

I scarcely see how that point could be proved at all." One third of the population of Africa is Mohammedan, and yet Mohammedan Africa, though nearest to Europe, is darkest Africa, and has by far the fewest mission stations.

Sumatra and Java are the principal fields of work for Moslems in Malaysia. A Baptist missionary reached Sumatra as early as 1820, and in 1834 Munson and Lyman went out under the American Board, but were brutally murdered. The Rhenish Missionary Society and others entered the field in 1861 and have had marvelous success. There is no other part of the mission field, with the exception of some parts of Java, where such large numbers of Mohammedans have been won for Christ as among the Battaks of Sumatra. The attitude of the Dutch Government has in recent years greatly changed, and is now favorable to missions. In Sumatra the issue between Christianity and Islam was boldly faced from the outset; there was neither fear nor compromise in mission methods, and this fact, together with considerable freedom to preach, perhaps accounts for the great success in winning converts.

**Success in
Sumatra**

Java is the richest and largest of Dutch colonial possessions. Six Dutch missionary societies labor on the island, which has a dense population of 28,746,688; of these 24,270,600

Java