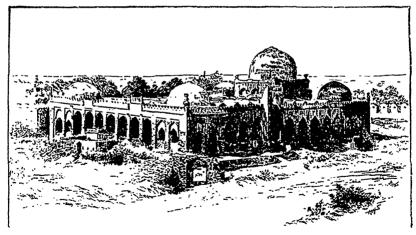


SACRED BULL, MYSORE.

pleasant climate. A peculiar feature in the scenery is the large number of isolated granite rocks called *droogs*, sometimes stupendous monoliths, sometimes huge boulders piled up, often rising 2,000 feet from the plain. Many of these are crowned with ruined fortresses, once the strongholds of robber chieftains, who



GREAT MOSQUE, KALBARGAH.

domineered over the adjacent plains. The mountain flanks are clothed with superb forests, the resort of wild elephants, bison, tigers, panthers, leopards, bears, sambhar, and spotted deer, jungle fowl and spur fowl. The streams which gather from the hill sides and mountain ranges are at every favourable point em-