

Asia but also in China. Indeed by far the greater part of the Mohammedan world is practically unoccupied." This Finding of the Commission is based upon the report of their sub-committee on Unoccupied Fields, which included a survey of sections untouched and not included in any existing scheme of missionary operation. Under this head they mention Russian Turkestan with 5,000,000 Mohammedans; Khiva with 800,000; Bokhara with 1,250,000; Afghanistan with 4,000,000 Moslems. In Africa the unoccupied Moslem fields include Barka with 100,000, Tunis, south of the coast, with 1,000,000; Oran with 1,300,000; 2,260,000 in the Atlas Riff country, the Mulaya Valley and the Sahara district of Morocco, as well as large regions mentioned in their report where Islam and Christianity are battling for the conquest of paganism. In Arabia the provinces of Nejd, Hejaz and Hadramaut are wholly unoccupied, and in the Malay Peninsula there are three districts with a total population of 1,000,000 souls without Christian missions.

Although all the great strategic centres of population in the Moslem world are already occupied and its great cities, with the exception of Mecca and Meshed, are in one way or another centres of missionary effort, we cannot ignore these unoccupied regions and untouched populations in our statistical survey. The greatest plea for missions is not opportunity but destitution. There is in these fields the glory of the impossible. Think of cities like Mecca and Bokhara, or of races like the Afghans and Somalis!

We turn next to a consideration of the present political movements in Islam.

## II. POLITICAL

It was Lord Curzon who made the shrewd remark that Islam represented not a State Church, but a Church State.