

tails intelligible we must briefly review the relations between the two Houses and the Crown."

Sketch the history of the conflict referred to in this extract, first describing clearly and concisely the "relations," the "temper of the nation," and the "temper of the King." Give also in connection with the foregoing a brief account of the proceedings which led to the dismissal of Coke.

3. "He was the first English statesman who discovered and applied to the political circumstances around him what may be called the doctrine of constitutional proportion."

Sketch briefly the life and character of the statesman who is the subject of the above remark, and give a clear account of the "circumstances" and the "doctrine" therein referred to.

4. Describe the growth of the freedom of the Press during the period prescribed for this examination

(1492—1688), noting any publications which had the effect of retarding, or which were meant to advance, the cause of such freedom.

5. Describe the course of affairs in England from the "Invitation" to the calling of the "Convention." What part did the English Aristocracy play in the revolution of 1688?

6. Give a brief account of any three of the following, with an estimate of their influence on the history of their times:—Bacon, Burleigh, Clarendon, Ashley Cooper, Wentworth, Laud, Monmouth, Hobbes, Locke, Jeremy Taylor.

7. Locate, and write brief historical notes on any ten of the following:—

(a) Antwerp, (b) Breda, (c) Cadiz, (d) Calais, (e) Carisbrook, (f) Drogheda, (g) Dunbar, (h) Dunkirk, (i) Fotheringhay, (j) Loch Leven, (k) Lyme, (l) Naseby, (m) Nottingham, (n) Rochelle, (o) Santa Cruz, (p) Sedgemoor, (q) Taunton, (r) Torbay, (s) Worcester, (t) Zutphen.

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE.

The vacation number of *St. Nicholas* has for frontispiece a portrait of a charming young damsel of Holland, who is saying to the cat in her arms, "Someday, pussy, we'll go to America." The first story is one of lively adventure by Cromwell Galpin, entitled "The Bronco's Best Ride." Prof. Brander Matthews contributes an appreciative sketch of Oliver Wendell Holmes. *St. Nicholas* certainly is doing admirable work in introducing its readers thus early to the best men of their country. "A Boy of the First Empire," "Teddy and Carrots" and "Jack Ballister's Fortunes," the three serials, are continued. The humorous poems and jingles are specially good. Prof. Roberts contributes a pleasing

bit of verse called "An August Woodroad."

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