

PLANTAGENET LINE.

1154 A.D. to 1485 A.D.—331 years.—14 Kings.

Leading Feature: THE FEUDAL SYSTEM IN ITS PRIME
AND ITS DECAY.

PLANTAGENETS PROPER.

	A.D.		A.D.
HENRY II. began to rule,	1154	EDWARD I. (son),	1272
RICHARD I. (son),	1189	EDWARD II. (son),	1307
JOHN (brother),	1199	EDWARD III. (son),	1327
HENRY III. (son),	1216	RICHARD II. (grandson),	1377

CHAPTER I.

HENRY II.—CURTMANTLE.

Born 1133 A.D.—Began to reign 1154 A.D.—Died 1189 A.D.

The name Plantagenet.	His escape and murder.	Capture of the Scottish King.
Henry's power and early Becket's rise. [policy.	State of Ireland.	Henry's death and character.
His magnificence.	Story of Dermot.	Changes in his reign.
His quarrel with Henry.	Conquest of Ireland.	
	Henry's penance.	

THE heads of the Plantagenet line were Geoffrey of Anjou and Maud, daughter of Henry I. of England. The name is derived from *Planta Genista*, the Latin term for the shrub we call broom; which, as an emblem of humility, was worn by the first Earl of Anjou when a pilgrim to the Holy Land. From this his successors took their crest and their surname.

Young Henry had a brilliant prospect before him. In France he held some of the fairest provinces, all the western coasts owning his sway. With his Queen, Eleanor, he received the crown of England at Westminster. Dec. 1154
During several years he was engaged in redressing the evils which had sprung from the turbulence of Stephen's reign. He issued new coins; drove from England the foreign hirelings, who had swarmed into the A.D.