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PREFACE.

I CANNOT claim that there is any special connexion between the papers which I have collected in this volume, but they illustrate different sides of Dr. Creighton's activities. The earlier ones were written during the years which he spent in a quiet country parish, when he not only studied the history and literature of Italy and the characteristics of the district in which he lived, but was able occasionally to enjoy some weeks of foreign travel. A visit to Rimini roused his deep interest in the wonderful monument to the art of the early Renaissance period which Gismondo Malatesta raised there. The article on "The Italian Bishops of Worcester" was written during the years when he was Canon of Worcester and loved to study every point connected with the history of his beloved Cathedral. It appeared in the "Report of the Worcester Diocesan Architectural and Archæological Society," by whose permission it is included in this volume. The paper on "The Harvard Commemoration" was written by special request for the *Times*, immediately after the