

**Contact with  
Modern  
Thought**

Wherever Moslems come into touch with the non-Moslem world of the West and its politics and commerce, or through Christian missions, there follows the inevitable conflict between the old and the new in the minds of those who dare to think for themselves. Dr. William A. Shedd points out that Islam to-day must meet a new crisis in its history. "It is coming into close contact with modern thought and civilization. It must meet these changed conditions if it is to live, and the question arises whether it can do this or not."

**A Crisis**

That the Mohammedans themselves are conscious of this crisis in their religious outlook is evident from the press and the platform wherever these two blessings of a Christian civilization obtain in the Mohammedan world. The following words, spoken by Mustapha Pasha Kamil of Egypt, the leader of the anti-English movement on the Nile, before the Pan-Islamic Society, of London, in July, 1906, are an illustration: "Tell the people who live the life of animals and are led like dumb driven cattle, Awake! and realize the true significance of life. Fill the earth and adorn it with results of your labors. Gentlemen, you alone can make them understand the full meaning of life; nay, you alone can give them life. Hasten, therefore, with your medicine. O physicians, the pa-