

is losing ground. Every new conquest and every new advance of the Christian arms is only a new argument to them that their system is doomed. It is hopeless ; it is desperate ; it is the philosophy of pessimism, looking on the dark side because they have no hope of final victory. In the Christian church we look forward to certain victory. The promises of God, the word of Christ, are all on our side, and this word is to be given to the whole human race. Here we stand on the vantage ground over the Mohammedans.

Again, the growth of the Christian power in the world is on our side. I have stated, that in the fifteenth century, the Crescent ruled from Burmah to Gibraltar. To-day forty-nine millions of Mohammedans are under Christian rule ; forty-one millions in India under British rule ; two millions in Algiers under France, and half a million in Atcheen under Holland.

The Moslems everywhere have the most remarkable confidence in the English, and now the British Queen has extended a nominal protectorate over Asiatic Turkey. God is bringing Islam proud, persecuting Islam, under Christian rule.

I say, all these things are pointing to a rapid change and to preparing the way for the evangelization of Islam.

And, in conclusion : the Bible is now in the Arabic language, the sacred language of the Koran, and in the Turkish, the court language of the Sultan, to which allusion has been made to-night. Since that Arabic Bible was printed, it has been sent to Liberia, Sierra Leone, Northern Africa, Egypt, Mesopotamia, Palestine, India, and China. The Turkish Bible, of which we heard to-night, is now ready for the millions who speak the Turkish language. Mohammedans believe that in the latter day the Muhdi, or Guide, is to appear in the world. We Christians believe that that Guide has already come. We believe that the Holy Spirit sent by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is the true guide, and in God's own time He will guide the Mohammedans into all truth ; He will lead those vast scattered nations, who now believe in the unity of God and believe that Jesus is the son of Mary, to embrace the saving truth that Jesus is also the Son of God.

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BOARD MEETINGS.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, Aug. 12th, at 7.30 p.m. The Hon. J. W. Allan, President, occupied the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer led by the Rev. Dr. Rose. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the Agency Committee presented a report, shewing that there had been twenty-four applications made for the office of Permanent Agent, and submitting the names of seven of the most eligible. The names of all the applicants having been read, it was moved by Mr. James Brown, and seconded by the Rev. Dr. Potts, that the report be adopted, and that Messrs. John K. Macdonald and Warring Kennedy be requested to act as scrutineers. Carried.