

A BRIEF History of Canada.

CHAPTER I.

A. D. 1492 TO 608.

1 Who were the first inhabitants of America ?

A. It is not exactly known ; the Indians as found by Columbus, were not its earliest inhabitants : as far back as the ninth and tenth centuries, the American Continent is said to have been visited by the Norwegians and the Normans.

2 By whom was America discovered ?

A. By Christopher Columbus, a native of Genoa, in 1492.

3 Relate the discovery of America.

A. At the end of the fifteenth century, a new impetus was given to science in the desire to find out an easier road to the Indies. Christopher Columbus, convinced of the rotundity of the earth, declared that by sailing westward over