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PREFACE

The author of this book of Indian Experiences, the late Colonel Thomas Nicholls Walker, was born in London on August 12, 1837, and on leaving college entered the 60th Regiment Bengal Infantry, March 14, 1854; was promoted to Lieutenant, November 23, 1856; Captain 2nd Bengal Fusiliers, March 14, 1866; Major Staff Corps, March 14, 1874; Lieutenant-Colonel, March 14, 1880; and Colonel, 1883.

Personal narratives of services during the Indian Mutiny are of unfailing interest, and the gallant Author's modest account of his own doings embraces all the siege operations before Delhi, including the final assault and capture of that city.

He was twice wounded, and was also present at the taking of the heights of Sona, and the surrender of the forts of Rewarrie, Jujjhur, Kanoude, Furucknuggur and Bullumbghur.

He served in the Rohilcund Campaign, 1858, including the actions of Amsoth, Bagawalla and

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Nugeena, and relief of Moradabad; for which he received the medal with clasp.

He also took part in the little-known and most trying campaign against the Naga Hill tribes, in 1879-80, and was present at the assault of Khonoma, being mentioned in dispatches, and receiving the medal with clasp.

He was awarded the medal of the Royal Humane Society in 1869 for jumping into the River Alipore, Bhootan, and rescuing four persons who were in imminent danger of drowning.

He died at Canterbury, November 30, 1903.

Thus was severed another link in that chain of heroes, gentle and simple, who so nobly responded to the call of Duty during those eventful years of 1857-58.

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