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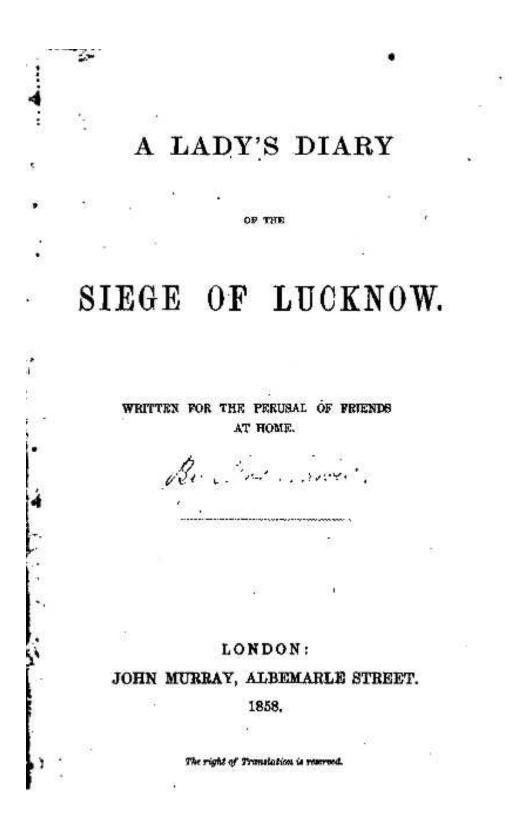
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PREFACE.

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

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