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OF PROFESSOR ENRICO PANZACCHI

AND

THE OCTOCENTENARY ADDRESS

OF PROFESSOR GIUSUÈ CARDUCCI

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P R E F A C E.

THE following account of the memorable Octo-centenary Festival of the University of Bologna is contained in a series of letters written at the time to the *Scotsman* newspaper, with a few subsequent corrections and additions, and is supplemented by a description of the Students' Festivities by Mr A. H. BRIGGS CONSTABLE, M.A., Delegate of the Students' Representative Council of the University of Edinburgh, communicated originally to the *Evening Dispatch*. It is therefore largely to the kindness and courtesy of the Editors of these newspapers and of my friend and congenial fellow-traveller Mr Constable that this little volume owes its existence. Lest, however, these descriptions might have been thought too slender to warrant republication, I have added, by kind permission of the Authors, Professor Panzacchi's beautiful Octo-centenary Ode, with an attempted English version, and a translation of Professor Carducci's Octo-centenary Address (which, in its Italian garb, was

considered a masterpiece of oratory), as well as a few other documents. Nothing would have been easier than to make further additions from the congratulatory addresses and odes written for the occasion ; but these will probably be published ere long by the University in a solemn Octocentenary Volume, while this little book is merely intended to convey a general idea of the nature of the Festival. Hence the unavoidable omission of many important names and interesting events, which I hope will not be deemed unpardonable by the persons concerned. To what has been said in the letters I have only now to add that all who attended the Festival will agree in pronouncing it a singularly interesting and memorable celebration, in expressing their gratitude to their many kind and hospitable friends, and in cordially wishing long life and prosperity to the venerable and far-famed University of Bologna. All honour and hearty thanks in particular to the Rector of the University, to the Sindaco of Bologna, to the Minister of Public Instruction, and above all to their gracious Majesties the King and Queen of Italy !

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