



PREACHING THE KORAN.

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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 propagation is concerned. The command of the Mohammedans was to fight. Their proclamation ran, "To fight for the true faith is to obey God." How different from the gentle Jesus who said "They that take the sword shall perish with the sword!" Compare that with the directions given by Abu Beker to his general, "If you meet with a class of unbelievers

who go about with shaven crowns and belong to the synagogue of Satan, be sure you cleave their skulls, unless they embrace the true faith or render tribute."

Here, then, are presented to our view three widely different scenes—one from antiquity, one from the commencement of our own era, and the other from about the year of our Lord 625. When we think of the arduous task that was undertaken by the original preachers of Christianity, at a time when the whole world was against them, when they themselves could use only the weapon of persuasion, we are amazed at the results which have been obtained. In the light of history Christ was but one in lowly life, born in an obscure Syrian town, yet the fact is here that he has given a new date to history, and has changed the religious beliefs of mankind. And thoughtful men who bear His name, the name of Christian, feel that on them has fallen his commission to "teach all nations," and they should never rest till His name is known in the remotest corners of the earth.

WRITE it on every bond you accumulate, on every profit you acquire—"That I may have to give to him that needeth." Write it on your daily earnings and on your weekly pay—"That I may have to give to him that needeth." Write it on your investments and on your income, the great amount or the little amount—"That I may have to give to him that need-

eth." Write it on your safes and on your ledgers, on your workmen's tools, on your seamstress' spools and needle-cases—"That I may have to give to him that needeth." Here is the end of toil and labor.—*Rev. A. J. Gordon.*

CAN anything be better than the holy influence of true Christianity? Is it not seen in home life and individual life? Should not its friends be warm in its support and enthusiastic in its advocacy? Why let that which has done so much for society, and even the world itself, languish for the sake of a little warm-hearted generosity?