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PREFACE.

THE high patronage and general approbation with which the compiler of this Chart was flattered in its original presentation to the public, has induced her to reproduce it under considerable additions and improvements.

Her object as expressed in a former edition, is to obviate the difficulties incident on remote genealogies, and to simplify the subject to beginners. This outline of Scottish History, wherein the succession of the royal line is carefully preserved, shews the descent of our present Sovereign to be blended equally with Kenneth M'Alpine as with Egbert the Saxon.

The improvement of her own pupils suggested the Work, and should it aid the labour of others similarly engaged, and prove an incitement for young people generally to study the histories to which this Chart and Guide are intended only as an index; her effort for such benefits will be amply rewarded.

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ENGLISH MONARCHY,

FROM

EGBERT TO VICTORIA I.

EGBERT, first monarch of all England, was descended from Cerdric, founder of the kingdom of Wessex. The jealousy of Bithric, the reigning prince, had caused him to withdraw to France, where he was well received by Charlemagne. By living at this court, Egbert learned to polish the rude barbarity of the Saxon character, and became familiar with the chivalry and manners of the French; he obtained a superior knowledge of tactics, by serving in the armies of Charlemagne, which, on assuming the government of Wessex, he employed in the subjugation of the cotemporary princes forming the heptarchy, A. D. 800.

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857	Ethelbald	His Brother	Ethelbert 4
860	Ethelbert	Ditto	Ethelred 5
866	Ethelred	Ditto.	Alfred 6
872	Alfred	His son	Edward, the Elder 7
901	Edward, the Elder	His natural son	Athelstan 8
925	Athelstan	His brother	Edmund, the Pious 9
940	Edmund, the Pious	Ditto'	Edzed 10
945	Edred	His nephew	Edwy, son of Edmund the Pious 11
955	Edwy	His brother	Edgar 12
959	Edgar	His son	Edward, the Martyr 13
957	Edward, the Martyr	His brother-in-law	Ethelred 11. 979 14
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^{3ugen} In the reign of Ethelred II., Sweyn, king of Deumark, ^{Nen} ^{celus} grandson of Thyra, the daughter of Edward the Elder, ^{Char} invaded England, to revenge the massacre of his countrymen, and of his sister, Gunhilda, who, with her children, were among those thus inhumanly butchered.

Ethelred II. unable to defend his country from the invaders, fled into Normandy, whither he had previously sent his queen Emma, with her two sons, Alfred and Edward, for protection, to her brother Richard, Duke of Normandy.

Sweyn only survived the flight of Ethelred six weeks, and upon his death, Edmund Ironside, son of Ethelred II. with the most hardy valour opposed Canute, the son of Sweyn, but, proving unsuccessful in his endeavours to rescue the kingdom from the Danish yoke, he made a compromise with ¹⁵ Canute, and they divided the kingdom, A.D. 1016.

A month after this treaty, Edmund was murdered at Oxford;* and Canute obtained sole possession of the crown of 16 England.

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118	CANUTE	His son	Harold I	17
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The two last kings died without issue, and having disgusted the English nation by their tyranny, the Saxon line was restored through the influence of Earl Godwin,[†] a powerful nobleman, and the first of that title in England,) in the

* Observe the family of Edmund, for in his great granddaughter Matilda, the Saxon lineal descent was continued by her marriage with Henry I. son of William the Conqueror.

+ The large tract of land which is supposed to have constituted Earl Godwin's Estate, was overflowed by the sea in 1100. This inundation formed those dangerous banks called Goodwin Sands, which have ever since proved fatal to life and property. Berno person of Edward the Confessor, son of the banished Ethelred No. Rein II. and Emma of Normandy. 1041 1041

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Edward the Confessor, in the decline of life, sent to Hungary for his nephew, Edward, the son of Edmund Ironside, presumptive heir to the throne; but he dying a few days after his arrival in England, new difficulties were thrown in the way of succession, as his son Edgar, surnamed Atheling, was too young to oppose his rival, Harold, son of Earl Godwin, by Githa, daughter of Canute. In this dilemma, Edward the Confessor secretly determined on naming William, Duke of Normandy, (related on his mother's side) to succeed him; but death prevented his carrying this resolution into effect, 1055 and Harold ascended the throne, setting aside the claim of 20

Edgar Atheling, upon a charge of imbecility.

When the Duke of Normandy heard of Edward's death, and Harold's accession, he was exceedingly indignant, and sent an embassy to England, upbraiding Harold with perjury, he having sworn upon an altar, under which William had placed some sacred relics to support that Duke's claim to the throne. Harold, in answer declared the oath to have been extorted; that he had gained the crown by the unanimous consent of the people of England, and that he should strenuously maintain his right with his life. William, expecting this answer, was already preparing for the invasion of England. He calculated, as there were no fortified towns, that his whole fortune must depend upon the issue of one decisive battle, and having, by his power and courage, obtained a pre-eminence in Europe, multitudes crowded to render him assistance in this invasion, and the Emperor, Henry IV. promised his protection to the Duchy of Normandy during his absence. His most important ally was Pope Alexander II, who had great influence in military enterprizes, and now began to assert his supremacy over all the states of Europe. The pontiff