

abroad on other errands, joined the deputation in their preliminary call on Lord Dufferin.

"A third measure due to the tour of Mr. Reed and Mr. Braithwaite arose out of their conference with missionaries in Palestine. To meet some of the special difficulties which beset both Bible work and missions in the villages of that land, arrangements have been made with the Church Missionary Society for employing certain evangelist-colporteurs there upon the same system as has already been found advantageous elsewhere in co-operation with some other Societies. This plan has the cordial support of your Agent, Mr. Weakley, who has himself had large experience of mission work in the East. It is hoped that it will, under the Divine blessing, open a new era of enlarged spiritual blessing in the Holy Land.

"Among the measures of progress more or less due to the visit paid by the Assistant Foreign and Financial Secretary to North Africa may be mentioned the formation of a local committee to assist your Agent in Algiers, and the definite establishment of an Agency in Morocco. Few parts of the world have been left so much outside Christian effort as Morocco. Two preliminary residences, to try what opportunities it afforded for Bible work, have issued in the appointment to this Agency of Mr. William Mackintosh, an experienced missionary to Mohammadans, and well acquainted with Arabic. He is giving special attention to the preparation of a version for the Rifian Arabs, and is assisted in his endeavours to circulate existing translations of the Scriptures by a Syrian colporteur, who was one of the interpreters to the British Generals at Tel-el-Kebir and the surrender of Arabi in Cairo.

"Some other important tours of visitation have been planned, or are in progress. One of these is also in Africa, and is to extend to all parts of its southern extremity. Through the kind concurrence of the Colonial and Continental Church Society and that of the Bishop, it has been undertaken by the Rev. Dr. Hole, Incumbent of Trinity Church, Cape Town, to whose able assistance this Society has often already been put under obligation. He is to be joined and aided at different centres by