

**Reinforcing
the Strategic
Centers**

The strategic centers of Moslem population, given in the last chapter,¹ are also many of them, because of their geographical position, commercial centers, and stand at the cross-roads of international communication between Moslem lands. The importance of massing our spiritual forces here cannot be overestimated. A book sold at Cairo may be read by the campfires of the Sahara, in the market-place of Timbuktu or under the very shadow of the Kaaba. Were a strong mission established for the Mohammedans of Bombay, its influence would reach far along the coast of India and to the Moslem traders of Malabar and Ceylon. These strategic centers are an appeal for immediate reinforcement and a call to come to the help of those who, often single-handed, are fighting against fearful odds and still winning the battle inch by inch.

**Fields of
Difficulty Call
for Heroism**

And what shall we say of those lands where Mohammed's rule has never yet been challenged and where vast areas are without any missionary; where the cross has never yet met the challenge of the crescent? Surely, if anywhere in the world, here is opportunity. The very dangers, loneliness, and hardships of such pioneer fields will irresistibly attract men and women of heroic stamp.

¹P. 154.