Chronicler appears to correct, to qualify, or to amplify the statements, which, in substance, he adopts.

There is to be found, in the “Book of Hyde,” much information relating to the reign of King Alfred which is not known to exist elsewhere. The volume contains some curious specimens of Anglo-Saxon and medieval English.

46. **CHRONICON SCOTORUM**: A CHRONICLE OF IRISH AFFAIRS, FROM THE EARLIEST TIMES TO THE DEATH OF EDWARD II. VOLS. I. AND II. Edited by THOMAS WRIGHT, M.A. 1866-1868.

It is probable that Pierre de Langtoft was a canon of Bridlington, in Yorkshire, and lived in the reign of Edward I., and during a portion of the reign of Edward II. This chronicle is divided into three parts; in the first, is an abridgment of Geoffrey of Monmouth’s “Historia Regum”; in the second, a history of the Anglo-Saxon and Norman kings, to the death of Henry III.; in the third, a history of the reign of Edward I. The language is a curious specimen of the French of Yorkshire.

47. **THE CHRONICLE OF PIERRE DE LANGTOFT, IN FRENCH VERSE, FROM THE EARLIEST PERIOD TO THE DEATH OF EDWARD I.** VOLS. I. AND II. Edited by THOMAS WRIGHT, M.A. 1866-1868.

The work in its present form, in the editor’s opinion, is a comparatively modern version of an ancient original. The story is told in the manner of the Scandinavian Sagas.


The earlier portion, extending from 1169 to 1189, appears to be a copy of a compilation made in Northumbria about 1131, to which Hovenden added little. From 1189 to 1192—a very valuable portion of this work—the matter is derived from another source, to which Hovenden appears to have supplied little. From 1170 to 1182 is the portion which corresponds to some extent with the Chronicle known under the name of Benedict of Peterborough (see No. 30). From 1192 to 1219 may be said to be wholly Hovenden’s work.


This book contains the ancient ordinances and laws relating to the navy.

50. **MEMORIALS OF THE REIGN OF HENRY VI.:—OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THOMAS BECKET, SECRETARY TO HENRY VI., AND BISHOP OF BATH AND WELLS.** Edited by the Rev. GEORGE WILLIAMS, B.D., VICAR OF KINGWOOD, LATE FELLOW OF KING’S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE. VOLS. I. AND II. 1872.