



LUCKNOW CHRISTIAN SCHOOL GIRLS.

the misty distance. The trees are in their spring bloom, and the soft air is full of odours from mango orchards and gardens, where the white orange and flaming red pomegranate flowers look together over the wall.

"Meeting and passing each other along the river road are stately men in long robes and turbaned heads, and men with bare, brawn limbs, whose salutations have a courtly grace. There are plodding donkeys and prancing Arab horses. There is a long line of patient camels, with tink-

ling bells keeping time to the slow, swinging walk; and, farther on, a huge elephant mounted by a gorgeous party, and covered with trappings of scarlet and gold.

"Stretching away to the right of the river lies the city. The moonlight reveals only its beauty: here a palace wall surmounted by its emblem of royalty, a golden umbrella; there a high-arched gateway, and many a white dome and pencilled minaret rising above the line of terraced roofs.

"To outward seeming, the scene is