

UNDER THE ENGLISH CROWN

to London, where King Edward had it crowned with ivy and exposed to view at the Tower, in order that the prophecy might be fulfilled which had foretold that a prince of Wales would one day be crowned in the capital of the English kingdom.

As if the history of Wales had been completely swept away by the English inundation, very few traces of it remain visible upon the soil. At Bangor, whose name recalls its religious origin,—*Al banchor*, the Great Choir or Great Church,—nothing of the past remains at all. Yet once upon a time it was a famous British monastery. Its two hundred monks were massacred by the chief of an Anglo-Saxon colony, who after a victory saw them kneeling unarmed to pray for the salvation of their people, and slew them as they knelt. Opposite to it the Isle of Anglesey recalls Welsh independence only by some few old names and ruins. A poor village on the Western coast, Aberfraw, was once the capital of the kings of North Wales. Close to Beaumaris, the present county town, the map indicates another called Tre-castell. Am I then in Brittany? Tre-castell is one of the oldest residences of the *Tewdor*¹ family. Their name

¹ This is the Welsh name for the English *Tudor*.