

were taken to hold a general conference on behalf of the Mohammedan world at Cairo. The conference met from April 4 to 9, 1906, and marked a forward step in missions. The presence of sixty-two representatives from twenty-nine missionary societies in Europe and America, with nearly an equal number of missionary visitors; the manifest unanimity of spirit in all the discussions; the printed proceedings of the conference, which for the first time in history give a survey of the field; and the deeply spiritual character of the gathering—all these lead to the hope that this conference will be used of God as a means of arousing the Christian Church to more energetic and systematic effort for the millions of Islam. An appeal by the conference was sent out to the Church at large, and is a challenge to faith, coming as it does from men and women who have given of their strength and their service, their love and their life, to evangelize these Mohammedan lands. It speaks for itself:

“The great needs of more than two hundred million Mohammedans and the present problems of work among them, laid upon the hearts of missionaries in several countries, led to the assembling of this conference of delegates from missions in Moslem lands, which has been sitting at Cairo from April 4 to 9, 1906.

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the Gathering**