

cattle; and a few, who dwelt in the south, and were less savage, tilled little patches of corn-land, and traded with merchants who now and then came to this island from lands beyond the seas.

7. I am sorry to tell you that these old Britons did not believe in the true God. They used to worship the sun, and moon, and the mistletoe that grows on the oak-tree. Their priests, who were called Druids, used to teach them that their souls, when they died, would go into the bodies of beasts; and that it was right, and pleasing to their gods, to burn their enemies whom they took in battle.

#### QUESTIONS.

1. What was this country called before the English came to it? What were the people called who lived in the country at that time? 2. In what did the old Britons differ from us? What does 100 B.C. mean? 3. What have we in these days that they had not then? 4. What did the country look like in those days? 5. What sort of people were the ancient Britons to look at? How did they dress? 6. On what did the Britons live? 7. What did they believe in? What were their priests called?

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#### THE STORY OF THE ROMAN CONQUEST (B.C. 55).

1. One bright summer's morning, in the old days we have been speaking of, a great crowd of Britons stood on the white chalk cliffs of **Kent**. Every now and then, they looked across the narrow seas towards France, or **Gaul**, as it was called at that time.

2. It was plain that they were making ready for a battle. Every man was naked, his breast and