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NAMES OF THE SOVEREIGNS OF THE
OLD COREAN STATES, AND CHRO-
NOLOGICAL TABLE OF THE
PRESENT DYNASTY.

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But little information is obtainable as to the names of the sovereigns of the legendary period and of the first Corean States, as the two 朝鮮, 三韓, and others.

As regards the first period, we are told only that the legendary 王儉, styled 檀君, reigned in Corea and had his seat of government at 平壤, afterwards at 白嶽山, the present 九月山. He ascended the throne B.C. 2331, and his State lasted 1,212 years.

The next period commences with 箕子, who also held his Government at the same capital (平壤). The Ci, or Kwi, dynasty lasted 929 years, during 43 sovereigns. But after 胥餘 or 須臾, the Viscount of Ci, or Kwi, who succeeded to the throne B.C. 1122, only the last two sovereigns are known, viz., 箕否 and his son 箕準, who lost his throne in B.C. 194. He afterwards changed his name to 新莽, founded the State of 馬韓, and transferred his capital to 金馬郡. Then 衛滿 usurped the throne and changed the name of the capital to 王儉城, and the state lasted for a further period of 87 years.

THE STATE OF 新羅 (other names 徐羅代, 斯羅, 斯盧).

The Capital was in the present 慶州, former territory of the State 辰韓. This State had 55 kings, and lasted 992 years.

| No. | Name. | Genealogy. | Family Name. | Year of Accession. |
|-----|-------|---|--------------|--------------------|
| 1 | 赫居世 | | 朴 | 57 B.C. |
| 2 | 南解王 | son of the last king ... | " | 4 A.D. |
| 3 | 儒理王 | son of the last king ... | " | 24 " |
| 4 | 脫解王 | husband of the second king's eldest daughter. During his reign the State was called 雞林 | " | " |
| 5 | 婆婆王 | the third king's second son | 昔朴 | 57 " |
| 6 | 祗摩王 | eldest son of the last king | " | 80 " |
| 7 | 逸聖王 | the last king's eldest son ... | " | 112 " |
| 8 | 阿達羅王 | the last king's eldest son ... | " | 134 " |
| 9 | 代休王 | grandson of the 4th king and son of 仇鄒 ... | " | 154 " |
| 10 | 奈解王 | the last king's grandson ... | 昔 | 184 " |
| 11 | 助賁王 | the 9th king's grandson ... | " | 196 " |
| 12 | 沾解王 | the 9th king's grandson and younger brother of the last king | " | 230 " |
| 13 | 味鄒王 | descendant in 7th generation from 闕智, son of 仇道 | " | 247 " |
| 14 | 儒禮王 | the 11th king's eldest son | 金昔 | 261 " |
| 15 | 基臨王 | the 11th king's grandchild | " | 284 " |
| 16 | 訖解王 | the 10th king's grandchild | " | 298 " |
| 17 | 奈勿王 | the 13th king's nephew ... | " | 310 " |
| 18 | 實聖王 | descendant of 闕智 ... | 金 | 356 " |
| 19 | 訥祗王 | the 17th king's son ... | " | 402 " |
| 20 | 慈慈王 | the last king's son ... | " | 414 " |
| 21 | 炤智王 | the last king's son ... | " | 458 " |
| 22 | 智證王 | the 17th king's great grandson | " | 479 " |
| 23 | 法興王 | the last king's eldest son ... | " | 500 " |
| | | | " | 504 " |

| No. | Name. | Genealogy. | Family Name. | Year of Accession. |
|-----|-------|--|--------------|--------------------|
| 24 | 眞興王 | the last king's nephew ... | 金 | 540 A.D. |
| 25 | 眞智王 | the last king's second son... | " | 576 " |
| 26 | 眞平王 | the last king's grandson ... | " | 579 " |
| 27 | 善德王 | the last king's eldest daughter ... | " | 632 " |
| 28 | 眞德王 | daughter of 國飯, younger brother of the 26th king | " | 646 " |
| 29 | 武烈王 | the 25th king's grandson. He destroyed the State | " | 654 " |
| 30 | 文武王 | the last king's eldest son. He destroyed the State | " | 661 " |
| 31 | 神文王 | 高句麗 ... the last king's eldest son ... | " | 681 " |
| 32 | 孝昭王 | the last king's eldest son ... | " | 692 " |
| 33 | 聖德王 | the last king's younger brother ... | " | 702 " |
| 34 | 孝成王 | the last king's eldest son ... | " | 737 " |
| 35 | 景德王 | the last king's younger brother ... | " | 742 " |
| 36 | 惠恭王 | the last king's eldest son ... | " | 765 " |
| 37 | 宣德王 | a descendant in 10th generation from the 17th king ... | " | 780 " |
| 38 | 元聖王 | a descendant in 12th generation from the 17th king ... | " | 785 " |
| 39 | 昭聖王 | the last king's grandson ... | " | 799 " |
| 40 | 哀莊王 | the last king's eldest son ... | " | 800 " |
| 41 | 憲德王 | the 39th king's younger brother ... | " | 809 " |
| 42 | 興德王 | younger brother of the last king's mother ... | " | 826 " |
| 43 | 僖康王 | the 38th king's great grandson ... | " | 836 " |
| 44 | 神武王 | the 38th king's great grandson ... | " | 839 " |
| 45 | 文聖王 | the last king's eldest son ... | " | 839 " |

| No. | Name. | Genealogy. | Family Name. | Year of Accession. |
|-----|-------|---|--------------|--------------------|
| 46 | 憲安王 | the 44th king's younger brother ... | 金 | 856 A.D. |
| 47 | 景文王 | the 43rd king's grandson | " | 861 " |
| 48 | 憲康王 | the last king's eldest son ... | " | 875 " |
| 49 | 定康王 | the last king's younger brother ... | " | 886 " |
| 50 | 眞聖王 | the last king's younger sister ... | " | 887 " |
| 51 | 孝恭王 | son of the 48th king's concubine ... | " | 897 " |
| 52 | 神德王 | a distant descendant of the 8th king ... | 朴 | 912 " |
| 53 | 景明王 | the last king's eldest son ... | " | 917 " |
| 54 | 景哀王 | younger brother of the last king's mother ... | " | 924 " |
| 55 | 敬順王 | a descendant of the 45th king ... | 金 | 927 " |

In the year 935 the State submitted to 高麗.

THE STATE OF 高句麗.

The Capital was 卒本扶餘, the present 成川.
This State had 28 kings, and lasted 705 years.

| No. | Name. | Genealogy. | Year of Accession. |
|-----|-------|--|--------------------|
| 1 | 東明王 | family name 高; he was born near the Mount 句麗 in 遼東 | 39 B.C. |
| 2 | 瑠璃王 | the first king's eldest son ... | 21 " |
| 3 | 太武神王 | the last king's eldest son ... | 9 " |
| 4 | 閔中王 | the last king's younger brother | 44 A.D. |

| No. | Name. | Genealogy. | Year of Accession. |
|-----|-------|---|--------------------|
| 5 | 慕本王 | the third king's eldest son ... | 48 A.D. |
| 6 | 太祖王 | the second king's grandson ... | 53 " |
| 7 | 次大王 | the last king's younger brother | 146 " |
| 8 | 新大王 | the last king's younger brother | 165 " |
| 9 | 故國川王 | the last king's second son ... | 179 " |
| 10 | 山上王 | the last king's younger brother | 197 " |
| 11 | 東川王 | the last king's eldest son. He transferred his capital to 平壤 ... | 227 " |
| 12 | 中川王 | the last king's eldest son ... | 248 " |
| 13 | 西川王 | the last king's second son ... | 270 " |
| 14 | 烽上王 | the last king's eldest son ... | 292 " |
| 15 | 美川王 | the last king's nephew... ... | 300 " |
| 16 | 故國原王 | the last king's eldest son. He transferred the capital to 九都城 ... | 331 " |
| 17 | 小獸林王 | the last king's son ... | 371 " |
| 18 | 故國壤王 | the last king's younger brother | 384 " |
| 19 | 廣開土王 | the last king's eldest son ... | 392 " |
| 20 | 長壽王 | the last king's eldest son. He transferred the capital to 平壤 ... | 413 " |
| 21 | 文咨王 | the last king's eldest grandson | 492 " |
| 22 | 安藏王 | the last king's eldest son ... | 519 " |
| 23 | 安原王 | the last king's younger brother | 529 " |
| 24 | 陽原王 | the last king's eldest son ... | 546 " |
| 25 | 平原王 | the last king's eldest son ... | 559 " |
| 26 | 嬰陽王 | the last king's eldest son ... | 590 " |
| 27 | 榮留王 | the last king's younger brother, but not by the same mother... | 618 " |
| 28 | 寶藏王 | the last king's nephew... ... | 642 " |

In the year 668 the State submitted to LI TSIH, General of the Tangs.

THE STATE OF 後百濟.

The Capital was 慰禮城, the present 稷山.
This State had 30 kings, and lasted 678 years.

| No. | Name. | Genealogy. | Year of Accession. |
|-----|-------|---|--------------------|
| 1 | 溫祚王 | son of the first king of 高句麗. His capital was in 漢山, the present 廣州 ... | 18 B.C. |
| 2 | 多婁王 | the first king's eldest son ... | 28 A.D. |
| 3 | 巴婁王 | the last king's eldest son ... | 77 " |
| 4 | 蓋婁王 | the last king's son ... | 128 " |
| 5 | 肖古王 | the last king's son ... | 166 " |
| 6 | 仇首王 | the last king's eldest son ... | 215 " |
| 7 | 古余王 | the 5th king's younger brother | 234 " |
| 8 | 責稽王 | the last king's son ... | 286 " |
| 9 | 汾西王 | the last king's son ... | 298 " |
| 10 | 比流王 | the 6th king's son ... | 304 " |
| 11 | 契王 | the 9th king's son ... | 344 " |
| 12 | 近肖古王 | the 10th king's second son ... | 346 " |
| 13 | 近仇首王 | the last king's eldest son ... | 375 " |
| 14 | 枕流王 | the last king's eldest son ... | 384 " |
| 15 | 辰斯王 | the last king's younger brother | 385 " |
| 16 | 阿辛王 | the 14th king's eldest son ... | 392 " |
| 17 | 腆支王 | the last king's eldest son ... | 405 " |
| 18 | 久余辛王 | the last king's eldest son ... | 420 " |
| 19 | 毗有王 | the last king's eldest son ... | 427 " |
| 20 | 蓋鹵王 | the last king's eldest son ... | 455 " |
| 21 | 文周王 | the last king's son. He transferred the capital to 熊津 the present 公州 ... | 475 " |
| 22 | 三斤王 | the last king's eldest son ... | 477 " |
| 23 | 東城王 | the 20th king's grandson ... | 479 " |
| 24 | 武寧王 | the last king's son ... | 501 " |
| 25 | 聖王 | the last king's son. He called his country 南扶餘 and transferred the capital to 泗泚 the present 扶餘 ... | 523 " |
| 26 | 威德王 | the last king's eldest son ... | 554 " |

| No. | Name. | Genealogy. | Year of Accession. |
|-----|-------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 27 | 惠王 | the last king's second son ... | 598 A.D. |
| 28 | 法王 | the last king's eldest son ... | 599 " |
| 29 | 武王 | the last king's son ... | 600 " |
| 30 | 義慈王 | the last king's eldest son ... | 641 " |

This State submitted to 新羅.

THE STATE OF 高麗.

The Capital was 松嶺, the present 開城府.

This State had 34 kings, and lasted 475 years.

| No. | Name. | Genealogy. | Year of Accession. |
|-----|-------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | 太祖 | son of 隆, prefect of 金城 ... | 918 A.D. |
| 2 | 惠宗 | the first king's eldest son ... | 944 " |
| 3 | 定宗 | the first king's second son ... | 946 " |
| 4 | 光宗 | the first king's third son ... | 950 " |
| 5 | 景宗 | the last king's eldest son ... | 976 " |
| 6 | 成宗 | the first king's grandson ... | 982 " |
| 7 | 穆宗 | the 5th king's eldest son ... | 998 " |
| 8 | 顯宗 | the first king's grandson ... | 1010 " |
| 9 | 德宗 | the last king's eldest son ... | 1032 " |
| 10 | 靖宗 | the 8th king's second son ... | 1035 " |
| 11 | 文宗 | the 8th king's third son ... | 1047 " |
| 12 | 順宗 | the last king's eldest son ... | 1083 " |
| 13 | 宣宗 | the 11th king's second son ... | 1084 " |
| 14 | 廢宗 | the last king's eldest son ... | 1095 " |
| 15 | 肅宗 | the 13th king's younger brother ... | 1096 " |
| 16 | 睿宗 | the last king's eldest son ... | 1106 " |
| 17 | 仁宗 | the last king's eldest son ... | 1123 " |
| 18 | 毅宗 | the last king's eldest son ... | 1147 " |
| 19 | 明宗 | the 17th king's second son ... | 1171 " |
| 20 | 神宗 | the 17th king's third son ... | 1199 " |
| 21 | 熙宗 | the last king's eldest son ... | 1205 " |
| 22 | 康宗 | the 19th king's eldest son ... | 1212 " |
| 23 | 高宗 | the last king's eldest son ... | 1214 " |

| No. | Name. | Genealogy. | Year of Accession. |
|-----|-------|--|--------------------|
| 24 | 元宗 | the last king's eldest son ... | 1260 A.D. |
| 25 | 忠烈王 | the king's eldest son ... | 1275 " |
| 26 | 忠宣王 | the last king's eldest son ... | 1309 " |
| 27 | 忠肅王 | the last king's second son ... | 1314 " |
| 28 | 忠惠王 | the last king's eldest son ... | 1331 " |
| | 忠肅王 | again ... | 1332 " |
| | 忠惠王 | " ... | 1340 " |
| 29 | 忠穆王 | the last king's eldest son ... | 1345 " |
| 30 | 忠定王 | the 28th king's son, born from a concubine ... | 1349 " |
| 31 | 恭愍王 | the 27th king's second son ... | 1352 " |
| 32 | 幸禍 | a son of 肅; the last king adopted him as his own son ... | 1375 " |
| 33 | 辛昌 | the last king's son ... | 1389 " |
| 34 | 恭讓王 | the 20th king's seventh descendant. He reigned till 1392 ... | 1389 " |

From the first legendary sovereign (檀) till the year 1392, 3,725 years elapsed, then Corea, or 朝鮮, became a united kingdom, under the present dynasty 李.¹

KINGDOM 朝鮮.

Dynasty 李; Capital 漢陽府.

| No. | Temple style. | First Posthumous Name. | Genealogy. | Year of Birth. | Length of Reign. | Year of Accession. |
|-----|---------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | 太祖 | 康獻王 | son of 子春 ... | 1336 | 7 | 1392 A.D. |
| 2 | 定宗 | 恭靖王 | the first king's second son ... | 1358 | 2 | 1398 " |
| 3 | 太宗 | 定聖王 | the first king's third son ... | 1372 | 18 | 1400 " |

¹ The preceding list has been compiled from the Chinese book 東藩紀要, and the following from the Korean annals 國朝實鑑.

| No. | Temple style. | First Posthumous Name. | Genealogy. | Year of Birth. | Length of Reign. | Year of Accession. |
|-----|---------------|------------------------|--|----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 4 | 世宗 | 莊憲王 | the last king's third son | 1398 | 32 | 1419 A.D. |
| 5 | 文宗 | 恭順王 | the last king's eldest son | 1415 | 2 | 1451 " |
| 6 | 端宗 | 恭懿王 | the last king's eldest son | 1442 | 3 | 1453 " |
| 7 | 世祖 | 惠莊王 | the 4th king's second son | 1418 | 13 | 1456 " |
| 8 | 睿宗 | 襄悼王 | the last king's second son | 1450 | 1 | 1469 " |
| 9 | 成宗 | 康靖王 | the second son of 德宗 ² | 1457 | 25 | 1470 " |
| 10 | 中宗 | 恭徽王 | the last king's second son | 1488 | 39 | 1506 ³ " |
| 11 | 仁宗 | 榮靖王 | the last king's eldest son | 1515 | 1 | 1545 " |
| 12 | 明宗 | 恭顯王 | the 10th king's second son | 1534 | 27 | 1546 " |
| 13 | 宣祖 | 昭敬王 | the third son of 德興大院君 ⁴ | 1552 | 41 | 1568 " |
| 14 | 仁祖 | 憲文王 | the eldest son of 元宗 ⁵ | 1605 | 27 | 1623 ⁶ " |
| 15 | 孝宗 | 宣文王 | the last king's second son | 1612 | 10 | 1650 " |

² He was the 7th king's heir apparent and died in 1457. He is known in the history by the temple style 德宗 and the posthumous name of 懷簡王.

³ Between the 9th and the 10th king the throne was occupied by 燕山君 for a period of 11 years, but he had no temple style.

⁴ He was the 10th king's son.

⁵ 元宗 was the 5th son of 宣祖. He received the temple name from his son, the 14th king, and from the Emperor of China the posthumous name of 恭良王. He is known also by the style of 定遠君.

⁶ Between the 13th and the 14th king the throne was occupied by 光海君 for a period of 14 years; but he is not registered amongst the Korean sovereigns, and had neither temple style nor posthumous name.

| No. | Temple style. | First Posthumous Name. | Genealogy. | Year of Birth. | Length of Reign. | Year of Accession. |
|-----|---------------|------------------------|--|----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 16 | 顯宗 | 昭休王 | the last king's son ... | 1637 | 15 | 1660 A.D. |
| 17 | 肅宗 | 顯義王 | the last king's son ... | 1661 | 46 | 1675 " |
| 18 | 景宗 | 德文王 | the last king's eldest son | 1688 | 4 | 1721 " |
| 19 | 英宗 | 至行王 | the 17th king's fourth son | 1694 | 52 | 1725 " |
| 20 | 正宗 | 文成王 | eldest son of 思悼世子 ⁷ | 1752 | 24 | 1777 " |
| 21 | 純宗 | 淵德王 | the last king's son ... | 1780 | 31 | 1801 ⁸ " |
| 22 | | 體健王 | son of 翼宗 (see No 6). | | 15 | 1835 " |
| 23 | 熙倫 | 熙倫王 | the third son of 全溪大院君 | | 14 | 1850 " |
| 24 | ... | ... | The present king, the second son of 興宣大院君 | | | 1864 " |

⁷ He was the heir apparent, son of 英宗, who died at the age of 33. Another heir apparent, son of the same king, is recorded, who died when 10 years old, viz., in 1728. He received the temple style 眞宗 and the posthumous name of 溫良王.

⁸ During the years 1827, 1828, 1829 and 1830 the king was assisted in the government by his son, known by the temple name 翼宗 and the posthumous name 體元王. He was born in 1809. Here the Korean annals finish, and the last kings are taken from the 東藩紀要, where the temple names are not given.