

altogether so bad as calumny makes them appear. We are now beginning to discern dimly the truth of the last French Revolution, through the mists of the causing and attendant passions. We have had the statements of ardent partisans, of interested advocates. Louis Blanc, M. Lamartine ---all who raised the whirl-wind or who strived successfully or unsuccessfully to direct the storm, have been heard. Every petty mover of sedition has had his *feuilléton*, and the mutual destruction which followed the flight of the governing power, has left those but the sole memorials of their reign.

The work which follows, however unpretending in length, is of a different order. It is a contribution to history, not to party, nor to personal extenuation. It is understood to be from the pen of an eminent critic and historian, who has for years filled a large space in the public eye, Mr. John W. Croker, and that he has been aided by the ex-King Louis Philippe, and other members of the illustrious House of Orleans in the particular facts. To that house no attempt has ever yet been made to do justice, though several members of it exhibited personal qualities of a very high order, and history scarcely records an instance of more intrepid courage, and devotion to the interests of her child, than was displayed in the conduct of the mother of the Count of Paris.

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