

curved sword and silver-topped staff of office, and a Turkish soldier dressed in coarse uniform, carrying his side arms, escorted us, for which dignity or protection we had to pay pretty roundly.

The Haram-esh-Sherif, or Noble Sanctuary, as it is called, is one of the most profoundly interesting spots in the world. This is, undoubtedly, the ancient Mount Moriah which has been consecrated to divine worship from time immemorial. It was a place



A GLIMPSE OF THE MOSQUE OF OMAR.

for sacrifice in the time of Abraham. Here he offered up his son, a type of the Greater Sacrifice which was to be offered up near the same spot. Here David erected an altar, 2 Sam. xxiv., 25; 1 Chron. xxii., 1; and here rose the great and goodly temple of Solomon, the lesser glory of that of Nehemiah and the restored temple of Herod. Here, for well-nigh a thousand years, went up the smoke of the morning and the evening sacrifice, and was