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THE
GARDEN OF INDIA

OR

CHAPTERS ON OUDH HISTORY AND AFFAIRS.

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TO
MY BROTHER OFFICERS OF THE OUDH COMMISSION
I REG LEAVE
TO INSCRIBE THIS LITTLE BOOK
WITH A PROFOUND SENSE OF ITS MANY DEFICIENCIES
BUT IN THE HOPE THAT
HOWEVER WIDELY SOME OF THEM MAY DISSENT FROM
NOT A FEW OF THE OPINIONS I HAVE VENTURED TO EXPRESS
THEY WILL AT LEAST BELIEVE
THAT THESE ARE INSPIRED BY A SINCERE LOVE
OF THE PROVINCE AND THE PEOPLE
WHOSE WELFARE WE HAVE
ALL ALIKE AT HEART.

"Garden of India! fading flower!
Withers thy bosom fair;
State, upstart, usurer devour
What frost, flood, famine spare."

A. H. H.

"Ce que [nous voulons] c'est que le pauvre, relevé de sa longue déchéance, cesse de trainer avec douleur ses chaînes héréditaires, d'être un pur instrument de travail, une simple matière exploitable Tout effort qui ne produirait pas ce résultat serait stérile; toute réforme dans les choses présentes qui n'aboutirait point à cette réforme fondamentale serait dérisoire et vaine."

Lamennais.

"Malheur aux résignés d'aujourd'hui!"

George Sand.

"The dumb dread people that sat
All night without screen for the night,
All day without food for the day,
They shall give not their harvest away,
They shall eat of its fruit and wax fat:
They shall see the desire of their sight,
Though the ways of the seasons be steep,
They shall climb with face to the light,
Put in the sickles and reap."

A. C. Swinburne.

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