

shores of Sicily, Messina as it was before the earthquake. It is all changed.

Buddhism has always been a missionary religion. It came to Ceylon from India 250 years before Jesus Christ was born. It was a missionary religion in China before the Apostle Paul became a missionary. It had already reached Japan before Mohammed was born, and before Mohammed died Buddhism had grasped the whole of Siam. In the middle ages Turkestan and Central Asia were the battleground between Buddhism, Islam and Christianity, and the statistics of religion given today for the Russian empire show that year by year the mighty struggle between these three greatest religions of the world is still going on.

Of all the non-Christian religions, perhaps, Islam has shown most of all the power of an immense and lasting momentum. We have a missionary propagandism; we have committees and boards and treasuries; we have literature and enthusiasm; but where can you point in Christendom to a missionary spirit like that which has breathed throughout the Mohammedan world for thirteen centuries? Their Laymen's Missionary Movement does not have its tenth anniversary, but its thirteen hundredth!

Rich man, poor man, beggar-man, thief,
Doctor, lawyer, merchant, chief,

—the whole laity of the Moslem world has been missionary in Africa and Asia for all these cen-