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### ISLAM UNDER CHRISTIAN RULE

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**T**HERE are five European nations who between them rule the enormously greater majority of all the Moslems in the world: Great Britain, France, Germany, Holland and Russia. And to these must now be added the United States, which has become a ruler of Moslems—comparatively few it is true—in the Philippine Islands. But the former five are all *great* Moslem rulers; and the greatest Moslem ruler in the world is Great Britain.

#### *Under France:*

The attitude of France towards work among Moslems of course is one aspect of the general attitude of France to all missions, and especially to non-Roman and non-French missions. The attitude towards the latter is unfortunately still intensely suspicious and unfriendly. The accounts from Madagascar do not seem to be improving; for though France may be a little less suspicious than formerly, she makes up for it by the deliberate way she is prosecuting her secularizing policy, for which she is apparently zealous with a zeal worthy of a better cause. Nevertheless the French missionaries at the Edinburgh Conference of 1910 besought the foreign societies not to withdraw or lose heart. We must therefore never forget to take into our purview the enormous French Moslem Empire in North and North Central and West Central Africa, and eastward to the borders of Darfur, for last