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### SEBENICO

OUR next halting-place on the journey down the Dalmatian coast will probably be Sebenico. It is reached by sea through that stately water avenue, the channel of Zara, passing Zara Vecchia on the left, looking very white from the sea, and then the island of Morter, whose outer or western coast we skirt. The capital of the island, Stretto, is on the eastern side, which is so close to the mainland that it is joined thereto by a swing bridge; then through an archipelago of small islands we cross the northern end of the island Zlarin and make for a very narrow, almost imperceptible, break in the rocky shore. This narrow channel, the entrance to the harbour of Sebenico, is guarded by the massive fort of S. Nicolò, with a noble Lion of S. Mark on its face. It is the work of the Venetian military architect, Sammichele, and strongly reminds