

- woollen dresses, of which he had ordered a large quantity to be imported from Poland, to be distributed to all those who were baptized. Thousands of the Lithuanians then flocked to the administration of that rite. The Samogitians embraced Christianity about the 13th century.
- 23 The Wallachians, as their language proves, are a mixture of the descendants of the Roman colonies of ancient Dacia, with the Slavians and Goths. They adhered to the Greek church in the ninth century.
- 24 Philip Callimachus, the historian of Uladislaus, was descended of an illustrious family in Tuscany, and one of those fine geniuses which Italy produced in the fifteenth century. Being persecuted at Rome, he retired to Poland to Casimir IV., who intrusted him with the education of his children, and made him his secretary.
- 25 The conquest of Indostan by Timour is fixed to the years 1398, 1399. His dearest trophies were huge towers, formed of the heads which he had cut from his enemies. He raised 120 of these after the taking of Bagdad in 1401.
- 26 In the short space of six or seven hours, the Turks had cleared the city entirely of all its inhabitants.

## NOTES TO CHAPTER VII.—PERIOD VI.

- 1 Las Casas is generally reproached for having advised the employing of African slaves in the Antilles, instead of the natives, while he was zealously supporting the liberty of the Americans; and that it was by his advice that Charles V., in 1517, authorised the Belgian merchants to import 14,000 Africans into these islands, which gave rise to the treaty on the slave trade.
- 2 The kings of Portugal had already obtained similar commissions for their discoveries in the east, from Pope Nicholas V., Calixtus III., and Sextus IV.
- 3 The Philippine Isles, discovered by Magellan in 1521, were occupied by the Spaniards in 1564. After several fruitless attempts to find a north-east or north-west passage, the English doubled the Cape of Good Hope before the end of the 16th century.
- 4 Magellan, in his voyage, discovered a new route to India by the straits, to which he gave his name. The Moluccas and the Philippines were then visited by him. He was killed in the Isle of Matan, one of the Philippines, April 27, 1521.
- 5 Henry IV. conceived the project, and concerted with Elizabeth of England, for securing the equilibrium and the peace of the continent, by humbling Austria.
- 6 The assassin was called Balthazar Gerardi. He is said to have bought the pistols, with which he committed the deed, with the money which the prince had given him a few days before.
- 7 The first alliance of the Swiss with France was in 1453. It was renewed in 1474 and 1480. In virtue of this latter treaty, the Swiss engaged to furnish for that prince a body of 6000 auxiliaries, the first regular Swiss troops that had been received into the service of France, with consent of the confederation.
- 8 That war was terminated in 1603, a little before the death of Elizabeth.

## NOTES TO CHAPTER VIII.—PERIOD VII

- 1 The first of these medals represented the United Provinces under the figure of a woman trampling Discord, with an inscription a little haughty,