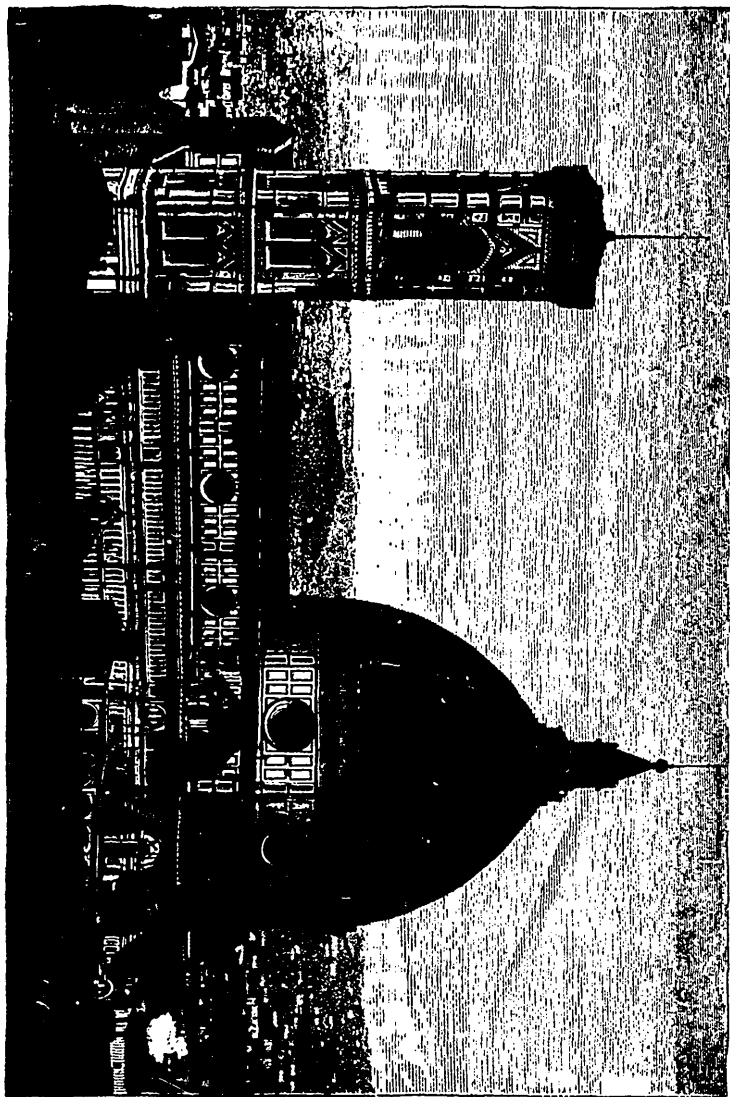


pointed human affection. In his youth he had loved with all the passionate ardour of his nature a daughter of the princely House of

grieved at the ignorance and worldliness of the monks. But he found congenial employment in teaching them the principles of philosophy,

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Strozzi. But the impaired fortunes of his family caused the rejection of his suit — it is said with scorn — by the proud patrician.

The zealous neophyte was greatly

and in expounding the Scriptures. His first attempts at public preaching, by which he was afterwards to sway so wonderfully the hearts of men, were very disheartening. In