

pire ruled at first by men of a low type of civilization, and one which was opposed to progress in any form, was to spread the forgotten culture of the Ancient World over the greater part of Western Europe.

Moreover, if this Renaissance, or "new birth" of learning, had not come about, it is probable that the Reformation movement, so closely bound up with it, would have been much delayed. So that two of the greatest changes in the story of the Modern World were the results, partly direct and partly indirect, of the extension of the Mohammedan Empire.

Chapter XIX.

THE EMPIRE OF CHARLES V.

(1450-1600 A.D.)

IT was about forty years after the Mohammedan Empire had included a part of Europe within its boundaries that the Moors, who had originally occupied a portion of that empire, were driven out of Spain. For many years after the rest of their dominions had been taken from them they had held out in Granada, sending back to those who demanded their submission the courageous message, "If you want our arms, you must come and take them."

But at that time the strength of Spain had been