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IN THE DISTANT BUT EVER-LIVING

PAST;

TO

FILIPPO PISTRUCCI

IMPROVVISATORE AND EXILE,

THE FRIEND OF MY YOUTH,

WHO NOW AWAITS ME IN A COUNTRY FAIRER THAN HIS OWN;

TO

GUISEPPE MAZZINI

AND

GUISEPPE GARIBALDI,

THE FATHERS OF ITALIAN LIBERTY,

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PREFACE.

ON her return from a visit to Italy, to undertake which vivid sympathy with the destinies of that land at this critical juncture had been the chief inducement, the writer was urged to give an account of her experience. Conscious that by so doing she would not be burdening the world with another ordinary book of travels, or even with a mere recital of feminine adventure, she yielded to the wish, believing that she might be able to move the sympathies of some towards that country, in whose cause England has ever manifested a generous and steadfast interest.

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