

“The Mohammedans here are making special efforts at this time in the establishment of schools; Arabic is being taught on a bigger scale; and one man is doing much for Islam here.” Leaving these two reports we notice in the recent correspondence two points of interest; Islam is increasing by birth rate, and just now, a new spirit, a growing energy, is present in Islam in China. May we draw attention to the following four statements:

(1) No organized work has yet been commenced amongst the Moslems in China.

That a people whose numbers equal, if they do not exceed the number of Mohammedans in North Africa, should not yet have had one worker set apart to minister to their spiritual need is cause for serious thought and earnest prayer.

(2) Blessing has attended the efforts of those who, amid the pressure of work among the heathen, have sought to make the Gospel known to the Moslem also.

Several missionaries have attempted to meet the appalling need in their localities, and God has blessed their efforts. Some of the strong prejudice has been overcome, grave misunderstanding concerning the truth has been cleared away, friendly relations so necessary in Moslem work have been established, and some Mohammedans have been converted in China, of whom a few are now preaching the Gospel. I have never heard of the conversion of a Chinese Mulla.

(3) Islam is practically at a “standstill” now in China.

Careful investigation by those on the spot, and in touch with Islam reveals absolutely no active propaganda amongst the Chinese. Two districts report “Islam here is losing ground”; but as other districts may quite possibly have an increase that will cover the two provinces that report losing ground, and all the others except per-