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### MOSLEM ADVANCE IN MALAYSIA

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**T**HE great islands of Malaysia, except New Guinea, and the greater part of the little Malaysian isles are totally or partially occupied by Islam.

On the islands of Java, Madura, Lombok, Sumbawa ; in the southwestern peninsula of Celebes, the southern part of Gilolo ; in Central and South Sumatra ; on the isles of Buton, Muna and Salayer, the population are already quite Islamized, so that in these countries there is no question of Moslem advance among pagan inhabitants, whether Christian missions are working there or not.

In some parts of Malaysia a considerable number of the population are still heathen, as in the southern part of North Sumatra ; in the whole interior of Borneo and Central Celebes ; on the isles of Flores, Timor, Ceram, Buru, North Gilolo and in New Guinea. There has indeed been contact between these pagan people and the Mohammedans who are living on the seacoast, but what may be called propaganda only takes place where a numerous Mohammedan colony has established itself on the seashore and has entered into commercial relations with the heathen population of the interior. Regular Moslem propaganda is being exercised in all the countries where a mission of the Gospel is working among pagan races in the interior which are surrounded by Moslems, because Mohammedan zeal and jealousy are aroused by this Christian work and they wish to make haste with proselytism,