He says nothing of any meeting at London, or of Arthur going into Cornwall. With regard to the personal attractions of queen Guenever (called by the Welsh *Gwenhyfar*, daughter to Goyfran the Hero), see my Notes to *Syr Gawayne*, p. 311. 4to. Lond. 1839.

*P.* 510. *vv.* 22245–22248.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 511. *vv.* 22251–22298.—The French text merely states, that Arthur caused his navy to be got ready, and said he would go and conquer Ireland, vol. ii. p. 70. The details in *Lazamon* are always valuable.

*Pp.* 513. 514. *vv.* 22305–22316. 22321–2.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 515. *vv.* 22355–22464.—Wace does not say that Arthur captured the Irish king with his own hand, but his text has been understood too literally by the English paraphrast. The whole of what follows is the invention of *Lazamon*, since in Wace we have only four lines, stating that Gillomar did homage to Arthur, and gave hostages to hold his lands in *treuage*. Even Giraldus admits that the Irish princes were tributary to Arthur, *De Top. Hibern.* dist. iii. c. 8. ed. Francof. 1602.

*P.* 520. *vv.* 22471–22524.—Here again we are indebted to *Lazamon* for a very curious narrative, to be found nowhere else. Wace tells the story in two lines, and Geoffrey is equally brief. The names of *Ælcus* and *Escol* do not exist in historians.

*P.* 523. *vv.* 22525–22678.—The whole of this is comprised by Wace in twenty lines, vol. ii. p. 72. Geoffrey is still more brief, lib. ix. c. 10, and only mentions the first two of these island or northern kings.

*P.* 524. *v.* 22565. *Doldanim*.—The name in Geoffrey is *Doldanius*, in Wace *Duldainet* or *Doldain*, and in Robert of Brunne *Doldan*.

*P.* 526. *v.* 22616. *Winet-londe*.—The MSS. of Wace read *Wineland*, *Venelande*, *Guenelande*, etc., and Robert of Brunne *Wentland*. In Geoffrey the name does not occur. M. Le Roux de Lincy conjectures it to have been *Vinland*, and refers to Wheatons *History of the Northmen*, p. 25; but according to that writer, the country so named was part of the continent of North America, and cannot be the territory here intended. With greater probability we may refer *Winet-lond* to the tract of land on the south shore of the Baltic, between the rivers Oder and Vistula, inhabited by the Wends, which in Wulfstans account of his voyage to king Alfred is named

*Weomod-land.* It forms at present part of the territories of Prussia. See on the Wends (who are supposed of Sarmatian origin) an article in the *Cambro-Briton*, vol. iii. p. 478. *Winet-lond* is referred to again by Lajamon, v. 22788.

*P. 529. vv. 22679-22718.*—Lajamon continues here to borrow from his own stores, for in his French original we have only three lines to tell us of Arthurs return to England, vol. ii. p. 73.

*P. 531. v. 22721. twelf zere.*—So also in the best MSS. of Wace and Geoffrey; but Le Roux de Lincy, in the corrupt text he has given us of the former, prints *trente et deus*.

*Ibid. vv. 22735-22974.*—This long narrative on the origin of the Round Table, is perhaps one of the most remarkable and curious instances which occur of the additional matter engrafted by Lajamon on the text of Wace. In the latter we have a few introductory lines on the fame of Arthur, which is stated to have caused every knight of reputation to repair to his court, and enter his service. He then adds,

Pur les nobles baners [*r. barons*] qu'il out,  
 Dun[t] chescun meldere estre quidout,  
 Chescun se teneit à meillor,  
 Ne nuls ne saveit le peor,  
 Fist reis Ertur la Runde Table,  
 Dun[t] Bretun dient meint fable.—*MS. Cott. f. 84<sup>l</sup>. c. 2.*

He proceeds to say, that at this table all sat as equals, and none could sit higher than another. This tradition respecting the Round Table wholly rests with Wace, for Geoffrey is perfectly silent respecting it, which is the more extraordinary, since there is no reason to doubt the assertion of the former, that the Britons had many marvellous stories about its institution. These stories must consequently have existed in the early part of the twelfth century, and, of course, previous to the composition of the French romances in prose and verse on the subject. It is by no means improbable, that in the narrative of the English poet one of these popular traditions on the foundation of the Round Table may have been preserved, since it would appear hardly credible that the whole should be a mere invention of the writer. See on this subject a note in *Syr Gawayne*, p. 353, and the *Itinerarium* of William de Worcestre, p. 311. 8vo. 1778.

*P. 542. vv. 22975-22996.*—The corresponding lines in Wace are well known from having been so often cited by writers on the origin of romance, but deserve to be compared with Lajamons version. See the printed edition, vol. ii. p. 76. Robert of Brunne, who again translated or paraphrased the French text (and whose work was finished in the year 1338), renders

the above passage, in the inedited portion of his Chronicle, in the following remarkable manner :

In th' tuelue ȝeres tyme  
 Felle auentours, th' men rede of ryme.  
 In th' tyme wer herd and sene,  
 Th' som say th' neuer had bene.  
 Of Arthure is said many selcouth,  
 In diuers landes north and south,  
 Th' man haldes now for fable,  
 Be thei neuer so trew no stable.  
 Not alle is sothe, no alle lie,  
 Ne alle wisdom, ne alle folie ;  
 Ther is of him no thing said,  
 Th' ne it may to gode laid.  
 More than other was his dedis,  
 Th' men of him so mykelle redis.  
 Geffrey Arthur of Menimu,  
 Wrote his dedis th' wer of pru,  
 & blames bothe Gildas and Bede,  
 Whi of him thei wild not rede ;  
 Sithen he was pris of alle kynges  
 Thei wild not write his praysynges ;  
 & more wirschip of hym was  
 Than of any th' spekes Gildas,  
 Or of any th' Bede wrote,  
 Saue holy men th' we wote.  
*In alle londes wrote men of Arthoure,*  
*His noble dedis of honoure ;*  
*In France men wrote, & ȝit write :*  
*Here haf we of him bot lye.*  
 Tille domes day men salle spelle,  
 Of Arthure dedis talk & telle.—*f. 62<sup>b</sup>. c. 2.*

*P. 543. vv. 23001–23004.*—Wace writes thus :

N'esteit pas tenu par curteis,  
 Escot, ne Bretun, ne Franceis,  
 Norman, Angevin, ne Flemenc,  
 Ne Burgoinum ne Loherenc, *etc.*—*MS. Cott. f. 84<sup>b</sup>. c. 2.*

But in the Royal MS. 13 A. xxi. the last two lines are omitted, and may be an interpolation. In the French text also the entire paragraph, vv. 23001–23012, precedes the passage relative to the marvellous stories told of Arthur by the *conteors* and *fableors*, and instead of vv. 23013–23026 of the English text, we have in Wace some lines to the effect, that many came from various lands to seek honour and wealth at Arthurs court, and to see his nobles. He was beloved by the poor and honored by the rich. Foreign kings feared him for his prowess, and envied him for his liberality. Vol. ii. p. 76.

*P. 544. vv. 23027–23080.*—Supplied by Lajamon; but the latter portion is only an anticipation of what is stated by Wace after the death of Arthur, and repeated in the English paraphrase, vol. iii. p. 144. The part which relates to Merlins prophecy of Arthur would appear to be a poetical paraphrase of a passage in Geoffrey, lib. vii. c. 3, which had previously been noticed by Lajamon. See a previous note, p. 370.

*P. 546. v. 23064. per Walwain wes for-faren.*—Lajamon here alludes to the fatal battle between Arthur and Modred, which took place on the river Camlan, but he is wrong in assigning the death of Walwain to that locality. His memory must here have played the truant, for he subsequently, vol. iii. p. 132, rightly fixes the event at the spot where Arthur first landed. See Introduction to *Syr Gawayne*, 4to, 1839, p. xxii.

*Ibid. v. 23070. Argante.*—Whence this name has been derived I am at a loss to conceive; for in all the extant authorities of the twelfth century which mention her, she is called *Morgen*, *Morganis*, *Morgana*, or *Morgain*. Gervase of Tilbury adds the epithet *fatata*, fay, or fairy, which has been overlooked by Keightley, *Fairy Mythology*, vol. i. p. 12, and Taylor, Note to new edition of Warton, vol. i. p. (34). It would appear that *Argant* was an Armoric name, and borne by the daughter of Constantin, (see Lobineaus *Hist. de Bretagne*, vol. i. fol. par. 1707.) but this will not explain why it is here applied to the fairy sister of Arthur. Price writes, “The Persian *Mergian* and *Urganda* have unquestionably furnished Italian poetry with its *Morgana* and *Urgana*.” Pref. p. (34). This seems, however, rather an unguarded assertion; for although on D’Herbelots authority *Mergian* has been received as the prototype of *Morgana*, (which requires further proof,) yet I find no trace of the name of *Urganda* in the Persian or Arabic writers. It is nevertheless very remarkable to meet with a name allied to the *Urganda Desconecida* of the cycle of *Amadis* in the work of an English writer at the beginning of the thirteenth century, and it would be desirable to have some better explanation of it than I am able to offer. Compare Lajamon, vol. iii. p. 144.

*P. 547. vv. 23087–23246.*—The narrative is much briefer in Wace, and differently arranged, vol. ii. pp. 77–79.

*P. 551. v. 23181. Riculf.*—This name occurs in Walsingham, *Ypod. Neustr.* p. 418, ed. Camd., borne by a Norman.

*P. 554. vv. 23259–23270.*—These lines are not in the French text. It must be remarked that the mention of Walwain as having come from Rome to join Arthur in Norway, is entirely due to Wace, apparently founded upon some misconception of Geoffrey’s text, who says only, that at that

time Walwain was committed by his uncle, at the age of twelve years, to the care of pope Sulpicius, from whom he received knighthood. See Introduction to *Syr Gawayne*, pp. xii. xiii.

*P. 556. vv. 23305-23354.*—In Wace this passage occupies only six lines, stating in general terms the submission of Æscil, vol. ii. p. 81.

*P. 558. vv. 23355-23396.*—The French text gives us in the place of this curious enumeration of Arthurs forces only three or four lines, to the effect that he caused to be selected from Denmark a great number—"ne sai quanz cens ne quanz millers"—to lead with him into France; which was done without delay. Vol. ii. p. 81.

*P. 562. vv. 23433-4.*—Wace does not state the amount of the tribute, but says it was transmitted to the emperor, whose name is given by Geoffrey as *Leo*, lib. ix. c. 11. In a recent manuscript copy of Wace here occur four lines, evidently and absurdly interpolated, which refer to Julius Cæsar, the conqueror of Britain, as the emperor alluded to, and these lines are admitted most injudiciously by the editor into the text, vol. ii. p. 82.

*Ibid. vv. 23439-23462.*—This narrative is quite opposed to that of Wace, who does not say a word of any application to Rome for assistance, but merely that Frolle assembled all the forces in the pay of Rome that were in his province, and marched with them to attack Arthur. The description of the battle is then dismissed in four lines; but some others are added, relative to the French who joined the army of Arthur, and which Lajamon has passed over without notice. See *ibid.*

*P. 568. vv. 23573-23630.*—In the French text we have merely eight lines, stating that Frolle saw the starving condition of the people, and resolved to put his own life in peril rather than that all Paris should perish. Vol. ii. p. 86.

*P. 571. vv. 23649-23880.*—This long and curious detail is almost entirely due to Lajamon. Wace has only eight lines as an equivalent, saying that the challenge was accepted, and hostages given on both sides for its fulfilment. The two warriors enter armed into the island assigned for the combat. *ibid.*

*P. 573. v. 23703-4.*—Robert of Brunne in translating Wace, writes,

The bataile suld be in a playne,  
Bituex two waters, Marne & Seyne.—*f. 64. c. 1.*

The readers of romance lore will not fail to recognise an imitation of this combat in the similar one between Roland and Oliver on an island in the middle of the river Rhone, near Vienna. See the *Roman de Guerin de*

*Montglave*, f. xxxviii<sup>t</sup>. 4to, Par. 1518, and MS. Reg. 20 B. xix. f. 28<sup>t</sup>. Le Roux de Lincy is mistaken in asserting that this combat of Arthur and Frolo is not to be found in the romances of the Round Table, since it is in the *Lancelot du Lac*, tom. ii. f. 64<sup>t</sup>. edit. 4to, 1513. *Froille* is also mentioned in the *Roman de Merlin*, vol. ii. f. ix. as a duke of Germany and ally of king Claudas.

P. 582. vv. 23929–23930.—Lajamon seems to have here misunderstood his original author, who writes,

De sun cheval l'ad loin porté,  
Tant cum hanste li ad dure.—MS. Cott. f. 86<sup>t</sup>. c. 2.

Pp. 584. 585. vv. 23970–23972. 23991–24030.—Not in Wace.

P. 587. v. 24046.—After this line Wace adds two others, omitted by Lajamon,

A Paris lunges sojorna,  
Bailliz assist, pois ordena.—f. 87. c. 1.

P. 589. vv. 24087–24100.—Wace has only two lines,

Les altres parties de France  
Cumquist Ertur par grant puissance.—f. 87. c. 2.

In Geoffrey we read, “*Emensis iterum novem annis, cum totius Gallie partes potestati suæ submisisset, venit iterum Arturus Parisios, tenuitque ibidem curiam,*” etc. lib. ix. c. 11.

P. 590. vv. 24111–24124.—Not in Wace.

P. 591. vv. 24135–24138.—Robert of Brunnes translation of the original passage is rendered curious by his own additions :

Many selcouth be tyme seres  
Betid Arthur tho nyen jeres :  
Many proude man lowe he brouht,  
To many a felon wo he wrouht.  
*Ther haf men bokes alle his life,*  
*Ther er his meruailes kid fulle rife ;*  
*Th' we of him here alle rede,*  
*Ther er thei writen, ilka dede.*  
*Thise grete bokes so faire langage,*  
*Writen and spoken on France vsage,*  
*Th' neuer was writen thorgh Inglis man ;*  
*Suilk stile to speke no kynde can.*  
*Bot France men wrote in prose,*  
*Als he did him to alose.—f. 65. c. 1.*

This is, perhaps, the most direct testimony extant of the priority of the romances written in French to those composed in English on the exploits of the Round Table.

*P. 592. vv. 24155–24186.*—This passage is written more briefly, and in the narrative form in Wace, vol. ii. p. 92. Geoffrey only notices the grants to Kay and Beduer, and dismisses the rest in general terms. In the Cotton MS. two additional lines occur, which are probably an interpolation, as they are not noticed from any other MS. in the printed edition.

*Flandres duna à Holdin,  
Le Mans à Borel, sun cousin ;  
Buloigne duna à Liger,  
E Puintif duna à Richer.—f. 87<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.*

*P. 593. vv. 24191–24194.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 594. vv. 24195–24214.*—Wace only says, in four lines, that Arthur returned in the month of April to England, where he was joyfully received, vol. ii. p. 93.

*P. 595. vv. 24229–24240.*—Not in Wace, but the passage immediately preceding is given in a more dilated form in the French text; a circumstance so unusual as to deserve notice.

*P. 597. vv. 24273–24278.*—Not in Wace. It would be curious to ascertain what books these were to which Lazamon in this passage refers. As to the ancient magnificence of Caerleon, see the Itinerary of Giraldus, translated by Sir R. C. Hoare, vol. i. p. 103. 4to. 1806.

*Ibid. v. 24283. seint Julien.*—In the place of this saint (called *Julius* by Geoffrey), M. Le Roux de Lincy in his edition of Wace gives us another named *Vulc* (!), although his own book, vol. i. p. 164, and the collation of any good MS. or of the Latin text might have taught him better.

*P. 599. v. 24316.*—In a late MS. of Wace, Bibl. du Roi, 7515<sup>s.3</sup> *fonds Colbert*, are here interpolated fourteen lines, not in the earlier MSS. nor in Lazamon, detailing the names of the different peoples summoned by Arthur. See the printed edition, vol. ii. p. 96.

*Ibid. v. 24324. Angel.*—See previous note, p. 381.

*Ibid. v. 24330.*—Here in the MS. 7515<sup>s.3</sup> are four more lines interpolated, relative to Loth and his son Walwain, vol. ii. p. 97.

*P. 600. v. 24332. Cadwaðlan.*—In Geoffrey he is mentioned as "*Cadwallo Lawirh, rex Venedotorum, qui nunc Norgualenses dicuntur,*" which Roberts renders, "*Caswallon Lawhir (the long-handed,) lord of Gwynedd.*" Wace reads *Cadwal*.

*Ibid. v. 24335. Glouchæstre.*—The printed Welsh translation ascribed to Tysilio reads *Worcester*, erroneously, instead of *Gloucester*, and omits the next name.

*P. 600. v. 24336. Winchastre.*—Geoffrey and several of the copies of Wace read *Worcester* here, but others agree with *Lazamon* in reading *Winchester*.

*Ibid. v. 24337. Gurguint.*—He is omitted in Geoffrey and in some copies of Wace.

*Ibid. vv. 24339–24341.*—In Geoffrey and Wace *Cursal* is assigned to *Chester*, and *Urgent* (*Urbgenius*, Geoffrey) to *Bath*.

*Ibid. v. 24343. Ærnald.*—Called *Anaraut* in Geoffrey and Wace. In the Welsh version falsely named earl of *Shrewsbury*.

*Ibid. v. 24345. Balien of Silechastre.*—The text of Geoffrey reads “*Gal-luc Saresberiensis*,” which is evidently erroneous, since *Salisbury* has previously occurred. Wace has *Balluc*, earl of *Silchester* or *Chichester*, for the MSS. vary, as is the case with the two English texts. The printed edition of Wace has the corrupt reading *Balduf*.

*Ibid. v. 24346. Wigain.*—Geoffrey and Wace read *Jugein*.

*Ibid. vv. 24349–24358.*—Several of the names here differ considerably from those in Geoffrey and Wace, and all are more or less corrupt: the MSS. also of the Latin and French texts present numerous variations, and it would be superfluous to note them down. It may however be remarked, that *Madoc* and *Traher* do not occur at all in Geoffrey or Wace, and that *Peredur mab Elidur* has been improperly considered as two persons. Roberts in his translation of the Welsh version has bestowed some pains on this list, p. 151, and may be referred to, together with the text of Geoffrey in MS. Reg. 13 D. ii. Robert of Brunne thus dismisses the dry catalogue of names:—

Of ther childir it sais ther names,  
To neuen tham here it ne frames.  
Ther was Porsud sone, Donant,  
& ser Regin sone, Elant,  
& Cohel sone, hight Keneus,  
& Katelle sone, Katellus ;  
& other names, selcouth to telle,  
It is not on tham to duelle.  
Thise serued at the Round Table ;  
To rekne tham alle it is fable.—*f. 65<sup>a</sup>. c. 2.*

*P. 601. v. 24372. Lundene.*—Geoffrey and Wace add, that he was also legate of Rome, and could cure by the virtue of his prayers.

*Ibid. v. 24374. Cantware-buri.*—The see of London is supposed to have existed as an archbishopric from the period of the introduction of Christi-



anity, under Lucius, to the advent of Augustine. See Godwin *de Pres-*  
*libus*, pp. 169, 171. fol. 1743.

*P. 602. v. 24381. Malverus.*—Called *Malvasius* or *Malveisus* by Geof-  
frey and Wace.

*Ibid. v. 24383. Kinkailin of Frislonde.*—Not in Wace or Geoffrey.  
Robert of Brunne instead of this line supplies another, “*Kynmare*, kyng  
of *Wentland*,” f. 66. c. 1, in reference to the passage at p. 527, but the  
name of the king is there different.

*Ibid. v. 24386. bi Norðe.*—Wace has, “*ki ert reis de Noreis*,” which  
Lazamon has not translated correctly.

*P. 603. vv. 24411–12.*—Not in Wace.

*Ibid. vv. 24419–20.*—In Wace other causes are assigned for their arrival,  
in six additional lines, omitted by Lazamon. Vol. ii. p. 101.

*P. 604. vv. 24427–24430.*—Not in Wace. The passage that follows,  
extending from v. 24431 to v. 24442, is much enfeebled in the translation.  
Compare the printed edition, vol. ii. p. 102.

*P. 605. vv. 24457–24468.*—Wace only says, in four lines, that two  
archbishops led the king, each of whom sustained one of his arms.

*P. 606. vv. 24483–24496.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 607. vv. 24513–24516.*—On the contrary Wace tells us the queen  
was crowned in her chamber, and afterwards conducted to the nunnery (of  
St. Julius) to avoid the crowd. Vol. ii. p. 104.

*P. 608. vv. 24519–24522.*—Wace only says that they held white doves  
(*columbs*) in their hands. The editor chooses to print *cornelles* in his text,  
vol. ii. p. 105.

*Ibid. v. 24536.*—The French original has here several lines omitted by  
Lazamon, which were thus rendered more than a century afterwards by  
Robert of Brunne:—

Whan the procession was gone,  
The messe bigan son on one ;  
Ther mot men se faire sumenyng  
Of the clerkis th<sup>t</sup> best couth syng ;  
W<sup>t</sup> tribille, mene, & burdoun,  
Of many on was suete soun ;  
Of tho th<sup>t</sup> songe hie & lowe,  
& tho th<sup>t</sup> couthe organes blowe.  
Inouh ther was of mynstralcie,  
& of songe faire melodie.

Ther mot men folk com & go  
To the kirkes bothe, to & fro, *etc.*—*f.* 66<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.

*P.* 609. *vv.* 24559–24570.—In Geoffrey and Wace the king and queen change their crowns before they quit the monasteries, and the king then proceeds to his palace to dine, and the queen to hers.

*P.* 610. *v.* 24580.—So also in Geoffrey and Wace, but the latter adds, in reference to this custom in his own time,

E Bretun uncor la teneient,  
Quant ensemble feste faseient.—*MS. Cott. f.* 89<sup>a</sup>. c. 1.

In the Welsh version attributed to Tysilio (if rightly translated) Arthur and his queen dine together in the same hall, but in all probability there is some error.

*P.* 611. *vv.* 24597–24600.—Wace only says, “vestu d’ermine,” and does not mention the gold rings.

*P.* 612. *vv.* 24609–10.—Not in Wace.

*Ibid.* *vv.* 24617–24622.—In the French text we read,

La reine i out ses servanz,  
Ne vus sai dire quels ne quanz ;  
Richement e bele fu servie, *etc.*—*f.* 89<sup>a</sup>. c. 2.

*P.* 613. *vv.* 24635–24638.—Not in Wace.

*Ibid.* *v.* 24643.—Wace adds three lines of extravagant panegyric, omitted in the English paraphrase :—

Plus erent curteis e vaillant  
Neis li povre paisant,  
Ke chevalers en altres regnes :  
E altre si erent les femmes.—*f.* 89<sup>a</sup>. c. 2.

He also says that no knight was to be seen of any estimation who wore not his arms and clothes of one color, and so also the ladies. Vol. ii. p. 110.

*P.* 615. *vv.* 24685–24694.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 616. *v.* 24718.—After this line several MSS. of Wace have an addition of no less than forty-four lines, descriptive of the music and games used at Arthurs feast. They are exceedingly curious, and have been quoted partially by myself in the Notes to *Havelok*, p. 200, and by M. Michel in the Glossary to *Tristan*, vol. ii. p. 219. The entire passage may be seen in Le Roux de Lincys edition, vol. ii. p. 111. It must, however, be observed that two of the oldest existing MSS. of Wace, namely, Cangé 27, in the Bibliothèque du Roi, and MS. Reg. 13 A. xxi. in the British Museum, wholly omit these lines, and so did doubtless the copy from which Lajamon translated or paraphrased his work. It may become a question therefore,

whether these lines really proceeded from the pen of Wace. Robert of Brunnes abbreviated version of them may be seen in Ellis's *Specimens of the early English Poets*, vol. i. p. 421, ed. 1811, but printed so incorrectly as to be often unintelligible.

*P. 617. v. 24728.*—The whole of this narrative, from v. 24549, is quoted by Ellis in the work above cited, vol. i. pp. 61–73, accompanied by the Latin and French corresponding texts, and the versions of Robert of Gloucester and Robert of Brunne. A portion also, from v. 24657 to v. 24680, is given by the Rev. J. Conybeare in his *Essay on Anglo-Saxon metre*, p. lxxviii. inserted in the *Illustrations of Anglo-Saxon Poetry*, edited by his brother, 8vo, 1826. In some MSS. of Wace, but not the earliest, there are twenty additional lines relative to the gifts bestowed by Arthur, vol. ii. of the printed edition, p. 114. Robert of Brunne also has them, but they are not in the Royal or Cotton MSS. in the British Museum, nor in Cangé 27 nor Cangé 73, in the Bibliothèque du Roi at Paris. It must be further remarked, that the passage which occurs in Geoffrey here, lib. ix. c. 15, concerning the appointment of David as archbishop of Canterbury, and of several bishops, is wholly omitted by Wace, and consequently by his paraphrasts.

*Ibid. vv. 24743–24749.*—Wace only says they were old, hoary men, well attired, and bore olive branches in their hands. The latter circumstance is not noticed by Layamon.

*P. 618. vv. 24771–24830.*—In the French text, as in Geoffrey, the substance of this address is given in the form of a letter from the emperor to Arthur, vol. ii. p. 116. Layamon, as usual, departs greatly from a literal version of his original.

*P. 621. vv. 24837–24846.*—In Wace thus :

Ke cil serrunt *deshonuré*  
 Ki cel message unt aporté.  
 Mult eussent as messagiers  
 Dit ledenges e reproviers.—*f. 91. c. 2.*

*Pp. 622. 623. vv. 24861–24870. 24878.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 623. vv. 24883–24886.*—In Wace described thus :

En une sue tur perrine,  
 Ke l'em clamont *Tur Gigantine.*—*f. 91. c. 2.*

and in Geoffrey, "*Giganteam turrim*," which Roberts renders the "Tower of the Heroes."

*P. 624. v. 24899, etc.*—This speech of Cador and the reply of Walwain take place, in the French text, whilst they are ascending the steps of the tower, but in Robert of Brunne after the knights have entered, as in Layamon.

*P.* 626. *vv.* 24955–24964.—Compare this reply in Wace, vol. ii. p. 121, where it is worded rather differently.

*P.* 630. *vv.* 25037–25040.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 634. *v.* 25133.—Howel prefaces his speech in Wace by advising Arthur to summon his forces, pass the sea, seize on France, cross the Great St. Bernard, and take possession of Lombardy, vol. ii. p. 127.

*Ibid.* *v.* 25141. *Sibeli.*—Of these prophecies several Latin and French versions appear to have been in circulation in the 13th and 14th centuries, but I have been unable to find the precise passage referred to. In MS. Cott. Claud. B. vii. f. 213<sup>b</sup>, is the “*Prophetia Sibillæ et Merlini vatis de Albania et Anglia, et eorum eventibus*,” in forty-four lines, part of which is quoted by Fordun, lib. iii. c. 22, 23, and in the same MS. follow eleven lines intitled, “*Sybilla de eventibus regnorum et eorum regum ante finem mundi*,” which are printed by the Rev. Dr. Todd in his notes to “*The Last Age of the Church. By John Wycliffe*.” *Dubl.* 1840. p. xc. and where, in the first line, for *lenitas* he should have read and printed *levitas*. In the same MS. also, f. 219. and in Vesp. E. iv. f. 143. is a Latin copy of the predictions of the Tiburtine Sibyl, daughter of Priam, who is con-founded here, as elsewhere, with the queen of Sheba. They are printed at the end of the preface of Gallæus to his edition of the *Oracula Sibyllina*, 4to, Amst. 1689; and in *De la Rues Essais sur les Bardes*, etc. tom. ii. pp. 280. 283, is a notice of an Anglo-Norman version of them. A Welsh translation also exists in the MS. Red Book of Hergest, in Jesus College, Oxford, and in the Hengwrt library.

*P.* 636. *v.* 25191.—The speech of Angusel in the French text is much more diffuse, and consists chiefly of invective against the Romans, vol. ii. pp. 129–132.

*P.* 637. *v.* 25209. *preo þusend.*—The number in Geoffrey, in the best MSS. of Wace, and in Robert of Brunne, is *two* thousand; but in the French printed text it is, falsely, “*dir mil*,” vol. ii. p. 132.

*P.* 638. *vv.* 25227–25230.—For *Peoile* Wace reads *Lohereyne*, and omits all notice of Lombardy and Brittany, France and Normandy.

*P.* 639. *vv.* 25245–25274.—Wace only says, that Arthur caused letters to be written and given to the messengers, whom he treated honorably. “*To Rome*,” said he, “*you may say, that I am lord of Britain. I hold France, and will continue to do so. They shall truly know that I will forthwith come to Rome, not to pay tribute, but to demand it.*” Vol. ii. p. 133.

## VOL. III.

*P. 1. vv. 25277–25282.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 2. vv. 25293–25326.*—The speech of the legates extends in Wace to eight lines only, in eulogy of Arthur and his court, but in more moderate terms than in *Lajamon*, vol. ii. p. 133.

*P. 3. v. 25327.*—Here commences the tenth book of Geoffrey. In Robert of Brunne the advice of the senators is expressed thus:—

Thei said to the Emperour alle aboute,  
W<sup>t</sup> force 3e salle do him lonte;  
& if he com, we salle him thoute,  
Rene him his reнге, maugre his snoute.—*f. 70. c. 2.*

*P. 5. v. 25371. Mæptisas.*—Wace and Geoffrey read *Micipsa*, and in the following line, instead of *Meodras*, have the very different name of *Aliphatima* or *Alifantina*. Lower down, v. 25377, the same authorities read *Mustensar*.

*P. 6. v. 25380. ƿa bleomen.*—In Wace, “*Affricans menat e Mors.*” So in the early English legend of St. Margaret, MS. Reg. 17 A. xxvii. f. 45. “*As heo biheold lokinde uppon hire riht half, ƿa seh ha hwer set an unsehen unwiht, muchele del blacere ƿen ever eni blamon, so grislich, ƿ ne mahte hit namon lihtliche areachen.*”

*Ibid. v. 25385. Marces Lucas and Catel.*—Geoffrey gives the Roman names more at length, *Lucius Catellus*, *Marius Lepidus*, *Caius Metellus Cotta*, *Quintus Milvius Catulus*, and *Quintus Carutius*. They are blundered in Wace nearly as in *Lajamon*, but are only in number *five*, whereas in the Welsh versions they are subdivided into *eleven* persons!

*Ibid. v. 25395. feower hundred ƿusende.*—The precise number in Wace is 400,180 cavalry, besides footmen, but in Geoffrey only 40,160.

*P. 7. v. 25403. auormest heruestes dæie.*—Wace says, “*entrant Aust,*” and Geoffrey “*incipientibus kalendis Augusti.*” Robert of Brunne renders the expression by “*Lammas.*”

*Ibid. vv. 25419–25424.*—Wace omits all mention of Scotland and Man, and the numbers vary in different MSS. as is, indeed, almost everywhere the case.

*P. 8. vv. 25434–25436.*—For *Brutaine* the Royal and Cotton MSS. of Wace read *Maine*, the printed text *Auvergne*, and Robert of Brunne *Pikardie*. The notice of *Lorraine* and *Lovaine* is an addition by *Lajamon*. They altogether supply 80,000 men, in the French text.

*Ibid. v. 25447. fifti ƿusend.*—In Geoffrey and the best MSS. of Wace

60,000. The entire number of Arthurs cavalry is reckoned by the former at 183,200.

*P. 9. v. 25462. Barbe-fleote.*—Barfleur, a town of the department of La Manche, in Bretagne. Its port is now filled up.

*Pp. 9–11. vv. 25467–8. 25485–25492. 25503–25516.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 12. vv. 25529–25546.*—Instead of these lines we have in the French original a much longer and animated description, the latter part of which contains many curious nautical terms, the meaning of which *Lazamon* may not have understood. See the whole passage in the printed edition, vol. ii. pp. 139–142. A portion of this passage was quoted from the Cotton MS. by M. Michel in his edition of *Tristan*, Gloss. in v. *Lof*, together with the corresponding lines in Robert of Brunne, furnished him by myself. As the latter version is yet inedited, the entire passage is here subjoined.

Ther mot men se maryners,  
 Many wight man in schippes sers,  
 Ropes to right, lynes to lay,  
 Bi bro, bi bankis to tache & tay ;  
 Kables to knyt about ther mast,  
 The saile on ȝerd fest thei fast ;  
 Ankres, ores, redy to hande,  
 Rothers, helmes, right to stande ;  
 Boulyne to set, boulyne to hale,  
 Bordes, keuiles, atache to wale\*.  
 Whan alle was redy in gode poynt,  
 Vnto the lond the schippes joynt.  
 Som stode in schippe & som on land,  
 Brigges, plankes, kest to the sand ;  
 W<sup>t</sup> men, w<sup>t</sup> horses forto charge,  
 Galeis, cogges, schippes large ;  
 Brouht in helmes, hauberkes & scheldes,  
 & alle th<sup>t</sup> men in bataile weldes ;  
 Hors in to drawe, hors in to dryue ;  
 Men hied in after, bilyue.  
 Whan alle were in, & mad ȝare,  
 & thei oñ ther way suld fare,  
 To tham oñ the lond thei spak to est,  
 & praied tham grete ther frendes best ;  
 Oñ bothe parties was heuy chere,  
 Whan frendes departed lene and dere.  
 Whan alle were in, & was on flote,  
 Maryners dight tham to the note,  
 Ther takille forto dight & taile,  
 Vnto the wynd wele forto saile ;  
 Ankers vpwond, saile drouh hie,  
 The wynd blow, ther schippes gon fle ;

\* Still preserved in the term *gun-wale*.

& tho maistres, th<sup>t</sup> were slie,  
 Ilkone did ther maistrie.  
 Som aforced the wyndas,  
 Som the lofe, som the betas.  
 The maister maryners stode bihynd,  
 The schip to stere to the wynd.—*f.* 71. *c.* 1.

Wace concludes by praising the courage of the man who first made a ship, and trusted himself to the wind and waves, all of which Lajamon overpasses.

*P.* 13. *vv.* 25557–25580.—Not in Wace, who relates the dream in the third person, and more briefly.

*P.* 16. *vv.* 25627–25634.—In Wace some are said to have interpreted the dream to have reference to a giant destined to be slain by Arthur, and others in other manners, but all gave it a favorable signification. Arthur says, he thinks it must refer to the war between himself and the emperor. Vol. ii. p. 144. Compare the *Roman de Merlin*, vol. ii. *f.* cxlii<sup>t</sup>, and Malory's *Morte d'Arthur*, lib. v. *c.* 4. ed. 4to. 1817.

*P.* 18. *vv.* 25675–25692.—Not in Wace, who, as usual, relates the transaction in a narrative form.

*P.* 20. *v.* 25706.—In several copies of Wace two lines are here added, stating that the giant's name was *Dinabruc*, and so also in Robert of Brunne, and a prose Latin chronicle of the 13th century, MS. Cott. Vespas. E. iv. *f.* 106. No name is given by Geoffrey.

*Pp.* 20. 21. *vv.* 25723–4. 25729–25730.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 21. *vv.* 25743–25762.—Not in Wace, who causes Arthur at first to give brief instructions to Beduer, to proceed to either hill, and when he had found the giant, to return, vol. ii. p. 147. This extends to *v.* 25802 of the English paraphrase.

*P.* 24. *v.* 25807. *up a-stah pene munt*.—In Wace he is previously obliged to enter a boat, and cross the water, on account of its being high tide. *ibid.*

*Pp.* 24. 26. *vv.* 25809–25824. 25855–25866.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 26. *vv.* 25869–25880.—In the French text this doubt expressed by the old women, whether Beduer were angel or mortal, is not found, and she addresses him in different terms. She afterwards relates her story, but in much fewer lines than in the English text. Vol. ii. pp. 148–151.

*Pp.* 27. 29. 30. *vv.* 25881–25892. 25943–25954. 25963–25996.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 32. *v.* 26005.—In Wace they leave their horses to the care of their esquires, at the foot of the hill.

*P. 32. vv. 26010-26011.*—Lajamon has here, perhaps intentionally, departed from his original, in which it is stated, that the giant was found on the higher hill, apart from the one on which the old woman was stationed. Wace also relates, that the giant was not discovered asleep, but sitting by the fire, roasting one of the hogs, and having his beard and eyebrows smeared over with the fat. Vol. ii. p. 152. Robert of Brunnes version here is almost literal:—

Be a mykille fire he sat,  
& roste suynes flesch fulle fat;  
Som rosted, & som was sothen,  
His bryne, his berde ther w<sup>t</sup> was brothen,  
& alle to-solied w<sup>t</sup> the spikke,—  
I trow th<sup>t</sup> sight was lothelik.—*f. 72<sup>a</sup>. c. 1.*

*P. 33. vv. 26021-26044.*—Not in Wace, who relates in three lines, that Arthur thought to surprise the giant, and take his club (*maçue*) from him, but he is perceived, and the giant starts up at his approach. Vol. ii. p. 153. The generosity attributed to Arthur, of not attacking the giant when asleep, is due to the invention of Lajamon.

*P. 34. vv. 26055-26104.*—The remainder of the combat is differently described by Wace, vol. ii. p. 154. Compare the accounts in the *Roman de Merlin*, vol. ii. f. cxliiii, and Malorys *Morte d'Arthur*, lib. v. c. 5.

*P. 37. v. 26122. Ravinite.*—The MSS. of Wace read *Raive, Rara, Artane*, etc., which are corruptions of Geoffreys text, “in *Aravio monte*,” lib. x. c. 3. The Welsh versions interpret it of Mount Snowdon. After this is inserted in Wace, vol. ii. p. 156, (as also in Geoffrey and the Welsh translation,) an account, in twenty-four lines, of the mantle of king *Riton*, which was trimmed with the beards of vanquished monarchs, and of his defeat by Arthur, who kept the mantle as a trophy; all of which, it is to be regretted, is omitted by Lajamon. As this exploit has been celebrated in the ballad poetry of England (see Percys *Reliques*, vol. iii. p. 26. ed. 1775.), it may not be out of place to quote here the version made by Robert of Brunne, in the 14th century.

He teld Beduer & syr Kay,  
Th<sup>t</sup> he had neuer so grete affray  
Of no geant bot of one,  
& th<sup>t</sup> geant hight Ritone.  
He did mykelle wonder & wo,  
& many kynges did he slo,  
& alle ther berdes he did of flo.  
A pane he maad of alle tho,  
& as a forrur he did tham tewe;  
Se, how Riton was a schrewe!



Th' geant Riton sent his sond  
 To Arthure fro fer lond,  
 & said he suld mak him aferde,  
 Bot he flouh of his owen berde,  
 & sent it him tille his paene,  
 To mensk it ther it was wane.  
 & if he sent it blithely,  
 He suld do it most curteisy;  
 For he suld vrle his pane w' alle  
 About w' a filette smalle.  
 & if Arthur wild nouht  
 Do as Riton him besouht,  
 Redy him sone als he myght,  
 Fo[r] Riton wild w' him fight;  
 & whilk of tham mot other slo,  
 His berde suld do of flo,  
 & haf the pane ilk a dele,  
 Ther w' about vrle it wele.  
 Arthure vnto Riton went,  
 In bataile alouh Riton & schent,  
 & wan the pane & his berde;  
 Oñ the mounte de Rame he was conquerde.  
 Sithen fond Arthure non,  
 Bot Dinabrok, als was Riton,  
 Th' euer did tille him in dede,  
 Th' he had of so mykelle drede.—f. 73. c. 1.

Those who wish to know more respecting this redoubtable giant, may consult the *Roman de Merlin*, vol. ii. ff. cxxix., cxxxiv., and Malorys *Morte d'Arthur*, lib. i. c. 27, who notwithstanding, in lib. v. c. 5, ascribes the formation of the mantle embroidered with royal beards to the giant on St. Michaels mount. The story is also alluded to in a manuscript fragment of the Anglo-Norman metrical romance of Tristan, in the possession of the Rev. W. Sneyd; in the fabliau of the *Chevalier aux deux épées*, quoted by Le Roux de Lincy, vol. ii. p. 156; and in MS. Cott. Vespas. E. iv. f. 106. According to the Welsh authorities this giant was an historical personage, named *Rhitta Gawr*. See Owens *Cambrian Biography*, p. 292, and *Cambro-Briton*, vol. ii. p. 98.

*P. 38. v. 26145. Æleine Tumbel.*—This legend has been printed from Wace at length in the "Histoire pittoresque du Monte Saint Michel et de Tombelène. Par Maximilian Raoul." 8vo. Par. 1833. pp. 251–270; which work may be consulted on the subject. The same story is alluded to by Guillaume de Saint Pair, the metrical chronicler of the abbey, who wrote in the first half of the thirteenth [the abbé De la Rue, and after him Le Roux de Lincy, says the *twelfth*] century. See the unique copy of his poem in MS. Add. 10,289. Brit. Mus. f. 8<sup>b</sup>.

P. 39. *vv.* 26169–26184.—Not in Wace.

P. 40. *v.* 26185. *Albe*.—The river Aube, which rises on the border of Burgundy, and flows through the province of Champagne, where it joins the Seine. The name is translated *Gwen* (*white*) in the Welsh version ascribed to 'Tysilio, on which Roberts's note is entirely wrong, p. 163.

*Ibid.* *vv.* 26187–26216.—Wace only states, briefly, that Arthur was informed by the peasants and by his spies, that the emperor was encamped near the place, and had with him such a marvellous army, that the earth could scarcely find them subsistence. Vol. ii. p. 160.

P. 43. *vv.* 26245–6.—The copies of Wace I have consulted, as well as the printed text, do not mention these acquirements of Walwain; but it is remarkable that Robert of Brunne, in his version of Wace, should have a similar line, which would induce a suspicion that the passage originally stood in the French text.

P. 45. *vv.* 26301–26306.—Added by *Lazamon*. A recent MS. of Wace interpolates two lines, to the effect that the earls promised to do as required.

P. 47. *vv.* 26347–26360.—Instead of these lines Wace tells us, that each spoke what he pleased, and the emperor heard them, and replied accordingly. Vol. ii. p. 164.

P. 49. *vv.* 26401–26438.—Not in Wace.

P. 51. *v.* 26441. *Quencelin*.—In Wace called *Quintilian*, nephew of the emperor, and in Geoffrey, *Caius Quintilianus*.

P. 52. *vv.* 26461–26470. 26474–26476.—Not in Wace.

P. 54. *v.* 26517. *etc.*—In Wace the first Roman knight is killed by Gerin of Chartres; the second by Beos of Oxford; and the third by Walwain. Vol. ii. p. 167.

P. 56. *vv.* 26551–26556.—The speech assigned by Wace to Gerin is given by *Lazamon* to Walwain, *vv.* 26527–8.

*Ibid.* *v.* 26567. *the earl*.—It is Walwain who thus speaks, in the French original.

P. 58. *vv.* 26595–6.—Not in Wace, who has instead a passage of twenty lines (engrafted on Geoffrey) respecting a cousin of Marcel, who rides up to attack Walwain, and receives a blow which cuts off his arm. Vol. ii. p. 170. This addition is unnecessary, and only weakens the narrative; it is therefore very judiciously omitted by *Lazamon*.

*P. 58. v. 26603. nize pusende.*—The number in Wace and Geoffrey is six thousand.

*Ibid. vv. 26617–26624.*—On the contrary Wace says they sat armed on their horses, to protect the messengers.

*P. 59. vv. 26629–26642.*—In the French text the flight of the earls is mentioned in very general terms.

*P. 60. vv. 26649–26660.*—Not in Wace.

*Ibid. v. 26665. six pused.*—Ten thousand in Wace and Geoffrey.

*P. 61. vv. 26673–26676.*—Not in Wace.

*Ibid. vv. 26681–26690.*—Instead of these lines it is narrated in the French original, that Arthur being aware his messengers to the emperor had not returned, nor the force sent to meet them, summoned Ider, son of Nuz (Ederyn ap Nudd in the Welsh version), and despatched him with 5000 men in search of their comrades. When they arrived, they found Walwain and Beos of Oxford fighting desperately. Vol. ii. p. 173. The combat then commences afresh, and is described at length, as in Lazamon.

*Pp. 64, 65. vv. 26743–26748. 26753–26756. 26762–3.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 66. vv. 26789–26796.*—Here again Lazamon departs from his original; apparently with the intention of doing greater honor to Walwain. In Wace this hero is described as making an attack, assisted by Ider and Gerin of Chartres, and by their united efforts they succeed in rescuing Beos of Oxford on his horse (from which he had fallen in struggling with Petreius,) and in taking Petreius prisoner. Vol. ii. p. 178.

*P. 67. vv. 26821–26826.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 68. vv. 26831–26859.*—In the French text the narrative is differently told. Arthur thanks his knights for the prisoners, and promises rewards. He then commits the prisoners to safe custody, and takes counsel to send them to Paris. He selects the force which is to conduct them thither, etc. Vol. ii. p. 180.

*P. 70. vv. 26884–26891.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 71. vv. 26900–26905.*—For *Sextorius* we should read *Sertorius*, as in Wace and Geoffrey, and the words "of Turkie" in the first text, are clearly an error of the transcriber. Instead of *Babiloine* Wace and Geoffrey have *Syria*, and in several MSS. of the former the names of the Roman senators are given thus, *Caricius*, *Catellus*, and *Wlteius*; whereas in Geoffrey there are only two persons, *Wlteius Catellus* and *Quintus Caru-*

*tius*. Lazamon has here evidently been misled by a faulty copy of the French text.

*P. 71. vv. 26917-26921.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 72. vv. 26928-26931.*—Not in Wace, who adds briefly, that the Romans chose a fit place to make an embankment, and remained there till morning.

*Ibid. vv. 26946-7.*—Not in Wace, who only says, "Chevalchent alkes assureur." The number of men assigned by Lazamon to Cador and Borel is, in the French text, given to Richer and Beduer.

*P. 74. v. 26980.*—Wace merely says, they delivered the prisoners to their esquires to guard.

*Ibid. v. 26987.*—In the French text are some lines added here, omitted by Lazamon. Wace says, the Britons divided themselves into four companies; namely, Cador, with the Cornish men; Beduer, with the *Herupeis* (stated by Fauchet to be the inhabitants of the Ile de France); Borel, with the men of the province of Le Mans; and Richer, with his own people. Vol. ii. p. 183.

*P. 75. v. 27008. preo Bruttes.*—Wace names *four*, besides Borel, and so also Geoffrey. According to the Welsh version, they were, Hirlas of Eliawn, Meyrik ap Cador, Halyduc of Tindagol, and Cei ap Ithel.

*P. 76. vv. 27023-27028.*—Gascony is not mentioned in the original, which states also the number of Guitards forces at 3000 knights, besides foragers and archers. The meaning of the term *foriers* (so clearly explained in *vv. 27029-27032.*) is quite unknown to the editor of Wace. See his note, vol. ii. p. 185.

*P. 77. v. 27054. fiftene hundred.*—"Plus de cent," says Wace; but in regard to numbers great license is always taken. Waces narrative of the encounter is more diffuse than in the English text.

*P. 78. v. 27086. bureden pa deden.*—Wace is a little more explanatory here. They sought, he says, for Borel, the earl of Mans, and found him lying in his blood, about to expire. Vol. ii. p. 187. (compared with MSS. Reg. and Cott.).

*P. 79. vv. 27094-5.*—Not in Wace, who tells us instead, that the newly captured prisoners were taken and presented to Arthur. His chieftains promise him future victory. Vol. ii. p. 187.

*Ibid. vv. 27098-27123.*—Not in Wace. The prophecy referred to would seem to be the same that is expressed in Geoffrey, lib. vii. c. 3, by the single line, "Timebit *Romulea domus ipsius sævitiam.*"

*P. 81. v. 27144. Æust.*—Geoffrey tells us, Lucius Tiberius doubted whether he should risk a battle with Arthur, or retreat to *Autus* (part of ancient Burgundy, in the department of the Saone and Loire), and there await succours from the emperor *Leo*. The latter part is omitted by Wace, who throughout regards *Lucius* as the emperor, and in this he is followed by nearly the whole stream of writers on this fabulous portion of British history. See Wyntowns remarks on this subject, vol. i. p. 121.

*Ibid. v. 27146. Lengres.*—The town of Langres is in the department of Upper Marne, part of the ancient province of Champagne. Two lines are added by Wace, descriptive of its situation, which are passed over by *Lajamon*.

*P. 82. v. 27167. Sosie.*—The MS. of Wace in the Bibliothèque du Roi, marked 73, Cangé, reads *Suison*. The spot is still indicated by a village bearing the name of *Val de Sason*, not far from Dijon, in the department of the Côte d'Or.

*P. 83. vv. 27188–27197.*—These lines are not in Wace, and only serve to confuse the account of the division of the troops which follows.

*Ibid. v. 27200. seouentene pusend.*—Wace states the number at 6666, which he borrows from Geoffrey, as constituting the force of a Roman legion. Vol. ii. p. 190.

*P. 84. vv. 27222–27235.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 85. vv. 27244–27247.*—Wace tells us (after Geoffrey), that Arthur had selected a legion of his best knights, among whom were those he had himself brought up, *i. e.* of the Round Table, and caused his Standard of the Dragon to be carried in the middle of them. The rest he divided into eight companies, part of horse and part of foot, to each of which companies two chieftains were assigned, whose names then follow, as in *Lajamon*, but the latter has confused his narrative. With regard to the Dragon-Standard of Arthur, see the *Roman de Merlin*, vol. i. f. lxxxix<sup>b</sup>, and *Wartons Hist. Engl. Poetry*, vol. i. Diss. i. p. xv. note, edit. 1840.

*P. 88. vv. 27308–9.*—Not in Wace.

*Ibid. v. 27312. preo & pritti kinelond.*—In the Royal and Cotton MSS. we find,

Ke Bretagne est en nostre tens  
Dame de trente regions.—f. 101<sup>b</sup>. c. 2.

The printed text reads *tantes*.

*Ibid. vv. 27316–27326.*—Instead of this passage are some lines in the original, speaking in contempt of the emperors forces, and comparing them to women. Vol. ii. p. 194.

*P. 89. v. 27338.*—Wace here takes occasion to insert eight lines in praise of Lucius, who, he says, was born in Spain, of a good Roman family; he was between thirty and forty years of age, and of great valor, on which account he had been made emperor. Vol. ii. p. 195. compared with MS. Cott. Robert of Brunne has also this addition, which is not to be found in the Latin of Geoffrey, and must have been borrowed from another source.

*P. 90. vv. 27352–27365.*—Not in Wace, who says, that when the emperor had learnt the proceedings of Arthur, he became aware that he must retreat or fight. Retreat he would not, so he summoned the kings, princes and dukes of his host, and addresses them. Vol. ii. p. 196. Lajamon divides the speech into two portions, and places the first part last.

*P. 91. v. 27389. ff & twenti kingen.*—Wace reckons the number of the kings and other chieftains at *two hundred*, which in M. Le Roux de Lincys edition is absurdly extended to *cent mil*, vol. ii. p. 196.

*P. 92. vv. 27414–27423.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 93. vv. 27426–27439.*—The narrative differs here from the French original, in which we are told, that the pagans who held their fiefs of Rome were intermixed with the *Christians*, *i. e.* the Romans. They were divided by thirties, by forties, by fifties, etc. up to thousands, consisting both of foot and horse. They march into the valley to attack the Britons. Vol. ii. p. 198. In Geoffrey, the account differs more from Wace than from Lajamon. He distributes the emperors army into twelve legions, of 6666 men each, and all on foot. To each of these leaders are assigned, whose names are given, lib. x. c. 8. The description of the battle is very spirited in Wace, and is, as usual, much paraphrased by the English poet.

*Pp. 94–96. vv. 27446. 27448–27451. 27461–2. 27472–3. 27480–27483. 27498–27513.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 98. vv. 27546–7.*—Here and in the next page, the numbers are supplied by Lajamon.

*P. 100. v. 27593. Ridwabelan.*—It is difficult to account for the change of name here. In Geoffrey and Wace it is *Hirelgas*, which, in the Welsh texts, is rendered *Hirlas*. Lajamon must intentionally, I conceive, have departed from his usual guide.

*Ibid. v. 27606. ff hundred.*—*Three hundred* in Wace and Geoffrey.

*P. 102. vv. 27633–27661.*—In Geoffrey and Wace (who are followed by Robert of Brunne and Robert of Gloucester) the narrative is different, for Hirelgas is said to have prevented the corpse of Boccus from falling, by

seizing and placing it on his own horse; and then taking it to the place where his uncle lay dead, he cuts it into pieces. Perhaps *Lazamon* may have purposely omitted this savage piece of revenge. After this *Hirelgas* addresses his companions a second time, and renews the attack. Vol. ii. p. 206.

*P. 103. v. 27662.*—Previous to this line is an insertion in the French text of eight lines, relating the combat of *Holdin*, duke of the Flemings, with *Alifantin*, king of Spain, both of whom are slain. In some copies also (and among them the Cotton MS.), eight other lines are interpolated, in which *Wichart* or *Guichart*, duke of *Poitiers*, encounters and slays the king of *Africa*. Vol. ii. p. 207. The latter passage is not in *Brunne*, nor is it at all countenanced by *Geoffrey*.

*Ibid. vv. 27665–27695.*—This combat is dismissed by *Wace* in a very summary manner, as he tells us in four lines only, that the two opponents slew each other. The addition about *Gecron*, in the English text, seems to be due wholly to the invention of *Lazamon*. *Geoffrey* merely says, that *Micipsa*, king of *Babylon*, was killed, but does not say by whom. He adds also to the number of the slain, on the side of the emperor, the senators *Quintus Milvius* and *Marius Lepidus*, who are omitted by *Wace*.

*P. 104. v. 27696. Walwain þat bihedde.*—The immediate cause of the advance of *Walwain* and *Howel*, with their forces, is passed over in the English paraphrase, whereas *Geoffrey* and *Wace* both state, that it arose from the flight of a body of troops commanded by the three earls, *Urgent* of *Bath*, *Balluc* or *Galluc* of *Wiltshire* (*Salisbury*, in *Geoffrey*), and *Cursal* of *Chester*; all of whom had been slain by the Romans. *Wace* then proceeds to eulogise the Breton soldiers who fought with *Howel*, and says they forced their way through the enemy to the emperors standard, which bore an eagle of gold on the top. Vol. ii. p. 208. All this is omitted by *Lazamon*, who appears in his account of this battle to have deviated in an unusual manner from the French text.

*P. 105. vv. 27724–27727.*—The names here, as elsewhere, present many variations. The MS. of *Geoffrey*, *Bibl. Reg. 13 D. ii.* reads "*Chiamarcocus*, consul *Trigeria*;" and by *Trigeria*, *Roberts* understands *Triguier*, in *Bretagne*, p. 108. The French text has *Kinmarc de Triguel*, from which it is easy to perceive how *Lazamon* obtained his *Strugul*, which was an ancient castle seated near the river *Ystrigul* (whence its name), in *Monmouthshire*, and which gave a title to the earls of *Pembroke*, and to the adjacent district. See *Ellis's Introduction to Domesday*, vol. i. p. 30, and *Camden*, vol. ii. p. 9.

P. 106. v. 27749.—Wace adds, that the three companions of Kinard (Kinmarc) were also slain, with 2000 of their followers.

P. 108. v. 27776.—In the French text some lines in praise of Walwains prowess are here inserted, which are thus rendered by Robert of Brunne,

Wawayn was euer fresch & preste,  
Whan other ne myght, than was he beste;  
Was no helm w<sup>t</sup> stete so rank,  
Th<sup>t</sup> his suerd ne thorgh it sank.—f. 80. c. 1.

P. 109. vv. 27808–27825.—Arthurs address in Wace is fuller, and has more spirit and animation. His personal valor also, and the issue of the battle, are related in a long passage not translated by Laȝamon. He is described as a lion among a herd of cattle, and at each stroke of his sword Caliburn, a death ensues. He kills Sercor, king of Libya, and Politetes, king of Bithynia. The battle, however, continues for a long time doubtful, until the scale is turned by the appearance of Morvid, earl of Gloucester, and his reserve of 6666 knights, who descend from the heights and attack the Romans in their rear. A general flight and slaughter of the emperors army then ensue. See the French text, vol. ii. pp. 213–216.

P. 110. vv. 27834–27843.—So also in Wace and Geoffrey, but Peter Langtoft, and from him Robert of Brunne, add, that the general report assigned the emperors death to Walwain. This tradition has crept into some copies of the French prose romance of *Merlin*. See Introduction to *Syr Gawayne*, p. xv.

P. 111. vv. 27844–27863. 27874–27901.—Wace states in eight lines, that Arthur caused the corpse of the emperor to be placed honorably in a bier, and sent to Rome, with a message, that the Romans were to expect no other sort of tribute.

P. 113. vv. 27902–27907.—Not in Wace.

*Ibid.* vv. 27910–27925. *Kinun*.—The MSS. of Geoffrey read *Camum*, *Chanum*, *Kainum*, etc. which in the edition of Badius Ascencius, 1517, is falsely printed *Cadomum*. An ancient opinion (probably arising from the doubtful reading in the Latin *Brut*) appears to have fixed the locality at *Caen*, and is adopted by Guilielmus Brito, a writer of the 13th century. Wace, however (who as a native of Caen must have been intimately acquainted with the local traditions of the place), names the spot *Chinon*, a town in Touraine, distinguished for having been the place where Henry the Second died; and that this is the correct reading is proved by the abbé De la Rue, in his *Essais historiques sur la ville de Caen*, tom. i. p. 13. 12mo. 1820. Laȝamon follows Wace, but appears at the close of the pas-



sage to confound *Chinon* with *Caen*. The Welsh version states that Kay was conveyed to *Poitou*, and Robert of Gloucester says to *Anjou*; mistakes that might easily arise from the geographical position of Chinon, which stands at an angle formed by the three provinces of Touraine, Anjou, and Poitou.

*P. 114. v. 27929. Bæios.*—Bayeux, in Normandy. Robert of Brunne adds more explicitly,

Thei beried him at a kirk nam[ed] *Couk*,  
W<sup>t</sup>out the gate, toward the souht.—*f. 81. c. 2.*

*P. 115. vv. 27936–27945.*—Wace only mentions *Holdin* or Howeldin as being buried at Terouane, and says nothing of his knights. The notice of Leir (Ligier) and his interment, is an addition by Wace to the original Latin text, founded probably on some local story.

*P. 116. vv. 27957–27987.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 117. vv. 27992–28225.*—This long passage affords us one of the most striking instances of amplification that occurs throughout the poem. The narrative of the dream, and the dramatic character given to the subsequent conversation between Arthur and the messenger, as well as the address of Arthur to his nobles, and the indignant speech of Walwain, are all due to the imagination of the English paraphrast, and fairly support his claim, in this and other instances, to the rank of an original writer. Wace has only thirty-four lines, vol. ii. p. 219, in which, after relating briefly the treason of Modred, he adds, that Arthur on receiving the news divided his army, and assigning one division to Hoel for the protection of France and Burgundy, resolved to return with the remainder to Britain. The lines extending from *v. 28000* to *v. 28095*, were quoted by Sharon Turner, in his *History of England during the Middle Ages*, vol. v. p. 213. ed. 1830, who added an English version, in many respects faulty. Some remarks on it were sent by the editor of the present work to the *Gentlemen's Magazine* for November, 1834. p. 485. It remains to be noticed, that Geoffrey commences his eleventh book immediately after the news of Modreds treason has reached Arthur, and prefixes to the first chapter a few lines, in which he states, that he is about to relate the contest of Arthur with his nephew, as he found it “in *Britannico sermone*,” and as he had been informed (*audivit*) by Walter [archdeacon] of Oxford, “in *multis historiis peritissimo*.” In the Welsh versions these lines are omitted, as they are also by Wace, in conformity with the spirit by which translations made at an early period were usually composed, that is to say, the translator invariably uses his own pleasure, in omitting all the prefatory and explanatory matter which he may find in his original.

*P. 128. v. 28233. Whit-sond.*—The editor of Wace gives us here the name of Whitsand in so corrupt a shape, as to make it difficult to recognise; and then, instead of correcting the error by the other MSS., renders it *Winchester*, although Wace is describing the place as a sea-port! This lamentable ignorance of English topography is shewn, I regret to say, throughout the work.

*Ibid. vv. 28236–28257.*—In the French text this is expressed in two lines, vol. ii. p. 221.

*P. 129. v. 28274. biyeonde pere Humbre.*—Geoffrey and Wace state, that Modred not only bestowed on Cheldric the country from the Humber to Scotland, but also the territory which Hengist held in Kent.

*P. 130. vv. 28280–28295.*—Wace says, that Cheldric brought over with him 700 (800 Geoffrey) ships filled with men, and estimates the entire number of Modreds forces, pagan and Christian, at 60,000 (80,000, Geoffrey). Lajamon seems to have appropriated the latter number to the pagans, and then, of his own accord, states 100,000 as the aggregate amount of the united host.

*Ibid. vv. 28296–28305.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 131. v. 28309. Romerel.*—We should here read *Romenel*, as in Wace, *i. e.* Romney. In Geoffrey the place of Arthurs landing is said to be, “in *Rutupi portum*,” but the spot has been variously represented by later writers, as having been at *Dover, Sandwich, Southampton*, etc. See *Syr Gawayne*, Introduction, p. xxii.

*Ibid. vv. 28322–28327.*—Not in Wace, nor do I find any trace elsewhere of this exploit. But consult the work last cited, *Introd.* p. xxv.

*P. 132. vv. 28332–3.*—Not in Wace.

*Ibid. vv. 28336–28353.*—The French text notices briefly the death of Angusel (king of Scotland), and then proceeds to relate, that as soon as Arthurs forces (without specifying the number) secured a landing, the army of Modred was put to flight. Some lines then follow, suppressed by Lajamon, stating that Modreds followers were unaccustomed to warfare, whereas Arthurs were veterans. Vol. ii. p. 223. The English poet perhaps thought this explanation might detract from the merit of the victory.

*P. 134. v. 28376.*—In several MSS. of Wace some lines are here introduced, touching the burial of Walwain. See MS. Reg. f. 100<sup>b</sup>. c. 2, MS. Cott. f. 106<sup>b</sup>. c. 2, and Introduction to *Syr Gawayne*, p. xxiv.

*Ibid. vv. 28392–28407.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 137. vv. 28440–28455.*—The French text states merely in two lines,

that Arthur besieged and took Winchester. Then follow ten lines, omitted by Lajamon, relative to the bestowal of the kingdom of Scotland on Ivain, son of Urien, nephew of Angusel. The Cotton MS. of Wace leaves out this passage, as it does also all mention of Southampton and the capture of Winchester; and in this respect, approaches more closely to the Latin text of Geoffrey than the other copies. The passage of Merlins prophecies alluded to by Lajamon, occurs in Geoffrey, lib. vii. c. 4. p. 51. l. 11.

*P. 138. vv. 28478–28485.*—This passage is omitted in most of the MSS. of the French text, but is partly preserved in the MS. du Roi, 73, Cangé.

*P. 139. v. 28492. Scotlonde.*—Wace does not mention Scotland, but says that Modred sent for aid to the *Saracens* and pagans, to the Irish, Norwegians, Saxons and Danes. Vol. ii. p. 228.

*P. 140. vv. 28514–28525.*—Not in Wace.

*Ibid. vv. 28532–28540.*—Geoffrey says the battle took place “ad flumen *Cambula*,” which in various MSS. of Wace is read *Camblan*, *Cambr*, *Tambre*, and *Tamble*; in Robert of Brunne *Tambre*; and in Robert of Gloucester *Camble*. The ancient British name was *Camlan*, as appears from a passage in the poem of Merlin, intitled *Afallenau*, quoted by Turner, *Hist. Anglo-Sax.* vol. iii. p. 554, and in the *Vita Merlini* of Geoffrey, p. 36. ed. 1837. It appears subsequently to have been called by the abbreviated forms of *Alan* and *Camel*, the latter of which it still retains. It rises about two miles to the north of Camelford, and flows into the sea below Padstow. See Lelands *Assertio Arthuri*, in the *Collectanea*, vol. v. p. 37. ed. 1774, and *Itinerary*, vol. vii. p. 114. ed. 1769, *Camdens Britannia*, vol. i. p. 154. ed. 1772, and Draytons *Poly-olbion*, p. 5. ed. 1622. Lajamons testimony to the precise spot where the struggle took place is valuable, from its being probably the earliest now existing, and is confirmed, according to Leland and Camden, not only by the local traditions of Camelford (which stands at the head of the river, in the parish of Lanteglos), but by the discovery of bones and armour there. It is singular that Wace should be silent respecting the number of Modreds forces, yet the amount given by Lajamon agrees with the text of Geoffrey, lib. xi. c. 2. It is further remarkable, that the Latin narrative of this last and most eventful of Arthurs battles should be abridged in an unusual manner by the French translator, who omits also all mention of the chiefs who fell on either side, as enumerated by Geoffrey. They occur, however, in Peter Langtoft, from whom Robert of Brunne copies the passage, fol. 83<sup>b</sup>. c. 2.

*P. 142. vv. 28556–7.*—Some Latin verses are quoted by Camden, vol. i.

p. 154 [from the anonymous metrical Brut, MS. Cott. Jul. D. xi. f. 58<sup>a</sup>.], which speak in the same manner of the bloody conflict, and at the present time a point is locally called *Slaughter-bridge*, where the road crosses the stream.

P. 142. vv. 28576–28587.—These lines are added by Laȝamon, and display more of the marvellous than perhaps any other instance of his interpolations. Are we to ascribe them to his own imagination, or do they represent the popular and exaggerated stories of the deified Arthurs death? The tradition that only two of Arthurs knights survived at the last with him, seems to have been known to Walter Map, the author of the prose *Mort Artus*, who writes thus: “*Et ains heure de vespres s'atornerent tel, qu'il ne remeist d'une part ne d'autre home nul, que tuit ne furent ochis ou navré à mort, fors seulement iij, dont li uns fu li rois Artus, et li autres Lucans li boutelliers, et li tiers Gyfles. Et li rois estoit navrés à mort, si comme vos aves oi.*” MS. Add. 10,294. f. 93. col. 3. The same statement occurs in Malorys compilation, lib. xxi. cap. 4, except that the names of the surviving knights are given as Sir *Lucan* and Sir *Bedwere*. In the Welsh Triads *three* are said to have escaped from the battle of *Camlan*, namely, *Morvran ab Tegid*, in consequence of being so ugly, that everybody took him to be a demon out of hell; *Sandde Bryd Angel*, on account of his beauty, which caused him to be taken for an angel; and *Glewlywd Gavaelvawr*, by reason of his great size and strength. *Cambro-Briton*, vol. ii. p. 385.

P. 143. vv. 28590–28651.—Waces statement is as follows: “Arthur caused himself to be carried to Avalon, to have his wounds cured. He is still there, and the Britons expect his return, as they say. Master Wace can say no more of his end than Merlin the prophet said of him, viz. that *his end should be doubtful* [alluding to the words *Et exitus ejus dubius erit*, in the Prophecies, lib. vii. c. 3. of Geoffrey, p. 49. l. 4. ed. 1587.]. The prophet spoke the truth, for people have doubted ever since, and will always continue to do so, whether he is dead or alive. He was carried into Avalon in the year from the incarnation 542 [falsely 642 in the printed French text], and it is to be regretted, he left no children. He delivered his kingdom to Cador, son of Constantine, his relation, and bade him be king until his return.” MSS. Cott. f. 107<sup>b</sup>. c. 1., Reg. f. 101<sup>b</sup>. c. 1. Robert of Brunne closely translates the above passage, but inserts, relative to the British tradition of Arthurs being alive, the following lines:

Bot I say, thei trowe wrong,  
If he life, his lif is long;  
Bot the Bretons loude lie,  
He was so wonded, th<sup>t</sup> him burd die.—f. 83<sup>a</sup>. c. 1.

It will be seen by a comparison of Wace with *Lazamon's* text, how greatly the latter here differs from his original, and it is impossible not to recognise in this and in the parallel passage, vol. ii. p. 546, the influence of British traditional tales, derived from other and more ancient sources than Geoffrey of Monmouth. The narrative given by *Lazamon* of Arthur's being carried away by two beautiful women in a boat, is certainly a remnant of a very early but varied popular fiction. Thus, in the metrical *Vita Merlini*, (which embodies no inventions of the writer, but genuine Welsh legendary lore) we find the bard Taliesin relating to Merlin, that after the battle of Camlan Arthur was carried by them in a boat, steered by the skilful pilot Barinthus, to the Isle of Apples (*Avalon*), where he was received by *Morgan* and her eight sisters, and committed to the care of the eldest, who placed him in her chamber, and promised to cure the king's wounds, if he would remain with her and follow her directions, p. 37. ed. Michel, 8vo. Paris, 1837. The same tradition is alluded to in a more sober style by Giraldus Cambrensis, in his work intitled *Speculum Ecclesiæ*, dist. ii. cap. 9, and again, in his treatise *De Institutione Principis*, dist. i., both of which curious works, it is to be regretted, still remain, for the greater part, in manuscript. In these he states, that after the battle of *Kemelen*, Arthur, having been mortally wounded, was conveyed to Avalon, subsequently called Glastonbury, by a noble lady named *Morganis*, proprietress and patron of the district, who was related to Arthur, and by whose good offices his body was interred there. The archbishop then adds this remarkable sentence, "Propter hoc enim *fabulosi Britones* et eorum *cantores* fingere solebant, quod *Dea quedam phantastica*, scilicet *Morganis* dicta [called *Morgana fatata* by Gervase of Tilbury], corpus Arthuri in insulam detulit *Avaloniam* [*Danlim*, Gervase], ad ejus vulnera sanandum; quæ cum sanata fuerint, redibit rex fortis et potens ad Britones regendum, ut dicunt, sicut solet; propter quod ipsum expectant adhuc venturum, sicut *Judei Messiam suam*," etc. *MS. Cott. Tib. B. xliii. f. 21<sup>4</sup>*. Compare Usher, *Britann. Eccles. Antiq.* p. 273. ed. Lond. 1687, and Leland, *Collectanea*, vol. iii. p. 12, and *Assertio Arthuri*, *ibid.* p. 44, with Turners matter of fact narrative, *Hist. Anglo-Sax.* vol. i. p. 291. ed. 1836. If we now turn to the French prose romances of the 12th century, we shall find the same tradition, but, as might be expected, with the addition of more marvellous circumstances. Walter Map, in his *Mort Artus*, thus relates the appearance of *Morgain* and her associates to the wounded monarch: "*Si vit venir parmi la mer une neif, qui toute estoit plaine de dames. Et quant eles vindrent à la rive de la mer, la dame d'elles, qui tenoit Morgain, la seror le roi Artu, par la main, commenche à apeler le roi Artu, qu'il entrast en la neif. Et sitost comme li rois vit Morgain, sa seror, il se leva isnelement de la terre, ou il se seoit, et entra en*

*la nef, et i traist son cheval apres lui, et prinst ses armes.*" MS. Add. 10,294. f. 94. col. 2. The romance goes on to narrate, that the knight Gyfles, who alone remained with Arthur, sees him depart with great grief, and the next morning pursues his way to a hermitage, where he remains two days. On the third he goes to the *Noire Chapele*, on entering which he perceives two tombs, one of which was erected to the memory of Lucan, the kings butler, and on the other, which was marvellously rich, he reads the following inscription: "CHI GIST LI ROIS ARTUS, QUI PAR SA VALOR MIST EN SA SUBJECTION XII. ROIALMES." In the evening, the person whose duty it was to perform the service at the chapel, arrives, and informs Gyfles, that the corpse of Arthur had been buried there by a company of ladies, the third day previous; whom Gyfles at once concludes to be the same who carried away the king in a boat. It is singular, that neither here any more than in Geoffreys history, is a syllable added of Arthurs expected return. In Sir Thomas Malorys compilation, made in 1469, from the French romances of Rusticien de Pise and others (which are themselves compilations from the earlier texts), the story of Arthurs being carried away in "a lytyl barge wyth many fayr ladies in hit," occurs, lib. xxi. c. 5, with some variations, and in the next chapter he says, "Thus of Arthur I fynde neuer more wryton in bookes that ben auctorysed, nor more of the veray certente of his deth herde I neuer redde; but thus was he ledde aweye in a shyppe, wherin were thre quenes; that one was kyng Arthurs syster, Quene *Morgan la Fay*; the other was the Quene of North Gales; the thyrd was the Quene of the Waste Londes. Also there was Nynnyue [Vyvianne], the chyef Lady of the Lake," etc. Vol. ii. p. 443.

This note having already extended to so great a length, I shall refer those who wish to pursue the subject further, in regard to the fairy *Morgan*, the isle of *Avalon*, Arthurs *return to the world*, and the *discovery of his tomb at Glastonbury*, in the reign of Henry the Second, to the following works: *Prophecies de Merlin*, f. v. col. 2. 4to. 1498; *Morte d'Arthur*, vol. ii. pp. 468. 492; *Syr Gawayne*, p. 325. 4to. 1839; Ushers *Antiquitates*, pp. 61. 272. fol. 1687; *Notices des Manuscrits de la Bibl. du Roi*, vol. viii. pt. 2. p. 306. 4to. 1810; Le Roux de Lincy, *Livre des Legendes*, Introd. p. 248. 8vo. 1836; Prices Preface to Warton, p. (65). ed. 1840; Keightleys *Fairy Mythology*, vol. i. p. 74. 12mo. 1828; Lydgates *Boccace*, book viii. c. 24; Lelands *Assertio Arthuri*, ap. *Collectan.* vol. v. pp. 42. 44. 8vo. 1774; Roberts's *Cambrian Popular Traditions*, p. 109. 8vo. 1815; Ways *Fabliaux*, vol. ii. p. 230. 8vo. 1815; Ritsons *Life of Arthur*, Pref. p. xxvii. and pp. 85. 98. 8vo. 1825; De la Rues *Essais sur les Bardes*, etc. vol. i. p. 73. 8vo. 1834; Turners *Hist. Anglo-Sax.* vol. iii. p. 599. 8vo. 1836; *Britannia after the Romans*, p. 100. 4to. 1836; Michels *Vita Merlini*, In-

trod. p. 1. note, 8vo. 1837; Stevensons Notes on the *Chronicon de Lanercost*, pp. 23. 373. 4to. 1839; and Professor Wards *Letter to Dean Lytton*, MS. Add. 6271. f. 37. With respect to the name of *Argante*, v. 28612, see a previous note, p. 385.

*P.* 146. *vv.* 28650-1.—The prophecy referred to here occurs in the *Afallenau* of Merlin, which is printed in the *Myrvyrian Archaeology*, and is quoted by Turner, in his *Vindication of the Welsh Bards*, appended to his *Hist. Anglo-Sax.* vol. iii. p. 615.

*Pp.* 146-148. *vv.* 28652-5. 28672-28691. 28698-28703.—Not in Wace.

*Ibid.* *vv.* 28704-28753.—In Wace this is all comprised in twelve lines, in which the king is said to go first to Winchester, and afterwards to London. The name of one of Modreds sons is not given in the French text, nor by Geoffrey; nor does it occur in any of the works I have consulted.

*P.* 150. *vv.* 28756-28765.—Wace only says,

Treis anz regna, puis fu oscis;

Co fu damage à ses amis.—*MS. Reg.* 13 *A.* xxi. *f.* 101<sup>b</sup>. c. 2.

Geoffrey however states, that he was slain by Conan (*Cynan Wladig* in the Welsh version), and so say Peter Langtoft, Robert of Brunne, and Robert of Gloucester.

*P.* 151. *vv.* 28775-28779.—Wace and Geoffrey do not mention in what manner the "uncles sons" were put to death, and the latter merely says, "avunculum suum, qui post Constantinum regnare debuit, inquietavit, atque in carcerem posuit," lib. xi. c. 5.

*Ibid.* *vv.* 28782-3.—Not in Wace nor Geoffrey, and must have been derived from some other source.

*P.* 152. *vv.* 28788-28793.—Geoffrey says he died "*secundo regni sui anno*," and Wace writes, "*Quatre anz fu reis, e poi plus*," *MS. Reg.* *f.* 102. c. 1. Neither mentions the occasion of his death.

*Ibid.* *v.* 28799.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 153. *vv.* 28812-28813.—Not in Wace. Geoffrey states he reigned *four years*.

*Ibid.* *vv.* 28820-28827.—Not in Wace.

*Ibid.* *vv.* 28828-9.—In the French text we read, "*Les illes environ conquest*," vol. ii. p. 235, and these are named by Robert of Gloucester, out of Geoffrey:

As *Godlonde*, and *Orcadas*, and al so *Yrlonde*,

*Northweye*, and *Denemarch*, and al so *Yslonde*.—vol. ii. p. 225.

*P.* 153. *vv.* 28830–28833.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 154. *vv.* 28840–28851.—Here again we have a notice derived from other sources than Geoffrey and Wace; the former of whom only writes, “Sodomitica peste volutatus,” and the latter,

Mes une sole teche aveit male,  
Dunt li Sodomite sunt pale.—*MS. Reg. f.* 102. c. 1.

In the Welsh version attributed to Tysilio, we have an interpolation not in Geoffrey, informing us, that Maelgwins death was occasioned by the sight of a *yellow spectre* through a hole over the door of a church at Rhos, in Creuddyn. Roberts explains the spectre to have been nothing more than the *yellow fever*, p. 173. Peter Langtoft fixes his decease at Winchester, as rendered by Robert of Brunne:

At *Winchestre*, at his bathyng,  
Sodanly mad his endyng.—*f.* 84. c. 2.

*P.* 155. *vv.* 28864–28883.—Not in Wace or Geoffrey, nor have I been able to trace on what authority Lazamon has made this singular statement. In the Latin the name is always *Careticus*, in the French *Caris* or *Certiz*, and in the Welsh *Caredig*.

*P.* 156. *vv.* 28884–28907.—Wace does not mention either the name of Gurmunds father or of his brother, and Geoffrey has nothing whatever of this prelude to Gurmunds history. The former adds (which is omitted by Lazamon), that Merlin prophesied of this African chieftain, as the “*lus marins*.” He alludes to the passage, lib. vii. p. 49. l. 7, in Geoffrey, and in the *Vita Merlini*, p. 24. ed. Michel.

*P.* 157. *vv.* 28912–28935.—Instead of this amplification (which would have been much to Wartons taste in his theory of the influence of Eastern literature in Europe), Wace briefly relates, that Gurmund collected mariners and steersmen, with ships and barges, and an army of 150,000 warriors, without inferior followers. Vol. ii. p. 237.

*P.* 159. *vv.* 28952–28959.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 160. *vv.* 28976–28979.—Not in Wace, who on the contrary (as in Geoffrey) says, that the Saxons sent into Ireland, to invite Gurmund over. He accedes to their request, and sails to the coast of *Northumberland*. Vol. ii. p. 239. Compare *v.* 29075.

*Ibid.* *v.* 28983. *sime sixe*.—Wace speaks of the Saxons in general terms only, and does not specify any number. The passage which follows, *vv.* 28992–29023, is very paraphrastic of Waces single line, “As Bretons pes e triues pristrent,” *MS. Reg.*; but he had previously stated, that the Saxons were accustomed to make war on the Britons, and claimed as their



right *Thwaingcastre*, in Lindesey, and Kent, as descendants from Hengist. Afterwards follow some lines on the bad faith of the Saxons, but not applied particularly to any dealings with Carric, vol. ii. p. 238.

*P.* 163. *vv.* 29053–29057.—Not in Wace, who has merely a narrative of a dozen lines, in the place of this letter.

*Pp.* 164. 166. *vv.* 29086–29109. 29114–29119.—Not in Wace.

*Ibid.* *vv.* 29124–29160.—This account of the devastations committed by Gurmunds forces precedes, in Wace, the retreat of Carric to Cirencester. Lajamon has here abridged rather than amplified the narrative of his original, which states, that the clergy deserted their abbeys and religious houses, and carried away with them the holy reliques of Saints. Robert of Brunne has some supplementary lines (derived from Peter Langtoft, and Geoffrey, lib. xi. c. 10.), which Wace has omitted :

Bisshoppes, abbote[s], that relikes had,  
Whan thei fled, away tham lad ;  
& many in the erthe dalf,  
Th' men fynd now oñ many half, *etc.*  
Theon, archbissshop of London,  
To the wod fled, & was not fondon ;  
Ser Thadoke, the archbissshop of 3ork,  
Lyued in kerres, as dos a stork.  
Thei lyued w' herbes of ryuere,  
In w' beastes at stedes scre.—*f.* 84. *c.* 1.

Wace does not mention either *Normandy* or *Ireland* as places of refuge, nor does Geoffrey, who closes his chapter with a promise to say more on the subject when he should translate his book, "*De Exultatione corum.*"

*Pp.* 168. 169. *vv.* 29167–29170. 29183–4.—Not in Wace.

*P.* 169. *vv.* 29195–29202.—In Wace there are some lines not translated by Lajamon, relative to the construction of military engines to assault the city, and the defence made by those within, vol. ii. p. 243. In some lines of Alexander Necham, quoted by Camden, *Britannia*, vol. i. p. 287, the siege is said to have lasted seven years.

*P.* 170. *vv.* 29211–29216.—The corresponding passage in the French text seems to have been misunderstood. Wace writes, that Gormund made *three* castles, one of which he committed to the charge of Isembart, another to his barons, and the third to the chiefs of the Saxons. Vol. ii. p. 243. Geoffrey is silent on the subject.

*Ibid.* *vv.* 29217–29222.—Wace only says of this tower,

Iloc estait, iloc giseit,  
Iloc juout, iloc dormeit.—*f.* 103. *c.* 2.

Geoffrey does not mention it. In later times a mound of earth served to mark the traditionary site of this tower, which was called *Grismunds Tower* or *Grosmonds Tower*, a corruption, as supposed, of *Gurmunds Tower*. See William of Worcester's *Itinerarium*, p. 299. ed. Nasmith, and Leland's *Itinerary*, vol. v. p. 65.

P. 170. vv. 29223–29292.—This curious story is told much more briefly by Wace, who says nothing about the conference between Gurmund and a heathen knight, but writes only in general terms, “The city would have held out much longer, had it not been taken by stratagem. The besiegers set the city on fire by an unheard of piece of treachery, and you shall hear how it happened.” Then follows the story of the sparrows. In Robert of Brunnes Chronicle the passage is thus rendered :

The paiens w'out laid many lymes ;  
 Sparowes thei toke alle day bi tyme ;  
 After, nottes thei toke,  
 Holed tham, kirlens out schoke ;  
 Did in the skellis fire & tunder,  
 Bronston, flax ; th' was a wunder !  
 The sparowes fleih at euen to rest,  
 Tille houses ther the[i] wont to neat.  
 In eues thei crepte, & in thak,  
 In hay & in korn stak.  
 The tundur, bronston, & fire hote,  
 Kindled oñ lowe & vp smote, etc.  
 & for it was w' sparowes brent,  
 Tho men th' thorgh the cuntre went,  
 On Inglis kald it *Sparowes town*,  
 Oñ Frankis, *Cité de Moskon* ;  
 For to mene the quantise,  
 How sparowes brent it, on what wise.—f. 84<sup>b</sup>. c. 2.

Wace must have obtained this story from British traditions, since it is wholly omitted in Geoffrey's History, as also by his abbreviators, Alfred of Beverley and Gervase of Tilbury, as well as by his later followers, Robert of Gloucester, Peter Langtoft, Higden, and others. Camden, in his notice of the place, vol. i. p. 287, expressly refers to the “British Annals” for it. It is found in the *Vita Merlini*, p. 24. l. 593 :

Idem Kaerkeii [*read* Kaerkerii] circumdabit obsidione,  
*Passeribusque domos et mcenia trudet ad imum.*

In case, however, any person should be disposed, with Mr. Wright, to take the authorship of this curious poem from Geoffrey, and assign it to a later period (see Michels edition, p. xcix.), the authority of Giraldus Cambrensis may be adduced, who in his *Topographia Hiberniæ*, composed in the year 1175, writes, “In Britannica legitur historia Gurmundum ab Africa

in Hibernia advectum, et inde in Britanniam a Saxonibus ascitum, Circestriam obsidione cinxisee. Qua tandem capta, et *passerum, ut fertur, maleficio, igne succensa*, ignobili quoque tunc Britonum rege Kereditio [*read Karetico*] in Cambriam expulso, totius regni dominium in brevi obtinuisse." *dist.* iii. c. 39. *ap. Anglica, Hibernica, etc.* fol. Franc. 1602. p. 749. Compare Lelands *Collectanea*, vol. iv. p. 37, who seems to refer to the above passage. The same story is told also in the French and English prose compilations of the *Brut*, MS. Harl. 200. f. 36., MS. Harl. 24. f. 53. (but the city falsely called *Chichester*), as well as in the *Scala Cronica*, composed by Thomas de Gray, about 1362, *ap. Leland, Collectan.* vol. ii. p. 511; in an Epitome of Welsh History, by a member of the church of Llandaff, brought down to the year 1429, MS. Cott. Tit. D. xxii. f. 26<sup>b</sup>; in the interpolated copy of the Welsh *Brut* written by Guttyn Owain, *ap. Roberts*, p. 174. 1; and in the *Itinerarium* of William de Worcestre, pp. 279. 299. It would appear from a letter in the *Cambro-Briton*, vol. iii. p. 461, that a similar tradition had been ascribed to the town of *Wroxeter*.

*P. 173. vv. 29293-29310.*—In Wace we have only two lines, stating that the Britons attempted resistance, but were speedily overcome.

*P. 174. vv. 29311-29334.*—Geoffrey and Wace merely say, that Caric fled into Wales; indeed the latter confesses, "Ne sai dire que puis devint," vol. ii. p. 245.

*P. 176. vv. 29352-29390.*—Instead of these lines Wace has a passage intimating that Gurmund destroyed many ancient cities, castles, and religious houses, the ruins of which were still to be seen. Vol. ii. p. 246.

*P. 178. vv. 29391-29421.*—This passage corresponds pretty well with the French original, as it appears in the best MSS.; but the editor of the printed edition, by admitting several interpolated lines from MSS. of later date, has completely confused the sense, and constructed a miserable text, vol. ii. p. 247. Geoffrey says nothing on the subject. Robert of Brunne in this part of his Chronicle seems to have been perplexed by the various accounts given of the settlement of the Angles, and the origin of the name of *England*, which Britain then received. His narrative is very curious, and portions of it may not inaptly find a place here. He commences thus:

A lynage out of the ildes did alie,  
Th' longed vnto Saxonie.  
Men thei wer of grete honoure,  
& douhty for to stond in stoure.  
Anglis cald thei th' kynde,  
To know where men mot it fynde.  
Gurmund the lond to tham it gaf,  
The tother Sessions he tham ouer-haf,

& mad tham souereyns to be,  
 & thei suld hold of him in fe.  
 In Northfolk was first ther wonyng,  
 Estangle it hight for ther comyng;  
 Anglis th' cuntre first thei auht,  
 & of Anglis Estangle it lauht.  
 I fond in maistre *Wace* boke;  
 Of *Pers of Langtoft* also I toke;  
 & of *Gildas* ther to I laid,  
 Right as *Pers* therof said.

Then follows an account of the division of the kingdom by Gurmund into seven provinces, *viz.* Kent, Sussex, Middlesex, Wessex, Estangle, Merce, and the country beyond the Humber.

In *Gildas* boke thus I fond,  
 Th' Gurmund departed the lond.

All this is in *Langtoft*, MS. Cott. Jul. A. v. f. 41<sup>b</sup>, who quotes *Gildas* as his authority; but what work is meant I know not, as there is nothing on the subject in the treatise of *Nennius*, which generally passes under the name of the former. After this *Robert of Brunne* proceeds to insert a passage relative to the state of the island under the Saxons, for which *Bede* is referred to, and then gives us a third statement founded on a curious legend, which I can find nowhere else.

Long after th' writen I fond,  
 How a Breton chalanged th' lond.  
*Engle* the story sais he hight;  
 He brought a champion to fight.  
*Skardyng* hight th' champion,  
 Th' com w' Engle, the Breton.  
 Oñ alle the lond he set chalange,  
 His ancessours wild he venge,  
 & tak vengeance of the Englis,  
 Th' chaced the Bretons out of this.  
 Alle the Englis Engle dred,  
 For the grete powere he led.  
 Engle sent vnto the barons,  
 & alle the kynges he mad somons,  
 To hold of him alle ther right,  
 Or he suld wyn it of tham thorgh fight,  
 Oither thorgh bataile playn in felde,  
 Or w' champion staf & schelde.  
 Th' Skardyng was ferly strong,  
 Als a geant grete & long;  
 Th' non for drede durst auenture on him,  
 So was he strong, mykille, & grim.  
 For drede of Engle & Skardyng  
 Thei made Engle chefe kyng.

For th' Engle the lond thus wan,  
 England cald it ilk a man.  
 Whan Engle had the lond thorgh,  
 He gaf Skardyng Skarburgh;  
 To ward the north, bi the se side,  
 A hauen it is, schippes in to ride.  
 Flayn was his brother; so sais a tale,  
*The Thomas mad of Kendale.*  
 Maistre Edmund sais, as me mones,  
 Th' Engle had nien[ten] sonnes.  
 Th' niented (*sic*) sone, after ther fader deuyis,  
 Departed th' lond in nienten partys.  
 Of tho parties fond I non writen,  
 Bot a partie th' I kan witen;  
 The nientend partie was th' thing  
 Th' longed to Saynt Edmund the Kyng.  
 Th' is th' other skille I fond  
 Whi it is cald *Englond.*  
*Bot of Inge sawh I neuer nouht,*  
*In boke writen no wrought;*  
*Bot lewed men ther of cris,*  
*& maynten th' ilk lie.—ff. 85. c. 1.—85. c. 1.*

Robert of Brunne then returns to the text of Wace, and gives a translation of his narrative as it occurs in the printed edition, vol. ii. p. 248. It is to be regretted that so much obscurity should exist in those passages where Robert of Brunne notices writers and legends now almost or quite unknown. Who *Maister Edmund* is, whose story about Engle is above related, must perhaps ever remain in obscurity; but the name of *Kendale* will be recognised by all as one of the candidates for the authorship of *Sir Tristrem*, and who would seem to have written other romance tales, now lost. The concluding lines in the passage above quoted are worthy notice, as they prove that popular historic legends existed, and were recited, although they had never been committed to writing.

*P. 179. v. 29422. and him seolf azein wende.*—This is all that is said of Gurmunds subsequent history; and in Waces genuine text even this brief notice of his departure from England is omitted. But in the printed edition of his poem we are presented with near thirty interpolated lines, taken from a recent MS., respecting the proceedings of Gurmund in France, and his death there. See vol. ii. p. 248. This tradition, however, is at least as early as the time of Giraldus. Compare *Top. Hib.* dist. 3. c. 40.

*Ibid. v. 29431. ff. kinges.*—Wace says, "*plusurs reis*," f. 103<sup>l</sup>. c. 2, and Geoffrey, "*tribus regibus subditi*."

*P. 180. vv. 29449–29512.*—In the French text, as in Geoffrey, the story

of Pope Gregory and the English children does not occur. Lajamon, no doubt, borrowed it from Bede, lib. ii. cap. i. p. 96. ed. Stevenson. Compare Turner, *Hist. Anglo-Sax.*, vol. i. p. 335. The story is also in Robert of Brunne, and in the old English prose *Brut*. Wace merely says of Austins mission, in four lines, that he was a good clerk, and came to England accompanied by forty clerks. Vol. ii. p. 250.

P. 183.—The mutilated Latin notice in the margin is taken from Bede, lib. i. c. 23, and is meant to express the date of Austins mission, A. D. 596.

P. 184. v. 29533. *a seinte trinetōes nome*.—This is a mistake. The church was originally dedicated to the *Saviour*, but on its third restoration by archbishop Lanfranc was named the church of the *Holy Trinity*, and is so called in Domesday book. In the year 1130 it is stated to have been again consecrated by archbishop Corboil, and the name of *Christchurch* resumed. See Somners and Batteleys *Antiquities of Canterbury*, pt. i. p. 87, pt. ii. pp. 13–21. fol. 1703.

*Ibid.* v. 29544.—I find *Dorchester* also in the Royal MS. of Wace, and in the MSS. at Paris, on which the printed edition is founded; and the accuracy of this reading is confirmed by the subsequent story relating to *Cernel*, the spot where *Cerne Abbas* now stands, and where, as Hutchins, the modern historian of the county, assures us, "this legend is still retained by the people, who imagine the posterity of those who abused Augustin still remain, and are distinguished by a remarkable elongation of the *os sterni*." *Hist. of Dorsetshire*, vol. iii. p. 308. ed. fol. 1813. But, on the other hand, the Cotton MS. of Wace reads *Rochester*, as in the later text of Lajamon; and with this agree Robert of Brunne, the English prose *Brut*, the Welsh version of Geoffrey (which is misunderstood by Roberts), and the local traditions of Kent. In either case, however, Lajamon has committed an error in writing *south-ward* instead of *west-ward*, or *north west-ward*. As to the legendary story which follows, Wace either derived it from a popular source, or from William of Malmesburys work, *De Gestis Pontificum*, in which the legend occurs very nearly in the same terms as in the French writer. See the *Scriptores post Bedam*, ed. Savile, 1596, fol. 142<sup>r</sup>. In quoting Malmesburys words, Hutchins has adopted the error of Du Cange; for not understanding the term "*caudas raxarum*" (tails of rays), he corrects the reading into *vaccarum*, and translates it "tails of cows (!)" and this erroneous version has also found a place in the new *Monasticon*, vol. ii. p. 621. Geoffrey was either ignorant of the story, or omits it, as do his followers, Peter Langtoft and Robert of Gloucester. The Welsh version, however, has it, but the English translator has evidently

misinterpreted the text, in rendering it "tails of *beasts*," p. 176. He adds the following note: "This seems to be the real origin of the fabulous tradition, that Kentish men were born with tails; and which in later times was revived, and said by the Papists to have happened to them at the time of the Reformation."—The lines 29587–29600 in *Lazamon* are an addition of his own, and are worthy notice, from their affording proof, that at the commencement of the 13th century the origin of this legend was well known and recognised both at home and abroad. So also a century afterwards, Robert of Brunne, after relating the story, adds:

Th' holy man God bisouht,  
 For thei him th' vilanie wroult,  
 Th' on tham & alle ther kynd  
 Tailed alle men suld tham fynde.  
 & God granted alle th' he had [*read bad*],  
 Alle th' kynde tailes had.  
*For thei w' tailes th' gode man schamed,*  
*For tailes the Englis kynd is blamed;*  
*In many sere lond is said,*  
*Of tho tailes we haf vpbraid.—f. 87<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.*

We meet with the same legend in the inedited Chronicle of Walter of Coventry, preserved in Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, compiled in the first half of the 13th century, and again in Fordun, the author of the *Scottichronicon*, soon after the middle of the 14th, lib. iii. cap. 33. His remarks on it are valuable, as illustrative of *Lazamon*. After stating that St. Austins curse was carried into effect, he continues thus: "Vocatur autem hujusmodi cauda ab indigenis, patria lingua, *Mughel*, unde et villa in qua beato Augustino hujusmodi irrogata est injuria nomen sortita est *Muglington*, id est, *villa Muglingorum*, usque in presentem diem." Vol. i. p. 138, edit. Goodall, fol. 1759. He says also, that a similar example was made by the saint of the people of Tamworth, in Mercia, who had insulted him, and concludes by relating a third instance, which befell, at a later period, the inhabitants of *Rochester*, who having cut off the tail of Thomas à Becket's horse, received his malediction, "unde et posterii eorum illic nati inventi sunt *caudati*." This latter legend would partly seem to explain why the tradition fixed itself in Kent as well as in Dorsetshire; but a better mode of accounting for it is the historic evidence of Augustines labours in the former county, and the very doubtful authority on which the saints travels into Dorsetshire rest. See Hutchins, *loc. cit.*, and the *Monasticon*, vol. ii. p. 621. In the English prose *Brut* the tradition is told with some additional particulars of a local nature, as follows: "Seynt Austine come to Rouchester, and there prechid Goddis worde. The paynims therefore hym scornede, and caste vppon hym reyghe tayles; and for more dispite they

keete vpon hym guttis of reyghes and of other fysshe ; where fore the good man seynt Austyne was sore anoyede and greuede, and prayed to God that alle the children that shulde be borne afterward in that citee of Rochester muste haue tayles. And whenne the kyng herde and wiste of this vengauce that was falle thurgh seynt Austines powere, he lette make one howse in honour of God, where in women shulde haue hire children, at the brugges ende ; in whiche hous women yette of the citee be delyuere of childe." cap. xcvi. MS. Harl. 24. f. 54<sup>b</sup>. It is unnecessary to point out additional instances in writers who have copied this story, although many exist. The reproachful term of *Kentish Long-tails* seems certainly to have arisen from the legend, and Fullers attempt to explain it otherwise is perfectly nugatory. See his *Worthies*, vol. i. p. 486, ed. 1811. Ray and Grose have only followed in his steps. Another foolish attempt to explain the proverb is in Fynes Morysons *Itinerary*, part 3. p. 53. fol. 1617, and an allusion to it may be found in the *Musarum Deliciae*, by Sir J. Mennis, 12mo. 1655, p. 7. As early as the 12th century the epithet *caudatus* was applied to the English generally as a term of reproach, and continued to be so used by the French and Scotch down to the 16th century. Instances are very frequent in our old historians, and it will be sufficient to refer to Matthew Paris, sub a<sup>o</sup>. 1250 ; the Chronicon de Lanercost, a<sup>o</sup>. 1273 (the editor of which seems unacquainted with the story) ; the Chronicle of Rishanger, a<sup>o</sup>. 1292, MS. Cott. Claud. D. vi. f. 131<sup>b</sup> ; the romance of king Richard, ap. Weber, ll. 724. 2112 ; Robert of Brunnes printed Chronicle, p. 158 ; Forduns *Scotichronicon*, lib. ix. cap. 32 ; the *Vaux-de-Vire* of Olivier Basselin, a poet of the 14th century, pp. 173, 178, 266, 8vo, Caen, 1821 ; and Haenels *Catalogus Manuscriptorum*, p. 183. To these may be added Ducange, in voce *Caudatus*, and Grimms Introduction to *Reinhart Fuchs*, p. xcvi. 8vo, Berlin, 1834, who is mistaken, however, in supposing the term to bear reference to the *zopf-tracht* of the English.

P. 185. v. 29569. *fyf milen*.—So also Robert of Brunne. Waces genuine text has "*cinc lewes*," but in the printed edition it is "*deus loés*." Malmesbury says, "*quasi milliariis tribus*." Cerne stands about seven and a half miles north-west from Dorchester.

P. 187. vv. 29605–29619.—Wace only says, Austin began to think of returning, on account of the disgrace he had suffered, but *à tant* God appeared to him, etc. Vol. ii. p. 253.

P. 190. vv. 29674–29682.—The same absurd etymology is found in William of Malmesbury and Walter of Coventry ; the fountain also con-



tinued in after times to bear the name of St. Austin. See the *Monasticon*, vol. ii., and Hutchinson, *loc. cit.*

P. 191. *vv.* 29703–29706.—Wace only says, in the lands held by the Britons, who defended themselves from the *Engleis*, he found monks, clerks and abbats. Vol. ii. p. 256.

P. 192. *v.* 29722. *sistene hundred*.—Wace has “pres de *deus mil moines*.” Peter Langtoft reads 2100, and so also the Welsh translation of Geoffrey, exclusive of the priors and servants. Compare Geoffrey, lib. xi. c. 12.

*Ibid. vv.* 29741–29784.—The reply of the Welsh bishops is much amplified from the French text. Those who are curious on the subject may see it in the old Welsh language, with a translation, in Roberts, p. 177.

P. 195. *vv.* 29803–29806.—Not in Wace.

*Ibid. v.* 29810. *Aðelbert*.—Geoffrey names him *Edelfridus*, and the manuscript copies of Wace *Elfrid* and *Elfriz*. In Robert of Brunne he is called *Elfrid* and *Elfrik*. He is the *Ædilfrid* of Bede, lib. i. cap. 34.

P. 196. *vv.* 29812–29818.—Not in Wace.

*Ibid. v.* 29827. *Leir-chæstre*.—So also in Wace and Geoffrey, as in the Saxon Chronicle, a°. 607, *Legaceastre*, but the spot intended is *Chester*, about eight miles from Bangor. See Higden, p. 200, and Turner, *Hist. Anglo-Sax.*, vol. i. p. 330. The name of the Welsh chieftain (who was king of Powis) is spelt *Brocmail* in the Saxon Chronicle, and *Broched* in the Welsh version of Geoffrey. The variations of such names, from the similarity of *m*, *in*, *ni*, *vi*, and *iu*, in early MSS. are innumerable.

P. 197. *vv.* 29839–29848.—Not in Wace. The Saxon Chronicle states, that Brocmail escaped with fifty of his men, p. 30, ed. Ingram.

*Ibid. vv.* 29853–4.—Not in Wace, nor is it consistent with the narrative, to bring *bishops* from the monastery of Bangor.

P. 198. *vv.* 29861–29900.—Wace only says, in twelve lines, that the king and his people were cruel and fierce, and had no more pity than a lion among a flock of sheep. Of the suppliants they slew 2200. Vol. ii. p. 259. The number of the killed in Geoffrey and our historians is fixed at 1200.

P. 200. *vv.* 29921–2.—Not in Wace. See, as to Athelstans conquests, Turners *Hist. Anglo-Sax.*, vol. ii. p. 189.

*Ibid. vv.* 29927–29934.—The French text only states,

Tut esteit lur desk'en Saverne,

Ki liez le mont curt de Malverne.—*MS. Reg. f.* 105<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.

*P. 201. v. 29940. ut ouer Wezen.*—So also Wace, “*ulre Wye,*” MS. Reg.; but the editor of the French text, with his usual felicity, chooses to print “*outré Gales*”! The lines that follow, 29941–29944, are an addition by Lajamon.

*P. 202. vv. 29959–29970.*—Not in Wace. With regard to the numbers slain, Geoffrey gives a total of 10,066 on the side of the Saxons, but says nothing of the loss on the part of the Britons, lib. xi. c. 13.

*Ibid. v. 29971.*—Here begins the twelfth and last book of Geoffrey.

*P. 203. v. 29986. Cadwan.*—The Welsh version calls him *Cadvan ap Jago*. The editor of Wace confounds him with his son *Cadwalan*.

*Ibid. vv. 29989–29994.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 204. vv. 30011–30020.*—This is entirely an amplification of what Wace leaves to be inferred.

*P. 205. vv. 30039–30046.*—Not in Wace.

*Ibid. vv. 30047–30050.*—Roberts translates the Welsh text here, “on condition that Edelfrid should retain the country beyond the Humber, and that Cadvan should have the *crown of London*” (i. e. the title of paramount sovereign of Britain), p. 180. There is no doubt some gross error. Compare Geoffrey, lib. xii. c. 1.

*P. 206. vv. 30061–30073. etc.*—Wace here departs in a singular manner from the text of Geoffrey, who tells us, that Edelfrid having driven his first wife out of Northumberland, took another: the former lady was pregnant at the time, and took refuge at the court of Cadvan. He endeavoured to reconcile Edelfrid to her, but without success; she therefore remained with Cadvan, and was delivered of a son, named Edwin, at the same time that the wife of Cadvan was brought to bed of Cadwalan. The youths were therefore brought up together, and when of age sent to Salomon, king of Armorica, to receive instruction in knightly exercises, lib. xii. c. 1. So also the Welsh translation, Robert of Gloucester, and Peter Langtoft; but the prose French and English *Bruts* follow Wace, as does Robert of Brunne. To contrast this account with the more genuine records of Saxon history, see Turner, vol. i. p. 346, whence it appears, that Edwin was not the son of Edelfrid, but of Ella, and legitimate heir to the kingdom of Deira.

*P. 208. vv. 30113–30122.*—Not in Wace, nor do I know whence Lajamon obtained it.

*P. 209. vv. 30127–30134.*—Not in Wace.

*Ibid. v. 30138.*—Wace and Geoffrey say, that peace was only maintained for two years.

*Ibid. vv. 30143–30212.*—Instead of this long paraphrase, Wace tells us merely, that Cadwalan,

Coruner se fist, quant il vout ;  
Grant feste e grant curt teneit,  
E noblement se contineit.—*MS. Reg. f. 106. c. 1.*

Edwin therefore prayed him to be permitted the liberty of being crowned for his own share of territory beyond the Humber. Vol. ii. p. 265. So also in Geoffrey, lib. xii. c. 2.

*P. 213. v. 30233. Douglas.*—In Lancashire. The editor of Wace places it erroneously in Scotland in his *Glossaire-Index*. See a previous note, p. 373.

*Ibid. vv. 30237–30242.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 214. v. 30257. pes kinges suster sune.*—Wace calls him the king's nephew, and Robert of Brunne cousin. In Peter Langtoft he is named Bryan *fix Amas*, and in the Welsh version, *Braint ap Nefyn* [Nevydd]. See Owens *Cambrian Biography*, p. 26.

*P. 215. vv. 30281–30284.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 216. vv. 30305–30316.*—The French text gives us the substance of the message; that Cadwalan refused Edwins prayer, that his barons objected to it, and that it was against law and right that two kings should wear a crown. Vol. ii. p. 268.

*P. 217. vv. 20321–20323.*—Not in Wace. The substance of Edwins speech, which follows, is very brief in Wace, and merely to the effect, that he would be crowned without leave. In return Cadwalan threatens to cut off his head. Vol. ii. p. 268.

*P. 218. vv. 30348–9.*—Not in Wace. Robert of Brunne writes, out of Langtoft,

Edwyn theron was fulle brym ;  
To 3ork he 3ede, & crowned him.—*f. 90. c. 1.*

*Ibid. vv. 30358–30419.*—The French text gives no such details, but only states that Cadwalan collected a great army, and passed the Humber into Northumberland. Edwin was too courageous to fly, and marched against and defeated his adversary. The whole is comprised in ten lines, vol. ii. p. 268.

*P. 221. vv. 30425–6.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 221. vv. 30430-30454.*—In *Wace* we have only four lines, saying, that *Cadwalan* was obliged to fly into Ireland, where he was honorably received by the king, vol. ii. p. 269. The king's name is not given elsewhere, and *Lazamon* seems to have borrowed it from the Irish chief of the same name, said, in *Geoffrey*, to have been slain at the battle of *Camelford*, lib. xi. c. 2.

*P. 223. vv. 30465-30488.*—In *Wace* this passage is given very briefly and obscurely, and in the printed text is unintelligible. The Royal MS. reads,

Serur Brien li fu endité,  
A *Wirecestre* l'ad trové,  
E à Everwic la fist mener,  
E en sa chambre la fist garder :  
Ne sai ki li out amené.—*f. 106<sup>v</sup>. c. 2.*

So also in *Robert of Brunne*. The passage is founded on a sentence in *Geoffrey*, lib. xii. c. 7.

*P. 224. vv. 30497-30500.*—In the French text rather differently,

Al curs des esteiles luisanz,  
E as vols des oisels volanz.—*Ibid.*

*P. 226. vv. 30536-7.*—Not in *Wace*.

*Ibid. vv. 30543-30547.*—*Lazamon* seems to have committed here a geographical blunder, since in sailing from Ireland to Brittany there would be no possibility of passing by *Yarmouth*. *Wace* writes,

Unt tant coru e tant siglé,  
En *Chernerin* sunt arivé,  
En un isle vers solail couchant ;  
Co quid ke d'iloc en avant,  
N'ad nul altre terre u gent remaigne,  
Entre Cornwaille e Bretagne.—*MS. Reg. f. 107. c. 1.*

Other copies read *Gernerou* or *Gerneui*; in *Peter Langtoft* it is *Guarnet*, in *Robert of Brunne* *Gernet*, and in *Robert of Gloucester*, more correctly, *Gernesey*, from *Geoffreys Garnareia*.

*Ibid. v. 30552. þa niȝen dæȝes, etc.*—Not in *Wace*. *Geoffrey* says the king was so grieved at the loss of his companions, that for three days and nights he refused food, and lay ill in bed. On the fourth day he desired some venison, etc., lib. xii. c. 4.

*P. 227. vv. 30570-1.*—Not in *Wace*.

*P. 228. vv. 30586-30596.*—Not in *Wace*, who modestly writes,

Ne sai si li reis en gasta.—*f. 107. c. 1.*

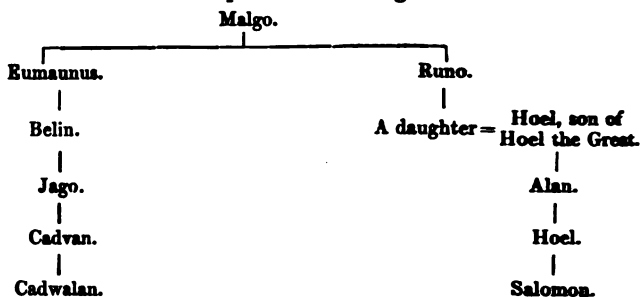
Geoffrey, however, declares, that he not only eat the flesh, but was astonished to find more sweetness in it than in other meat!

*P. 229. vv. 30598-30603.*—Not in Wace. Geoffrey states, that the king recovered in *three* days.

*Ibid. vv. 30609-30615.*—Not in Wace. The allusions made here and elsewhere by Lazamon to the minstrels or mariners songs, are worthy notice.

*Ibid. v. 30616. Ridalet.*—The correct reading would appear to be *Kidelet*, which, as Wace here tells us, was an ancient town of Brittany, situated between Dinan and the sea, and its ruins were still to be seen when he wrote. Vol. ii. p. 273. The same place is mentioned by Guillaume de Saint-Pair; but in the unique copy of his poem in MS., Add. 10,289, it is written *Ridalet*, f. 1<sup>b</sup>, as in Lazamon.

*P. 230. v. 30621.*—Geoffrey has here two chapters filled with the long speeches of Cadwalan and Salomon, which are judiciously omitted by Wace. It is worth while however to notice from the former the descent given to show the relationship of the two kings.



*Ibid. vv. 30632-30653.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 231. vv. 30667-30789.*—The whole narrative is told by Lazamon so differently from that in the French text, that we must suppose he had recourse to other materials, or drew largely on his imagination. Wace merely states, that Brian embarked at *Barbefleot*, and arrived at Southampton. Not a word is said of his companions. He assumes the dress of a mendicant, and causes a pilgrims staff, with a long and sharp iron point, to be made for him. He then goes about seeking the court, and at length finds the king at York. There he mingles with the crowd of beggars and pilgrims, and is taken himself for one of the same class. The passage in Wace only occupies twenty lines. Vol. ii. p. 273.

*P. 237. v. 30792. Galerne.*—The name of Brians sister occurs nowhere else.

*P. 237. v. 30795. per mide heo bar to drinken.*—In the original,

A la roine ewe queroit.—*f. 107<sup>b</sup>. c. 1.*

*Ibid. vv. 30802–30821.*—This is again an addition of a new character. Wace writes, that Brian made a sign to his sister not to recognise him. They withdraw from the crowd, embrace each other, and shed tears. She then tells about Pelluz, etc. Vol. ii. p. 275.

*P. 238. vv. 30834–30845.*—Not in Wace, who says that the magician was busy in passing to and fro among the beggars. *Ibid.*

*P. 240. v. 30860. wende him a-neoste.*—Wace writes, that he did not go away till night.

*Ibid. vv. 30880–30883.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 241. vv. 30889–30903.*—Not in Wace, who instead has four lines,

Brien ad as Bretons parlé,  
Des plusurs seit la volonté;  
Essecestre prist e saisi,  
Tenir la volt, si la guarni.—*MS. Reg. f. 107<sup>b</sup>. c. 2.*

Peter Langtoft and Robert of Brunne read *Oxenford*, instead of *Exeter*, occasioned by errors in the Latin text, from the similarity of *Exonia* and *Oronia*.

*P. 242. vv. 30908–30931.*—Wace only says, that king Salomon gave him 2000 knights, besides mariners and steersmen; but in Geoffrey and his imitators the force supplied by Salomon is stated at 10,000 men, lib. xii. c. 8. Not a word is said, either in the French or Latin texts, that Salomon accompanied Cadwalan to England, and Lazamon must have been deceived by the general expression used by Wace,

A Toteneis en vindrent siglant.—*f. 107<sup>b</sup>. c. 2.*

*P. 243. vv. 30932–30951.*—Wace writes, that Edwin was grieved at the loss of his “bon devin,” and sent Peanda, king of Mercia, with a great force, to assiege Exeter. Vol. ii. p. 277.

*Ibid. v. 30953.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 244. v. 30964. a preo wlockes.*—Geoffrey and Wace separate Cadwalans army into four divisions.

*Ibid. vv. 30966–30979.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 245. vv. 30980–31007.*—In the French text the account of the battle is comprised in three lines, nor is it stated there or elsewhere, that Penda was captured by Cadwalan himself.

P. 246. *vv.* 31008-9.—Not in Wace. Mærwal was the third son of Penda, and reigned jointly with Wulfere, his second brother, in Mercia. He married Domneva, according to Gocelin, but, according to William of Malmesbury, Ermenberga, daughter of Ermenred, brother of Erconbert, king of Kent, and by her had three daughters, Mildritha, *Milburga*, and Milgitha, and a son, Merfin, who died in infancy. Of these, *Milburga* became the foundress and first abbess of the monastery of Wenlock in Shropshire, and died there about A.D. 680. Compare Lelands extracts from the *Vita Milburgæ*, in *Collectanea*, vol. iii. p. 169, Malmesbury, *De Gestis Reg. Angl.* ff. 14<sup>b</sup>. 50. 164. edit. 1596, and the *Monasticon*, vol. v. pp. 72, 75.

*Ibid.* v. 31012.—Not in Wace.

*Ibid.* *vv.* 31018-31147.—This long passage is an addition by *Lazamon*, and it would be difficult to learn on what historical foundation it may rest. No mention, I believe, occurs elsewhere of a sister of Penda named Helen. As to the introduction of king Louis of France, a strange anachronism has been committed, unless we may suppose that Clovis II. was intended, who succeeded to the throne of Neustria and Burgundy, A.D. 638, and died in 656. He is said to have married a lady named Batilda, who was sold by *English pirates* to the mayor of his palace. See *L'Art de vérifier les dates*, tom. i. p. 546, ed. fol. 1783. All that Geoffrey tells us here is, that after Penda's capture he submitted himself to the victor, gave hostages, and promised to join Cadwalan against the Saxons, lib. xii. c. 8. Wace adds to this, that to ensure a firmer alliance, Cadwalan married a sister of Penda (see Geoffrey, lib. xii. c. 14.), and then, instead of the detailed narrative of *Lazamon*, briefly subjoins, that Cadwalan gave thanks to the Britons for the labors and fatigues they had endured on his account. Vol. ii. p. 279. Compare Turner, *Hist. Anglo-Sax.*, vol. i. p. 361.

P. 252. *vv.* 31151-31157.—Not in Wace.

*Ibid.* *vv.* 31166-31209.—This passage is an amplification of six lines in the French text, which tell us, that Edwin assembled all the Saxon and English kings, but who were kings only in name, as they ruled over counties. Vol. ii. p. 280. Geoffrey's words are "*omnes regulos Anglorum.*" He states however subsequently, that assistance had arrived from the Orkneys.

P. 254. *vv.* 31214-31217. *Hædfeld*.—*Hatfield*, in the West Riding of Yorkshire. See Stevensons Bede, p. 151, and Turner, *Hist. Anglo-Sax.*, vol. i. p. 361. The name has been much corrupted by later writers. Geoffrey has it *Hevefeld*, Wace, *Elfelde*, Peter Langtoft, *Hontinfield* and

*Edensfeld*, and Robert of Gloucester, *Hadvele*, but Robert of Brunne, more correctly, *Hatfelde*. The battle is fixed to the 12 Oct. A.D. 633, by Bede, lib. ii. c. 20. §. 146.

P. 254. vv. 31218–31255.—Wace gives no detailed description of this battle, but merely mentions that Edwin was slain, together with his son Osfrid and the king of Orcany [Godbold], who had come to his aid. He then speaks of the indiscriminate slaughter ordered by Cadwalan, which occurs in Geoffrey, lib. xii. c. 9, and Bede, lib. ii. c. 20. §. 147. It will be observed how greatly Lajamon here deviates from his original. It need only be added, that both Bede and the Saxon Chronicle mention the death of Osfrid.

P. 256. v. 31257.—Lajamon here again commits an error, being deceived by the ambiguous term *heir* in his original. In reality Osric was not the *son* of Edwin, but his *cousin*, and son of Ælfric, Edwins uncle. See the Saxon Chronicle, a°. 634, and Bede, lib. iii. c. 1. His name is falsely printed *Offris* in the edition of Wace, vol. ii. p. 281, and in Roberts's version of the Welsh Brut, p. 185. It is nowhere else stated, I believe, that he was present in the conflict at Hatfield.

*Ibid.* vv. 31260–31277.—Wace only says, that Cadwalan made war against Osric, and slew him, with two of his nephews. Geoffrey has in addition, that his ally Aidan, king of the Scots, was also killed. It would appear from Bede, that Osrics death took place near York, p. 156.

P. 257. vv. 31278–31293.—Not in Wace. Neither the French writer nor Geoffrey notice the relationship between Oswald and Edwin; but Robert of Brunne writes,

Oswald was sib Edwyn before;  
Of *Acha*, his sister, born.—*f.* 92. c. 1.

which is taken from Bede, lib. iii. c. 6.

P. 258. vv. 31296–31353.—All this is amplified from eight lines of Wace, vol. ii. p. 281, who merely follows Geoffrey in saying, that Cadwalan drove Oswald towards Scotland, and then finding he could not overtake him, delivered a part of his forces to Penda, with orders to pursue the flying prince. It will readily be perceived how Geoffreys history here disagrees from, and falsifies the Saxon Annalists.

P. 260. vv. 31363–31380.—Not in Wace, nor elsewhere.

P. 261. v. 31383. *Houen-feld*.—In Bede, Geoffrey and Wace written *Hevefeld*, and interpreted “*celestis campus*.” In all probability the site is marked by the modern village of *Bingfield*, in Tindale Ward, Northum-



berland, which is divided from Hallington (anciently Haledon) by a rivulet named *Erringburn*. This is the same with the *Denisesburns* of Bede, lib. iii. c. 1, on which he states Caedwalla or Cadwalan to have perished. See the Appendix to Smiths edition of Bede, p. 720.

*P. 262. vv. 31393-31448.*—This narrative is wholly due to *Lazamon*, who seems to have mingled together the accounts of the battle at Hevenfield in A.D. 685, and the subsequent conflict at Maserfield, A.D. 642. At all events he has completely deserted his French guide, who, following Geoffrey, states a battle to have taken place in which Penda was defeated. He returns to Cadwalan and demands vengeance. They collect new forces, march into Northumberland, and after a hard-fought battle Oswald is killed by Penda. Vol. ii. pp. 282-3. Geoffrey names the place of Oswalds martyrdom *Burne*, which appears a misappropriation of the name of the rivulet on which Cadwalan was slain.

*P. 264. vv. 31451-2.*—Wace says, "*un des freres Osewald.*" There were other brothers, but the eldest had been killed previously, and the rest were of no note. See the Saxon Chronicle, a<sup>o</sup>. 617.

*Ibid. v. 31460.*—Wace has here a passage omitted by *Lazamon*, to the effect that Oswy, perceiving the enfeebled state of his kingdom and the power of Cadwalan, thought it better to submit than to declare war, and accordingly made gifts to Cadwalan, and did him homage for his territories. Thus was peace established and a long time preserved. Vol. ii. p. 284. Compare Geoffrey, lib. xii. c. 11.

*Ibid. v. 31461. emes sunen.*—In the French text we read "*Osewy out parens e nevus,*" but Geoffrey expressly names *Alfrid* or *Edelfrid* the brother of Oswy, and *Oidilwald*, his nephew, son of Oswald. The latter, as we learn from Bede, lib. iii. c. 24, was actually in the hostile army of Penda; but the former is evidently the same as the eldest but illegitimate son of Oswy, who subsequently became king of Northumbria. In the Welsh version *two nephews* are mentioned, but their names are not given, p. 185.

*P. 266. vv. 31495-31516.*—In Wace we read only, that Penda replied he dared not break the peace without the consent of Cadwalan. Vol. ii. p. 285.

*P. 267. vv. 31517-31522.*—Not in Wace.

*Ibid. vv. 31527-31544.*—Amplified from two lines of the French original,

A Londres se fist coruner,

E tuz ses barons fist mander.—*MS. Reg. f. 109. c. 1.*

*P.* 268. *vv.* 31556–31558.—Added by *Lazamon*, who omits, however, in his paraphrase of *Pendas* speech, an important part of it, in which he tells *Cadwalan*, that *Oswy* has sent to Saxony for forces of horse and foot, and was collecting an army in order to make war. *Wace*, vol. ii. p. 286.

*P.* 270. *vv.* 31590–31630.—This is very briefly narrated in the French text. *Ibid.*

*P.* 272. *vv.* 31634–31636.—Not in *Wace*.

*Ibid.* *vv.* 31639–31672.—In the French text the commencement of *Margadud's* speech dwells wholly, in general terms, on the hatred and treachery shown by the Saxons towards the Britons, and he therefore advises that they should be allowed to destroy one another. *Ibid.*

*P.* 274. *vv.* 31683–31710. This portion of the speech is not in *Wace*, who simply adds, that all the Britons approved what *Margadud* had said.

*P.* 276. *v.* 31726.—*Wace* states that, previous to the battle, *Oswy* in vain endeavoured to obtain peace by pecuniary offers, vol. ii. p. 288. So also in *Geoffrey* and *Bede*.

*Ibid.* *vv.* 31733–31762.—It is difficult to account for the erroneous narrative here given by *Lazamon*, who not only departs from the text of *Wace*, but is totally at variance with *Bede* (whom he professes to have consulted), nor is his statement supported by any other authority. *Wace* relates in six lines that *Penda* was slain in the battle, with the greater part of his friends, and that subsequently his eldest son *Offris*, who had been brought up at the court of *Cadwalan*, obtained, and did homage for, his fathers territories. Vol. ii. p. 289. *Geoffrey* says the same, but fixes the scene of the conflict near the river *Winwed* (the *Aire*, which flows past *Leeds*, in *Yorkshire*), and names the son of *Penda* *Wlfredus*, lib. xii. c. 13. His account is borrowed from *Bede*, lib. iii. c. 24, but not without the usual alterations. For the corruptions *Offris* and *Wlfredus* we should read *Wulfere*, who succeeded to the *Mercian* throne after his fathers death. *Lazamon* has not only changed the name to *Osrice*, but has falsely represented him as the son of *Oswy*; whereas the latter monarch survived to the year 670, and was then succeeded by his son *Ecgrid*. It only remains to be noted, that the battle in which *Penda* was slain took place *A.D.* 655. See *Bede*, *loc. cit.* and the *Saxon Chronicle*.

*P.* 277. *v.* 31766. *seouen and feouwertu 3ere*.—*Wace* and *Geoffrey* say *forty-eight*. It must be recollected that, according to *Bede*, *Cadwalan* was killed many years before, namely, in *A.D.* 634. See *Turner*, vol. i. p. 363.

*P. 277. vv. 31767–31780.*—Not in Wace, nor do I know that this strange tradition of the cause of Cadwalans death exists anywhere else. But Geoffrey and Wace, vol. ii. p. 289, give us in its place a curious account of the deposition of the kings embalmed corpse within a brazen figure of a knight on horseback, which was placed over the west gate of London, where it long remained. A church was also founded near the spot in honor of St. Martin. This tale is copied by Peter Langtoft, Robert of Brunne, and Robert of Gloucester, and is found also in the Welsh version ascribed to Tyeilio, in which reference is made to the prophecy of Merlin concerning the *equestrian in brass*, ap. Geoffrey, lib. vii. c. 3.

*P. 278. vv. 31782–31784.*—Geoffrey writes, “*Mater ejus fuerat soror Peandæ; patre tantum eodem, matre vero diversa, ex nobili genere Gewisseorum edita fuerat.*” He adds, that this Cadwalader is called by Bede *Ædilwald juvenis*, lib. xii. c. 14. The whole of this is founded on the error of confounding *Cadwalader* with *Ceadwalla*, king of Wessex, the latter of whom was in reality the son of Cenwalch, king of Wessex, by *Sexburga*, sister of *Penda*. See Bede, lib. iii. c. 7, and lib. iv. c. 15. From the latter passage Geoffrey takes the phrases “*juvenis*” and “*ex nobili genere Gewisseorum,*” and then crowns his error by confounding *Ædilwalch*, king of Sussex, with *Ceadwalla*, his destroyer!

*Ibid. vv. 31787–31790.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 279. v. 31798. fülle seouen nihte.*—Wace says *three days*.

*Ibid. vv. 31807–31818.*—Not in Wace, who has instead a few lines, stating that the people was compelled to subsist on fish, wild animals, roots, herbs, and leaves of trees, vol. ii. p. 290. *Lazamon* transposes this passage further on, p. 282.

*P. 280. v. 31824. morð.*—The historical fact of this pestilence having ravaged the whole of Britain, and extended even to Ireland, is attested by Bede, lib. iii. c. 27, who assigns it to the year 664. See also the *Saxon Chronicle*, a<sup>o</sup>. 664.

*P. 281. vv. 31853–31858.*—Not in Wace.

*Ibid. v. 31863. sune Salemonnes.*—Alan was not the *son* but *nephew* of Salomon, according to Geoffrey and his followers.

*P. 282. vv. 31887–31916.*—Much amplified and altered from thirteen lines of Wace, vol. ii. p. 292.

*P. 284. vv. 31919–31932.*—Wace only writes,

Cil vindrent mult espesement,  
Od grant compaines et sovent.—*MS. Reg. f.* 110. c. 2.

Then follow twenty-six lines, which are omitted by Laȝamon, chiefly relating to the change of the language from British to Saxon, and the introduction of Saxon customs. Geoffrey says the Saxons landed "in partes Northumbriæ," and took possession of the desolated provinces from Albany to Cornwall. The Welsh version absurdly reads *Norway* for Albany, which Roberts more absurdly defends, and is of opinion there were places in the highlands called Norway and Denmark! p. 188.

*P.* 284. *vv.* 31933-4.—Wace only says, "A cel tens ert Adelstan reis," when speaking in general terms of the Saxon occupation of Britain. Laȝamon here, as elsewhere, has been deceived by the looseness of the expression (which is borrowed from the conclusion of Geoffrey, lib. xii. c. 19), and certainly displays a remarkable ignorance of the Saxon annals, by bringing Athelstan into Britain in the seventh century, when he might have easily informed himself, that he did not ascend the throne till the year 924. The notice of his illegitimate birth is accurate, and the lady's name was Egwina, the daughter of a shepherd. See Turner, vol. ii. p. 176. It must be observed that this notice, as well as the passage respecting Edward and Ina, is grafted by Wace on the text of Geoffrey.

*P.* 285. *vv.* 31943-4.—Not in Wace. Athelstan reigned till the year 941.

*Ibid.* v. 31946. *feor her bi-aften*.—The expression *bi-aften* seems to have been an error of the scribe for *biforan*, unless *hereafter* bears reference to the return of the Britons, which is not improbable.

*Ibid.* *vv.* 31947-31980.—Laȝamon has altered considerably the narrative of Wace, who only says, that Edward (the Elder) went to Rome, and renewed the grant of Peters pence, originally made by his ancestor *Ina*; on which he briefly remarks, without any mention of Athelstan,

Le air apres l'out rendu,  
Le don al pere unt bien tenu.—*MS. Reg. f.* 110. c. 2.

Wace here evidently confounds Edward (who never was at Rome) with Ethelwulph, and Laȝamon commits the same error in sending Athelstan there. The faulty chronology of the latter in allowing only 65 years from the death of Ina (A.D. 727-8) to the reign of Athelstan, will not escape remark. His concluding lines in speaking of the *Romescot* are worthy attention, as they appear to allude to a threatened discontinuance of the payment, and this will suit extremely well the period of John's reign, at which it is probable Laȝamon's work was composed. We read

in Robert of Gloucester, under the year 1205, when speaking of the election of Peres de la Roche to the bishopric of Winchester :

þo þis Peris was ichose. he wende uor þis cas  
 To Rome, & of þe pope. þere isacred was.  
 Fram Rome he brozte an heste. þ' me here nome,  
*Petrus pensi* of ech hous. þat smoke out of come.  
 Ac þe king and heyemen *wiþ-sede it ilome*,  
 War þoru þe king add þe worse grace at Rome.—*MS. Cott. Calig. A. xl. f. 139.*

With regard to the origin of the *Rome-scot* see Turner, vol. i. p. 399, and Lingards *Antiq. of the Anglo-Saxon Church*, vol. i. p. 140.

*P. 286. vv. 31981–32045.*—A strange amplification of six lines in the French text, stating, that when Cadwalader heard the pestilence had ceased, he wished to return to Britain, and made preparations for his voyage. Vol. ii. p. 295.

*P. 289. vv. 32056–32067.*—Wace merely says, he heard a voice from heaven.

*P. 291. vv. 32092–3.*—Allusion seems here to be made to the prophecy recorded in the seventh book of Geoffrey, c. 3. p. 50. l. 12. So also we read in the abbreviated chronicle of Welsh affairs in *MS. Cott. Titus D. xxii. f. 28<sup>t</sup>*. “Bardi enim Kambrenses istam opinionem, quam in *libris suis autenticis* habeant scriptam, firmiter tenent, quod cum ossa beati Kadwaladri a terra suscitarentur, Britones pristinae potestati, quam habuerunt per promissionem angeli, restaurarentur.”

*Ibid. vv. 32102–32109.*—Not in Wace.

*P. 292. v. 32121. neste mæi.*—Wace only says, “son bon ami.”

*Ibid. vv. 32128–32131.*—In the French text and Geoffrey we are told, that Alan and his wise men consulted various *estories* to see if the vision seen by Cadwalader accorded with the prophecies of Merlin, those of *Aquila* “le bon devin” (see previous Note, p. 317), and of *Sibilla*. Langtoft makes a curious blunder here, by converting the Latin name of the place where “Aquila” prophesied (*Seftonia*), into “*Sophon* les prophez.” which Robert of Brunne renders “the sawes of *Sophonie*.” Thus the *eagle* is first converted into a prophet of that name, and Shaftesbury afterwards, by the same process, is turned into a second prophet! To the former notice respecting the prophecies of *Aquila* I may here add, that in the Welsh version of Geoffrey, *MS. Cott. Cleop. B. v.* (of the close of the thirteenth century) these prophecies are inserted, and are the same as the Latin text in the Royal MS. 15. c. xvi. They are printed in the *Cambrian Register*

for 1796, vol. ii. p. 33, where the MS. is falsely ascribed to the reign of Richard the First.

*P. 293. v. 32138. step-sunc.*—Geoffrey and the Welsh authorities call Ivor the *son*, and Ini the *nephew* of Alan, but Wace omits the relationship of the latter, and of the former says, "*fiz de sa urur*," which expression seems to have misled Lajamon.

*Ibid. vv. 32146–32187.*—Wace gives the kings speech in *four* lines, in which he merely tells them to pass over to Britain, and be sovereigns of the people. Vol. ii. p. 296.

*P. 294. v. 32182. Sibillie.*—See a previous note, p. 393.

*P. 295. v. 32195. uifte half ȝere.*—If the "fifth half year" be taken according to the Saxon mode of numeration, it will mean four years and a half. In Wace the period is expressed in general terms,

*N'aveit guerres à Rome esté.—MS. Reg. f. 110<sup>r</sup>. c. 2.*

Geoffrey passes it over thus: "inopino languore correptus," which he borrows from Bede, who writes, "Etenim illo perveniens [Ceadwalla], pontificatum agente Sergio, baptizatus est die sancto sabbati paschalis [the Saturday before Easter], anno ab incarnatione Domini sexcentesimo octuagesimo nono; et in albis adhuc positus [*i. e.* until the first Sunday after Easter], languore correptus, duodecimo kalendarum Maiarum [20 April] die solutus a carne." lib. v. c. 7. Guttyn Owains interpolated copy of the Welsh version of Geoffrey states, that Cadwalader lived at Rome five years. Roberts, p. 189.

*Ibid. v. 32198. elleoue dazes biforen maiȝe.*—So also in Wace, but by error, for Geoffrey literally copies the date given by Bede. In the printed text of the French writer, vol. ii. p. 297, some lines follow, which assign the date to 17 April, A.D. 600, and in the Royal MS. Brit. Mus. it is fixed to 19 April, A.D. 699 (as in Robert of Brunne), both of which dates require correction. The author of the *Cambrian Biography* extends the life of Cadwalader to A.D. 703. Compare Turner, vol. i. p. 381. It will be perceived, that Geoffrey continues to confound him with the king of Wessex up to the period of his death, and the Welsh versions implicitly follow in his path, with the usual blunders of transcription.

*Ibid. vv. 32202–32207.*—An addition by Lajamon.

*P. 296. vv. 32213. 32223–32225.*—Wace only says, with a great fleet and army.

*Ibid. vv. 32216–32241.*—Instead of these lines Wace concludes his history in the following manner: "The remains of the Britons, whom we

now call Welsh, who are seated towards the north, were under their subjection [*i. e.* of Ivor and Ini], but never afterwards had they sufficient power to gain possession of *Logres* [Britain]. They are all changed and degenerated from the nobility, the honor, the manners, and the life of their ancestors!" Vol. ii. p. 298. He then adds the derivation of the name of Wales from Duke Gualon, or queen Galaes (see a previous note, p. 311, and Giraldus Cambrensis, *Camb. Descriptio*, c. 7. p. 887, fol. 1602), and terminates his work by adding the date of its completion, A.D. 1155. Geoffreys narrative is nearly to the same purpose, but he introduces the passage about the Saxons and Athelstan, which Wace has previously noticed. See note, p. 433. Turner admits the expedition of Ivor and Ini into the page of genuine history, on the authority of the Welsh chronicles, and even goes so far as to specify the battles in which they were engaged, but, I confess, I entertain considerable doubts as to this statement, and am much inclined to believe that in the *Ini* of Geoffrey and the Welsh annalists we see a distorted image of the Saxon king *Ina*, the son of Ceadwalla. The last four lines of *Lazamon* are similar to the couplet of Robert of Gloucester, in allusion to the same event,

———— & that me ssal 3ut ysey,  
At vpe Godes wylle yt ys, wanne yt ssal be !—p. 256.

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v. 1. The phrases *on leoden* and *in londe* are used in the same indefinite manner as *on dazeðe*, *on folke*, *on eorðe*, *on worle* [*on worulde*, Sax. Chron. a<sup>o</sup>. 655], etc. In the present instance the more general signification would seem preferable, as in vv. 2218. 3718. 15819, etc. Compare also vv. 4071. 11093.

v. 4. (*second text*) *driste*.—This might be supposed a mere error of the scribe, but other examples of such an unorganic change of letters would induce me to refer it to that law of pronunciation by which *h*, *ch*, *ʒ* and *s* were affected and interchanged. The instances which occur are chiefly in the later text of the poem, in which we have *ristnesse*, v. 14, *mistie*, v. 57, *most*, vv. 538. 1327, *nowist*, v. 1446, *foate*, v. 8821, and *fast*, v. 22725, for *rihtnesse*, *mihtie*, etc.; and in the first text we meet with the similar forms of *doster*, v. 2982, *buste*, v. 5268, *miste*, v. 18690, and *diste*, v. 25907. That this interchange of letters existed before the Conquest, we have evidence in Domesday-book, where we find the names *Brictuoldus* and *Bristuoldus*, *Brictuward* and *Bristuward*, etc. In the same record the town of *Brihtelmestone* is written *Bristelmestone*, and for the isle of *Wihl* (*Vecta*) we find *Wist* in Alfred of Beverley, p. 5. ed. Hearne. Similar forms often occur in a very curious volume of English poetry, about the time of Henry III., preserved in Trinity College, Cambridge, marked B. 14. 39, and at a rather later period, in the Cambridge copy of the Romance of Kyng Horn (Gg. 4. 27. *Publ. Libr.*) we have *miste* and *doster* for *mihte* and *dohter*; and in all the copies *furste* rhymes to *huerte*, v. 885. Thus Robert of Brunne rhymes together *frist* and *girt*, and numerous other examples might be produced. Even in the sixteenth century I find *thowst* for *thought*, in a letter from John Wallop to Wolsey (dated 12 March, 1526), in MS. Cott. Vesp. F. 1. f. 69. In Ohd. [Old High German] this interchange likewise occurs, as *trust* for *truht*, while *st* occasionally takes the place of *þ*. See Grimms *Deutsche Grammatik*, vol. ii. pp. 208, 211. The converse of such a change is sometimes found, as *ærht* for *ærst* in the first text of *Lajamon*, v. 5537, and similar forms in Mhd. [Middle High German] are pointed out by Grimm, vol. i. p. 416, vol. ii. p. 212. Hence, perhaps, may be explained the forms of *most* and *mohht*,



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both used for the past tense of the verb *may*, as also the numerous class of words in Old French which elide the *s* before *t*.

v. 7. *Seuarne stabe*.—So in the Saxon Chronicle, a°. 894, “þa of-foron hie þone here hindan æt Butdigingtone, on *Safern stabe*.”

v. 10. (*sec. t.*) *heo*.—No doubt an error for *he*, yet the same fault occurs elsewhere in this text, and very frequently in the earlier text, which has, however, in some instances been corrected by a second hand. See vol. i. pp. 40. 149. 264. 299. and vol. iii. p. 169. Analogous forms are met with of *þeo* for *þe*, etc. In the Laud MS. of the Saxon Chronicle, written between 1122 and 1154, the same errors are found.

v. 14. (*sec. t.*) *ristnesse*.—I regard this word as the representative of A.-S. *gerednys*, which is closely connected with *gerihtnes*, in the same manner as *recan* is with *rihtan*. Literally translated, it would mean “correction,” “righting.”

v. 17. *Englene*.—Although rendered as an adjective, it is in reality the *gen. pl.* of the noun, as in the similar cases of *Francene*, *Scottene*, *Denemarkene*, *Bruttene*, *Denene*, etc. The adjectival forms in *Lazamon*, like the A.-Saxon, end in *isc*, as *Englisc*, *Welsce*, *Frenchisce* or *Freinsce*, *Densce*, etc. Ingram remarks on the Sax. Chron. a°. 1066, that the term *English* began about this time to be substituted for *Angles*, and *French* to assume the form of *Frencyscan*; but this is only correct thus far, that the adjective, with *folk* expressed or understood, was occasionally used instead of the noun.

v. 38. (*sec. t.*)—These are the only instances throughout the poem of the interchange between *f* and *h*, yet the converse occurs several times, as *fhtie*, *fhtene*, first text, vv. 5877. 25914, for *fhhtie*, *fhhtene*, and *swihtie*, *sohtere*, *sohte*, second text, vv. 5902. 16109. 18775, for *swifte*, *softere*, *softe*. So in *Kyng Horn*, *softe* rhymes to *douter*, in MS. Laud. 108, and in *Arthour and Merlin*, *gift* rhymes to *vwright*, p. 87. ed. 1838. The same rule obtains in *Ohd.* between *f* and *h* or *ch*. See Grimm, vol. ii. p. 211. Hence also the common interchange between *gh*, *f* and *w*, still retained in our provincial dialects, and even in conversation.

v. 42. *hoe*.—For *heo*, acc. s. fem., since *hoe* is of the same gender as in A.-Saxon.

v. 44. *þes hezes*.—We have here, probably by error, the indefinite form of the adjective, instead of the definite, according to the usual rules of A.-S. grammar.

v. 50. *boc-felle*.—So in the Early English Legend of St. Margaret, in MS. Reg. 17 A. xxvii. f. 55<sup>b</sup>, “hire bone wes *þes*, ꝥ ich hit write on *boc-felle*.”

vv. 58, 59. The punctuation here is imperfect, and would seem to indicate the omission of a line. The second text, however, omits the corresponding verse.

v. 59. *leornia*.—The use of *a* final for *e* will often be remarked, and occurs also in the later copies of the Saxon Chronicle.

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v. 68. (*sec. t.*) *lonesange*.—This word, which means song of praise, or hymn, would appear to be a mistake of the compiler of the later text, or else an error of the scribe. In MS. Reg. 17 A. xxvii., written in the early part of the thirteenth century, hymn is expressed by *loft-song*, ff. 9<sup>b</sup>. 52<sup>b</sup>.

v. 69. (*sec. t.*) *þan*.—May be incorrectly written for *þe*, as in v. 9670, or for *in þan*, as in v. 12004.

v. 87. *ermden*.—*d* for *ð*, as often elsewhere.

v. 91. *bera* may be either sing. or pl. as in A.-Sax. Wace has it, "ne fil ne fille plus."

v. 101. The final *d* is often dropt after *n*, particularly when preceding *þ*, as also after the consonants *l* and *r*.

v. 109. *bi-wonnen*.—This has been translated as if connected with the German *be-wohnen*, to inhabit, but it would be probably better to take the word in its usual sense of "got possession of," or "conquered," as referring to Arthurs occupation of the city at a subsequent period. Cf. v. 24434.

v. 111. *driht-folcke*.—The word *driht* was considered here and elsewhere as an abbreviation of *drihtliche*, from the comparison of vv. 854. 1388. 2551. 8273. 14715; but on reconsideration it appears to be the same as the compound *driht-fole* in Cædmon, p. 179, and *druht-fole* in Old Saxon, *Heliand*, p. 29, and signifies "people," generally. In the translation therefore "good" should be omitted.

v. 112. *iwalken*.—The primary meaning is *tossed*, from the A.-S. *wealcan*, to roll; but the modern verb *to walk* is thence derived, as pointed out by Somner and Skinner. The participle is here in the *strong* form, and so is the preterite *weolken*, v. 12040, where the later text assumes the *weak* form *walkede*, as in Mhd. *walgte*, from *welgen*. See Ziemann, *Mittelhochdeutsches Wörterbuch*, 8vo, 1838.

v. 119. *monscepe*.—This word does not occur in Bosworths A.-S. Dictionary, although it is difficult to suppose that it did not exist among the A.-Saxons. It is used very frequently in both texts of *Lazamon*, and its usual meaning undoubtedly is *honor, worship, dignity*. The synonyms are *mensca*, v. 2535, and *mahpe*, v. 6234, and in the French text of Wace, *los, dignité*. In the later text we have the adverb *mansipliche*, honorably, v. 20743.

v. 120. *gersume*.—Better, perhaps, if translated "treasure," but see v. 352, where the later text reads *zeftes*.

v. 128. In the French original, "*rices et manans*." The term *ric, riche* in A.-Saxon and Early English not only means *wealthy*, but very frequently *powerful, mighty, noble*. This is the case also in the Scandinavian and Teutonic languages, as well as in Old French.

v. 131. *godd*.—The first hand wrote *godde*, but the *e* has subsequently been erased.

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v. 139. See for this A.-S. phrase, Cædmon, pp. 8. 99. 308, and Sax. Chron. r. 959. It is not unusual in Middle English, and we find it even as late as the close of the seventeenth century. See Jamiesons *Popular Ballads*, vol. ii. p. 286.

v. 146. The word *daye* means, as in A.-S., the period of a mans life, and in v. 5997, *line* of the first text is replaced by *dawes* in the second. The phrase continued to a late period.

v. 151. *leodena*.—There is some difficulty in determining whether this is *gen. sing.* or *plur.*, but most probably the latter, and of the *fem.* gender, as in A.-S. and Isl. Compare vv. 892. 2463. 2493. 3691. 14829. 19277. In A.-S. the usual forms are *s.* leod, *g.* e, *pl.* leode, *g.* a, *d.* um, but Bosworth in his Supplement gives us also the *weak* form of leoda, *g.* an. In *Lajamon* two declensions seem confounded, as well as genders, for we meet with, *sing. n.* leoden (?), *g.* leodes, *d.* leode -n, *a.* leode -n; *plur. n.* leode -n -ne, leodes, *g.* leodene, *d.* leodene, *a.* leoden -e, leodes. In *Ohd.* and *Mhd.* we find *n. s.* liut, *g.* liutes, *acc.* liut, liuten, *n. pl.* liuti, liute, *d.* liuten, but in modern German and Dutch the word is only declined in the plural (as, generally, in *Lajamon*), *G.* *leute*, *D.* *lieden*. The Middle English forms are *lede* and *ledes*. In compound words *leod* is often found in *Lajamon* undeclined, as in A.-S., but sometimes takes a final *e*, or *en*.

vv. 154, 155. Insert the half-pause ' after *ihoten*, and substitute a point for ' in the following line. The faulty punctuation exists in the MS. It may here be as well to state, that in commencing the work, the editor proposed to follow the punctuation of the MS. in every case, but on proceeding further the errors of the scribe became so frequent and so obvious in this respect, that it was resolved to adopt an uniform punctuation throughout, of half-pause and full-pause. In every instance therefore in which this rule has not been observed, the reader is requested to attribute it, either to the non-correction of the transcript for the press, or to a typographical oversight.

v. 159. *heizen*.—Here and in other places the adjective is used in the *masc.* or *neuter* instead of the *fem.* termination. Cf. vv. 1211. 1821. 3210. 3610. etc.

v. 171. The meaning of *teone* appears to be,—first, *injury* or *mischief*, and secondly, *anger* or *grief*. In the former sense many instances occur in Bosworths Dictionary, but of the latter not one, although we find the verb *teonan*, to anger. In later writers the first of these significations appears to have become obsolete.

v. 175. *heze men*.—Would be more literally rendered “ noble men,” or “ mighty men.”

v. 197. Correct the translation thus, “ it displeased to his friends,” since *hit* is the *nom.* case, and *of-buhten*, 3 p. s. pa. t. with the pleonastic *n.* With regard to the meaning of this verb, in A.-S., see *Beowulf*, l. 4059, Cædm. p. 279, and Sax. Chron. a°. 1127. In Middle English it has the sense of *repent*, as often in *Lajamon*.

v. 229. *hir*.—Incorrectly, for *hire*.

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v. 230. *Mahum* is borrowed from the A.-Norman, and is used constantly in their romance-poems of the twelfth century.

vv. 239. 240. In the MSS. of both texts these two lines are joined as one. Perhaps a line is missing.

v. 255. *feir*.—There is some inaccuracy here, since *feir* can scarcely be considered a past participle. I would prefer omitting it (as sanctioned by the second text), or reading, *þa þis child was feir and muchel*, as in v. 4072.

v. 257. The nouns *mawe*, *maje*, *maje*, *mowe* are used only in reference to a female relation, and represent the A.-S. *mage -an*, or *mæg -e*, fem., whereas in speaking of a male relative, (sometimes in a limited sense, as "cousin," or "nephew,") the nouns *mæi*, *mey*, *may*, *mai*, pl. *mæyes*, *meies*, *meyes*, are constantly made use of, and represent the A.-S. *mæg -es*, masc. This distinction, although liable to be confounded, is clearly marked in many passages of Early and Middle English writers, of which three instances are cited below.

Ƴ tu þe ane hauest ouergan þi feder & ti moder, *meies* þa & *mehen*, & al þe ende  
Ƴ tu & heo of beoð ierdet.—*Leg. of St. Margaret*, MS. Reg. 17 A. xxvii. f. 50.

Nou nis offered of þe. þi *mei* ne þi *mouwe*,  
Heo weriet þe weden þat heir were þin owene.

*MS. Trin. Coll. Cambr.*, B. 14. 39. f. 44<sup>b</sup>.

He lith and roteth lowe,  
He ne haueth that be his owe,  
Of aytle ne of londe;  
Ne nowther *mey* ne *mowe*,  
That ther doren a throwe,  
Bi hem sitten ne stonde.

*Sawe of Seint Bede*, MS. Digb. 86. f. 129.

v. 266. (*sec. t.*) *Dele* the conjecture on *wid*, since in the manuscript of the later text *ð* is never used as a final letter, but always *þ*. The same correction is necessary in several other places.

v. 279. *þeo*.—Is the feminine article, corresponding to the Frisic *thiu*, and is used for the A.-S. *seo* in a copy of Ælfrics translation of Genesis, in the Public Library, Cambridge, II. 1. 33, the date of which is supposed to be midway between the later Anglo-Saxon and *Lajamon*. It occurs also in the "Grave-song" of the twelfth century, in Thorpes *Analecta*, p. 142, and in the Fragment of the Address of the Soul to the Body, recently re-edited, with an English version, by Mr. Singer, 8vo, 1845. At a later period we find the same article in *Kyng Alisaunder*. Cf. *Rasks Grammar*, p. 56, who seems too hastily to pronounce it an error.

v. 288. The meaning would be rendered more obvious, if this line had been rendered, "arrive at (attain to) honor." In the original French text it is, "puis à grant honor *venra*." The principal use of the auxiliary verbs *comen* and *gon*, before infinitives of verbs of motion, appears to be to give a past sense to the second verb. In the later text of *Lajamon*, the simple verb is sometimes substituted, as

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in v. 5825. The same forms are found in Old Saxon and in A.-Saxon. See Kemble's note on *Beowulf*, l. 646, who remarks, that in modern German similar phrases are expressed by the infinitive and part. past; and this is the case also in Mhd., as appears from Benecke's Glossary to Hartmanns *Iwein*, v. *Keme*. In English this use of *gon* was retained as late as the sixteenth century.

v. 289. þo is an error of the MS. for þa.

v. 298. *feie*.—Is employed by *Lazamon* in a double signification, first that of *dead* or *slain*, and secondly, *fated to die*. Of the former meaning the present is an example, as also vv. 655. 1711. 1715. etc. Of the latter sense there are numerous instances, as vv. 517. 629. 1290. etc. In A.-S. *fæg* is generally found to express the second meaning. Hence is formed the adjectives *unfæge*, *Beow.* v. 1140, and *unfæglic*, *Boeth.* xxxvi. 4. The word is common to all the Northern dialects, and is preserved in the Scottish *fey*.

v. 304. Compare v. 3731. In *Wace* it is expressed, “*qui à male hore li mena*.” *Fæi-sið* is compounded from *fæi* and *sið*, and is synonymous with *deap-sið*, v. 6348. 6566.

v. 307. This error of *heo* for *heom* occurs no less than nineteen times in the first volume, and frequently afterwards.

v. 310. An instance of the double dative, which often occurs (as in A.-S.) either with a pronoun and noun, or with two nouns.

v. 312. (*sec. t.*) *stregþe*.—The omission of the *æ* in many words, particularly before the letters *g* and *d*, seems to indicate an Anglo-Norman pronunciation; at all events we find many similar instances in poems written in that language.

v. 315. In *Lazamon* *þurh* and *þurh ut* govern both the *acc.* and *dat.*; in A.-S. only the *acc.*

v. 317. Literally, “*woe was to him alive*.” In this and many similar phrases, the pronoun has been rendered in the nominative case. It may here also be remarked, with regard to *on liue*, *an liue*, *a-liue*, etc. (Germ. *am leben*), *alive*, that it is always an *adverb*, compounded, like many others, of a noun in the dative case and a preposition. Hence will appear the great error of all our lexicographers, who invariably consider *alive* as an adjective, Lat. *vivus*, whereas the real adjective in A.-Saxon and Early and Middle English answering to *vivus*, is *cwic*, *quick*, as still retained in the Creed.

v. 336. (*sec. t.*) *heþ*.—It is a peculiarity of the later text of *Lazamon*, (and sometimes of the earlier,) to substitute *þ* for *h*, both at the end and in the middle of words. Thus we find such forms as *heþ*, *þorþ*, *fleþ*, *sloþ*, *iseþ*, *neþ*, *holþ*, etc., and *cniþt*, *miþtie*, *sobte*, *heþte*, *heþliche*, *noþt*, *foþten*, etc. The converse change of *h* for *þ* or *ht* is sometimes found in both texts.

v. 366. (*sec. t.*) ...*kefe*.—On a closer inspection of the MS. it appears to read ...*kere*, but it is not easy to supply the words wanting.

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v. 383. *Troien* is a noun in the dat. sing., and the version must be corrected, "was born of Troy."

v. 389. *duȝeðe*.—In A.-S. this word often, but, I think, not always, [See Sax. Chron. a°. 627] means *people of rank or consideration*. See Kembles Gloss to Beowulf, v. *dugan*. In Lajamon, however, its sense is by no means so limited, and it signifies *people* in general. Its equivalents in the second text are, *leode, men, cnihtes, folk*, vv. 3005. 3401. 3664. 4281. etc. In v. 4945 it has, like *leod*, the meaning of *country, kingdom*, and in v. 19754 *on duȝeðe* is equivalent to *in the world*. Sometimes it is joined to *cnihtes*, as *duȝeðe-cnihtes*, vv. 10166. 20832, but in these instances, as in *leod-cnihtes*, v. 7459, the words *duȝeðe* and *leod* seem scarcely to have any force, except to generalise. Two passages remain to be noticed, in which this word has a different acceptation, v. 10428, where it means *good, benefit*, and v. 20851, where it signifies *power*. The adverbial form also, *duȝeðlice*, occurs, v. 16844. In writers of the fourteenth century, *douthe* has the same general sense of *folk or people*. See Glossary to *Syr Gawayne*, in voce, and the *Romance of Alexander*, MS. Ashmole, 44. ff. 28<sup>b</sup>. 36.

v. 396. *tidende*.—In the French original, "solum lur lai." Other instances of the use of this word in the same sense occur in vv. 2052. 5139. 13854. etc. Elsewhere it expresses the French term *nouvelles*. Thus, in the Chronicle of the Dukes of Normandy, by Benolt de Sainte More, speaking of the defeat of Costentins forces by the French, he says,

Franceis lor funt oir *noveles*,  
Qu'il lor espandent les *cerveles*.

MS. Harl. 1717. f. 202. col. 1.

Compare Lajamon, v. 18425.

v. 404. *wale* in the first text is an error of the press for *walc*, as in vv. 2542. 6225, and should be translated "conflict." Thus in the Sax. Chron. a°. 1100, "togeanes þan he manega *geƿealc* and *geƿim hæfde*." The later text reads *wale*, slaughter (?), both here and in v. 2542. The error of writing *wind* for *win* is repeated in both texts, vv. 2542. 6225; and from the same cause—a vicious pronunciation—we have *wind-ræsen*, v. 9244, *runden* for *runnen*, v. 1349, and for *an*, vv. 7110. 16789, etc., *iwand* for *iwan*, v. 7706, *wundliche* for *wunliche*, v. 10000, and *gond* for *gon*, v. 28058, which may find a parallel in the vulgariem of *gound* for *gown*.

v. 405. Instead of "calamity," the compound *wiðer-happ* would seem to convey the idea of "contest" or "strife." Compare vv. 573. 9269. 26590. It is not found in A.-S., but must be referred to the Suio-G. *happ*, casus, Swed. *hap*.

v. 418. *nomen* and *makeden* are governed by *þæt*, as well as *on-feng*, and the translation ought to read thus, "should take the knight Brutus, and make him Duke, and 'he' their homage should receive." In the original text of Wace the act is represented as really done, and not merely contemplated, "Par son conseil . . . . firent," etc.

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- v. 421. (*sec. t.*) The word deficient is *onderfange*. Cf. v. 14915.
- v. 436. *emale mon-kun*.—In the original, *chaitifs*.
- v. 437. *bea* for *þa*, as again vv. 581. 2020. 3019, and so *wea* for *we*, v. 2063.
- v. 448. *weorlde's scome*.—This phrase was retained in Middle English. See an extract from the Vernon MS. in Warton, *Hist. Engl. Poetr.* vol. iii. p. 15. ed. 1824.
- v. 457. *kubies* is an error for *kubie* (see v. 5098), and *mæzes* would be more correctly rendered "brethren," as vv. 860. (*sec. t.*) 1064.
- v. 470. *þeowdomes* seems to be in the gen. sing. and governed of *þolien*, as in A.-S. But in *Cædmon*, p. 135, we have *þeowdom þolian*. Cf. v. 3439.
- v. 480. *grīðe* and *friðe*.—See the Sax. Chron. a°. 1009, and Ihre, *Gloss. Sais-Goth.* in v. *Grid*. The Norman *paie*, substituted in the later text, is also found in the Sax. Chron. a°. 1135.
- v. 490. *wroþer hele*.—This expression has not been found in any A.-Saxon writz, but seems to have been formed in the same manner as *godere hele* (see *Lazamon*, v. 3597, Ihre, v. *Hel*, Benecke's Gloss. to *Iwein*, v. *Heil*, and Robert of Gloucester, p. 368), and signifies the opposite of that phrase, namely *misfortune, injury, or destruction*. It was evidently not originally a compound word, as appears by the position of the pronoun, but afterwards became so. It occurs again in both texts of *Lazamon*, v. 29556, and is found in the Legend of St. Juliane, composed probably about or soon after the year 1200, MS. Reg. 17 A. xxvii. f. 58<sup>b</sup> (where, by error of the scribe, it is written *wraðel heale*). At the end of the thirteenth century the phrase came into general use, as appears by the instances in Robert of Gloucester, pp. 143. 164, and Robert of Brunne, pp. 104. 201. 221. Chaucer does not use this expression, yet it survived till the sixteenth century, as may be seen in the *Squyr of Love Degre*, ap. Ritson, vol. iii. p. 157.
- v. 495. *leoden king* should be joined by a hyphen, and be translated "sovereign."
- v. 503. *ifusten* is an irregular form for *ifusden*, as *þretete* is for *þretede* in the next line of the second text.
- v. 507. (*sec. t.*) *freondes* is probably an error for *feondes*.
- v. 509. Literally, "with stratagem of any kind." Cf. vv. 1710. 1717. 2621. 3949. etc. The same freedom of translation has been taken elsewhere. In phrases of this description we often find the genitival termination *s dropt*.
- v. 516. *biliggen*.—In Wace, *assegera*; and it might be better rendered by "besiege."
- v. 531. *þruppe*.—In the original, *trépas*, which is explained by Roquefort, "passage d'un lieu à un autre; gorge de montagne." In A.-S. *þrop* is said by Somner to signify "a place where many ways meet," but he does not cite his authority.

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v. 532. Correct the translation, "The king came riding, with," etc. *Him* is here reflective or paragogic, as is often the case after verbs of motion, and some few others. The same practice obtained in Old Saxon and A.-Saxon, and is found extensively used in Early and Middle English. See Kemble's Note on *Beowulf*, l. 51. Rask's Grammar, p. 95. Schmellers Notes on the *Heliand*, p. 170, and Macpherson's General rules on the construction of *Wyntouns Chronicle*, 8°. 1795.

v. 534, 563. (*sec. t.*) *him* is probably an error for *ham*, the more usual form, but it occurs elsewhere.

v. 552. (*sec. t.*) *Dele* the conjecture on *flep*, and see remark on v. 336.

v. 566. *iwenden*.—Another instance of the pleonastic verbal *n*, on which some remarks will elsewhere be made. Throughout the first volume the instances of this anomaly are pointed out at the foot of the pages where they occur.

v. 575. *fullen* is the infinitive, and governed by *mihte*, which will render it necessary to read "to fall" in the translation, instead of "fell."

v. 579. I refer *heora* to the Greeks, and *feon-ðewas* (more correctly *feond-þewes*) to their evil or hostile conduct towards Brutus and his party. In *Cædmon* we find *freoðo-þeawas*, loving manners; and *Lazamon* uses the compounds *feond-slæhtes*, v. 16456, and *feond-ræse*, v. 23960, the latter of which is also in *Cædmon*, p. 55.

v. 596. There is a peculiarity in *heihte* being originally written *heih*, which deserves notice, since the same error occurs in v. 837, and so in regard to *hehte*, *hæhte*, vv. 1700. 6092. 10752. 13905, and *imæhte*, v. 30979. The cause appears to be the undefined sound of *ht*, *th* and *h*, which caused the *t* to be frequently suppressed, as in *þoh*, *wroh*, *noh*, *i-broh*, *cnih*, *rih*, *fh*, *nih*, *feh*, etc., for *þoht*, *wroht*, etc. See remark on v. 336.

*ibid.* *eulne* would seem to be a provincial form of the A.-S. *hwilcne*, *gehwilcne*, which elsewhere in *Lazamon* is written *iwil*, vv. 18956. 25664. 25880. 29682. In *Ohd.* we have *eohnelih*, and in the nom. c. *eogalih*, *eo hwelih*, *gihuuelih*, *giuuelih*, etc. See *Graffs Althochdeutscher Sprachschatz*, i. 519. iv. 1214. 1215, and *Grimms Deutsche Grammatik*, iii. 52.

v. 611. *beth* for *bet*, as in vv. 744. 971. 1361, and so *þeð* for *þet*, v. 1959, *þeð* for *þet*, v. 3786, etc. In three of these instances *th* is used for *ð*, as it is in a few other cases in the early text; namely, *mith*, i. 126, *sothscipe*, i. 128, and *bithæchen*, ii. 59, and also in the later text, ii. 196. 240. 596. 609. iii. 17. Both texts almost invariably have the proper name *Uther* written with *th*, so that it may not altogether be ascribed to the carelessness of the scribe. In the *Saxon Chronicle* (if we may trust *Ingrams* text) *th* first appears in the year 1137, p. 368, and in the *Promptorium* we find *th* clearly distinguished from *þ*.

v. 612. *hende* perhaps may refer to *castle*, and not to *cnihhten*. Elsewhere this epithet is applied to burgh, hill, wood, water, etc., as well as to man, woman,



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lion, clothes, body, etc., and seems to express both fairness in appearance, and mental qualities. In some instances it is written *hendi*, vv. 4833. 4899. 5523. etc., whence it would appear to be connected with the A.-S. *gehend*, whence also the modern adjective *handy* is derived.

v. 617. The verb is understood, and the translation should be corrected, "marched to the castle, together with his army." This is not an unusual construction. See the Sax. Chron. a°. 1114. p. 335, and the Legend of St. Julian, in MS. Reg. 17 A. xxvii. f. 64<sup>b</sup>. The same ellipsis of a verb of motion takes place after the verbs *would* and *should*. Compare vv. 1526. 1703. 1771. etc., and Sax. Chron. p. 334.

v. 623. *ræmden*.—Is here and elsewhere, vv. 682. 1678. 4128. 9338. etc., in the sense of "rushed" or "assaulted," of which signification no example is found in A.-S. Dictionaries. It seems however connected with the A.-S. *aræman*, erigere, Teut. *ramen*, collimare, and Provençal *aramir*, attaquer. See Wachter and Raynouard.

v. 630. *blod-gute*.—Is considered a compound, as *blod-gyte* in A.-S., yet in the later text I find it written *blod isote*, as if a distinct noun and past participle. See vol. ii. pp. 379. 419. iii. 66.

v. 633. (*sec. t.*) *Dele* the conjectural reading. See remark on v. 266.

v. 635. *fael*.—Compare v. 5190. It appears the same with A.-S. *fyll*. See Kembles *Beowulf*, v. *feallan*, and Thorpes *Analecta*.

v. 641. *þreatoð* seems an error for *þreatede*.

v. 649. *feiede*.—This is the only instance of the use of this verb. It seems to be the same as A.-S. *fegan*, to join, part. *fegde*. See *Cod. Exon.* p. 479.

v. 710. *þeon* is for *þon*, as in some few other cases.

v. 727. *quale-huse*.—Synonymous with *cwalm-hus*, in MS. Reg. 17 A. xvii. f. 39<sup>b</sup>.

v. 731. *derne* is here probably an adverb, and should be rendered "secretly."

v. 734. *on sele*.—A.-S. *on salum*. *Cædm.* p. 184. *Elene*, v. 194. *ed. Grimm*. In some few passages, v. 15228. etc., it appears to signify "in amity."

vv. 735-6. Transpose the marks of punctuation, which are faulty in the MS. A line perhaps is wanting here.

v. 751. *lease* is an adjective. Read, "but they all were 'false [leasings], for," etc.

v. 757. *bache*.—In Geoffrey, "convallem," and in Wace, "valée." The same word recurs at vv. 2596. 5644. (where the later text reads *slade*) and in the pl. *bæcken*, v. 21776. It is not inserted in A.-S. Dictionaries, yet it ought to be

there, as is evident from the legend of king Kenelm, slain a°. 819 in the *Cow-dale* at Clent, on the borders of Staffordshire; the A.-Saxon verses on which run thus :—

At Clent in *Cu-bache*,  
Kenelm kine-bearn,  
Lip under þorne,  
Heafode bireavod :

of which the Latin interpretation is,

In Clent, sub spina, jacet in *Convalle Bovina*,  
Vertice privatus, Kenelmus fraude necatus.

Compare Wallingford's Chronicle, MS. Cott. Jul. D. vii. f. 14<sup>b</sup>. Higden, p. 253. Bromton, col. 777, and Lelands *Collectanea*, vol. i. p. 213. Hence may be corrected Stevensons addition to Boucher, in v. *Barn*.

v. 769. *bi-wiste*.—Means properly, "kept watch over," or "took charge of."

v. 790. *hiue*.—In the original, "*Hallement mon cor sonerai*." In the MS. it is doubtful whether the third letter be *u* or *n*, and the word does not occur again throughout the poem. I have considered it as connected with the old French *hu*, *hui*, *huye*, which is found also in the Chronicle of Robert of Brunne :—

The Scote, the Walsh, w<sup>t</sup> alle ther here,  
Com w<sup>t</sup> grete noys & *hu*.—*f.* 36<sup>b</sup>. c. 2.

See Roqueforts Glossary, in v. *Hu*, and Michels Gloss to *Tristan*, in v. *Hui*. Hence the English "*hue* and cry."

v. 793. *blonken*.—See Kembles Glossary to Beowulf, vol. i. in v. *blonca*.

v. 807. Literally, "from his horse he threw *himself*."

v. 814. *fæiðe*.—We should probably read *þe fæi*, as elsewhere.

v. 816. *hæp*.—The translation here and in vv. 5911. 18335. may be erroneous; since by a comparison with v. 16308 and the text of Wace, vol. i. p. 369, *hæp* would seem to signify *multitude*, *host*, as in A.-S. So, in the legend of Elene, "*heáp* was gescyrtd, *agmen* erat imminutum," l. 141. *ed. Grimm*. See also Kilian, v. *Hoop*. Yet in vv. 3857. 4894, in a similar form of expression, *hap* or *heppe* certainly means *fortune*, from the Isl. *happ*.

v. 839. *þær* or *vær* appear errors for *wæl*, the slaughtered bodies, met with frequently in other passages.

v. 846. (*sec. t.*) *adealde*.—The pronoun *he* is often represented by *a* in the later text, vv. 1383. 2869. 2954. 3948. etc., and is so found in Robert of Gloucester, and in the modern provincial dialects, arising from an imperfect pronunciation.

v. 865. *runnan*.—Incorrectly, for *runen* or *runan*. In the translation, read "say to 'me [myself]."

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v. 867. *leod king* should be united by a hyphen, and the version be, "this monarch," instead of "the king of this land."

v. 889. The construction of this line is the same in both texts, and in the translation the words "Some were agreeable to it," with the brackets following, should be omitted. The final *a* is written improperly for *e*, as frequently elsewhere; an error that A.-Saxon MSS. are not wholly free from.

v. 909. *be.*—Contracted from A.-S. *obbe*, as *bat* is, in the sense of until, from *obbat*.

v. 910. *wel idon.*—In the French text of Wace, "*saives hom.*" This phrase is very frequently used, and is applied to inanimate as well as animate objects. Its general signification is *excellent* either for qualities of the mind, or for strength and appearance. In the early German and Dutch writers the same phrase is found, written *wol getan*, *wel gedan*. See the *Tristan* of Godfr. v. Strasburg, l. 45. *Hartmanns Iwein*, l. 6271. *Wigalois*, l. 1014, and Clignetts Notes to *Bydragen tot de Oude Nederlandsche Letterkunde*, 8°. 1819. p. 215. Compare also "*gedon man,*" in Sax. Chron. a°. 1087. p. 293.

v. 912. The translation should be, "well he shewed it," or "made it known." Compare vv. 1625. 4992. 8925. etc. *Cudde* is often used in the pa. t. for *cwæde*, as also in A.-Saxon.

v. 919. *æ* is superfluous, and should be omitted.

v. 941. The compiler of the later text seems to have misunderstood the passage, unless it be a mere error of the scribe.

v. 954. *fondia* is an error of the scribe for *fondien*. Cf. v. 6614. etc. The French text reads,

Puis allons *querre* mansions,  
Par aliènes *régions*.—vol. i. p. 26.

v. 964. *ifead.*—Compare vv. 9837 and 14459, for the latter of which the French text has *hais*. The same participle occurs at a later period in *Sir Perceval*, v. 1440, as *fade*. It is connected with the Low Lat. *faidum*, and A.-Norman *faidu*, hostility.

v. 969. *biwizelien.*—See *Diversions of Purley*, p. 548. ed. 1840. Junius and Skinner are certainly in error as to the etymology of *beguile*.

v. 977. *mæðe.*—In the French original, *manaie*, which is explained by Roquefort, *puissance*, *protection*, *pouvoir*. The word occurs again in the later text, v. 6234, as synonymous to *mon-scip*.

v. 978. *bicheorrep.*—This verb signifies not only to deceive, but to injure or harm.

v. 982. *wonien* is for *wanien*, to cut off, diminish. Both forms occur in A.-S.

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v. 989. Literally, "if it is approved by you": *eow* is dat. pl.

v. 996. *bursten* is dat. sing. as in v. 1347 and elsewhere, and should be so rendered. In the same line *hora* is an incorrect form of *heora*, but *hore* is found in other compositions of the same age, as also *hom* for *heom*.

v. 1002. *walde*.—This word was supposed to have some connection with A.-S. *wæled*, Matth. xv. 22, but it would rather appear to be an error of the scribe for *wædle*, and should be translated "poverty."

v. 1026. *vitān* is here for the more regular form *witan*, A.-S. *witum*. The adj. *droglic* does not occur again, nor is it to be found in A.-S. dictionaries.

v. 1027. *leo* is for *he*, as elsewhere.

v. 1051. (*sec. t.*) A verb appears wanting here.

v. 1058. *Brutan* is an error for *Brutum*.

v. 1084. *loſen*.—This word signifies *harm* or *mischief*, and would be better, perhaps, so translated. The same remark may apply to *laððe* and *læðe*, vv. 2328. 18680.

v. 1088. Read with a hyphen *grund-fulled*, thoroughly filled; Fr. "bien chargées." So also *grund-ladene*, v. 1106.

v. 1107. *þat beste*.—Probably a mistake for *þa beste*.

v. 1112.—There is some obscurity in this line, and the compiler of the second text seems to have departed from the original. From a comparison with v. 1781, the meaning of the latter would seem to be, "that teameth, or produceth the wild fish"; in poetical language, "the monsters of the deep." In support of this interpretation, it may be remarked, that *wilde* is used in A.-S. to signify *wild animals* in a general sense.

v. 1124. *wunen*.—The letter *w* here, as in other instances, has the power of *wu*. This is not unusual in MSS. of the thirteenth century.

v. 1132. A line is wanting in the earlier text.

v. 1140. *þe Wŕse*.—So in Ulphilas the Devil is called *Unŕultha*, and in Mæso-Gothic *Skamm*; in Old French he was named *Malfé*, or *Ennemi* (see Michels note on *Eustache le Moine*, p. 88); and in the Early English Legends in MS. Reg. 17 A. xxvii. ff. 41<sup>b</sup>. 45<sup>b</sup>, he has the epithets of *Gra* and *purs*.

v. 1150. *woæxen*.—Delete the query on this word.

v. 1153. *weoren iwoned*.—In the French original, "venoient."

v. 1195. *lates*.—See Bosworths A.-S. Dictionary, vv. *witan* and *wlíte*, the Glossaries to *Syr Gawayne*, vv. *Lait*, *Lote*, and to the *Hule and Niztengale*, vv. *Lete*, *Ilete*, ed. Stevenson, 1838. Compare also the Legend of St. Margaret, MS. Reg.

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17 A. xxvii. f. 48, and Layamon, vv. 12278. 14330. 15971. 18543. 30777. We meet with the same word in Middle English.

Sir Cador of Cornewayle to the Kyng carppes,  
Lughe one hym luffy, w<sup>t</sup> lykande *lates*.

*Morte Arthure*, MS. Linc. A. i. 17. f. 56.

With a dragone engowschede, dredfulle to schewe,  
Deuorande a dolphyne with dolefulle *lates*.—*Ib.* f. 75.

A cognate form is *leches* or *lechen*, which is often met with.

v. 1207. *þurh-gengen*.—This word should be rendered "to get possession of," as it is synonymous with *þurh-teon* in A.-S., and *thorh-reche*, Kyng Horn, v. 1291. The pa. t. *þurh-eoden* occurs at v. 5217.

v. 1210. *huren*.—Instead of "honor" in the version, read "serve." The more regular form is *hæren*, or *hærien*.

v. 1212. The regular punctuation is here interrupted, yet nothing appears to be wanting.

v. 1223. (*sec. t.*) *sulfe*.—The reading is very doubtful, from the injured state of the manuscript, but on looking at it again, the word seems to be *false*. Two lines in this passage are deficient in the text, as shown by the punctuation.

v. 1245. *teman*.—The sense of this verb here is established by the reading of the second text, as also in v. 7174 compared with vv. 9135. 24816. In A.-S. and the cognate dialects it seems to have no such meaning.

v. 1250. The translation was made on the supposition that *wældan* governs the gen. c. as in A.-S., but this does not appear, from numerous other passages, to be the case. The same phrase occurs v. 32233, where *londes* is certainly acc. pl.

v. 1253. *þæ* for *þa*, as in many other instances. See remark on v. 1860.

v. 1265. *teman*.—This word was supposed to be connected with the A.-S. *tesman*, *advocare*, *appellare*, but a subsequent passage, v. 16800, satisfies me that this is wrong, and that in both instances *teman to* signifies *to worship*, and in a primary sense *to approach to*.

v. 1267. Perhaps we should read *an onlicnesse*, as in vv. 1141. 21155, yet in A.-S. we have *gelicnes*.

v. 1273. *water* appears an error of the scribe, which is corrected by the later text.

v. 1295. *wreche*.—Instead of "poor," the meaning would be better expressed by "low" or "mean." Paraphrased we should read, "the lowest man in the train of Brutus was clothed with gold and precious stuffs." Cf. v. 19156.

v. 1301. In reality *þat ilke* means "the same," and is constantly used, as in

A.-S., to express what modern grammarians call the demonstrative pronoun, *that*; whilst *þat* in the second text is the neuter article, *the*. Indeed, throughout the poem I have found no instance of this *demonstrative pronoun*; and although I am aware some of our best scholars in A.-Saxon and Early English have sanctioned its use in their versions, yet I am at a loss for any examples which ought not properly to be translated by the definite article.

v. 1313. *bunnen*.—In Old French, *bones*, *bondes*. See Michels Notes to his Preface to *Tristan*, p. lxxxv, and Du Cange, v. *Bonna*.

v. 1321. *stond* is an error for *stod*.

v. 1322. *merminnen*.—Instead of “mermen” here and further on, the translation should be “mermaids.” See Graff, *Althd. Sprachsch.* ii. col. 774, and the Legend of St. Katherine, MS. Reg. 17 A. xxvii. f. 26<sup>b</sup>. A curious description of the mermaid, contemporary with the poem of *Lazamon*, is printed in the *Reliquie Antiqua*, vol. i. p. 221. In modern German there is a distinction made between *meer-mann* and *meer-weib*. We find in *Beowulf* the term *mere-wif*, l. 3037, but it there means a marine female monster.

v. 1331. This line has been mistranslated, and should stand thus, “it hath *the* form of the Worse, full surely,” which corresponds closely to the text of Wace, “*Figure porte de diable*.” The author of the later version seems to have wholly misunderstood the meaning of the words.

v. 1341. (*sec. t.*) *bieres*.—This word occurs again, v. 4596, but has not been met with in A.-S. It is no doubt the same with the Isl. *bara*, Old Germ. *bäre*, Dut. *baar*, wave or billow. Perhaps the *bar* of a harbour is hence derived.

v. 1350. *wil-spel*.—Cf. vv. 17641. 30871. This compound is not in the A.-S. dictionaries, but I find it in the Old Saxon *Heliant*, pp. 15. 16. etc., “*wuil-spel*, nunciatum quid ex optato.”

v. 1373. The first text reads literally, “large bones.”

v. 1388. *driht-folke*.—See remark on v. 111.

v. 1414. *af*.—Preserved as a Scottish idiom in the present day. So also in the Sax. Chron. a<sup>o</sup>. 1096. p. 314.

v. 1427. *þat eard*.—A mistake, doubtless, for *þan eard*.

v. 1447. *hit bileuen*.—Literally, “leave it.”

v. 1459. (*sec. t.*) *Corineus his*.—This is the general mode in the later text of expressing the genitive case by the aid of a pronoun, and it is the more worthy of notice, because, according to many writers, such a form is stated to be a corruption of the A.-S. genitival termination, which only began at the close of the sixteenth century. See on this subject an article in the *Critical Review* for 1777, vol. xliiii. p. 10, and the acute observations of Lodge and Hare, in the *Cambridge*

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*Philological Museum*, vol. ii. The former says truly, "It does not follow that because one form of expression has been incorrectly derived from another, that therefore that form is absurd. The connexion between two forms may be a fiction, though the existence of both may be real," p. 245. The correctness of this view is confirmed beyond all doubt by the later text of *Lazamon*.

v. 1490. *farcost*.—It may also be rendered *proceeding*, and elsewhere, *business*. Cf. vv. 25562. 30173. 30735. 31914. It does not occur in A.-S., but seems connected with the Swedish *far-kost*, the instrument by which a journey is made. See *Ihre*, in voce.

v. 1497. *sum*.—The meaning is not clear, and I suspect some error. It is possible there may be a connection with the Ohd. *alsam*. See *Wigalois*, v. 4942.

v. 1534. *a dai*.—Cf. v. 26693. So in the Legend of St. Margaret, "ah as he wende *adei* his wei, he seh þeos seli meiden," etc., MS. Reg. 17 A. xxvii. f. 38<sup>b</sup>.

v. 1538. *a-wæi*.—Perhaps an error of the scribe for *a-wæc*, as in the later text.

v. 1545. *rimie*.—I have taken this to be the same as the A.-S. *hremig*, Old Sax. *hruomig*. It occurs again v. 20123. (where the MS. reads *rumie*), and in both instances the later text explains it by "wild," "mad."

v. 1562. *wa wrðe*.—Literally, "woe be ever to the smith!" In regard to this phrase see Schmellers Glossary to the *Heliant*, p. 131. It continued to be used extensively in Middle English, and existed to the end of the sixteenth century or later. In the same line, *þene* acc. appears to be an error for the dat. *þon*, *þone*.

v. 1565. *bearn*.—For "knight" substitute "warrior" in the translation.

v. 1570. *to fleonne*.—This is the future infinitive, which after *to* becomes a sort of noun, and in Middle English is very commonly changed into a verbal substantive in *ing*; a corruption which exists even in the poem before us, in both texts, as in v. 5561. etc.

v. 1589. *ridearen*.—More correctly, *rideren*. This is the proper term for *knight* or *horsemen*, as distinguished from those on foot. Compare the Sax. Chron. ann. 1086. 1089.

v. 1591. *ohliche*.—See remarks on this word in the *Gents. Mag.* for Dec. 1834, p. 591.

v. 1595. *gud*.—In A.-S. is only found in the sense of *war*, but in Gothic we have *goth*, goodly. Hence also the adj. *gudfull*, v. 2956.

v. 1604. *þeond*.—Other instances occur in both texts of the improper interchange between *ȝ* and *þ*, as *ȝa*, v. 775, *duðeðe*, v. 6075, *ȝree*, v. 3444, *woor*, v. 2965. etc.

v. 1629. *at* is probably an error for *æð*. Cf. v. 2300.

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v. 1653. See remarks on vv. 288. 532.

v. 1665. *to*.—If both texts did not unite in this reading, one might suspect the omission of a verb after *to*. It may perhaps be an error for *tuſen, toſen*, pa. t. pl.

v. 1671. *stal*.—In A.-Norman, *estal*. See Roquefort.

v. 1672. *beard*.—Instead of “nithings gesture,” read “nithings taunt” or “upbraiding,” and the same correction is required at p. 21. vol. ii. The translation was made on the supposition that *beard* was connected with the Germ. *gebährde*, Old Sax. *andbári*, gestus, habitus; but on reconsideration, the word appears to be derived from the same source as the Suio-Goth. *brigda*, exprobrare, *brigd*, contumelia, Dan. *breider, bebreider*, Swed. *brüda*, A.-Sax. *up-gebredan*, to upbraid. See Ihre, v. *brigda*.

v. 1705. *coſſiche*.—A.-S. *caſſiche*. It is preserved in Middle English. Thus in a fragment of an alliterative Life of Alexander, “The king was full curtais, and *coſſich* hym grannts.” *MS. Greaves*, 60. f. 5.

v. 1707. For *zan fengen* we should probably read *an-fengen* or *gan fengen*.

v. 1711. Translate, “many `a knight [knights] slain!”

v. 1713. *haihte*.—We probably should read *þe haihte*, and both texts will then agree.

v. 1736. So in the Sax. Chron., “gewreca hire tionan,” a°. 921.

v. 1740. *bil ibeat*.—The translation is conjectural, as the phrase does not again occur. Compare *bil-gelehtes*, Sax. Chron. a°. 938. p. 144.

v. 1746. *michelene*.—This may be an error for the usual form *muchelen*, which is elsewhere (vv. 3981. 5256.) joined to *ferde*, although the latter is a feminine substantive, and is often found with the same adjective in dat. fem., vv. 1527. 2637. etc.

v. 1793. *weoren at-stonden*.—Correct the translation thus, “where they had tarried.”

v. 1798. *wil-dages*.—Cf. *Cod. Exon.* p. 29. l. 7. ed. Thorpe.

v. 1799. For *walden* we should read *waldende*: see remark on v. 101.

v. 1805.—The words *alre lauerd* have been translated, as if *alre* were the representative of the A.-S. *ealdor*, as in *ealdor-þegn, ealdor-man*, etc., instead of being the gen. pl. of *al*, A.-S. *ealra*. The correct version is, “lord of them all.”

v. 1820. *hudlese*.—Lye and Bosworth have *hydels*, latibulum, from the Rushworth Gloss, but their references are inaccurate. In the Wycliffite version of Matth. vi. 4. we find in *hidles*, where the A.-S. reads *on diglum*.



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v. 1834. *tugen*.—The meaning is “drew or pulled up,” rather than “carried.” Robert of Brunne in the same passage has “up-drouh.”

v. 1845. *fusen* is here used transitively, as in A.-S. *Levit.* xxvi. 8.

v. 1860. *demde*.—We find *e* substituted for final *e* in some other instances, as *balwe*, *ilke*, *unaledæ*, *caræ*, *hæ*, etc., and similar examples may be found in the Sax. Chron. ann. 1066. 1085. 1116. 1137, and in A.-S. charters as early as the ninth century. The same obtained in Old Saxon; see the *Heliand*, *Elench.* Orthogr. p. 183.

v. 1865. *fusde hine sulfne*.—In Wace, “*se rembraça, esterchi soi*.”

v. 1880. *luten*.—Translate thus, “Of they ‘stooped [fell] down.”

v. 1884. *læches*.—Has the same meaning as *lates*, of which perhaps it is an orthographical variation. It occurs also in the Early English poem of the *Hule and Niztengale*, v. 1138, which is explained by the editor, erroneously, *tricks, fraude*. In v. 22752 of *Lazamon*, it appears to refer to the *thoughts*.

v. 1886. *gristbatinge*.—This noun is found in A.-S. *Matth.* viii. 12, and it is used by Trevisa in the fourteenth century. The verb *grispætien* is found in the Legend of St. Juliane, MS. Reg. 17 A. xxvii. f. 68.

v. 1889. *iburste*.—This word should be rendered “incensed,” as appears from vv. 22284. 26360.

v. 1894. *wizeleden*.—Probably a mistake for *wizelen*.

v. 1896. A line is here wanting in the earlier text.

v. 1897. *budde*.—From A.-S. *bydan*, and preserved in the Scot. *thud*. See Jamieson, in voce.

v. 1899. *frommard*.—It is again so written (as pronounced) in v. 6439. In the like manner we have *uppard* for upward in MS. Reg. 17 A. xxvii. f. 68.

v. 1904. *mende*.—Literally, “complained,” A.-S. *mænan*.

v. 1914. *him*.—Apparently an error for the acc. *hine*. In this text *him* is only used for the dat. sing.

v. 1916. (*sec. t.*) *anoppe*.—In A.-S. *an-uppen*. See *Matth.* xxi. 7.

v. 1970. (*sec. t.*) *turne* is probably the contracted (or strong) form of the past tense *turnede*, in the same manner as *wone* for *wonede*, *cleope* for *cleopede*, *somne* for *somnede*, *answere* for *answerede*, *gadere* for *gaderede*, etc., all of which occur in the later text, and similar forms are found nearly two centuries later, in the Wycliffite Bible. In the earlier text also we meet with *zæreke*, *læwe*, *wæne*, *make*, *cleope*, *dune*, etc., written by the first hand, but subsequently corrected in some passages

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to *zærekede, luwede, wunede, makede, cleopede, dunedede*. We have also the forms *gadere, answare, help*, etc. left uncorrected.

v. 1984. *herræden*.—Perhaps a mistake for *heora ræden*.

v. 2027. *þe burh*.—Here and in several other instances *þe* is used before a feminine noun. In the line following *he* is probably an error for *heo*.

v. 2029. *wel idon*.—In the original, "*bien faite*." See remarks on v. 910.

v. 2038.—*heo* is the acc. s. fem., and not nom. pl. The translation should be, "and Trinovant named it." Cf. v. 2056.

v. 2087.—*eize* signifies here rather the *fear of punishment* than *threats*. Hence the English *awe*. Cf. Sax. Chron. a°. 1135. Yet in Ohd. I find *aigi, egi*, disciplina, Graff, *Althochd. Sprachs.* th. i. col. 103. The phrase might therefore perhaps be rendered "wholesome discipline." Elsewhere *æie* occasionally means "anger," as in vv. 4733. 16099. etc., and in the Legend of St. Katherine, v. 1502, edit. Morton. *Heste*, in the second text, is singular, and should be so translated.

v. 2091.—The name of *Brutus* seems omitted in the earlier text, by error of the scribe.

v. 2097. *bi-burien*.—More correctly, *bi-bureden*. Cf. v. 7627.

v. 2124. *we* is used in Lajamon as *man* or *mon* in A.-S., and as *on* in French. The same form occurs in the Sax. Chron. a°. 1137, and often afterwards, and in the semi-Saxon poem of the Grave, in Thorpes *Analecta*, p. 142.

v. 2126. *bi-swoac*.—Here and elsewhere this verb certainly means "to destroy," although in other passages the more usual sense "to deceive or betray" is retained. In A.-S. and the cognate dialects it occurs only in the latter sense, yet in Cædmon we have the adj. *swic*, destructive, p. 120.

v. 2134. (*sec. t.*) *Locrin* is an error of the scribe for *Albanac*.

v. 2159. *here* seems used in this place and in v. 8245 for the A.-S. *hergað*. See Sax. Chron. a°. 894. p. 117.

v. 2168. A hyphen should perhaps be supplied in *wode burge*, and it would be equivalent to *wudu-bearwe*, wood-grove, in the Exeter MS. p. 208. In the later text, *borewe* means burgh.

v. 2174.—Correct the translation thus, "the 'land [fight] into Britain, to Locrin," etc.

v. 2191. *Scottie*.—Is the gen. pl. A.-S. *Scotta*, and should be so rendered. See remark on v. 17.

v. 2209. *muclan*.—We should probably read *muclan* (*muchelen*), and omit the article in the translation. Cf. v. 2162.

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v. 2210. *iheryed*.—Instead of “made war,” it rather means “ravaged” or “harried.”

v. 2221. *fæi*.—Throughout *Lazamon* it never has the sense of *cattle*, as in *Ohd.* and *Middle English*. See *Kemblers Gloss. to Beowulf*, v. *feoh*.

v. 2245. *þa* is the article, not the adverb. Read “the yet (still) lived.”

v. 2251. *hond-fæst*.—In addition to what I have said on this word at p. 312, may be added, that it occurs in the Latin-English dictionary of the fifteenth century, called *Medulla Grammaticæ*, under “*Subarro*, to handfast.” *MS. Eccles. Cant. D. 2.*

v. 2252. *hired monnen*.—Should be printed with a hyphen. In A.-S. *hired-man* means *domestic*, as it does often in *Lazamon*, but in other passages it means *attendant*, *courtier*, and sometimes *people*. It is synonymous with *hired-gume* and *hired-cniht*.

v. 2271. *ebure*.—A.-S. *æber*, notorious.

v. 2272. *geneðe*.—Is an adjective; in Old Saxon *gidipig*, and in A.-S. *gifêðe*. See *Schmellers Gloss. to the Heliand*, in voce, and *Grimms note on the Andreas*, v. 489. 8vo. 1840.

v. 2282. *monine*.—Is probably the A.-S. acc. *monigne*. Cf. v. 3412. The query should be omitted.

v. 2283. The second text has “onsets,” in the plural.

vv. 2298–9. Correct thus, “and thou ‘repayest [wouldst repay] my great labor with injury; *thou* desertest my fair,” etc.

v. 2301. *alþeodisc*.—The later version has the curious reading “elvish,” as a term of reproach. This adj. only occurs once more in the poem, v. 21131, where it is used in its usual signification.

v. 2321. A line appears to be here wanting in the first text.

v. 2328. *þeos* is erroneously considered as the gen. absolute, and the line should be rendered, “that this enmity should be.”

v. 2337. *hwiȝe*.—Cf. vv. 3033. 4910, and see the remarks in the *Gentle Mag.* Dec. 1834. p. 593.

v. 2353. *hirede*.—Instead of “court” perhaps “assembly” would be here the better signification, but the word is used very variously to express a collective number of persons.

v. 2366. *dude*.—Literally, “should place.”

v. 2369. *ponewæs*.—The mark of interrogation in the translation may be removed, since the sense is clear from vv. 14684. 29460. So also in *Apollonius*, “*twa hund gildenra pænega*,” p. 27.

v. 2382. (*sec. t.*) *ȝc*.—The usual form is *ȝeo*.

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v. 2419. *tuhlen*.—More correctly, *tuhhlen*. See vv. 2720. 22238. It does not occur in A.-S. in the sense it bears in *Lazamon*, of *manners, qualities, or habits*.

v. 2446. *cæþe folk*.—Might be rendered better, "familiar folk." In the original French it is "parens." In the Legend of St. Katherine, p. 43, is a similar passage, "& se feole cæþe men, ba & *atcumene*," rendered by the editor, "so many men, both *natives* and foreigners."

v. 2463. *þisse*.—Probably an error for *þissere*.

v. 2499. Translate, "the 'maiden [maid] Abren."

v. 2521. (*sec. t.*) Literally, "well it was to the folk."

v. 2533. *Malui* here and below, are errors of the scribe for *Malin*.

v. 2579. (*sec. t.*) *for-hedde*.—I take this to be the same as *for-hafde*, from *for-habban*.

v. 2607. *bi-swac*.—See remark on v. 2126.

v. 2638. *herjedden*.—Translate, "and they 'ravaged [conquered] France." See remark on v. 2210.

v. 2647. (*sec. t.*) *æt* is an error probably for *æde*.

v. 2666. (*sec. t.*) *þoþir* is probably a mistake of the scribe for *þe oþer*.

v. 2673. (*sec. t.*) *cleope* is the pa. tense, and should be so rendered. See remark on v. 1970.

v. 2722. *þeo* is for the relative *þe*. After this, one or more lines appear to be wanting here in the first text. In the second also the disturbed punctuation would indicate some omission.

v. 2725. (*sec. t.*) *ihedde*.—Perhaps we ought to read *bihedde*. Cf. v. 18010. The translation rests on the supposition that the word is derived from A.-S. *behawian*, but on a reconsideration of those passages in which the preterite *bi-hedde* occurs, I would rather take the A.-S. *hedan*, Dutch *behoeden*, Germ. *behüten*, to take heed, as the root. The word should in this case be rendered, "well heeded or taken care of." The text of Wace reads, "Totes furent bien *conrales*."

vv. 2736. 2739. The second text reads "are" in both instances.

v. 2742. (*sec. t.*) This line and the next should form only one.

v. 2753. *witen*.—For "advise" the translation perhaps should be "defend." Cf. v. 5279.

v. 2759. (*sec. t.*) See remark on v. 1805.

v. 2765. *heore* is no doubt a mistake for the adverb *here*, and should be so rendered.

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- v. 2805. (*sec. t.*) Literally, "possessed the realm." The version is too free.
- v. 2815. *æteled*.—The primary sense of this verb would seem to be *nobly treated* or *honored*, but in other passages it appears to mean, *comforted* or *gladdened*. See vv. 2333. 3605. 6650. 22496. It does not occur in A.-S.
- v. 2918. *seh*.—For "fell" read "came."
- v. 2959. *þeus*.—Incorrectly, for *þus*.
- v. 2960. *on æðelen*.—Mr. Thorpe translates the phrase, "among his nobility." I have been guided by the examples of the word in vv. 7030. 8995. etc.
- vv. 2962. 2975. 3047. *þeo* is an error in the MS. for *þu*, as is also *þeow*, v. 2978, and *þeu*, v. 3342.
- v. 2965. *worj*.—See remark on v. 1604.
- v. 2988. *þira* (*þire*) is no doubt right, since *gretung* is a feminine noun.
- v. 2991. *leuoste*.—Apparently an error for *loueste*; as *seð* for *soð* in the next page. It must be remarked that throughout many leaves the MS. of the earlier text is written very incorrectly; and a new hand commences from fol. 16<sup>b</sup>. col. 2. It has not been thought worth while to point out all the orthographical inaccuracies.
- v. 3002. We should supply *oðer* in the first text.
- v. 3007. There is some deficiency in the MS. and we should probably read,
- þa answærde Regau ⁊  
mid rætfulle worden.
- v. 3011. Correct as follows, "as is to me thy one limb, 'more than mine own life'!"
- v. 3028. The meaning of this line is assumed, partly from the corresponding line of the later text, and partly from the circumstance, that *of soðe* is not, like *to soðe*, an adverbial form (as Mr. Thorpe has understood it), nor is it ever so used. *ǰær* means "well," and is found prefixed to the same adjective in vv. 5639. 14539. 18547. Cf. *Cædmon*, p. 196. l. 14.
- v. 3033. *hise*.—See remark on v. 3237. The adjective *leaf-fulæ* literally means "belief-ful," "faithful," but the modern *lawful* stands in its place, and is, in fact, the same word.
- v. 3051. *ibide*, "expect" or "have," appears to be from A.-S. *bidan*, *abidan*, and not from *biddan*, to pray, although in the phrase *bidde* or *beden ære*, vv. 5526. 12379, the latter verb is certainly used.
- v. 3054. *velden* is an error for *weldende*.
- v. 3062. *þeo* appears superfluous.

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v. 3064. In the original, "Ce quida, qu'ele *eschernist*—Ou par *vilté* de lui lessast."

vv. 3069. 3071. *ioverðe*.—Literally, "became," but the ellipsis in the second instance scarcely admits of its being so rendered.

v. 3072. *supe*.—Incorrectly, for *swipe*.

v. 3079. *hærne* is an incorrect form of *hærcne*, arising from the slurred pronunciation of *c*. It occurs again, vv. 3381. 3541.

v. 3090. *wolde*.—This omission of the final *t* is not unusual even in A.-S. manuscripts.

v. 3095–3098.—Lazamon has here fallen into error, since Gornouille was married to the king of Scots, and her sister Regau to the duke of Cornwall.

v. 3097. *Scottene*.—Is the gen. plur. as elsewhere. The translation should be, "the king of Scots." See remark on v. 17.

v. 3100. *waldinge*.—The correct reading should be *waldende*, in both texts. The first text affords an instance of the part. pres. having been confounded with the verbal noun in *ing*.

v. 3115. *mod-kare*.—Cf. *Beowulf*, v. 3553.

v. 3125. *sande*.—For "message" in the translation, read "messengers." In Wace, "*messages envoia*." *Sonde* is used by Lazamon in both numbers, and in vv. 3161. 31627. it certainly means "message"; and this appears to have been the original signification, since we find *sandes-man* used to express "messenger," both in A.-S. and Early English.

v. 3135. *feor* is incorrectly written, instead of *for*. There are many other instances of *eo* used for *o*.

*ibid.* *liðende men*.—This phrase means "travellers" in general, either by sea or land. See v. 4138. Thorpe renders it "mariners," but in A.-S. this would I believe be expressed by *sæ-liðende men*, as it is in Lazamon, v. 7821.

v. 3153. *Frauncene*.—See remark on v. 17.

v. 3160. *wel-deda*.—This was taken to be the gen. pl. A.-S. *wel-dæda*, Ps. lxxvii. 14; but from v. 24160 it appears to be dat. s. fem., and that the preposition *for* has been accidentally omitted.

v. 3167. *Dele* the conjecture on *twam*: in v. 3237. *twain* is an error of the scribe.

v. 3171. *for-husce*.—The verb is not in A.-S. dictionaries, but only the noun *husc*, reproach.

v. 3174. *unaleledæ*.—This is, no doubt, a mistake for *unælede*, and it should be rendered "dishonored."

vv. 3177–8. See the same phrase of *land* and *leode* in the *Legend of St. Andrew*, v.

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2643. ed. Kemble, and in the verses on Edward the Confessor, in the Sax. Chron. a°. 1065. p. 256. In Early and Middle English it often occurs as *lond and led*, or *lond and lith*, in which passages *lede* or *lith* is often used in a secondary sense, as *possessions*; see the instances quoted in my Examination of Singers Remarks on the Glossary to *Havelok*, p. 19. In Mhd. the same phrase is found. Cf. *Tristan*, l. 13934. *Iwein*, l. 7715.

v. 3185. *bisiten*.—For “deliver her to,” translate, “keep her for.”

v. 3187. *seoluen*.—“sole clothes,” i. e. her own clothes, and nothing more; “her clothes alone.” See similar phrases, vv. 11835. 12592.

v. 3197. (sec. t.) *welde-king*.—There appears some error here. Perhaps we may read *holde king*, as in v. 3223, or *weweld-king*, as in v. 6328.

v. 3202. *þeos* is the article, gen. s. neut. and governed of *wilsæde*, as in A.-S.

v. 3237. (sec. t.) The pa. pa. *izise* is wanting after *hadde*.

vv. 3255. 3296. This is an adverbial phrase, with the noun in the gen. case. See the Exeter MS. p. 207, the A.-S. Gospels, Mark, iv. 27, Sax. Chron. a°. 1137, and Grimms remarks, *D. G.* vol. iii. p. 133. A similar phrase is, *wintres æ sumeres*, v. 2861. The translation should be, “by day and by night.”

v. 3256. Supply a hyphen here and elsewhere in *hired cnihtes*. Although this orthography is probably only an error of the scribe, yet we meet with the same form in the Saxon Chronicle, in the Bodleian MS. of *Kyng Horn*, in the Romance of *Havelok*, and in other places. It may be a question, if this has arisen from a simple metathesis of letters, as in other cases, or from some analogy between the Teutonic *chint*, *chint*, child, and *chint*, boy, lad, knight. See Graff, *Alth. Sprachsch.* th. iv. col. 455, and Ziemann, *Mittelh. Wörterbuch*, in v. *Kint*.

v. 3282. *æðelene*.—It is possible that this rather difficult word may here be equivalent to “people” (dat. pl.), as it may also in v. 5482. It certainly bears that sense in v. 7852. as in Middle English. See Gloss. to *Syr Gawayne*, in voce.

v. 3288. *monne* is gen. pl., consequently the literal version should be “of men.” This remark may apply to many other passages.

v. 3290. *felle*, *fele*.—In the *Gents. Mag.* for Dec. 1834, p. 592, I conjectured that this was the same as *fere*, sound, Isl. *faer*, since the letters *l* and *r* are elsewhere interchanged in the MS. On second thoughts, however, I think *felle* is probably the A.-S. *fæle*, true, steady, used with a latitude of signification.

v. 3294. *nan*.—No doubt, an error for *anan*.

v. 3301. *Andd*.—Read *And*. The second *d* only serves in the MS. to fill up the superfluous space at the end of the line. This is a common expedient of the ancient scribes, who often in such cases *expunct* the superfluous letter or letters many similar instances occur in the MS.

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v. 3304. *blæðeliche*.—Is explained by Thorpe, in the *Analecta*, "bashfully, clownishly," as if from a Scandinavian root, and akin to the Scot. *blait*. This is, however, a mistake, as the sense is here certain from other passages. See also the A.-S. Gospels, Luke, xix. 6. (where the adverb occurs with the same verb, *fengan*) and the Early English legends in MS. Reg. 17 A. xxvii. ff. 3. 54<sup>b</sup>. 56.

v. 3305. (*sec. t.*) *come* is an error of my transcriber for *conne*, which escaped me in passing the sheets through the press. The translation should be corrected, "and render us [only] ingratitude for our good-deed."

v. 3317. *bermen*.—See Gloss. to *Havelok*, in v. *Bermen*, and in A.-S. Jos. iii. 3. 15.

v. 3326. *spiche*.—Incorrectly, for *speche*.

v. 3332. (*sec. t.*) *hii hereþ* is, no doubt, a mistake for *hi-hereþ* (*i hereþ*). The words "they hear" must therefore be omitted, and the mark ` transposed before "the."

v. 3339. *ac*.—We should read *æc*.

v. 3355. *þai* is an error for *þa*. Cf. v. 7873. Bosworth only gives the sense *to sing* to the A.-S. verb *geddian*, and so in Thorpes *Analecta*, but in *Beowulf*, v. 1253, it is rendered *spake* by Kemble, and is often so used in *Lajamon*.

vv. 3398. 3399. (*sec. t.*) The last words of these lines were, doubtless, *nouþe* and *in dede*.

v. 3410. *laichen*.—More properly *lechen*, as in many other passages. See remark on v. 1884.

v. 3411. It would be better to render this line, "Alas! weal, Alas!" Cf. v. 3456.

v. 3428. A line is wanting in the earlier text.

v. 3432. *Scottie*.—Instead of *Scottelonde*, as queried at the bottom of the page, we should read *Scotten*, d. pl. [A.-S. *Scottum*], to the Scots, as in vv. 12128. 16249. 16255.

v. 3435. *wurdea*.—Meant, no doubt, for *wurðian*, A.-S. *weorðian*.

v. 3455. Notwithstanding the remarks in the *Gents. Mag.* Dec. 1834. p. 591, on the supposition that *ærwu* is the same with A.-S. *earg*, Middle English *ærwæ*, I am now inclined to believe, that *ærwu* is an error in the MS. for *ærm*, as in v. 6608 and often elsewhere, and should be rendered "wretched."

v. 3499. *alpie*.—In the Sax. Chron. a<sup>o</sup>. 1085, *ælpig*, contracted from *ænlpig*.

v. 3513. *iradmon*.—A mistake for *hired-mon*. Cf. v. 2350.

v. 3526. See remark on v. 2027.



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- v. 3546. *hængest*.—See Kembles Gloss. to *Beowulf*, vol. i. in v. *blancs*.
- v. 3552. (*sec. t.*) *hoten*.—The marginal query applies to both texts. Cf. v. 2819.
- v. 3562. *heose* is a faulty orthography of *huse*.
- v. 3566. *baid* is probably an error for *bed*, and both texts will then read alike.
- v. 3571. (*sec. t.*) *feche hit*.—The MS. reads thus, but we should probably correct it, *seche hit at*.
- v. 3575. (*sec. t.*) *hol*.—Incorrectly, for *holda*.
- v. 3583. *eastresse*.—This word is not unusual in Old French writers in the sense I have given to it. See Roquefort, in v. *Estre*, and compare Robert of Brunne, pp. 89. 212.
- v. 3585. *hise* appears to be an error for *hit*.
- v. 3588. *fainen*.—A.-S. *fægian*, which governs the genitive case.
- v. 3590. The translation would be clearer thus, "No man ever may know it, but that he," etc. *i. e.* Let no man know otherwise, than that Leir is newly arrived.
- v. 3597. *godere hale*.—See remark on v. 490. The phrase means "advantage," or "benefit."
- v. 3598. *þas*.—Translate "this," not "the."
- v. 3605. *iðleled*.—See remark on v. 2815.
- v. 3610. *æzene* is for *hæzene*. See remark on v. 159.
- v. 3633. *an hirede*.—Might be here more correctly translated "among the folk," as in other instances. Cf. v. 8219.
- v. 3635. *þeden*.—Instead of *weren*, we should read *þeden*, and the translation would then be, "there went pipes among." Cf. v. 5110.
- v. 3640. A line is missing in the first text, and the MS. continues to exhibit great faults in orthography.
- v. 3657. *swal*.—The same form occurs in v. 5435, and similar ones are *swuld*, *swulden*, *swahte*, *to-swadde*, etc., all of which, although errors of orthography, arise from a provincial pronunciation still existing.
- v. 3659. (*sec. t.*) *þus*.—A mistake for *þis*?
- v. 3660. *o*.—An error for *ei* or *ai*. Cf. vv. 2392. 11324.
- vv. 3662-3. The translation of these two lines is conjectural, and far from satisfactory; but there appears to be some error in the MS.

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v. 3666. This phrase is used very frequently by the Middle English poetical writers.

v. 3741. *herizen*.—To harry or ravage. See remark on v. 2638. *Werri* in the later text, and *werre* in v. 3756, although not found in this sense in A.-S. dictionaries, would seem to claim a place, since the verbs *to war* and *worry* are thence derived. In Ohd. we have *werren*, and its cognates are found in other languages. In the Sax. Chron. a°. 1135. p. 365. we should probably read, "toc to *werrien* him," instead of *wessen*, translated so absurdly by Ingram, "took to Wessington!"

v. 3742. *wolde* has the verb *to go* understood after it. See remark on v. 617.

v. 3751. *æðelen*.—May mean "territories" here.

v. 3783. *þat broþeran*.—A mistake probably for *þa broþeran*.

v. 3796. *hirede*.—May be better rendered "court," and so v. 3964.

v. 3803. *mon*.—Perhaps an error for pl. *men*, but the same form occurs in vv. 13721. 31858.

v. 3820. *gadere*.—See remarks on v. 1970.

v. 3837. *bi-cherrest*.—See remarks on v. 978.

v. 3840. *abuggen*.—In Middle and later English is written *abeye*, *abie*, *abye*, and although explained in the Glossaries to *suffer* or *atone for*, means properly to *buy dear*, to *pay for*. See the note on Æthelbirhts Laws, vol. i. p. 11. ed. Thorpe, 8vo, 1840. The phrase occurs at length in *Lazamon*, v. 4799.

v. 3880. *iweren*.—For the conjecture *leo weren*, substitute *hi weren*, and so elsewhere in similar cases. In general the first text has *leo* for the plural pronoun, but *hi* is occasionally found.

v. 3920. *King Marke*.—This is clearly an error of the scribe for *Kinemark*, and need not have been noticed in the translation. Geoffrey has *Kinmarcus*, and the best copies of Wace, *Kinmarc*.

v. 3942. *swul*.—Incorrectly, for *swuch*.

v. 3944. *sule*.—Perhaps we should read *sulde*.

v. 3962. *gled* and *kime* are faults of the scribe for *glad* and *kume*. Several others of the same kind have not been noticed.

v. 3965. (*sec. l.*) *cniþte* is gen. pl. after the superlative.

v. 3968. *þat* is an error for *þan*, dat. s. governed of *iquemed*.

v. 3980. *to-clipede*.—In all probability, the later text represents the genuine reading of the earlier one, and all that is wanted, is to supply *mid* in the line following.

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v. 3993. *on-mære*.—Probably a mistake for *mære*.

v. 4006. (*sec. t.*) *strike*.—This sense of the verb is retained in Middle English. See Examination of Remarks on Gloss. to *Havelok*, p. 22.

v. 4015. A closer version would be as follows, "and all divided [him], *œ* imb from *an* other." Cf. v. 4227.

v. 4027. *on leode*.—"Among the people," or "in the land." See remark on v. 1.

v. 4033. Hyphens may seem to be required in *sa (sæ) grunde*, *see grund*, and similar compounds, but an objection arises to uniting composites of this kind, from the nouns being often of different genders, and the article preceding agreeing with the former of them. Examples of this are obvious in *sæ brimme*, *sæ flode*, *sæ grunde*, *sæ owe*, *sæ stræm*, and *sæ stronde*, all of which are preceded by the *fem.* article, yet the nouns *brim*, *flod*, *grund*, *ofer*, *stream* and *strond* are of the *mas.* or *neut.* gender in A.-Saxon.

v. 4036. *reames*.—See remark on v. 623.

v. 4042. The meaning of *hete* in this phrase is very doubtful, nor does the French text of Wace render any assistance. It occurs again in vv. 8752. 20441. 20728. 21893. 31875, and has been variously translated. On the whole I think it generally includes the idea of *hatred* and *strife*. Compare the second text, v. 9914. The only other instance of the phrase that has occurred, is in the Legend of St. Katherine, MS. Reg. 17 A. xxvii. f. 36, where we read, "Hihentlice iher ham, heouenlic lauerd; afei from ham al uel, worre ant weane baðe, & untidi wederes, *hunger ant euck hete*, þe heanið ham ant harmið." In the edition of this Legend by Mr. Morton, the phrase is rendered, "hunger and every *heat*, that depresses and harms them." In Bede, lib. ii. cap 12, the sentence "*hostium vitabam insidias*," is rendered by the Saxon translator, "ƿ ic me his *hete* berh & wearnode." Ed. Smith, p. 513. See also Grimms note to v. 78 of *Andrew and Elene*, 8vo, 1840.

v. 4062. *rahere*.—In Wace, "plus fort."

v. 4108. *Scot* is here for *Scottie*, gen. pl., and the line should be rendered, "with a great army of *Scots*." Cf. v. 2191.

v. 4111. *wæl*.—Translate, "the 'slaughter [heap] was the more!" See remark on v. 816.

v. 4113. Instead of "harried," read, "here slew."

v. 4132. On a closer inspection of the MS. the first hand appears to have written *Sudðen*, and subsequently the second hand has erased the final *n*, and interlined the letters *e* and *i*, so as to make *Sendiðe*.

v. 4134. *alne*.—For *alene*; the *c* being elided after *i*, as in *stær*, *stærlicke*, etc. See remark on v. 3079.

v. 4137. *ær* is for *ker*.

v. 4144. *þene* is, no doubt, an error for *þæn*, dat. pl. *sverd* occurs again v. 30523 connected with *broþer*, and in both passages it appears to mean "sworn"; although there is some difficulty in supposing this a participle in the *weak* form, from *sverian*.

v. 4152. *somenede*.—For "summoned" read "assembled."

v. 4155. (*sec. t.*) *Brutus* is occasionally written in the later text for *Bruttes* (see v. 3767), so that here and elsewhere the translation should perhaps be "Britons." The first text should certainly so be rendered in this passage.

v. 4181. *wðe*.—The same as *wize*, by the interchange of *ð* and *ʒ*. See vv. 4728, 28561.

vv. 4190. 4193. *ore*.—An incorrect form of *oure* or *wre*.

v. 4236. *twinseden*.—"Retreated" or "separated"? The word does not elsewhere occur, and its derivation is doubtful.

v. 4242. *for-wonde* would seem to be a mistake for *for-wounded*.

v. 4253. *ieode*.—Read, "since *the* Britons 'conquered [had] it.'" Cf. Sax. Chron. a°. 921, and the parallel passage in v. 31647.

v. 4259. *heo* is for *he*.

v. 4268. *hæe*.—It is possible this may be the A.-S. *husian*, in an active sense. In Wace, "r' alast."

v. 4312. *þeo*.—For "they" read "who."

v. 4318. *mæinde*.—This is incorrectly translated. It comes from A.-S. *mængan*, to mingle, and hence the common Middle English term *to brew bale*. Cf. v. 5016.

vv. 4332. 4336. 4348. *eræt, erat, æar, har*.—Incorrect forms of *ært* or *ert*.

v. 4374. We should no doubt read, *þes londes king*. (Cf. v. 1417.) The preceding line is also incorrectly written.

v. 4424. *þeos*.—Is gen. s. masc.; for "this" read "the."

v. 4463. (*sec. t.*) *nomen* seems to be an error for *nom*.

v. 4469. (*sec. t.*) *on walle* is here probably a mistake for *on-walde*, and the reading of both texts will consequently be the same.

v. 4472. *leo* is wanting before the verb.

v. 4479. *Norweine* is apparently the gen. pl., but in the Sax. Chron. a°. 1066. the form is *Norrena*. See remark on v. 17.

v. 4487. (*sec. t.*) *loue*.—See remark on v. 1970.

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- v. 4489. *weis*.—Incorrectly, for *wes*.
- v. 4525. *dranches*.—See Notes on *Havelok*, v. 31.
- v. 4567. A line is deficient in the first text.
- v. 4576. *on weðere*.—Incorrectly, for *on wiðere*.
- v. 4577. *sæ* is feminine, so for *he* we must read *heo*, or for *he wraðede* substitute *iswraðede*.
- v. 4579. The interpretation of this line and of v. 11978 I feel very doubtful about, and the text of Wace offers no assistance.
- v. 4590. *wekt*.—Incorrectly, for *wket*.
- v. 4592. A line is here wanting in the later text.
- v. 4602. *swulche* is probably an error for *wulche* or *whucke*.
- v. 4607. (*sec. t.*) *þis* is used in the later text for the more regular form of the article, *þes*, gen. c. sing.
- v. 4645. *Denemarkene* is the gen. pl. here and v. 5053, and expresses properly the people of Denmark. See remark on v. 17.
- v. 4681. *Dele* the conjecture on *a*, and correct the translation thus, "On me [and now] do thy 'mercy [will]."
- v. 4690. *kinge* is an error for *þinges*.
- v. 4721. *ibiden* is here in the sense of "have," as often elsewhere. See remark on v. 3051.
- v. 4729. *folkede* is, perhaps, a mistake for *þokede*.
- v. 4738. *græden*.—This verb has been doubtfully translated here and in another passage, v. 5199, as if it were connected with the Germ. *græzen*, Swed. *grænsa*, but it may perhaps be referred to the A.-S. *ge-reonian*, to conspire, Old Dutch *grænen*, to assemble in a body. In v. 23909 it appears synonymous with *munegi*, to urge or manage.
- v. 4749. The second text reads "him" for "them."
- v. 4766. *eorlene*.—See Kemble's Gloss. to *Beowulf*, in v. *eorl*, and Prices note on Warton, vol. ii. p. 70.
- v. 4775. *leoðien*.—This verb occurs in the same sense in MS. Reg. 17 A. xvii. f. 27; A.-S. *liðian*.
- vv. 4843. 4846. 4872. In all these instances *þeos* is the article, gen. s. masc., and not the pronoun, but there is considerable difficulty in making the distinction.
- v. 4893. *swiðe hende*.—In Wace, "de grant afaitement." See remark on v. 612.

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v. 4899. *hænde craftes*.—Although rendered “handicrafts” on the authority of the later text, and the evident connection there is between *hænd* and *hendi* [Cf. v. 5523], yet the earlier version may simply mean “fair crafts.”

v. 4910. *hæpe*.—See remark on v. 3237.

v. 4943. The construction of the first text differs a little from that of the second, and should be rendered, “bliss was in the court, or among the people, when Brennes took this maid; with much worship he dwelt,” etc.

v. 4945. *duweðe*.—See remark on v. 389.

v. 4984. *forð warð*.—An error for *forðward*.

v. 4986. Some omission is evident, but the grammatical construction is also faulty, and difficult to understand.

v. 5015. *a* has been translated as an interjection, but it is, in all probability, a preposition, and the sense is, “On what *thing* wilt thou.”

v. 5018. Instead of “mayest thou expect,” it would be better to read, “wilt thou have.” See remark on v. 3051.

v. 5027. 5029. *lou, leo*.—Horne Tooke would no doubt cite these instances as proofs of the derivation of *lo!* from the imperative of *to look*. See *Div. of Purley*, p. 264. ed. 1840. In further confirmation of this may be adduced the Early English Rule of Nuns, MS. Cott. Cleop. C. vi. f. 7, where *lo* occurs, and in the later copy, Nero A. xiv. *loki*.

v. 5054. *idreched*.—“Distressed” or “injured,” from A.-S. *drecan*. In v. 4521 the same p. pa. occurs as *i-draht*, A.-S. *gedreht*.

v. 5113. Read, “Thus [There] became Brennes.”

v. 5114. 5175. *whit* is an irregular form of *wip*, as in a few other instances, but this preposition is very variously spelt.

v. 5134. (*sec. t.*) The *s* in *hiere* is expuncted in the MS.

v. 5154. (*sec. t.*) *þar* is an error in the MS. for *þas*.

v. 5161. The same phrase occurs in the Sax. Chron. a°. 1052. p. 235.

v. 5178. *beiden* may be the past tense of *beien*, A.-S. *begean*, and equivalent to *drozen* in the later text. It was supposed at first to be the Germ. *beide*, both, but no other instance is found of such a form. Yet it may be, after all, an error of the scribe for *beiene*. Cf. v. 5222.

v. 5190. *cumene* is, no doubt, an error for *gumene*, and the line should be rendered, “there was destruction of men!”

v. 5192. *ȝ dæden*.—We should probably read *þas dæden*. Cf. v. 1759.

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v. 5196. *breoðeð*.—Compare vv. 5807. 30415. It appears to be connected with the A.-S. *breotan*, *abreoþan*.

v. 5197. (*sec. t.*) *Dele* the conjecture on *oncweþe*, since the dual form of the pronoun is never used in the later text; the compiler of which seems to have here made an error, arising from similarity of sound.

v. 5199. *greine*.—See remark on v. 4738.

v. 5233. Whether *leoden* or *londen* be right in this line, we must correct *þat* into *þan*.

v. 5234. *leoueden*.—Literally “loved” or “approved”; Germ. *beloben*.

v. 5253. *walde*.—For “one realm” read “any weald.”

v. 5319. Literally “the son of each baron.” A similar liberty has elsewhere been taken in translating.

v. 5361. *gereden*.—“made them ready” or “arrayed them.” A.-S. *gerian*, *gyrian*.

v. 5389. *for* *at* is equivalent to the A.-S. *at-foren*.

v. 5446. *on fore*.—The second text has here led me into error, and the translation should be, “come here ‘in journey [before me] the highest,” etc. Cf. vv. 5858. 28248.

v. 5447. *hæete*.—Incorrectly, for *hæte*.

v. 5486. (*sec. t.*) *comen* is probably an error for *come*, since the practice of *an-nation* is not apparent in this text.

v. 5489. *þon*.—We must read *þa þe*, or else, with the later text, substitute *stod* for *hæfde*.

v. 5534. *fouðien*.—For “engage” substitute “prove.”

v. 5561. *flæinde*.—See remark on v. 1570.

v. 5610. *londen*.—Apparently an error for *londes*.

v. 5630. *for on*.—Should be rendered “attack.” Compare v. 1707. The A.-S. version of Josh. x. 9. reads “Josue him *þa feng on* mid gefeohte,” for which the early Wycliffite version has, “*felle on him feerlich*,” (*irruit*, Vulg.).

v. 5639. See remark on v. 3028.

v. 5640. *ham iurden*.—See two other instances of the same idiom in vol. iii. vv. 25323. 29427. So also in the Sax. Chron. a°. 1103. p. 324, “*swa swa him and þam cyng gewearð*,” as was agreed between him and the king.

v. 5655. *þa þe*.—Perhaps *þe* may be the relative, and be rendered “when that.”

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v. 5667. The verb seems to be omitted by accident.

v. 5668. *þene ðei*.—In the acc. case absolute. See Kembles note on *Beowulf*, v. 108. vol. ii.

v. 5695. *strales*.—This is the only instance of the use of this word, which in A.-S. means "arrows" or "missiles."

v. 5714. *waritreo*.—The same term is applied to the Cross, in the poem of *Cristes throwynge*, in MS. Coll. Jes. Oxon. 29. f. 224<sup>b</sup>. It is from the A.-S. *wærg*, cursed, and *treow*, tree. The Cross is also called *wærg-rod* in A.-S.

v. 5716. *þas* is a mistake of the scribe for *þa*.

v. 5732. *þat weoren*.—The same idiom as in German, *Es waren*. Similar instances occur in the Legend of St. Katherine, pp. 17. 30. ed. Morton. Cf. v. 14811.

v. 5741. *swiðe for þeonne*.—The French text has "pièce avoit ja," and the translation should probably be thus corrected, "The earls 'who should them defend,' Gabius and Prosenna, [they] were gone 'very' far thence into Lombardy, 'into the country,' after forces," etc. The conjecture also as to the division of the verses in the early text is erroneous, and I have little doubt they should be read thus :

þa earles weoren iwende ⁊  
 swiðe for þeonne.  
 þe heom wite solden ⁊  
 Gabius and Prosenna.  
 into Lombardie ⁊  
 in to þon leode.  
 efter monkunne ⁊  
 þe heom mihten fulsten.

or

þe mid heom sculden fihten.

v. 5788. *fusden*.—This is an error for *fuhsten*, or is used transitively, as in vv. 1511. 6881. and elsewhere, but in the latter case we must read *heom* for *heo*.

v. 5819. *na wihl ane mile*.—The meaning seems to be, that the conversation lasted only as long as a man might ride a mile. A similar phrase is met with in *Ipomydon*, v. 1465 :

He had not alepyd but a while,  
 Not the space of a mile.

and in *Florice and Blancheflour*, p. 101 (corrected by the MS.) :

Hire cussing laste a mile,  
 And that hem thouȝt litel while.

v. 5835. *scare*.—This is, apparently, the French *escar*, *eschar*, disgrace, derision, contempt, used by Wace and by Hue de Tabarie. See vv. 20746. 29548. and Roqueforts Glossary.



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v. 5856. *ore tounen*.—*Ore* is, probably, an error for *leore*, as *leore* in the later text is for *aire*. The orthography of *tounen* for *teonen* is also very irregular, as again *toune*, v. 6013.

v. 5866. *Wace* reads,

*Cil ont parmi trancié lor lances,  
Et lasqués lor conmissances ;*

evidently meaning by the last word the badges or distinctions on the shields.

v. 5911. *lep*.—See remark on v. 816.

v. 5931. *monie*.—Should properly be *monies*, "of many kind," as in v. 1710, but, as before remarked, the final *s* is often omitted by the scribe.

v. 5950. (*sec. t.*) *wepne*.—This appears, on consideration, an error for *jerne*, or some similar word, and the translation for both texts will then be the same.

vv. 5955-6. *þes* and *þis* are forms of the article, gen. sing. In many other passages the same correction may be made.

v. 6055. *leoue*.—See remark on v. 1970.

v. 6070. *drunken*.—Probably an error for *drinken*.

v. 6094. *wiper*.—The conjectural reading, *witer*, is confirmed by vv. 9600. 16033. 19638. etc., and by the compound *unwiter*, v. 16023. The word does not occur in the A.-S. Dictionaries, except in the form of *witol*, yet we have it in the Sax. Chron. a°. 1067. p. 267. It is identical with the Isl. *vitir*, and exists in the Early and Middle English *witerliche*, *witerly*, Dan. and Swed. *vitterlega*. In the same line for *wes þer* we should probably read *þes wes*.

v. 6096. *sæhte and sibbe*.—Sax. Chron. a°. 1140. p. 372, "*sib and sæhte* sculde ben betwyrx heom."

v. 6097. *unstronge*.—This word here and in v. 7095 seems to have the sense of "bad" or "ill-disposed," yet there is no authority in A.-S. for such an interpretation. In the second instance it may also mean "poor" or "base," as in v. 10474.

v. 6138. *eorneð and eærne*.—The distinction seems to be here observed, which Rask has pointed out, *Gramm.* p. li, between the A.-S. verbs *yrnan* to run, and *ærnan* to make or let run, *i. e.* to ride; and so also in vv. 8129. 24695. The strong verb *yrnan* appears to be expressed in the texts of *Lajamon* by *eornea*, *urnea*, *eorne*, *érne*, and the weak verb *ærnan* by *ærnea*, *ærne*, *eærne*, *eærne*, *ærne*. In several instances, however, the two verbs have been confounded. Cf. vv. 13683. 14666. Perhaps some light may be hence thrown on the law of Alfred, "Of Church-frith," in which occurs the expression "gif hie fah-mon *geierne* [*geyrne*] *oþþe gearne*"? Price translates it, "if a fah-man *flee* to or *reach* one (a church)," and Thorpe, p. 64, conjectures that the words "*oþþe gearne*" were originally a gloss. The use of such a gloss appears quite unnecessary, nor do I see

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how *geærne* can be rendered by *reach*. May we not translate it, "if a fah-man flee to or ride to one"?

v. 6146. *sealled*.—Compare the Early English Rule of Nuns, MS. Cott. Nero A. xiv. f. 65<sup>b</sup>. "Hwon hit so bivalleð ðet me *asaileð* buruhwes oðer castles, þeo ðet beoð wiðinnen heldeð schaldinde water ut," etc.

v. 6162. *Denemarkene*.—See remark on v. 17.

v. 6165. *þan burzen*.—This noun is generally used in the first text with the feminine article.

v. 6167. *awælde*.—Perhaps we should read *acwælde*, as in the later text. Cf. v. 21631.

v. 6186. *ibone*.—The meaning of this word here and elsewhere appears to be, "prepared." The same phrase occurs in *Havelok*, and is incorrectly explained in the Glossary. Robert of Brunne also has *wel bone*, for "very ready." It is from the Suio-Goth. *bo-a*, to prepare, make ready, p. p. *boen*, Isl. *buinn*. Ihre quotes the same expression, "Hus aero *wael boin*," the house was *well prepared*. See also Jamieson, in v. *Bayne*.

v. 6266. *steowien*.—There is no such verb in the A.-S. Dictionaries, but it appears to be the same with the Goth. *staujan*, *stojan*, *judicare*. See Zahns Glossary to Ulphilas. The French text reads, "*sis justificoit*." In the Early English Legend of St. Katherine, the verb *stew* means "to stop" or "check," and is referred by the editor to the Germ. *stehen*.

v. 6275. (*sec. t.*) The second text may perhaps be translated, "though their lemman saw;" and the conjectural reading is then unnecessary.

v. 6331. *he* is, apparently, a mistake for *þe* or *þeo*.

v. 6358. *wandliche*.—This word does not occur again, and although translated "unstable," on the authority of "*wandeliche*, *mutabilis*," in Scherzius, yet I think it probable it is an error of the scribe for *wunliche*, fair, goodly; an adjective often employed, and which in v. 10000 is written *wundliche*.

v. 6361. *þeawoe*.—This is the only instance in the poem of the word being applied to bodily qualities, nor has any other passage of an earlier date than the sixteenth century been found, in which it is so used. In modern Scotch I find the adj. *thowles*, feeble.

v. 6364. *kenscipe*.—For "authority" in the translation, read "courage."

v. 6369. *wamed*.—This word should have been rendered "wrathful," from A.-S. *wæamad*.

v. 6375. *glad*.—In the French, "sans ire."

v. 6451. *agaste*.—Tooke and the lexicographers derive this word from *agaze*,

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but very unsatisfactorily, since the Goth. *us-geisjan* supplies at once the etymology. It does not occur in A.-Saxon, but is used in Early and Middle English.

v. 6502. *itase*.—A.-Sax. *getæse*, meet, convenient.

v. 6505. *deaf*.—In A.-S. *dyfde*, and in the Early English Legend of St. Margaret, *def* and *defde*, MS. Reg. 17 A. xxvii. ff. 51. 55.

v. 6508. *weoðede*.—Apparently from the A.-S. *wæðan*, pa. t. *wæðde*, to drive.

v. 6516. *halden* is probably an error for *halden*, and the translation should be corrected, "he shall fall the sooner."

v. 6538. For *a mete rā-hende* read *a mete-rum hende*. Wace has, "Unkes en lui n'ont *desmesure*." In the translation, 'most' should be omitted.

v. 6548. *Argal his*.—It is rare to find this form in the earlier text. See remark on v. 1459. It will be observed that the second text here, as in some few other instances, has the regular A.-S. genitive.

v. 6555. *what* is an error of the scribe for *wha*, as again, v. 6661.

v. 6556. *wracche mon*.—Wace has, "les nobles homes *abaissoit*." The A.-S. term includes the ideas both of abasement and poverty.

v. 6590. *þa leoden*.—No doubt, an error for *þa leoden*. In the translation, *fondede* had better be rendered "sought."

v. 6614. *fondien*.—Read "seek" instead of "try," in the translation, and for "whether" read "where."

v. 6621. *atlichen*.—Apparently from A.-S. *atelic*, deformis, or *licetan*, simulare.

v. 6630. *on comelan*.—The translation of this difficult phrase here and elsewhere is purely conjectural, nor have I, after much time spent on it, been able to trace any satisfactory etymon. The other passages in which the phrase is found are vv. 10601. 11009. 20273. (where the second text reads *in teldes*, and the original of Wace has *el buschement*) 20905. and 30400.

v. 6652. *æðelede*.—See remark on v. 2815.

v. 6659. *duzeliche*.—Incorrectly, for *dizeliche*.

v. 6667. *hine braeid sæc*.—So, in the Sax. Chron. a°. 1003. "*þa gebræde he hine seocne*."

v. 6725. *þringe*.—Is here equivalent to *thane*, as appears from v. 6739. Elsewhere we find the terms *here-þringes*, *here-dringes*, warriors, which in v. 24736 is used for the French *contes*.

v. 6729. *wræð*.—The sense is determined by the later text, but I find no equivalent A.-S. verb. It appears to be the Goth. *wraton*, ire, iter facere.

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v. 6750. *derne*.—We may hence correct Ingrams translation of “*dærne sprece*,” in the Sax. Chron. p. 335, and for “on an interesting subject,” read “in private conversation.”

v. 6752. *eærne*.—See remark on v. 6138.

v. 6767. *him*.—This form is very rarely used in the early text for the acc. *hine*. It shows, however, the period at which the change took place to the modern form.

v. 6788. *æððelen*.—See remarks on vv. 2960. 3282.

v. 6823. *þerne*.—Translate, “all `this [the] south end.”

v. 6887. (*sec. l.*) *hehteste* is incorrectly written for *hehete*, as in vv. 2325. 8092.

v. 6895. *braid*.—In Wace, “*Bien sembla as bons ancissors*.” This sense of the word does not occur in A.-S. Dictionaries, but is found in the cognate Icelandic verb *bregða*, and is preserved in the modern Scottish idiom. See Ihre, in v. *Braa*, and Jamieson, v. *Brade*.

v. 6901. *at*.—The usual form in this text is *ah*, and *at* is an error here and in vv. 6953. 7673. etc.

v. 6929. *duȝeðen*.—In the French original we have

Et tut perde sa *juventé*  
En beivre e en iveresce,

which would induce the suspicion that *duȝeðen* is here an error in the MS. for *ȝuȝeðe*, youth, and *weoren* be 3 pers. sing. It has, however, been rendered in conformity with the signification the word bears in v. 20851.

v. 6934. *grēðe*.—Better, if written *grīðe*. See Jamieson, v. *graiðh*.

v. 6958. *hehde*.—The same irregular form occurs in v. 7430.

v. 6986. *and* is probably a mistake for *an*. We might render *blæð-fest* better, perhaps, “rightful,” or “prosperous.” Cf. v. 10100.

v. 6990. *custi*.—In Wace, “*large de doner*.”

v. 7002. *coriun*.—The MSS. of Wace read *corun*, *choron*, etc. It is certainly an instrument of music, as is evident not only by the context, but by a passage cited from the *Estoire de Troie la Grant* by Roquefort, *De la Poésie Française*, p. 130, which if M. Le Roux de Lincy had seen, he would not have hazarded the erroneous interpretation of “*chœur, chanson en chœur*.” In the Supplement to the *Glossaire de la Langue Romane* it is made synonymous with the *coruth* (named *chorus* by the Latin middle-age writers), and explained, “*Sorte d’instrument à vent*.” Ellis interprets it, “a sort of trumpet.” *Early Engl. Poetr.* vol. i. p. 48.

v. 7027. *a wiht*.—The MS. has *awiht*, and this seems correct. It should be translated, “aught,” i. e. of any account. Cf. v. 26737, where the French

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text reads *bens*. See the Sax. Chron. a°. 1087. p. 295. In A.-Saxon *akt* is opposed to *nakt*, and both are found in the modern Lancashire dialect, as “*nawt* that’s *owt*,” naught that’s good. For the power of *a* in this and similar words, see Kemble’s Gloss. on *Beowulf*, in *á*. In the later text *fore* seems the same as Suio-Goth. *für*, bonus, Isl. *far*.

v. 7033. (*sec. t.*) A noun seems to be wanting after the adjective *onwreoste*, and if supplied, both texts would agree.

v. 7079. *ǰæt*.—Incorrectly, for *ǰet*.

v. 7081. *ær*.—No doubt, an error for *æs*.

v. 7084. Correct the translation, “in ‘this [its] history.’”

v. 7095. *vnstronge*.—See remark on v. 6097.

v. 7125. *þene* is, apparently, an error for *þa*, acc. pl.

v. 7165. *an hond*.—This phrase, in connexion with various verbs, is often used in the sense of “speedily,” “soon,” or “now,” in the same manner as the modern German is *die hand*. Cf. vol. ii. pp. 96. 106. 251. 264. Hence perhaps may be explained a line in the Early English Poem of *The Grave* in Thorpes *Analecta*, p. 142, which is not understood or wrongly interpreted by Conybeare and Guest.

v. 7182. *on some*.—For “together” read “in concord.” Cf. v. 9514. etc.

v. 7185. *wærðe*.—Incorrectly, for *wæðe*, as in several other instances.

v. 7224. *ealde*.—This would seem an error for *helle*. Cf. v. 9159.

v. 7239. *þe sunne*.—Elsewhere the feminine article is used, but I have already remarked the occurrence of *þe* with feminine nouns. See remark on v. 2027.

vv. 7254. 7262. 7342. *Bruttas, Bruttis*.—Incorrectly, for *Bruttus*.

v. 7265. *cwððed*.—Incorrectly, probably, for *cwððeð*.

v. 7334. (*sec. t.*) *host*.—This, if not an error of the scribe, is a singular instance of contraction.

v. 7348. *wæore*.—The letter erased is the pleonastic *æ*, as again vv. 17963. 18154.

v. 7359. *bilaiuen*.—Correct “‘wilt’ believe” into “‘wilt’ leave.”

v. 7447. *Norð Walene*.—Is the gen. pl. See Sax. Chron. a°. 607, and remark on v. 17.

v. 7448. *mode*.—We should read *modi*.

v. 7480. In the translation, for “hew” read “hewed,” and for “resound” read “resounded.”

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- v. 7487. *asloð*.—See remark on v. 317.
- v. 7489. (*sec. t.*) *leþerede*.—So in the Legend of St. Katherine, “*liðerede al o blode*,” p. 83, explained erroneously by the editor.
- v. 7495. *feond*.—The “enemy” here alluded to is Cæsar.
- v. 7505. (*sec. t.*) *starliche*.—See remark on v. 4134.
- v. 7524. *blakede*.—“Blenched” or “became pale.” Cf. v. 19799.
- v. 7526. *ne na bræð*.—There is some error here, which renders the sense obscure. The particle *ne* is, probably, redundant.
- v. 7615. A line is wanting in the later text.
- v. 7623. *bi-gon*.—For “inlaid” read “covered.” See *Rycharð Coer de Lion*, v. 2656. ap. Weber, and a poem in the *Reliquiæ Antiquæ*, vol. ii. p. 19.
- v. 7644. This line should be rendered, “threatened *the* host of each land.”
- v. 7675. *blisðere*.—In the A.-S. Orosius, ii. 5, this adjective is used in the cognate sense of *effeminate*, and it seems to be allied with the Isl. *bleyta*, *blauþr*, Scot. *blate*, pusillanimous.
- vv. 7706–7708. This passage is obscure, and perhaps for *him* we should read *heom*. The French text seems to countenance this, in reading, “*Et assés plus lor a promis*.” vol. i. p. 202. There is some difficulty also in *iwæn*.
- v. 7735. *þifuen witen* seems equivalent here to the phrase *are witan*, to confer honor, in Bede, lib. ii. c. 20. p. 521. *ed. Smith*.
- v. 7739. *answare*.—See remarks on v. 1970.
- vv. 7780. 7782. 8012.—In these passages, and indeed generally, the word *cniht* means simply *man*, as in A.-S., but the term *knight* has been usually retained for reasons which have influenced the principle on which the translation has been made. The same may be said of some few other words.
- v. 7798. (*sec. t.*) For *ton* read *ton*, which is evidently *rhythmi gratia*, as in some other instances, vv. 16687. 19025. 21900. 22524.
- v. 7812. *æfter*.—Literally “through” or “along,” as in the Teutonic.
- v. 7842. *æf*.—Incorrectly, for *of*.
- v. 7854. *rameden*.—May also be rendered “shouted.” Cf. v. 5795. This and the preceding verbs are in the past tense.
- v. 7855. *wundre*.—Apparently the same with the Early and Middle English *wondreth*, misfortune, or damage, from the Isl. *vandraedi*, Suio-G. *wandraede*, *discrimen*, *maxima difficultas*.

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v. 7859. *lof*.—This nautical term occurs several times in *Lazamon*, and always as a substantive, applied to some part of the ship, the agency of which was used to alter its course. It is used in a similar manner by *Wace*, in the *Brut*, vol. ii. p. 141, and in Douces fragment of the *Roman de Tristan*, v. 1594. See Michels edition, in Gloss. v. *Lof*. The term is also preserved in modern German, Swedish, Dutch, Spanish, and English, but signifies only, when used as a substantive, the *weather-gage*, and is more usually employed as a verb, “to get the weather-gage,” or “bear up to the wind.” From Falconers *Marine Dictionary* we also learn, that this word *loof* is applied to “the after-part of a ships bow,” and so, in the *Dialogues on Marine Affairs*, written by Capt. Nathaniel Butler in 1634, we read, “The *loofe* is counted that part aloft which lyes right before the chesse-trees,” etc. MS. *Sloane*, 758. f. 50<sup>b</sup>. Matthew of Paris, when speaking of the expedition of Hubert de Burgh against Eustache le Moine, says, “Perrexerunt igitur audacter, obliquando tamen *dracenam*, id est, *loof*, acsi vellent adire Calesiam.” *Hist. Maj.* ed. Wats, p. 250. ed. 1684; and Otterbourne at a later period writes, “sed providentia probitateque naucleri obliquantis *dracenam* subito, navemque girantis,” etc. The latter passage is quoted by DuCange in his Supplement, and he explains *dracena* by *gubernaculum*. Robert of Brunne retains the term *lofe* in his translation of *Wace*, quoted previously in the “Notes,” p. 395; and in the Household Account of the 19 Edw. II., in the library of the Society of Antiquaries, No. 122. p. 51, I find the following entry, “Paié à Alisandre de Hanworthe, burgeis de Lynne, pur i. mast nouvelle de rouge sapyn, de c. pees longe, un *loffe*, une verge, et une bowe-spret, *apertenant à dit mast*, pris vi<sup>l</sup>. xvii<sup>l</sup>. vii<sup>l</sup>.” In order to illustrate further this term, I shall adduce three passages, the second of which has never been in print:

That noble schyp was al withoute,  
With clothys of gold spred aboute,  
And her *loof*, and her wyndas  
Off asure forsothe it was.

*Rychard Coer de Lion*, v. 69.

Then he tron on tho tres, & thay her tramme reechen ;  
Cachen vp the crossayl, cables thay casten ;  
Wijt at the wyndas weren her ankres,  
Sprude spak to the sprete, the spare bawe-lyne ;  
Gederen to the gyde-ropes, the grete cloth falles ;  
Thay layden in on ladde borde, & the *lofe* wynnes ;  
The blythe brethe at her bak, the bosum he fyndes ;  
He swenges me thys swete schip swefte fro the hauen.

*MS. Cott. Nero A. x. f. 84.*

The winde blowes out of the west, thou gentle mariner, a,  
Look to the *looffe* wel, beware the lee still,  
For deadly roches doe now appeare, a.

*Pammelia*, No. 55. 4to. 1609.

v. 7909. *icunde*.—Means territory acquired by heritage, as in several other passages. So in the Sax. Chron. a<sup>o</sup>. 1087. p. 295. “Normandige ƿ land was his

*gecynde*," which is translated properly by Gibson, "jure hereditario." Cf. vv. 20459. 25047.

v. 7911. This line should be translated, "hateth you so greatly."

v. 7936. *feollen*.—Correct thus, "and `Rome-men fell [*the* Romanish felled]."

v. 7947. (*sec. t.*) *nihtes*.—Apparently, here and in v. 7977, an error for *nihte*.

v. 7953. *leode*.—Incorrectly, for *lude*.

v. 7957. *fæjeden*.—Apparently connected with Isl. *faegia*, Mhd. *fegen*, to clean or polish.

v. 8013. (*sec. t.*) *bi* appears an error for *beo*.

v. 8038. *imunten*.—Had better be rendered "purposed."

v. 8039. *to-3ere* has not been found in the A.-S. Dictionaries, although it would seem to claim a place there. It is used by Lajamon frequently in the sense of "now," "presently," and so also in the Middle English Romance of *Ipomydon*, v. 271, and in Chaucer, *Can't. Tales*, v. 5750, which is erroneously explained by Tyrwhitt.

v. 8067. *under-nomen*.—For "understood," translate "accepted."

v. 8077. *cure*.—"the best choice," *i. e.* the most chosen. *Cure* is elsewhere often used, and always as a noun. In A.-S. the verb only is found.

v. 8084. *pechene*.—This appears the same with the A.-S. *þæcele*, *þecele*, lamp, light.

v. 8086. *iboned*.—I have considered this word cognate with Sw. *bonad*, amictus, Isl. *þunadur*, vestitus, habitus, but it should probably be rendered "adorned." Cf. v. 25788.

v. 8088. *hæhliche*.—Not "high," but "nobly," "royally."

v. 8094. *aððeles*.—Incorrectly, for *aððele* (*aðele*).

v. 8118. *ʒifueðe* is here a noun, but elsewhere an adverb. It should be rendered "wealth."

v. 8129. *ærnen*.—See remark on v. 6138.

v. 8144. (*sec. t.*) *sceremigge* is written for *sceremingge*, or for the inf. *sceremi*.

vv. 8152-4. Correct the translation thus, "and `with the [his] staff struck violently, `and smote' `Herigal on the [upon Ergals] ribs, so that the staff [it] brake in *the* middle. Then quoth," etc.

v. 8212. *slæ ne na*.—Perhaps we should read *slæn na*, as the double negative seems unnecessary.

v. 8219. *herede*.—Incorrectly, for *hirede*. In Wace, *curt*.



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v. 8227. *him seide*.—Is used reflectively, as *iswarð him*, just above, and in the translation “to” should be omitted. See remark on v. 1653.

v. 8238. *ane*.—From the reading of the later text, we might suppose this a mistake for *æne*.

v. 8245. *here*.—See remark on v. 2159.

v. 8264. *mid ærhðe*.—“With fear,” *i. e.* out of fear, influenced by fear.

v. 8289. *ah to don*.—Literally, “ought to do.” In the French text it is “doit sofrir.”

v. 8303. After “indited,” in the translation, add, “and thus it spake forth [sooth] right.”

v. 8313. *þæt*.—I do not find in the early text any other instance of *and* or *æn* used to express *if*, but in the later text we have two examples, vv. 3524. 10606. In Robert of Gloucester, Robert of Brunne, and Chaucer, *and* or *æn* frequently occurs in the sense of *if*, and so also in the *Paston Letters*, vol. iii. p. 212. In later times it generally took the form of *æn*, and the Scottish poets used it in a similar manner. See the quotations in Jamieson, in v. *Æn*, Chalmers Gloss. to Lyndsays Works, and Tookes *Divers. of Purley*, p. 53. ed. 1840.

vv. 8322-4.—In the translation, for “love” read “have loved,” and for “make” read “have made.”

v. 8341. The paragraph apparently should begin with *Seoððen*, and the translation be, “After that or since we had thee overcome, and thy folk slain and captured, now is Cassibelaune,” etc. Compare v. 8826.

v. 8357. *þa king*.—Irregularly, for *þe king*.

v. 8417. *iswarð him*.—Became. In the translation, “to him” should be omitted. See remarks on vv. 1653. 8227.

v. 8428. *atwæie wond*.—Perhaps for *awæie wond*, or simply, *at-wond*.

v. 8520. *sa*.—Incorrectly, for *sæ*.

v. 8542. *ærnen*.—“riding”? See remark on v. 6138.

vv. 8548. 8554. In the translation, read, “that ‘are [is] hateful,” and after “sooth” add, “that I say [to thee] here.”

v. 8585. *slæde*.—In the French, *valée*.

v. 8622. *bi-diemen*.—Perhaps we should render the line, “‘and awaited [abiding] their while”: *wille* is used for *wile* in v. 4190, but I find no other instance of the verb *bi-diemen*, and we may possibly read *idemden*, as in v. 10441.

v. 8663. *heom to*.—The verb is probably understood, as in v. 27386 and elsewhere, and the conjectural reading unnecessary.

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- v. 8669. Translate, "When the folk would flee."
- v. 8675.—For "Britains king," read "*the* Britons king"; and so elsewhere. It is the gen. pl.
- v. 8697. (*sec. t.*) This line seems redundant, or otherwise an additional line is wanting.
- v. 8717. Literally, "*it* was 'altogether [little] the better for 'them [him]."
- v. 8723. (*sec. t.*) *mep* might also be translated "mead."
- v. 8727. *for-rad* seems to have here a stronger signification than that which it bears in A.-S. Compare vv. 12098. 12115. 14867. In all these passages it may perhaps be rendered "injured," or "destroyed," as it certainly must in v. 25505.
- v. 8745. *ær-dæden* should be rendered "offences." So in A.-Sax. Luke, ch. xxiii. v. 41. *wyt bi uncer ær-dædum onfoð.*
- v. 8752. *hæte*.—See remark on v. 4042.
- v. 8795. The original reading *riht is* would appear to be the better one.
- v. 8798. *wolde* appears an error for *wolde*.
- v. 8816. *þif* is wanting in the earlier text.
- v. 8849. The second *and* is here redundant, and the translation should be corrected thus, "fell to his feet, 'and sought the ground.'"
- v. 8881. *wurde*.—Incorrectly, for *worde*.
- v. 8911. *þeo*.—Incorrectly, for *þu*.
- v. 8948. Translate, "all 'ready [done]."
- v. 8959. *forlorne*.—Should be rendered "set aside" or "broken."
- v. 8982. The paragraph in the first text should begin with this line, and the translation be corrected thus, "Cassibelaune, 'who was king of this land,' he lived never after but seven years; when his end-day came," etc. In the second text, vv. 8982-3 are, by error, made to bear reference to Androgeus.
- v. 9072. *wunne* may also be rendered "joy."
- v. 9073. *walden*.—Incorrectly, for *waldend*.
- v. 9121. *leod-ronen*.—In v. 15499 this word means incantations, as it does also in A.-S., but here it seems to denote popular rumors, and should be so rendered. In v. 14553 the later text reads, *deorne runing*.
- v. 9245. In the later text *fo-drese* is not an error for *fo-rese* (Cf. v. 15483), but from the A.-S. *dreosan*, to fall. It would appear doubtful if hyphens are necessary, but we have elsewhere the pa. t. *fo-res*.

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- v. 9269. *wit̃er-happes*.—See remark on v. 405.
- v. 9282. (*sec. t.*) *seine*.—A.-S. *segen*, *Cædm.* p. 188. *Bede*, lib. iii. c. 11. p. 535. Dutch *sein*, Fr. *en-scine*.
- v. 9306. *hææn* is for *ææn*, "own," and the translation must be corrected.
- v. 9339. *remden*.—See remark on v. 623.
- v. 9419. *freche*.—This word would be better rendered "bold," from A.-S. *fre*, M.-Goth. *fræck*. See Gloss. to *Beowulf*, and *Ihre*.
- v. 9435. *bībrungen*.—Only the simple verb *bringan* is in Bosworths Dictionary, but in Otfrid is the same participle, *bithwungan*. See Schilters *Thesaurus*, in voce. It is found elsewhere in Early English.
- v. 9454. *sceld-trome*.—This term is common in Middle English, and was preserved so late as the sixteenth century, under the form of *schiltrom*, which Hollinshed explains, "round battailes, in forme of a circle." It probably means the same as the Latin military term *testudo*.
- v. 9469. In the translation read, "and 'with the [to these] knights."
- v. 9476. *me bi-uoren*.—Correct the version, "the emperor before me won."
- v. 9479. *nūt* or *inūt* has been translated as if connected with A.-S. *geniūt*, abundance, but it had better be regarded as an adjective, and rendered "useful" or "needful," A.-S. *nyt*.
- v. 9600. *witer*.—"witty" or "prudent." See remark on v. 6094.
- v. 9670. (*sec. t.*) *þan* is, no doubt, an error for *þe*.
- v. 9710. In the translation, for "these tidings" read "this tidings."
- v. 9726. *þere leodens king*.—See remark on v. 151.
- v. 9744. *laf*.—See remarks on v. 7859.
- v. 9739. *atliche*.—Incorrectly, for *ahliche*.
- v. 9798. *to-stopen*.—The translation is conjectural, and instead of being a participle, it may be the pa. t. of *to-steppan* (as *to-stepen*, v. 17406), and the lines be rendered, "boldly advanced with steels edge."
- v. 9811. *her men* (so written in the MS.) should have been printed *hærmæn* (for *hærmæn*), and the translation be corrected thus, "'sorry was her heart, filled with harm.'"
- v. 9823. *seon men*.—It thus appears in the MS., but perhaps we ought to read *seoumen*, for *sceomen*, and the translation may then be amended, "if from shame he will be clean."
- v. 9837. 9843. *iuæid*, *iued*.—Better, if rendered "at enmity." See remark on v. 964.

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- v. 9846. *Fore*.—Literally, "proceeding," Cf. vv. 10118. 15578.
- v. 9925. (*sec. t.*) *eye* is probably an error for *eny*, unless it be a contracted form, as *æi*, *ei*, in the earlier text.
- v. 9929. *blæðe*.—Other instances of this word occur in vv. 16762. 18737. 23620. 30768. It is probably connected with the A.-S. *bleate*, *deletus*, Goth. *blautgan*, *delere*. See Kemble's Gloss. to *Beowulf*, v. 5643. See also Wachter, in v. *Be-leiden*. Cf. v. 7675.
- v. 9934. *ærnde*.—For "ran" translate "rode," and see remarks on v. 6138.
- v. 9945. The phrase "comen to hirede," here and in similar cases, seems to mean "to assemble together." See remark on v. 2353, and Sax. Chron. a°. 1095. p. 313, where the same phrase occurs.
- v. 9965. *fahtes* is used improperly for *fahte*, as in a few other passages.
- v. 9970. (*sec. t.*) *þane* appears an error for *þe*.
- v. 10000. *wundliche* is incorrectly written for *wunliche*.
- v. 10023. *caðel*.—See Kilian, *Etymologicum*, in v. *Kateylen*.
- v. 10030. Translate, "They gan soon to plough."
- v. 10039. *græilichen*.—This is either a contracted form of *græiðlichen*, (as in numerous other instances where *ð* is elided,) or an error of the scribe in omitting the letter *ð*.
- v. 10055. *heore wæi*.—The later text reads "away."
- v. 10097. *Bruttis* is an error for *Brutus*. See remark on v. 7254.
- v. 10100. *blætfeast*.—See remark on v. 6986.
- v. 10106. (*sec. t.*) *bissere* must be a mistake for *bisne*.
- v. 10124. The literal construction is, "Then *it* longed to the king."
- v. 10134. For *þa* we should read *þan*.
- v. 10163. The later text reads "exceeding well."
- v. 10201. *dihten* is followed here by a dative case, as also in v. 11155.

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v. 10233. *muchere*.—There is no necessity for a conjectural reading, since the forms of *muchere* and *mochelere* are both used; *muchele* would be incorrect, as *winne* is a fem. noun.

v. 10237. *folc*.—Elsewhere *folc* is neuter, as in A.-S.

v. 10246. For *þat*, the second text has *þo*, "when."

v. 10275. *a-bæileden*.—This word does not occur again, but it seems to be connected with A.-S. *abælian*, or *abylgean*, for I find the noun *bælignis*, injury, from the same root.

v. 10328. *Scotte wærð*.—Perhaps we should read *Scotte-wærð*, and the Solway Frith or Frith of Forth be alluded to. See Note on vol. i. p. 93. v. 2191. Or, supposing *wærð* to be the A.-S. *waroð*, shore, coast, the text may stand as it is, but the translation be corrected.

v. 10329. *seoððe* is an irregular form of *sæð*.

v. 10365. The later text reads, "thus made."

v. 10413. *aforen on*.—"before," *i. e.* in front of. Cf. vv. 26647. 28313. In the last instance Wace has "contre lui."

v. 10447. (*sec. t.*) *and* appears to be an error for *ac*.

v. 10474. *unstrong cniht*.—Wace has, "asses ert de *bas parage*," and Bede, "*genere quidam infimus*," lib. i. c. 6.

v. 10538. *bi tehten*.—Should have been rendered, "gave" or "committed."

v. 10569. *bi-bozen*.—For "come to," read "left" or "abandoned." Cf. vv. 12252. 27965.

v. 10601. *comela*.—See remark on v. 6630.

v. 10659. *Scotte*.—"the Scots." Cf. v. 12128.

v. 10703. *bærde*.—Instead of "gesture" this word should be rendered "upbraiding" or "reproach." See remark on v. 1672.

v. 10706. *Bruttene*.—This is not an adjective, but gen. pl. of the noun. See remarks on v. 17. The translation here and in p. 24 requires correction.

v. 10748. Perhaps we should here read *West*, but see remark on v. 15468.

v. 10761. For *goðliche* we should probably read *godliche*, and supply the pronoun *hine*.

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v. 10903. *and* appears superfluous here. For *ancrist* or *ancreos* Geoffrey has *cives*, and the Cotton MS. of Wace, *citeins*. In the printed edition it is *crestien*, and a similar reading would appear to have been the cause of the error in Lajamon.

v. 10943. *derf*.—Instead of “hardy,” perhaps “cruel” or some similar epithet would be more appropriate. This adj. is not in A.-S., but is found in the Northern dialects. See Jamieson, in voce.

v. 11024. *heo* is here for *he*, as in other passages.

v. 11043. *weorlde-seli*.—The same compound, “*woruld-geselig*,” occurs in Thorpe's *Analecta*.

v. 11046. *luueden* would be better rendered “honored,” A.-S. *lofan*.

v. 11075. *biho3eden*.—Means literally, “cared for,” or “looked to.”

v. 11087. *kingen* is gen. pl., and *king*, in the second text, is the contracted form, and not the nom. case. Cf. v. 26082.

v. 11108. *menden*.—Should be rendered “complained,” as elsewhere, and so in the later text, v. 11138.

v. 11168. *Deo* in the early text is for *pa*, as often elsewhere, and the translation should read, “When the Jews sought it, etc., then was she,” etc.

v. 11259. *iscipen*.—Has been translated as a participle, but is probably a noun and preposition, *i scipen*, in ships.

v. 11296. *Norweo3en*.—A noun, not an adjective. Cf. v. 12011.

v. 11329. *bi-winnen*.—Apparently a mistake for *bi-nimen*.

v. 11378. The same apposition of terms occurs in the Sax. Chron. a°. 1087. p. 293, “*rice menn ne heane*.”

v. 11396. *mid carte*.—“With a cart,” i. e. in a cart or carriage, A.-S. *cræt*.

v. 11420. *i Cornuole*.—Here, as elsewhere, *i* or *is* stands for *of*. See particularly v. 16975.

v. 11638. The hyphens in *fair-lac* and *fair-lock* should be omitted, and in the translation, for “presents” we should read “fair present.” Cf. v. 17749.

v. 11648. *ende*.—For “world” in the translation read “land.”

v. 11704. *clond*.—Suio-G. *kland*, infamia. See Ihre. Hence perhaps the Fr. *esclandre*.

v. 11710. In the version, insert [then] before “hight,” and for “run” read “ran.”

v. 11715. *prude*.—Correct the translation, “assumed ‘there’ much pomp.”

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- v. 11791. *ar-neow*.—A.-S. *edneowe*, *renovatus*.
- v. 11824. *leo* in the text is probably an error for *he*, and the translation then will be, "well he it held."
- vv. 11831-2. Better, if translated, "and should place folk of each craft in sundry (separate) ships."
- v. 11835. *þa seoluen*.—"the shipmen alone." See remark on v. 3187.
- v. 11848. *Liuieine*.—Incorrectly, for *Luuieine*.
- v. 11876. *þissi*.—The conjectural emendation should have been *þissere*. See vv. 7130. 11266.
- v. 11879. *mære*.—May here mean "elder."
- v. 11917. (*sec. t.*) *here-word*.—Synonymous with A.-S. *hære-lof*.
- v. 11960. *scepen*.—Incorrectly, for *scipen*.
- v. 11978. Cf. v. 4579, and note.
- v. 11980. For "gan weep," the second text has, "there wept."
- v. 11983. *to-driuen*.—Should have been translated "dispersed." Cf. v. 32216.
- v. 11986. (*sec. t.*) *er* is evidently an error for *euere*.
- v. 11993. *cleopien*.—There is clearly some error here, and the marginal conjecture does not seem so probable, as if we should follow the later text, and read *ou heo cleopeden*.
- v. 12007.—The verb wanting is probably *woelken*. Cf. v. 12040.
- v. 12023. *in* signifies "of" in both texts, as in vv. 11420. 27206. [Cf. Sax. Chron. a°. 1140.], and should be so rendered. Wace has, "rois de Hongrie," and "de Scyse aire," for which the printed edition falsely reads, "d'Escoce."
- v. 12047. *Forð wit us*.—The verb *go* is understood after *forð*, as in several other passages. It is supplied in the later text, v. 16117. The translation should be printed "Forth go we."
- v. 12062. For *uswe him to* substitute *us we him to*, as in the MS., and *dele* the conjectural reading. The phrase is repeated in vv. 27386. 27808.
- v. 12075. *þan dægen*.—Is plural (A.-S. *a þam dagum*, Luc. i. 25), and should be rendered "those days": *ilke* is, apparently, understood in both texts.
- vv. 12098. 12115. *for-radde*.—See remark on v. 8727.
- v. 12101. (*sec. t.*) *hedde*.—Erroneously, no doubt, for *bi-hedde*. Compare the later text, v. 25900.
- v. 12120. *cnihte*.—It should be *cnihten*, dat. pl., but the same irregular form occurs in a few instances elsewhere.

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- v. 12211. For "nothing" the second text has "nought."
- v. 12278. *lades*.—Incorrectly, for *lates*; see remark on v. 1195.
- v. 12304. *an slæting*.—See the Sax. Chron. a°. 1088. p. 300, and *Kyng Ali-saunders*, v. 200. ap. Weber.
- v. 12335. *gadelinges*.—In A.-S. only means "companions," but here is a term of reproach, and so also in Early and Middle English. See *Reliq. Antiquæ*, i. 180, Wrights *Polit. Songs*, p. 237, and Webers Glossary.
- v. 12348. *cheorlene*.—gen. pl. In the translation, for "churlish hand," read "the hand of churls."
- v. 12393. *Bi vfeleu iwurhten*.—"For evil deeds," i. e. undeservedly. In A.-S. *buton gewyrhtum*, John xv. 25. Cf. v. 24189.
- vv. 12484. 12491. (*sec. t.*) *oure*.—Incorrectly, for *þoure*.
- v. 12497. *ibiden are*.—See remark on v. 3051.
- v. 12517. *cæppen*.—This word occurs again in the singular *keppe*, v. 19949. It is derived from the Isl. *kappi*, heros, athleta, and is synonymous with *kemp*, champion. Probably the vulgar term *chap* is hence borrowed.
- v. 12612. *arædde*.—Instead of "rule," might be better rendered "free." Cf. v. 12878.
- v. 12711. *an hond*.—See remark on v. 7165.
- v. 12752. *scere*.—Two similar instances of the use of this word occur in the Sax. Chron. a°. 963. Lye quotes these passages improperly under the verb *scri-ram*, and in Bosworth they are wholly omitted.
- v. 12754. This line is very obscure.
- v. 12801. (*sec. t.*) *ende*.—Incorrectly, for *hende*.
- v. 12805. *idon*.—Should perhaps be rendered "prepared." See remarks on v. 6186.
- vv. 12828. 12832. *wuden*, *straten* and *walden* are plurals.
- v. 12847. *ræje* is, perhaps, an error for *ræjere*, dat. sing. fem.
- v. 12860. Correct the translation thus, "and bade the guides to ride before [that guides should ride] to the waters."
- v. 12871. *kinga*.—Improperly, for *kinge*.
- v. 12874. *seole*.—Incorrectly, for *soule*.
- v. 12887. *Bruttene*.—See remarks on v. 17.
- v. 12959. (*sec. t.*) The verb is omitted.



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- v. 12968. (*sec. t.*) For *coman* we should read with the MS. *com is*, "came in."
- v. 12991. *hes*.—Incorrectly, for *hou*.
- v. 13036. *spæc-huse*.—The French text has *parlar*.
- v. 13043. *ælde* is, probably, a mistake for *ældre*.
- v. 13088. *worien*.—From A.-S. *forðian*, either by contraction or by omission.
- v. 13091. (*sec. t.*) *alles*.—Correct the version, "how it 'all [altogether] were."
- v. 13107. *wæien* appears to be an error for *wæges*, walls. Cf. v. 13144.
- v. 13182. *anwoide*.—Properly, "power" or "authority." Cf. Sax. Chron. a°. 1106. p. 329.
- v. 13203. Translate thus, "The Britons knew not at all [None there knew] what."
- v. 13258. *on þonke*.—"In will," or "grateful."
- v. 13321. *Densemonne*.—Danes, gen. pl. See remarks on v. 17.
- v. 13362. In Wace, "de grant feinted."
- v. 13386. Translate, "'for [and] I will."
- v. 13499. *biwiten*.—Literally, "keep."
- v. 13504. *whær* is the contracted form of A.-S. *hwæðre*, and kept its ground in Middle English till the fifteenth century. In like manner we have *þær* for *þæðer* in the Sax. Chron. a°. 1127. p. 356.
- v. 13592. The later text has "the head."
- v. 13656. *scipinge*.—The verb *scipien*, to reward, occurs v. 20012, but I do not find it in A.-Saxon.
- v. 13703. (*sec. t.*) *liþe*.—Another instance of the change of *;* into *þ*.
- v. 13767. (*sec. t.*) *an hond*.—See remark on v. 7165.
- v. 13769. *cost*.—Cf. v. 18166, where the later text has *read*, and see the Glossary to *Syr Gawayne*, in voce. Hence is formed the adverb *wedescost*, necessarily, in Chaucer, *Cant. Tales*, v. 1479, which is so misinterpreted by Urry and Tyrwhitt. See also MS. Cott. Dom. viii. f. 161<sup>v</sup>.
- v. 13785. *vnder þan*.—In the French, *entre tant*.
- v. 13816. The usual sense of *spiled* in *Lazamon* is "spake," A.-S. *spellian*, but it here seems to have a different meaning, apparently from A.-S. *spilian* (omitted by Bosworth), *scurrilibus jocis vacare*; cognate with the Dutch *speelen*, Germ. *spielen*, etc.

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- v. 13854. *tiðende*.—Here signifies “customs.” Cf. v. 14325.
- v. 13881. *luste* is an error of the scribe for *lufte*.
- v. 13886. *alc an*.—Here and in v. 14593 we should read *alcan*, dat. sing.
- v. 13904. *weoli*.—Signifies “bounteous,” from A.-S. *welig*.
- v. 13935. This line would be more correct if written, *Monen heo zifuen*, but similar inaccuracies are not unfrequent.
- v. 13966. *bi-liueð*.—Incorrectly, for *bi-leueð*.
- v. 14002. *iuæld*.—There is some error in this word, or we must supply the word *habbeð*.
- v. 14058. *londes* is probably an error for *londe*.
- v. 14122. *Brattes* is gen. sing. and refers to Aldroein. The line should be rendered, “the noble Briton.” Cf. v. 21146.
- v. 14151. *hiren*.—Incorrectly, for *heren*.
- v. 14187. *anes* seems a mistake for *an*, or else we must read *bules*. It is singular that *bul* is not in A.-S., although found in the kindred dialects.
- v. 14252. Correct the translation thus, “eighteen great ships.” In Wace we have, “Vindrent dixhuit nés cargiés,” i. 327.
- v. 14262. *gistninge*.—I do not find this noun in A.-S., but it is common in Early and Middle English.
- v. 14282. *hellen* may be an error for *letten*, as in the later text.
- v. 14294. *ibon*.—See remark on v. 6186.
- v. 14304. *farrest*.—Incorrectly, for *fairest*.
- v. 14310. *kime* is an error for *kume*; cf. v. 14827; yet in A.-S. we have *cyme*. In the later text *comes* is used irregularly, as in v. 4373.
- v. 14394. *mærjeue*.—For “ample” read “nuptial,” as in vol. iii. p. 249. The error arose from the incorrect form *mærjeue*, compared with the Sax. Chron. a°. 1125, “micele *gife* and *mære*.” Wace has *doaire*. With regard to the *morgan-gifu*, see Bosworths A.-S. Dictionary, in voce.
- vv. 14405–8. In the MS. these four lines are punctuated so as to form only two, with final rhyme.
- v. 14431. The expression “all that knew of book” refers to the *Clergy*, and not to the *Christians*.
- v. 14469. *wed-broðer*.—See the Note in p. 354. The term occurs also in the Laud MS. of *Kyng Horn*, No. 108.

He tok wit him another,  
That was Hornes *wed-brother*.

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- v. 14482. *þæt*.—A.-S. *þearft*, *Cædm.* p. 130. In the later text, v. 18650, it takes the form of *þeort*, and in Middle English, *thart*. In Barbour it is spelt *thart* (see remark on v. 4), which is quite misunderstood by Jamieson.
- v. 14539. *þer witele*.—See remark on v. 3028.
- v. 14585. *lunie*.—For “praise” substitute “worship.”
- v. 14618. *bidden* appears to be governed by *wulleð*, so that the translation may read thus, “greet; ‘and will pray Christ [be Christ now] that is Gods son, ‘to be’ to us in help!”
- v. 14630. *king*.—Incorrectly, for *kinges*.
- v. 14692. *þare* seems a mistake for *þan*, as *water* is always neuter.
- v. 14722. The verb *at-stonden* also means *to stand out, to resist*, as in *Beowulf*, v. 1776. So in the Early English Rule of Nuns, “*etstondeð one aȝean þe uconde, resistite diabolo.*” MS. Cott. Nero A. xiv. f. 66.
- v. 14745. *æchere* is an error for *ælchere*, as written elsewhere in the early text.
- v. 14790. *king* is omitted by the scribe, as is manifest from the rhyme.
- v. 14809. 14874. *make* and *answare*. See remarks on v. 1970.
- v. 14841. *sel*.—In the translation, “‘prosperously’” has been accidentally omitted. Cf. v. 5058.
- v. 14867. *wor-radde*.—See remark on v. 8727.
- v. 14937. 16273.—*Brutene*.—gen. pl. Britons; but there is much difficulty in distinguishing it from *Bruttene*, gen. s. Britain.
- v. 14981. (*sec. t.*) *smere* appears to be superfluous, and without meaning.
- v. 15044. *hir*.—Incorrectly, for *here*.
- v. 15050. *soluer*.—Incorrectly, for *seoluer*.
- v. 15079. *kenedom* for *kinedom*.
- v. 15174. *iwarað* for *iwaraþ*, as in some other instances.
- v. 15208. Perhaps this should be rendered, “that they should not disagree.” See remark on v. 5640.
- v. 15233. *bi-swac* is certainly the right reading, and the translation of both texts should correspond.
- v. 15263. *lift*.—This is the earliest instance that has occurred of the use of this word, which is not found in A.-Saxon, but is evidently borrowed from the Belg. *luft*, Fries. *leeft*. See Outzen, *Gloss. der friesischen Sprache*, 4to. 1837, and an

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article in the *Quarterly Review* for Feb. 1836, p. 376. It occurs in several other passages, but in v. 21244 we have the A.-S. form *swiðren*.

v. 15279. *ipeuen*.—A.-S. *geþafian*, to permit.

v. 15332. *burhȝes*.—In *Wace*, *fortelesces*. Here and in some other passages *burh* means a fortified place, as in A.-S.

v. 15343. *halidom*.—This word is always used by *Lazamon* in the sense of “relique” (except that in the later text it stands once for “rood,” v. 22101), but it has other meanings in A.-Saxon. See the *Sax. Chron.* pp. 287. 363. 371, and *Bosworth*.

v. 15373. *ferden* is incorrectly written for *fereden*, or perhaps we should read *for-ferden*.

v. 15409. The later texts read “with honor.”

v. 15468. The *West-Wealas*, according to *Florence of Worcester*, were the inhabitants of Cornwall. See the *Sax. Chron.* ann. 813. 835. It would seem, however, from this and another passage in *Lazamon*, v. 17632, that by the *West Welsh*, he understood the counties bordering on St. Georges Channel. If the reading *West* is to be admitted in v. 10748, the inhabitants of Cornwall are there separately spoken of.

v. 15482. *arædden*.—Literally, “restored.”

v. 15509. *weien-læten*.—In *Ælfrics Glossary* we have *wege-læton*, trivium, and in the A.-S. Gloss in *Mones Quellen und Forschungen*, etc. 8°. p. 427, is *wegge-læte*, compitalia. The word is still preserved in the later *Wycliffite* version of the *Scriptures*, Gen. xxxviii. 14, II. Kings, i. 20, where the *Vulgate* reads *in bivio itineris* and *compitis*.

v. 15571. *whu*.—Incorrectly, for *whi*.

v. 15695. *for* appears to be superfluous.

v. 15703. *wunsele*.—Compare *winsel* in *Cædmon*, p. 270, and *Beowulf*, l. 1383. 1536.

v. 15723. *uncuðe*.—In the translation, for “unusual” read “uncomfortable,” which is still the provincial meaning of *uncuðe*.

v. 15734. *unwiht*.—In Early English *unwiht* is often used for the Devil. See *MS. Reg. 17 A. xxvii. ff. 1. 5<sup>b</sup>. 51<sup>b</sup>. etc.*

v. 15736. See remark on v. 3051.

v. 15757. Perhaps *leod-spelle* may here mean magical spells, in the same sense as *leod-rune* elsewhere.

v. 15851. The conjectural reading should be *þe*, not *þi*.

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v. 15885. *wolden to grunde*.—A phrase often repeated, in which *wolden* seems used adverbially, and it may be rendered "down to the ground." Cf. v. 23984 (*sec. t.*).

v. 15942. *midderniht*.—This form of the dat. sing. occurs twice elsewhere (*midre-niht*, Exeter Book, p. 54), but we have *middel-niht*, v. 20607, as in *Beowulf*, l. 5561. In Mhd. it is *mitter nacht*, Wigolais, v. 267. Germ. *mitternacht*.

vv. 15946-7. It is doubtful if the hyphens before the infinitives should be used, but see remark on v. 9245.

v. 15961. *iler*.—A.-S. *gelær*. The word is still preserved in the dialect of the western counties, and also in Hampshire and Wiltshire.

v. 15971. *lates*.—"gestures" or "looks." See remark on v. 1195.

v. 16007. Literally, "dearest of men to me."

v. 16026. *tacned* is probably for *tacneð*, and both texts will then agree.

v. 16034. (*sec. t.*) *wost*.—Perhaps an error for *woldest*, but in v. 18747 we have *sost* for *soldest*.

v. 16062. Correct the translation, "from Brittany [of the Britons] arrived."

v. 16099. *swoenien*.—In the MS. it appears to be written *swoenien*, but as the *s* and *n* are sometimes not easily distinguished, the verb has been considered as connected with the A.-S. *swindan*, Ohd. *suinen*, Low Germ. *swinnen*, Swed. *srinna*, *decrescere*, *minui*, *consumere*. The corresponding lines in Wace are,

Comme sangler fiers en bataille  
Les traiteurs *devorera*.

v. 16099. *eiȝe*.—Should be rendered "anger." See remark on v. 2087.

v. 16101. *witen*.—In two former instances, vv. 1026. 1046, this word has been translated in the plural, as it ought probably to be here and in v. 16535, as in A.-S. to þam *witum* gelsædd, ad supplicium ducta, Gen. xxxviii. 25, but in v. 16603 it is in the singular, and of the fem. gender, as in Frankish, whereas in A.-S. *wite* is neuter. Its meaning is usually "punishment," "torture" or "death," but in v. 20462 the original French text reads *honie*, which connects *wite* there with the Ohd. and Mæs.-Goth. *eduwit*, opprobrium.

v. 16109. (*sec. t.*) *sohtere*.—See remarks on v. 38.

v. 16111. *to hirede* here and in some other passages seems to be used adverbially, meaning *in a host*, or *all together*. Cf. v. 25416.

v. 16116. The verb is understood, and should have been printed in Italics.

v. 16133. *heo* is an error for *heom*.

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v. 16139. This line is very obscure and requires some correction. Perhaps for *wræc* we may read *wræh* (Cædm. p. 83), and translate, "all it covered the plains."

v. 16219. *slælden*.—Cf. v. 6147.

v. 16234. Translate, "the 'noble [strong] earl."

v. 16303. *cnaue*.—In the translation, for "knave" read "child." In Wace,  
*Enfes est, qui's a à garder.*

v. 16308. In the original thus :

Rien ne valt *li gent* que on maine,  
Qui a foible et fol chavetaine.

See remark on v. 816.

vv. 16328–9. *ferde* is fem. gend., to which *heo* and *hire* may refer ; and if so, the foot-note is unnecessary, and the passage should be rendered, "'where it was in field,' but otherwise [it] was disposed 'to it' ere," etc.

v. 16372. *har wude*.—The same expression is used by Wyntown and Douglas, and in the latter it is a translation of Virgil's *immanem silvam*. Jamieson derives it from A.-S. *haer*, hair, but it is more likely from A.-S. *har*, hoar, grey. See Cædm. p. 185, and Boeth. ed. Rawl. p. 155. Compare also the phrase "holtis hair" quoted by Jamieson, in v. *Hair*.

v. 16457. *hom*.—Incorrectly, for *heom*, and again, v. 21177.

v. 16500. See the same phrase in the Sax. Chron. a°. 959, which is falsely translated by Ingram.

v. 16525. *cleope*.—See remarks on v. 1970.

v. 16548. *iuræinned*.—Perhaps an error of the scribe for *iuræmmed*, "done," from A.-S. *gefremman*, to perform.

v. 16572. *buzzen*.—Incorrectly, for *buzen*.

v. 16584. A hyphen is required in *drihte-folke*. See remarks on v. 111.

v. 16594. *non* must here, as in Swedish and Danish, signify the repast taken at noon, "nooning."

v. 16621. *haued* is for *haued*, 3 p. s. pr. t.

v. 16631. *þe* seems an error for *þa*, then, or for *and*, as the later text.

v. 16687. (*sec. t.*) *ton*.—See remark on v. 7798.

v. 16701. *to-swadde*.—See remark on v. 3657.

v. 16703. *tarueden*.—A.-S. *torflan*, jactare ; "torfedon toward þan weofode." Sax. Chron. p. 185.

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- v. 16717. *swored*.—Incorrectly, for *sweord*.
- v. 16762. *blaðe*.—See remark on v. 9929.
- vv. 16789. 16799. 16861. *an hond*.—See remark on v. 7165.
- v. 16800. *temden*.—See remark on v. 1245.
- v. 16868. *ræhliche*.—Should be rendered “sternly” or “fiercely.”
- v. 16914. for *þus* we should probably read *þas*.
- v. 16949. *stronge*.—Perhaps for *strongnien*. Cf. v. 5981.
- v. 16963. *eerstowe*.—A.-S. *leger-stow*. In the French, *cemeterie*.
- v. 17037. Correct the translation thus, “noblest of all kings, greeteth the; ‘all this vast land standeth in king Aurelies hand,’—[and] ‘he’ beseecheth,” etc.
- v. 17093. Correct thus, “for the coming of ever any man that came to him.”
- v. 17103. *cwðlahte*.—The only instance hitherto known of this verb in A.-S. is given by Somner, and admitted on his authority into Lye and Bosworth.
- v. 17113. *wlet*.—A.-S. *wlitan*, to behold, Mæs.-G. *wlita*, circumspicere.
- v. 17119. Correct, “to understand of the worlds ‘course [duration].” Cf. v. 17167.
- v. 17129. *iscire*.—“inquire.” Such appears the sense of this verb here, although in two other passages, vv. 16822. 18417, it means simply “to speak.” I find in A.-S. dictionaries no corresponding sense of the verb *scirian*, but it is remarkable, that the Bodleian MS. of Boethius, cap. 39. § 12. (p. 134. ed. Rawl.) reads *scirian* instead of *spyrrian*, as the Cotton MS.
- v. 17304. *to þan anes*.—“For the nonce,” for the purpose. Cf. v. 21506. Here we have clearly the derivation of the phrase which has puzzled so many etymologists. See Prices note on Warton’s *Hist. of Engl. Poetr.* vol. iii. p. 75. ed. 1840, and my Glossary to *Syr Gawayne*, in v. *Nonez*.
- v. 17317. *baluwenen*.—Incorrectly, for *baluæn*, but this duplication of the final syllable *en* is found in some other instances.
- v. 17401. “All clean,” means altogether, every one.
- v. 17409. *syge*.—Had better be rendered “success.”
- v. 17485. *wærf*.—In Wace, “*feste tint, si se corona*,” but I can find no authority in A.-S. or the kindred dialects for such a signification.
- v. 17501. *heze wurðede*.—Should have been printed *he 3ewurðede*, which is an error for *he iwurðede*.
- v. 17547. Translate, “be ‘thither’ my companion.”

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- v. 17602. *wunseles*.—Mansions or "wine-halls." See remark on v. 15703.
- v. 17618. *feore*.—Used again in vv. 30601. 30604, and also in the contrary sense, *unfeore*, v. 6780. It occurs in the Sax. Chron. a°. 1016. p. 195. "ƿ ælc mann þe feor wære, forð gewende," where the Cotton MS. Tib. B. iv. reads *fere*. Ingram mistakes the sense, in rendering it "however *distant*," and the word is therefore excluded from Bosworths Dictionary, although he has *un-feore*, from the Sax. Chron. a°. 1055.
- v. 17651. We should probably read *Appas he*.
- v. 17653. A line is here wanting in the later text.
- vv. 17659. 17739. *mæinde*.—Translate "mingled." See remark on v. 4318.
- v. 17723. (*sec. t.*) *soch* may be an error of the scribe for *swike*. Cf. v. 17693.
- v. 17773. *on sweete*.—Cf. vv. 17802. 25581. The sense is always the same, "in slumber" or "deep sleep." The editor of the Legend of St. Katherine, p. 77, seems mistaken in rendering the expression "in *dream*."
- v. 17809. *beonste*.—This word should have been printed *beonste*. It appears here to be an error of the scribe, but in v. 2609:) the same word occurs in the sense of "habitation"; probably from A.-S. *byan*.
- v. 17854. *aʒeineden*.—Should have been printed *aʒen-ieden*, "returned."
- vv. 17874-6. Translate, "at the gleams end was a dragon fair; from the dragons mouth," etc.
- v. 17883. Correct thus, "bright 'exceedingly [enow]."
- v. 17946. (*sec. t.*) *moreliht* seems a mistake for *morewelihht*.
- v. 18010. *bihedde*.—See remark on v. 2725.
- v. 18023. *him* is here reflective, and the line should be rendered, "where Uther he came." See remarks on v. 532.
18026. The hyphens in *to-biliue*, *to-bliue* are inserted erroneously, and in the following line *and* is not redundant, as conjectured. The verb of motion is understood here, as in vv. 18026. 27808.
- v. 18061. *an eornest*.—This may also be translated, "in earnest," as in A.-S. Matth. v. 18. The phrase is literally, "that *it* was to the Britons," etc.
- v. 18069. *isih*.—3 p. sing. pr. t.; in the translation, for "saw" read "seeth."
- v. 18111. *arnde*.—"rode." See remarks on v. 6138.
- v. 18159. *icwnde*.—See remark on v. 7909.
- v. 18187. (*sec. t.*) *varen*.—Incorrectly, for *varende*.



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v. 18206. (*sec. t.*) In the translation, read "dragons [like to the dragon, all of red gold]."

v. 18214. *hire-mærke*.—More correctly, *here-mærke*. Cf. v. 18869.

v. 18250. *bi heore liue*.—The later text here would seem to point out the true derivation of the adverb *beliue* or *bliue*, respecting which some futile conjectures may be found in Jamiesons Glossary, in v. *Belyve*.

v. 18275. (*sec. t.*) *beop* for *beþ*, according to the usual forms of the later text. See remarks on v. 336.

v. 18335. *hælp*.—Incorrectly, for *hæp*. See remark on v. 816, and correct the translation.

v. 18356. *wel idon*.—In Wace, "saiges et cortois." See remark on v. 910.

v. 18367. *on*.—Would be better rendered, "favor." See the article in the *Quarterly Review* for Feb. 1836, p. 372.

v. 18417. *scire*.—Is here used in its usual sense of "speak," but see remark on v. 17129.

v. 18451. Cf. v. 818, and note.

v. 18533. (*sec. t.*) *þare*.—This is the fem. article, but in A.-S. *mete* is masc. gra. and so also elsewhere in both texts of Layamon, which would induce one to suppose *þare* a mistake for *þane*. In the later text, *hire* is always the form of the pronoun, gen. pl.

v. 18650. Correct the translation, "needed not the knights, by day or night, but to guard," etc.

v. 18707. *hende*.—See remarks on v. 612.

v. 18715. For *iderued* we should probably read *idreued*. Cf. v. 171.

v. 18764. So also in a poem written in 1264,

Sire Simond de Mountfort hath *noore bi ys chynne*.  
Wrights *Political Songs*, p. 70.

v. 18789. (*sec. t.*) *scoue* is an error of the scribe for *seoue*.

v. 18869. *mærk* is elsewhere used (as in A.-S.) by itself, vv. 19099. 19125. 31220, yet it is probable that *heore mærken* and *hire marke* are here compounds, and should be written *here-mærken*, *here-marke*. See v. 27469, where the same error occurs, and has been corrected in the early text, and compare vv. 18214. 21568.

v. 18934. The later text reads, "one such craft."

v. 18936. *gareres* appears an error for *cheres*: Fr. *chere*, Flem. *cierre*, vultus.

v. 18956. *iwil del*.—See remark on v. 596.

vv. 19023. 19035. *monne* and *wifmonne* are gen. pl. governed by the superla-

tive, but in the later text the regular form seems often to give way to the nominative sing.

v. 19047. (*sec. t.*) *eod.*—Incorrectly, for *eode*.

v. 19141. *isohten.*—The conjectural reading is unnecessary.

v. 19167. *an skentting.*—The same expression occurs again, v. 30625, where it simply means "amusement," and where Wace has, "à grant joie." The word has not been found in A.-S., which seems surprising, since in the Early English poem of the *Hule and Niztengale*, we not only meet with the noun several times, but also the verb *skente*, to make merry. It would seem to be connected with the Swedish *skanta*, lascivire. See Ihre, *Svenskt Dialect Lexicon*, 4to. Ups. 1766.

v. 19192. *hateð me.*—This use of the pronoun continued down to the seventeenth century. See instances in Nares, in v. *Me*.

v. 19210. Translate, "then were in Britain joys enow," etc.

v. 19297. *oder* is for *oðer*.

v. 19300. *of-læien.*—In Wace, "de longhes gardes anuiés." In the *Kings Quhair*, a similar phrase occurs in *wery for-lyin*, st. 11.

v. 19368. *sa.*—Incorrectly, for *sæ*.

v. 19396. (*sec. t.*) *alle scines.*—Incorrectly, here and in v. 24496, for *alles cines*, but written according to pronunciation. Similar instances are not unusual in poems of the thirteenth century.

v. 19412. *lættan.*—Translate thus, "and thought very contemptuously [much derision] of Loth." A.-S. *lættan*, putare.

v. 19425. *wuredede.*—An error, probably, for *wundede*.

v. 19453. *imonnen.*—Incorrectly, for *monnen*.

vv. 19479. 19576. etc. *Vder.*—Incorrectly, for *Vðer*.

v. 19514. *her* is an unusual form of the gen. pl. *heore*.

v. 19580. *itah* is written for *itahht* (as in many other instances *h* is used for final *ht*), and might be rendered literally, "taught."

vv. 19609–19611. (*sec. t.*) The punctuation here is faulty, and should be made uniform.

vv. 19641. 19662. *monnes* appears here and in v. 28253 to be the gen. pl. (instead of the usual form *monnen*, A.-S. *monna*); and perhaps these are among the earliest instances of the termination of the gen. pl. in *s*, which in modern English is so absurdly followed by an apostrophe.

v. 19799. The verb *blakien* also signifies "to become pale," but here it stands expressly for Waces "noircist."

v. 19801. *swelten.*—In the translation, for "burst" read "die."

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- v. 19876. *flæmen*.—Literally, “put to flight.”
- v. 19944. *ber-cnihtes*.—Incorrectly, for *bur-cnihtes*.
- v. 19989. *iuaid*.—See remarks on v. 964.
- v. 20032. Translate, “In those days,” and cf. v. 12075.
- v. 20058. *ualden* is an error for *fallen*.
- v. 20093. *arhredðe*.—Incorrectly, for *arhreððe*, which elsewhere has the form of *arhðe*.
- v. 20123. *rusie*.—See remark on v. 1545.
- v. 20165. *floc* is a provincial form of the A.-S. *flog*; in Mhd. *vluc*.
- v. 20233. Insert in the translation the words, “ere the king were aware,” after “Arthur.”
- v. 20249. *arðelest*.—The later text reads “wisest.”
- v. 20273. *on comele*.—See remark on v. 6630.
- v. 20319. *culde*.—The translation is conjectural, as the word has not been traced elsewhere.
- v. 20375. *hude*.—Is, in all probability, the same with the A.-S. *hude*, *hyde*, Dan. and Sw. *hud*, Dut. *huid*, all of which are feminine nouns. It means either “skin,” or “hide of land.” In either case, it is used with a certain latitude of expression.
- v. 20441. *hæte*.—See remarks on v. 4062.
- v. 20459. *icunde*.—In Wace, “heritage.” Cf. v. 7909.
- v. 20504. *deh*.—A form of *deð* or *doð*, as *beh* for *beoð*, *soh* for *soð*, *lah* for *leð*, etc. In v. 21482 we have *doh*.
- v. 20532. *beorkes*.—The meaning is very doubtful. The French text gives no assistance, and the word does not occur again.
- v. 20572. Translate, “yet had it not”; *leo* in the previous line was overlooked.
- v. 20635. *uten*.—This is perhaps among the latest instances of the use of the A.-S. *utan*, which is defined “a verbal conjunction, used with the infinitive, to express a desire or intention.” Thus in Gen. xxxiii. 12. *Uton faran*, Mark xiv. 42. *Uton gan*, let us go, etc.
- v. 20678. *dunede*.—For “became dun,” I would read “dinned” or “resounded,” as in vv. 21230. 27441. The former translation was made on a supposition that *dunede* here (A.-S. *dunnian*) was synonymous with *falewede*, as used in vv. 16414. 18318. Compare the disputed line in the A.-S. Ode on the Victory

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of Athelstan, "feld *dennade* [*dunnade*?] *secga swate*." See Prices note on the passage, in Warton's *Hist. Engl. Poetr.* vol. i. p. lxxi. ed. 1840.

v. 20665. (*sec. t.*) *bare* is, no doubt, a mistake for *ban*, since *wode* is masc. elsewhere in both texts, as in A.-S.

v. 20697. *ho*.—Incorrectly, for *heo*.

v. 20700. (*sec. t.*) *bare* is an error for *ban* or *þe*. Cf. vv. 4211. 8127.

vv. 20704. 21826. *gruden* is an error in the MS. for *gunden*.

v. 20712. *holme*.—Its meaning in A.-S. as also still in Scotland is a river-island, or spot surrounded by water.

vv. 20715-16. Correct the translation, "the Britons (*lit.* folk of Britons) all surrounded the woods."

v. 20728. *hete* would here seem to have the sense of *thirst* or *drought*. In Wace we read "Qu'il ne *burent* ne ne mangierent." In v. 21875 it might also bear this meaning, but in other passages certainly not. See remarks on v. 4042.

v. 20746. *scare*.—See remark on v. 5835.

v. 20830. *sad*.—Consult the note on *wiges sæd* in the poem on Athelstans victory, *Hist. Engl. Poetr.* vol. i. p. lxxii. ed. 1840. In the Shropshire dialect *saded* is still used in the same sense of "satiated."

v. 20856. *stefenen* is the dat. sing. fem.

v. 20863. *nirste* is the superl. of *feor*. In the Sax. Chron. a<sup>o</sup>. 1131. p. 362, the comp. *firrer* is found, which Ingram entirely misinterprets.

v. 20886. (*sec. t.*) *ine* is, no doubt, an error for *hinene*.

v. 20905. *comela*.—See remark on v. 6630.

v. 20935. "board" is here used for "ship" (as in A.-S.); hence the phrase "on board."

v. 20957. *ulozen*.—For "drove off," translate "flayed." The verb in the early text is from A.-S. *flean*, *flog*, and in the later text is replaced by *hilden*, A.-S. *be-hyldan*, excoriare.

v. 20958. (*sec. t.*) *þar* is an error for *þe* or *þa*. Cf. v. 1940.

v. 20960. *ðiwusten* here may be better rendered "took charge of."

v. 20968. *clibben*, incorrectly, for *clubben*.

vv. 21011-21315. The portion of the poem comprehended in these lines has been printed by Mr. Guest, in his "History of English Rhythms," 8vo, Lond. 1838. vol. ii. pp. 114-122, accompanied by a translation, the variations of which from  
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my own will be seen by comparison ; but the more important I deem it right to point out.

v. 21016. Here and elsewhere Guest translates the neuter article by the pronoun *that*, and this practice is authorized by our A.-Saxon scholars, yet I can find no ground for such a license.

v. 21022. *heo* is for *he*, and *blawen* 3 pers. sing. with the pleonastic *a*. Guest, however, renders the line in the plural, and consequently is forced to render *his* falsely in the next line but one by *their*.

v. 21029. (*sec. t.*) *broc*.—This is the modern term *brag*, the meaning of which was originally the same with *threat*. Gawin Douglas writes it *braik*. The verb in Mhd. is *brogen*, which is connected with A.-S. *bregan*, *broga*, etc.

v. 21037. *riche*.—"place" or "territory," acc. sing. fem. In the same sense *riche* is used in the Sax. Chron. a°. 1102. p. 323. Cf. v. 30955. Guest has, as I judge, erroneously, considered *riche* to be here an adjective in the nom. case plural.

v. 21072. *dede* is dat. sing. fem.

v. 21128. *isemed*.—For "it all beseemed," translate "disposed it all." Compare the same phrase in vv. 24103. 27431. It is the A.-S. *geseman*.

v. 21130. *ibroide*.—Guest is certainly mistaken in translating this word "wide-spread." It means properly "interwoven." Cf. vv. 23764. 29252. This is also the sense of *gebroiden* in the Sax. Chron. a°. 1104. p. 325, which is rendered by Matthew of Westminster, "mirabiliter *implicati*." Lye and Bosworth translate it improperly "placed," and Ingram "described." In the Early English poem of the *Hule and Nistengale*, occurs *broiden* for braided.

v. 21179. *wunderliche*.—Translate, "marvellously."

v. 21214. *ifæied*.—Compare v. 14459, and remarks on v. 964. Guest has rendered it "fey-men."

v. 21221. *orl*.—Incorrectly, for *eorl*, and again, v. 24400.

v. 21225. *ræie*.—Guest is greatly in error in connecting this adjective with the Middle English noun *ray*, king. It is of very frequent occurrence, and is the same with A.-S. *repe*.

v. 21228. The same expression is in Cædmon, p. 146. l. 16.

v. 21235. *to-chan*.—A.-S. *to-cinan*, diffindere.

v. 21263. *mæste*.—For "beech-wood" in the translation, read "oak-grove." In the Laws of Ina, § 49, *mæsten* occurs in the same sense, vol. i. p. 132. ed. Thorpe.

v. 21269. *læc*.—The meaning of this word seems clear, as confirmed by v. 28522, and it would seem to be a strong form of the preterite from A.-S. *læcan*, which is only found in compounds. Guest translates it as if from A.-S. *læcan*, ludere.

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v. 21301. *gat* is here of the fem. gender, as in A.-S. and the kindred dialects; but in A.-S. the word is used to express both sexes. The pronoun is used first in the masc. gender and then in the fem., one of which must be wrong. In the later text, the masculine form is used in both instances. It would be better perhaps to correct *he* into *heo*, and translate, "where 'she [he] guards the hill; high upon *the* hill *she* fighteth with horns, when the wild wolf approaches towards 'her [him]."

v. 21308. *imane*.—Literally, "fellowship."

v. 21325. *bi-georedē*.—Translate "begird," instead of "armed."

v. 21412. The meaning of this line is very obscure.

v. 21434. *līð*.—For "lie" read "lieth."

v. 21493. Translate thus, "[and] quickly 'he' proceeded full surely," etc.

v. 21505. *wægen*.—A.-S. *wæcg*, a wedge; in Lancashire still pronounced *weigh*. Cf. v. 21596.

v. 21506. *to þan ane*.—See remarks on v. 17304.

v. 21568. *heore-mærken*.—See remark on v. 18869.

v. 21602. *liðerlic*, incorrectly, for *liðerlic*.

v. 21709. *wræstz* is probably an error for *bræstz*.

v. 21725. *cliseden*.—A.-S. *glisian*, Isl. *glaesa*, Germ. *gleisen*, to glisten.

v. 21746. *nikerēs*.—This passage is quoted in the additions to Bouchers Glossary, in v. *Auld Nick*. Consult also Keightleys *Fairy Mythology*, on the *Necks*, vol. i. pp. 235. 257. edit. 1828. The word is found in Robert of Brunne, as synonymous with *mermaids* (see Notes on v. 1322), and in the *Promptorium Parvulorum*, compiled in 1440, the term *Nykyr* is still retained, and explained *Sirenæ*.

v. 21773. *walleð of*.—This would seem to be an error for *walleð i*, to express, with the later text, the words of Wace, "*dedens caoient*," vol. ii. p. 60.

v. 21807. *leiciēn* is erroneous, for *leien*.

v. 21886. *on sið*.—Instead of "in affliction," the phrase *on sið* may be rendered "in journey." In the A.-S. Laws of Alfred, ed. Thorpe, vol. i. p. 81, "*æghwele mon þe on siðe wære*" is rendered, "every one who was of the party."

v. 21893. Wace here has, "*De faim muerent et de mesaise*." See remarks on vv. 4042. 20728.

v. 21935. *lumen*.—Here and in v. 23390 incorrectly written for *limen* or *leomen*.

v. 21985. *mire* appears an error for *mine*, since *worden* is dat. pl. and neut. gend.

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v. 22071. A hyphen is wanted in *ær-witte*. In this compound *ær* appears to be the same as A.-S. *or*, in such forms as *or-mod*, *or-wen*, etc. Compare *ær-wene*, v. 27537, and see Prices note in Warton, p. lxxx. ed. 1840.

v. 22077. *suggen* is an error for *sungen*.

v. 22087. *forð*.—Cf. v. 18556, and see remark on v. 617.

v. 22112. In Wace,

Por les iglises maintenir,  
Et por les mostiers restorer.

v. 22124. The sense of this line is doubtful, and a plummet-mark in the margin of the MS. would indicate some error.

v. 22130. (*sec. t.*) Part of a line is here wanting.

v. 22132. *bi-wæined*.—Has been considered an error for *bi-ræined*, which is of constant occurrence, but it may possibly be connected with A.-S. *bewæfed*, covered, and, metaphorically, oppressed. Cf. v. 130.

v. 22155. *icunde*.—In Wace,

Artus lor a lor fiés randus,  
Et lor eritages creus.

See remark on v. 7909.

v. 22162. We should certainly read *a fullume*, and the brackets in the translation are unnecessary.

v. 22178. *Muræiue*.—Hitherto the forms of this word in the earlier text have been *Muraine*, *Moraine*, *Mureine*, *Muriene*, *Muriane*, *Muræine*, but at this part of the MS. another hand is distinctly visible, which has substituted the *f* or *v* for *n*. The same diversity occurs in the French manuscripts, between *Mureif* and *Murain*. Geoffrey has *Morianorum*.

v. 22202. I do not understand this line, or the meaning of *bæd*. Is it the A.-S. *bæda*, a counsellor or persuader?

v. 22287. *ruokeden*.—For “got ready” read “rocked” or “rolled.” Geoffrey of Vinesauf says, “*Rotantur loricae, ne rubigine squalescunt*,” which was done by rolling the mail in sand. See the Glossary to *Syr Gawayne*, in v. *Rokked*.

v. 22340. (*sec. t.*) *hire* is here a noun, and has the same meaning as in v. 7831. This form is still retained in the provincial dialect of the west of England. The foot-note is therefore superfluous, and the translation should be corrected to “covered with iron.”

v. 22497. *to cnihte dubben*.—In the Sax. Chron. a°. 1086, the phrase is “*dab-bade to ridere*.”

v. 22511. This form of phrase is very common in A.-S. For “as” the later text reads “how.”

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v. 22606. For *ziueles* we should probably read *ganeles*, and the translation would be "as thing of tribute."

v. 22616. *Winent-londe*.—So in the MS. but incorrectly, for *Winet-londe*, as in v. 22648.

v. 22760. (*sec. t.*) *wyde*.—There appears some error here. Cf. v. 14283.

v. 22762. *læften*.—A.-S. *læfel*, a bowl, Gen. xlv. 2. The word has not been found in later English.

v. 22806. (*sec. t.*) Part of a line is omitted.

v. 22836. (*sec. t.*) *luggen*.—Incorrectly, for *liggen*.

v. 22848. (*sec. t.*) *sire*.—Is no doubt the same as *scire* in the earlier text, v. 18417, and elsewhere.

v. 22946. *idiht*.—The sense would be clearer, if rendered "placed." Perhaps *bi ane* does not mean "seated separately," but "equal."

v. 22981. *writen* may be singular, and refer to Lajamons own work.

v. 23008. *oht*.—See remarks on v. 7027.

vv. 23034. 23040. 23052. I have already observed, and now again repeat, that *bas*, *þeos*, *þis* and *þes*, are, in lines of this construction, the definite article, genitive case.

v. 23071. *haleweie*.—Means properly *balsam* or *balm*, but may have been used for any sweet medicinal drink. See Mortons Glossary to the "Legend of St. Katherine," and Ways note to the *Promptorium*, in v. *Haliwey*. To the passages quoted by these writers, add one from the Early English *Rule of Nuns*, MS. Cott. Tit. D. xviii. f. 44, and another in the *Land of Cokaygne*, MS. Harl. 913. f. 4<sup>b</sup>. The derivation of the word I take to be from the A.-S. *hæl*, healing, and *hwæg*, whey.

v. 23106. *oðem*.—In Wace, "serourge," and in Robert of Brunne, "my *mouh*."

v. 23176. (*sec. t.*) *seoluere* is an error of the scribe for *seolue here*.

v. 23332. (*sec. t.*) *for-lede* may be meant for *forþ-lede*.

v. 23345. (*sec. t.*) *slebbe*.—In the A.-Saxon Psalter in Trin. Coll. Cambridge, Ps. cii. v. 13, *figmentum* is rendered *slyðe-mod*.

v. 23346. *luðe*.—Incorrectly, for *laðe*.

v. 23425. *worlde* is used for "age," as the Latin *sæculum*, Fr. *siècle*.

v. 23440. *an uest*.—Translate "quickly," instead of "the nearest way."

v. 23492. *seoumereden*.—For "murmured," I would read "groaned."

v. 23532. The verb *dihthen* has such an indefinite signification, and is applied so



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variously, as to make it often a matter of difficulty to translate. Here it appears to mean "to put in order," *i. e.* to secure or render strong against the expected attack.

v. 23554. *mōnien*.—This is a misprint for *mōmen*, which is an error in the MS. for *mōnen*.

v. 23593. *þere*.—This, if not an error for *þe*, should be rendered "there."

v. 23627. The hyphens in *to-dælen* and *to-dihthen* should, perhaps, be omitted.

v. 23635. The construction seems to require the verb in the infinitive, and we should probably read *iswiten*.

v. 23654. *bitelen*.—This verb seems connected with the A.-S. *getælan*, to dispute, Suio-Goth. *tala*, Mhd. *teilen*.

v. 23670. (*sec. t.*) *swindene*.—Apparently from A.-S. *swindan*, to be enervated, to languish.

v. 23761. *cheisil*.—A.-Norm. *chainail*, etoffe de lin, ou de chanvre. See Michels note on the *Roman de la Violette*, p. 122. Other instances of its use are in *Kyng Alisaunder*, v. 279; *Sevyn Sages*, v. 1814.

v. 23762. *pallene* had better, probably, be considered an adjective, and translated "purple." Cf. Sax. Chron. a°. 1074.

v. 23764. *ibroiden*.—"interwoven," *i. e.* chain-mail. See remark on v. 21130.

v. 23868. (*sec. t.*) *onseale*.—Perhaps the conjectural reading is unnecessary. Cf. v. 26446. The word might be rendered "unlucky," A.-S. *ungeselig*.

v. 23871. *æite*.—The small islands in the Thames near Eton are still called *ais*. See also Todds Johnson, v. *Ait*. Skinner and Ash suppose it a contracted form of *islet*, but erroneously.

v. 23899. *stel-boze*.—This I now regard as a compound, and the meaning to be "stirrup," equivalent to the Germ. *steigbrigel*. Yet *bowe* seems used for "saddle," in the "Souls Address to the Body," l. 188. *ed.* Singer.

v. 23909. *græneden*.—See remark on v. 4738.

v. 23921. *muneyeden*.—For "made ready," translate "spurred."

v. 23933. *puinden*, *pungde*.—In Wace, "pognoit." Hence A.-Norm. *puian*, to pound. In *Kyng Horn*, v. 1083. MS. Laud reads, "He *pugde* hym ofer the brigge."

*vv.* 23935-6. Wace has, "Jà fust li bataille finée."

v. 23939. *kept*.—Seems to mean here, "intercepted" or "encountered." Cf. *vv.* 26184. 27714, and see Jamieson in v. *Keþ*, who gives examples of both senses, and Glossary to *Syr Gawayne*, v. *Kepe*.

v. 23941. (*sec. t.*) *þare* is an error for *þane*.

v. 23954. *ileired*.—Literally, "covered," as in v. 4213.

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- v. 24080. *kingen*.—Incorrectly, for *kinges*.
- v. 24180. *bruc* governs the genitive here and in v. 19775, as in A.-Saxon, but elsewhere is followed by the accusative.
- v. 24198. *code of tune*.—A phrase of frequent occurrence in Early and Middle English. See Ritsons *Ancient Songs*, p. 31, *Sevyn Sages*, v. 2703, and *Gawan and the Grene Knyzt*, v. 1049. It is purely A.-Saxon, “*þæs þe lencten on tūn geliden wæs*,” ap. Lye. Cf. v. 24242.
- v. 24244. *reche*.—Incorrectly, for *riche*.
- v. 24278. *sunde*.—Apparently an error for *beo*, 3 p. sing. subj.
- v. 24332. *Cadwaðlan*.—The conjectural reading is unnecessary, and in the translation, “*Cadwal*” should be substituted for “*Cadwalau*.” Wace has *Cadual*, and Geoffrey *Cadwallo*.
- v. 24334. *biwunnen*.—Should have been rendered “*taken possession of*.” In Wace we read, “*Et ostex saisir et porprandre*,” vol. ii. p. 102.
- v. 24471. *weje*.—Perhaps a mistake for *weiden* (cf. v. 21869), but see remarks on v. 1970.
- v. 24512. I am not quite satisfied about the meaning of this line. In the early text “*their*” is almost always represented by *heore*, and not by *hire*, which is the fem. pronoun. In the translation, the parenthetical words should be omitted, since “*sought*” means “*came to*,” and *quene* is acc. sing. In Wace, “*Fist à la feste à soi venir*.”
- v. 24573. *Bruttes*.—For “*Brutus*” translate, “*the Britons*.”
- v. 24600. For *iriuen* read *irinen*, as in the MS.; A.-S. *gehrinen*, adorned; and correct the translation.
- v. 24601. *sunde*.—Should be rendered “*viands*,” as in v. 25990. A.-S. *sand*, ferculum. Wace has “*escueles*.”
- v. 24625. See this phrase in the Sax. Chron. a°. 1125 and a°. 1127. It is common in Middle English.
- v. 24647. *on* may be superfluous, and *iqueðen* the past part., “*had all declared*,” as in the next page.
- v. 24653. *fah*.—See Gloss. to *Beowulf*, in v. *fáh*.
- v. 24655. *untuhle*.—Means any bad usage, custom or habit.
- v. 24657. *Englene* is a noun gen. pl., not an adjective.
- v. 24668. *idiht*.—For “*formed*” read “*conditioned*.” In Wace it is,  
     *No jà chevalier n’i eust,*  
     *De quel parage que il fust.*—vol. ii. p. 110.
- Conybeare avoids the difficulty, by reading “*ne were he nought so well dight*.” *Introd. Ess.* p. lxxviii.

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v. 24678. *biswite*.—In Wace, "plus castement en vivoient." Cf. v. 24863. Conybeare quite mistakes the sense, in rendering the line, "and then were the better (people) wise."

v. 24770. *waldoð*.—Incorrectly, for *weldeð*.

v. 24922. *lute* in the early text is an adjective. Translate thus, "'few men well [little a man may] speed."

v. 24942. For "tales" the later text has "speech."

v. 24948. *a-sownden*.—Should be rendered here "asleep." In Wace, "Pièce avons esté *endormi*." Cf. v. 19317.

v. 24990. *æt* is the dual form of the pronoun, and here improperly used for *ȝ*.

*ibid.* *irad*.—"Of good counsel" would be better than "well skilled." A.-S. *geræd*, prudens. Wace has,

Tostans vous ai trové *féels*,  
En *affaires* et en *conseils*.—vol. ii. p. 122.

v. 25018. *oscunnen*.—A.-S. *ascunian*, odi. Cf. v. 4066.

v. 25033-4.—The early text is faulty, as appears by the corresponding line of Wace, "Tréu leur fist à force randre," the sense of which is correctly given in the later version. It would appear that the scribe of the first text had been misled by the phrase *eode an hond*, which means either "to advance quickly," or "to submit." See the A.-Sax. *Orosius*, p. 196, and the *Hule and Niztengale*, p. 60.

v. 25047. *rihte icunde*.—That is to say, "right heritage." Wace writes, "Tréu volent par *heritage*." This seems the proper meaning of *icunde* in many passages. See remark on v. 7909.

v. 25099. (*sec. t.*) *balnesse*.—Incorrectly, for *baldnesse*.

v. 25118. 25152. *Bruttene* is gen. pl. "Britons."

v. 25131. The first text has "his" for "these."

v. 25178. 25207. *lede* would appear an error for *lende*, but in Wace is, "Jeo *manrai*."

v. 25194. *awreken*.—I would rather translate this word "reject," from the A.-S. *wracian*, Plat. *wraken*, Swed. *wräka*, of the same meaning.

v. 25235. *iniðered*.—Wace has "honi."

v. 25247. The later text reads "all" instead of "still."

v. 25254. *mondes*.—In the MS. this word was originally written *monðes*, which is a mistake for *modes*. See *mod-sorg*, in *Cædmon*, p. 47.

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- v. 25332. The early text reads "held" for "went to" of the later version.
- v. 25333. Correct the translation thus, "ere they might agree what they would do," and see remark on v. 5640.
- v. 25359. *ahnien*.—Instead of "possess," read "obtain."
- v. 25456. (*sec. t.*) *men* is, apparently, an error for *man*.
- v. 25466. *selcæde*.—In Wace, "mervillos."
- v. 25529. *beide*.—In v. 29089 this verb has the meaning of "summoned," and such perhaps may be the sense here.
- v. 25545-6. Translate thus, "sails there *they* hoisted, ropes there *they* righted; weather *they had* 'best [fairest] of all."
- v. 25556. *idræched*.—For "frightened" it would be better to substitute "disturbed"; Wace has, "s'esperî."
- v. 25562. *fare-coste*.—Literally, "business" or "matter." See remark on v. 1490.
- v. 25572. (*sec. t.*) *weldene*.—Incorrectly, for *weldende*, as *bernene* is for *bernende*, v. 25593.
- v. 25578. Translate, "prosperity 'be [is] given."
- v. 25594. *sælde*.—Should be rendered "consumed." Wace reads, "de ses eles flame jetoit."
- v. 25595. *feure*.—Incorrectly, for *fare*.
- v. 25618. *lim-mele*.—The A.-S. adverb *mælum* continued to be used in composition as late as the end of the fourteenth century or later. It is still retained in *piece-meal*.
- v. 25658. *reordi*.—The meaning of this word is not so obvious. In Wace the expression is, "mult corpus."
- v. 25664. *iwidel*.—See remarks on v. 596. *ewelde* appears, on consideration, an error for *awalt* (cf. v. 25880), and if so, the translation should read, "the land he 'wasted [wasteth] wide, etc., 'the land he destroyeth [he it wasteth] in every part."
- v. 25689. *þe* is for *þene*, acc. sing., as in some other passages.
- v. 25706. For *mare na* we should perhaps read *na mare*.
- v. 25786. *þu* appears an error for *þe*.

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- v. 25788. *ibon*.—Cf. v. 8086.
- v. 25812. *irust*.—We should, no doubt, read *ibrust*. Cf. vv. 3639. 14396. It appears the same with the Barb. Lat. *bruscus*, *brustus*.
- v. 25832. *hit* is probably omitted before *weore*.
- v. 25872. *ihæked*.—Perhaps connected with Isl. *hænk*, vinculum.
- v. 25887. *þare halle wakh*.—It would appear as if *þare* were gen. sing. fem. to agree with *halle*, but *hilewop* in the second text causes me to suspect some error, and I should prefer reading *þa helle-wakh*, the "roof-wall." We have the plural *helle-wages* in the fragment of the Semi-Saxon poem in Thorpes *Analecta*, p. 142, and in the coeval poem printed by Singer, *helewooves*, l. 239. In a French and English poem of the thirteenth century, preserved in MS. Trin. Coll. Camb. B. 14. 39. f. 122<sup>b</sup>. I find,
- Et plus pur lever le meisere.  
And more to rere vppe the *helewooghes*.
- v. 25894. Translate, "'noblest of [of noble] race."
- v. 25911. *mon-radene*.—Is used here in quite an unusual sense.
- v. 25916. *mone*.—For "force" read "intercourse," since *mone* or *isone* appears to be the A.-S. *gemana*, Dan. *gemeene*, copula, consortium.
- v. 25932. *ihæd*.—Perhaps *ihæd* is the correct reading.
- v. 25951.—I do not understand *hire* in this line, and there appears some deficiency.
- v. 25976. (*sec. t.*) The conjecture on *ðis* may be omitted, since the *s* is added for the rhythm, as in the parallel cases of *ton* and *son*. See remark on v. 7798.
- v. 25983. We should read *of þas* or *þa*, and render this line and the next, "knew not of the tidings, that should come to his swiving."
- v. 25984. *wife-þinge*.—The translation was made from a supposition that this word was the A.-S. *wif-þegn*, but this is wrong, since it is certainly A.-S. *wif-þing*, *res cum muliere, coitus*; but in another passage, v. 31128, it means simply "wedding."
- v. 25989. *biwaled*.—In Wace, "soilliés de cendre."
- v. 26016. Translate, "so keen, that should come near them" (Arthur and the giant).
- v. 26056.—The word *chesele* has been translated "hair," supposing it to be the Fr. *cheveul* (see Roquefort), but on reconsideration it had better be rendered "jowl" or "jaw," from A.-S. *chæf*. In Wace we read, "Les deus sorcils li ceta-tama." In the *Reliq. Antiq.* vol. i. p. 220, we have *chawcles*.

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- v. 26072. We should read *þe eotend*.
- v. 26082. Translate, "of all Britons [kings]." In the next page *Bruttene* is also gen. pl.
- v. 26088. *beonste*.—See remark on v. 17809.
- v. 26107. *aneouste*.—May be rendered "quickly," as also in vv. 26325. 26773. 27768.
- v. 26125. *þa þe* is probably an error for *þa þeo*, and both texts will then correspond. *þeo* occurs for *his* elsewhere, cf. vv. 6420. 25699.
- v. 26130. (*sec. t.*) *now* is here used in an unusual sense.
- v. 26162. *heolden*.—Incorrectly, for *holden*. The translation should be amended thus, "and his faithful companions."
- v. 26184. *kepen*.—See remark on v. 23939.
- v. 26198. *hine* is evidently superfluous, and should be omitted also in the translation.
- v. 26212. For "emperor" the first text reads "king."
- v. 26233. *at-stonden*.—May also mean "resist" or "stand out."
- v. 26242. See Notes to *Havelok*, v. 959, for other examples of this phrase.
- v. 26354. *akimed*.—In the "Legend of St. Katherine," p. 69, *ikimet* or *bikimet* occurs in the same sense, and is misunderstood by the editor. Has this word any connection with the Shropshire provincialism *kimit*, disordered in the brain? See Hartshornes Glossary, *in voce*, 8vo, 1841.
- v. 26421. *isome*.—Translate, "with concord;" A.-S. *som*.
- v. 26433. *beute*.—Incorrectly, for *bute*.
- v. 26446. *unisele*.—The sense of *bad* occurs also in the *Hule and Nistengale*, v. 1002, but the word may perhaps here be rendered "unlucky." Cf. v. 23868.
- v. 26450. *at*.—The regular form in the early text is *ah*, but *at* is occasionally used; perhaps erroneously, for *ac*.
- v. 26467. *kenne*.—No other instance of the verb in this sense has been found. The alliteration forbids us to read *renne*.
- v. 26508. (*sec. t.*) *bliþe* is probably an error for *blive*.
- v. 26539. *to-þere*.—Instead of "for ever," read "now."
- v. 26546. Should have been rendered, "how 'that' the Romanish man [Roman] lay."

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- v. 26553. *grundien*.—Literally, "fell you to the ground;" A.-S. *agrydan*.
- v. 26566. *swelt*.—There is some error here. We may either read *þe spere welt*, or *þat he swelt*.
- v. 26569. *scenden*.—Should be here translated "reproach."
- v. 26611. *liue*.—We should, no doubt, read *on liue*.
- v. 26636. In Wace, "*gens armées*."
- v. 26648. For *feollen* we should, perhaps, read *feolden*.
- v. 26681. The later text reads "aware" instead of "wrath," and it is not improbable that *wrað* in the first text may be an error for *wær*.
- ibid.* From this line the scribe has inadvertently repeated the passage from v. 26663 inclusive, and it is not uninteresting to remark the variations made by one and the same hand in transcribing the same lines. In the re-transcription occur, vv. 26663-4. *ihaten* and *hæh*; v. 26667. *muchelie strenge*; v. 26669. *late heo þer nomen*; v. 26670. *heo þer slozen*; v. 26671. *heolden*; v. 26672. *þa oðere æfter*; v. 26674. *uæsten aȝan* (but the second hand has struck out the final *s* in *uæsten*); v. 26675. *men* is omitted; v. 26676. *fuhte*; v. 26678. *hors*, by the original hand; v. 26679. *monie*; v. 26680. *ipene*; v. 26681. *iuræð*. It would hence seem that little reliance can be placed on the *verbatim et literalim* accuracy of the transcribers of the thirteenth century, or, what is more probable, that the language was then in such a state of fluctuation, as to render such variations a matter of no moment.
- v. 26688. For *ipein* we should perhaps read *igan*, "gone."
- v. 26690. *ræpe strenge*.—Incorrectly, for *ræpere strengde*, as in many other passages.
- v. 26727. The second text has "them" instead of "him."
- vv. 26807-10. Although rendered as participles, it will be seen that the first two verbs are in the infinitive mood, and the last two in the past tense.
- v. 26897. *ipozene* is no doubt for *iozen*. Cf. vv. 10099. 19903.
- v. 26917. *riseden burnen*.—Perhaps this line may be rendered, "they rubbed their burnies." Cf. v. 22287, and "*garas hrysedon*," in *Leg. of St. Andrew*, v. 254. ed. Kemble.
- v. 26935. *dizelen* appears here to be used adverbially, and we should then read, "secretly aside."
- v. 27021. *har mon iblowen*.—*har* is for *hard*, with the final *d* elided, as in other cases, cf. v. 4166. The translation of *iblowen* is conjectural.
- vv. 27078-82. Correct the translation as follows, "'there [then] was the emperor and his host greatly afraid. The Britons had slain as many as to them seemed good; backward they 'then' went'" etc.

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v. 27109. I am doubtful of the meaning of *afwe*, and Wace here lends no assistance. The later text reads *al forfare* (by error printed *alle fare*), "all be destroyed."

v. 27114. *senature*.—Incorrectly, for *senatura*.

v. 27222. *beo*.—This form is rarely used in the indicative for *beoð* or *beon*.

v. 27257. We should, no doubt, read, *þe Denisce king*. The conjecture is unnecessary, and the translation will stand thus, "Æscil the Danish king [the king of Denmark]. Lot held 'the one [there one], who" etc.

vv. 27280–85. Correct thus, "beside; these [that] should on two sides advance to 'the' fight; to these two earls, who were brave knights, Arthur had troth;—the earls were true."

v. 27301. The first text reads "coveted."

v. 27378. *sculle*.—Incorrectly, for *scullen*.

v. 27412. *biswinnen* is, probably, a mistake for *biwunnen*.

vv. 27462–3. Literally, "Then 'cracked spears, shivered shields [shields gan shiver, strong spears crack]; helms" etc.

v. 27469. (*sec. t.*) *hire-markes*.—See remark on v. 18869.

v. 27475. For *at-urnen* we should perhaps read *ut urnen*; but cf. vv. 18267. 19119.

v. 27537. *ær-wene*.—See remark on v. 22071.

v. 27557. *þa* and *þat* before *blod* is apparently the relative pronoun (for *blod* is neut. gen.), and should be rendered, "opened, so that blood" etc.

v. 27573. *þer to longe*.—Translate, "there too long."

v. 27578. *Selor*.—He is previously named *Sextorius*, and in Wace *Sertorius*, whence it is clear, that the reading should be *Sextor* or *Sertor*.

v. 27731. *main strong*.—A hyphen should be inserted. In A.-S. *mægen* is compounded with many other adjectives.

v. 27754. *& feollen*.—*&* is superfluous, and has led to a misconstruction. The passage should be rendered, "the [high] standards fell, the 'folk [busy knights] down sank." Cf. v. 27822.

v. 27770. *Dele* the conjecture on *beire*, which is the gen. pl., A.-S. *begra*. The translation should therefore be corrected, "they assembled anon the folk of them both."

v. 27775. *þere* is the article gen. pl.; translate, "brake 'the ranks of the French [their ranks]."

v. 27785. *sciuren*.—In Wace, "Des escus volent les *asteles* (*morceaux*)." The mark of interrogation in the translation is unnecessary.



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- v. 27796. The first text reads "towards him."
- vv. 27827-9. Two lines appear to be wanting in the early text.
- v. 27852. *bitillen*.—No other instance of this verb occurs, and I am tempted to read *bihelen*.
- v. 27875. *Dele* the conjecture on *to*, since *þan kaisere* is in the dative case, and correct the translation thus, "he caused *the* three kings to be borne to Lucas the emperor, and caused biers to be made." The three kings alluded to are those mentioned in p. 96.
- v. 27888. Instead of *fulle*, as conjectured, we should perhaps read *ich wulle*.
- v. 27901. *alle* is probably an error for *alre*.
- v. 27919. Perhaps for *tumde* we should read *temde*. Cf. vv. 1245. 7174, and the translation may then be, "and he thereto proceeded."
- v. 27937. *flatten*.—In A.-S. this verb has no other sense than to float on the water. Hence to *flit*.
- v. 27959. *þe* is, apparently, a mistake for *þer*.
- v. 28068. *þa leo*.—In A.-S. the gender of *leo* does not appear to be fixed, but in all the cognate dialects it is masculine. In the early text, the feminine pronoun *hire* is twice used in reference to it, but the later text has *he* in the first instance.
- v. 28123. *þat no wensich*.—Translate, "that should I ween."
- v. 28199. For *wai-sið* we should no doubt read *wai-sið*.
- v. 28219. *a beoð*.—For *a* we should read *leo*, and translate, "while she is alive." Guenever is referred to.
- v. 28358. *gyrran*.—For "jar" in the translation, read "jarred" or "whirred," from A.-S. *gyrran*. Cf. "strengas *gyrran*," in *Leg. of St. Andrew*, v. 748.
- v. 28499. *warnede*.—Should have been rendered "protected," and the words in parenthesis omitted.
- v. 28574. *fosterkinges*.—The knights of Arthurs Round Table are more particularly here alluded to.
- v. 28617. *haleweize*.—See remarks on v. 23071.
- v. 28637. *bon*.—Incorrectly, for *beon* or *beo*.
- v. 28651. *Anglen*.—This is evidently an error for *Brutten*. It should not have been followed in the translation.
- v. 28779. *emes sunne*.—In Wace, "Les deus fils son oncle ocist."
- v. 28840. *þane sunne*.—This noun is feminine in v. 28854, as in A.-S., therefore we should perhaps read here *þa sunne*.

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v. 28950. *haldenden*.—*halden* would be the correct reading, not *haldeden*.

vv. 28956–62.—A misapprehension has arisen here, in consequence of the line of the later text, *wende fram þan londe*, having been considered the collateral of v. 28960, whereas it corresponds with v. 28956. The passage should be thus printed:—

þer weoren twenti and ahtē ʒ	eahte and ....ti eorlene sonas ʒ
of eorlene streone.	to þan sipes .....
snipten fram londe ʒ	some hundred .....
seouen hundred scipen.	w...e fram þan lon..

and the translation should be thus corrected: “‘there were’ eight and twenty of earls’ offspring [sons]; seven hundred ships’ swept [proceeded] from the land, ‘in the foremost flock, without the *ships* following! Forth floated with the waves the innumerable folk’; all the islands” etc.

v. 28978. *hæne*.—From the Fr. *hæne*, mast-top. See Lescallier, *Vocabulaire des termes de Marine*, 4to. Par. 1799.

v. 29138. In Wace, “*Enfans en bras esboeler*.” *MS. Cott.*

v. 29230. *of* seems to be wanting, before *Garmunde*.

v. 29252. Delete the mark of interrogation after “woven,” and see remarks on v. 21130.

v. 29254. *cutt*.—The MS. has *tukt*, which will require “drew” in the translation instead of “cut.”

v. 29280. *mæjen*.—In Wace, “*Es tas de blé et es buisons*.”

v. 29348. *imæjen*.—Perhaps an error for *imæijen*. Cf. vv. 2033. 24027.

v. 29519. The marginal Latin note has been half cut away by the binder, as in some other instances, and is very incorrectly written. It is borrowed from Bede, lib. i. cap. xxiii.

v. 29556. *wraðere kele*.—See remarks on v. 490.

v. 29563. The meaning of *zeiden* is doubtful. It has here been taken for A.-S. *geode* (*geyde*, Sax. Chron. a°. 617) from *gegangen*, to approach with hostile intention. At the same time, I strongly suspect that *stanes* in v. 29564 may be a mistake for *scornen*, in which case *zeide* might bear the sense of *shouted*, as it does in v. 27750.

v. 29573. A line in the later text is wanting.

v. 29586. *iteled*.—Should have been rendered “reproached” or “derided”; A.-S. *talan*. In addition to what has been said in the illustrative Notes, p. 420, respecting this legend of *longtails*, see the Latin narrative in the *Reliquiæ Antiquæ*, vol. ii. p. 230.

v. 29749. *cantel-cape*.—See the Sax. Chron. a°. 1070.

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- v. 29795. The letters erased are *Aðel*, part of the name of *Aðelberte*.
- v. 29802. *sweðe*.—Incorrectly, for *swiðe*.
- v. 29812. *furcuðest*.—Error of the scribe, for *forcuðest*.
- v. 29893. *and and swriktes*.—Instead of reading *mid swrikte*, we ought, no doubt, to read *and adun riktes*, so that both the texts will agree.
- v. 29930. *sæi*.—Incorrectly, for *sæ*.
- v. 30066. *twoward*.—Incorrectly, for *toward*.
- v. 30163. *bi-þokte*.—We should certainly read *bi-sokte*, as in the later text.
- v. 30177. *wið and wið*.—For “against and against” substitute “again and again,” and compare v. 20747.
- v. 30256. This line is missing in the early text.
- v. 30284. *on siðe*.—In Wace, “*Porquoi es tu si commu ?*”
- v. 30400. *on cumelan*.—See remark on v. 6630.
- v. 30523. Compare v. 4144.
- v. 30537. *un-balde*.—“disheartened” or “enfeebled.”
- vv. 30583–9–96. It would be better to translate *brede* by the general term “meat,” although there can be no doubt that this noun was immediately derived from the A.-S. *brædan*, to roast.
- v. 30603. *inoted*.—From A.-S. *notian*, fruit.
- v. 30625. *a skenting*.—See remarks on v. 19167.
- v. 30668. (*sec. t.*) The words wanting are probably *he wolde*.
- v. 30731. *pic*.—In Wace, *bordon à pelerin*.
- v. 30778. *hateren*.—See Ways note on the *Promptorium Parv.* in v. *Hatyr*.
- v. 30882 For *þan* we should read *þa*.
- vv. 30974–6. (*sec. t.*) In all probability the singular pronoun is intended to be used throughout, in which case *heo* in the first instance is an error for *he*, for the plural form in this text is always *hii*.
- v. 31082. *bide are*.—See remark on v. 3051.
- v. 31156. *leoden*.—This word seems here to be used in its secondary signification of *possessions*. See remarks on v. 3177.
- v. 31304. *bi-tald*.—The meaning appears to be, “although I have now conquered the land, by the defeat of Edwine, yet this Oswald hath seized on it.”

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v. 31516. *ginge* is probably an error for *kinge*. Cf. v. 31576.

v. 31566. *hiredes*.—Incorrectly, for *hirede*.

v. 31590. *for-wal*.—In Wace, *enfermité*. The word has not been found elsewhere.

v. 31627. *sonde* is here dat. sing. fem., and should be translated "message," as in v. 3161. See remark on v. 3125.

vv. 31653-7. The paragraph is wrongly marked, and commences with v. 31655. The translation should read thus, "it was named Britain; now have we not of the land but the west end. When *the* Britons had inhabited here well many winters, then came" etc.

v. 31663. *ziuenen* is an error for *ziuen*.

v. 31676. *hannen*.—Apparently A.-S. *hynan*, to injure, Germ. *höhnen*. In Wace,

Laissez l'un à l'autre *estrangler*,  
Et l'un à l'autre *defoler*.—vol. ii. p. 287.

v. 31685. *luken*.—The verb here implies motion, as connected with A.-S. *alucan* or *læcan* (cf. v. 30274). If *to-luken* is to be taken together, it should then be rendered, "tear in pieces," which seems inappropriate, being followed by *alegen*.

v. 31697. *a* may be the adverb "ever." Cf. v. 6236.

v. 31700. *haten on*.—Has been considered equivalent to A.-S. *onhætan*.

v. 31734. *nipen*.—A.-S. *hnipan*, concidere.

v. 31765. *hire*.—Incorrectly, for *here*.

v. 31769. *metzunge*.—See the Sax. Chron. a<sup>o</sup>. 994. p. 170.

v. 31804. *of-fingred*.—See Taylor's note to the *Divisions of Purley*, p. xlvi. ed. 1840, and to the examples there cited add one in *Reliq. Antiq.* vol. ii. p. 276.

v. 31809. *þat quale*.—In A.-S. *cuale* appears to be feminine, as in Dutch. *þat* is probably here not the neuter article, but should be rendered, "so that."

v. 31875. *hette*.—See remarks on v. 4042.

v. 31885. *moren*.—In A.-S. we have *morán*, mulberries, and in the *Hule and Niztengale*, v. 1326, *more* is equivalent to *root*.

v. 31981. *tiden*.—Incorrectly, for *tidende*.

v. 31984. *þar*.—Perhaps we should read *þat*.

v. 32037. *þas* is probably a mistake for *þa*, and again, v. 32216.

v. 32047. *cristin*.—Incorrectly, for *cristen*.

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v. 32155. *weteð*.—Incorrectly, for *witeð*.

v. 32160. *halsi*.—See Prices note on *Pierce Plowman*, ap. Warton, vol. ii. p. 66. ed. 1840.

v. 32181. *care*.—"care" or "sorrow."

v. 32213. *scipenen*.—Perhaps an error for *scipen*, as *cliuenen* is for *clian*, v. 32217.

v. 32228. *leafeden*.—Should probably be rendered "loved," but the more regular form of this verb is *lueden* or *lufeden*.

### ADDENDUM.

v. 3055 (*sec. t.*) *hopst* is, no doubt, formed by the same analogy as *noht*, and a *fest* should be printed *afest* (*awest*, v. 5043). The sense will be then "while thou hast aught." For this correction the Editor is indebted to Mr. Thorpe. The usual forms in the earlier text are *oht*, *ah*, *awiht* (vv. 7027. 17169.) and *noht*, *no wiht*, *na wiht*; whilst the later text has *oht* always (except in the above instance) and generally *noht* or *noht*, but *no wih*, v. 3182. On the A.-S. forms see Rask's Grammar, p. 61, and remark on v. 7027.

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*To those forms which occur in both texts a dot · is prefixed, and those found only in the later text are included in brackets. Such words as appear faulty are marked with an obelisk †, but forms clearly erroneous are often omitted. The abbreviations commonly used are, f. feminine, m. masculine, n. neuter; g. genitive, d. dative, acc. accusative; pr. present tense singular; imp. imperative mood; p. past tense singular; pl. plural; sb. subjunctive; p.pr. participle present; pp. participle past; a. adjective; ad. adverb; ppn. preposition.—As the vowels a, æ, e, ea, eo, o and u are frequently interchanged, several forms are generally entered under one.*

- a, *art.* a, i. 3, 12, 51, 57, 107. ii. 510, 612. iii. 21, 106 *et passim*. v. an.
- [a], *he*, i. 59, 122, 125. ii. 369; †a, †ha, *she*, *her*, i. 135. iii. 127; *they*, i. 228, 238, 149. iii. 127.
- a, *ppn.* *in, on, to, at*, i. 49, 82, 97, 214. ii. 546. iii. 6, 12, 15, 29, 87; †æ, i. 132, 326. In the later text it is replaced generally by *in*, but also by *an, on, o, of*. It is used frequently with a noun to form adverbs, as, ·a-bedde, ii. 234, 312; ·a-dai, a-dæi [a-day], i. 65. ii. 224, 401. iii. 62; a-foten, a-uote-n [a-fote], i. 252. ii. 15, 637. iii. 7; a-fure, iii. 79; a-hond, ii. 78; a-life, a-liue [a-lifue], i. 64. ii. 78. iii. 231; ·a-lond-e, i. 6, 24. ii. 412. iii. 19, 229; a-niht, i. 241. v. an, on.
- a, *ever*, i. 163, 191. ii. 54, 60. iii. 121; †æ, i. 54; †aje, ii. 633.
- abac, abake, ·a-back, *ad. back*, i. 277. ii. 571.
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'afinde, afinden, *to find*, ii. 240. iii. 22; *p.* 'afunde, auunde, ii. 226. iii. 230. *v. funde.*

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- ahnien, iahnien [ohni], *to obtain, conquer*, i. 159. ii. 632. iii. 5, 116; *p.* ahnede, iahnede, æjenede [ohnede, hojnede, hojenede], i. 105, 174. ii. 70, 85; *pl.* ahned-en, ii. 91; *pp.* iahned, i. 82. *v.* ohni.
- ahof, *v.* ahæf.
- 'ahon, 'a-ho, *to hang*, i. 350, 353. ii. 392, 452. iii. 135. *v.* an-hon, hon.
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- aht, *ought, anything*, ii. 75. *v.* awiht, oht.
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- airðes, *v.* æð.
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- akepe, *v.* kepe.
- akimed, *pp.* *dumb* (?), iii. 47.
- 'al, alle, *ad.* *wholly, altogether*, i. 19. ii. 10. iii. 20, 40; *al an*, *all one*, i.e. *united*, iii. 164. It is prefixed to many verbs compounded with the prep. *to*.
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- [alaski], *to assuage, lessen*, i. 377.
- alaðed, *pp.* *loathed*, iii. 29. *v.* at-laðed.
- alder-mon, *chieftain*, i. 60.
- aldeuader, *grandfather*, iii. 246.
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- alihten [alihte], *to alight*, iii. 46, 59; *imp. pl.* [a-lihtep], i. 250; *p.* alihte, ii. 463. iii. 214. *v.* lihten.
- [a-libede], *p.* *dismembered*, iii. 29.
- aliðen, *to abate, allay*, ii. 77.
- aliðene, *pp. pl.* *passed*, i. 169. *v.* liðe.
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- allunge, *wholly*, i. 375. ii. 34, 224, 364, 401.
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- aloðede, *p.* *submitted*, iii. 203.
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- heþ, *v.* æð, hæþ.
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 hou, *v.* eou, heou.  
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- heure, *v. ure.*  
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- vndo, *imp.* unfasten, open, ii. 373; *p.* [vndude], i. 277; *pp.* undon [ondo], ii. 382. vneale, *v.* unhæle.
- un-eðe, unneðe, *uneasiness*, i. 96, 192, 400. ii. 128, 419. iii. 63, 118. *v.* un-æðe.
- un-fæle, unuele, *bad, evil*, ii. 501; *sorrowful* (?), ii. 580; *d. pl.* uniuuele, ii. 489.
- vnfeold [onfeold], *p.* unfolded, ii. 14.
- vn-ferē, vnueren [on-ver, onviere], *ill, sick*, i. 289. ii. 37.
- vnfrið-e, vnfrih, *strife, hostility*, i. 108, 172, 404. ii. 390, 531. iii. 151, 265. *d.* unfriðe, ii. 56. iii. 47.
- vnhadien [onhodi], *to unhood*, ii. 125, 126; *p.* vnhadede [on-hodede], ii. 126.
- vnhæle [vneale], *sickness*, ii. 57, 398.
- un-hal, vn-hale [on-hole], *pl. infirm, sick*, ii. 296, 401.
- vn-hende [on-hende], *uncourteous*, ii. 130. iii. 153. *v.* hende.
- un-huhtlic, unſitting, i. 217.
- vnicunde [onicunde], *pl. foreigners*, ii. 349. *v.* icunde.
- vnifeie, vniuoh, vniuohȝe [onifoh], *innumerable*, i. 237, 369. ii. 565, 567; *d.* uniuoȝe, ii. 595; *pl.* vnifoȝe, unifoȝ, vni-foȝȝe, vnpifoȝe, uniuoȝe [onifoȝe, onni-foȝe], ii. 14, 73, 112, 126, 163, 312, 491. iii. 12, 177; *d.* uniuoȝe-n, iii. 11, 192; *acc.* unifoȝen, uniuoȝen [onifoȝe, inowe], ii. 389. iii. 230.
- vnifoȝ, vniuoh [inoh], *ad. enough*, ii. 326, 514.
- vnilic, vnilich-e, unnilich-e [onilich-e], i. 300, 423. ii. 6, 116, 243, 300, 326, 464.
- vnimake [onimake], *matchless*, ii. 329, 339, 379. iii. 85.
- vnimete [onimete, honimete], *immensurable, innumerable, immense, unmeet*, i. 67, 74, 211, 252. ii. 1, 99, 545. iii. 2, 34, 95, 140, 174, 202, 255, 325; *d.* i. 70. ii. 362. iii. 95, 109, 119, 142, 158, 228; *pl.* unimete [onimete], ii. 326. iii. 48, 203; *d.* iii. 22, 255.
- vnimete, *ad. exceedingly, very*, i. 112, 301, 315, 394. ii. 345, 489, 599.
- vniriht, *v.* unriht.
- vnirimed, *pp. unnumbered*, i. 19.
- unisele [onseale?], *wicked, unfortunate* (?), ii. 580. iii. 51. *v.* sæl.
- vniseliche [onselliche], *wickedly*, i. 299.
- unseli-e, *wicked*, i. 171; *pl.* vniselie, unseli-e [onseli, onseli], i. 107, 162, 167. *v.* iseli.
- uniselðe, *v.* unsælðe.
- vnisibbe [onsibbe], *strife*, i. 420. *v.* sibbe.
- vnisunde, *d. destruction*, ii. 350. *v.* sund.
- uniuuele, *v.* un-fæle.
- uniuoh, vniuohȝe, uniuoȝe-n, *v. unifeie*.
- vnivælde, *pl. unweildy*, i. 251.
- uniwinen, *v.* unwines.
- uniwraste, *v.* unwraest.
- vnleoden [onleode], *pl. foreigners*, i. 212, 296. ii. 133. iii. 155.
- un-neaðe, *v.* un-æðe.
- iunne-n, †iunnæ, *to grant, benefit* [See *Sax. Chron.* a<sup>o</sup>. 656, 1087.], ii. 258, 461. iii. 213, 269; *pr.* on, unne, ii. 72, 197, 211, 262, 541, 585, 633; *pl.* vnunen, i. 210. iii. 123; *p.* uðe-n, uþe, iuðe, i. 9, 345, 424, 432. ii. 120, 269, 434; *pl.* vðen, ii. 102; *pp.* iunnen, ii. 262.
- unneode-n [on-neode], *d. f. misfortune, harm*, i. 14, 372. ii. 60.
- vnraed, †vnrað [onreod], *mis counsel*, i. 129, 278, 342; *pl.* unraedes, ii. 196. *v.* ræd.
- unriht, vniriht [onriht], *n. wrong*, i. 279, 315, 374. ii. 3, 125. iii. 122; *d.* unrihte [onriht, onrihte], i. 61. ii. 355, 630. iii. 194; *pl.* vnrihte [onrihtes], ii. 355, 639.
- vnsehte, *strife*, ii. 53. *v.* sæhte.
- vnsehlðe, uniselðe [unselþe, onselþe], *misfortune, wickedness*, i. 107, 302. *v.* sehlðe.

- vn-sahte, *pl. at enmity* [Sax. Chr. *unseht*, a°. 1093], i. 167.
- unsel, *sorrow*, iii. 226. †vinselen, *d.* ii. 491.
- unseli, *v. uniseli*.
- un-some, *pl. at variance*, i. 167. iii. 179. *v. some*.
- unstreoned [on-streone], *pp. unbegot*, ii. 368.
- unstrong [onstrong], *weak, poor*, ii. 11, 81. iii. 227; *d. vnstronge*, i. 172; *pl. unstronge* [onstrange, onstrong], iii. 82; *bad (?)*, i. 260, 302.
- unsunde, *d. mortality, death*, iii. 174.
- vnðeawe, unþewe [onþeue], *fault, vice*, i. 113, 130. *v. þeouwe*.
- vnðonc, †vndonc [vnþong, onþong], *displeasure, ingratitude*, i. 140. ii. 516; *an vnðonke, displeasing*, ii. 66; vnðonkes, vnðankes [onþonkes], *against the will*, i. 192, 353.
- untrumed [ontromed], *pp. ill, sick*, ii. 205.
- untuhtle, *bad habit*, ii. 614. *v. tuhtle*.
- un-tunen [ontune], *to unfasten*, ii. 371, 395; *pr. pl. untunen* [vntune], ii. 441; *p. pl. un-tunden* [on-tunde], i. 417. ii. 395.
- unuele, *v. un-fæle*.
- unueren, *v. un-fere*.
- vnwar [onwar], *unwary*, i. 333. ii. 213.
- vnwepned [on-wepned], *pp. unweaponed*, i. 241.
- unwiht, *evil thing, fiend*, ii. 235. *v. whit*.
- unwines, vniwinen [onwinnes, honwines], *pl. enemies*, i. 10, 69. ii. 181.
- vnwis-e [onwis], *unwise*, ii. 213, 247, 302; *d. vnwise* [onwise], ii. 413.
- vnwisdom [onwisdom], i. 143, 353, 375. iii. 224.
- vnwiter, unwitti [onwytti], *foolish, void of wit*, i. 34. ii. 247.
- vnworð, unwourð [onworð], *unworthy*, i. 130, 147; *acc. vnwurðe*, ii. 614.
- unwræst, †vnwærste, uniwraste [onwrest-e], *wicked*, ii. 228, 259. iii. 136; *d. †uniwæste* [†owreaste, onwreste], i. 300. iii. 187; *pl. unwræste, vnwraeste, †unwrære* [onwreast], *wicked, impotent* [See *Sax. Chron.* a°. 1052], ii. 159. iii. 51, 82.
- unwræste, unwraste, vnwreaste [onwrest-e], *ad. (?) wickedly, evilly*, i. 108. ii. 386, 391. iii. 135.
- up, vppe, *ad. up*, i. 72, 150. ii. 129. iii. 24.
- up, uppe-n, *ppn. upon, on, after, from*, i. 1, 22, 110, 111, 218, 250, 273, 277. ii. 3, 15, 69, 585. iii. 21, 22, 31, 32, 52.
- up-bræid, *reproach*, iii. 34.
- up-breidinges, *pl. upbraidings*, ii. 378.
- vp-stod, *p. was reared*, i. 70.
- vpward, upward, i. 396. ii. 214. iii. 235.
- ure, †uræ, †oure, †ore [hour-e, hore, hure], *g. of us, our*, i. 16, 40, 155, 179, 186, 221, 227, 240, 314, 364. ii. 53, 54, 78, 106, 142. iii. 19.
- [vrinal, vrnal], *urinal*, ii. 319.
- urnen, *to run*, ii. 615; *p. pl. urnen* [arnen, ourne, urne, hurnen], i. 57, 195, 216, 287, 335. ii. 63, 74, 75, 124, 263. iii. 62, 95, 105, 185, 215, 220, 255. *v. eorne, irnen*.
- †vrþen, *d. earth*, i. 164. *v. eorðe*.
- us, ous [hus], *acc. us*, i. 67, 179, 221. ii. 10. iii. 28; *d. us* [hus, ous], i. 38, 140, 185. ii. 52, 108, 337. iii. 2, 9, 14.
- [vsi], *to use*, i. 429; *p. pl. [vsede]*, ii. 598.
- ut, out [†hut-e, hout], *ad. out*, i. 5, 14, 16, 31, 50, 101, 261. ii. 66, 406. iii. 55; †ut of, out of, i. 13. ii. 13, 144. iii. 17.
- utemæste, †utenesten, *last, final*, ii. 35, 37.
- uten, *ad. without*, i. 243. *v. wið-ute*.
- uten [hote], *let us*, ii. 442. See *Glossar. Rem.* p. 496.
- ut-læge, *outlaw*, ii. 15, 310; *pl. vt-læjen, vt-læges, vt-lawen* [vt-lawes], i. 48, 55. ii. 12, 13. iii. 91; *g. ut-læjen*, ii. 602. iii. 256.
- uðe-n, iuðe, *v. iunne*.
- vðen, *pl. waves*, i. 195. ii. 15, 74, 501. iii. 121; *d. vðen, vðe, vðes*, i. 57, 196, 398. ii. 555, 580. iii. 144, 159, 226, 332.

vuel, v. ufel, ufele.

iuueled, *pp. sick, disordered*, iii. 278.

uuenan, uuenen, v. ufenan.

uere, v. ufere.

*Many words commencing with u for v, when there is no change in the vowel following, are to be found under f.*

uader, v. fæder.

iuædde, v. feden.

iuæid, uæiden, iuaid, v. ifæied.

uæi-e, uæije, v. fæie.

uæiniden, v. fainen.

uæijerest, uæjerest, uejerest, v. fæir.

iuæld, v. fallen.

vælden, v. ueld.

†vælden, *p. pl. carried*, ii. 315. v. uerien.

uæle, v. fele.

†væer, *n. the slain*, i. 36. v. wæel.

uærde, iuæred, v. fære.

uærde-n, v. ferde.

uærne, *d. fern*, ii. 110.

uæste [faste], *pl. firm, strong*, ii. 71; *comp. fæstre*, i. 417.

uæstnen, uæstnien, *to confirm, fasten*, iii. 163, 207; *p. vastnede, fastnede, iuæste*, ii. 524. iii. 166, 295; *pp. iuæstned, i-uæstened* [ifastned], ii. 29. iii. 251.

vætte, v. fæchen.

uæx, *hair*, ii. 495; *d. uaxe*, ii. 621.

uæjernesse, v. fæiernesse.

uahte, v. fæht.

uain, v. fæin.

vaire, v. fæire.

uajje, v. fæie.

uald, v. ueld.

ualde-n, iualled, v. fallen.

vale, v. fele.

uallen, *d. fall*, iii. 203.

uare-n, v. fære.

iuæst-e [ifaste], *pp. fasted*, ii. 513, 591.

uatte [fatte], *pl. fat*, ii. 392. iii. 84.

uæje, v. fæh.

iuæd, v. ifæied.

iuæd, uædde, iuædde, v. feden.

ueht, uehten, v. fæht, fæhten.

ueie, v. fæie.

ueir-e, v. fæire, feiere.

i-veijed, v. ifæied.

veisij, v. fæie-sið.

ueld, uald [feld, feold], *m. plain, field, weald*, ii. 295, 419. iii. 65, 111; *d. fælde, uælde, ualde, uelde* [wolde], i. 178. ii. 169, 211, 265, 307, 309, 396, 419. iii. 62, 101, 198; *pl. feldes, uelden, uelde*, i. 177, 347. ii. 113, 604. iii. 94, 153; *d. felden, vælden, feldes, ueldes*, i. 179, 323. ii. 303, 358. iii. 40, 245. v. folden, wæld.

uelden, uelleden, v. fallen.

uellen, v. falle.

ueng, v. fengen.

iueng, iuengen, v. fengen.

ueol, ueolen, iueolen, ueolle-n, v. falle, fallen.

ueole, v. fele.

ueor, ueorre, v. feor.

iuæore [iuer], *ad. together*, i. 139, 227. ii. 618.

uerde, iuæred, v. fære.

iuerde, v. ferde.

\*iuere, iueren, iuære, *companion, comrade*, i. 101. ii. 2, 618. iii. 33, 102, 271; *d. iære, iueren, ifere*, ii. 393. iii. 55, 234; *pl. iueren, iuæren, ifere-n, iferan, †ifere, feren* [iueres, veres, iuere, fere], i. 25, 63, 69, 179, 204, 314, 408. ii. 85, 230. iii. 8, 38, 56, 93, 101; *d. iuere-n, ifere-n, †iuæren, †ifæren, †uæren, feren* [iueres, ivere, veres, feres, fere], i. 68, 69, 71, 73, 180, 250, 366, 383. ii. 5, 116. iii. 37, 56, 64, 74, 94.

uerien, *to carry, convey, bring*, iii. 291; *pr. †fareð*, ii. 175; *imp. fere*, iii. 37; *p. uerede, ferede, fereden*, i. 11, 54. ii. 602. iii. 15, 18, 121, 151, 229; *pl. uereden, †uæreden, fereden, †ferden*, i. 399. ii. 15, 219, 322, 408. iii. 73, 145.

†verkedene, v. færedene.

verlich, v. feorlic.

uæste, v. fæste.

vestme, *d. stature*, ii. 233.  
 vet, *v. fot*.  
 ueðme, *fathom*, iii. 104.  
 vette, *v. sæchen*.  
 uirste [forrest], *comp. furthest*, ii. 452.  
 uiue-n, *v. fif*.  
 iulazene, ulozen, *v. flan*.  
 ulem, *v. flæm*.  
 ulemen, *v. flæme*.  
 uleoten [fleote], *to swim*, ii. 500; *pr. vled-eð, floweth*, ii. 501; *pl. \*fleoteð, †wleoteð, float*, ii. 471, 472; *pr. pl. sb. floten*, i. 44; *p. flet, flutte, †wlæt [fleot]*, iii. 159, 224; *pl. fluten, flutten*, iii. 115, 288; *pp. iulut*, iii. 115.  
 ulette, *d. floor*, iii. 33.  
 ulih, iulozen, *v. fleon*.  
 iulut, *v. fleote*.  
 iuohten, *v. sæhten*.  
 volle, *v. falle*.  
 iuon, *v. ifa*.  
 uondede, iuonded, *v. fondien*.  
 iuongen, *v. fengen*.  
 uor, *and compounds, v. for* —.  
 uor, iuor, uoren, *v. sære*.  
 uord [ford], *ford*, ii. 422; *d. \*forde, uorde*, ii. 419. iii. 213.  
 uore-genglen, *pl. progenitors*, ii. 632.  
 uore-liggen, *to die*, ii. 570. *v. ligge*.  
 uorien, *to further*, ii. 122.  
 iuorn, vorne, *v. furn, iuurn*.  
 vorre, *v. feor*.  
 uorð, uorh, *v. forð*.  
 iuorþe-n, *to perform*, iii. 126, 269; *pp. i-uorðed, provided*, i. 358.  
 uor-werien [for-werie], *to spend, employ*, ii. 181.  
 \*uoster, *foster-child*, iii. 29.  
 uoster-moder [foster-moder], *foster-mother, nurse*, iii. 28.  
 uostredde [fostrede], *p. fostered*, iii. 26, 28; *pp. ifostred, \*i-uostred*, iii. 36, 277.  
 uoðere [foþer], *father*, iii. 22.  
 i-vowet, *v. sæjeden*.  
 uox [fox], *fox*, ii. 452; *d. uoxe [foxe]*, ii. 451.

uraini, *v. fræine*.  
 urecliche, *voraciously*, iii. 278.  
 iuredde, *v. ifrede*.  
 ureoizen, iuroeid, *v. freoien*.  
 urist, *v. first*.  
 uroefrien, *to comfort, solace*, ii. 197; *p. [freuerede]*, i. 263; *pp. \*ifroured, ifreou-red, ifrouered, †ifrouerð [ifreuered]*, i. 254. ii. 396, 453, 503.  
 uul, *a. full*, ii. 175. *v. fulle*.  
 uul-e, uulle, *v. ful*.  
 uulieð, *v. folien*.  
 iuulled, iuullen, *v. fulle*.  
 uullen, *v. falle*.  
 iuulþed, *v. fulwen*.  
 uunden, iuunden, *v. finde*.  
 iuurn, iuuren [iuorn], *ad. previously*, ii. 544, 586. *v. furn*.  
 uusden, i-uusde-n, *v. fuse*.  
 uustes [fustes], *pl. fists*, ii. 534.  
 wa [wo], *inf. woe!* i. 66, 142. iii. 65, 132.  
 wa, †wæ, \*wo, *woe, grief*, i. 14, 71, 146, 274. ii. 345, 361. iii. 137, 239; *d. [wo]*, ii. 95, 102; *wa worþe, wa wrþe [wo worþe]*, i. 142, 163. iii. 223. *v. wala wa, wowe*.  
 \*wa, †wæ, †wao [wo], *a. woeful, woe*, i. 14, 96, 339. ii. 193.  
 wac, wak, *poor, weak*, ii. 24, 195, 411; *comp. wacre, wakere*, i. 193. ii. 568.  
 wædlan, *pl. poor*, i. 250. *v. weaðlen*.  
 wæfde, *v. weofd*.  
 wæh, *why*, ii. 241. *v. whi*.  
 wæht, wæt, *active, brave*, i. 397. ii. 143; *pl. whæte, iwhæte, wate*, i. 304, 403. ii. 44, 192, 373, 379. *v. wiht*.  
 wæht [wehte], *pl. wafted*, ii. 255.  
 wæi, \*wai, wei, weie [way], *m. way, path*, i. 57. ii. 129, 249. iii. 1, 7, 30, 89, 136, 187, 240; *g. wæies, waijes, weies [weyes]*, ii. 361. iii. 8, 175; *d. wæie, wæije, wei, weie, weije [waye, weye]*, i. 23, 57, 65, 234. ii. 151. iii. 58, 65, 66, 245; *pl. weijes*



- [weyes], iii.62,71,95; *d.* weien (?), ii. 123.
- wæiden, *v.* weieð.
- wæi-sið, wei-sið, *death, destruction, misery*, iii.25,126.
- wæi-witere [wei-wittie], *pl. guides*, ii.112.
- wæilawæi [weilawei, way la way], *alas!* i.343. ii.327. *v.* wala wa.
- wæilien, *to live in exile*, iii.156.
- wæine, *v.* wæne.
- wæl, *n.* *wealth*, i.346.
- wæl, wel [wale], *n. slaughter, the slain*, i. 18,175,274,395. ii.26. iii.105; wæle, i.405. ii.475; *d. pl.* wæles, i.35.
- wæld, wald, *weald, plain*, ii.265,472,480. iii.95,254; *d.* wælde-n, walde, †walle [wolde], i.177,178,224,426. ii.257,287,288,309,350,466; *pl.* waldes, ii.350; *d.* walden, ii.111, *v.* wolden.
- †wælde, *poverty*, i.43.
- wælden, walde-n, iwalden, welden [welde], *to rule, govern, wield, possess, have, hold*, i.9,49,53,80,124,126,141,143,190,255,278. ii.133,137,178,259,297. iii.122,250; *1p. pr.* walde, i.357; *3p.* waldeð, waldoð, walt [welde], ii.262,431,618. iii.89,289; *p.* walde, iwalde, wælde [wolde], i.103,255,383,385. ii.591. iii.50,223,254; *pl.* walden, welden, i.9,225,337. ii.137. iii.201,273,297; *p. pr.* waldende, wældinde, weldinde, †wælden, waldinge [weldende], i.76,129,131,147,358. ii.396,461; *pp.* (?), iwald, *subdued*, i.216.
- wælden, *p. pl. carried*, i.48; *threw*, ii.495.
- wæld-scæðe, wald-scæðe, *monster, savage*, i.275. iii.26.
- wælh, *slave*, ii.197.
- wæl-kempe, *warrior*, ii.577; *pl.* wal-kempen, i.33; *d.* wæl-kempen, wæl-kempan, i.25,93.
- wælle, wæl [wel], *ad. well*, i.254. ii.393,548; wælle wel, wælla wel [wel wel], *full well*, ii.110,554.
- wælle, *v.* welle.
- wæl-slahte, *d. battle-slaughter*, i.58.
- wænde, *v.* wenen.
- wæne, *v.* wene.
- wæne, wane, *mischief, harm, difficulty*, i.93,241,401; *d.* wæne, wæine, i.275; *acc.* wænen, i.146.
- wæn-slahtes, *pl. slaughter*, i.406. *cf.* wæl-slahte.
- iwæpned, *v.* wepnien.
- wæpne-n, *v.* wepnen.
- wær, *v.* whær.
- wær, wær, †whær, iwær, iwar, swær, wary, i.63,126,310,313,323,341. ii.125,134,157,249,261. iii.21,73; *pl.* wær, warre, wære, iware, iwarre [wær, iwar, jar], i.23,233,235. ii.349,429,441. iii.71,97; *ready*, iii.20; *sup.* war-reste, i.89.
- wærc, *v.* weorc.
- wærf, *feast*, ii.309.
- wærð, iwærð, *v.* wurðe.
- wæs, *v.* wes.
- wæs hail, wæs hæil [wassail, wassay!], *wassail! be in health!* ii.174,175,202.
- wæste, iwæst, *v.* westen.
- wæt, *v.* wæht, whæt, witen.
- wæter, *v.* water.
- waht, *p. rose*, iii.188. *v.* awehten.
- walȝen, *v.* weies.
- wai, *v.* wæi.
- [waiteþ], *pr. pl. expect*, ii.546.
- wakien [wokie], *to weaken, become weak*, ii.407. iii.123; *pr. pl.* wakið [wakie], ii.96,282; *p.* wakede, i.124; *pl.* wakeden, wokeden, ii.138. iii.75.
- iwakien [wakie], *to awake*, iii.121; *imp. pl.* weccheð, i.34; *pr. sb.* wakien [wakie], ii.574; *p.* [woc], iii.14; *pl.* wakeden, i.420. *v.* awakien.
- wal, *m.* wall, i.402. ii.85,459; *d.* walle, i.73,120. ii.99,393; *pl.* wal, walles, i.48,100,253. iii.80,113; *d.* walle [walles], ii.243,393. iii.174; awal [on wal], *on the wall (?)*, i.155.
- wala wa [wala wo, wolawo, welawo],

- alas!* *oh!* i. 340. ii. 116, 291, 400, 509. iii. 65, 72. *v.* *wæilawæi*.  
*walc*, *conflict*, i. 18, 107, 265.  
*wald*, *v.* *wæld*.  
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