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## PREFACE.

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A PORTION of this work was published in the "Belgravia" Magazine. The limits and delay of a periodical, however, by no means permitted the author to enter fully on his subject. Moreover, his intentions were in some measure weakened.

In no manner does he presume to be a first-rate connoisseur as regards the ceramic art, which is scarcely to be obtained in the researches of a life. One science bears so closely on every other, that without a knowledge of all there can be no complete acquaintance with any.

His object is simply to give a slight sketch of his various hunting-grounds in search of bric-à-brac—a very simple pursuit—which has caused him untiring interest and delight; and thus, by offering the slight practical experience he has gained during foreign



travel, he may cause amusement, if not instruction, to the many thousands who have similar tastes, when they visit the hunting-grounds where he has so frequently wandered.

H. BYNG HALL.

LUCERNE,  
18th August, 1868.

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