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In the background is the famous "Green Dome" of the Shrine of the Prophet Muhammad with one of the two new minarets for call to prayer.

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This is the minaret of the Qairawan Mosque in Tunisia. The mosque was built by a companion of the Prophet Muhammad, 'Uqbah Ibn Nafi', in the year 43 A.H. — 668 C.E., but the minaret was not built till the year 150 A.H. — 767 C.E. This minaret is amongst the most beautiful works of Islamic art to be found in North Africa. The minaret is of a square shape and has three storeys. Its design was copied in all Arab North Africa. The style is simple and plain and is in striking contrast with the style followed in Asia.

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"According to Contreras, the Giralda is regarded as the most expressive monument of the Mohammedan dominion; and, despite all that has been said of its Moorish structure and primitive African style, it in his opinion is a perfect work of art" (A. F. Calvert, *Moorish Remains in Spain*, London, 1906).

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