

be found to have been committed. The events selected for notice are either such as are in themselves of prominent historical importance, or such as, from their connexion with others of that description, seem calculated to serve as convenient aids to the memory.

It is almost superfluous to observe, that in an introductory manual of this sort, where utility with reference to an educational object is the sole end in view, the Editor could have no hesitation in copiously availing herself of the labours of others. The sources from which she has compiled will indeed be sufficiently obvious to all who are really acquainted with modern works upon the subject. But it may do no harm to mention that nothing whatever has been borrowed from any work in the English language prepared for the use of schools; as, indeed, had the Editor been acquainted with any manual suitable for her purpose, she would have greatly preferred using what lay ready to her hand, to bestowing on the preparation of the following pages an amount of time and labour utterly disproportioned to the slenderness of their bulk and pretensions. She will, however, regret neither her hours nor her trouble, if the little manual shall be found but half as useful as she hopes it is calculated to become.

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