

An effort on the lines of our Christian tract societies to defend Islam on modern lines is being made by the Mohammedan Tract and Book Depot in Lahore. It publishes works by English writers like Davenport, who exhibit Islam in a favourable light. Carlyle's "Hero as Prophet" is issued, with omissions. English books of Mohammedan devotion are given; also tracts on Moslem wars; "Women in Islam" (by the Right Hon. Amir Ali), a refutation of Canon Sell's books; a tract on the miracles of Mohammed (!). It is a rather miscellaneous collection of old and new views, and shows how both are fermenting in the minds of the new generation in the effort to repulse the advance of Christian ideas.

With these exceptions one cannot say that the modern movement in Indian Islam has shown many signs of vigour lately. From Madras we hear that two journals, *The Muslim Patriot* and *Kaumi Halchal*, were started to further the movement, but have both collapsed for want of support. From Delhi a correspondent writes: "Delhi is still too preoccupied with her past fame and her orthodoxy to afford a healthy atmosphere for such an exotic as Islamic Reform. . . . There is nothing here which can be dignified by the name of a reform movement." From Lucknow: "There is nothing to indicate any real reform and progress in the community." From Bombay: "Reform has not found a strong echo in the hearts of Bombay Moslems. The reformer who comes from North India or elsewhere does not find a good reaping in Bombay, where each head of a Moslem community only exercises influence over his own community and is never recognized by members of another division."

Of the attitude of men of the new learning towards Christianity, one who knows them well writes: "They