

**CHARLES II. 1660—1685 (25 years).**

**Title:** Son of Charles I.

**Married:** Catherine of Portugal.

*SUMMARY OF REIGN.*

**SECTION I.—THE WORK OF THE CONVENTION.**

Character of Charles II. An Act of Indemnity and Oblivion is passed. Trial of Lambert and Vane. The Settlement of the Revenue. Venner's Plot. The Church Question.

**SECTION II.—THE ADMINISTRATION OF  
CLARENDON.**

Meeting of the Cavalier Parliament. The Corporation Act. The Act of Uniformity. The Conventicle Act. The Great Plague of London. The Five Mile Act. The First Dutch War. The Fire of London. English disasters at sea and the Treaty of Breda. Fall of Clarendon.

**SECTION III.—THE CABAL ADMINISTRATION AND  
REVERSAL OF FOREIGN POLICY.**

The Members of the Cabal. Ambitious designs of Louis XIV. and the Triple Alliance. The Secret Treaty of Dover. The Second Dutch War. The Stop of the Exchequer. The Declaration of Indulgence. The Test Act and the breaking up of the Cabal Ministry. Peace is concluded with Holland by the Treaty of Westminster. Formation of the Country Party, and origin of "Ministry and Opposition."

**SECTION IV.—THE DANBY ADMINISTRATION AND  
THE THREE SHORT PARLIAMENTS.**

The arbitrary character of Danby's Government. Marriage of the Princess Mary and William of Orange. The Popish Plot. Impeachment of Danby and Dissolution of the Cavalier Parliament. Sir William Temple's Scheme of a Privy Council of Thirty. The First Short Parliament meets and fails to pass the Exclusion Bill, but passes the