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"This story shall the good man teach his son."
Shakspeare.

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P R E F A C E .

To imprint upon the memories of our youth the leading events of English history is an important part of education. Many instructors endeavour to accomplish this object by requiring their pupils to learn by rote the answers provided for them in some catechism of history. When, as in this case, the memory alone is exercised, very little real knowledge is acquired. It is a better method to encourage the student to prepare answers to the questions, which in most school histories are appended, to the several sections of the work. In attempting this plan a practical difficulty speedily presents itself. Most of the authors of our abridged histories deal so much in general statement, and write in so diffuse a style, as to render it nearly impossible for the youthful pupil to select from the body of the history definite answers to the questions proposed. In other cases the interrogatories put are of so comprehensive a kind as to require for their solution whole paragraphs of the book. To obviate the difficulty arising from these circumstances is the object of this little Manual.

Most of the school histories are deeply tinged with party prejudices. The compiler of this has endeavoured to present the truth fairly to his reader.

Of the two parts, of which the work consists, the series of QUESTIONS is by far the most important. This is, indeed, the fundamental portion

of it. The *ΕΡΙΤΟΜΗ*, which precedes each dynasty, has been prepared solely with the view of enabling the pupil readily to procure succinct answers to the questions which follow. Perhaps in the earlier portions of it brevity has been too much consulted.

When a youth has fairly mastered this little *HAND BOOK* he will have laid a foundation on which, by subsequent study, he may rear a goodly superstructure of historical lore. The results of reading, when an orderly groundwork has not been made, are for the most part evanescent.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Feb. 7th, 1848.

PART I.

TABULAR VIEW

OF

THE HISTORY OF ENGLAND,

Since the Conquest,

EXHIBITING THE SUCCESSION OF THE MONARCHS, THE
DATE OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF EACH REIGN,
AND THE PRINCIPAL EVENTS IN EACH.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Began to reign.</i>	<i>Remarkable Events.</i>
NORMANS.		
William I.	1066	Norman Invasion.
William Rufus	1087	Slain in the New Forest.
Henry I.	1100	Charter of Liberties.
Stephen	1135	Civil Wars between Stephen and Matilda.
PLANTAGE- NETS.		
Henry II.	1154	Thomas à Becket; Conquest of Ireland.
Richard I. ...	1189	Crusades.
John	1199	Great Charter.
Henry III.	1216	Further revolt of the Barons; Commoners admitted into Par- liament.
Edward I.	1272	Conquest of Wales and Scotland.
Edward II.	1307	Bannockburn; murdered in Berkley Castle.
Edward III. ...	1327	Cressy; Poitiers.
Richard II.	1377	Wycliffe; King deposed and mur- dered.
HOUSE OF LANCASTER.		
Henry IV.	1399	"Heretics" burnt
Henry V.	1413	Agincourt.
Henry VI.	1422	Joan of Arc; France lost; the Wars of the Roses commenced; deposed and murdered.
HOUSE OF YORK.		
Edward IV. ...	1461	Civil War; William Caxton the first English Printer.
Edward V.	1483	Murdered in the Tower.
Richard III. ...	1483	The Civil Wars terminated in the Battle of Bosworth, where he was slain.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Began to reign.</i>	<i>Remarkable Events.</i>
TUDORS.		
Henry VII.....	1485	The Feudal Aristocracy crushed.
Henry VIII. ..	1509	The Scriptures first printed in English; rupture with Rome; Flodden Field.
Edward VI. ...	1547	The Reformation established.
Mary	1553	Fires of Smithfield; Calais lost.
Elizabeth	1558	Spanish Armada.
STUARTS.		
James I.	1603	Union of the Crowns of England and Scotland.
Charles I.	1625	Civil War; the King beheaded.
Commonwealth	1649	Government of Cromwell.
Charles II.....	1660	Plague; Fire of London.
James II.....	1685	Attempt to establish Popery; abdicates the Throne.
William & Mary	1688	"The glorious Revolution;" Battle of the Boyne.
Anne	1702	Battle of Blenheim; Gibraltar taken; Union of England and Scotland.
HOUSE OF BRUNSWICK.		
George I.....	1714	Rebellion in 1715 in Scotland.
George II.	1727	Rebellion of 1745; Culloden.
George III.....	1760	Revolt of the American Colonies; Union with Ireland; Struggle with Napoleon; Waterloo.
George IV.....	1820	Great Commercial Activity.
William IV. ...	1830	Reform Bill; Slavery abolished.
Victoria	1837	Treaty of Commerce with China; Conquests in India.

QUESTIONS ON THE TABLE.

1. Name the Kings of England in order.
2. Who succeeded Richard I ?
3. Who succeeded Edward III ?
4. Who succeeded Edward V ?
5. Who followed Edward VI ?
6. On the abdication of James II. who obtained the Crown ?
7. Name the Kings of Norman extraction.
8. Who was the first of the House of Plantagenet ?
9. Who was the last of the Plantagenets ?
10. Name the Kings that were of the House of Lancaster.
11. Name those of the House of York.
12. Who was the first of the Tudors ?
13. Name all the Monarchs of the Tudor line.
14. Who was the first of the Stuarts ?
15. Who was the last of the Stuarts ?
16. What House succeeded the Stuart Family ?
17. When did William the Conqueror begin to reign ?
18. When did William Rufus ascend the throne ?
19. When did Henry I. ascend the throne!—and so of the others.
20. Who disputed the throne with Stephen ?
21. What King was reigning at the commencement of the twelfth century ?
22. What King was reigning at the commencement of the thirteenth century ?
23. What King was reigning in the year 1300 ?
24. Who was reigning in 1400 ?
25. Who was King at the commencement of the sixteenth century ?
26. Name the Monarchs that occupied the British throne during the seventeenth century.
27. Who was reigning at the commencement of the eighteenth century ?
28. At the commencement of the nineteenth ?