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TO THE
RIGHT HONOURABLE
THE VISCOUNTESS MAYNARD,
THIS LITTLE WORK IS RESPECTFULLY INSCRIBED,
BY
HER LADYSHIP'S DEVOTED SERVANT,
THE AUTHOR.

P R E F A C E.

SINCE the excellent works of Mrs. Markam and Mrs. Jameson have caused the History of France to form part in the general reading of young persons, it is hoped that the following pages may be found profitable to be committed to memory. With the exception of Pinnock's short Catechism, there is not any similar Class Book on the French History. As works of reference, the pages of Anquetil, Mezerai, Gifford, and Philippe de Commines have been consulted; and in the arrangement of the whole, it has been the desire of the Author, as much as possible, to interest, as well as to benefit the pupil.

INTRODUCTORY QUESTIONS.

How many lines of Kings have swayed the sceptre of France ?

Three ; viz.

The Merovingian, commencing A. D. 420, by Pharamond.*

The Carolingian, commencing A. D. 751, by Pepin le Bref.

The Capetian, commencing A. D. 987, by Hugh Capet.

How many sovereigns have there been of the Merovingian line ?

Twenty-two, from Pharamond to Childeric III. They governed during a space of three hundred and thirty-one years.

How many Princes of the second, or Carolingian race ?

Thirteen, from Pepin le Bref to Louis V., or Le Faineant. They held the crown during a space of two hundred and thirty-six years.

And how many of the Capetian dynasty ?

Thirty-four sovereigns, from Hugh Capet to Charles X., excepting only an interval of eleven years, in which Napoleon governed France.

* Opinions are so various respecting the dates attached to the Merovingian Kings, that Antequil alone has been consulted on this point.

Has not this last race been again subdivided ?

Yes, into five branches, viz :

1. The Capetians, or direct descendants of Hugh Capet.
2. The first House of Valois.
3. The House of Orleans.
4. The second House of Valois.
5. The House of Bourbon.

ERRATA.

- Page 92, line 29, for Charles V. read Charles IV.
— 146, line 31, for France, read Francia.
— 147, line 7, for Creasi, read Creph.
— 149, line 17, for Eleanor, read Elizabeth.
— 202, 213, 214, for Maria Anoinette, read Marie Antoinette.

A CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE

OF THE

SOVEREIGNS OF FRANCE,

FROM PHARAMOND TO LOUIS XVIII.

ALSO,

A TABLE OF THE KINGS OF FRANCE,

WITH THEIR

CONSORTS AND CHILDREN,

FROM PEPIN TO CHARLES X.

I.—A Chronological Table of the Sovereigns of France.

MEROVINGIAN RACE.		SOVEREIGNS' NAMES.	Began to reign A. D.	Reigned years.	Age.	Where Buried.	Century.
		PHARAMOND	420	7			} V.
		CLODION le Chevelu	427	21			
		MEROVEE	448	8			
		CHILDERIC I.	456	26		Tournai	
		5 CLOVIS I.	482	30	45	Paris, Ch. St. Genievève ..	
		CHILDEBERT I.	512	46			} VI.
		CLOTAIRE I.	558	4			
		CARIBERT	562	4			
		CHILPERIC I.	566	18			
		5 CLOTAIRE II. le Grand	584	44	45		
		DAGOBERT I.	628	10			} VII.
		CLOVIS II.	633	17			
		CLOTAIRE III.	655	15			
		CHILDERIC II.	670	9			
		THIERRY I.	679	12			
		CLOVIS III.	691	4			
		7 CHILDEBERT II. le Juste	695	16			