

Q. What was the state of affairs in 1828 ?

A. The Duke of Wellington, with a new ministry, succeeded Lord Goderich, and repealed the Test and Corporation Acts.

Q. What remarkable characters died in the year 1828 ?

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

Q. What were the events of 1829 ?

A. The passing of the act on the 13th of April, admitting the Roman Catholics to the fullest political privileges.

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

A. On the 26th of June, 1830, after a reign principally remarked for the long continued peace, and for the great architectural improvements made in the capital.

## CHAPTER XLVII.

### *Reign of William the Fourth.*

Q. By whom was George the Fourth succeeded ?

A. By his brother the Duke of Clarence, who ascended the throne as William the Fourth.

Q. What were the chief events of the early part of his reign ?

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

Q. What was the progress of that question ?

A. 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 Nov. 1830. On the 18th of March following Lord John Russell presented a bill in the house of Commons for a very extensive alteration of the representation ; but it was carried, after much severe debating, by a majority of one only, and on the 22d of April the Parliament was dissolved. The bill was again introduced on the re-assembling of the Parliament in June, and was carried up to the House of Lords by a majority of 123 on the 21st of September, whence it was rejected by a majority of 41.

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