

## CHAPTER XII.

### Condensed History of South Africa.

- 1486 The Cape of Good Hope discovered by Bartooloimeo Dias, and called variously Cabo Tormentoso (Stormy Cape), the Lion of the Sea, and the Head of Africa. Its present name was given by John II. of Portugal.
- 1497 Nov. 19. The Cape was doubled, and the passage to India discovered, by Vasco da Gama.
- 1650 Cape Town, the capital, founded by the Dutch.
- 1685 A large number of Huguenot refugees, driven from France by the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, arrive at the Cape.
- 1700 Governor Willem Adriaan van der Stell, representative of the Dutch East India Company, established the first settlement of graziers and cattle farmers among the Tulbagh Mountains, and thereby laid the foundations of the Dutch republics in South Africa.
- 1795 Republics proclaimed at Swellendam and Graaf Reinet, and the Government officials of the Dutch East India Company overthrown.
- 1795 Sept. 16th. The Colony seized by the English under Admiral Elphinstone and General Clarke.
- 1802 March 25th. The Colony restored to the Dutch by the Peace of Amiens.
- 1806 Jan. 9th. Again seized by the British; the Dutch settlers, dissatisfied with the arbitrary rule of the Dutch East India Company, making but slight resistance.