

be much more so if I saw any sign of appreciation on the part of the Church of Christ of the special opportunities for missionary work among Mohammedans in India and elsewhere. Why should we not attack vigorously when the enemy is beginning to waver?"

**Evidence of
Special
Opportunities**

The evidence of these special opportunities is found on every hand. First of all we see that the present political division of the Mohammedan world is a startling challenge of opportunity. When we remember Lord Curzon's remark that "the Mohammedan conception of politics is not so much that of a State-Church as of a Church-State," and recall what we have read of the political power of Islam in the past, we realize how great has been the change in a single century. The map¹ shows how the area of the present caliphate has dwindled to smaller proportions than it was at the time of Mohammed's death. Over two thirds of the Moslem world is now under Christian rule or protection. Christian rule has not always been favorable for the spread of Christianity. Sometimes it is painfully neutral, yet it means generally a free press, free speech, and liberty to confess Christ. Purely Mohammedan rule means an enslaved press, no freedom of speech, and death for the apostate from Islam. The keys to every

¹P. 34.