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ABBREVIATIONS.

- A. S. N. I.—Archæological Survey of Northern India.
- E. H. I.—The History of India as told by its own Historians, by Sir H. M. Elliot.