that title by authority of the Record Commissioners in 1802. This work professes to embrace the period between the reigns of John and Edward IV. inclusive, but it is at best a mere collection of short notes arbitrarily made in the early part of the seventeenth century. According to the most favourable estimate, it "does not present a reference to one fifth part of the entries on the rolls, whilst those which are mentioned are in most instances so described as to conceal the import of the grant referred to." *

Since the publication of this criticism, more than sixty years ago, six attempts have been made to render different portions of medieval Patent Rolls accessible to students:—

(1) The Record Commissioners published, in 1835, a Latin transcript, with contractions *literatim*, of the Patent Rolls of the reign of John, with a very valuable introduction by Mr. Thomas Duffus Hardy, who eventually became Deputy Keeper of the Records.

(2) Sir Francis Palgrave published in the Appendix to the Ninth Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Records, in 1848, an English Calendar to the Patent Rolls of the short reigns of Edward V. and Richard III., which had been prepared under his direction by Mr. W. Lascelles, a clerk in the Public Record Office. This Report is now out of print.

(3) Sir Thomas Duffus Hardy published in the Appendix to the Twenty-sixth Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Records, in 1865, a specimen of a tabulated Latin Calendar of the Patent Rolls of the reign of Henry III., which had been prepared by Mr. H. J. Sharpe, an Assistant Record Keeper. The specimen there printed deals with the first year of the reign. The remainder of the work, filling three volumes of manuscript, is in the Search Room at the Public Record Office. There is no Index to it.

(4) In 1873 and 1877, the Rev. William Campbell edited for the Rolls Series of Chronicles and Memorials, two volumes entitled "Materials for a History of the reign of Henry VII. from original documents preserved in the Public Record Office," and dealing with the first five years. English abstracts of entries on the Patent Rolls of the period are therein arranged in chronological order among abstracts and copies of other documents.