

mountain passes are now being crossed by roads, and the existence of a protective government is encouraging a new activity. The Koran is being brought to the pagan tribes and is prevailing. When once claimed by Moslems these tribes will be ten times more difficult to reach with the Gospel." ¹

The Fulahs were the earlier agents of this extensive movement. Under Sheikh Danfodio, about a hundred years ago or so, they became a powerful, warlike and aggressive people. They carried their conquests to the west and to the south, and in 1837 made Sokoto the capital of a powerful Moslem state. They advanced into the Yoruba country and founded the city of Ilorin. Four large kingdoms in Senegambia and the Sudan represent the result of the energy which Sheikh Danfodio infused into the Moslems of his day. It is said that he prophesied that his green flag would be the passport to victory for a hundred years, and this proved to be the case, for in 1900 the Fulah country became a part of the British Empire.

The Fulahs held the larger towns, but never subjugated the pagan tribes in the mountainous regions. A Fulah army left a district where it operated a depopulated desert. "Bribery and corruption and extortion marked the so-called administration of justice. . . . No man's life was safe; common people were killed without compunction; notables were removed by poison or secret murder." ² Islam under Fulah rule failed to make the pagan people happy, peaceful or prosperous.

The most recent propaganda is that carried on by the fanatical Senusiya Order. ³ Its founder Si Mohammed

¹ *C. M. S. Review*, June, 1908, p. 354.

² *Blue Book on Northern Nigeria*, No. 409, 1093, p. 20.

³ For a full account of the rise and progress of this order, see "The Religious Orders of Islam," pp. 82-118.