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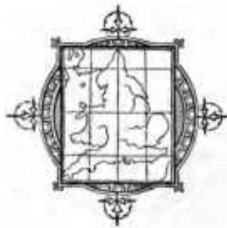
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## Preface.



THIS is the Fourth and last of a series of Historical Readers, the first consisting of Stories from English History, while the other three supply a continuous narrative from the beginning to the present time.

Like the others, the present Book seeks to bring into clear and graphic prominence the men and events that have had a decisive effect upon English History, omitting the details which burden the ordinary text-books. The Fourth Book, however, treats the time allotted to it with greater scope and fulness than was necessary or suitable for the preceding periods. Apart from other reasons, this is required by the nature of the subject. Up to the seventeenth century, English History is confined chiefly to our own islands, and to our dealings with the neighbouring countries of Western Europe. With the seventeenth century, and especially after the Revolution of 1689, our interests extend to the remotest parts of the globe.

It is a misfortune that down to Waterloo, this period is so much concerned with the ever-recurring wars with France. It is therefore all the more gratifying that, after Waterloo, there prevailed a general peace, during which it is our duty to trace the quiet and regular progress of the nation.

As in the other books, the narrative has been brightened by the insertion of poetical pieces, illustrative of historical incident and sentiment.

The following are the Books of the series :

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LESSON I.

**William III. and Mary, 1689—1694 A.D.**

1. Having alienated the hearts of his subjects, James II. found himself deserted in the hour of his extremity, and was obliged to seek refuge in France. He became a pensioner on the bounty of Louis XIV., and the remaining years of his life were spent in exile at the court of St Germain, near Paris.

2. The vacant throne of England was offered to William, Prince of Orange, James's nephew and son-in-law. To prevent all disputes for the future between the sovereign and the nation, a *Declaration of Rights* was drawn up, 13th Feb. 1689 A.D. stating the terms on which the offer of the crown was made. William having accepted the conditions contained in this famous declaration.