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### THE SITUATION IN INDIA

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**B**ELIEVING that the religion which has the Lord Jesus for its centre and its life is the religion that all men need and which God designs for all men, we must face the fact that among non-Christian religions Mohammedanism, though the most closely related to Christianity in its origin and growth, is, more than any other, antagonistic to its central principles. While it has points of contact in its doctrines regarding the nature of God and His relation to the world, yet in its attitude to the basal Christian doctrines of God's fatherhood, the incarnation, the nature of sin and redemption, it is uncompromisingly hostile; and because of the kindred truth it contains, there is ground for the opinion that the final struggle for the religious conquest of Eastern nations will be between Christianity and Islam.

While Hinduism, in some of its reforming sects, is in these days being galvanized into a kind of missionary activity, its genius is not aggressive, but both Mohammedanism and Christianity are bound to seek expansion, each after its kind, the one by accretion out of the material of its environment, the other by the power of its transforming life.

Differing though they do in motive, methods and means, they both aim at bringing the world to the obedience of their faith.

As Christians, possessing the highest revelation of God and the knowledge of His redemptive work for humanity,