

world because it gave the first full information through its published reports of the actual state of Mohammedan lands early in the twentieth century ; but for one reason or another some lands were left out in that survey, and in other cases the survey was inadequate or inaccurate. The chief value of the Cairo Conference was to inaugurate or stimulate more accurate observation and more careful report among missionaries in Moslem lands. The first reason, therefore, for a general survey of the Moslem world at the opening of this Conference is to supplement the Cairo Conference Reports. The second reason is to correct its returns and statistics by later investigations and developments ; and the third reason, sufficient in itself, is that only by a general survey can the delegates to this Conference see the whole problem at the outset and recognize its unity, its opportunity, and the importunity of the situation because of both.

We will take up the present survey in four divisions :

- First, as regards Statistics ;
- Second, Political conditions and developments ;
- Third, Social and intellectual movements since the Cairo Conference ; and,
- Fourth, The changed attitude towards the Moslem world and missions to Moslems in the home Churches as a result of the Cairo Conference.

Such a survey can only be general, and preparatory to the more careful consideration of the topics that follow on our programme : Pan-Islamism, Missions and Governments, The Moslem Advance, Reform Movements, The Training of Missionaries, and The Methods to be used.

### 1. STATISTICAL

We must still answer the question as to the total population of the Moslem world by conjecture instead of