



PREACHING THE KORAN.

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make a bishop of Lady Huntingdon." The Queen replied: "It would be a lucky circumstance if you could, for she puts you all to shame"—to which the King added—"Well, see if you cannot imitate the zeal of these men—I wish there was a Lady Huntingdon in every diocese in the kingdom." Thus was "Lady Huntingdon's Connexion" a matter well known to Archbishop Cornwallis. It would have been well if a primate of those days could have arisen endowed with sufficient religious statesmanship to father and guide these all important movements for the welfare of the Church. It is humiliating to think that religious enthusiasm which created pathways outside a beaten track

could not find any genial soil within her fold. Lady Huntingdon at first was a churchwoman—though heart and soul with the Methodist and Evangelical movements of the day; but serious disputes arose between herself and the Wesleys, and complications also took place regarding her chapels, which obliged her in 1779 (three years before the death of Archbishop Cornwallis), to separate from the Church and become a dissenter. Thus was the Church weakened by the loss of many who, otherwise treated, might have become a source of great strength to her. Yet it must be borne in mind that, as a rule, religious enthusiasts are not easy people to deal with. The stand they take, as they view it, is one of extreme importance, and therefore they are sometimes unreasonably impatient with those who can not see eye to eye with them.

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MOHAMMEDANISM.

CHRISTIANITY had been noted for its preaching for over six hundred years, when a new preacher appeared upon the scene, the Mohammedan preaching the Koran, that fiery book which Mohammed pretended to say had been revealed to him from heaven

itself. It is interesting to read the rise and progress of Mohammedanism, but how different is it from the rise and progress of Christianity! It is not by the quiet influence of love and martyrdom, but by the fiery impetuosity of wild Arabian tribes, "whose flaming swords and fierce unquenchable valor conquered an empire greater than that of Alexander." Mohammedanism is not missionary. It has been aggressive—in the fiercest manner aggressive—not, however, like Christianity, by "smiting the earth by the rod of its mouth," but by the power of the sword.

In this lies the great difference between it and our own holy religion as far as its propaga-