

HENRY VIII., 1509—1547 (38 years).

Title: Son of Henry VII.

Married:—(1) Catherine of Aragon (*divorced*); (2) Anne Boleyn (*beheaded*); (3) Jane Seymour (*died*); (4) Anne of Cleves (*divorced*); (5) Catherine Howard (*beheaded*); (6) Catherine Parr (*outlived him*).

SUMMARY OF REIGN.

SECTION I.—HENRY VIII. AND WOLSEY.

Character and Policy of Henry. His early measures. Execution of Empson and Dudley. Marriage with Catherine of Aragon. Henry joins the Holy League; Siege of Terouenne and Battle of Spurs; Fall of Tournay. War with Scotland and Battle of Flodden Field. Rise and Administration of Wolsey; his rapid advancement, wealth and influence; his policy. Henry plunges into European politics. The Field of the Cloth of Gold. Henry breaks his alliance with Charles and joins Francis.

SECTION II.—THE DIVORCE QUESTION AND BREACH WITH ROME.

Henry questions the legality of his marriage with Catherine. Difficulties in the way of a divorce. Wolsey's degradation and death. The question of the Divorce is laid before the Universities of Europe. The work of the Seven Years' Parliament. The Acts of Succession and Supremacy are passed. Fisher and More are executed. The Holy Maid of Kent.

SECTION III.—THE ROYAL SUPREMACY.

Meaning of the term "Reformation." The Reformation in Europe. Rise and Administration of Thomas Cromwell.