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HIS LIBERALITY AS A CATHOLIC,

AND IS AT ONCE THE SEAL AND THE EXPLANATION OF

A LONG AND HAPPY FRIENDSHIP,

This Book

IS MOST AFFECTIONATELY INSCRIBED.

PREFACE.

WHEN the author left home, nothing was further from his thoughts than to make his journey the subject of a published narrative. It was undertaken solely for health and recreation; but such were the interest and variety of the places he visited and of the scenes he witnessed, and so exceptionally favoured was he in the general circumstances of his tour, that, having made very copious and careful notes of his experiences and impressions, he was induced, on his return, to weave them into a continuous narrative for delivery in the form of lectures, for the benefit of a local charity.

These lectures were originally delivered before a circle of friends; but, in consequence of the interest that they excited and the favour with which they were received, the author has been prevailed upon to give them a wider publicity, and, in the form of the present volume, to introduce them, as it were, to a larger audience. It should further be stated that the object