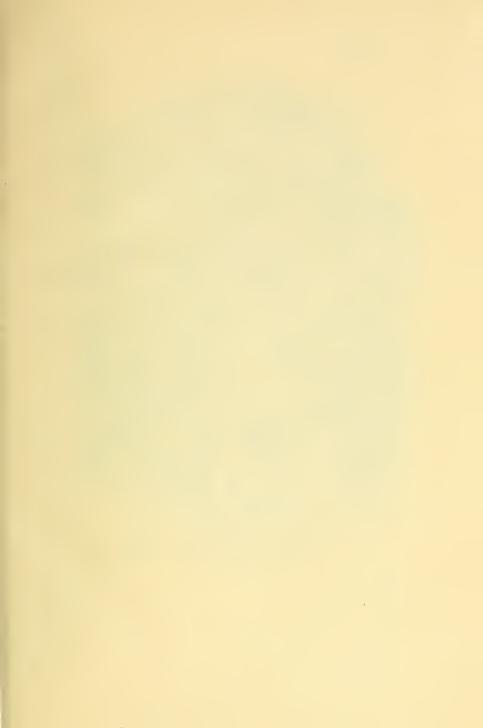


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George Eliot's Life

CHAPTER XIV

HE new year of 1867 opens with the description of the journey to Spain.

We enjoyed our stay in Paris, in order to see Madame Mohl, who was very good to us: invited the Scherers and other interest- Letter to ing people to meet us at dinner on the Bodichon, Jan. 29th, and tempted us to stay and break-Bordeaux. fast with her on the 31st, by promising to invite Renan, which she did successfully, and so procured us a bit of experience that we were glad to have, over and above the pleasure of seeing a little more of herself and M. Mohl. I like them both, and wish there were a chance of knowing them better. We paid for our pleasure by being obliged to walk in the rain (from the impossibility of getting a carriage) all the way from the Rue de Rivoli where a charitable German printer, who had taken us up in his fiacre, was obliged to set us down to the Hôtel du Helder, through streets literally jammed with carriages and omnibuses, carrying people who were doing the severe social duties of the last day in the year. The rain it raineth every day, with the exception of vesterday: we can't travel away from it apparently. But we start in desperation for Bayonne in half an hour.

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