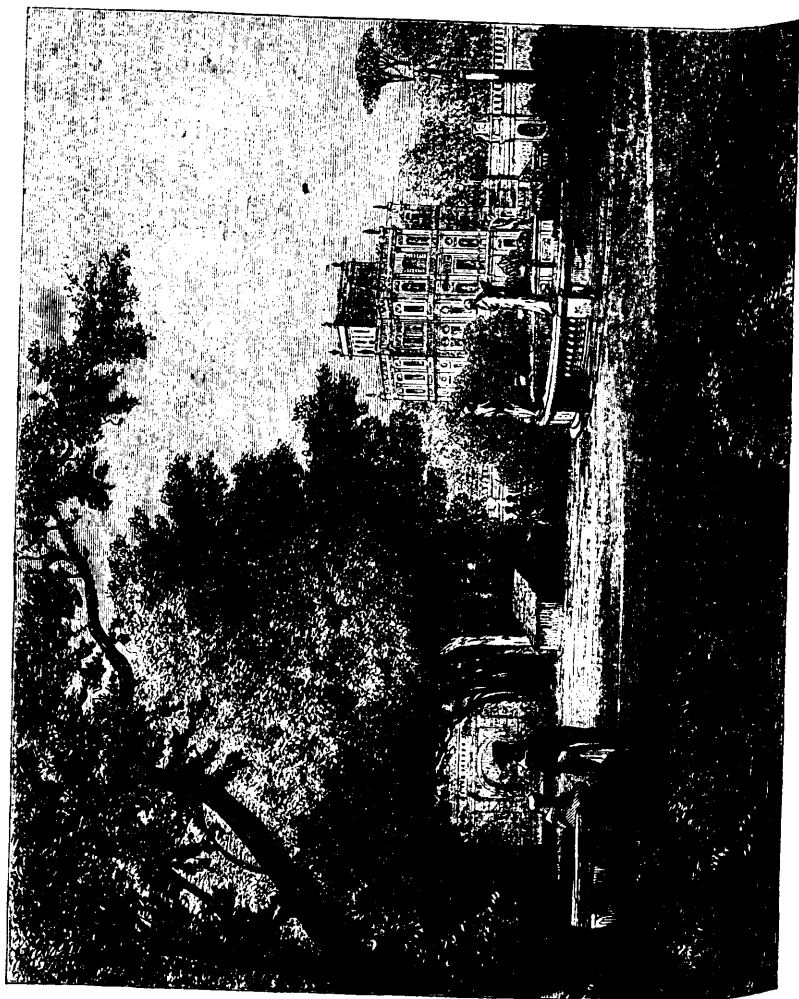


the Book all Europe trembled. Around the reformer gathered kings, nations, peoples—a host numbering half the millions of Rome, and destined to take the world for Christ. Francis and the Franciscans laboured to bind the votaries of Rome in the



GARDENS OF THE VILLA VANPILI DORIA, ROME.

meshes of a blind superstition, while Luther, as the apocalyptic angel, preached to the nations the gospel of liberty and salvation.

The basilica of Santa Croce—the holy cross—stands where once were the gardens of Heliogabalus, and afterward the palace of the Empress Helena. Mrs. Hemans says :