

PREFACE.

The High School Section of the "Ontario Teachers' Association" passed a resolution in August, 1882, which called attention to the unsuitable character of the English Histories at present in use in the Public Schools of Ontario. This work has been prepared to supply the need thus pointed out, and in response to many kind requests made by prominent teachers throughout the province.

The admirable history written by the late Mr. Green has done a most excellent work in improving the character of the teaching of history. It is, however, too large for use in Public Schools, and it cannot be fully understood and appreciated until the student has in some other way become acquainted with a general but comprehensive sketch of English History. It has been the object of the writer to present the chronological framework, and the leading elements that make up the true history of the nation in such a manner as to give the student a clear understanding of each department of the subject, and especially of its relationship to the other departments and to the organic whole.