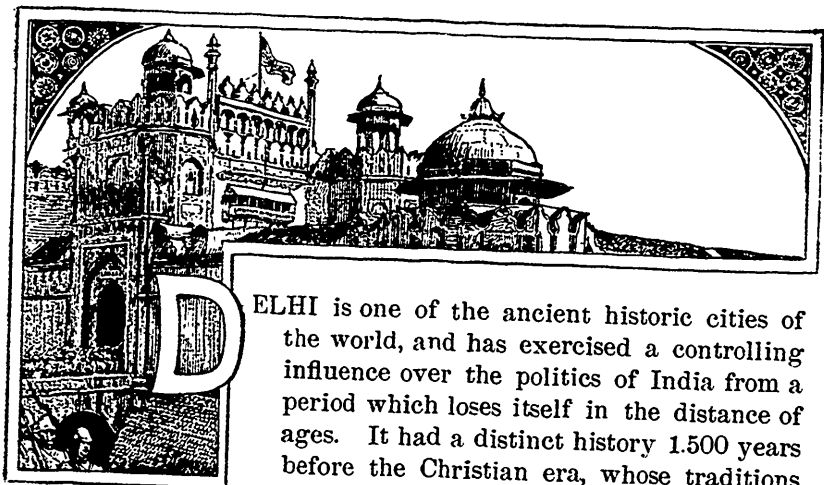


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Nineveh, Babylon or the Exodus.

Seven ancient and ruined cities, with colossal fortresses, splendid palaces, stupendous wells, magnificent temples and mosques, and gorgeous tombs, stretch for twelve or fifteen miles on the great plain which lies between the Ridge and the river Jumna. Delhi may rank, for architectural beauty, historical associations, or present social interest, with Rome, Athens, Cairo, Venice, or Constantinople. It undoubtedly competes with Agra and Benares for the right to be considered the most historical and profoundly interesting city in India.

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