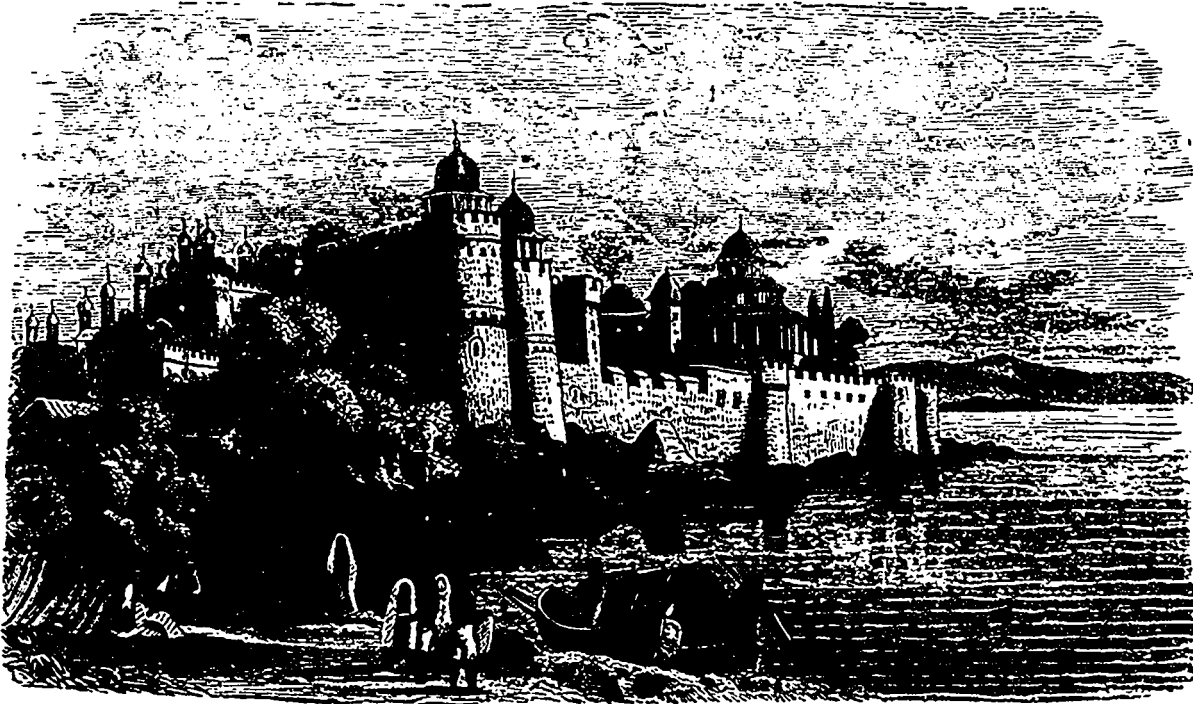


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ALLAHABAD is "the city of God," and one of the holy places of India. It contains seventy thousand people, and is situated about five hundred miles North-West of Calcutta. Here is the junction of railways from Calcutta, Bombay and Delhi, and the traveller alights in a spacious covered railway station. The native part of the city has but little to give it notoriety in the matter of architecture. The fort occupied a conspicuous place in the mutiny of 1857. The European quarters are of spacious dimensions, while the roads connecting these several places, and reaching to the country beyond, are broad, macadamized and lined on either side by handsome and tall shade trees. Alongside of these beautiful roads are the bungalows or residences of the Europeans, amid gardens filled with tropical shrubs and flowers.

In these days of inquiry the influence of the printed page is great, and Allahabad can boast of a fine depot of books and tracts and Bibles in the native languages, and in the English; all needed helps in the line of Christian literature are here obtainable. Boxes of Bibles and tracts are dispatched thence all over the North-West.

Allahabad is important as the provincial capital of the great North-West of India, containing, with the recently added kingdom of Oude, more than forty millions inhabitants. Among these we labour. Here are the high courts and the headquarters of the lieutenant-governor. The military cantonment contains several regiments, including European and native infantry and cavalry. A rich American traveller, not long ago, built a costly Episcopal church, as a memorial to his wife whose earthly pilgrimage has ended. The church is of modern style and extremely beautiful.

But the great interest in Allahabad arises from the fact that the Hindoos hold it in high esteem as the sacred confluence of two holy rivers. The Jumna and the Ganges both take their rise in the Gurhwal Himalyas, and, after watering immense sweeps of most fertile lands, and visiting on their way famous cities, here unite, and flow to the sea, a distance of more than eight hundred miles. We find at this spot multitudes of Brahmins and numerous Hindoo anchorites—all holy men in the eyes of the masses. Hither by thousands, and at times by tens of thousands, pilgrims from distant parts assemble, seeking for the benefits of the streams that make glad this "City of God." The paradise of Eden and the paradise of St. John in Revelation each had their sacred river. Under