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THERE is a book of mine, 'Italy, Past and Present,' first published in London in 1841, the aim of which was to show how a country, crushed at the time under the weight of centuries of unremitting adversity, was yet destined to rise again, like a phoenix from its ashes, to a new and glorious existence.

And there was another book by this same hand, 'History of Piedmont,' following upon the first after a fourteen years' interval, revising the annals of the princes and people of that subalpine region, and ending with a conjecture—that the Unification of the Italian Peninsula, at which so many of the