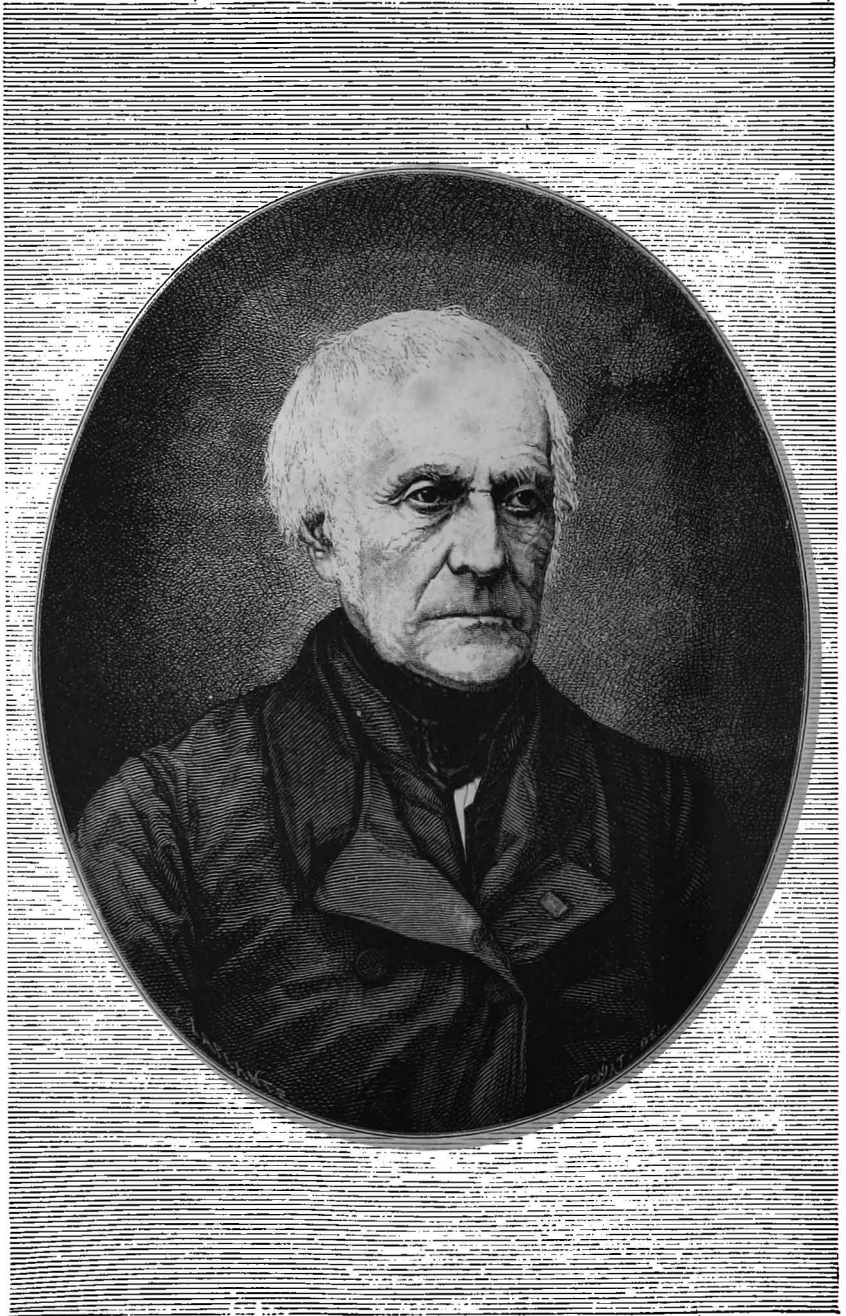




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PREFACE.

IN preparing the following abridgment of M. Guizot's History of France, I have scrupulously abstained from altering the translation, except in a limited number of cases, where condensation was absolutely necessary. One of the distinctive features of the original work is the number of characteristic extracts taken from the picturesque pages of contemporary chroniclers and annalists. As it was impossible to retain these consistently with the nature of a mere *résumé*, I have given, instead, a tolerably complete list of all the sources of French history, so that the reader may be able to refer without difficulty to the authors quoted or alluded to by M. Guizot. This seemed a natural opportunity for mentioning a few standard works on French legislation, civil, political, and ecclesiastical, on literature, etc. I could not do more here than name one writer in each speciality; for further details the student is referred to the "Catalogue de l'Histoire de France" (Bibliothèque Nationale), 10 vols., 4to.; M. Ludovic Lalanne's "Dictionnaire Historique de la France" (published by Messrs. Hachette of Paris), 1 vol., 8vo.; and M. Alfred Franklin's "Sources de l'Histoire de France" (Paris, Didot, 8vo.), three storehouses of the most valuable information on the history of France.

I can only trust, in conclusion, that this unpretending volume, with its pictorial illustrations, and its necessary

appendix of genealogical, chronological, and historical tables, will be favourably received by the public; and I gladly acknowledge that whatever merit it possesses must be ascribed to the illustrious author and English translator of "L'Histoire de France racontée à mes petits-enfants."

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- 557 Rivalry of the two queens, Brunehaut and Frédégonde.
- 612 Théodebert II., king of Austrasia, defeated and confined in a monastery by his brother, Thierry II., king of Orleans and Burgundy.
- 613 Clotaire king of all France; death of Brunehaut, widow of Sigebert, king of Austrasia.
- 628 Clotaire II., king of France, dies, and is succeeded by his son Dagobert.
- 631 Childéric, son and successor of Charibert, poisoned by Dagobert, who remains sole monarch of France.
- 638 Dagobert, king of France, is succeeded by his two sons, Sigebert II. in Austrasia, and Clovis II. in Neustria and Burgundy. The *Maires du Palais* begin to usurp the royal authority.
- 678 Death of Dagobert II., king of Neustria; Martin and Pépin Heristal, Mayors of the palace. Thierry III. is suffered to enjoy the title of king of Austrasia.
- 691 Clovis III. king.
- 715 Charles Martel, son of Pépin Heristal, governs as Mayor of the palace.
- 717 Charles Martel defeats king Childéric II. and the Neustrians.
- 732 Charles Martel defeats the Saracens.
- 735 Charles Martel becomes master of Aquitaine.
- 737 On the death of of Thierry III., Charles Martel governs France, with the title of Duke, for six years.
- 741 Charles Martel dies, and is succeeded by his sons, Carloman in Austrasia and Thuringia, and Pépin in Neustria, Burgundy and Provence.
- 742 Pépin places Childéric III. on the throne of Neustria and Burgundy. —Charlemagne b.
- Carlovingian dynasty.*
- 752 Pépin deposes Childéric, confines him in a monastery, and is consecrated at Soissons.
- 754 Pépin's expedition into Italy.
- 758 Pépin reduces the Saxons in Germany.
- 768 Pépin dies at St. Denis, and is succeeded by his sons Charles and Carloman.
- 771 Carloman dying in November, Charle-
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- magne remains sovereign of all France.
- 772 Charlemagne begins the Saxon war, which continues thirty years.
- 773 Charlemagne defeats the troops of Didier, king of the Lombards, and lays siege to Pavia.
- 774 Surrender of Pavia, and capture of Didier.
- 776 The abbey church of St. Denis near Paris founded.
- 778 Battle of Roncevaux.
- 784 Charlemagne defeats Witikind and the Saxons.
- 791 Charlemagne defeats the Avari, in Pannonia.
- 793 The Saracens ravage Gallia Narbonnensis, where they are at length defeated by Charlemagne.
- 800 Charlemagne crowned king of Italy and emperor of the West.
- 806 Partition of the empire.
- 818 Charlemagne associates his son Louis, surnamed the Debonnair, or the Pious, to the Western Empire.
- 814 Charlemagne dies; succeeded as emperor and king by his son Louis.
- 817 Louis divides his empire among his children.
- 840 Louis the Debonnair dies; his eldest son, Lothairs, has Italy, with the title of Emperor; Charles the Bald the kingdom of France; and Louis, that of Bavaria or Germany.
- 841 Battle of Fontanet.
- 843 New partition of the French dominions in an assembly at Thionville.
- 844 Charles the Bald defeated in Aquitaine by Pépin II.
- 877 Charles the Bald poisoned. His son, Louis II., surnamed the Stammerer, succeeds him.
- 879 Louis the Stammerer dies, and is succeeded by his sons Louis III. and Carloman. Boson seizes Dauphny and Provence, and begins the kingdom of Arles.
- 880 The Normans invade France, and destroy several abbeys.
- 881 Louis III., king of France, defeats the Normans at Saucourt.
- 882 Louis III. of France dies, leaving his brother Carloman sole sovereign. Hincmar d.
- 887 Paris besieged by the Normans.
- 888 On the death of Charles his dominions are divided into five kingdoms: Eudes becomes king

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| <p>A.D.</p> <p>of Western France and Aquitaine.</p> <p>893 Charles the Simple crowned king of France.</p> <p>898 Charles the Simple is recognized king of France.</p> <p>905 The Normans take the town of Rouen.</p> <p>906 The Normans conquer Colentin and Maine, and ravage Brittany, Picardy, and Champagne.</p> <p>912 Charles the Simple cedes to Normans a part of Neustria, which thenceforward is called Normandy.</p> <p>922 Robert elected and anointed king of France at Rheims.</p> <p>923 Rodolph, duke of Burgundy, is elected and crowned king of France. Charles the Simple is confined in the castle of Péronne.</p> <p>929 Charles the Simple dies in prison.</p> <p>936 Louis IV. surnamed d'Outremer, son of Charles the Simple, anointed king of France.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Capetian Dynasty.</i></p> <p>987 Louis V., king of France, dies. Hugh Capet is anointed at Rheims.</p> <p>994 Charles, duke of Lorraine, the only survivor of the race of Charlemagne, dies in prison at Orleans.</p> <p>996 Hugh Capet d. Robert succeeds to the crown.</p> <p>1031 Henry I. king of France.</p> <p>1066 Conquest of England by William, duke of Normandy, in the battle of Senlac.</p> <p>1095 Council held at Clermont; preaching of the crusade.</p> <p>1096 The crusades begin.</p> <p>1097 Godfrey of Bouillon and the crusaders take Nice.</p> <p>1098 Battle of Dorylœum.</p> <p>1099 Jerusalem taken by the crusaders.</p> <p>1100 Godfrey of Bouillon d.</p> <p>1108 Philip I. d.</p> <p>1112 Robert Wace b.</p> <p>1113 War begins between England and France.</p> <p>1115 Peter the Hermit d.</p> <p>1119 Louis VI., king of France, defeated at Brenneville. Baldwin, II., king of Jerusalem, defeats the Turks at Antioch.</p> <p>1124 War between France and Germany.</p> <p>1137 Louis VII. king of France.</p> <p>1143 Vitry, besieged and burnt by Louis VII.</p> <p>1147 Second crusade preached by Bernard of Clairvaux. Giraud le Roux, <i>troubadour</i>, f.</p> | <p>A.D.</p> <p>1148 The crusaders besiege Damascus without success. The emperor Conrad and king Louis VII. arrive at Jerusalem.</p> <p>1149 Louis VII. returns to France.</p> <p>1150 Villehardouin b. Arnould Daniel, <i>troubadour</i> f. The <i>cours d'amour</i>.</p> <p>1152 Suger d.</p> <p>1179 Louis VII., king of France, arrives in England, on a pilgrimage to the shrine of Becket.</p> <p>1180 Philip Augustus king of France. Robert Wace d.</p> <p>1187 Jerusalem taken by Saladin (2nd of October).</p> <p>1188 A third crusade undertaken for the recovery of Jerusalem. The tax called Saladin's tithe imposed in most countries of Christendom.</p> <p>1190 Richard Cœur de Lion, king of England, and Philip Augustus go to the holy wars. The walls and gates of Paris are built.</p> <p>1191 St. Jean d'Acre taken by the crusaders. Philip Augustus returns to France.—Chrestien de Troyes d.</p> <p>1196 Philip Augustus marries Agnes of Merania.</p> <p>1201 A war begins between John, king of England, and Philip Augustus of France. Thibaut de Champagne b. Agnes of Merania d.</p> <p>1203 John, king of England, accused of the murder of his nephew Arthur, is cited to appear before an assembly of the peers of France; his estates in that country are confiscated. The French and Venetian crusaders take Constantinople on the 10th of July.</p> <p>1210 Crusade against the Albigenses. Chronicle of the crusade composed in the <i>Langue d'oc</i>.</p> <p>1213 Villehardouin, d. <i>Jaufré and Brunissende</i>, a Provençal romance, composed about that time.</p> <p>1214 Philip Augustus defeats the emperor Otho, near Bouvines.</p> <p>1215 Louis IX., king of France, b.</p> <p>1216 Philip Augustus invades England, and is received by the barons; but on the death of John, Henry III. is crowned king.</p> <p>1218 Simon de Montfort d.</p> <p>1222 Joinville b.</p> <p>1223 Louis VIII. king of France.</p> <p>1226 Louis IX. king of France. Regency of Blanche of Castile.</p> <p>1234 Louis IX. marries Marguerite of Provence.</p> <p>1242 Battle of Taillebourg.</p> |
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- 1248 Louis IX. sets out for the crusade.
- 1249 Damietta, in Egypt, taken by Louis on the 6th of June.
- 1250 Battle of Mansourah. Louis defeated and taken prisoner in Egypt. Marcabrus, *troubadour*, *f.*
- 1252 Blanche of Castile *d.*
- 1254 St. Louis leaves Palestine.
- 1258 Stephen Boileau provost of Paris.
- 1264 Henry, king of England, taken prisoner by the barons at the battle of Lewes. St. Louis arbitrates between them.
- 1270 Louis dies at Tunis, his son Philip the Bold succeeds him.
- 1278 Peter de la Brosse hanged at Paris.
- 1282 The Sicilians, excited by Peter III., king of Arragon, massacre all the French they can find in their Island.
- 1285 Philip IV. king of France.
- 1296 Bull "Clericis Laicos."
- 1297 Flanders invaded by the French.
- 1301 Revolt at Bruges. Bull "Ausculatam fili."
- 1302 Battle of Courtrai. States-General convoked.
- 1303 Pope Boniface VIII. arrested. He dies.
- 1304 Battle of Mons-en-Puelle. Pope Benedict XI. *d.*
- 1308 The States-General assembled at Tours approve the measures directed against the Templars.
- 1314 Molay, grand master of the order of Templars, and a great number of knights companions, burned alive at Paris, on the 11th of March. Death of Pope Clement V., and of Philip the Handsome. States-General (August).
- 1315 Louis X. emancipates the serfs on the royal dominions. Enguerrand de Marigny *d.*
- 1319 Joinville *d.*
- Branch of the Valois.*
- 1328 Philip VI., king of France, gains the battle of Cassel.
- 1336 Edward III. of England supports the cause of the Flemings against Philip VI. of France.
- 1337 Froissart *b.*
- 1340 Edward III. defeats the French in a naval engagement near Sluys: truce of four years.
- 1341 Beginning of the war for the succession of Brittany, between Charles of Blois and John of Montfort. Petrarch crowned at the Capitol.
- 1344 Edward III. renews the war with France.
- 1346 Battle of Cressy.
- 1347 Calais surrenders to Edward III., after a siege of eleven months and a few days. William of Ockham *d.*
- 1348 The black plague. The Jews persecuted.
- 1349 Cession of Viennes and of Montpellier to France.
- 1350 Philip VI. *d.*
- 1356 John II., king of France, taken prisoner in the battle of Poitiers, September 19th, and sent to England.
- 1358 Treaty of Calais, between Edward III. of England and the French. Stephen Marcel. The Jacques.
- 1360 King John, set at liberty, returns to France. Treaty of Brétigny. Buridan *d.*
- 1364 Battle of Cocherel (6th of May), and of Auray (29th of Sept.) John II. dies in England, his son Charles V. succeeds him, and is crowned at Rheims. A University founded at Angers.
- 1367 Battle of Navarette.—De Guesclin made a prisoner.
- 1376 Edward, prince of Wales, surnamed the Black Prince, *d.* (June 8th).
- 1377 Edward III., king of England, *d.* Brittany invaded by Oliver de Clisson.
- 1380 Du Guesclin *d.* Charles V. *d.*
- 1382 Battle of Rosebecque. The *Mal-loteurs*. Nicolas Oresme *d.*
- 1392 Murder of Oliver de Clisson.
- 1400 Chaucer *d.*
- 1407 The duke of Orleans murdered.
- 1408 Valentine of Milan *d.* The king of France excommunicated by the Pope.
- 1410 Beginning of the civil war in France.
- 1415 Battle of Agincourt (October 23).
- 1418 Massacre of the Armagnac faction in Paris.
- 1419 The Duke of Burgundy murdered at Montereau.
- 1420 Treaty of Troyes signed on the 21st of May. A Parliament established at Toulouse (March 20).
- 1421 Battle of Beaugé on the 3rd of April, in which the duke of Clarence is killed.
- 1422 Henry V., king of England, *d.* at

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| <p>A.D.</p> <p>Vincennes in France. Charles VI., king of France, <i>d.</i></p> <p>1423 Battle of Crevant (June).</p> <p>1428 The duke of Bedford defeats the French at Verneuil (August 16).</p> <p>1428 The siege of Orleans begins on the 12th of October.</p> <p>1429 Battle of Herrings (12th February). Joan of Arc obliges the English to raise the siege of Orleans.</p> <p>1431 Trial and death of Joan of Arc.</p> <p>1435 Treaty of Arras.</p> <p>1436 Paris recovered by the French, on the 13th of April.</p> <p>1437 Siege of Montrean. Charles VII. makes his solemn entry in Paris.</p> <p>1440 The "Praguery."</p> <p>1444 Truce between England and France signed at Tours.</p> <p>1449 War renewed between England and France.</p> <p>1450 Battle of Formigny gained over the English. Agnes Sorel <i>d.</i></p> <p>1451 The English evacuate Rouen and several places in France. Campaign in Guyenne.</p> <p>1453 Talbot <i>d.</i></p> <p>1456 Jacques Cœur <i>d.</i></p> <p>1461 Louis XI. king of France.</p> <p>1464 The league against Louis XI. of France, called "La Guerre du Bien Public."</p> <p>1465 Treaties of Conflans and of Saint-Maur.</p> <p>1467 Philip the Good, duke of Burgundy, <i>d.</i></p> <p>1468 Louis XI. at Péronne. Revolt of the Liégeois.</p> <p>1476 Charles, duke of Burgundy, defeated at Granson (20th of June).</p> <p>1477 The duke of Burgundy slain at Nancy.</p> <p>1479 Battle of Guinegate.</p> <p>1483 Louis XI. <i>d.</i> Rabelais <i>b.</i> Luther <i>b.</i> Charles VIII. king of France.</p> <p>1484 The States-General convoked at Tours.</p> <p>1488 Battle of St. Aubin: the duke of Brittany is defeated and the duke of Orleans taken prisoner (28th of June).</p> <p>1492 Brittany united to the French crown.</p> <p>1494 Charles VIII., king of France, goes on an expedition into Italy.</p> <p>1495 Battle of Fornovo between Charles VIII. and the Venetians (6th July). Clément Marot <i>b.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Branch of Orleans.</i></p> <p>1498 Death of Charles VIII., king of France (April 7th).</p> <p>1499 Louis XII., king of France, takes</p> | <p>A.D.</p> <p>possession of Milanese, and enters Milan on the 6th of October.</p> <p>1500 Insurrection at Milan.</p> <p>1501 Louis XII. of France and Ferdinand V. of Spain seize on the kingdom of Naples.</p> <p>1503 The power of the French in Naples ends with the loss of the battles of Cerigliola, Seminara, and Garigliano. Pope Alexander VI. <i>d.</i> Michel de l'Hospital <i>b.</i></p> <p>1504 Truce between France and Spain.</p> <p>1508 The pope and the emperor join the king of France in the treaty of Cambrai, against the Venetians.</p> <p>1509 Battle of Agnadello, (14th of May). Calvin <i>b.</i> Etienne Dolet <i>b.</i> Martial d'Auvergne <i>d.</i></p> <p>1510 Cardinal d'Amboise <i>d.</i></p> <p>1512 Battle of Ravenna. Gaston de Foix <i>d.</i></p> <p>1513 The French defeated by the Swiss in the battle of Novarra. Jacques Amyot <i>b.</i> Pope Julius II. <i>d.</i></p> <p>1514 Anne of Brittany <i>d.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Branch of Angoulême.</i></p> <p>1515 Battle of Melegnano between the French and Swiss. Louis XII. <i>d.</i> Ramus <i>b.</i></p> <p>1516 Treaty of Noyons signed on the 16th of August.</p> <p>1520 Interview between Henry VIII. of England and Francis I. of France (4th of June). Pierre Viret <i>b.</i></p> <p>1521 League between the emperor Charles V. of Spain and Henry VIII. of England, against the king of France.</p> <p>1523 League against Francis I. of France, by Pope Clement VII., the emperor, and the Venetians. Bayard <i>d.</i> The memoirs of Commines published.</p> <p>1525 Francis I. taken prisoner in the battle of Pavia (24th of February), and sent to Madrid.</p> <p>1526 Treaty of Madrid (14th of January). Francis is restored to liberty. The Holy League.</p> <p>1527 Henri Estienne <i>b.</i> Brantôme <i>b.</i></p> <p>1529 Peace of Cambrai, between Charles V. and Francis I. Louis de Berquin put to death. Etienne Pasquier <i>b.</i></p> <p>1536 League between Francis I. of France. and Solyman II., sultan of the Turks, against the emperor Charles V. Vauquelin de la Fresnaye <i>b.</i></p> <p>1543 Treaty of alliance between Sultan Solyman and Francis I. of France against the emperor Charles V.</p> |
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- 1544 Battle of Cerisoles. Treaty of Crespy (18th of September). Bonaventure des Périers *d.* Clément Marot *d.* Du Bartas *b.*
- 1545 Massacre of the Vaudois. Robert Garnier *b.*
- 1547 Henry II. king of France.
- 1548 Rebellion in the South of France. La Boétie writes his *Contre un*. First edition of the Salic law.
- 1556 Charles V. resigns the crown of Spain and all his other dominions and retires to the monastery of St. Just. Malherbe *b.*
- 1557 Battle of St. Quentin (10th of August).
- 1558 The French recover Calais from the English. Mellin de St. Gelais *d.*
- 1559 Henry II. *d.* Peace of Câteau-Cambrésis. Édiot of Écouen. Amyot translates Plutarch. Anne Dubourg put to death.
- 1560 Conspiracy of Amboise. Francis II. *d.* Charles IX., king. Joachim du Bellay *d.*
- 1562 Massacre of Vassy. Battle of Dreux (19th December).
- 1563 The duke of Guise is assassinated by Poltrot (24th February). Peace of Amboise.
- 1567 The religious wars recommence in France; battle of St Denis, between the prince of Condé and the constable Montmorency, in which the latter is mortally wounded.
- 1569 The Huguenots defeated in the battles of Jarnac, on the 13th May, and of Moncontour, on the 3rd October.
- 1572 Massacre of the Huguenots at Paris, on Sunday, the 24th August. Ramus *d.* Jean Goujon *d.*
- 1574 Charles IX. *d.* Hotman publishes his *Franco-Gallia*.
- 1576 Edict of pacification in France.
- 1584 The Cardinal de Bourbon proposed as eventual king of France. La Croix du Maine publishes his *Bibliothèque Française*.
- 1587 Battle of Contras (10th of October) the Duke de Joyeuse is defeated by Henry, king of Navarre. An Arabic lectureship is created at the *collège royal*.
- 1588 The duke of Guise and his brother the cardinal murdered at Blois.
- Dynasty of the Bourbons.*
- 1589 Henry III. of France murdered (22nd of July). Henry IV. of

- A.D.
- Navarre succeeds to the vacant throne. Battle of Arques. Ron-sard, Hotman *d.*
- 1590 Battle of Ivry (4th of March). Germain Pilon, Jean Cousin, Du Bartas, Cujas, Ambrose Paré, Palissy *d.* Théophile de Viaud *b.*
- 1591 The Pope excommunicates Henry IV.: the parliament of Paris oppose the sentence. Guy Co-quille's *Libertés de l'église de France* published. La Noue *d.*
- 1593 Henry IV. abjures the Protestant religion, on Sunday, the 25th of July, at St. Denis. The *Satire Ménippée* published. Amyot *d.*
- 1594 Henry IV. anointed at Chartres: attempt on his life (17th December). Pierre Pithou *ft.* Balzac, St. Amand *b.*
- 1595 Battle of Fontaine-Française. Des-marets de St. Sorlin *b.*
- 1598 Edict of Nantes (April). Peace of Vervins signed on the 22nd of the same month. Voiture *b.*
- 1602 Marshal Biron's conspiracy detected and punished.
- 1610 Henry IV. assassinated by Ravailiac (4th of May). Louis XIII. king of France. Scarron, La Calprenède *b.*
- 1617 Murder of Concini.
- 1621 The civil war renewed with the Huguenots in France, and continues nine years. The Benedictines of the congregation of St. Maur receive their statutes. La Fontaine *b.*
- 1628 Rochelle besieged and taken by Louis XIII. (18th of October).
- 1629 Peace restored between France and England. Malherbe *d.* Corneille brings out *Mélite*, his first play.
- 1630 Treaty of Cherasaco. "Journée des Dupes." Hardy, Agrippa d'Au-bigné *d.*
- 1632 Battles of Lutzen and of Castelnaudary. Fléchier, Bourdaloue *b.*
- 1636 Treaty between Louis XIII. of France, and Christina, queen of Sweden (10th of March). Port Royal des Champs founded. *Le Cid* brought out. Boileau *b.*
- 1642 Conspiracy of Cinq-Mars. Riche-lieu *d.*
- 1643 Louis XIII. *d.* (4th of May). The duke d'Enghien, afterwards prince of Condé, defeats the Spaniards at Rocroy (9th of May). St. Cyran *d.*
- 1648 The prince of Condé defeats the archduke at Sens (10th of August).

- A.D. Treaty of Munster (14th of October) between France, Sweden and the empire. The civil war of the Fronde breaks out in Paris. Mersenne, Voiture *d.* La Sœur finishes his series of paintings illustrating the history of St. Bruno.
- 1659 Peace restored between France and Spain, by the treaty called the "Peace of the Pyrenees." Louis XIV. marries the Infanta of Spain. Molière and the *Précieuses ridicules*.
- 1661 Cardinal Mazarin *d.* Bossuet's first sermon before Louis XIV.
- 1667 War renewed between France and Spain. Molière and *Tartuffe*. Racine and *Andromaque*.
- 1668 A triple alliance between Great Britain, Sweden, and the States-General, against France (23rd of January). Peace of Aix-la-Chapelle, between France and Spain (22nd of April). Racine and *Les Plaideurs*, Molière and *L'Avare*. Le Sage *b.*
- 1672 War declared by England and France, against the Dutch. A treaty between the empire and Holland, against France (15th of July). Boileau and *Le Lutrin*. Molière and *Les Femmes savantes*.
- 1673 The English and French defeat the Dutch (28th of May) at Schonevelt; again (4th of June), and (11th of August), in the mouth of the Texel. Louis XIV. declares war against Spain (9th of October). Racine and *Mithridate*.
- 1674 Battle of Seneffe, in Flanders, between the prince of Orange and the prince of Condé (1st of August). First settlement of the French at Pondicherry. Marshal Turenne defeats the Imperialists. Chapelain *d.* Racine and *Iphigénie*. Molière and the *Recherche de la Vérité*.
- 1675 Conference for a peace held at Nimeguen. Madame de la Vallière takes the veil.
- 1678 Peace of Nimeguen (31st of July). La Fontaine publishes his second series of fables. Ducange's Latin Glossary.
- 1681 The city of Strasburg submits to Louis XIV. Mabillon publishes his *De re diplomatica*.
- 1684 Luxemburg taken by Louis XIV. A truce between France and
- A.D. Spain concluded at Ratisbon (31st of July) and between France and the empire (5th of August). P. Corneille *d.*
- 1685 Louis XIV. revokes the edict of Nantes.
- 1686 Treaty of alliance between Germany, Great Britain, and Holland against France. Condé *d.*
- 1689 The French fleet defeated by the English and Dutch in Bantry Bay (1st of May). Racine and *Esther*.
- 1690 Battle of Fleurus; Luxemburg defeats the allies (21st of June). The allied English and Dutch fleets defeated by the French off Beachy Head (30th of June).
- 1691 A congress at the Hague, in Jan. Mons taken by the French (30th of March). Louvois *d.* Racine and *Athalie*.
- 1692 Battle of La Hogue: the English defeat the French fleet (19th of May). Namur, in Flanders, besieged and taken by Louis XIV. (25th of May). Luxemburg defeats the allies at Steinkirk (24th of July).
- 1693 The English and Dutch fleets defeated by the French off Cape St. Vincent (16th of June). The duke of Savoy defeated by Marshal Catinat, at Marsaglia (24th of September). Pelisson, Bussy-Rabutin, Mdme. de La Fayette, Mdme. de Montpensier *d.*
- 1697 Peace of Ryswick (11th of September) between Great Britain and France—France and Holland—France and Spain; and on the 20th of October, between France and the empire. Santeuil *d.* The Abbé Prévost *b.*
- 1698 The first treaty of partition between Great Britain, France and Holland signed (19th of August) for the dismemberment of Spain, to Charles II., king of that country, makes his will in favour of a prince of the house of Bourbon. Le Nain de Tillemont *d.*
- 1700 Charles II., king of Spain, *d.* (21st of October). The duke of Anjou, grandson of Louis XIV., succeeds by the name of Philip V.
- 1702 Battle of Luzzara, in Italy (4th of August); the Imperialists defeated by the French; the French fleet destroyed in the port of Vigo, by the British and Dutch (12th of October). Jean Bart *d.*

- A.D.
- 1704 Battle of Hochstedt or Blenheim (2nd of August). Bossuet, Bourdaloue d.
- 1706 Battle of Ramilies (12th of May) the French are defeated by the duke of Marlborough.
- 1708 Battle of Audenarde (30th of June), the French defeated by the duke of Marlborough and Prince Eugene. Regnard and *Le Légataire universel*, Le Sage and Turcaret.
- 1709 Battle of Malplaquet (31st of Aug.), the French defeated by the allies. Mons taken by the allies (21st of October). Fort Royal des Champs destroyed.
- 1710 Battle of Villa Viciosa (29th of November), the Imperialists, under Count Stahrenburg, are defeated by Philip V.
- 1712 Negotiations for a general peace opened at Utrecht. Jean Jacques Rousseau b.
- 1713 Peace of Utrecht, concluded by France and Spain, with England, Savoy, Portugal, Prussia, and Holland, signed on the 8th of March, O.S. Fénelon publishes his *Traité de l'existence de Dieu*.
- 1714 The bull "Unigenitus" received in France.
- 1715 Louis XIV. d. (21st of August), succeeded by his great-grandson, Louis XV. under the regency of the duke of Orleans. Malebranche, Fénelon d. Le Sage's *Gil Blas*.
- 1717 Triple alliance between Great Britain, France, and Holland, signed at the Hague (24th of December). The memoirs of Cardinal de Retz published. Massillon's *Petit Catechisme* preached.
- 1718 Quadruple alliance between Germany, Great Britain, France, and Holland, for the maintenance of the treaties of Utrecht and Baden. Conspiracy of Cellamare. Great Britain declares war against Spain (11th of December) Voltaire and *Edipe*, his first tragedy.
- 1719 The Mississippi scheme at its height in France. Madame de Maintenon d.
- 1720 The French Mississippi company dissolved. The plague breaks out at Marseilles, and causes great distress.
- 1723 Duke of Orleans d. Voltaire publishes his *Poème de la Ligne* (*La Henriade*).
- 1725 Treaty of Hanover, between Great
- A.D.
- Britain, France, and Russia, against Germany and Spain (3rd September).
- 1733 Stanislaus proclaimed king of Poland (5th of October).
- 1734 The Imperialists defeated by the French and Piedmontese at Parma (18th of June), and in the battle of Guastalla, by the king of Sardinia, and the Marshals Coigny and Broglie (8th of September). Montesquieu's *Grandeur et Décadence des Romains*.
- 1735 Treaty of Vienna (3rd of October). Voltaire publishes his *Lettres philosophiques*.
- 1740 The Emperor Charles VI. d. (9th of October). Voltaire publishes his *Essai sur les mœurs*.
- 1741 The archduchess Maria Theresa crowned queen of Hungary, at Presburg (25th of June).
- 1743 Battle of Dettingen (16th of June). Cardinal de Fleury d. Voltaire and *Méropé*.
- 1745 Battle of Fontenoy, the French defeat the allies, commanded by the duke of Cumberland.
- 1746 (April 16th) Battle of Culloden.
" (September 30th) Count Saxe defeats the allies at Raucoux. Vauvenargues and the *Introduction à la connaissance de l'esprit humain*.
- 1748 Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle, between Great Britain, France, Spain, Austria, Sardinia, and Holland (7th of October). Montesquieu's *Esprit des lois*.
- 1754 (April 17) the French attack an English fort on Monongahela, and Logstown on the Ohio. General Braddock defeated and killed by the French (July 9), near Fort Du Quesne, on the Ohio.
- 1756 May 29, Admiral Byng defeated by the French. The duke of Richelieu takes Port Mahon (June 28).
- 1757 Damien attempts to assassinate Louis XV. The French garrison of Chandernagger surrenders to the British (March 23). Battle of Hastenbeck, the French defeat the duke of Cumberland (July 26). The marquis of Montcalm besieges Fort George (August 3), the English surrender on the 9th. Convention of Closter-Seven, between Marshal Richelieu and the duke of Cumberland (September 8). Battle of Rosbach (November 5).
- 1758 March 14th. The French garrison in

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