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AN accidental meeting with the 13th regiment at the sea-bathing quarter of Walmer during the autumn of last year gave me an opportunity of hearing more of the particulars of the Jellalabad siege than had previously been communicated to me. The narrative was full of interest when detailed by actors in the scenes which they described; and this it was which led to the determination on my part to place it permanently upon record: for brilliant as have been the exploits of many corps and brigades, as well in the Afghan as in other wars, none seems to me to have exhibited more soldier-like qualities than that which, under the late gallant and lamented Sale, fought its way from Cabul to Jellalabad, and held the latter place against a nation. The 13th Queen's and 35th Bengal Native Infantry, with the detachments of artillery, sappers, and cavalry, which co-operated with them, have won a name for bravery, endurance, and steady discipline which any regiments in any service may envy. Let me add the expression of an earnest hope, that being thus conspicuous they will take care in other and not less important respects to set an example, wherever they go, to their comrades, as well European as Asiatic.

The substance of the following story is gathered chiefly from the manuscript journals of officers engaged in the campaign.

I have consulted, likewise, the Orderly Books of the 13th, which verify every statement advanced ; and the conversation of various individuals, particularly of Captain Wood, Brigade-Major at Chatham, has been of infinite use to me. One ground of deep regret there is, indeed, for me, as well as for the country at large, namely, that the noble old soldier who taught his followers thus to fight and thus to conquer, no longer survives either to approve or censure my narrative. But Sir Robert Sale died, as he himself always wished to do, on the field of battle ; and his fame survives him.

G. R. G.

Chelsea, June, 1846.

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