

PART I

THE KING

The people of England will not ape the fashions they have never tried, nor go back to those they have found mischievous on trial. They look upon the legal hereditary succession of their crown as among their rights, not as among their wrongs: as a benefit, not as a grievance: as a security for their liberty, not as a badge of servitude. They look on the frame of their commonwealth as it stands to be of inestimable value: and they conceive the undisturbed succession of the crown to be a pledge of the stability and perpetuity of all the other members of our constitution.

EDMUND BURKE *Reflections on the Revolution in France 1790*

In this section is a selection of biographies of the Sovereigns of England and Scotland. The works on the English Sovereigns are arranged chronologically in the Dynasties as they succeeded each other, those on the Scottish Sovereigns before the Union of the Crowns are placed together in alphabetical order of the authors' names. This saves a great deal of space. Towards the end of this Part of the list, biographies of Consorts are added after those of the Sovereigns, and, at the end, reference is made to works on the life of H.R.H. the Princess Elizabeth, the Heiress Presumptive to the Throne.

DYNASTIC HISTORY

SOVEREIGNS OF ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND

GENERAL WORKS

Their Genealogy

Most of the political histories of the United Kingdom give genealogical tables of the Sovereigns, but few of them are complete. The two best collections of genealogical tables are the following:

Cambridge Modern History Edited by A. W. Ward and others [Cambridge University Press 1902-1912 13 vols.] See Vol. XIII *Genealogical Tables and Lists* [Cambridge University Press 1934 8s 6d]

This volume includes tables of the Houses of Tudor and Stuart, and of the Hanover and the Saxe-Coburg and -Gotha lines.

GEORGE, HEREFORD B. *Genealogical Tables illustrative of Modern History* Edited by J. R. H. Weaver [Oxford University Press 1930]

Has tables of the Saxon line before the Conquest, the line of the Anglo-Danish Kings with the House of Godwine, the line from William the Conqueror to Edward I, the Plantagenet, Tudor, Stuart, Hanover and Saxe-Coburg Houses. For Scotland it gives the descendants of Duncan I down to the accession of the House of Stuart, and that House to the Union of the English and Scottish Crowns. [The sixth edition revised and enlarged]

Their Chronology

POWICKE, F. M. Editor *Handbook of British Chronology* [Royal Historical Society 1939] Gives, amongst other things, lists of the independent rulers of England, Wales, Scotland and the Isle of Man, with explanatory notes. The notes on material available for the listing of English Parliaments should be used with the *Interim Report of the Committee on House of Commons Personnel and Politics*. [See p. 19]

General Works which present Biographies of two or more of the Sovereigns of England

Note: For general histories of the House of Stuart, see pp. 12, 13

ARTHUR, GEORGE *Seven Heirs Apparent* [Thornton Butterworth now Eyre & Spottiswoode 1937] Lives of the princes who were to become George II, George III, George IV, Edward VII, George V and Edward VIII and of Frederick, Prince of Wales 1707-1751.

BAGSHAW, FREDERICK G. *History of the Royal Family of England* [Sands 1912]

BIGHAM, CLIVE 2nd Viscount Mersey *The Kings of England 1066-1901* [Murray 1929] The author says in his preface: 'The personal equation may seem to diminish in value as time goes on; but the part which the kings have played is vivid; they have been a real factor in the making of England and they deserve an interest not always accorded them in modern studies of national progress.'

BLACKHAM, ROBERT J. *The Crown and the Kingdom; England's Royal Family* [Low, Marston 1933]

BOLITHO, HECTOR *A Century of British Monarchy* [Longmans, Green 1951 21s Forthcoming: July]

This attractively produced and written history of the Royal Family during the past hundred years is being specially published for the year of the Festival of Britain. In it will be found studies of the lives of the Queens and Kings who have reigned since the middle of the nineteenth century, with emphasis on their family lives and on their personal influence on the British peoples.

COOK, E. THORNTON *Her Majesty. The Romance of the Queens of England 1066-1910* [Murray 1926]

Crown of a Thousand Years; a Collection of Portraits of the Sovereigns of England Historical notes by M. E. Hudson [Harper, Holloway 1948 30s leather; 15s cloth] A collection of short biographies of the Sovereigns of England with 44 portraits in colour, beginning with two portraits of Edward the Confessor [one from a manuscript in the British Museum and the other from the Bayeux Tapestry] and ending with a portrait of King George V.

GOOCH, G. P. *Courts and Cabinets* [Longmans, Green 1944 12s 6d]

The author examines the contemporary descriptions of the Stuart Kings and of William III in Bishop Burnet's *History of my own Time*, those of George II in the *Memoirs* of Lord Hervey and Horace Walpole, and those of George III in Walpole's *Memoirs* and Fanny Burney's *Diaries*.

HARVEY, JOHN *The Plantagenets 1154-1485* [Batsford 1948 18s]

A spirited and sympathetic history of the House of Plantagenet. The author himself says 'this book will deal only a little in matters of public policy and affairs of State, and as much as possible in those smaller but more precious reminiscences of personality and temperament'. The book is finely illustrated.

HOLDEN, ANGUS W. E. 3rd Baron Holden *Four Generations of our Royal Family* [Allen & Unwin 1937 10s]

LANCASTER, OSBERT *Our Sovereigns, from Alfred to Edward VIII 871-1936* [Murray 1936] There are 55 colour portraits of Kings and Queens. The short biographies printed alongside the portraits are lightly-written and very readable.

LINDSAY, PHILIP *Kings of Merry England from Edward the Confessor 1042-1066 to Richard the Third 1483-1485* [Nicholson & Watson 1936]

Mr. John Harvey who wrote *The Plantagenets* mentions this book as one of his sources: he speaks of it as 'a book which has done a great deal to dispel the mummified atmosphere which is so often allowed to shroud the Middle Ages'.

The Portrait Book of Our Kings and Queens 1066-1911 done in Commemoration of the Coronation of Their Majesties King George V and Queen Mary. With supplementary notes on the Ceremony. Edited by T. Leman Hare [Jack now Nelson 1911] Contains 39 portraits in colour, most of the early ones taken from 'engraved portraits' in the British Museum, and 8 plates in colour of the regalia. The engravings were not very successfully coloured.

VAN THAL, HERBERT *The Royal Letter Book: being a Collection of Royal Letters from the Reign of William I to George V* [Cresset Press 1937]

VILLIERS, ELIZABETH *The King Edwards of England* [Melrose 1937]

HOUSE OF NORMANDY 1066-1154

William I 1066-1087

BELLOC, HILAIRE *William the Conqueror* [Davies 1933]

STENTON, F. M. *William the Conqueror and the Rule of the Normans* [Putnam 1908]

William II 1087-1100

WILLIAMSON, HUGH ROSS *The Arrow and the Sword; an Essay in Detection being an Enquiry into the nature of the Deaths of William Rufus and Thomas Becket, with some Reflections on the nature of Medieval Heresy* [Faber & Faber 1947 10s 6d]

HOUSE OF PLANTAGENET 1154-1399

Henry II 1154-1189

SALZMAN, L. F. *Henry II* [Constable 1914]

Richard I 1189-1199

NORGATE, KATE *Richard the Lionheart* [Macmillan 1924]

John 1199-1216

D'AUVERGNE, EDMUND B. *John, King of England; a Modern History* [Grayson 1934]

NORGATE, KATE *John Lackland* [Macmillan 1902]

Henry III 1216-1272

POWICKE, F. M. *King Henry III and the Lord Edward* [Oxford University Press 1947 2 vols. 50s]

Edward I 1272-1307

TOUT, THOMAS F. *Edward I* [Twelve English Statesmen: Macmillan 1903]

Edward II 1307-1327

TOUT, THOMAS F. *The Place of Edward II in English History* [Manchester University Press 1936 21s] The second edition.

Edward III 1327-1377

MACKINNON, J. *The History of Edward III* [Longmans, Green 1900 18s]

Richard II 1377-1399

BIRD, RUTH *The Turbulent London of Richard II* [Longmans, Green 1950 18s]
 This work, which is not a biography of the King, paints a clear picture of the conditions under which he reigned and was deposed.

STEEL, A. *Richard II* [Cambridge University Press 1941]

HOUSE OF LANCASTER 1399-1461

Henry IV 1399-1413

DAVIES, J. D. GRIFFITH *King Henry IV* [Barker 1935]

Henry V 1413-1422

DAVIES, J. D. GRIFFITH *Henry V* [Barker 1935]

JACOB, E. F. *Henry V and the Invasion of France* [English Universities Press 1947 5s]

KINGSFORD, C. L. *Henry V, the typical Medieval Hero* [Putnam 1923]

KINGSFORD, C. L. Editor *The Life of King Henry V* [Oxford University Press 1911] This is an edition of the first life of the King, written in 1513, by an anonymous author.

LINDSAY, PHILIP *King Henry V; a Chronicle* [Nicholson & Watson 1934]

WYLIE, J. H., and WAUGH, W. T. *The Reign of Henry V* [Cambridge University Press 1914-1929 3 vols. Vol. I 1413-1415; vol. II 1415-1416; vol. III 1416-1422 30s]

HOUSE OF YORK 1461-1485

Edward IV 1461-1483

SCOFIELD, CORA L. *The Life and Reign of Edward the Fourth, King of England and of France and Lord of Ireland* [Longmans, Green 1923 2 vols.]

Edward V 1483

TANNER, LAWRENCE E., and WRIGHT, WILLIAM *Recent Investigations regarding the Fate of the Princes in the Tower* [Reprinted from *Archaeologia* 1935]
 Note: Edward V was deposed by his uncle who became Richard III: Edward and his brother Richard were the Princes in the Tower.

Richard III 1483-1485

LINDSAY, PHILIP *King Richard III; a Chronicle* [Nicholson & Watson 1933]

HOUSE OF TUDOR 1485-1603

Henry VII 1485-1509

POLLARD, A. F. *The Reign of Henry VII* [Longmans, Green 1913-1914 3 vols.]
 TEMPERLEY, GLADYS *Henry VII* [Constable 1914]

Henry VIII 1509-1547

HENRY VIII King of England *Letters* Selected by Muriel St. C. Byrne [Cassell 1936]

HACKETT, FRANCIS *Henry the Eighth* [Cape 1929 15s]

POLLARD, A. F. *Henry VIII* [Longmans, Green 1902 New edition in preparation]

Edward VI 1547-1553

POLLARD, A. F. *England under Protector Somerset* [Kegan Paul 1900]

Mary I 1553-1558

PRESCOTT, H. F. M. *Spanish Tudor; the Life of Bloody Mary* [Constable 1940]
 WHITE, BEATRICE *Mary Tudor* [Macmillan 1935]

Elizabeth 1558-1603

ELIZABETH Queen of England *The Letters of Queen Elizabeth* Edited by G. B. Harrison [Cassell 1935]

CHAMBERLIN, F. *The Private Character of Queen Elizabeth* [Lane 1921]

NEALE, J. E. *Queen Elizabeth* [Cape 1934 15s]

STRACHEY, LYTTON *Elizabeth and Essex; a Tragic History* [Chatto & Windus 1928 7s 6d]

HOUSE OF STUART 1603-1714

James I 1603-1625

STEEHOLM, CLARA., and STEEHOLM, HARDY *James I of England; the wisest Fool in Christendom* [Covici, New York; Michael Joseph, London 1938]

WILLIAMS, CHARLES *James I* [Barker 1934 10s 6d]

Charles I 1625-1649

CHARLES I King of England *Letters, Speeches and Proclamations* Edited by Sir C. Petrie [Cassell 1935]

BELLOC, HILAIRE *Charles the First, King of England* [Cassell 1936]

HIGHAM, F. M. G. *Charles I* [Hamish Hamilton 1932]

- WILLIAMSON, H. R. *Charles and Cromwell* [Duckworth 1946 10s 6d]
 WINGFIELD-STRATFORD, E. C. *Charles, King of England 1600-1649* [Hollis & Carter 1949 18s]
 WINGFIELD-STRATFORD, E. C. *King Charles and King Pym 1637-1643* [Hollis & Carter 1949 18s]
 WINGFIELD-STRATFORD, E. C. *King Charles the Martyr 1643-1649* [Hollis & Carter 1950 18s]

Note on the Interregnum 1649-1660

Charles I was beheaded on January 30 1649, and eight days later the Kingship was abolished. From February 14 1649 until December 1653, the country was governed by a Council of State. From December 16 1653 until he died on September 3 1658, Oliver Cromwell was Lord Protector. He was succeeded by his son Richard Cromwell, who abdicated the office on May 24 1659.

Charles II, son of Charles I and Henrietta Maria, acceded to the throne on May 29 1660. Before his arrival at Dover, a Proclamation had been read on May 8 which said that the Crown 'by inherent birth-right and lawful and undoubted succession' had fallen to Charles as soon as his father had died. He had already, on February 5 1649, been proclaimed by the Scottish Estates to be King of Great Britain, France and Ireland.

For the lives of the Lord Protectors, see;

- CROMWELL, OLIVER Lord Protector *Writings and Speeches of Oliver Cromwell* General Editor W. C. Abbott, assisted by D. C. Crane [Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Mass; Oxford University Press, London 1937-1947 4 vols. Vols. I and II 32s 6d each; vols. III and IV Out of print]
 ASHLEY, M. P. *Oliver Cromwell; the Conservative Dictator* [Cape 1937]
 BUCHAN, JOHN later 1st Baron Tweedsmuir *Oliver Cromwell* [Hodder & Stoughton 1939 25s]
 FIRTH, CHARLES *Oliver Cromwell* [Putnam 1907 15s]
 RAMSEY, R. W. *Richard Cromwell* [Longmans, Green 1939]
 WEDGWOOD, C. V. *Oliver Cromwell* [Duckworth 1939 4s 6d]

Charles II 1649-1685

- CHARLES II King of England *The Letters, Speeches and Declarations of King Charles II* Edited by Arthur Bryant [Cassell 1935]
 AIRY, O. *Charles II* [Longmans, Green 1904]
 BRYANT, ARTHUR *King Charles II* [Longmans, Green 1931 15s]
 DASENT, ARTHUR I. *The Private Life of Charles II* [Cassell 1927]

James II 1685-1688

- BELLOC, HILAIRE *James the Second* [Faber & Faber 1928]
 HIGHAM, F. M. G. *King James the Second* [Hamish Hamilton 1934]
 TURNER, F. C. *James II* [Eyre & Spottiswoode 1948 21s]

William III 1689-1702

Mary II 1689-1694

- BOWEN, MARJORIE *The third Mary Stuart, Mary of York, Orange and England: being a Character Study with Memoirs and Letters of Queen Mary II of England 1662-1694* [Lane 1929]

RENIER, G. J. *William of Orange* [Nelson 1939]

WATERSON, N. M. *Mary II Queen of England 1689-1694* [Duke University Press, Durham, N. Carolina; Cambridge University Press, London 1928 19s]

Anne 1702-1714

ANNE Queen of England *Letters and Diplomatic Instructions of Queen Anne* Edited by B. C. Brown [Cassell 1935]

CONNELL, NEVILLE *Anne, the last Stuart Monarch* [Thornton Butterworth now Eyre & Spottiswoode 1937]

HOPKINSON, M. R. *Anne of England: the Biography of a great Queen* [Constable 1934]

HOUSE OF HANOVER 1714-1901

George I 1714-1727

IMBERT-TERRY, H. M. *A Constitutional King: George I* [Murray 1927 18s]

MELVILLE, L. *The first George in Hanover and England* [Pitman 1908 2 vols.]

George II 1727-1760

DAVIES, J. D. G. *A King in Toils* [Lindsay Drummond now Benn 1938]

George III 1760-1820

GEORGE III King of England *The Correspondence of King George the Third 1760-1783* Edited by Sir John Fortescue [Macmillan 1927-1928 6 vols.]

GEORGE III King of England *Additions and Corrections to Sir John Fortescue's Edition of the 'Correspondence of King George the Third' Vol. I* by L. B. Namier [Manchester University Press 1937 10s 6d]

GEORGE III King of England *Letters of King George III* Edited by Bonamy Dobrée [Cassell 1935]

GEORGE III King of England *Letters from George III to Lord Bute 1756-1766* Edited by R. Sidgwick [Macmillan 1939 18s]

BOUSTEAD, GUY M. *The Lone Monarch* [Lane 1940]

DAVIES, J. D. G. *George the Third: a Record of a King's Reign* [Nicholson & Watson 1936]

VULLIAMY, C. E. *Royal George: a Study of King George III, his Experiment in Monarchy, his Decline and Retirement, etc.* [Cape 1937]

George IV 1820-1830

GEORGE IV King of England *The Letters of King George IV* Edited by A. Aspinall [Cambridge University Press 1938 3 vols. 84s]

CRESTON, DORMER *The Regent and His Daughter* [Eyre & Spottiswoode 1932 16s]

FULFORD, ROGER *George the Fourth* [Duckworth 1935 15s]

LESLIE, SHANE *George the Fourth* [Benn 1926]

THOMPSON, GRACE E. *The First Gentleman; a Study of the Regent, afterwards George IV* [Cape 1935]

William IV 1830-1837

MOLLOY, J. F. *The Sailor King: William the Fourth, his Court and his Subjects* [Hutchinson 1903 2 vols.]

THOMPSON, GRACE E. *The Patriot King: the Life of William IV* [Hutchinson 1932]

Victoria 1837-1901

VICTORIA Queen of England *Letters of Queen Victoria 1837-1861* Edited by A. C. Benson and Viscount Esher [Murray 1907 3 vols. 63s]

Letters of Queen Victoria 1862-1885 Edited by George Buckle [Murray 1926-1928 3 vols. Vols. I and II 52s 6d; vol. III 25s]

Letters of Queen Victoria 1886-1901 Edited by George Buckle [Murray 1930-1932 3 vols. 25s each]

VICTORIA Queen of England *Further Letters: from the Archives of the House of Brandenburg-Prussia* Translated from the German by Mrs. J. Pudney and Lord Sudley Edited by Hector Bolitho [Thornton Butterworth now Eyre & Spottiswoode 1938]

VICTORIA Queen of England *Girlhood of Queen Victoria; a Selection from Her Majesty's Diaries 1832-1840* Edited by Viscount Esher [Murray 1912 36s]

BENSON, E. F. *Queen Victoria* [Longmans, Green 1935]

BOLITHO, HECTOR *The Reign of Queen Victoria* [Longmans, Green now Collins 1948 16s]

BOLITHO, HECTOR *Victoria, the Widow, and her Son* [Cobden-Sanderson 1934]

GUEDALLA, PHILIP *The Queen and Mr. Gladstone* [Hodder & Stoughton 1933 2 vols. 25s]

This selection of letters written to or by Queen Victoria and Mr. Gladstone is prefaced, as the author points out, 'with a commentary in which the two letter-writers are studied at some length, since both have been to some extent the victims of biographical injustice' and, the author continues, 'an attempt is made to set their correspondence against its full historical background'.

HARDIE, F. M. *The Political Influence of Queen Victoria 1861-1901* [Oxford University Press 1938]

LEE, SIDNEY *Queen Victoria; a Biography* [Murray 1902 10s 6d]

MARRIOTT, J. A. R. *Queen Victoria and her Ministers* [Murray 1933]

SITWELL, EDITH *Victoria of England* [Faber & Faber 1936 12s 6d]

STRACHEY, LYTTON *Queen Victoria* [Chatto & Windus 1921 7s 6d]

Albert, Prince Consort 1819-1861

ALBERT Prince Consort *Letters of the Prince Consort 1831-1861* Selected and edited by Dr. Kurt Jagow Translated by E. T. S. Dugdale [Murray 1938]

BOLITHO, HECTOR *Albert the Good* [Cobden-Sanderson 1932]

BOLITHO, HECTOR *The Prince Consort and his Brother: two hundred new Letters* [Cobden-Sanderson 1933]

FULFORD, ROGER *The Prince Consort* [Macmillan 1949 18s]

HOUSE OF SAXE-COBURG 1901-1910

Edward VII 1901-1910

EDWARD VII King of England *Personal Letters of King Edward VII* Edited by J. P. C. Sewell [Hutchinson 1931]

EDWARD VII King of England *Personal Letters of King Edward VII; together with extracts from the Correspondence of Queen Alexandra, the Duke of Albany, etc.* Edited by J. P. C. Sewell [Hutchinson 1932]

BENSON, E. F. *King Edward VII, an Appreciation* [Longmans, Green 1933]

LEE, SIDNEY *King Edward VII, a Biography* [Macmillan 1925 2 vols.]

MAUROIS, ANDRÉ *King Edward and his Times* [Cassell 1936 6s]

Alexandra, Queen 1844-1925

ARTHUR, GEORGE *Queen Alexandra* [Chapman & Hall 1934]

HOUSE OF WINDSOR 1910-

By Proclamation of June 17 1917 King George V announced the assumption of the name of Windsor by his House and Family.

George V 1910-1936

GEORGE V King of England *The King to his People; the Speeches and Messages of His Majesty King George V delivered between July 1911 and May 1935* [Williams & Norgate 1935]

ARTHUR, GEORGE *King George V. A Sketch of a Good Ruler* [Cape 1929]

BRYANT, ARTHUR *George V* [Davies 1936]

BUCHAN, JOHN *The King's Grace* [Hodder & Stoughton 1935]

CARRINGTON, C. E. *The Life and Reign of King George V 1910-1936* [Cambridge University Press 1936]

GORE, JOHN *King George V; a personal Memoir* [Murray 1941 18s; Albemarle Library: Murray 9s 6d]

HUDSON, ROBERT *A Life of King George V; the People's King* [Collins 1930]

'THE TIMES' *King and People 1910-1935* Reproduced from the Silver Jubilee number of 'The Times' May 3 1935 [The Times Publishing Co. 1935]

Mary, Queen Her Majesty Queen Mary

ARTHUR, GEORGE *Queen Mary* [Thornton Butterworth now Eyre & Spottiswoode 1935]

Edward VIII 1936 H.R.H. The Duke of Windsor

BOLITHO, HECTOR *The Life and Reign of King Edward VIII* [Eyre & Spottiswoode 1937]

MACKENZIE, COMPTON *The Windsor Tapestry: being a Study of the Life, Heritage and Abdication of H.R.H. the Duke of Windsor, K.G.* [Rich & Cowan 1938]

George VI 1936—His Majesty The King

Elizabeth, Queen Her Majesty The Queen

Elizabeth, Princess Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth, Duchess of Edinburgh

ASQUITH, CYNTHIA *Queen Elizabeth: her intimate and authentic Life Story from Childhood up till Today, told with the personal Approval of Her Majesty* [Hutchinson 1937]

BOLITHO, HECTOR *The Life of King George VI* [Eyre & Spottiswoode 1937]

MARSH, E. Editor *Our Royal Family* [Littlebury, Worcester 1949 6s; 2s 6d]

MORRAH, DERMOT *The Royal Family* [King George's Jubilee Trust; Odhams Press 1950 8s 6d]

MORRAH, DERMOT *The Royal Family in Africa* [Hutchinson 1947]

MORRAH, DERMOT *The Royal Family in War-Time* [King George's Jubilee Trust; Odhams Press 1945]

MORRAH, DERMOT *Princess Elizabeth: Duchess of Edinburgh* [King George's Jubilee Trust; Odhams Press 1950]

MORRAH, DERMOT., and SHEW, BETTY *Princess Elizabeth; the Story of Twenty-One Years in the Life of the Heir Presumptive* [Odhams Press 1947]

Our King and Queen: an intimate, authentic and authoritative biography etc. [Hutchinson 1937]

PEACOCK, IRENE *H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth* [Hutchinson 1949 10s 6d]

Royal Album Edited by H. Tatlock-Miller and Loudon Sainthill [Hutchinson 1951 25s Forthcoming: July]

SOVEREIGNS OF SCOTLAND BEFORE THE UNION

BALFOUR-MELVILLE, E. W. M. *James I King of Scots 1406-1437* [Methuen 1934]

COOK, E. THORNTON *Their Majesties of Scotland* [Murray 1928]

The author, says Professor Rait, in his introduction to the work, 'seems to me to have succeeded in combining the national with the personal interest of the theme she has chosen'.

COWAN, SAMUEL *The Royal House of Stuart: from its Origin to the Accession of the House of Hanover* [Greening 1908 2 vols.]

DUNBAR, A. D. *Scottish Kings: a revised Chronology of Scottish History 1005-1625* [Douglas, Edinburgh 1907] The second edition.

FERGUSON, JAMES *Alexander the Third* [A. MacLehose 1937]

FRANCIS, GRANT R. *Scotland's Royal Line; the tragic House of Stuart* [Murray 1928 21s]