

de Selling left Linacre with him¹. How long he stayed is uncertain. We hear of him next at Florence still under the tutorship of Poliziano at the Court of Lorenzo the Magnificent. Here he seems to have had the advantages of sharing in the instruction given to the young princes, Piero and Giovanni. Years afterwards to the younger brother, when Pope Leo X, Linacre dedicated one of his works. In addition to the instruction of Poliziano he came under the influence of the great Greek scholar, Demetrius Chalcondyles. What a contrast for the young All-Souls' Fellow to exchange the dreary semi-monastic life for the polished world at the Court of Lorenzo where he associated with the master spirits of the age. He may have sat at the same board with Michael Angelo, with Marsilio Ficino and with Pico

¹ Dr Sandys tells me that there is no ground for believing that Linacre met Politian at Bologna.