

SURVEY OF PERIODICALS

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I. GENERAL.

BOLSHEVISM IN CENTRAL ASIA. Ikbal Ali Shah. (*The Edinburgh Review*, London. July, 1921. pp. 136-146.)

A review of what the Bolshevik propaganda in Bokhara and Afghanistan has accomplished, and an indication of how little has been done to combat it. The significant catering by the Bolsheviks to the traditions and religious scruples of the Central Asian peoples is noted, as well as the unscrupulous methods used to stir up Moslem fanaticism against Europe.

THE BOLSHEVIST MENACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. Sirdar Ikbal Ali Shah. (*The Contemporary Review*, London. October, 1921. pp. 500-506.)

A survey of the methods by which Bolshevism has gained a decided triumph in the Middle East; and an outline of its extent. After a study made during a prolonged sojourn in Afghanistan and Bokhara, the conclusion became inevitable that the intensive propaganda in Ajerbaijan, Bokhara, Turkestan, Persia, even in Chinese Turkestan is successful through lack of a clear-cut policy on the part of the Western Powers towards Turkey, the head and fount of Islam.

L'ENSEIGNEMENT AU MAROC. (*L'Afrique Française*, Paris. September, 1921. pp. 279-283.)

Gives statistics of present conditions, and tendencies in the plan for the future development of education. Considers the general organization of the system; physical instruction; education for the natives, the Jews, and the Europeans; and higher education.

PALESTINE IN RENEWAL. Patrick Geddes. (*The Contemporary Review*, London. October, 1921. pp. 475-484.)

Conclusions reached during a year in Palestine, spent in traveling and planning with an eye to regional development. The discussion centers chiefly on the reconstructive value of better agriculture and its influence on the native Arab and Christian as well as on the incoming Zionist. Closes with a fair analysis of Zionist colonists and their adaptability to changed conditions.

PALESTINE: THE LAND OF THE PAST AND THE FUTURE. Mary Mond. (*The Asiatic Review*, London. October, 1921. pp. 594-608.)

A study of the various Jewish colonies, and the effects so far of their establishment in Palestine. Describes (a) the land from Egypt to Jerusalem; (b) the colonies and the cities of the coast; and (c) the shepherd country of Galilee.

PEACE AND THE BAGDAD RAILWAY. Damon. (*The Fortnightly Review*, London. October, 1921. pp. 542-562.)

A rather full survey of the history, the present condition, and the future possibilities of the Bagdad railway. A grip on the line, and its firm establishment as a trade route instead of as a military one are deemed essential to the power which is to control the former Turkish Empire.

SOCIAL UNREST AND BOLSHEVISM IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD. Lothrop Stoddard. (*Scribner's Magazine*, New York. August, 1921. pp. 161-169.)

The second of two significant articles dealing with the present unrest in the Moslem world. Pointing out the two aims of Bolshevism—the destruction of Western political and economic supremacy, and the Bolshevizing of the Oriental masses—the article outlines clearly the various successful moves to stir up political, religious, and racial passions in Turkey, Persia, Afghanistan, and India.

II. ISLAM IN ARABIA.

AMONG THE YEMEN ARABS WITH A CAMERA. Captain Donald McLEISH. (*Outward Bound*, London. October, 1921. pp. 10-15.)

The Arabs were those of the coast town of Loheiya, South Arabia; the pictures obtained were the result of heroic struggles against prohibitive atmospheric conditions. Life in general, education, administration of justice, and religious practices were caught by the camera during visits on shore made at the special invitation of the Great Man of the district.

THE ARAB REVIVAL IN THE MIDDLE EAST. F. H. Tyrrell. (*The Asiatic Review*, London. October, 1921. pp. 609-614.)

An attempt to indicate the difficulties in the revival of Arab kingdoms. Just enough history of the rise and fall of Moslem power is given to show the significance of the present experiments in the Hejaz and in Mesopotamia.

III. HISTORY OF ISLAM.

IV. KORAN, TRADITIONS, THEOLOGY.

V. RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL LIFE.

THE CALIPHATE OF ISLAM. Clair Price. (*The American Review of Reviews*, New York. September, 1921. pp. 981-985.)

A clear, concise summary of what is meant by the "program of Sherifianism," the events leading to its development, the cause

of the formation of the new Middle East Department of the Colonial Office, and Islam's boycott of the former Sherif Hussein.

MODES OF LIFE IN THE MOROCCAN COUNTRYSIDE. Jules Blache. (*The Geographical Review*, N. Y. October, 1921. pp. 477-502.)

A fascinating description of the human aspects of countryside life in Morocco as seen from the air, illustrated by aerial photographs. Treats of nomad and sedentary types and their distribution; rural and town life of the Meseta; the south of Morocco; and the use (geographical and human) of the Moroccan mountains.

OFF DUTY IN BAGDAD. Roland Gorbold. (*Asia*, N. Y. October, 1921. pp. 836-842, 882.)

An interesting study of the impressions made on a member of the Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force by the city, its inhabitants, and the quaint customs followed there. Aims rather at reproducing the atmosphere of the place than at giving detailed descriptions.

VI. POLITICAL RELATIONSHIPS.

ENGLAND'S HAND IN THE NEAR EAST. Henry C. Fowler, Jr. (*The American Review of Reviews*, N. Y. October, 1921. pp. 101-105.)

Purports to be a "clear and simple statement of the actual situation underlying all the intrigues of British, French, Italian, Greek, and Arabian politics in the former Turkish Empire." Summary of an official report made by the author on his investigations into conditions in Asia Minor.

MANGLING ASIA MINOR. George R. Montgomery. (*The American Review of Reviews*, N. Y. October, 1921. pp. 93-101.)

"A brief account with maps of ten different treaties, all secret, and many of them conflicting with each other, which the Entente Powers have made with a view to dividing up Turkey among themselves."

MESOPOTAMIA'S CLAIM ON BRITAIN. H. B. Usher. (*The Contemporary Review*, London. September, 1921. pp. 322-328.)

Maintains the thesis that Great Britain is completely committed to the tutelage of Mesopotamia until its people are able to fend for themselves. Deals with the political rather than the economic and commercial aspect of the problem, and points out the necessity of coming to some stable understanding with the Nationalist Turks, and of following a clear and consistent policy towards the Arab world in general.

VII. MOHAMMEDAN MISSIONS.

CHRISTIAN PEOPLES IN MOHAMMEDAN LANDS. Wilder P.

Ellis, M.D. (*All the World*, N. Y. October, 1921. pp. 210-214.)

The problem of the Armenians of Turkey, the Caucasus and Northwest Persia; and of the Nestorians of Persia and the mountain fastnesses of Turkey. Six years of terrible sufferings and persecutions are briefly indicated to drive home to the great Christian nations that their responsibility to these peoples is still acute and cannot be dropped.

THE DELEGATION TO PALESTINE. E. R. Kenyon. (*The Church Missionary Review*, London. September, 1921. pp. 226-237.)

Written to make clear the general circumstances of C. M. S. work in Palestine, and to depict conditions as they appeared to the Delegation. The relations between the Palestinian Church Council and the C. M. S. are particularly noted, while the importance of a clearly defined policy in regard to medical and educational work is emphasized.

REALIGNMENT IN ASIA MINOR. John E. Merrill. (*Missionary Review of the World*, N. Y. October, 1921. pp. 755-759.)

After the terrific international and inter-racial upheavals in the Near East due to the war, it is necessary to analyze the missionary situation very carefully. Have the events of the last few years constituted in any sense a preparation for a spiritual advance? The attempt is here made to answer this question by considering (a) the Christian suffering and its effect on the home church as well as on the Christians of the Near East; and (b) the cause of and the help for Moslem dissatisfaction.

SYRIA: SUFFERING—SACRIFICING—SUCCEEDING. George H. Scherer. (*All the World*, N. Y. October, 1921. pp. 215-219.)

Reviews the recent work and the present situation of the Syria Mission of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. The author has been stationed at Suk-el-Gharb, Lebanon.

WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH THE MOROS? Frank C. Laubach, Ph.D. (*The Envelope Series*, Boston. October, 1921. pp. 3-23.)

The Moros, the virile Mohammedan population of the Philippines, are now open to Christianization thanks to skillful handling by the Americans. A brief history of their contact with civilization is given as a background and justification of the conclusion that the Moros form the key to the Mohammedan problem.

WHAT THE ARAB THINKS OF THE MISSIONARY. Paul Harrison. (*The Missionary Review of the World*, N. Y. October, 1921. pp. 759-760.)

A brief analysis of the attitude of mind of the average Arab of the coast cities, where the missionary is known, and of the inland Arab, who has only heard of him.