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DEDICATION.

TO THE MISSION BANDS OF THE "WOMAN'S UNION
MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF AMERICA FOR HEATHEN
LANDS"

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS: KNOWING how deeply your feelings of interest have been excited towards the poor secluded women of the Zenanas of India, I have written in one continuous story, a number of incidents that have come to my knowledge since my sojourn in this land.

My principal object has been to give you an insight into the manners, habits, and modes of life of these poor heathen sisters, and to rouse, if possible, stronger feelings of love and commiseration towards them, than you have hitherto possessed. I wish also to interest many others who have heretofore known little and cared less about these count-

less numbers of their own sex, who are living lives of hopeless degradation, and then sinking to eternal death. If this little book shall arouse others to join you in your labor of love, in working and praying for these poor helpless beings, one object will be accomplished.

I trust also that by comparing your lives with those of Hindoo girls, you will learn to think less of the little privations you may sometimes be called to endure, and have hearts more filled with gratitude to God, that you were born in a Christian, and not a heathen land.

With earnest prayers that this may be its effect, I beg you to accept this little book, from

Your loving friend,

H. G. BRITTAN.

CALCUTTA.

PREFACE.

IN presenting this little book, illustrative of the condition of heathen women in India, to the friends of our Mission work, but few words are needed to commend it to their kind interest.

Its author is the beloved and faithful missionary of a voluntary, undenominational organization of Christian women in America, formed in 1861. Appreciating that the gospel of Christ alone, has placed the women of our own favored land in the happy and enviable position they occupy, they have sought by the direct agency of their own sex, to elevate and Christianize the women of the East, whose idolatry and superstition have doomed them to lives of degradation and bitterness.

The readers of the "Missionary Link," the organ of the "Woman's Union Missionary Society," will recognize many of the facts and incidents of the following pages, as they were given in the journal of Miss Brittan. As she

has been an eye-witness of many scenes similar to those she has here portrayed, we are more willing to assert in the words of her fellow-laborers, that "this sketch is an undeniably truthful picture" of the lives of high-caste women in the Zenanas of Hindoos.

The book was written with the desire that its proceeds should be devoted to the purchase of Mission-premises in Calcutta, known as the "American Home" for the use of the missionaries and the work of the "Woman's Union Missionary Society."

We doubt not that each member of our "Mission Bands" to whom the little volume is dedicated, will take delight in owning, by this means, one share at least in the "Home" which forms the centre of our work in India. But we come now to many idolized daughters of Christian homes, who have little thought of or cared for their sex in heathen countries, and ask if they will not arouse from the day-dreaming and pleasure-seeking which have wrapped their souls in lethargy, and put forth at least one effort for those who dwell "in the land of the shadow of death."

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