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BY  
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*'Tri harddwrch goiaŵ, llawriasth deallus, cynnydigion cydgyddus  
a llywodraeth gydwybodus.'*

CATWG DDORTH.

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To the memory of A. M. H., and E. G. H.

*Once we with youthful hearts, unused to fears,  
Reckoned our time by this place and by that ;  
This month we climbed the hill, this noontide sat  
Within the russet of the ripening ears.  
Now by our graves we measure out the years,  
The Border hills are dark with mists of pain,  
The sea-lochs wail, the seasonable rain  
On Loughrigg falling, turns to human tears.  
We, severed from their lonely graves, pursue  
An alien path ;—yet here the wistful air,  
Awaiting Him whose sepulchre they share,  
On its clear azure paves His path anew,  
Sets in mid-heaven a winged retinue  
And bids the cloud His chariot prepare.*

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## INTRODUCTION.

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PERHAPS these Songs and Sonnets of Siluria may be not unfitly introduced by a short survey of the history and characteristics of the Silurian or South-Welsh people.

The British tribe of the Silures inhabited the region now represented by the counties of Hereford, Monmouth, Glamorgan, and, according to some authorities, of Brecknock and Radnor.

The resistance which for nine years this brave people offered, under Carádóc (*Caractacus*), their king, to the Roman arms, is one of the earliest and most stirring episodes in our national annals. 'Siluria,' says Tacitus, 'was a powerful and warlike state: in the defeat of Valens it was the nation of the Silures that struck the blow. Of all the Britons the Silures were the most determined; they fought with obstinacy, with inveterate