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PREFACE.

THE obscurity in which the literature of the ancient northern nations is involved, has been the fruitful source of conjectures and speculations, among those who have attempted to elucidate the principles of their versification.

With regard to Saxon poetry, some have endeavoured to reduce it to that precise standard by which Greek and Latin verse is distinguished; others again, deny the foundation on which this hypothesis rests, and rushing into the opposite extreme, assert the non-existence of any metrical system. In this, as in most other cases, the more correct opinion is that which takes a middle course;* neither subscribing to all the fanciful opinions of the learned Hickes, nor exhibiting the scepticism of the ingenious restorer of Chaucer.

The general opinion of Saxon scholars has determined, that the chief characteristic of Saxon poetry consists in alliteration, periphrasis, an inflated diction, and an inverted style. The three last are, perhaps, the best criteria; because in many instances, as is seen in the following poem, the alliteration is obscure, and in others, altogether undiscoverable. It is impossible at the present day to ascertain,

* Aristot. Eth. Lib. ii. C. 9.

whether alliteration was an essential to poetry among the Saxon bards, or not ; because, although it is not unfrequently absent, this proves nothing, as it might arise from officious ignorance in those who were entrusted to transcribe the existing MSS.

In some instances Saxon verse was composed in rhyme, but these are not common. Rhyme, however, does not appear to have superseded alliteration, as it is frequently found in verse of this description.

When rhyme does not exist, which is the case with the greater part of the Saxon poems extant, it is difficult to ascertain the nature of the *metre* in which they are written. In many, all system appears to be set at defiance ; and the bard pursues the theme of his song, without confining his imagination to those peculiarities by which his effusion might be distinguished from prose. This gave rise to the opinion that the Saxon bards had no regular system in their poems, but only adopted that arrangement of their words which was pleasing to the ear. In these compositions, however, trochaic feet predominate, and these are distinguishable by accent or emphasis, rather than by the common principles of prosody. This is by no means surprising, when we consider the uncultivated age which produced these poems. They were composed, not to please the refined eye of the fastidious critic, but the rude ears of the barbarian chieftain, and his equally barbarian vassals. This kind of emphatic

trochee is still the prevalent foot in the English language, in words of two syllables, as we have few iambics, and scarcely any spondees.

Punctuation has, by some, been considered a distinguishing feature in Saxon poetry: this, however, cannot at all times be relied upon; for, to use the language of Hickes, "*aliquando accidit periodos, sive perfectæ distinctionis notas poni, ubi ponendæ non sunt, et omitti itidem ubi poni debent.*" This might arise from the negligence of an uncivilized age, or from the more culpable negligence of subsequent transcribers. Thus whatever canons we may devise as the characteristics of Saxon verse, we shall be unable to apply them equally in all cases; for even the inflated diction sometimes sinks to a level with prose; and the bard forgets to obscure his song with the intricacy of periphrasis and an inversion of style. This uncertainty, however, by no means renders it impossible to distinguish verse from prose, because some of the characteristics are always discoverable; but the license which was allowed in these compositions is frequently so great, that it requires very great caution in deciding.*

Notwithstanding the obscurity with which many of these early compositions are invested, they possess many remarkable and striking beauties.

* For a full and luminous dissertation on the poetry of the Anglo-Saxons, the reader is referred to the excellent work by the late Rev. J. J. Conybeare, entitled, "*Illustrations of Anglo-Saxon Poetry.*"

“ Verum ubi plura nitent in carmine non ego paucis
Offendar maculis, quas aut incuria fudit,
Aut humana parum cavit natura.”

Such is decidedly the character of the Menology, which Hickes justly denominates “*Menologium elegantissimum.*” This singular poem, which is not only beautiful in itself, but valuable as a relic of the Anglo-Saxon Church, is written in the dialect called Dano-Saxon; its exact date is not known, but it was evidently composed subsequently to the reduction of the heptarchy into one kingdom.

In this edition of the Menology the text of Hickes is followed, except in a few instances.

The translator begs to acknowledge the kind assistance of J. S. Cardale, Esq. who has lately favoured the public with a new edition of King Alfred’s Boethius. It was by his suggestion that a deviation is made in a few places from the reading of Hickes.

As the notes are partly taken from Hickes, and partly original, the translator, being unable to particularize, makes a general acknowledgment of having had recourse to that authority.

With these prefatory remarks, the Menology is placed in the Reader’s hands; and if it at all promote the study of the Anglo-Saxon language, the wishes of the translator will be fully realized.

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Fopma monað.	
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MENOLOGY.

CHRIST *the* glory of kings,
The illustrious Lord,
The eternal Almighty,
Was born
At mid-winter; ^a
And on the eighth day ^b
Was named Jesus, ^c
Guardian of Heaven's kingdom.
Then at the same time,
Numerous crowds,
Many people,
Have the first keeping of the year:
Because the honoured
Calends ^d come,
On that same day,
To us. ^e
This is the first month,
Which *the* great people ^f

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In their calendar
 Call January. [nights^g
 And *it is* from thence after five
 That the baptismal time^h
 Of *the* eternal Lord
 Comes to us ;
 Which *the* renowned,
 And eminent men,
 In *this* land, here
 In Britain, call
 Twelfth-day.ⁱ

So *it is* after four weeks,
 With the exception of two nights,
 That the Sol-month,^k
 Wild February^l
 Approaches,
 As wise associates,
 Elders skilled in laws,
 Formerly computed it.

And *it is* one night from thence,
 That we the feast
 Of Mary keep,^m
The mother of *the* king :
 For she on that day
 Brought Christ,
The child of *the* Lord,
 To *the* Temple.

- Ðænne þær embe riƿ niht.
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 Geond middan ƿearð.

Then *it is* after five nights,
That winter is
Affrighted from *our* streets.ⁿ
And also in seventeen
Nights by computation,
After spring
Has come
To men in dwellings,
The illustrious Matthias,
The soldier *and*
Servant of the Saviour,
Suffered *martyrdom*,
As I have understood.

Moreover, also, is widely known
To people everywhere,
To churls and earls,
That after three and two nights,
(Unless the bissextile^o
Is appointed,
Being the fourth year,
Then they come later
By one night
To us :)
Fierce March,
Adorned with rime,
Furious with hail storms,
Is loud sounding^p

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Ðær þe emnihte.	
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Through the middle earth,
The calends of his arrival.

Then after eleven nights
 The holy,
 Noble,
 Gregory^a shone,
 Celebrated in Britain,
 In God's army.

Also after nine nights
 Benedict
 Sought the Saviour;
The firm and intrepid
 Servant of *the* Lord,
 Whom wise men,
 Bound by *the* rules of *their* order,^r
 Celebrate in writings. [tation,

Then also those skilful in compu-
 At the same time,
 Observe *the* Equinox.
 Because *the* Lord God
 Made at the beginning,
 On that same day,
 The sun and moon.

But after four nights
From the time that earls celebrate
 The Equinox,
The Father sent

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The mighty hero
Announced to Mary,
That she should bring forth
God, *the* best of kings,
As it was declared
Through *the* middle earth ;
And it was a great event,
Known to nations.

Then *it is* after four
And three nights by computation,
That the Saviour sends
The month of April,
In which most frequently comes
The celebrated time
Of consolation to men,
The resurrection of the Lord :
Then rejoicing is suitable,
Widely, everywhere :
So the Prophet sung,
This is the day
Which *the* most wise Lord
Made for us,
The generation of men ;
For joy to all
The blessed inhabitants of earth.
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Keep by reckoning
Of the number of the days ;^s
Nor *the* Lord's ascension
Up to the heavens :
For they always return [wise.
According to the predictions of the
But *the* old in years
Shall by circle-craft
Find out *the* holy days.

We must still further
The memory of martyrs
Recount ; whether
Relate by words
Or make known by singing,
That after nineteen nights
From the time that this Easter month
Comes to us,
Man begins
To elevate relicks,
Holy, ornamented.
This is a high day,
A celebrated time for supplication.

Then quickly comes to revolve
May,
As a guest,
Elegant and beautiful,
With her vesture-clad trees & plants :

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And magnificently
Bringeth abundance great
To *the* multitudes everywhere.
The same day
The noble companions,
Philip and James,
Magnanimous fellow servants,
Gave their lives
For *the* love of God.
And then after two nights *it is*,
That God revealed
To *the* blessed Helen,
The noblest of beams,
On which suffered
The King of angels,
For love to man :
The creator on the cross,
By permission of *the* Father.
Thence *it is* after the space of a week,
With the exception of one night,
That summer brings
To men,
Days bright like gems,
And warm seasons.
Then the fields spontaneously
Blow with flowers,
So that *the* joy

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Of many kinds
Of living creatures
Ascends throughout the middle earth,
Gives praise to *the* king,
Manifoldly celebrates
The glorious
Almighty.

Then *it is* after the number
Of eight days and nine,
That the Lord took
Into other light
Augustine ;^t
Happy in heart,
Because he here in Britain
Made earls
Obedient to him
For the will of God,
As the wise Gregory
Commanded him.
I have not heard before
Any other man,
Or more illustrious bishop,
Ever bring
Over *the* briny sea
Better lore ;
He now in Britain rests,
Among the men of Kent, "^u

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And of tille azrýnt.	220
To sete rizeð.	
Þyle rýððan lenz.	
Grund behealdan.	
And zangan latoþ.	
Ofer foldan panz.	225
Fæzerur̅t leohta.	
Þoruld zercearta.	
Ðænne pulðner̅ ðezn.	
Ymb ðreotyne.	
Deodner̅ dýr̅linz.	230
Iohanner̅ in gearðagan.	
Þearð acenned.	
Týn nihtum eac.	
Þe ða tud healdaþ.	

In *the* chief city,
Near *the* celebrated minster.
Then the month brings
After two and three
Long days,
The former Litha^v
To us,
June,
In which the gem,
The brightest of heavenly lights,
Rises in *the* heavens,
Highest in *the* year,
And descending from its station,
Declines towards its setting.
The fairest of lights,
Of worldly creatures,
Will afterwards longer
Behold the ground,
And go later
Over the fields.
Then after thirteen
Nights *and* also ten,
In days of yore,
John, *the* minister of glory,
The darling of *his* Lord,^w
Was born.
We that time observe

On midne sumor.	235
Mýcles on æþelum,	
Þide iſ zereorðod.	
Ðra þ þel zeriſt.	
Ðaliſna tid.	
Geond hæleða beorn :	240
Petruſ and Pauluſ.	
Ðræt ða apoſtoluſ.	
Ðeoden holde.	
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Oſer midne ſumor.	245
Micle zeriſſe.	
Furðor fiſ nihtum.	
Folc bealo ðrealiç.	
Mærne marþýrdom.	
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Þundra zeporhte.	
Geond pær ðeoda.	
Ðpýlce hi æfter ðam.	
Unrim frmedon.	
Ðputelra and zerynra.	255
Ðurh ſunu meotudeſ.	
Ealdor ðeznaſ.	
Ðænne ædre cýmð.	
Emb tra niht ðær.	
Tidlice uſ.	260
Iuluſ monað.	

At midsummer ;
Much among nations,
And widely is it celebrated ;
As is well becoming
The times of *the* saints,
Among the children of men.

But the apostles
Peter and Paul,
Much celebrated,
Faithful to the Lord,
Five nights
After midsummer,
Suffered at Rome
Grievous torment from *the* people,
Glorious martyrdom.
These chief apostles
Had formerly
Wrought many miracles
Among nations ;
So they afterwards
Performed innumerable,
Manifest and visible,
Through *the* Son of *the* Creator.
Then after two nights
Immediately comes,
Seasonably to us,
The month of July ;

On ðam Iacobur.	
Ymb feoƿer niht.	
Feoƿh zeƿealde. ¹	
On trentizum.	265
Trum in breortum.	
Frod and fæſtræð.	
Folca laƿeoƿ.	
Zebedeſ aƿeƿa :	
And þær ſýmle feƿið. ^m	270
Ymb feoƿon niht ðær.	
Sumere zebrihted.	
ƿeodmonað on tun.	
ƿel hƿæt briſgeð.	
Azurtur. ⁿ	275
Yrmen ðeodum.	
Blaf-mæſſan dæg :	
Spa þær hæſſeſt cýmþ.	
Ymb oðer ſƿýlc.	
Butan anre panan.	280
ƿlitiz ƿæſtmum hladen.	
ƿela býð zeýped.	
Fæzeƿe on ƿoldan.	
Ðanne ƿoſþ zepat.	
Ymbe þreo niht ðær.	285
Ðeodne zetſýpe.	
Ðurh marťýrdom.	
Mære diacon.	

In which James,
The son of Zebedee,
After four nights
And twenty,
Gave his life,
Firm in heart,
Wise and bold,
Teacher of *the* people.

And then always
After seven nights thence,
Lucid summer
Leads *the* Weodmonth; ^x
But August
Brings
To poor nations
Lammas day. ^y

So then harvest comes,
After other *seven nights*,
Except one wanting,
Beautiful, laden with fruits;
Wealth is produced,
Fair in *the* land.
Then after three nights
Have been further passed,
The illustrious deacon
Lawrence *died*
By martyrdom;

Laurentiuſ hærf. °	
Nu lif riþ þan.	290
Mid puldon fæder.	
Þeorca to leane :	
Spilce þær ýmb riþ niht.	
Fæzeruſt mægða.	
Þiſa puldon.	295
Sohte peroda god.	
For ſuna riþbe.	
Siſerfærtne ham.	
Neorxna panze.	
Dæfde nerzend ða.	300
Fæzere fortorlean.	
Fæmnan forzolden.	
Ece to ealdre :	
Ðanne ealling býð.	
Ymb tyn niht ðær.	305
Tud zereorðað.	
Barðolomeuſ.	
In Brýtene her.	
Þýrð pel ðunzen.	
Spýlce eac riðe býð.	310
Eorlum zeýpped.	
Æþelingeſ deað.	
Ymb feoper niht.	
Se ðe fæzere iu.	
Mid pætere oferþearp.	315

Faithful to *his* Lord,
With whom he now has life,
With the Father of glory ;
The reward of *his* works.

Then after five nights,
The fairest of virgins,
The glory of women,^z
Sought *the* God of hosts,
For *the* relationship of her son :
The victorious habitation,
Paradise.

Then the Saviour had
The fair reward of fostering
Repaid the virgin,
In eternal life.

Then is altogether,
After ten nights from hence,
The time honoured,
Of Bartholomew,
In Britain here,
Deservedly eminent.

Then also is widely
Known to earls,
After four nights,
The death of *the* illustrious *man*,^a
Who formerly gently
Sprinkled with water,

Þuldrer cyne bearn,
 Þiſa reorðlice.
 Be him realdend cræð.
 Ðæt nan mærran man.
 Geond middan gearð. 320
 Betpux riſe 7 reſe.
 Þurde acenned :
 Ond þær ymbe þreo niht.
 Geond ðeoda feala.
 Ðæt te haliz monð. 325
 Hæleðum zehinged.
 Fepeð to folce.
 Ðra hit forpe zleape.
 Ealde uð-ritan.
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 Septembres fær :
 And þý reorþan dæg.
 Ðæt acenned rearð.
 Epena ſelort.
 Drihtnes modor : 335
 Ðænne dagena poru.
 Ymbe ðreotýne.
 Ðezn un-for-cuð,
 Godſpeller zleape.
 Gaſt on ſende. 340
 Matheus hiſ.
 To metod-ſceafte.

The royal Child of Glory ;
Illustrious soldier,
Of whom *the* Lord said,
That no greater man,
Throughout *the* middle earth
Between woman and man
Was begotten.

Then *it is* after three nights,
Among many nations,
That the holy month,^b
Celebrated by men,
Comes to the people,
As foreknowing
Ancient philosophers
Formerly discovered it,—
Fierce September.

And then on the seventh day,
It was that *the*
Best of queens was born,
The mother of *the* Lord.

Then after a number of days,
About thirteen,
The blameless minister,
Skilful in the gospel,
Matthew, his
Spirit gave up,
To *the* creator,

In ecne zerean :

Ðanne eallinȝ cȝmð.

Ymb ðreo niht ðær. 345

Ðeodum riðe.

Emnihter dæg.

Ylða bearnum :

Ðræt re peorðiað.

Riðe zeonð eorðan. 350

Ðeah engles tuð.

On hærferte.

Michaeler.

Ðra þ manigo pat.

Fif nihtum ufor. 355

Ðær ðe folcum býð.

Eorlum zeýped.

Emnihter dæg :

And þær embe tra niht.

Ðæt re teoða monð. 360

On folc fereð.

Frode zereahte.

October on tun.

Uf to zenihthe.

Rinterfýlleð. 365

Ðra hine riðe ciȝð.

Izbuende. ^p

Engle 17 Seaxe.

Rerar mid rifum :

In eternal joy.

Then altogether comes,
After three nights thence,
Widely to nations,
The day of equinox,
To *the* children of men.

But we celebrate
Widely through the earth,
The feast of the archangel
Michael,
In harvest,
As the multitude knows,
Five nights after
That the day of equinox
Is made known
To people, to earls.

And then after two nights *it is*
That the tenth month,
October,
Wise in counsel,
Brings to us
People abundance :
Winter-filleth, °
As widely call it
The island-dwelling
Angles and Saxons,
Men with women.

Ɔpýlce piƆena tuu.	370
Ymb tpenzig þær.	
Tpezpa healdað.	
And piƆ nihtum.	
Ɔamod ætzædere.	
On anne dæg.	375
Ɔe ða æþelingar.	
Fýrn zepnunan.	
Ɔæt hý Ɔore-mære.	
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Ɔýmble pæron.	380
Ɔrihtne dýre.	
Fopþon hi ðom hlutan.	
Ɔaðizne up pæg :	
And þær offtum bpinzþ.	
Embe feoper niht.	385
Folce zemihtum.	
Blotmonað on tun.	
Beornum to piƆte.	
NouembriƆ.	
Niða bearnum.	390
ƆaðdizneƆre.	
Ɔpa nan ofþer na deð.	
Ɔonað maran.	
Ɔiltre drihtneƆ.	
And ðý ylcan dæge.	395
Ɔalpa pe healdað.	

So then after
Twenty and five nights,^d
We keep *the* feast
Of two soldiers,
At *the* same time together,
On one day.
We long ago heard
That these nobles,
They, the celebrated
Simon and Jude,
Were always
To *the* Lord dear.
Wherefore they were allotted
A happy doom above.
Then quickly,
After four nights,
November,
Called Blotmonth,^e
Rich to people,
Brings good cheer to men ;
Blessedness
To the children of mortals,
As no other month
Does more,
By *the* mercy of *the* Lord.
And on that same day
We keep *the* feast of

Sancta sýmbel.
 Ðara ðe sýð oððe ær.
 Þorhtan in þorulde.
 Þillan ðrihtnes :· 400
 Siððan rintres dæg.
 Þide zanzeð.
 On sýx nihtum.
 Sižel beorhtne zenimð.
 Dærferst mid herize. 405
 Driwes and snares.
 Forste zefeterað.
 Be sþean hæfe.
 Ðæt us þuman ne mot.
 Þanzar zþene. 410
 Foldan sþætupe.
 Ðær ýmb feoper niht.
 Ðæt te Martinus.
 Mære zeleorde.
 Þer þommaleas. 415
 Þealdend sohte.
 Up engla þearð :·
 Ðænne emb eahta niht.
 And feoperum.
 Ðæt te þanzode. 420
 Beþenctum on sþæ zþund.
 Siþeræstne þer.
 On þriwe hapan.

All *the* saints,
Who late, or formerly,
Wrought in *the* world
The Lord's will.

Then *the* day of winter
Goes widely
In six nights,
And takes away
The gem-bright harvest,
With the ravaging
Of rime and snow ;
Fettered with frost,
By the Lord's command ;
That to us might not remain
Green fields,
The ornaments of *the* earth.
Then *it is* after four nights,
That the illustrious Martin,
Spotless man, departed ;
Upwards sought *the* Lord,
The guardian of angels.

Then after eight nights
And four, *it was*
That Clement
Was taken,
And sunk to *the* bottom of *the* sea.
Victorious man

Ðe iu beorna felda.	
Elementes oft.	425
Elýriað to ðearfe.	
And þæs embe feoron niht.	
Siȝe drihtne lof.	
Œþele Andreas.	
Up on roderum.	430
Hir ȝarf aȝearf.	
On ȝodes wære.	
Fur on forðweg :	
Ðæne folcum bringð.	
Morgen to mannum.	435
Monað to tunc.	
Decembriȝ.	
Drihta bearnum.	
Œþra iula :	
Spylce ymb eahta and twelf.	440
Niht ȝerimes.	
Ðæt te neȝend ȝylf.	
Ðriȝthýdigum.	
Thomase forȝearf.	
ȝið earfeðum.	445
Ece rice.	
Bealdum beorn wigan.	
Bletȝunga hir :	
Ðænne emb feoƿer niht.	
Ðæt te fæder engla.	450

Over *the* hoary ocean ;
Whom formerly men invoked
For benefit of *the* fields.
And then after seven nights' fall,
The noble Andrew,
A glory to *his* Lord,
To the heavens
Gave up his soul ;
In God's promise
Prompt to depart.

Then *the* morning brings
To people, to men,
The month
December,
To *the* children of *the* people,
The former Iule.^f

Then after eight and twelve
Nights of computation *it is*,
That the Saviour himself,
To the unbelieving
Thomas, gave,
With difficulty,
The eternal kingdom ;
To *the* daring man,
His blessing.

Then *it is* after four nights,
That the Father of angels

Dif sunu sende.

On ðar rīdam zefceart.

Folcum to frowe :

Nu zefindan maƷon.

ƷalƷra tīd. 455

Ʒa man healdan fceal.

Ʒra bebuzed zebod. ⁹

Ʒeond brýten rice.

Ʒexna kýningef.

On ðar fýlfan tīd :. 460

EYNINƷ fceal rice healdan.

Ʒeartna beod feorran zefýne.

Orðanc enta zefeorc.

Ʒa ðe on ðifre eorðan fýndon.

Ʒræthc peall ftana zefeorc. 465

Ʒīnd býþ on lýfte freftuft.

Ʒunar býð þraƷum hludaft.

Ʒrýmmar fýndan Ʒriftef mýccle.

Ʒýrd býð frefdoft.

Ʒīntef bīð cealdoft. 470

Ʒencten hrimīzofst.

Ʒe býð lenzeft ceald.

Ʒumof fun plitezofst.

Sent his Son
Into this wide world,
For comfort to the people.

Now may ye find^s
The times of *the* saints
That men should observe,
As *the* command goeth
Through Britain
Of *the* king of *the* Saxons,
At this same time.

A KING shall govern his kingdom;
Cities are seen afar,
The ingenious work of giants,
That are on this earth—
Wonderful wall-stone work.
Wind in *the* air is swiftest;
Thunder is sometimes loudest;
The glories of Christ are great;
Fate is most powerful;
Winter is coldest;
Spring most rimy,
And it is longest cold.
Summer sun *is* most beautiful;

Spezal byð hatort.	
Dærfeſt hreð eadezort.	475
Dæleðum bpinzeð.	
Geſeſ pærtnaſ.	
Ða þe him zod ſendeð.	
Soð bið ſpicolorſt.	
Sinc bið deorort.	480
Gold zumena zehpam.	
And zomol ſnoterort.	
Fýrn' zearum ſrod.	
Se ðe ær ſeala zebideð.	
Þea biþ pundrum clibbor.	485
Þolcnu ſcpiþað.	
Geonze æþelinz.	
Sceolan zode zeriðar.	
Býldan to beadupe.	
And to beah zife :	490
Ellen ſceal on eople.	
Ecz ſcel pið helme.	
Dilde zebidan.	
Daſuc ſceal on gloſe.	
Þilde zepuman.	495
Þulſ ſceal on beaſope.	
Earþ an haza.	
Ofoþ ſceal an holte.	
Toþ mæzeneſ tþum :	
Til ſceal on eðle.	500

The sky is hottest ;
 Harvest *is* most blessed—
The faithful steward,
Which brings to men [send.
The fruits which God to them does
 Truth is most treacherous ;
 Treasure is dearest
 To every miser :
 And *the* old man is most prudent ;
 Wise from former years ; [enced.
 Who formerly many things experi-
 Grief is a wonderful burden ;
 Clouds wander about ;
 Good companions
 Should encourage a young prince
 To war
 And to munificence.
 Valour shall in an earl,
 Sword shall with helm,
 Abide in battle.
 Hawk shall on cliff^h
 Wild dwell.
 Wolf shall in grove ;
 Eagle in field ;
 Wild boar in wood—
 Strong in power of teeth.
 The good man shall in his country

Domeſ pýrcean.	
Danoð ſceal on handa.	
ƒap ƒolde ƒah.	
ƒim ſceal on hringe.	
ƒandan ſteap ƒ ƒeap.	505
ƒream ſceal on ýðum.	
ƒecƒan mere ƒlode.	
ƒæƒt ſceal on ceole.	
ƒeƒel ƒýrð ƒeomian.	
ƒpeorð ſceal on beapme.	510
ƒrihtlic iƒeƒn.	
ƒƒaca ſceal on hlæpe.	
ƒƒoð ƒƒæƒƒum ƒƒanc.*	
ƒiƒc ſceal on ƒæteƒe.	
ƒýnƒan cennen :.	515
ƒýning ſceal on healle.	
Beaƒaƒ ðælan.	
Beƒa ſceal on hæðe.	
ƒald ƒ eƒeƒƒfull.	
ƒa of ðune ſceal.	520
ƒold ƒƒæƒƒ ƒeƒan.	
ƒýrð ſceal æt ƒomne.	
ƒiƒƒæƒƒƒa ƒeƒƒum.	
ƒƒeop ſceal on eople.	
ƒiƒðom on ƒeƒe.	525
ƒudu ſceal on ƒoldan.	
Blæðum bloƒan.	

Do justice.

The spear shall *be* in the hand,

A weapon shining with gold.

The gem shall in the ring,

Stand prominent and round.

The stream shall with waves

Make a sea flood.

The mast shall in *the* ship

Urge on the sail yard.

The sword shall *be* in *the* bosom,

Lordly iron.

The dragon shall *be* on *the* hill,

Old and shining with ornaments.

The fish shall in *the* water,

Propagate *his* kind.

The king shall in hall,

Distribute bracelets.

The bear shall *be* on *the* heath,

Old and terrible.

The water from *the* hills

Shall bring *with it* grey earth.

The army shall be assembled,

A band of warriors.

Fidelity shall *be* in an earl;

Wisdom in mankind.

The wood shall on *the* ground

Blow with fruits.

Beorh ſceal on eorðan.

Græne ſtandan :

God ſceal on heofenum. 530

Dæda demend.

Duru ſceal on healle.

Rum receder muð.

Rand ſceal on ſcylde.

Fæſt ſingra gebeorh : 535

Fugel uppe ſceal.

Lacan on lýtte.

Leax ſceal on pæle.

Mið ſceote ſcriðan.

Scur ſceal on heofenum. 540

ſinde geblanden.

In ðar woruld cuman.

Deof ſceal zangan.

In ðýſtrum pederum.

Ðýſſ ſceal on ſenne zepunian. 545

Ana innan lande :

Ideſ ſceal dýrne cræfte.

Femne hiſe ſneond zereccan.

Grif heo nelle.

On ſolce zeþeon. 550

Ðæt hi man beazum zebýcge.

Brim ſceal ſealt peallan.

Lýt helm^t 7 lazu flod.

Ymb ealra land zehpýlc.

The hill shall on *the* earth
Stand green.

God shall *be* in *the* heavens
Judging of actions.

A door shall *be* in hall,
The mouth of the large mansion.
A boss shall *be* on *the* shield,
The sure protection of fingers.

The fowl shall upwards
Sport in air.

The salmon shall in *the* eddy,
With shooting wander.

The shower shall in *the* heavens,
Mingled with wind,
Into this world come.

The thief shall go out
In dark seasons.

The spectre shall dwell in *the* fen,
Alone within land.

The woman shall *possess* secret art;
The virgin seek her lover,
If she will not
Publicly go forth,
That men may buy her with bracelets.

The salt sea shall foam,
Clouds and water-floods,
And over every land

- Flopan fīrzen ſtreamaſ :· 555
 Feoh ſceal on eorðan.
 Týðpan 7 týman.
 Tunzol ſceal on heorenum.
 Beorhte ſcīnan.
 Ðra him bebeað meotud :· 560
 God ſceal wýð ýfele.
 Geoƿoð ſceal wið ýlde.
 Liſ ſceal wið deaðe.
 Leoht ſceal wiþ þýrtum.
 Fýrd wið fýrde. 565
 Feond wið oðrum.
 Lað wið laþe.
 Ymb land ſacan.
 Ðýnne ſtælan :·
 A ſceal ſnotor hýcgean. 570
 Ymb þýrre worulde Ʒerinn.
 Ʒearh hanƷian.
 FæƷere on Ʒildan.
 Ðæt he ær ſacen dýde.
 Manna cýnne :· 575
 Meotod ana pat.
 Drýðer ſeo ſapul ſceal.
 Ðýððan hƷeorfan.
 And ealle ða ƷarƷaſ.
 Ðe for Ʒode hƷeorfaþ. 580
 Æfter deað dæƷe.

Copious streams shall flow.

Cattle shall on earth,
Procreate and bring forth.

The star shall in *the* heavens
Bright shine,

As *the* Creator commanded it.

Good shall with evil,
Youth shall with age,
Life shall with death,
Light shall with darkness,
Army with army,
Enemy with other *enemy*,
Evil with evil,

Every where strive ;

They shall always steal *on each other*.

Ever shall *the* prudent strive,
In *the* contention of this world,
To hang *the* guilty ;
Justly to repay
The deed which he before had done
To mankind.

The Creator alone knows
Where the soul shall
Hence go ;
And all the spirits
That for God have departed :
After the day of death,

Domeſ bidað.

On fæder fæðme.

Iſ ſeo foſð Ʒerſceaft.

Diſol and dýrne.

585

Drihten ana pat.

Nerſende fæder.

Næni eft cýmeð.

Hiðer under hrofaſ.

Ðe þ her foſ foð.

590

Mannum ſecge.

Dýlc ſý meotodeſ Ʒerſceaft.

Siſe folca Ʒereta.

Ðær he ſýlfa punað :

Hickesii Thes. A. S. Gr. p. 203, &c.



They wait for judgment
In *the* Father's bosom.
The future condition
Is dark and secret ;
The Lord only knows,
The redeeming Father.
No one returns
Hither, under roofs,
Who here for certain
To men may reveal,
What is *the* condition of the Creator,
The glorious habitation of people,
Where he himself dwells.



NOTES

TO THE ANGLO-SAXON TEXT.

- ^a l. 15. On þam ýlcan dæge.
Uꝛ to tune.
Read as one line by Hicckes.
- ^b l. 19. Ianuariuꝛ.
Geꝛim heton.
Read as one line by Hicckes.
- ^c l. 49. And ge riꝛend þa.
Æfter feofentýnum.
Read as one line by Hicckes.
- ^d l. 109. Spýlce emb feoper.
And þreo niht zepimeꝛ.
Read as one line by Hicckes.
- ^e l. 139. Þꝛecan, for Recan.
- ^f l. 149. Inbuph. Hospes, a guest, according to Hicckes.
- ^g l. 150. Smicepe on zearpum.
Þudum and pýrtum.
Read as one line by Hicckes.
- Ibid.* zearpum, from zearpa, habitus, clothing.
- ^h l. 155. Manꝛ micle.
Geond meniꝛeo zehpær.
Spa þi ýlcan dæge.
Æþele zeperan.
Read as two lines by Hicckes.

- ⁱ l. 184. ꝛeczað, instead of ꝛeczað.
Hickesii erratum.
- ^k l. 208. Γýnerþole neah.
Ūýnerþe mærum.
Read as one line by Hickes.
- ^l l. 264. ƷeƷealde, instead of ƷeƷealde.
Hickesii erratum.
- ^m l. 270. ƷeƷið, instead of ƷeƷið.
Hickesii erratum.
- ⁿ l. 275. Azurþur.
Yrmen ðeodum.
Read as one line by Hickes.
- ^o l. 289. Laupentur hæfþ.
Nu lif Ʒiþ þan.
Read as one line by Hickes.
- ^p l. 367. IƷbuende.
Engle Ʒ ðeaxe.
Read as one line by Hickes.
- ^q l. 457. Ðpa bebuƷeð Ʒebod.
Leond bƷýten Ʒicu.
Read as one line by Hickes.
- ^r l. 483. Fýrn, instead of Fýru, which
Hickes uses, and which Lye has
in his Supplement.
- ^s l. 513. FƷod Ʒrætrum Ʒanc.
Fýc Ʒeal on Ʒætepe.
Read as one line by Hickes.
- ^t l. 553. LýƷt helm. Obscure; but pro-
bably clouds; because LýƷt sig-
nifies the air, and helm signifies
a covering; and such the poet
might consider clouds to be.

NOTES

TO THE ENGLISH VERSION.

^a l. 3. midne rintep, Mid-winter. The 25th of December, the natal day of Christ, was called by the Anglo-Saxons midrýntreþe mæsse dæg. In like manner the 24th of June, the natal day of John the Baptist, the harbinger of Christ, was called midsumereþe mæsse dæg. The feast of the nativity of Christ was known among the Danish Saxons by the name Iol and Iul; from whence is derived the word *yule*, which is still retained among the Northern English and Scotch; the log of wood commonly burnt by them on Christmas Eve being called the "yule block;" and the candle lighted by the superstitious on this occasion, to which they attribute miraculous properties, being called the "yule candle."

^b l. 6. On þý eahteþan dæg, On the eighth day, according to the custom of the Jews. Gen. xvii. 12. xxi. 4.

^c l. 7. Dælend zehaten, Was named Jesus. Dælend, literally signifies a healer, being derived from the Saxon verb Dælan, to heal. In like manner, Jesus is derived from the Greek verb *ἰαομαι*, to heal.

^d l. 13. Kalendur zehincged, Celebrated Calends. Not so called because of the feast of Circumcision, but in consequence of the Heathen festivities, which prevailed in this kingdom long after the introduction of Christianity.

^e l. 16. Uþ to tune, To us in towns. This appears to be an expletive, and is therefore omitted in the translation. It is an expression frequently met with in our old poets.

Lenten ys come with love *to tounne*,
 With blosmen ant with briddes rounne,
 That al this blisse bryngeth ;
 Dayes ezes in this dales,
 Notes suete of nyhtegales,
 Uch foul song singeth.

^f l. 18. Folc mýcel, A great people. The Romans.

^g l. 21. Fīf niht, Five nights. The northern nations were accustomed to compute their time by nights, instead of days ; which mode of reckoning is still common in this country : as, instead of seven days, we say se'nnight ; and instead of fourteen days, we say fortnight.

^h l. 22. þulþiht tīd, Baptismal time. This day is called the Epiphany, or Manifestation of Christ ; and for this name three reasons are assigned : First, because the star is supposed to have appeared on this day to the Magi. In the second place, because it is supposed that Christ was baptized by John on this day, when his divinity was proclaimed by a voice from heaven. And, lastly, because it is supposed that Christ manifested his divine power on this day, by changing the water into wine, at the marriage in Cana. In consequence of this supposed threefold manifestation on the same day, it was called by the ancients, Festum Epiphaniarum.

ⁱ l. 25. Ðæne twelþta dæg, The twelfth day. It is still so called, being reckoned from Christmas Day, which was anciently considered the beginning of the year.

^k l. 31. þol-monað, Sol month. February is called Sol month, because the sun is evidently returning to the summer tropic, and, consequently, the days become longer and brighter.

^l l. 35. Februarīus fæp. Wild February, as here translated. Fæp, however, has two meanings : it signifies wild, or rough ; and also barren, or empty. In either of these senses it is an appropriate epithet for the early part of February.

^m l. 39. Mārīan Mærgan. The feast of Mary. This is now called Candlemas Day.

ⁿ l. 47. ----- aꝥeꝛeð bȳþ. Winter is affrighted
 Ƴintep of ꝛicum. From *our* streets.

The beginning of Spring. The Romans considered Spring commenced on the 9th of February, which was the fifth of the Ides of that month. See Ovidii Fast. L. ii. 150.

^o l. 64. Butan ðænne biꝛeꝛ. Unless the Bissextile, &c. Every fourth year is the Bissextile, or Leap year; when the intercalary day being inserted in the month of February, causes the days of the subsequent months to be one day later than in their ordinary course.

^p l. 74. Ðlýða healic. Loud sounding. The month of March was called by the Anglo-Saxons, Ðlýða monað.

^q l. 78. Ġꝛeꝝoꝛiuꝛ. Gregory. The Pope through whose pious exertions Christianity was first introduced into this kingdom. See Ælfric's Homily on the birth-day of Saint Gregory.

^r l. 88. ꝛæꝝol ꝥæꝛte. Bound by rule. That is, the rules of the Benedictine order of monks.

^s l. 126. Ne maꝝon ꝥe ðaꝛiðe. We may not that time
 Be ꝝeꝛale healðan. Keep by reckoning
 Ðaꝝena Ƴimeꝛ. Of the number of the days.

Easter is a moveable feast, dependent on the moon, and therefore cannot be determined by the calculation of days. The Ascension Day, and Whitsunday, being dependent on Easter, are of course also irregular.

^t l. 192. Aꝝuꝛtinuꝛ. Augustine. See Ælfric's Homily on the birth-day of Saint Gregory.

^u l. 206. Augustine was buried, according to Bede, on the outside the cathedral at Canterbury; and his body was afterwards removed into the north porch. Hickes is therefore mistaken in stating that he was buried in the cathedral, near the royal throne. See Bede's Ecc. Hist. B. ii. 3.

^v l. 213. Æꝛꝛa liða. The former Litha. The month of June. June was called, by the Anglo-Saxons, æꝛꝛa liða, and July was called æꝛteꝛa liða. They were so called, either from the Saxon word lið, mild; or from liðan, to sail, or navigate; because in these months the Saxons were accus-

tomed to make their voyages, on account of the serenity of the weather.

^w *l.* 230. Ðeodney dýplinz. The darling of his Lord. The poet has here confounded John the Baptist with the beloved disciple.

^x *l.* 273. Ƴeodmonað. Weodmonth. August is so called, because weeds and noxious herbs abound in that month.

^y *l.* 277. Ðlaf-mæjran dæz. Lammas day. The feast of the first fruits of the harvest.

^z *l.* 294. Fæzeruyt mæzða. *The fairest of virgins,*
 Ƴifa puldor. *The glory of women.*

The Virgin Mary, who is here described, was held in that just and proper light by the Anglo-Saxon church, that not even poets were allowed to speak of her in terms inapplicable to a creature.

^a *l.* 312. Æþelinzey deað. *The death of the illustrious man,*
 John the Baptist, who was beheaded on this day.

^b *l.* 325. haliz monð. The holy month. September was so called, because it is supposed Christianity was first preached in England in that month.

^c *l.* 365. Ƴinterfýlleð. Winter-filleth. October is so called, because the beginning of winter was marked in it by the full moon.

^d *l.* 373. And Ƴif nihtum. And five nights. These being added to twenty, make twenty-five; but the ancient martyr-ologists always celebrated the martyrdom of Simon and Jude on the 28th of October. Instead of inserting ðreo, which Hickes recommends, it would be better to substitute eahta for Ƴif, which would improve the alliteration.

^e *l.* 387. Blotmonað. Blotmonth. November was so called, from blotan, to sacrifice; because in this month the victims were devoted to those days on which they were to die.

^f *l.* 439. Æppa iula. The former Iule. December. Iula, derived from the word Geol, signifies the natal day of Christ: and December commencing before the feast of the nativity,

is called æppa Iula, the former Iule. January, which follows the feast of the nativity, is called æfpepa Iula, the latter Iule. See note on l. 3.

<p> ^s l. 454. Nu ge fūndan maƷon. Ðaligpa tūð. Ða man healdan fceal. Ðpa bebuzed Ʒebod. Leonð Brýten ꝛicu, Sexna kýningeƷ. </p>	<p> Now may ye find <i>The times of the saints,</i> That men should observe, <i>As the command goeth</i> Through Britain, <i>Of the king of the Saxons.</i> </p>
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This calendar evidently belongs exclusively to this country, as it is not swelled by the enrolment of foreign saints. It is also evident that it belonged to the Anglo-Saxon church, and enumerated the festivals observed by it; because these festivals were not instituted at the pleasure of private individuals, but by command of some king, who reigned over this country subsequently to the formation of the heptarchy into one kingdom; and, as was customary, they probably received the sanction of the witena gemot, or chief council.

There is in many parts a singular coincidence between this relic of the Anglo-Saxon church, and the calendar of our own reformed church, both in the days, the numbers, and the names of the saints. The menology furnishes us with an unquestionable proof, that the church originally established in this kingdom was independent of the see of Rome, and that its subsequent dependence on the Roman Pontiff arose from the encroachment of his usurping power.

<p> ^h l. 494. Ðafuc fceal on ƷloƷe. Þilde Ʒepunian. </p>	<p> Hawk shall on cliff, Wild dwell. </p>
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The latter part of this poem is wild, and exhibits to us the vagrant fancy of the ancient northern bards, which wandered through a variety of subjects, apparently unconnected. The classical reader will here see some resemblance to the luxuriant imagination of Pindar.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE EXHIBITS THE ANGLO-SAXON
SOLAR MONTHS,

As described by Hickes, vol. i. p. 215.

ENGLISH.	ANGLO-SAXON.
January.	Se forþma monað. aƿtepa Ʒeola † Iula.
February.	Sol monað.
March.	Blýða † Blýð-monað.
April.	Ʒaƿteþ monað.
May.	Ʒauiþ monað.
June.	Seþe monað. miðrumor monað. Æppa liða † Iuniuþ monað.
July.	Ʒeð monað. Ʒæð monað. Æƿtepa liða † Iuliuþ monað.
August.	Ƴeod monað. † Auguþtuþ monað.
September.	Ʒaliþ monað. † haþƿæþt monað.
October.	Se teoða monað. † haliz monað.
November.	Blot monað.
December.	Ʒiðþinteþ monað. † Æppe Geola. † Iula.

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