

and Russian ships encountered the Turkish fleet in the harbor of Navarino, where a furious battle ensued, in which the Turks were completely defeated.

357. What was the state of affairs in 1828 ?

The Duke of Wellington, with a new ministry, succeeded Lord Goderich, and the Test and Corporation Acts were repealed.

358. What remarkable characters died in the year 1828 ?

Dr. Sutton, Archbishop of Canterbury, having filled that high station twenty-three years ; and the Earl of Liverpool, many years Prime Minister of England.

359. What were the chief events of 1829 ?

The passing of the act admitting the Roman Catholics to the fullest political privileges.

360. When did the death of George the Fourth occur ?

In June, 1830, after a reign principally remarkable for a long-continued peace, and for the great architectural improvements made in the capital.

CHAPTER XVI.

William the Fourth.

361. By whom was George the Fourth succeeded ?

By his brother the Duke of Clarence, who ascended the throne as William the Fourth, and reigned seven years. The first year of the reign was marked by the opening of the first railway—that from Liverpool to Manchester, and by the first appearance of the Asiatic cholera.

362. What were the chief events of the early parts of his reign ?

The great political excitement caused by the agitation of the question of the Reform of the Commons' House of Parliament.

363. What was the progress of that question ?

On the assembling of the parliament, the Duke of Wellington, as Prime Minister, declared his determination not to advocate the measure in any shape ; and a new administration, with Earl Grey at its head, was formed in November, 1830. On the 18th March following, Lord John Russell presented a bill in the House of Commons for a very exten-