

to a letter received by the writer from a Chinese Mulla in April, 1910. The letter as translated by a friend in London is too long to reproduce here ; but the following extract will serve our present purpose. It was written in the ordinary classical Arabic such as is used in Egypt and the countries around for correspondence. May it lead to renewed prayer, and more loving and practical sympathy with the neglected Moslems in China.

“How can a bat in the darkness of night know the light of the sun in the day? As for Mohammed, the Chosen One, he is the light of the world, and the Koran is the candle pointing to him. After the descent of the Koran, the rest of the books are abrogated, such as the Gospel, the Psalms, and the Pentateuch. Sorcerers such as the Nazarenes, who are ignorant of the truth of the Gospel, and change the copy of the Gospel into folly and untruth and say that Jesus Christ is more excellent than Mohammed, do not know that when the sun of Mohammedanism arose upon the world, man obtained light on the straight way and returned from unbelief and error . . . except the Nazarenes.”

The powerful influence the Chinese Mullas exert needs to be taken into account in considering the evangelization of the Moslems in this land. Their word on matters of religious belief is law to most Moslems. I draw special attention to the following : “The Chinese Mullas look upon every other form of religion, Christianity included, with the greatest contempt.” And further : “The Mohammedans in China have implicit faith in their Mullas.”

The number of Chinese Mullas who have been to Mecca is not large. Those who have made the pilgrimage once, twice, or as in a case known to me, three times, are held in very high respect and their interpretation of religion is to the Moslem unassailable. The heavy expense, and the harsh treatment received at the hands of