

population of the empire special work among its thirty million Moslems is almost non-existent.

3. The border marches of Islam in Africa and Malaysia. Here we have to do with masses of newly converted tribes on the pagan frontiers, where "it is often hard to tell just where paganism ceases and Islam begins. Those who profess Islam still worship their fetishes and cling to rum." In these lands we are face to face with one of the greatest responsibilities of the Christian Church.

**Islam and  
the Pagan  
Frontier**

Among the countries occupied perhaps the most notable is Egypt. *In lower Egypt the Moslems form about ninety-eight per cent. of the population and in upper Egypt about eighty-eight per cent.* The need of the country is therefore the need of the Moslems. Egypt is under British rule and connected by regular rail and steamboat service with distant points in Africa. Cairo is the literary capital of the Mohammedan world, and large publishing firms print the Koran and other books. Over one half of all the Arabic newspapers in the world are printed in Cairo. Says Dr. H. O. Dwight: "As rapidly as experts trained in Koranic lore can be educated for the reinforcement of the workers now on the ground, the Christian Church should drive a wedge into this outwork of the great stronghold."

**Importance  
of Egypt**