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reasonable effort should be made not to offend but to at-Persia is in a sensitive condition. It is not wise tract. to argue against the weakness of their religious system. but if we can by God's help correctly represent to the Moslems the holy beauty and infinite saving power of Jesus Christ and His Gospel, the fallacies of their own religion will become evident to them. Present conditions do not constitute an opportunity for the wholesale forcing of Christianity upon the Persians, but instead of that, we should carry on the work with great caution and Many of the Persians are willing and ready discretion. to let themselves and their children be influenced by Christianity and take their chances as to whether these influences will ultimately lead to their becoming Chris-This fact is especially noticeable in the educatians. tional movement that has taken hold of the country. They are demanding modern education for both sexes; many of them are anxious to put their children into the mission schools even though they know that the Bible is regularly taught. Christian missions in Persia should adequately cope therefore with the present demand for The future of Christian missions during the education. next few years in Persia depends, under the will of God, upon political developments, the quality of the missionaries, and the prayers of the Church.

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