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THIS RECORD

OF OUR WANDERINGS DURING THE AUTUMN OF 1965

IS DEDICATED

WITH THE DEEPEST AFFECTION

TO MY DEAR WIFE

WHOSE CHEERFUL COMPANIONSHIP AND UNFAILING

APPRECIATION OF ALL THE STRANGE

SCENES, CUSTOMS, AND IDEAS WITH WHICH WE WERE

CONFRONTED, SO IMMEASURABLY ENHANCED

MY PLEASURE AND ENJOYMENT

PREFATORY REMARKS

As the following pages merely embody and amplify some very short notes which were made without any prospect of their subsequent expansion, I must crave the indulgence of those who take the trouble to read them for any glaring errors of detail or absence of literary style they may contain.

In their compilation I have frequently had recourse to such works as Murray's Guide, Kaye's Sepoy War, Kipling's From Sea to Sea, etc., in many cases quoting them word for word.

Where I have thus incorporated the thoughts of others I have endeavoured as far as possible to distinguish them by inverted commas, and take the further opportunity of gratefully acknowledging my indebtedness to those writers for translating their impressions into a language to which I could never hope to aspire.

G. A. MATHEWS.

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