

## CARACTACUS

*Place,* The city of Rome.

*Time,* About 1,900 years ago.

*People,* The Roman Emperor and his people ; Caractacus the Briton.

The Romans came again to Britain long after Julius Cæsar was dead. Little by little they took the land from the Britons and made them do as they told them.

The Britons fought hard against them. But the Romans were very strong, and knew all about war as well as many other things. So they beat the Britons time after time.

There was one bold British chief or leader called Caractacus who fought for a long time against the Romans.

Then one of his own people told the Romans how to catch him. So they went after him, and at last made him a prisoner.

Chains were put on his hands, and

he was taken far away over the sea to the city of Rome. He was made to walk through the fine streets of the great city for the Romans to see him and perhaps laugh at him.

But he was proud and held up his head like a brave man. He was taken before the Roman Emperor, who asked him what he was thinking, as he stood before him.

"You have a fine city," said the chief. "I wonder why you came to my land to take my small poor home from me."

The Emperor liked him because he was so fearless. So he gave orders for him to be set free. We do not know if he ever came back to Britain.