

material support of those who mould it. 'If this be admitted, I claim for our subject a foremost place in the problems presented for solution in the closing years of this century.'

CHRISTMAS PROCESSIONAL.

Shadows flee and light is blazing
From the dazzling break of day,
But we come our carol raising
In the Dayspring's brighter ray;
Onward—sing thro' earth the glory
Of the blessed Christmas morn:
Hymn and chant proclaim the story
How the Saviour, Christ, was born.

CHORUS.

Every continent and nation,
Every kindred, every tongue,
Shout the song of exultation
First by herald angels sung:
Glory be to God this morn
Peace to men, for Christ is born.

In a manger low we find Him,
And with shepherds bend the knee;
Swathing clothes of linen bind Him:
Ox and ass their Maker see.
Scorn and poverty and weakness
Wait upon His lowly bed;
But the sceptre of His meekness
Rules the realm of quick and dead.

CHORUS—Every continent and nation, etc.

Sing the mystery of ages,
Heavenly Word made Flesh on earth,
Bethlehem's well our thirst assuages,
Bread of life allays our dearth;
He our Joseph true shall feed us,
He our Daniel, counsel wise,
He our greater Moses lead us
To our Canaan in the skies.

CHORUS—Every continent and nation, etc.

Poor, He gives to us the dower
Of a treasure more than gold;
Weak, He wins for us the power
Over sin and Satan's hold:
Doomed to death, that we by merit
Of His conquest in the strife,
May, through faith in Him, inherit
Blessed years of endless life.

CHORUS—Every continent and nation, etc.

By His sore humiliation,
By His poverty and pain,
Death bound souls, accord salvation,
Captive exiles, burst your chain!
Smile, ye mourners; turn, ye dying,
Turn your eye to Bethlehem's shed,
Where upon that manger lying,
Life is born, and Death is dead.

CHORUS—Every continent and nation, etc.

Praise the Lord, the great Creator,
Blessed ere the worlds began;
Praise the Lord, the Mediator,
Priest and Sacrifice in One;
Praise the Spirit, Gift bestower,
Praise one God in Persons three,
Blessing, Victory and Power
To the eternal Trinity.—AMEN.

—N. Y. Churchman.

FACTS ABOUT MOHAMMEDANISM AND MOSLEM LANDS.

(C.M.S. Leaflet.)

1.—POPULATION AND RELIGIONS.



HERE are 205,775,000 Mohammedans in the world—one-seventh of the total population: of these 5,750,000 are in Europe; 160,000,000 in Asia and the Eastern Archipelago; 40,000,000 in Africa; 25,000 in Australasia. Nearly half the Mohammedans are in subjection to Christian powers.

The area of Palestine is computed to be about 11,000 square miles. The population probably does not exceed 620,000. Of this number from 80,000 to 100,000 are Jews. In and about Jerusalem the Jews number about 40,000, whereas 20 years ago there were but few of them. Eighty per cent. of the people in Palestine are Mohammedans.

Persia comprises an area of 630,000 square miles, and contains a population estimated at 9,000,000. The Persians are mostly Mohammedans of the Shiah sect.

Egypt and its dependencies have an estimated area of 760,000 square miles with 11,000,000 inhabitants.

Queen Victoria reigns over more Mohammedans than the Sultan of Turkey.

Arabia covers an area of 1,220,000 square miles, and contains a population of 6,000,000; it is one of the very few countries still practically closed to the Gospel.

There are 33,000,000 Mohammedans in Bengal.

It is said that there are from 500,000 to 1,000,000 Babis in Persia. They are the followers of a man who termed himself the Bab or Door, and declared that he had come from heaven to supersede Mohammed.

There are only some 5,000 Parsis in Persia.

Mohammedanism is called *Islam*, from its demanding the entire *surrender* of the believer to the will and service of God.

"Self-righteousness, the merit of good works, and of a rigid attention to the prescribed formularies and ceremonies of their faith, with God's mercy to supply any possible deficiency—these constitute the scheme of salvation prescribed by Islam. History, indeed, but too truly records that the faith of Mohammed is altogether powerless to ennoble or regenerate a nation. . . . The minutest change of posture in prayer, the displacement of a single genuflection, would call for much heavier censure than outward profligacy or absolute neglect." (*Stobart's Islam*, pp. 233, 230, 237.)

The personal religion of a devout Mohammedan is thus described by the Rev. R. Clark:—