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## P R E F A C E.



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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