

Apart from its figs, its wine, and its honey, Lesina is one of the most picturesque of these island towns; at all events, it is full of beautiful Venetian architecture. The Loggia of Sammichele, an arcade of seven bays separated by columns bearing capitals, architrave, frieze and cornice, surmounted again by a balustrade on the open roof, with *gubie* or pinnacles corresponding to the columns below, and with twin Lions of S. Marco over the central bay of the Loggia, is one of the most complete and satisfactory pieces of civic construction in Dalmatia, or out of it. It stands down on the quay immediately at the foot of the hill, crowned by the Spanish fort, Forte Spagnolo, perhaps so called after the military engineer who built it, or more probably recalling the time when Venice and Spain were united against the Turk in the days of Charles V. (1551). On one side of the Loggia rises a square clock-tower, and on the other a lofty building, the residence of the Venetian governor, with a lion between its middle-floor windows. Lesina is full of lions. The church of S. Marco has a beautiful bell-chamber to its campanile, ruined by lightning, and many a lovely palace, the Palazzo Raimondi of fifteenth-century Gothic, for example, near the Porta Maggiore,