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**TO HER EXCELLENCY
DONNA LAURA MINGHETTI**

POPE JACYNTH

Forming a portion of the *Codex Eburneus* of the suppressed
Abbey of Nonantola

I

It was Pope Jacynth who built anew the basilica over the bodies of the holy martyrs, Paul and John, brothers ; and who wainscoted the choir, and laid down the flooring, and set up the columns of the nave, a row on either side, all of precious marble. And it was of his death and the marvellous thing which was seen afterward, showing indeed the justice of God and His infinite mercy, that the following tale is told.

This Jacynth, whose name in the world and in the cloister was Odo, was known all through Italy, and through the Marquisate of Tuscany and the County of Benevento, and the Kingdom of Sicily and such dominions as belonged to the Grecian Emperors, for his great and unparalleled humility and his exceed-