

LIFE OF SAVONAROLA.*—Few stories gather about them more that is memorable in history than that of the Florentine martyr, whose life is made the subject of this book. His name recalls at once memories of Lorenzo de' Medici, of Piero de' Medici, of Charles VIII. of France, and of how many other of the great personages who lived in Italy in the fifteenth century, and made it illustrious. The author does not profess to throw any new light on the history of the times, but he has presented in convenient form and in an attractive manner an account of the political and social condition of Italy, which sets in clear light the causes of the failure of the reforms attempted by Savonarola. There can be no better account of this interesting chapter in Italian history for popular purposes.

* *Times before the Reformation*, with an account of Fra Girolamo Savonarola, the Friar of Florence. By WILLIAM DIDWIDDIE, LL.B. New York: Robert Carter & Brothers. 1880. 12mo, pp. 381. For sale by E. P. Judd, New Haven.