

## P R E F A C E

### TO THE SEVENTH EDITION.

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A RESIDENCE in Rome during several years has enabled the Editor to revise more completely this work upon the spot, and to render it, as he trusts his readers will find, as correct a Guide to the Eternal City as exists in any language, considering the limits to which it has been necessary to restrict it. He has endeavoured to convey in it every information required by the great majority of travellers; and for those who may desire to enter into minuter details, he has pointed out the principal sources from which they can be derived.

Considerable changes having taken place of late years in the arrangement of many of the Public and Private Galleries, it has been necessary to remodel the notices of most of them; and in giving more correct lists of their contents, plans of all have been introduced, which will facilitate considerably their examination. The same has been done for some of the most interesting Ecclesiastical Edifices.

The section which includes the Environs of Rome has been considerably extended, for the most part from the Editor's personal examinations; whilst the notices on all the most important sites have been brought down to the latest period.

The interest which the early Christian Cemeteries are now attracting has induced the Editor to give a more detailed description of the Catacombs than existed in the former editions; and the want of any general description of the Physical State and Geology of the region in and about the Eternal City has led him to insert a brief notice on the subject.

The Editor begs to refer his antiquarian readers for more extended information on the topography and monuments of the ancient city to Mr. Dyer's excellent account of Ancient Rome extracted from Dr. W. Smith's 'Dictionary of Classical Geography,' by far the best *résumé* that has hitherto appeared in our own or any other language.

Chronological Tables of the Sovereigns who have ruled over Rome, from Romulus to Pius IX., and of the principal events during the republican period; a list of the most remarkable Church Ceremonies during the year; a brief notice on the constitution of the Nobility; and a list of Riding Excursions in the environs of the city, have been added to the present edition.

The details so useful to the foreigner arriving in Rome, contained under the head of *General Information*, have been carefully revised, and brought down to the latest moment.

Rome, April 10, 1864.