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### INTRODUCTION

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It is indeed most desirable that an authoritative statement of the true facts regarding modern Rome from these points of view should be laid afresh before the Anglo-American public in such an accessible form as this small book affords. Hitherto such facts have been mostly buried in a mass of ordinary guide book information, or in works which, from their size and high price, have not been widely read, or which are now out of date and no longer give their readers a reliable picture of the present state of the city. So much has of late years been accomplished in Rome in the matter of hygiene, and such important changes in the health and comfort of its inhabitants and visitors have resulted therefrom, that a trustworthy account of this bettered condition of things cannot fail to be useful to, and welcomed by, the travelling public. Current ideas on the subject are too often derived from antiquated guide books or popular novels, in which the same old story of the supposed unhealthiness of