

gateway in the Moslem world are in the political grasp of Christian powers, with the exception of Mecca and Constantinople.

Distances and dangers have become less, so that the journey from London to Bagdad can now be accomplished with less hardship and in less time than it must have taken Lull to go from Paris to north Africa. Henry Martyn spent five long months to reach Shiraz from Calcutta; the same journey can now be made in a fortnight. And without waiting for the completion of the railway now being built to Mecca, a missionary could visit the Holy Cities as easily as Lull did Tunis, were the same spirit of martyrdom alive among us that inspired him, and were it a wise thing to do so now.

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Mindful of the polyglot character of Islam and of the fact that we have the Bible, at least in part, in every Moslem tongue, what magnificent opportunities there are to-day to establish, enlarge, and endow mission presses in the chief Moslem centers of learning and literature! Those now in existence are overtaxed with work and supported in a half-hearted fashion. They clamor for men and means to meet the demand for books on the part of Mohammedans. Who can estimate the possibilities of the Beirut press, or the Nile mission press, for the Arabic-speaking world if either one had a million dol-

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