

teach Divine truth without a knowledge of the Koran in the original is, to put it mildly, utterly without reason, and not to be tolerated by the Moslem.

Most mosques have scholarly Chinese to deal with Chinese subjects; education and correspondence are in their hands, but the Mullas are responsible for teaching vital religion. The importance of this question as to the use of Arabic in China cannot be exaggerated.

That Islam has influenced the Chinese for good on moral or spiritual lines, surely none would care to assert. But politically, there is no question of the power that has been and still is exerted. One who has made a life-long study of China and her neighbours, recognized as one of the greatest living authorities on the Far East, writes as follows: "As to the Mohammedans in China, their influence is everywhere out of proportion to their numbers, showing the effect of their faith. In the north-west and southwest provinces, the Mohammedans have often made themselves felt as a serious political danger, and the government has more than once attempted to blot them out by a general massacre."

While the Chinese have in earlier years feared the growing political power of Islam, and they have had good cause to do so in the rebellions of the past, the Christian Church, alas, has very sadly neglected the millions of Moslems in China. It is only in recent years that Islam in China has been taken seriously by the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. In the reports of earlier missionary conferences hardly a passing reference can be found to the Mohammedans in China. But in the events of recent years, can we not see the working of our Omnipotent Leader in the clear awakening among His people, and the opening door of opportunity in nearly all Moslem lands?

Although for years not a few of God's children had