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NOTE.

WHEN Miss Lamond became aware that she could not hope to complete this book before her death, I undertook to see it through the press. She worked at it till the last. On Tuesday evening, August 11, 1891, she spent an hour or more in reading the proofs with Mr Lambarde's MS. in Cambridge. Two days later she travelled to her home in Edinburgh, where she died on the following Sunday morning.

The lines of Miss Lamond's plan for the work were clearly laid down, but I have felt a grave responsibility in trying to execute the remainder of a task for which her critical taste and unwearied patience rendered her specially fitted.

When the work came into my hands I found that a good deal remained to be done, and other engagements have rendered this long delay in publication inevitable. Miss Lamond had prepared the transcript of Mr Lambarde's MS. from which the text has been printed, as well as the transcript of the table of contents and side-notes from the Bodleian MS.; she had also compared the proofs of the

first dialogue with the Lambarde MS. Her article in the *English Historical Review* (April 1891), together with suggestions for recasting it, supplied materials for the introduction. Two or three pages of the notes were also complete, but there was a considerable quantity of material which required to be entirely re-arranged. The introduction and notes do not in all cases represent her matured opinion; on more than one point she hoped to be able to go through the evidence again, though her main conclusions have already received general acceptance. (Cossa, *Introduzione*, 3^d ed. p. 198. Ashley, *Economic History*, 1. ii. 260.)

For cordial assistance received, I venture to express Miss Lamond's thanks as well as my own; to Mr Lambarde, for consenting to the long continued use of the very interesting manuscript which forms the basis of the text, and to the authorities of the Bodleian for their kindness in giving her special facilities for collating the MS. in their possession; also for assistance on special points to Mr J. D. Duff, Fellow of Trinity College; to Professor Foxwell, Fellow of S. John's College; to Mr Hubert Hall, of the Record Office; to Miss E. A. McArthur, of Girton College; to Mr F. B. Smart, of King's College; to Professor Sapsworth, of Zurich, and to Mr A. Rogers, of the University Library.

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