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PREFATORY NOTE.

THE present Volume, which is offered as a companion to "The Homes and Haunts of Luther," is based upon observations made during my Italian tours, particularly those of the last two years. I have fully availed myself of such information respecting Italian Reformers and the religious affairs connected with them in the sixteenth century, as may be found in the works of Ranke, M'Crie, Young, and Alexander Muston. But my chief contributions to the interesting story of Protestant struggles in the beautiful peninsula, not generally known to English readers, are derived from the recent researches of Karl Benrath, Emilio Comba, and the authors of articles in "La Rivista Cristiana."

I am sorry that Signor Comba's valuable work, "Storia della Riforma Italiana," has not proceeded beyond the first volume, for I have not the benefit of his further investigations; but of the light which he has thrown on the Waldensians, I have made large use; and repeated conversations with him in Florence have been in that respect and others very helpful.

Documents in our Record Office, carefully described in its long series of most valuable Calendars, have afforded me numerous additional illustrations respecting ecclesiastical events in Rome, Venice, Bologna, and other places, at the period of the Reformation.

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