

The Bishop of Rangoon wrote in reply to questions for the Edinburgh Conference : " First in urgency are the races at present animistic but threatened by Islam, as in Africa."

" The most urgent of all mission problems," says Missionary Landgrebe of Sumatra, " are the countries threatened by Islam in Africa."

Mr. McNairn of Peru wrote on the same question : " Foremost among all fields where the call is imperative, and the very urgency of the need is God's call to His Church to go in and possess the land, is Africa, in view of the great Moslem advance. We must take the Light to the Dark Continent before the apostles of Mohammedanism enshroud it in yet greater darkness."

And finally here is the testimony of Dr. Holland of Baluchistan : " Africa should first receive concentrated attention because if pagan Africa once embraces Islam, then the work of converting them to Christianity will be much more difficult and slow. Once Africa is under the sway of Islam, the days of spiritual harvest such as have taken place in Uganda will be forever over. Africa, in my opinion, offers the most urgent call in the present time."

In the Dutch East Indies the progress of Islam has been disputed, and in some cases arrested effectually by the splendid missionary effort of Dutch and German societies. Nevertheless the character of Islam in the East Indies is changing. Formerly it was a mere veneer of external observances covering the animistic faith. It is now becoming more pervasive and dominant. Increased travel to Mecca by better means of communication, pan-Islamism through the dervish orders, and the power of Moslem journalism from Cairo and Constantinople as centres, are compacting and strengthening the Mohammedanism of the Malays. In regard to Sumatra and Java the Edinburgh Conference Report states : " In Sumatra, Islam is advancing into hitherto pagan territories. Had Chris-