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To  
MY FATHER,  
JOHN ADDINGTON SYMONDS.



"O love, we two shall go no longer  
To lands of summer across the sea."

TENNYSON.

## PREFACE.



**I**T was under my father's influence and with his help that this small book was written. Living for awhile a life apart from his, I always thought of him, and for him I chronicled the things I saw and did. When I came home we read these chronicles together, laughing at the crudities, which he forgave. He promised to write an introduction for the book, which would have brought it more together and given it a point by showing the historical interest of the country which I, through ignorance, have only superficially described; and, chiefly, he meant to dwell on Virgil's connection with the Lombard scenes.

My father and I were on our way to Vescovana, where he hoped to write this preface, when he fell ill. In Rome he died. The writing seems to me now incomplete—a thing with the spirit gone out of it. But my father's marks are over all the manuscript;



and because he liked the book, because he took an interest in it and wanted me to print it, I do so now, and give it back to him, the strength of whose love and influence it was which taught me since childhood to love and understand a little, not only the charm of a Doge's Farm, but of the whole and living world.

MARGARET SYMONDS.

DAVOS PLATZ, *July 3, 1893.*



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