

23. A list is given below of the sovereigns and rulers of the principal countries in the world, with dates of birth, titles, and dates of assumption of office.

### SOVEREIGNS AND RULERS IN PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, 1885.

Country.	Name.	Year of Birth.	Title.	Year of accession or assumption of Office.
Great Britain and Ireland...	Victoria .....	1819	Queen of Great Britain and Ireland	1837
	do .....		Empress of India.....	1877
Afganistan .....	Abdurrahman Khan.....		Ameer of Afganistan .....	1880
Austro-Hungarian Empire.	Francis Joseph I.....	1830	Emperor of Austria.....	1848
	do .....		King of Hungary and Bohemia ...	1867
Belgium .....	Leopold II.....	1835	King of the Belgians.....	1865
Brazil .....	Dom Pedro II.....	1825	Emperor of Brazil .....	1831
Bulgaria.....	Alexander .....	1857	Prince of Bulgaria .....	1879
China .....	Kuang Hsu.....	1871	Emperor of China.....	1875
Denmark .....	Christian IX.....	1818	King of Denmark .....	1863
Egypt .....	Mohammed Tewfik Pasha..	1853	Khedive of Egypt.....	1879
France .....	François Paul Jules Grévy.	1813	President of the French Republic	1879
German Empire.....	William .....	1797	German Emperor.....	1871
	do .....		King of Prussia .....	1861
Greece .....	George I.....	1845	King of the Hellenes.....	1864
Holland .....	William III.....	1817	King of the Netherlands.....	1849
Italy .....	Humbert .....	1844	King of Italy.....	1878
Japan .....	Mutsuhito ..	1852	Mikado of Japan.....	1867
Mexico .....	Porfirio Diaz .....		President of the Confederate Re- public of Mexico.....	1884
Montenegro .....	Nicholas .....	1841	Prince of Montenegro.....	1860
Morocco .....	Mulai Hassan, .....	1831	Sultan of Morocco .....	1873
Persia .....	Nasser-ed-Deen].....	1829	Shah of Persia.....	1848
Peru .....	Dr. Arenas .....		President of the Republic of Peru	1885
Portugal ..	Dom Luis I. ....	1838	King of Portugal.....	1861
Roumania .....	Charles I.....	1839	Prince of Roumania .....	1866
	do .....		King do .....	1881
Russia .....	Alexander III.....	1845	Czar of Russia .....	1854
Servia .....	Milan (Obrenovitch) I.....	1854	Prince of Servia.....	1868
	do .....		King do .....	1862
Spain .....	Maria-de-las-Mercedes.....	1880	Queen of Spain .....	1885
	Maria Christina .....	1858	Queen Regent .....	1885
Sweden and Norway .....	Oscar II.....	1829	King of Sweden and Norway.....	1872
Switzerland .....	Dr. A. Deuchar.....		President of Swiss Confederation*	1885
Tunis .....	Sidi Ali Pasha Bey.....	1817	Bey of Tunis .....	1882
Turkey .....	Abdul Hamid II.....	1842	Sultan of Turkey .....	1876
United States.....	Grover Cleveland.....	1837	President of the United States...	1885
Zanzibar .....	Sayyid Burghash bin Saeed		Sultan of Zanzibar.....	1870

\*Elected annually.

24. It will be noticed that the Emperor of Brazil has reigned longer than any other Monarch, having succeeded to the throne in 1831, at the age of six years. Queen Victoria comes next, succeeding in 1837, at the age of eighteen years. The German Emperor is the oldest Sovereign, and the only one born in the last century. The Queen of Spain is the youngest in the list, and the Queen Regent the next youngest.