DRAMATIS PERSONÆ

Haakon, elected King of Norway by the "Birchlegs." 1 Inga, his mother. Dagfinn, his marshal. Ivar Bodde, his chaplain. Earl Skule. Ragnhild, his wife. Sigrid, his sister. Margrete, his daughter. Nicholas, Bishop of Oslo. Sira Viljam, his chaplain. Guthorm Ingesson. Sigurd the Ribbung. Vegard Væradal, one of Haakon's body-guard. Gregorius Jonsson, vassals. Paul Flida, Ingebjörg, wife of Andres Skjalderband. Peter, her son, a young priest. Sigard, of Brabant, a physician. Jatgeir, an Icelandic bard. Bratte, a bard and chieftain from the Trondhjem People and Citizens of Bergen. Oslo and Nidaros; Crusaders, Priests, Monks and Nuns; Guests, Guards, Women, Men-at-Arms, etc., etc.

(The action takes place in the first half of the thirteenth century.)

¹ One of the numerous political factions which existed in Norway at this period. They owed their name to the fact of their wearing leggings of birch-bark.