the English People," sec. 3, chap. vi. 2. See Green, chap. vii. sec. 1; also sec. 3, chap. vii. 3. Green, chap. vii. sec. 3. 4. Green, chap. viii. sec. 3. 4. Green, chap. viii. sec. 2. 5. See Hallam's Const. History, chap. ix.; also Macaulay's Essay on Hallam. 6. Green, chap. vii. secs. 7 and 8; also Hallam, chap. x. 7. See Hallam, chap. xv.—on Act of Settlement; also Green, sec. 9, chap. ix. 8. Green, sec. 2, chap. x. (Consult May's Constitutional History.) 9. Green, sec. 10, chap. ix. 10. Consult Green, Macaulay's History and Essays; also Goldwin Smith's "Three English Statesmen." 11. Green, chap. x. sec. 2; also May on "Influence of the Crown." 12. Green, chap. x. sec. 4; also any good Atlas.

## ANSWERS TO ENGLISH QUESTIONS.

(See page 80, C. E. M.)

- 1. The absence of case-endings is supplied in English, (1) by the use of prepositions; (2) by the position of the noun or pronoun in the sentence. The effect of the absence of case-endings has been, to fix the relative position of words. When the language had case-endings to express different relations, a writer could arrange his words so as to make emphatic ones prominent; but now that these endings are lost, the words, in order to make the relation clear, must be arranged according to some fixed anethod, or else ambiguity may arise. For example, in the sentence, "And all the air a solemn stillness holds," we cannot tell by the form of the words air and stillness which one is in the objective relation. But if we place the word air after the verb holds, the ambiguity is at once removed. Genitive case-endings-unawares, else, perhaps. Dative case-endingswhom, him. Accusative case-endings—then, when. Ablative case-endings—the, in "the more the merrier."
- 2. Consult Fleming's "Analysis of English Language," Syntax, chap. iv.
- 3. "To-morrow." To is a preposition used with the noun morrow, to form an adverbial phrase. "And all to break his head." To, here, is an intensive particle, meaning in pieces, asunder. "Early to hed." To is a preposition showing the relation between go, understood, and bed. To bed is by some considered a verb in the infinitive mood.

- "Go to, now." To is an adverb. "Such a to-do." To-do is here a substantive. To is a preposition, and the two words have become one compound word.
- 4. A perfect alphabet requires a special symbol for each sound. Examples of defect in respect of vowels:—Father, fate, fat, fall; bit, bite; meet, mete; poke, pot, for; rude, pull, fun, fur. Examples of defect in respect to consonants:—th in thin and in thine, sh in shine, z in azure, the ng in thing. These represent five distinct sounds, which should be represented by five distinct symbols. Examples of excess:—C in civil might be replaced by s, in cut by k. Ough in through has the same sound as cw in threw. In mission, ss is pronounced sh, which is the same sound we find in motion.
- 5. Relative Pronouns.—(1) The relative pronouns are used in two ways: (a) to limit or define the antecedent, which otherwise would express too much or too little, which may be called its restrictive use. For this purpose we generally use that. (b) To make some additional statement, which may be called its conjunctive use. For this purpose we use who or which. See Mason's Grammar, secs. 151 and 413. (2) The relatives agree in gender and number with the antecedent, but not in case. (3) The case of the relative is determined by its relation to the clause to which it belongs. (4) The relative pronoun is omitted only when, if expressed, it would be in the objective, and when its omission causes no ambiguity. (5) See Fleming, chap. v., sec. 8. (6) That, a relative, does not admit a preposition before it. (7) As is used as a relative only when same. such, or so much accompanies the antecedent. Shall and will. See Fleming, chap. vii., sec. 3, Verb; also, Mason, sec. 213. Than and as. See Fleming, chap. v., sec. 5, note 3; sec. 6, note 5; sec. 13, notes 5 and 6.
- 6. A, or an, is derived from the numeral one, the old English form being an. The is from the old English demonstrative se, seo, thact. As to the use of these words, consult Fleming, chap. v., sec. 5; also Mason, secs. 121-126. Reasons for making the article a