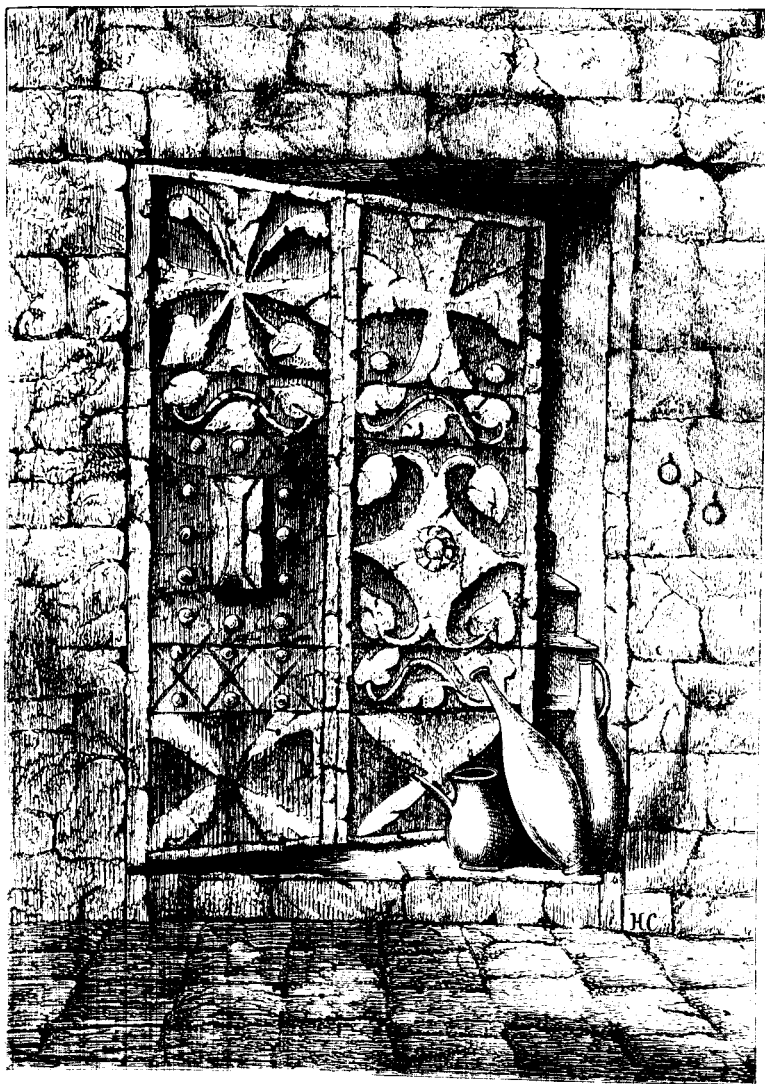


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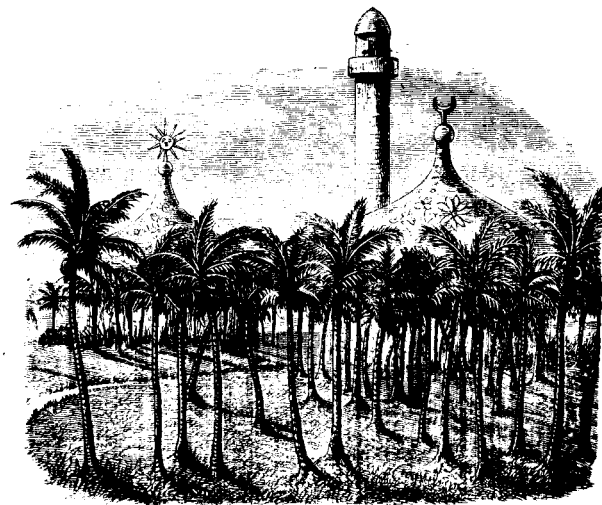
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PREFACE.

THE interest that is felt by all in the Eastern Question must be my excuse for publishing the following pages. In them I endeavour to describe the incidents of a journey through a district which, though now in many parts waste and desolate, is, I feel sure, destined, and that at no distant date, to become as it was in days of yore, the great highway between the East and the West.

For the historical notices of the places through which we passed, I am indebted to

the works of Canon Rawlinson, Gibbon, Ockley, and others, and if any errors are to be found they must be ascribed to my own want of knowledge rather than to any inaccuracies on the part of my authorities.

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