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PREFACE.

I INTEND this little book to serve as an introduction to my Senior Class Book of British History, lately published.

Written with the distinct object of being attractive to young readers, it is characterized (as I believe every work written to attract the young ought to be) by an idiomatic simplicity of language, and a free pictorial style.

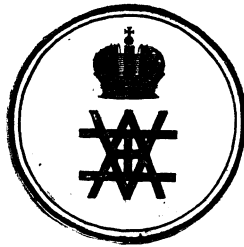
The plan of the Work aims at presenting, in the first instance, a short Summary of each Period or Reign; and then supplying in the form of a Story fuller details of the more prominent and picturesque events. The Chronological Lists correspond with those of my more advanced Histories of the British Empire, so that a pupil becomes familiar from the beginning with a framework of Dynasties and Reigns, on the knowledge of which all accurate acquaintance with the subject depends. The introductory Summaries, printed in smaller type, supply a consecutive outline of British History, which may be studied either with, or apart from, the Stories.

I may state that the Stories will be found useful in supplementing those descriptions, which the limited size and diversified

contents of a School History often render necessarily meagre ; for, especially in dealing with the more romantic portions of English History, I have resorted freely to the narration of anecdotes and the accumulation of picturesque details.

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and may be used for Revision Lessons.*

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