

## VIII.

### THE KING.



*“Sicut et Rex hodie est, et cras morietur: nemo enim ex regibus aliud habuit.”—Ecclesiast. x. et Sapient. vii.*

He is sitting at his repast before a well-covered table, under a canopy studded with fleurs-de-lis. Death intrudes himself as a cupbearer, and presents the King with probably his last draught. The figure of the king seems intended as a portrait of Francis I.