

QUESTIONS.

1. Why was King Ethelred called the Unready? 2. Who made war upon Ethelred? 3. How did Ethelred deal with the Danes? 4. What sort of people were the Danes who had settled down in England? 5. What did Ethelred do to these Danes? 6. What noble lady was slain on St. Brice's Day? What did she threaten before she died? 7. What did King Sweyn do when he heard the news? 8. What two men fought for the kingdom? Who became king?

STORIES OF KING CANUTE THE GREAT.

1. And so **Canute** the Dane sat on the throne of England, and he was such a good, and wise, and noble king that men called him Canute the Great. He ruled his people well. He made the laws the same for rich and for poor, for English and for Dane; and his people lived in peace, and loved him very much. He became a Christian too, and built up the churches and abbeys which his fathers had burned down.

2. But of all the abbeys which King Canute raised up, he loved none so well as **Ely**; and he often went there on the great feast days of the year. The abbey of Ely stood on an island amid the marshes of the Fen country, and the king could only get there by water. One evening, as he was rowed to the abbey, the chant of the monks, singing their evening hymn, floated sweetly over the quiet waters; and as it fell upon the king's ears his heart was so glad that he began to sing. He