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MY UNCLE
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WHOSE UNFAILING GENEROSITY HAS BEEN FELT
BY EVERY MEMBER OF HIS FAMILY
PREFACE

The material on Ledru-Rollin is rather extensive. Among the printed documents, newspapers, and books, which give voluminous information about his part in the Second Republic, particularly valuable are two histories of the revolution of February, one written by Delvau, Ledru's private secretary, the other by Regnault, his chief of cabinet. Besides, there are in the Bibliothèque de la Ville de Paris a few thousand letters by or concerning Ledru-Rollin; most of these, however, deal with the period posterior to June 13, 1849, and therefore lie outside the range of this study.

This thesis, the reader will find, is filled with quotations. I have adopted the method of rendering them all into English. Some words are almost incapable of translation and I apologize in advance for the equivalents I have used; thus républicains de la veille I render old-line republicans; chef de cabinet, chief of cabinet; émeute, uprising or riot; conciliabules, cabals; procureur-général, attorney-general. One word I have even left in the original form: rappel.

The abbreviation "LR Papers" used in the foot notes refers to the Ledru-Rollin manuscript material in the Bibliothèque de la Ville de Paris.

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