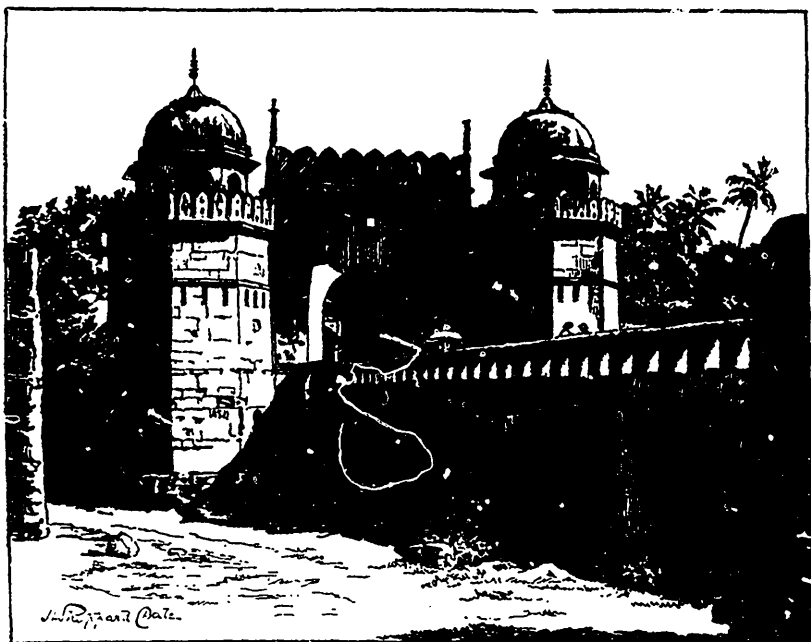


Aurangabad was the capital of the Emperor Aurangzeb, and contains many buildings of great interest, erected during his reign from 1650-70. It is surrounded by masonry walls, with bastions at the various angles. The most interesting building is a mausoleum, built by Aurangzeb in memory of a favourite daughter, Rabia Durani. He gave orders to his architect to reproduce an exact copy of the Taj Mahal at Agra, the tomb of his father Shah Jahan. It is, however, a very long way behind its celebrated pattern, though one of the most beautiful mausoleums in India. The Mekka gate and bridge, shown in our cut, are said to date from the fourteenth century.



MEKKA GATE, AURANGABAD.

SEPTEMBER.

ALL golden in the autumn sun
 The waving corn fields shine ;
 Purple and full of ruddy juice
 The grapes hang on the vine.

A blessing hovers in the air,
 As Earth, from toil released,
 Holds, with a hush upon her face,
 Her sweet communion feast.

—Bessie Chandler.