

of these magic powers. The Achinese on the north of Sumatra have been fighting since 1873 with varying success against the Dutch. They have been fanatical Mohammedans since the year 1300. The war which the Indian Islanders wage against the Dutch is to them the model of a holy war. One does not know what actually led up to it. But since the Achinese have been able to maintain an opposition for thirty-six years, it is proved to the people that one can make a successful resistance, in spite of the devil-guns of the Christians—thus they call the repeating rifle—which come from Satan to give the Dutch power over the faithful in battle. For that reason God has given His people the *Ilm ullah*. The Achinese are invulnerable, the bullets of the Dutch cannot pierce them, yet the Achinese can catch them with their hands. Should a bullet strike, the wound will heal in the twinkling of an eye; moreover, the fallen in battle immediately come to life again! Therefore may the Achinese be confident; that which is found in the little book published in Battak, "The Songs of the Achinese," will still come true: "There comes a day of triumph for the Achinese, a day of revenge when the Achinese will destroy all their enemies, and execute a great retribution. Salvation and deliverance will one day come to the land from the Achinese, and this by diligent learning of magic maxims, by fencing and sword dances."

However laughable such stories appear, all who know the natives understand just what a fanatical power lies in this belief of victory through magic power. Therefore from a colonial point of view one should take more notice of this practice of the teachers of magic.

The native with his burdened heart thinks that Islam has something to offer him which he can make good use of in this present time. The fact is that while the government deals indulgently with the Moslem, his hope in this