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PREFACE

DURING the winter of 1919-20 my brother Lord Leigh, my friend Miss Ward and myself spent nearly four months in the North of Africa. As we were all keen sightseers, we greatly enjoyed the novelty and freshness of the desert and of the more remote districts of Algeria and Tunisia; and though after each excursion into the wilds we refreshed ourselves by a return to the comforts of a good hotel, we were always ready and eager to set off again to the haunts of the Arab and the Kabyle.

Our journeys led us for hundreds of miles among wonderful and varied scenery. We travelled through mountain passes, over wild and barren tracts of desert, into strange Eastern towns and strange market-places where we drank coffee with hospitable Caïds and felt ourselves back in the days of the Arabian Nights; or, again, we were amongst relics of a remote

past, as at Timgad or Dougga ; or we were gazing in amazement at the almost uncanny hot springs of Hammam Meskoutine ; or we were among the pleasant, cultivated pastures of the smiling Kabyle.

Miss Ward kept a journal and worked at it with great regularity in spite of calls on her time and strength involved by long motor-drives, strenuous sight-seeing and much sketching ; while my brother was constantly busy with his Kodak. It is thought that a little book, the result of their combined efforts, might be of use to future travellers in the regions we traversed and help them in making their own itinerary.

Miss Ward is responsible for the greater part of the letterpress, but Lord Leigh contributes, in addition to the photographs, accounts of shooting excursions, of which he made several ; and in Chapter XI he describes an expedition into parts of Tunisia which he took alone, except for the guide Jules and the chauffeur, and which he found to be of singular interest.

AGNES LEIGH.

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