

include three provinces, Hassa, Oman, and Nejd, with Busrah on the north, and a part at least of Hadramaut on the south. There would be twelve centres—viz., the seven coast towns already occupied, or visited, by the American Mission, four inland towns, Hail, Boreyda, Hofhoof, and Riad in Nejd, and two or three inland towns of Oman, and Hadramaut (Makallah is included in the coast centres). These would require twenty-four missionaries and twelve native helpers. The cost would be, in round numbers, \$30,000 a year—viz., \$25,000 in addition to the present outlay on the missionaries and native helpers, new in the field. "With this demand supplied, all of Eastern, Central, and Southern Arabia would in ten years be permeated with the Gospel message, by word and printed page. Leaving all other results with God, is that too much to pay for such a privilege? Can the Dutch Reformed Church do it? Will she do it?" To such an appeal there can be but one reply. That Church when it took up the mission originally commenced on an independent basis as the Arabian Mission, did so with full knowledge of the plans and purposes of its founders, which, as the very title of the mission shows, embraced nothing less than such a comprehensive scheme of evangelization as that above described. Surely then that church will feel it to be both a duty and a privilege to carry that scheme through to the end.

As to the qualifications needed for the work, here is a description by one of the missionaries now in the field :

"1. A strong and sound constitution.

"2. Ability to acquire the language. This is the one and only qualification needful, mentally. Scholarship is good, but not at all necessary. Deep and abstruse arguers will not be wanted in Arabia for fifty years to come.

"3. As to character—humility, patience, love—these three. A man with a hot temper could never stand three seasons in the Gulf. But after you have got these for foundation, pile on all the fire and zeal and enthusiasm you can get.

"Lastly, men full of the Holy Ghost, sine qua non."

Christians of America, hearken to your brethren's call from the Gulf, come and take your stand by their side. The future of Arabia is largely in your hands. It will be very much what you make it. "Who among you is willing to consecrate this day his service to the Lord? The Lord his God be with him, and let him go up."

SPECIMEN OF A MOHAMMEDAN PRAYER.—O God, bestow blessing upon our lord Mohammed the beloved, and upon his father Abraham the friend, and upon his brother Moses the word, and upon the faithful Jesus the Spirit of God, and upon David and Solomon and Zechariah and John the Baptist and their people, as long as the thoughtful ones remember thee, and the thoughtless ones neglect to think of them.