

ality and procures them a counterpoise against the weight of the foreign government.

Other consequences of the establishment of a European government among heathen tribes is the opening of roads into the interior country ; the increase of intercourse on account of greater safety, so that Mohammedan traders may penetrate as far as the remotest places of the inland country. Besides this, the colonial government is obliged to appoint as inferior officers of the civil service Mohammedan functionaries, who ought to be neutral, but who propagate their religion as much as possible. Especially when government schools are opened and Mohammedan schoolmasters are placed at the head of them, Moslem propaganda goes on rapidly. Through all these means the European colonial power opens the doors to Islam.

The only effective measure that can prevent Islam from penetrating farther and farther is the Christianizing of the heathen nations through missions of the Gospel. In countries where European government is not yet established, Islam does not make great progress amongst the heathen of Malaysia, and if a Christian mission makes its entrance before the government, it is likely to have large chance of success. The missionaries then have the opportunity of making themselves known as good and loyal friends to the people, as Europeans who by no means have come to exercise worldly power, but to win the hearts of the people ; who want to gain the people's attention first of all to the message of the Gospel. When the people's prejudice against Europeans has been overcome, it may yet be a long time before the population is converted to Christianity. In such a case the coming of the European government may cause a movement towards the Gospel. This at least has happened in Central Celebes.

But there remain no more countries in Malaysia where