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SATURDAY REVIEW.

P R E F A C E.

THE object of this little book is to attempt to tell the story of our country's history for young children. Important events have been given in fuller detail than is usual, so as to awaken an interest in them, though no story has been told simply because it is interesting—room having been made for this by omitting much that would be merely burdensome to the memory. Very few dates have been inserted, with the exception of those of the kings' reigns.

The second part is intended for children a little older than those for whom the first part was written. I have done my best to make it interesting, but the subject matter is, I am afraid, not so likely to commend itself to the minds of children as that of the earlier period. Political changes, some of them of a complicated kind, occurred from time to time. It is impossible to pass them over, and yet it is equally impossible to make them very interesting to the young. The same may be said of the religious struggle of the seventeenth century, which is full of interest for older readers. How far I have succeeded in this difficult task must be left to the verdict of my young readers.

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