

## TUDOR PERIOD.

From 1485 A.D. to 1603 A.D.—118 years.—5 Sovereigns.

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HENRY VII.,.....began to reign	1485
HENRY VIII. (son),.....	1509
EDWARD VI. (son),.....	1547
MARY (half-sister),.....	1553
ELIZABETH (half-sister),.....	1558 to 1603.

Leading Features:—THE RISE OF PROTESTANTISM,  
THE REVIVAL OF LITERATURE,  
THE EXTENSION OF COMMERCE.

## CHAPTER I.

## HENRY VII.

Born 1455 A.D.—Began to reign 1485 A.D.—Died 1509 A.D.

The rivals of Henry.	War in France.	Henry's extortion.
Early disturbances.	Perkin Warbeck.	Death and character.
Lambert Simnel.	Lands in Cornwall.	Power of the nobles
Rise of the Star-Chamber.	Surrender and Death.	lessened.
	Marriage projects.	Discovery of America.

TRUE English history begins with the reign of Henry VII. As storm clears the air, so had the civil war swept from the land the relics of the decaying Feudal System, and a new and better order of things arose. Knowledge, long pent within the monasteries, now began to be diffused in printed books among the homes of the people. Men began to read and think for themselves. We have hitherto seen French Kings triumphing with English armies on French soil. We have seen the nobles of England little better than robbers, the peasantry of England little better than slaves. We shall now see British Sovereigns on the throne, the slaves set free, and a middle class of farmers and mer-