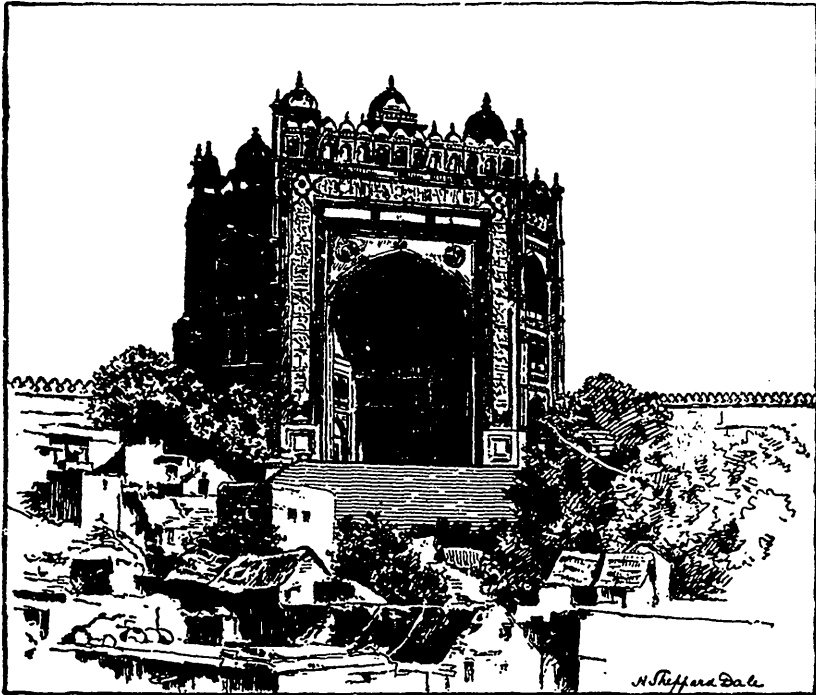


a bridge, pass over it, but build no house there; he who hopeth for an hour, may hope for eternity. The world lasts but an hour, spend it in devotion; the rest is unseen." A similar inscription is on the Taj.

The Panch Mahal is a five-storied colonnade, sixty-five feet high. The ground-floor has fifty-six columns, the first floor thirty-five, the third fifteen, the fourth eight, while the fifth, or top storey, is a dainty little domed pavilion, resting upon four columns. The capitals of the columns vary in design. The guide points



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out one which is formed of two elephants with interlaced trunks, and another of a man plucking fruit from a tree, which is said to be a fragment of some ancient Buddhist temple.

Muttra is a very ancient place. It is mentioned by Ptolemy, Arrian, and Pliny, and is associated with the earliest Aryan period. Here Krishna and Balarama, the divine herdsmen, fed their cattle in primeval forest pastures. It became a centre of Buddhism, and in the 4th century possessed twenty monasteries with 3,000 monks.

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