

organically with the C. M. S. at Bagdad and the brethren further north, and the South Arabian Mission stretching out along the Hadramaut coast and clasping neighborly hands with Aden. Colportage work will be largely carried on and supported by the *United Church of Christ in Arabia*.

Busrah will have a High School, but the college will be at Bagdad for the first decade, and primary mission schools will flourish at Amara, Nasariyeh and ten or twelve points up the rivers. The Busrah hospital will have, besides a fully equipped general building, a leper asylum, and special departments for women and children, as also a training school for dispensers and nurses. A succession of well equipped dispensaries, under the care of devoted native pharmacists, will stretch along the rivers, and one doctor's exclusive task and privilege will be to visit them in circuit and perform the operations and minister to the needs of difficult cases. A hospital at Amara will effectually open the Ma'dan country and likewise at Nasariyeh the Muntefik country. We will have succeeded in so throwing out our lines that an incomer from Nejd will *have* to come into contact with the gospel, and by sending him on to Busrah or Bagdad we can keep him under mission influence till he returns.

At Kuweit a hospital will be the rendezvous of gaunt Bedouin from Riadh and the mission messenger will have proclaimed the whole gospel in the tents of Abu Saoud. The Bahrein school will have aroused the Arab to a knowledge of his possibilities and the products of our industrial work will be commanding a market. The hospital will bridge the straits between Bahrein and Katif and a well equipped mission dispensary, and possibly hospital, as well as a Bible shop will flourish at Hofhoof, Debai, and from Debai the whole Pirate Coast will be ministered to by doctors and clergymen. And we will see a real and successful effort being made to carry out the clause in the Mission declaration, that our aim is to reach Moslems directly, *including the slave population*.

The work in Oman will be making rapid progress both at Muscat and at the stations inland. We will have so far succeeded in systematizing our work everywhere in our field that the evangelistic, educational and medical departments will each from its own point of vantage be exposing Islam's weakness as a religion, philosophy and science. And twenty years hence the envoys of the cross from Hejaz and Irak will have met and clasped hands in Mecca and the Nejd, the cordon will be complete and we will thank God for bringing to reality the prophecy inscribed over the gateway of Jeddah, "*Ya Fettah,*" O Thou Opener.

## A WEEK OF PRAYER FOR THE MOHAMMEDAN WORLD.

We are earnestly desirous of making known as widely as possible that it is proposed to set apart the last week of February next, from the 21st to the 28th, for united intercession on behalf of the Moslem world. The proposal to hold a special week of prayer on behalf of missions to Mohammedans and Mohammedan lands originated with the Egypt General Mission and was taken up by friends in England, Australia, New Zealand and America.

A similar meeting was held last January in London for the first time, following the Cairo Convention, and we cannot but feel that some of the great movements of the year were the outcome of this intercessory prayer.

Surely what God has wrought since last July in the Turkish Empire by opening doors and giving freedom to the press; what He is doing in Arabia by preparing highways for His gospel in the building of railroads; what He has done and is doing in Persia, Egypt and Morocco by the plowshare of His providence in preparing the soil for the sowing of His Word—all these great events, not to speak of revived interest among Moslems in Christianity and answered prayers at many mission stations, prompt us to urge this appeal and ask God for even greater things.

At a meeting of the Arabian Mission held on November 25, it was, therefore, resolved "that in response to a request from the Egypt General Mission, the Arabian Mission ask its supporters and friends to set apart the last week in February as a week of prayer for the Mohammedan world, especially remembering the present crisis in Persia and the new development and liberty in Turkey, Arabia and Egypt."

The Arabian Mission invites not only all its supporters and friends, but all societies working among Mohammedans to observe this week of prayer with us, both at the family altar, on the Sabbath day in the pulpit, and if possible by special united intercession. "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Thy Son that Thy Son also may glorify Thee."

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### SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR UNITED INTERCESSION DURING THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR THE MOHAMMEDAN WORLD, FEBRUARY 21-28.

1. For the unoccupied Mohammedan lands, that Christian missions may find an entrance and that the Word of God especially may have free course and be glorified.

2. That the New Era in Turkey may prove not only a dawn of liberty but the beginning of a reign of righteousness, and that the

marvelous opportunities for proclaiming the gospel may be adequately met by press, schools, colleges and preaching.

3. For Persia, that political changes may be to the furtherance of the gospel, and that the awakened interest in Western thought may be followed by the acceptance of Christianity on the part of many; also that the hindrances to the free circulation of the Scriptures may be removed.

4. For Morocco and North Africa, that the work of the missionaries may be extended into the interior of the Barbary States, and that the Sudan may be occupied and the Moslem peril met.

5. That in Egypt the peril of a Christian civilization may be met by the Christian press and Christian education and an outpouring of God's spirit on all native Christians.

6. That the new railways in Arabia may become through God's providence highways of the gospel; that the interior and the unoccupied province on the South and West may be occupied by organized missionary effort, and that the Cradle of Islam may be won for Christ.

7. For India and its 62,000,000 Mohammedans, that the missionary effort carried on among them may be extended, and that fanaticism may be overcome by the presentation of the gospel and the work of medical missions.

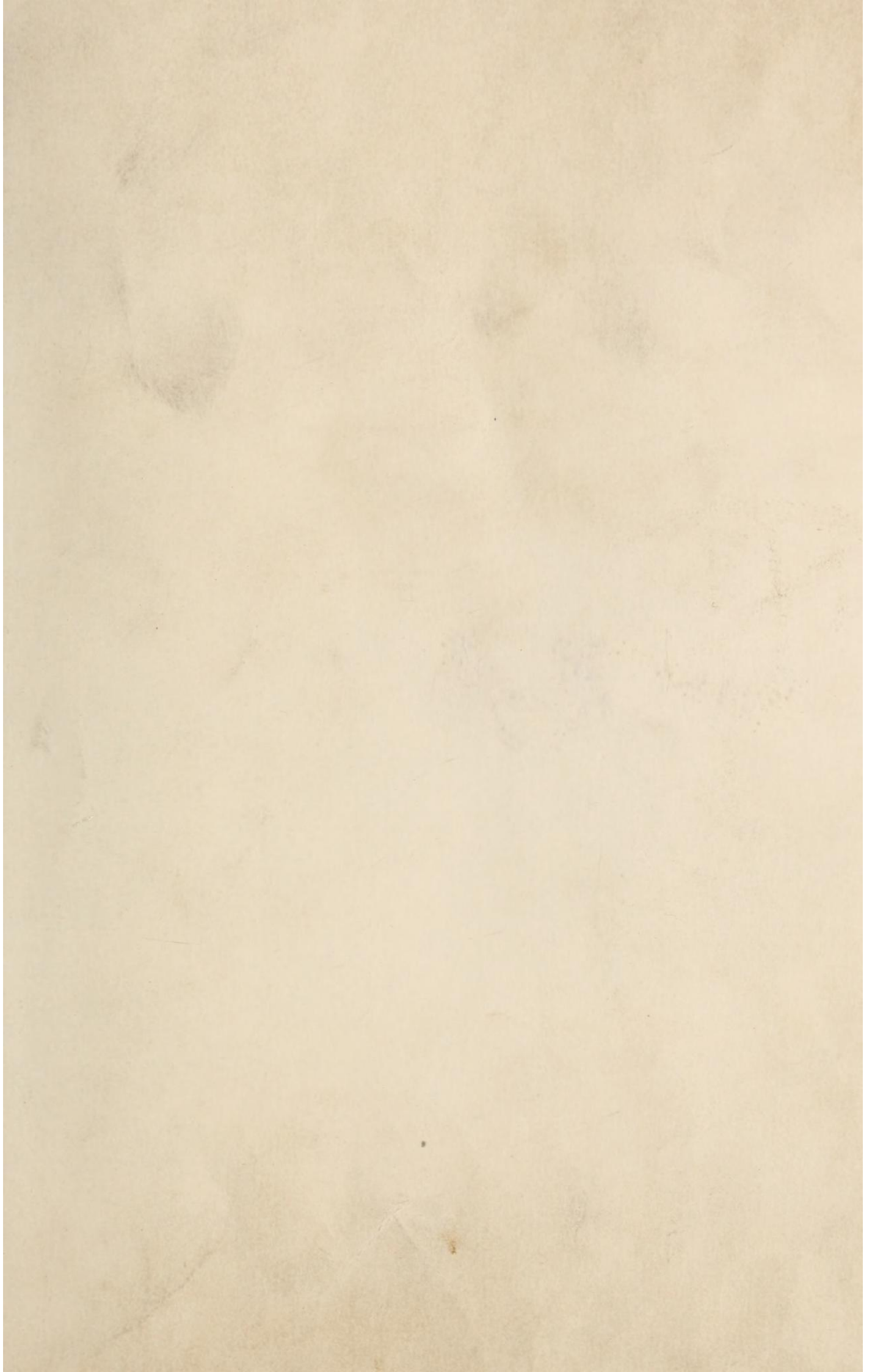
8. For the 30,000,000 of Mohammedans in China, that some Society may be led to undertake work for them speedily.

9. For the Mohammedans in Malaysia and for the native church gathered from among Moslems, that it may be a real missionary church; that those parts of Malaysia threatened by Islam may be evangelized in time to avert the Moslem peril.

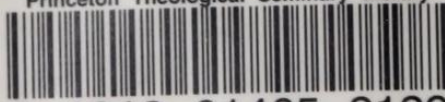
10. For all the missionaries, native and foreign, laboring among Moslems, and for Moslem converts.

11. That the awakened interest in the Mohammedan world on the part of so many in the churches at home may lead to the consecration of life for service on the Moslem field.

12. That the preparations for the Lucknow Conference of missionaries, which will meet soon to study the needs and opportunities in the Moslem world, may be thorough and effectual.



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