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## PREFACE.

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TWELVE years ago Ignatius von Döllinger was paying us a visit, and the conversation happened to turn upon the admiration felt by my husband, Councillor von Eisenhart, and myself for the beauties of the English Garden at Munich.

Döllinger, too, counted a stroll in this garden one of his greatest pleasures; he delighted in the sunshine and in the shade of its fresh green trees, and in the pleasant coolness of the water side. He proposed accordingly, that we should take a weekly walk there together, and that we should begin on the following day. This first excursion happened to fall on a Friday, and thus originated our

Friday walks in the English Garden, an institution which we kept up with scarcely any intermission until the beginning of 1890.

The following sketches are fragments of the conversation held on these occasions, when Döllinger was the soul of the party. People long dead lived once more in his descriptions, neither eulogized nor caricatured, but represented in their true colours with all the force of reality, and many of his contemporaries passed in review before his clear-sighted and cultured mind.

I have been induced to publish some of these conversations, partly in deference to the representations of many of my friends, and also because of the remembrance of a speech of Döllinger's to me. He had been reading my Biography of my dear father, Franz von Kobell, and remarked: "I have enjoyed reading it very much; when I came to the end I thought regretfully, Would that

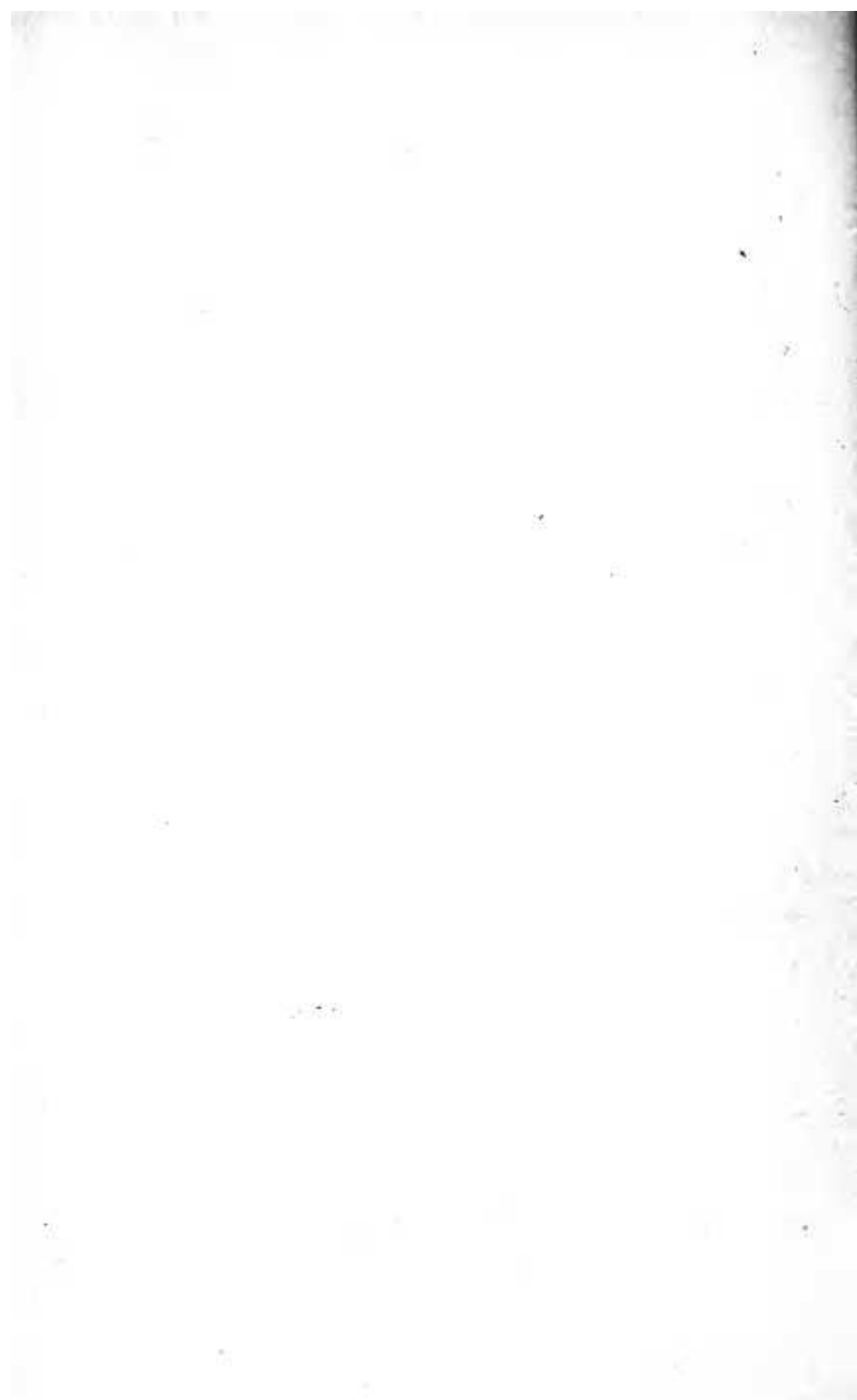


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some day I might find so kind a critic of myself and of my doings!"

I have tried in this little record to convey some idea of Döllinger's vigorous and intellectual mind as it was unfolded in conversation. If in so doing I have gained him one more friend, or diminished the number of his detractors, then the purpose of this little book will have been abundantly fulfilled.

The interesting frontispiece with which, through the kindness of the publisher, this little volume is decorated, shows us Döllinger in the circle of his friends as described at p. 89. They seem all to be spending a happy day, and no doubt the agreeable conversation, together with the fresh breeze blowing across from the lake, and the charming fragrance of a lovely garden combined to call forth the expression of perfect contentment with their surroundings visible on all their faces.



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