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AND CAVALIER OF THE ORDER OF SS. MAURITIO AND LAZZARUS,
AND OF THE CROWN OF ITALY.

From the 'Graphic,' after a photograph by Lombardi.

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BORN AT ANCONA, ITALY, 6TH JUNE, 1821.
DIED AT HIGHBURY, LONDON, 7TH MAY, 1888.

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come
again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."—*Psalms cxxvi. 6.*

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CHAPTER I.

MY NATIVE TOWN, ANCONA, 1844-5.

I PURPOSE to give an outline of the chief incidents of my life in England, not because they have been in themselves very stirring, romantic, or extraordinary, but simply in order to put down in writing by myself, ere it is too late, the part which I have taken in several public movements which have had some influence on the well-being of this and other countries. Such a record may, moreover, interest and gratify my friends, and prove of some stimulus and encouragement to those who often in the most critical time of their lives,

are left all alone to frame their own destinies in a foreign land, with neither friends nor wealth to carry them through, especially as in my case.

I was born on the 6th of June, 1821, in Ancona, Italy. The city was once inhabited by a Syracusan colony, who spoke the Doric language, from which probably the city is often called the Doric City. In later times she appertained to the Marches, the whole of which was called the Picenum. Later still she was taken first by the Goths and afterwards by the Lombards. During the war between the Papacy and the Empire, Ancona remained independent, but after having changed masters several times, Louis de Gonzaga annexed the city to the Roman States in 1532, and so she continued till 1860, when Ancona was incorporated with the kingdom of Italy. The city of Ancona is sufficiently picturesque, well situated, in an amphitheatre on the shores of the Adriatic.

Personal.—My father belonged to the middle class of life. My grandfather on my mother's side was a man of learning and wrote several works in the Hebrew language. My father's