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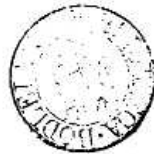
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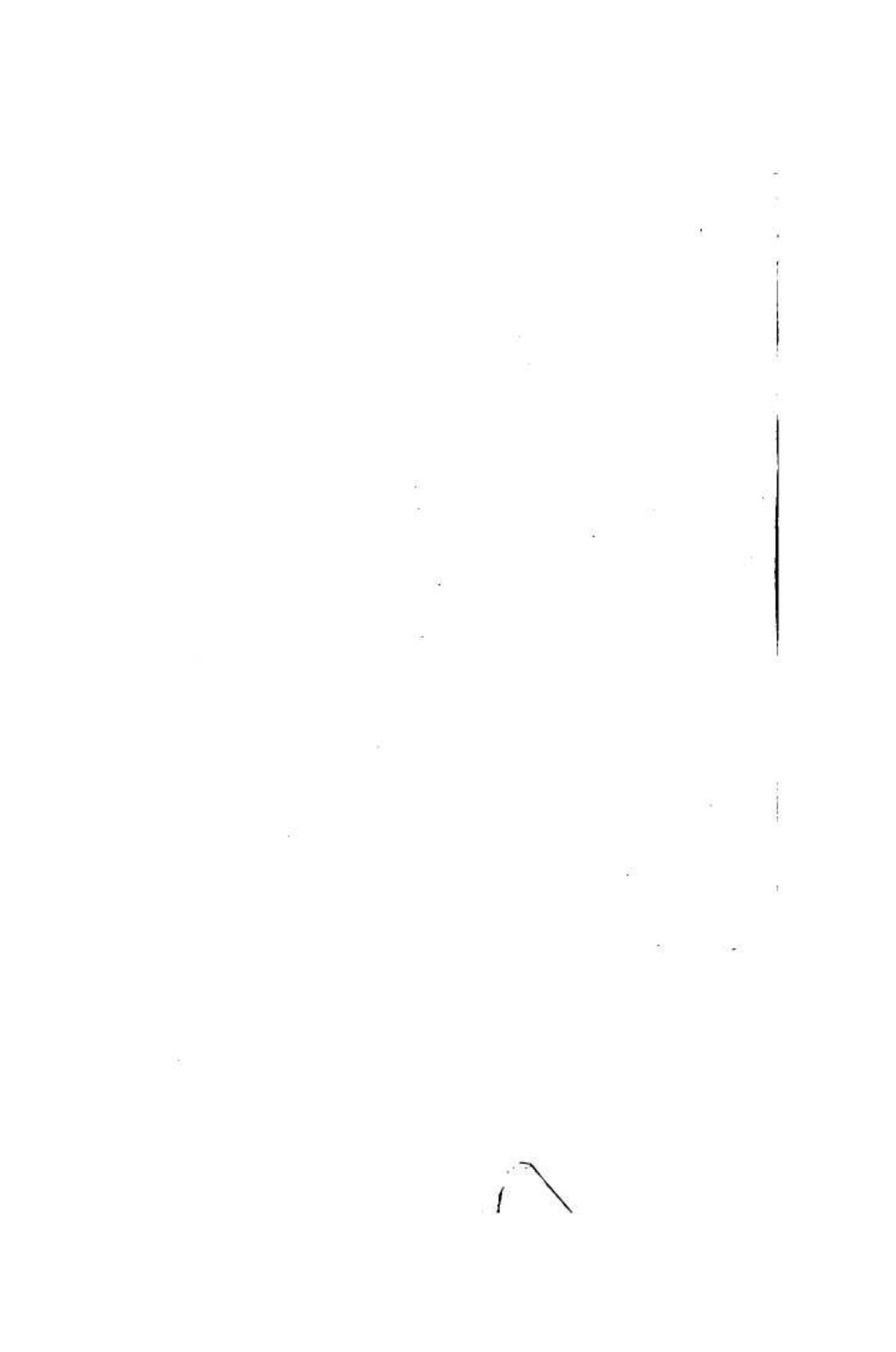
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PREFACE.

I HAVE been requested by the Committee of the LADIES' HIBERNIAN FEMALE SCHOOL SOCIETY, to allow the following extracts from my private Journal, (made originally, merely for the perusal of my friends,) to be printed with a view to the benefit of the above Institution. It was necessarily most agreeable to me to be able in any way to further the objects of that useful Society, and I was happy to accede to the request. I trust that the curiosity of my friends, as to what may have been my impressions during a journey through Palestine, and the interest which almost all persons entertain upon the subject of that country, may cause the undertaking to answer the purpose for which it is intended; and if, in addition to this object, these extracts chance to prove useful as a guide book to any future traveller in the East, my satisfaction will be much increased. In furtherance of the latter object, I have subjoined, in the Appendix, an index of our resting-places, and the number of hours' journey between each.

H. F. E.

LONDON,
May, 1841.



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Information respecting the Society may be had of the Secretary, Mrs. R. Webb, 61, Stafford-place, Pimlico, London.

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aspect of which pleased me more. The town of Valetta is beautiful, and totally unlike anything I have ever seen; the streets all at right angles, and of a cleanliness which, to one just emerged from the exceeding dirt of Rome, was eminently and agreeably striking. The houses are well and solidly built of a yellow stone, with projecting buttresses and closed balconies. The architecture of some of the residences of the knights is exceedingly handsome, particularly that of the Hotel de Castille, the lodge of the Spanish knights. We went also to the Florian gardens, a singular place teeming with orange-trees, geraniums, and other flowers, kept with English neatness, which, engrafted on Eastern luxuriance and peculiarity, is remarkable to a stranger. The contrast with Italy is very striking: there, everything is dirty to excess; here, you might eat off the streets.

One afternoon we devoted to a ride to Crendi, where there are some lately discovered and most curious Phœnician remains, wholly unaccounted for and incomprehensible. They have more similarity to Stonehenge than any other place I have seen, but they are unlike that. They consist of several chambers cut out of the rock, with small doors, and raised pieces of stone resembling tables; there is considerable extent, and may be much more, as the whole is evidently not yet excavated. Some little statues of grotesque figures have been removed from Crendi, and deposited in the library