

the hero of which is D'Aumale. Bourbon gets the help he asks for, and Essex follows him at the head of English troops.

*Fourth Canto.* The Leaguers, commanded by D'Aumale, are at the point of taking possession of the Camp of Valois, when coming back, Bourbon turns the scale up. The Leaguers are repulsed. Discord consoles Mayenne, flies to Rome in order to ask Policy for help, comes back with her to Paris; they excite the anger of the Sixteen against the Parliament. (The Sixteen were the deputies of the sixteen quarters of Paris during the League, and really numbered one hundred and sixty.) The magistrates who had remained faithful to the King are given up to the executioner. The Monks rouse the passions of the people with their furious sermons. Horrible disturbance and confusion shew themselves in Paris.

*Fifth Canto.* The Dominican monk, Jacques Clément, inspired by the Demon of Fanaticism, from whom Discord calls for help, goes to the camp at Valois, is admitted into his presence and gives him a deadly blow with his dagger.

*Sixth Canto.* The States of the League meet, in order to choose a King, and exclude the heretic Bearnian (Bourbon) from the throne. Henry attacks Paris; he is on the point of entering it, when Saint Lewis appears and asks him to spare his subjects.

*Seventh Canto.* Saint Lewis transports Henry in a vision to Heaven, and shows him in the palace of Destiny his posterity, and the great men France is yet to produce.

*Eighth Canto.* The Count of Egmont is sent by the King of Spain to the assistance of Mayenne and the Leaguers. He is killed at Ivry. Mayenne is defeated. Henry victorious, sets the prisoners at liberty and gains the hearts of all by his clemency and kindness.

*Ninth Canto.* Discord goes to the temple of Cupid who resolves to keep the Prince away from the war. Henry forgets his army and his own glory near Gabrielle d'Estrées, but his faithful companion, the austere Mornay, saves him from love and brings him back to his army.

*Tenth Canto.* Henry besieges Paris again. Then a duel is fought between Turenne, a Huguenot, and D'Aumale, who is killed. A horrible famine falls upon Paris. Henry feeds the inhabitants whom he besieges. Truth is revealed to him, *i.e.*, he