

**I. Where the English came from:—**

The true English or Anglo-Saxon people did not originally belong to England. In the fifth century after Christ they lived in what is now called Sleswick. North of them was a tribe named the Jutes, and south of them another named the Saxons. These tribes were united with the English or Angles under the common name of Englishmen, although they are generally known as Saxons because the Romans only came in contact with the southern or Saxon tribes

**II. Why the English came to Britain:—**

They were, as their descendants have been, a most enterprising and aggressive race. A Roman writer says of them: "Foes are they, fierce beyond other foes, and cunning as they are fierce: the sea is their school of war, and the storm their friend; they are sea-wolves that live on the pillage of the world."

Early in the 5th century these fierce ancestors of ours began to pillage in the British Channel. When the Romans had to leave Britain the province was exposed to repeated attacks from the Picts of Scotland, who were really Britons who had escaped to the Highlands at the time of the Roman conquest. The people of Britain were untrained in the art of war owing to the despotic method of government adopted by the Romans, and so when they found themselves in 449 A.D. about to be attacked by the Picts in alliance with the English, and the Scots, a tribe from Ireland, they decided to weaken their enemies and strengthen themselves by bribing the English to leave the Picts and Scots and unite with them. By