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TO  
THE MARCHIONESS OF DOURO,  
THIS LITTLE WORK  
IS HUMBLY AND AFFECTIONATELY  
**Dedicated;**  
WITH AN EARNEST HOPE THAT HER LADYSHIP  
MAY DISCERN IN IT  
THOSE PRINCIPLES WHEREIN SHE WAS EDUCATED,  
AND WHEREBY  
SHE IS ENABLED TO ADORN  
THE ELEVATED STATION TO WHICH  
A GRACIOUS PROVIDENCE HAS CALLED HER.

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## ADVERTISEMENT.

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THE welcome with which the announcement of this little work has been received, induces the writer to think of forming the remaining materials before her into a sequel: the First Part will begin where this ends, and come down to the Thirteenth Century; the Second Part, beginning thence, will be continued to the present time.

Should the whole course be completed according to the writer's wishes, the TABLES would form one volume and the KEY another; what is now sent forth is merely stitched, that each possessor of the work may the more conveniently have it ultimately bound according to his own taste.

The warm response which followed the announcement of the writer's intentions raised a hope that this work would have been long since in circulation; those who kindly fostered the MS. into being are informed that from that period many adverse circumstances have caused unavoidable delay in the publication.



For the convenience of such persons as may adopt this work in education, ruled Copy-books are published, to be filled up by the Pupil according to the judgment of the Teacher; who must of course have in his possession a copy of the Tables completed.

## P R E F A C E.

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THE materials from which this compilation has been chiefly selected, have been collecting through a life-time from countless sources; it would be vain, therefore, to attempt any enumeration of them.\*

*The Genealogical Tables* were formed by a pupil only fifteen years of age, without a hint given, or any effort on her part; the Bible merely being placed in her hand, and her mind previously trained by the tabular exercises.

The description of the Olympic Games was written from memory, and is part of a sermon preached by the esteemed individual who has most kindly furnished the spiritual reading.

It may be necessary to inform a beginner in the study of Chronology, what has been said by an intelligent teacher,† “That previous to 536 (B. C.) there is not a single date that has not been made the subject of discussion.”

\* W. C. Taylor's valuable addition to the Study of Ancient and Modern History, and H. White's admirably arranged work upon “Universal History,” have been found useful in the writer's historical class. The “Classical Manual” will also be found a valuable acquisition.

† Bickmore.

The dates found in this work chiefly agree with the Rev. J. Blair's valuable aid to chronology, and he states, that when he wrote "there were more than three hundred different opinions upon the exact year of the creation!"

Again, much discrepancy exists between chronologists upon the commencement of that mystical number 1260. If we knew when it began, having the term of its duration, the year of its completion and Israel's restoration could be precisely ascertained; then "the times and the seasons would not be in the Father's own power," (Acts i. 7,) the period of Christ's second advent would be defined; nor could God in mercy "shorten those days." (Matt. xxiv. 22; 1 Thess. v. 1.)