RHYMES

OF THE

KINGS AND QUEENS OF ENGLAND.

ALFRED THE GREAT.

BORN at Wantage, Berks, 849.

TOOK London from the Danes and drove them to their ships, after
a ten years' war. He divided England into counties, built the
University of Oxford, surveyed England, and formed a code of
laws, the basis of the present English common law. He was
thrice married, and translated part of the Scriptures into the
Saxon tongue.

OH ! mist of centuries, move gently back
　　From the England of early ages long ago.
Pass, as the ocean rolls from the soft sea-wrack ;
　　Make revelations, like the melting snow.
　　　　Rise, show the Saxon sage
　　　　So far before his age,
　　Alfred, whose candles set the world aglow,