

LORD HEADLEY ON HIS MECCA PILGRIMAGE.

At a meeting of the Central Asian Society last night LORD HEADLEY gave a detailed account of his experiences during his pilgrimage to Mecca. He emphasized the point that his pilgrimage last summer was religious, and was not designed to have any political significance. But he said that since his return he had received many letters from both Moslems and Christians expressing satisfaction that he had thereby done much to promote good feeling between Moslems and other subjects of the King-Emperor.

Any service he had been able to render in this way, Lord Headley observed, was due to his being regarded as the head of the Western Moslems. He found the spirit of Islam essentially one, whether at the Holy Places or in the simple observances of the faith at the Woking mosque. He paid a warm tribute to the solicitude displayed by King Hussein, the members of the Royal Family, and the officials generally for his comfort, and showed one of the two pieces of the *kiswah* (the sacred carpet surrounding the *kaaba* and changed each year) presented to him by King Hussein.
