THE CAMPAIGN FOR JERUSALEM

A HISTORIC CITY

In sentimental and romantic aspect, the capture of Jerusalem far exceeds even the fall of the fable-crowned Bagdad. The modern city of Jerusalem contains about 60,000 inhabitants, and is the home of pestilence, filth and fevers, but in historic interest it naturally surpasses to the Christian world all other places on earth.

Since the days when David wrested it from the hands of the Jebusites to make it the capital of the Jewish race, Jerusalem has been the prize and prey of half the races of the world. It has passed successively into the hands of the Assyrians, Babylonians, Greeks, Romans, Persians, Arabs, Turks, the motley crowds of crusaders, finally to fall before the descendants of that Richard the Lion-Hearted, who strove in vain for its possession more than seven hundred years ago.