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## INTRODUCTION.

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To supply the youthful mind with an additional stimulus to the study of history, by leading them to the well-head, and giving them to taste of the unpolluted waters of knowledge, has been the object of this little volume ; and the pages of Froissart, unrivalled for their spirit-stirring delineation of men and of events, have furnished the chief materials. There are, it is true, abundant stores to be found throughout the whole range of our ancient Chroniclers ; but none are gifted with that singular power of transporting the reader into the very scenes described, in so eminent a degree as the chivalric Canon of Chimay.

To introduce our young readers to such an author ;— to show them that history is not a mere dry catalogue of dates and of events ; and thus to aid and encourage them in the pursuit of a study tending so especially

to enlarge the mind and form the judgment,—has been our aim, which we trust will be found not altogether unsuccessful.

In the selection of the tales it has been sought, while laying before our readers a lively narrative of minute events, to illustrate a particular period of history, rather than to give a series of disjointed stories: and perhaps this plan has rendered the book less entertaining than it might have been; but this error, if it be one, will, we hope, be pardoned in consideration of increased utility.

Should the present attempt be received with favour, Uncle Rupert will be inclined once more to gather an audience beneath the old ash-tree.



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