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# THOMAS AQUINAS.

BORN A.D. 1224, DIED A.D. 1274.

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## 1. Uniformity of Scholastic Biography.

THE Biography of the Schoolmen of the Middle Age presents, at the first view, little to interest the general reader, who seeks to be led through a series of incidents various in character and striking in effect. A prospect seems stretched before him of wild plains or barren sea, without any landmarks to arrest the eye, or irregularities to break the dull level. But it is only at the first vague glance of the subject that it appears in this uninteresting form. The level which, whilst we viewed it from a distance, seemed nothing but uniformity, on the nearer approach discloses the variety of hill and valley, which its broad surface had concealed from the distant survey. And so the life of the Schoolmen, when