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THE writer of the following Journal arrived at Lucknow with her husband in March, 1857—only a few weeks before the Sepoy outbreak. The annexed extracts from a subsequent letter point out the precise circumstances under which this record, of events so painfully interesting, was kept. As no *lady's* diary has hitherto been given to the public, the friends of the writer have thought that it might interest others, beyond the family circle, to communicate additional information on a subject in which the British nation feels so deep an interest.

“I have kept a rough sort of journal during the whole siege, often written under the greatest difficulties—part of the time with a child in my arms, or asleep on my lap; but I persevered, because I knew if we survived you would like to live our siege

life over in imagination, and the little details would interest you ; besides the comfort of talking to you. For the first month (July) we had so little hope of escape, that I did not feel as if you would ever receive it ; so you will find the records rather bare ; but such as it is, I shall send it, if possible, by post, for I know you will like to have it. I have found in my desk two June letters also, which I will send you."—*Allahabad, December 14, 1857.*

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#### NOTICE TO SECOND EDITION.

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HERE and there a verbal alteration has been made, and an inaccuracy corrected. One or two short passages from the manuscript journal, omitted in the First Edition, have been inserted ; and an extract from a recent letter of the Authoress, which it is thought may be both of interest and service to truth, has been added at the end of the book. Otherwise this is simply a reprint.

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