

EXPLANATORY.

This little book is intended to lead up to the High School History, just as the High School History leads up to Green's Short History of the English People. The language has been made as simple as possible, especially in the earlier portion of the work, so that no needless obstacle may be placed in the path of the young child's progress.

The author is largely indebted to Miss Buckley, and Gardiner, Green, Freeman, and Justin McCarthy, for facts and suggestions. Nevertheless, he has very freely departed from any or all of these authors, where, in his opinion, circumstances demanded a different line of treatment.