

STUART PERIOD.

From 1603 A.D. to 1714 A.D.—111 years.—6 Sovereigns.

	A. D.
JAMES I. (Son of Mary Queen of Scots),.....	1603
CHARLES I. (son),.....	1625
COMMONWEALTH, during which Cromwell ruled }	began 1649
as Protector for five years,..... }	ended 1660
CHARLES II. (son of Charles I.),.....	1660
JAMES II. (brother),.....	1685
WILLIAM III. (nephew), } 1689
MARY II. (daughter), }	
Death of MARY, WILLIAM left sole Ruler,.....	1694
ANNE (daughter of James II.),.....	1702-1714

Leading Features :—THE KINGS STRIVING FOR ABSOLUTE POWER.

THE PARLIAMENT RESISTING.

FINAL TRIUMPH OF THE PARLIAMENT.

CHAPTER I.

JAMES I.

Born 1566 A.D.—Began to reign 1603 A.D.—Died 1625 A.D.

Descent of James.	Favourites of James.	The Thirty Years' War.
Three religious parties.	Sir Walter Raleigh.	Death.
Bible translated.	Contest with the Parlia- ment.	Character.
The Gunpowder Plot.	The Spanish match.	Notes.
Scotland and Ireland.		

JAMES VI. of Scotland ascended the English throne as the descendant of Margaret, eldest daughter of Henry VII. To please his new subjects, he created in six weeks more than two hundred knights.

The English nation was then divided into three great parties, the Episcopalians, the Catholics, and the Puritans; and all three were nursing the hope of special favour from James. The Episcopalians trusted to his previous fondness for their church-government. The Catholics thought that