

for the platform, with an open copy of the Koran in hand, to refute the falsehood by reading from the book itself !

There is room for grave suspicion as to the final outcome of this Parliament. Many of the best men still question whether "charity" was not made to cover extremes of concession and unwarrantable fellowship ; whether such levelling of all landmarks between creeds and cults was not a dishonor to the Christian faith and the Christian's God ; whether the ban put upon all "controversy," and even rebutting testimony, did not leave error to run its race unhindered, and hamper truth in overtaking it, by compelling a resort to tardy and uncertain methods of exposure ; whether the ultimate result will not be to countenance an unwholesome tolerance of false teaching, and open the door—as in fact is already the case—to a new era of propagandism of Buddhist, Mohammedan and other "mysteries" even in Christian lands ; whether we are in no danger of misreading the motto, "Liberty, equality, fraternity" into "Laxity, apathy, and compromise."

"The *Moslem World* is a Mohammedan paper recently started in New York City, whose editor thinks the United States an excellent missionary field, and hopes to make many converts to the doctrine of Islam. He thinks the people here ripe for conversion, and that American women in particular will embrace the doctrine, because it makes woman free and independent. Islamism, the editor avers, will lessen licentiousness, purify the marriage relation, and banish adultery ! The morality of Mohammedanism will, he says, compare favorably with the morality of Christianity. He makes the Islam heaven appear very roseate. His paradise is beyond description, ineffable, iridescent and glorious. A Mohammedan may have as many wives as he can provide for : no more. That's good news. This prevents adultery, etc. With two hundred million Mohammedans already upon the face of the earth, what may we expect ?"

So says a contemporary journal. It is not strange if doubts of the expediency of such a Parliament will not "down at one's bidding." There is but one "religion" worthy of the name ; only one "Sacred Book," sealed with the "seven seals" of God : fulfilled prophecy, general accuracy, faultless morality, exalted spirituality, divine originality, consistent unity, and saving efficacy. No other "religion" gives man a Saviour, anointed of God, competent as prophet, priest, and king, the way of God to man, the way of man to God ; no other faith, however ancient, and boasting however many millions of adherents, can supply such a firm standing place for life, such a pillow for the dying head, as Spurgeon found in those "five words," which Paul would rather speak with the understanding than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue :

"CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS."

Bacon's maxim was, that it is not worth while to discuss a matter with any man who does not agree with you upon first principles. Was there no risk of an impression, even on those invited to present their "religion" in such a Parliament, that Christians do not regard their divergences from