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THE REALMS OF ISLAM.

According to the best estimates the prophet of Arabia has not less than two hundred million followers. Of these upward of fifty million are found in India, as many more in northern and central Africa, thirty million in China, fifteen million in the Malay Peninsula and the Malay Archipelago, twenty-eight million in the Turkish empire, Arabia included, and nine million in Persia. One-seventh of the earth's population is Moslem.

INDIA.

India is the chiefest bulwark of the kingdom of Satan. It is true that in every realm is felt the beneficent influence of British dominion. Law and order exist everywhere and for all. Railways, highways, and other public works have been constructed, sanitary measures and popular education are carefully provided for. Religious worship and teaching are free, the missionary can go and abide and ply his calling where he will, while all fanaticism is kept within the proper bounds. No other field has been occupied by so many societies, with so large a force, and in no other country have so many converts been made. The mass movements are significant and prophetic of sweeping ingatherings in days to come. Every now and then entire villages and groups of villages are found ready to destroy their idols, to receive teachers, and ask for baptism.

But over against all this think of the myriads to be evangelized. One-fifth of the earth's inhabitants are crowded into the triangular space lying between the Himalayas and Cape Comorin. Of these 175,000,000 are Hindus, more than 50,000,000 are Mohammedans, and about 50,000,000 are degraded devil worshippers. And the entire number of "Christians" (nonheathen, nonidolatrous), Roman Catholics, etc., included, is but 2,275,000. Only about 250,000 found in Protestant Churches. Only some 800,000 are reckoned as connected with Protestant missions. More than 250,000,000 are unable either to read or write. Everywhere are appalling ignorance and superstition. Upon all rests the curse of caste, that most cunning and effective of all devices for ensnaring souls, ministering to pride and self-righteousness, as well as to indifference and contempt for one's fellowmen.—*Rev. D. L. Leonard, D.D.*

Extracts from an address given by Hon. John W. Foster, ex-Secretary of State, United States: "Hinduism or Brahmanism is the most perfectly organized system in the world." . . . "It is a stupendous task undertaken by the Protestant Churches to convert the people of India to Christianity." . . . "The prohibition of human sacrifice and torture in the religious rites of the burning of the widows, of the killing of female children, and the efforts at reform in the practice of child-marriage, are all the direct results of the exposure and condemnation by the missionaries of these practices." . . . "But aside from the efforts of missionaries there are important influences at work to undermine and break down Hinduism, not the least of these is the impartial rule of the British Government." . . . "A substantial evidence that British residents have

faith in missions is found in the fact that they contribute three hundred thousand dollars annually to their support." —*Review of Missions.*

Extracts from *Missionary Record*: "According to well attested statistics, Christianity in India is spreading four or five times as fast as the ordinary population." . . . "But no statistics can ever give a fair view of all Christian missions have done in India." . . . "I do not take a gloomy view of the position and prospects of Christianity in India, I only wish that the churches at home should realize the magnitude and the difficulty at work with which we are there confronted." . . . Sir Charles Aitchison, lately Lieutenant-Governor of Punjab, tells us that "educated Hindu society is honey-combed with unbelief, and the great question of the day is, What shall take the place of the broken gods?" . . . "If we are faithful to our trust, and wise in time, we may, through the blessing of God, be honored in turning all the currents of newly-emancipated thought and life into the channels of Christianity."

TURKESTAN.

Chinese Turkestan presents a wide field for Christian usefulness for the schoolmaster as well as the missionary. One may infer how little is being done in the way of education when we read that in a city of 40,000 inhabitants, the schools are attended by only 150 children. Printing is almost unknown, a book-shop is a rarity, and even the upper classes do not know how to read or write. The climate is salubrious, the atmosphere dry without inordinate heat, and there is a marked absence of fevers, cholera, and epidemics generally. Missionaries who are invalided home from the tropical regions of India, Africa and China might find in the high plateau of Turkestan a field of labor in which they might continue the work they so unfeignedly love. Looking at the various classes of workers who should go, I should mention first medical missionaries and then translators. While physicians' efforts are calling down many a blessing, the translator can be quietly preparing the way for the schoolmaster, and then might follow the evangelist. *The standing orders of our Master are not rescinded; the sleeping dust, the newly-discovered tombstones and the noble example of Nestorian and Roman martyrs alike call us to reconquer Central Asia for Christ.*—*Rev. Henry Lansdell, D.D.*

THE OUTLOOK IN TURKEY—ARMENIA.

This is the land of the Bible. The American Churches have been engaged in an attempt to revive Christianity in its original home. The leaven of the Gospel has been introduced and it has been permeating the whole Armenian community. Superstitions have given way to definite ideas of spiritual truth. Evangelical, self-supporting churches have been organized. A thirst for education has been developed and schools have rapidly multiplied. Even female education has come to be considered essential. Christian homes, with genuine home life, have multiplied. Even above the desire for plunder the present has been distinctively a Moslem crusade, and Moslem civilization is essentially that of Arabia of the seventh century. The cross, religious books, and everything which Christians regard as sacred, has been treated with special contempt. Churches and schools have been destroyed, and teachers and ecclesiastics have been among the first victims of massacre. Those whose lives have been spared, in villages where there is a mixed population, are mostly fugitives from their homes, for their lives are still sought.