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Luxor from the River.

THE Temple of Luxor is situated near the bank of the river, though but little of it can be seen as one approaches the town, the modern whitewashed mud houses almost completely shutting out its view. The dahabeahs, however, are usually moored at the only spot from which the tops of the columns of the Great Colonnade are visible, and after ascending the bank a few yards the whole of it comes into sight. Our expedition was located on a small island to the south, from the end of which the annexed view was taken. Directly facing us is the house where Lady Duff Gordon so long resided—an Englishwoman, whose name is a household word among the inhabitants. Beloved and respected by all, her death seems to have left a blank in the little town which never can be filled in the hearts of the natives who enjoyed her friendship. A portion of the house is built upon one of the chambers which led out of the Sanctuary, resting upon part of the enclosure wall and its columns. The courts of the Sanctuary are still in a state of fair preservation, having been restored in the time of the Roman occupation, and bear inscriptions of that period. On the columns there are remains of colours which are much damaged, probably by damp exhalations. The Sanctuary itself is almost completely covered with native houses, and it is hard

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