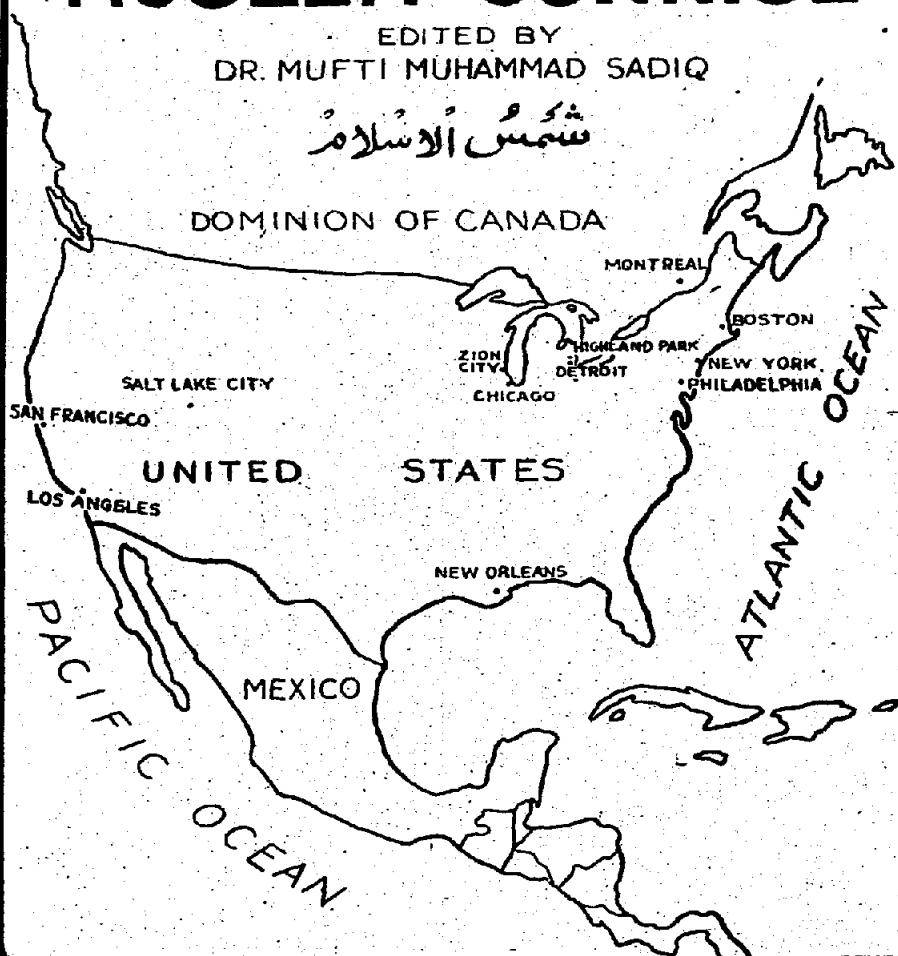


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One and only God, most excellent Creator,
Muhammad^P is the Prophet, and Messenger of God
Who seeks to manifest the truth, and rescue men from evil,
And raise from level of beast, who feed upon the sod.

Ahmad of Qadian is the Promised Messiah,
The selected and holy Reformer of the day,
"Quran" for every assertion and argument
Is the final sacred law, the road on which men cannot stray.

Buddha, and Krishna, of India's fair fame,
Persia's Zoroaster, China's Confucius, too,
Egypt had Moses, Jesus of Nazareth;
All were holy men, prophets of God, good and true.

All reverence and respect to them and their faith
And blessed be Jesus, whose tomb is in Cashmere.
The door of Revelation is open wide to all
And inspiration will descend on those who enter there.

And to His people God still speaks in accents clear,
As through "His Hazrat" Mahmud, the present leader
Of Ahmadia Community, all godly men,
Brothers acknowledge him; he is a worthy pleader.

"Sadiq," the authorized Missioner of the Movement,
The chosen sage—both learned and wise—will point the way
Initiate the followers from every nation,
And there shall be no wars or strife, but men will pray.

And at his school of languages, Oriental,
Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, all brothers one,
Sanskrit, Turkish, Hindustani, whatever spoken,
Has but just one meaning for every mother's son.

Allah is Good and Gracious, blessed be Allah,
Allah, bless each one.



His Hazrat MIRZA BASHIRUD-DIN MAHMUD AHMAD

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A Message

From the Leader of the Ahmadiya Community to All the American Moslems and
 Members of the Ahmadiya Movement in Islam. Assalam-o-Alaikum—

Greetings!

The Pioneers in the Colonization of American land are always looked back upon with great honor and respect. Their work was temporal but now, my dear Brothers and Sisters, Allah the Almighty has made you the Pioneers in the spiritual Colonization of the Western world. If you will work with the same love, zeal, sincerity and loyalty as they did your honor and respect and name will be still greater than their's, as you will have moreover the Reward at the Last day and Allah's pleasure, the grandeur and beauty of which no one can estimate here in this world.

MIRZA MAHMUD AHMAD.

A Verse from the Holy Book—

AL-QURAN

Sura xxxiii—Verse 36

In-nal mus-le-mee-na wal mus-le-ma' te, wal mo-me-nee-na wal mo-me-na-te, wal qa-ne-tee-na wal qa-ne-ta-te, was-sa-de-qee-na was-sa-de-qa-te, was-sa-be-ree-na was-sa-be-ra-te, wal khashe-ee-na wal kha-she-a-te, wal mo-ta-sad-de-qee-na wal mo-ta-sad-de-qa-te, was-sa-c-mee-na was-sa-c-ma-te, wal ha-fe-zee-na fo-roo-ja-hum wal hafe-za-te, waz-za-ke-ree-nal-la-ha ka-thee-ran waz-za-ke-ra-te, a-ad-dal-la-ha la-hum magh-fe-ra-tan wa aj-ran a-zee-ma.

EXPLANATORY TRANSLATION

Ten Doors to Heaven

Surely, (1) All the men as well as the women who resign themselves to God and make their will one with the will of the Creator;

(2) And all the men as well as the women, who believe in God, His Angels, His Messengers and the Day of Judgment;

(3) And all the men as well as the women who obey the commandments of God that come direct to them or through His Messengers old and new—all the devout;

(4) And all the men as well as the women who accept the truth, follow the truth, keep company with the truth and be truthful;

(5) And all the men as well as the women who patiently bear all that comes to them in their advance to the final goal, who are never discouraged or disappointed by apparent failures, but go on steadfastly and thus they are patient men and patient women;

(6) And all the men as well as the women who are humble in heart and manners and melt in prayers while in the presence of Allah;

(7) And all the men as well as the women who give in charity to the poor, the needy, the strangers and the animals;

(8) And all the men as well as the women who in love for their Lord, forget all eating and drinking and the luxuries of life in the month of Ramazan and thus keep their fasts regularly.

(9) And all the men as well as the women who keep their chastity pure and sacred;

(10) And all the men as well as the women who remember God much in prayers and in all their dealings;

God has prepared for all such men as well as the women His gracious and free forgiveness out of His vast Treasures which never decrease, and a grand mighty Reward.

Note:—Sex makes no distinction in the rules for the uplift of the soul to higher realms of purity, calmness and union with Allah. Men and women—we are all children of God. To Him we belong and to Him we return. Thus says the Holy Book—El. Quran.

Sayings of the MASTER-PROPHET MUHAMMAD^P

HE WHO is not affectionate to God's creatures and to his own children, God will not be affectionate to him. Every Moslem who clothes the naked will be clothed by God in the green robes of Paradise."

"When God created the earth, it shook and trembled, until He put mountains upon it to make it firm. Then the angels asked, O, God, is there anything in Thy creation stronger than these mountains? And God replied, Iron is stronger than the mountains, for it breaks them. 'And is there anything in Thy creation stronger than iron?' 'Yes; fire is stronger than iron, for it melts it.' 'Is there anything in Thy creation stronger than fire?' 'Yes; water, for it quenches fire.' 'O Lord, is there anything in Thy creation stronger than water?' 'Yes; wind, for it overcomes water and puts it in motion.' 'Oh our Sustainer, is there anything in Thy creation stronger than wind?' 'Yes; a good man giving alms; if he gives with his right hand and conceal it from his left, he overcomes all things.'"

His definition of charity embraced the wide circle of kindness; "Every good act," he would say, "is charity. Your smiling at your brother is charity; an exhortation addressed to your fellow men to do virtuous deeds is equal to alms-giving. Putting a wanderer in the right path is charity; assisting the blind is a charity; removing stones and thorns and other obstructions from the road is charity; giving the water to the thirsty is charity. A man's true wealth hereafter is the good he does in this world to his fellow-men. When he dies, people will ask, What property has he left behind him? But the angels who examine him in the grave, will ask, What good deeds hast thou sent before thee?"

"O Prophet!" said one of his disciples, "my mother, Umm Sad, is dead; what is the best alms I can give away for the good of her soul?" "Water!" replied Mohammed, bethinking himself of the panting heats of the desert. "Dig a well for her, and give water to the thirsty." The man digged a well in his mother's name, and said, "This is for my mother, that its blessings may reach her soul!"

"Charity of the tongue," says Irving, "that most important and least cultivated of charities, was likewise earnestly inculcated by Mahomet." Abu Jariya, an inhabitant of Basrah coming to Medina, and being convinced of the apostolic office of Mohammed, begged of him some great rule of conduct. "Speak evil of no one," answered the Prophet. "From that time," says Abu Jariya, "I never abused anyone, whether freeman or slave."

"Bear wrong patiently, verily best it will be for the patiently enduring."

When an idol-worshipping patriarch sent a message to the Master-Prophet that he was soon to march to exterminate the Prophet and his people, his calm reply full of trust and faith was: "God is enough for us, a good guardian is He." "I am neither desirous of riches, nor ambitious of dignity nor of dominion; I am sent by God, Who has ordained me to announce glad tidings unto you. I give you the words of my Lord. I admonish you. If you accept the message I bring you, God will be favorable to you both in this world and the next; if you reject my admonitions, I shall be patient and leave God to judge between you and me."

A PAGE FROM THE WRITINGS OF "AHMAD" (The Promised Messiah and Mehdi)

Let right discretion be your guide.

THE Christian books praise those who are poor, meek and lowly, as well as those who are persecuted and resist not the evil, but the Holy Quran adds for you to know that humility, meekness and non-resistance of evil are no doubt commendable virtues, but if displayed on the wrong occasion, these are evils. Your good deeds should be marked by the propriety of the occasion, for every virtue degenerates into a vice if not shown on the proper occasion. Rain is beneficial if it comes in time, but untimely rain is productive of loss. Mildness and severity, forgiveness and retaliation, blessing and cursing, and all other moral actions must be resorted to as the occasion arises for them. Be meek and humble but show not meekness or humility out of place. The Holy Quran, moreover, teaches you that truly excellent moral qualities, not leavened with the poison of selfish desires, are only the gift of the holy spirit from above. You cannot acquire them by your endeavours until they are bestowed upon you from heaven. Anyone who claims morality independently of the heavenly gift granted through the holy ghost, puts forward a false claim. There is mud and dirt beneath the surface of his water, which come up upon the slightest agitation caused by selfish passions. Seek assistance from God every moment that your water may be cleansed from this mud and purified by means of the holy spirit. True and pure morality is the miracle of the righteous, in which the evil-doers have no share, for those who are not devoted to God are not granted power from on high, and it is impossible that they should at any time acquire high moral qualities. Purify your connection with God. Give up vain mockery, derision, vengeance, obscene language, avarice, lying, wickedness, evil glances, worldly-mindedness, vanity, disdain, self-approbation and all other iniquities, and you will get the assistance of Heaven which will invest you with true morals. Unless you get the power from above which can draw you up, and unless the holy spirit enters into you which gives life, you are weak and groping in darkness. Up to that time you are dead and there is no life in you. In this state you can neither withstand any adversity, nor can you save yourselves from vanity and pride if you are in well-to-do circumstances, and are under the control of Satan and your carnal desires. Your deliverance cannot be effected except the holy spirit, which comes from your God, should turn your faces to virtue and righteousness. Make yourselves the sons of heaven, and not the children of earth, and be the inheritors of light, not the lovers of darkness, that you may be safe from the ways of Satan, for Satan comes out in the night and cannot venture to make his appearance in the day. He is the old thief who walks in darkness.

You should neither do all your good deeds in public nor all in secret. When you consider it profitable to your own self to do a deed in secret, you must do it in secret. But when you consider it beneficial to the public to do a deed in public, you must do it before men that they may see you, and be thus incited to follow your example and do good deeds like you.

TO THE NATION'S YOUTH

Urdu Poem of His (Hazrat) M. B. MAHMUD Ahmad, the Head of the
Ahmadia Moslem Community, addressed to the young
students at Qadian, India.

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Dr: M. M. Sadiq and Madam Rahatullah (Ella May Garber)

1

O! ye tender plants of the Nation,
To you I have something to say;
Providing my Message
May flash not away.

2

Advice I would give.
To the Nation's youth;
That they may not say,
I withheld the Truth.

3

When we pass away, the burdens
Of life, you will have to bear
So be not seekers of idle rest
But do and dare.

4

Serve the Faith with the heart
Filled with God's sweet grace
And let not a thought of compensation
Cloud your face.

5

Let your eyes fill with tears
And your heart burn with love
Let your spirit ascend beyond
Islam's mere name, to the realms
above—

6

No bragging in the head,
No thunder of wrath in the eye,
No desire for revenge, no curse on the
lips
Which would cause thy brother to sigh.

7

The well-wishing of Brethren
Always keep in sight,
Neither criticize, nor mischief-make
But cling to the right.

8

Be free from jealousy
And contentment create,
Make not gold your beloved,
Nor silver your charmed mate.

9

With full attention continue
Offering prayers and keeping fast;
Obeying God's commandments
Which were written in the past.

10

If you have wealth be charitable
In giving alms to those who need
Fear not the days of trouble
If the needy you would feed.

11

You must learn and remember
That a Muslim shines more bright
If he makes a pilgrimage
To the Holy Land of Light.

12

Let Zikr be your habit
Remembering God in prayer
When the Beloved is kept in mind
It is impossible His name not to de-
clare.

13

Let not Reason be the ruler
O'er Faith which is salvation
Blind is the reason if it be not
Guided by the Sun of Revelation.

14

Cling fondly to all the Truth
Whenever and wherever you find
Follow not the imaginations
Calling it knowledge of the mind.

15

The believers who love Muhammad^P
Be not an enemy to them
But keep yourself aloof from those
Who would the Prophet condemn.

16

Live in peace, taking no part
With those who trouble create;
Cause no anxiety nor disturbance
For the rulers of the State.

17

Consider the age of youth
As a favour great
That in the days to come
You may not say it is too late.

18

Beauty is good in all cases
But seek it with great care
May be that you think
To be a gain is a snare.

19

Should you become a Statesman,
A General or a Physician;
If your heart in Islam is not steeped,
You will not please us with your po-
sition.

20

Keep self-respect for bad it is
To lack dignity of mind;
But also to others be respectful
Sincere and kind.

21

Whether in prosperity or poverty
In riches or need
Never cease for a moment
In spreading Islam's seed.

22

If you conquer the world
You have gained nought
If the wild and terrible self
You have not subdued and taught.

23

Do not spoil the good done
By reminding of an obligation
Lest the thread of communion be broken
Letting you fall from near the roof, to
the foundation.

24

Forget not that delicacy
Is the women's share
He is no man whose body is as rose-leaf
And cannot hardships bear.

25

Drop not down at the sight
Of wine like a fly
Look carefully, for at the bottom
Of the cup dregs may lie.

26

You must know that the honours
From the Blessed One's school
Are always accompanied
With persecutions from the fool.

27

Very hard is the task
The goal is far away—
O my faithful ones, Be not
Indolent; but work without delay.

28

If step you will upon the path
Of Sincerity and Loyalty
There will be no difficulty which you
cannot
Surpass, even to the Royalty.

29

Let your actions put us not to shame
On Judgment day nor trouble for us
make
In the task of Faith let not
Your lessons be half-done, for your
own sake.

30

We are continuing our work
Somehow or other,
Be careful, lest the Movement
In your time may suffer.

31

My prayer for your sake
O Dear Ones is this.
May God keep you under His shade
Bringing no failure, but bliss.

32

May you be safe from the darkness
Of grief, pain and sorrow—
And may the evening shade ne'er cast its
shadow
O'er your sunlight of the morrow.

(Amen)



Listen O earth! and bear witness O Heaven! that I
have received an inspiration from on High, and have
found access to the Divine mysteries.—AHMAD.

NO POLYGAMY

"I HAVE not come here to teach plurality of wives. If a Moslem will ever preach or practice polygamy in America he will be committing a sin against his religion." This was my reply to the immigration officer's first question put to me when I reached the American shore. In the religion of Islam there are some Commandments and some Permissions. I must always follow the commandments, but the permissions can be avoided. For example, Islam commands that we must worship One God and permits that I may eat beef. No Government can make me worship more than One God. But if I go to a country where the Government does not allow cow-killing and beef-eating (as in some parts of India), there I as a Moslem will never eat beef. Prophet Ahmad, the latest Champion of Islam, while bringing Hindus into union with Moslems of India, had proposed that Moslems will keep away from eating beef if the Hindus acknowledge the truth of the Master-Messenger Muhammad". For another example, Islam commands that "I must obey the Law of the Government under which I live." And Polygamy, even if allowed with all its limitations and conditions, falls under the category of permissions and not commandments. And that permission is taken away under the commandment that I must obey the Law of the Ruling Government of the country. If a Muhammadan in Europe or America marries more than one wife he violates not only the Law of his country, but also a great commandment of his Sacred faith. Thus the Religion of Islam PROHIBITS polygamy for the Mohammadans in Europe and America. No Moslem can ever think of plurality of wives here. His religion does not allow it. Now, as regards the origin of polygamy and its prevalence in the East, The American people think every

Muhammadan in the East marries more than one girl. This is not right. If you go to the East, you will not find even one in a thousand having two wives. In some cases it was permitted for the protection of women. The permission of marrying slave-girls in the Quran was originally a Law of War emergencies under the conditions of the time in which the males having been killed abundantly on both sides, the number of the women and orphan-girls far outnumbered the men. After the recent world-war there have been such suggestions put forward by the wise men of Europe for the protection of women. Again a woman must be protected when pregnant and when looking after babies. Some second marriages have been the result of a desire on the part of the man to protect a certain family or fasten the bonds of friendship through the marriage. In some cases the men were forced to marry a second wife on account of the sterility of the first wife and the natural desire of having a child to continue his name and inherit his wealth. Islam being a Universal Religion, and not a religion for ascetics, supplies practical and practicable laws for all the needs and emergencies of human life. Some religions or sects allow unlimited number of wives and others say that the best are those who become eunuchs. Islam teaches a midway between two extremes. Every Moslem must marry. There is no monasticism in Islam. Moreover, a Moslem does not do anything in vain. In cases of emergencies and for the protection of women, when necessary and allowed by the Government of the country as explained above, a man is permitted (and not commanded) to marry more than one, provided that he can keep them equally and justly in love, provision and protection. But if he cannot be just, then only one, says the Holy Quran. This Restriction of "Justice" works in the majority of cases as an utter prohibition of more than

one wife. Only those who are strong-minded, pious and with means enough to fulfill the orders of Justice and Equality can have the privilege. In this country the Muhammadans may be compared to the Jews in this respect. The Jewish Bible allows polygamy—even an unlimited one. Jesus Christ gave no commandment to prohibit polygamy. Many Christians have also been practicing polygamy even after Justinian prohibited it. St. Augustine declared that polygamy was not a crime where it was the legal institution of a country. Almost all the Holy Prophets whom the Christians believe used to have more than one wife. And God was so pleased with them that He used to speak face to face with them, an honor which has not been extended to any Christian in these days. But in the devotees of Islam there still are those to whom God speaks like He used to speak to the Prophets of the Israelites mentioned in the Jewish and Christian Bibles. Thus He spoke lately to my Teacher "Ahmad" the Messiah and the Mahdi in thousands of Revelations containing Prophecies all of which came out to be true. Had polygamy been such a sin and crime, as it is now thought to be, why did God like and love those Prophets of the Bible so much and never tell them that they must not have more than one wife? There is nothing immoral in a proper marriage. Heaps of laws and commandments were spoken by God to Moses and others and not a single word against plurality of wives. There is something in this to be considered by the Champions of the Bible. Thus the sacred book of the Jews allows polygamy, but millions of Jews in the United States live as peaceful and good citizens. They never practice polygamy. The case of the Moslems in this country may be taken as the case of the Jews at least. Bahaullah, the founder of the Bahai Movement, had two wives at one and the same time, but the Ba-

hais in this country like Jews do not practice polygamy. Such are the Moslems as well.

In short, SADIQ from the East teaches in this country one wife for one man, loved fondly, protected amply, respected faithfully, and looked after carefully.

Polygamy Sanctioned

With all the strict Laws and Statutes made by the United States Government against the plurality of wives, the authorities could not help allowing polygamy in at least one case lately reported in the Tribune of April 30th, 1921:

**"2 WIVES; WILL KEEP BOTH;
COPS LET IT GO AT THAT"**

Akron, O., April 29.—(Special)—Guiseppe Sarniola will be allowed to keep his two wives and three children, federal and Akron police officials ruled to-day when Sarniola brought wife No. 1 and No. 2 to police headquarters. Wife No. 1 brought his 10 years old son and wife No. 2 led a little boy and carried the other baby.

'I love them both,' Sarniola declared, as he embraced them both. 'I love them all. I keep them all.' He said he married No. 1 in Italy ten years ago. He sent for her four years ago, but because of the war she neither came nor wrote. Then he took No. 2. They had two children. Confronted by the eternal triangle, he solved it by deciding to run two homes.

The police let it go at that."

(Tribune, April 30, 1921.)

There might have been other cases like that as well, which facts well show the desirability of the Law of Polygamy made by Islam in cases of emergency.

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One Year's Moslem Missionary Work in America

(Brief Report)

IT BEING the very first attempt to approach the Americans with the Mission of Islam, I had to pass through all the difficulties that always confront a beginner of a work. I had no precedent before me to guide me and, therefore, much of my time has been spent in making experiences as regards the selection for my headquarters and the ways of approaching Americans. I cannot claim to have done any great work, but I do hope, in the grace of Allah, that in clearing the way for the future Missionaries of Islam I have done some pioneer work and sown the seed of Truth throughout the land which will grow up in time and show in big, tall, strong trees to feed and shelter thousands, and send out healthy vibrations to millions.

The first difficulty I had to encounter was with the Immigration Officers, who ordered me to return on the same steamer on which I had come, merely because I was a Missionary of the Moslem Faith, and on my refusal to return and asking permission to Appeal to Higher Authorities in Washington I was placed in the Detention House for about seven weeks. Those were the days of great trial, but I count them as the days of blessings, because I found the opportunity of offering prayers to God and Meditation and planning the Scheme for future work. Moreover, I began my work of preaching quietly among others detained like myself. The first of those who agreed with me there and joined our faith was Brother Hamid (Mr. R. J. Rochford), who was not allowed to land and was sent back with others. This good brother is now in England and keeps in touch with me by correspondence. He is my First Convert to Islam after landing here. He is figuring to come over to Canada, and as he is zealous,

I hope he will do great work in time to bring others to the blessed fold of Islam.

The names of others who accepted Islam in the Detention House are as follows:

Mr. Louis C. Tillford, of British Guiana (Mamoon).

Mr. Andrew Mck Gilme, of Jamaica (Khalid).

Mr. David Thomas, of Jamaica (Saleem).

Mr. Lloyd Henry, of Orange River (Hameed).

Mr. Joseph Kane, of Poland (Yoosaf).

Mr. Guedla Kohén, of Russia (Ya-qoob).

Mr. Aetsesu diz Garé tor Mesderstia, of Azores (Hossain).

Mr. S. C. Tessalo, of Azores (Ahsan).

Mr. Antonio Gilcerco (Hassan).

Mr. Ethen Bodden, of Honduras (Saeed).

Mr. Albert Kranmer, of Belgium (Mahmood).

Mr. Mathew Feizshitman, of Germany (Kareem).

Mr. Alex. Beinrband, of Poland (Haleem).

Mr. K. Rossan, of Spain (Saeed).

Mr. Florenco Clagas, of Lisbon (Fazal).

Mr. Paul Virgne, of Bones Aeyres (Karm).

Mr. Leopardi Orlands, of Italy (Ahmad).

Mr. Guaror Victor, of France (Hameed).

Mr. Mario Cowarher (Momin).

Mr. Selle (Ameen).

I had been giving the Message of Islam and the Ahmadiya Movement even to the passengers on the steamer Haverford, out of which I had secured converts during the days of the voyage in the Atlantic Ocean. Out of those some were Moslems who joined our order and the rest were non-Moslems. Their names are as follows:

Mr. Popovitch, of Bosnia (Noor).

Mr. John O'Neil (Yahya).

Mr. Wa Hsiang, Chinese.

Mr. Chang Wen Chut, Chinese.

Mr. Mu Wen Shu, Chinese.

Mr. Wang Han Chen, Chinese.

Mr. Ahmad bin Ali, of Syria.

Names of other converts to Islam in different States of the country who joined our faith during the year of Report through correspondence or after meeting me personally:

Mrs. S. W. Sobolewski, the first American lady who accepted Islam after I started lecturing in New York. She was named Fatima Mustafa to fulfill the Dream I had seen over in England before starting for America about my reaching this land, lecturing and converting a lady and naming her as such. She is making good progress in learning prayers in Arabic and studying our books.

Mr. Robert Bednell, of Greenwich (Abdullah).

Miss Elizabeth Barton, a learned lady (Zeineb).

Mr. Louis W. Lawyer, of Connecticut.

Mr. Ralph Totten (Basheer), son of Madam Siddica-tun-Nisa.

Mr. Harold Johnson, of New York State.

Mr. John Ammo, of Illinons (Ahmad).

Mr. S. A. K. Oroung, of New York (Abdullah).

Mr. W. A. Pence, of Canada.

Mr. Lewis Holt, of Chicago (Fateh Din).

Mr. Andrew Jacob, of Chicago (Muhammad Yaqoob).

Miss Green, of Pennsylvania (Freedra).

Mr. P. J. Tallman, of Missouri.

Mr. Isidore Lenine, of Ohio (Omar).

Mr. Ellis Russell, of Chicago (Ghulam Rasul).

Mr. Joseph Livingston Mott, of Louisiana State (Shaikh Abdullah Din Muhammad).

Mrs. Calorina Bush (Hameeda).

Mrs. Virginia Olivas (Haleema).

Mrs. Mike Abraham, of Indiana (Hajrah).

Mrs. Loudicia Joseph, of Michigan (Zareefa).

Miss Loucille Fraser, of Michigan (Fatima).

Miss Frances Joseph, of Michigan (Feeroza).

Mr. Kasep Maroo (Momin).

Mr. Seeley (Ameen).

Mr. Lee Hutchison (Muhammad Ali).

Mr. Moses Johnson (Moosa).

I must add here the name of my dear Brother Mir Ahmad F. L. Andersen, the first Ahmadi Moslem of this country.

The following Moslem gentlemen and ladies in this country joined the blessed Ahmadia Movement:

Mr. Islam Zenel Chato, of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Ilajud Din Nuri Sodick, of Russia.

Mr. Kemal El Quadri, of Indiana.

Mr. S. M. Eusoof Ben H. G. Akbar, of Tel Honduras.

Madam Siddica-tun-Nisa Rahatulla (Ella May Garber), an American lady in Islam for last 10 years, has been working for Islam in several places and now intends to do the Ahmadia Islamic work in New York.

Mr. Yaseen Osman, of Milwaukee.

Mr. Muhammad Jad, a Turk in the United States Army.

Mr. Abraham Holasi, in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Othman Karroub.

Mr. Subhee Hareeri.

Mr. A. L. A. Mustafa.

Mr. Hussain Haage, of Michigan.

Mr. Muhammad Moshaiikh, of Detroit.

Mr. Azeerud Din, of Assam.

Mr. Ali Sher Khan (Indian).

Mr. Abdul Azeez (Indian).

Mr. Muhammad Shafi (Indian).

Mr. Ghulam Ahmad, of Panjab, now a merchant in Chicago.

Mr. L. Roman, of Bengal, now a merchant in Chicago.

Mr. Reched Sweydham, of Sioux Falls.

Mr. Shaikh Ahmad El Hagge, of Sioux Falls.

Mr. Ali Muhammad, of Sioux Falls.

Mr. Ahmad Es-safa, of Sioux Falls.

Mr. Zaidana Hossain, of Sioux Falls.

Mr. Kasim Muhammad, of Sioux Falls.

Mr. Hussain Hassan, of Sioux Falls.

Mr. Aldur Rahman, of Indiana.

Mr. Ali, of Kurdistan.

Names of some of the converts have not been given as their present circumstances do not allow them to get their names published.

Lectures

During the past 12 months I have delivered about 50 Public Lectures in the Cities of New York, Chicago, Detroit, Dowagiac, Michigan City, Sioux City, Sioux Falls, etc. All of these Lectures were previously announced in the daily papers. Sub-

jects of some of the Lectures were as follows:

1. Universal Spirit of Islam.
2. Beauties of Moslem Religion.
3. Prophets and Prophecies.
4. Why Are the Teachers Made Prophets.
5. The Master-Prophet Muhammad^P.
6. Real Mission of Jesus Christ.
7. The Prophet Ahmad.
8. Zoroaster of Persia.
9. Budha.
10. Krishna.
11. Confucious.
12. Some Accepted Prayers.
13. Protection of Muslim Religion.
14. Dreams and Their Interpretations.
15. The Object of Man's Life and How It Can be Attained.

16. Arabic the Mother-Tongue of all Languages.

17. Islam.
18. Jesus the Christ.
19. Arabic and Hebrew Languages Compared.

20. Existence of God.
21. El-Quran, the Holy Book.
22. Unity of God.
23. No Religious Wars.
24. Continuance of Revelation.
25. Live and Let Live.
26. Serve God and Humanity.
27. Keep Your Faith Above the World.

28. Be Broad-Minded.
29. Practical and Practicable Religion.
30. Jesus Christ's Tomb in India.
31. Cross or Christ.
32. No Exclusive Son of God.
33. Jesus Did Not Die the Accursed Death on Cross.
34. How Are Prayers Accepted.

Madam Rahatullah (Mrs. Garber) in addition to helping me in the Mission work, delivered some Lectures in our Meetings on Islam and Ahmadia Movement. The Subjects of some of her Lectures were as follows:

1. She Who is Tried.
2. The Power of Truth.
3. The Strong Will Conquer.
4. Smoke.

Heavy Correspondence

During past 15 months the number of mails Received is about 4,000 and Despatched about 15,000. Thanks are due to Brothers James Sodick, Yusuf Khan, Shaikh Abdullah J. L. Mott and Sister Rahatullah, who have been helping me in the correspondence work.

Islam Defended

I have been sending communications to the Daily Papers of America in reply to the articles that appeared therein from time to time. Such communications, about 30 in number, appeared in Philadelphia Journal, New York Sun, Sioux City Journal, Sioux Falls Tribune, New York Tribune, Daily News (Chicago), Highland Park Times, El-Bayan, Mirror, and some other papers. Two of those articles are given below for example.

(A) The Sun and N. Y. Herald, dated April 9th, 1921:

ISLAM DEFENDED.

A Denial That It Teaches Its Adherents to Hate and to Kill.

To the Sun and New York Herald: Mr. Hormizd's criticism on Islam and its sacred book, the Koran, is not at all based on facts. The Koran never teaches "to hate and kill unbelievers," as claimed by Mr. Hormizd. Moreover, it says that "there is no forcing in the matter of religion."

The wars waged by the Master-Prophet Mohammad^P and his successors were all defensive and the Moslems were allowed to fight with and kill only those unbelievers who came down upon them with sword. It was quite right, just as the American soldiers crossed the Atlantic to fight and kill the soldiers of the Central Powers, even though they were their Christian brethren.

The Moslems have ruled over Christians and Jews for centuries with great tolerance. No doubt there have been fanatics in Islam; but in what nation and religion are they not? The wholesale massacre of the Jews in Russia, Poland and Austria even in these days is more worthy the attention of the champions of civilization in America than

the exaggerated and misrepresented stories of the massacres in the East. Will Mr. Hormizd ascribe these massacres to Christianity, gospels and the Christian Powers? Treat others as you like to be treated.

If Turks joined the war, they were not waging any holy war. Right or wrong, theirs was only a political cause.

"Even the defensive religious wars are no more allowed in Islam," proclaims the latest prophet of Islam, Ahmad of India, "as no one now interferes with the religious beliefs of the Moslems." Naturally all the Moslem world is in sympathy with the Turks, not because the Turks were engaged in holy war but because they relied on the sincerity of the fourteen terms of peace put forward by the chief of America and the promises made by the British Premier.

Mufti Muhammad Sadiq.
New York, May 8.

(B) Highland Park Times, dated Feb. 25th, 1921:

WARM CONTROVERSY ON MOHAMMEDANISM

Mohammedan Leader Replies to
Article of Rev. Martin in Last
Week's Times.

There is a Persian proverb, "With the rose there is a thorn too." Right in Highland Park City just when the mayor, police chief, bankers and educational heads are holding banquets together with the noted Syrians of the place and making speeches to secure the bonds of friendship—yes, right here—appears on the scene that old spirit of hatred and separation on the same page with the report of feelings of Syrian good citizenship in Highland Park Times and starts abusing not only present Moslems but travels back 1300 years to abuse their very prophet—the best beloved one of

their hearts. Love not only your friends, but even your enemies, teaches the Christian Church; but after preaching, reading and singing these lines under the church canopy here comes out the man and uses an offensive language not for his enemies but for his friends. What a contrast in one's words and actions! Every Mohammedan respects Jesus as his teacher and prophet, and uses the word "Blessed" with His name. And in response he gets from some Christians the worst abuses for his teacher and still he holds his tongue from saying a word against the head of the church of his opponent. Now who is the real suffering Christian in this case following Christ in spirit—the Moslem, I believe. Nothing can enrage a man more than hearing his prophet being abused—the prophet whom he loves more than his parents. 7

The history of the discussions between the Christian missionaries and the Indian Moslems shows that being tired of hearing bad language about their beloved one from the Christians they at last took refuge in returning the same words to Jesus with a pretense that they did not know who Jesus was, as the name for the Christ in their books is Eesa and not Jesus. Thus the Christian missionaries in India have been responsible among other things for perverting the language of the people about Christ. There can be no better proof of the truth of Moslem religion than that there never were seen any saloons, gambling houses of any sort, licensed houses of ill-fame, usury institutions and so forth in Moslem countries till these things were introduced under the influence of European civilizers. All the present western learnings can be traced back to the days when the European students used to go to Moorish universities in Spain and Morocco to get education in science and philosophy. The Moslems have always led a peaceful, pious and clean life.

If the Detroit churches are not open for me to preach in I do not care a bit. No Moslem here cares to see me preach in the churches. Moreover the churches are not suitably furnished for our services. My challenge was to the broad-mindedness of the Christian pastors in comparison with that shown by our holy Prophet. I was sure that the Christian "Love your enemies" was only to preach and not to practice. But I wanted to get it out of their mouths and I have got it. Now don't worry please. I do not want any of your churches. I have never heard of any Shaikh Abdul Haq writing so bitterly against Christians. It may be a fictitious propaganda against Islam like many of the Armenian stories. And many such things are being said just to embitter the feelings against the Moslems. But if it is right, then the said Shaikh might have met some Christians of the type of our writer abusing his Prophet and all Moslems which might have turned the Shaikh mad to return such words.

Issues Challenge

Well my dear Christian writer if you have any genuine proof with you of what you say against Islam and Moslems better come forward in an open meeting to hold a debate with me with an equal time for both of us and I will prove by facts from history that the Moslem lands compared with the so-called Christian countries have always lived a better moral, sober, intellectual and social life and that our Prophet is the most Perfect Model Exemplar and Ideal in all the phases of life. Here is your chance and you must not lose it.

Whether you accept my challenge or not I assure you of one thing—even among your Christians in America the number of those who do no more believe in the divinity of Jesus and his ascension to Heaven is more than those of strictly orthodox and is always increasing and thus the people are coming

nearer to Islam. The day is not far that the clouds of the misunderstandings against Islam will disperse and the country will see many Mosques and Minaretttes with the people worshipping one God and living their religion instead of only preaching it.

Mufti Mohammad Sadiq,
624 Stimson Place, Detroit.

Arabian Hospitality

Arabians have a world-wide reputation for hospitality. Those living in the villages and the deserts make big bonfires at night to guide a stranger to their houses to rest, for protection, lodging and board, all free. Thanks Allah I have met examples of this hospitality right here in America in the venerable personalities of Mr. and Mrs. Restum, Mr. Shamce of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Karroub, Mr. S. A. Zehra of Highland Park, Mr. and Mrs. F. Aldeen of Dowagiac, Mr. and Mrs. Neffeu of Michigan City, Mr and Mrs. M. Hassen and Mr. Allaway of Sioux Falls, Mr. Ghulam Ahmad Ahmadi and Mr. L. Roman Ahmadi of Chicago. Jaza ho mulla hól khair fid dunia wal akhirah.

Thanks are due to Mr. Alley Riza for arranging my lectures in Detroit and Mr. Sam Haage for accompanying me to Iowa and South Dakota State.

Thanks

I must acknowledge my thanks to the following Clergymen and Secretaries or Managers of various Churches and Halls who invited me to speak in their Churches, etc., on various days: Mr. Robert Downie of Unitarian Church, Detroit; Miss Melhado and Mrs. Ada MacDougall of practical psychology, Rev. Craigg of Church of Christ, Dowagiac; Elder of Church of Christ, Detroit; Mr. H. Wilcox, founder of the Church of Love Mission, Chicago, etc.

Thanks are also due to the Ahmadi brethren in India who, with their kind, sympathetic and nice frequent letters containing their sincere heartfelt prayers and good wishes for me kept me cheerful and hopeful. Their number is great, but just for example I give a few names: Qazi Muhammad Zahur-ud-Din Akmal, Babu Akbar Ali, Seth Abdulla Allah Din, Hajee Muhammad Omar Din, Maulvi Muhammad Ihsanal-Haq, our elaborate writer, Mirza Kabirud Din Ahmad, Maulana Maulvi, Muhammad Abdul Wahid, Dr. Syed Abdus Sattar Shah, Syed Muhammad Mohsin, Syed Abid Hossain, Qazi Muhammad Yusuf, Shaikh Muhammad Amin (bar-at-law), Seth Muhammad Ghaus, Chaudhari Sadar Ali, Hajee Musa Khan, Professor Abdur Rahim Nayyar, Bro. F. M. Sayal, Hafiz Sufi Ghulam Muhammad, Maulvi Muhammad Osman.

Central America.

Mr. S. M. Eusoof ben H. G. Akbar of Spanish Honduras, who was in correspondence with me for some time, has joined the Ahmadi movement. Some literature has been sent to this brother for distribution in Central America.

Had Seen Me Two Years Ago

I met a lady in Chicago named Mrs. Tatum, who told me that she had seen me more than two years ago in her dream just wearing the same turban and Indian dress. In one of her letters she writes: "I have enjoyed reading your wonderful pamphlets—in that dream I had seen you with your arms folded, smiling, but sincere. I believe God sent you here."

Marriage in the West

Mrs. Hartley in her book "Women's Wild Oats," says that marriage is no longer a religion with us, it is a sport.

Missionary Epistles

Royalties and Rulers

Letters of congratulations with the Messages of Islam were written to Dr. Sun of China and Dr. Alfred Zayas of Cuba, respectively, for their being elected as presidents of their Republic, and H. H. the Sultan of Egypt.

King Alfonso and Queen Victoria of Spain were congratulated on behalf of the Ahmadi Community in America for the lucky escape from injuries when their automobile overturned.

In reply to my letter and literature sent to H. M. the Sultan Sheereef Hussain of Hedjaz (Arabia), the following has been received:

El Dewan-el Hashimee,
Casr Gaza Mecca,
24-III-1921.

Sir:

His Majesty wishes me to inform you that he has been very pleased to receive your letter and greetings and thinks that the Sacred Mission you are so courageously serving would certainly receive the retributions it merits from Heaven.

(Sd.) Mezher-Nedim,
Private Secretary of His Majesty.

To: Prof. Mufti Muhammad Sadiq,
Muslim Missionary,
Chicago, U. S. A.

Empress Mary

The following letter was received from Her Imperial Majesty Queen, Empress Mary of England, in reply to my correspondence:

India Office,
Whitehall,
London, S. W. I.,
5th August, 1920.

P. 5673.

Sir:

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to inform you that your letter of 7th July to the Queen has been laid before Her

Majesty, who has graciously expressed her thanks for the congratulations of the Ahmadia Community in America on the escape of His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, from injury in a railway accident.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,
(Sd.) L. D. Dunlop.

To: Mufti Muhammad Sadiq,
1897 Madison Ave.,
New York City, U. S. A.

A letter of sympathy on behalf of Ahmadia Brotherhood was written to Mr. Deschanel, ex-president of France, on the occasion of his railway accident in acknowledgement of which he sent me his autographed thanks on his personal card and his ambassador in Washington sent a letter of thanks.

Letter from the King of Belgium:
No. 4824.

Palais de Brusefles,
le 29 decembre, 1920.

Le cabinet du Roi a ete charge d'avoir l'honneur d'exprimer a Monsieur Muhammad Sadiq les vifs remerciements du Roi pour les bons voeux qu'il Lui a adresse's a l'occasion du renouvellement de l'annee.

Translation:

The Cabinet of the King has been requested to have the honor to express to Mr. Muhammad Sadiq the best thanks of the King for the good wishes which he sent him for the New Year.

Cablegram from the President of Brazil:

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Rio De Janiro—an 17-21

Mahmm Sadiq,

4334 Ellis Ave., Chicago:

Agradeço retirbito votos boas festas felicidade ano novo.

Epitacio Pessoa.

Card from the President of Panama:

To: M. Muhammad Sadiq.

El Presidente de la Republica,
y la senora de Porras.

Le desean unas felices pascuas y un prospero ano nuevo.

Panama, Diciembre de 1920.

Sacred messages were also epistled to Prince Casimir Lubomirski of Poland and Prince Michael of Saxony and the commander-in-chief of the British armies.

Celebrities

Letters and Literature were sent to many famous persons in and out of United States taking advantage of events and occurrences about them—including Thomas A. Edison, the famous Inventor; Rev. Russel H. Beady who is considered to be the most popular Minister.

A letter of appreciation with Moslem Literature was sent to Attorney Silas B. Axtell for representing some poor Indian Sailors in the Court on Charity basis.

Message to President—Nominates

During the election days following letter with some pamphlets was sent to all those who were nominated by their admirers to be elected as President. Their number was more than one hundred:—Sir,

I congratulate you for your being nominated and voted for the candidacy of Presidency in this country. All the candidates cannot secure the post, but it is plain that even being nominated by a number of people is an honour in itself and shows your popularity and ability of administration. To elect a ruler with so great powers as the United States' President has, shows the great confidence in the abilities and the ruling capacities of the Nation, and if a nation has no such men in it then it is not worthy of its name. It is quite natural for humanity to have a head, a chief, a supreme ruler over it. The best of such chiefs have

been those appointed by the very Creator of the Universe. Such were the Prophets, the Holy Messengers and Avatars as named in East India.

Thanks to God this age also seen one great Prophet and Messenger of God, "Ahmad," the Righteous of the East, some particulars of whose Mission are given in the Literature enclosed for your perusal. Next to the Prophet come the Successors of the Prophets who thought apparently elected by the majority of the believers are supported and helped by the Almighty in such a way that no one can doubt their authority. Such is the present Leader of the Ahmadia Movement "His Hazrat Mahmud."

Wishing you good luck, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Mufti Muhammad Sadiq.

New Year's Card

To keep a New Year's day is no Moslem ceremony, but just to respect the feelings of the people in which we have to work, I wrote New Year's Greetings which were turned into verse by the learned Madam Rahatullah (Mrs. Garber), and printed in green colour, it was sent along with some literature on Islam to all the Kings and Presidents in the World, the officials and noted men and women in United States, specially in Chicago. Following is a copy of that Message:

I wish you all happiness in the New Year;
And may you attain all the Blessings,
my dear,
Which Allah the Gracious has ordained to send
Through Ahmad, the Guide, the Prophet,
the Friend
And his Master and Teacher Muhammad,
the Elect
Who was the Prophet, the most perfect.

Miss Wolff of Montmorency, France, whose prophecy that Jesus Christ will be re-born in the present year has suddenly aroused the greatest interest among religious workers all over France, has been informed by me that the Promised One has already appeared in India.

Some Appreciations

(a) Mme. L. M. Barbour, Lecturer of New York City, writes from Switzerland, "I love your beautiful religion, I hope to find teachers in India. I will never find another like you."

(b) Mrs. Billings (California)—"I have read those booklets on Islam—it is a very good teaching and would tend to make people better."

(c) Mrs. Beasley (Detroit)—"You are doing a wonderful work and many in Detroit are waiting to get your Message. The Future for you looms bright in my somewhat limited vision."

(d) Mr. R. Sheibe—(London)—"Your religion *must appeal*, especially when one sees the miserable failure of others."

(e) Mrs. Maudling—"Perhaps they (the Americans) overlooked, or they do not realize, that they are entertaining angels unaware."

(f) Mrs. Probsthaine—"If the authorities (in America) only had known what an acquisition you are to any country they would have welcomed you as a citizen to practice your deeds of mercy and charity."

(g) Attorney Wilcox, founder of the Mission of Love church writes:

Dr. M. Sadiq,

Chicago.

Feb. 7th, 1921.

My Dear Brother Sadiq:

I cannot tell you how delighted I have been and how pleased the Mission of Love Church has been with the lectures that you have delivered with me Sunday mornings. Your presence and work has given a great stimulus to this movement for world-wide human brotherhood, and I do not know where we could have obtained such assistance had you not so kindly, freely and cheerfully rendered it.

We will always be pleased to have you with us when ever you feel inclined.

Very sincerely yours,

(Sd.) Henry S. Wilcox.

(h) From: Miss Mary Amelia Hunt, Aurora Poet Laureate and author of "The Universal Bible," "Scientific Life," etc.

To:

The Editor Review of Religions,
Qadain, India.

Dear Sir:

Having attended some of the lectures delivered in Chicago by the learned and eloquent speaker Dr. Mufti Muhammad Sadiq, on the Religion of Islam, the Great Prophet Mohammad^P, and the famous Champion of Mohammadanism, the Prophet Ahmad of Blessed Memory; I feel it my duty to send my thanks to the Indian Moslems for sending so brilliant and able Missionary to our land. Dr. Sadiq explains the faith of Islam in such a reasonable way, and in so lucid and forceful language, that an intellectual person feels well satisfied and quite enjoys his talk. In writing this I am expressing the feelings of gratitude from the American literary public who has had the opportunity of hearing the Doctor. In his several speeches I did not hear a single word with which I could not fully agree.

Some of the Titles of his popular Lectures and Sermons are: "Unity of Allah"; "Universal Spirit of Islam"; "Mohammad, the Master Prophet"; "Zoroaster of Persia"; "Confucius of China"; "Krishna of India"; "Ahmad the Prophet of the Day"; "Quran the Complete and Final Law"; "No Religious Wars"; "Continuance of Revelation"; "Live and let Live"; "Serve God and Humanity"; "Keep your faith above the world"; "Be Broad-Minded"; "Practical and Practicable Religion"; "Jesus Christ's tomb in India"; "No exclusive son of God."

Hoping that you will kindly publish this letter in your valuable Journal—I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Sd.) Miss Mary Amelia Hunt,
Kimbark Ave., Chicago,

March 1, 1921.

(i) Mrs. Zeineb Eldeen, Dowagiac — "Your letters are always very welcome, as from them your own excellent personality emanates: You are on a Glorious Mission and Allah will not let you fail.

Ahmadia Moslem Mission News Abroad

OUR Missionaries in London are making good progress in securing new converts and spreading the Truth by Lectures in their Mosque, city branch and parks. Professor Nayyer in Western Africa has gained 4,000 new souls for the Blessed Order. Hafiz Ghulam Muhammad has created a strong, well-informed force of Ahmadees in Mauritius. Our Australian Missionary, Hassan Musa Khan, has sent a Message to the noted persons on the Continent. New Missionaries are being sent from Headquarters to China, Japan, Greece, Turkey and Arabia. The number of those belonging to the Ahmadia Movement guided by their Head at Qadain is now about 700,000 all over the world.

According to the latest news our dear brother, noble Mr. F. M. Sayal, after two years of illustrious work in England is called back to India and was to sail from England on June 11, 1921. Mr. Sayal gained a good number of able and learned persons to our faith, but the building of an Ahmadi Moslem Mosque is the specially grand work of his second visit to the British Isles. He was the founder of the Ahmadia Moslem Mission in England during the days of his first visit to that land. May Allah protect him and keep him safe and successful wherever he goes.

Advertisements in Papers

In addition to the articles and reports paid advertisements of Ahmadia Movement, Bureau of Moslem Information, weekly Lectures and school of Oriental Languages were inserted from time to time in several dailies, weeklies, monthlies and annual publications.

Virgin Birth

ALMOST all the Laws of Nature have their exceptions and special phenomena. There are rules within rules and no one can claim to know all of them. There was a time in the history of the planet, when there was no form of manifestation of life on earth. Whence came the first forms of life! From the word of God, who has all power to generate. There are two laws of Creation at least. The male and female principle and law of Partenogenesis or production by a virgin. In zoology a partenogenetic female produces its kind for one or more generations without ordinary sexual intercourse. And such in some women. There have been many born of virgin recorded in the sacred histories of different religions.

This system prevails not only in men and animals, but even in the vegetable kingdom. Among birds, hens are seen laying out eggs without having been with a rooster.

A man is not good or bad holy or profane on account of the way he is born. Man is responsible for his actions and not for the things out of his control. We are not sinners because we are born of sinful parents. Every child is born sinless and a natural birth. Even illegitimate children are as good as others, as the sin lies with the parents and not with the child. It is not the conception or birth that makes one Divine or Devilish. All the men including Prophets Jesus and Muhammad gradually awakened to their consciousness, in whatever way their birth was.

Prophets are of two kinds. (1) Those who bring a code of life like Moses and Muhammad^P. (2) Those who do not bring a new Law but follow, support and fulfil the previous one—such were Jesus and Ahmad. As regards the prophethood they are all raised by God, so we do not make any difference in them. All must be believed and respected. But as regards their works, Muhammad^P having been the Perfect Exemplar in all phases of life in poverty and richness, as a

subject and as a ruler, as a priest and as a statesman, as a son and as a father, as a bachelor and as a husband, as a business man and as a Commander of forces, therefore he is the greatest of all (Allah's blessings be upon him and all the Prophets).

NEWS AND NOTES

Lock Up Churches

AS reported in the New York World of Feb. 28, 1921, two clergymen, Alfred W. Martin and L. J. Kopaid, pleaded from their pulpits for the locking up of churches. "All the people of the earth have sought to find God, but the way of each and every one has failed. The way of the Jews has failed. The way of the Christian has failed. The way of the Catholic has failed. The way of the Protestant has failed. They have failed, and failed ignobly."

Certainly they have failed. The future hope of the world now lies in the spiritual powers granted by Allah to the New Dispensation of Islam in the Ahmadia Universal Brotherhood.

Help! Help!!

Religious propaganda against Islam and Muslim nations in this country require a strong defence by publishing and free distribution of Islamic pamphlets and leaflets in millions all over the country. I cannot do all I want to do and I ought to do for want of funds. May Allah inspire some good hearts to help me. —(Ed.)

A LIBERAL SOUL

All the Moslems generally and Mr. Muhammad Karroub specially very highly appreciate the help rendered by Mr. Theodore H. Degenhardt the Contractor and Builder, of 13738 Woodward Avenue, Highland Park in the building work of the Mosque. Mr. Degenhardt has taken great interest in and worked very hard for the Mosque

without taking any remunerations for the work done by him, as he considered it his sacred duty to assist in the building of the sacred temple of Islam. We thank him and hope and pray that God the Almighty will grant him reward for this.

From Detroit Daily News, June 5, 1921.

Moslems Celebrate Feast of Id-ul-Fitr.

MOSLEMS of Detroit will observe Tuesday as the first day of Id-ul-Fitr, which continues three days, and is one of the most solemn festivals of Mohammedanism. A parade at 1 p. m. from 74 Victor avenue, to the Moslem mosque at 242 Victor avenue led by Mufti Muhammad Sadiq, Moslem sheik, will be part of the picturesque ceremonies at the festival opening. The line of march will be on Victor and Woodward avenues and John R street, in the vicinity of the newly dedicated mosque, constructed by Mohammad Karoub, wealthy Highland Park real estate man.

Id-ul-Fitr is a period of rejoicing among Moslems, when all Moslems are bidden to assemble for prayer and listen to the teachings from the Koran. The prayer ritual is short, chiefly consisting of silent prayers led by the imam, or prayer leader. A sermon by Mufti Sadiq follows the prayer. A quaint custom of hand clasping is observed during the dispersal of the congregation. The remainder of the opening festival day is spent in feasting and merry-making.

At 5 a. m. Tuesday services will be held in the completed part of the new mosque. A feast will follow the services. The feast is to be provided by Mr. Karoub, the builder of the mosque.

The festival is sometimes called Id-i-Ramzan, the fasting festival, or Id-Saghir, the lesser festival. The

Moslem devout contribute money for charitable work on the festival day.

Mufti Muhammad came to Detroit several months ago to organize in the local Moslem community a congregation of the Ahmadia movement, which has as its leader the Prophet Ahmad of Qadian, hailed as the promised messiah, maliki and holy reformer. The present head of the movement is Hazrat Mahmud. The Mufti comes from India as a missionary.

From Detroit Free Press of June 8, 1921.

Mohammedanism had its day in Highland Park Tuesday. From early in the morning, when several hundred of the faithful knelt in prayer.

The parade was the outstanding feature. The half-hour of prayer was conducted by Dr. Mufti Mohammed Sadiq, and this was followed by a sermon by Hussien Karoub.

Prohibition

Resolutions favoring prohibition were rejected by the Anglican-Christian Synod in Australia. During the debate Rev. Walker said: "Prohibition is anti-christian and the idea of American cranks." We sympathize with Rev. Walker as with the gospels in his hands containing the Miracle of Jesus turning water into wine to make the people enjoy drinking he could not vote for prohibition. Prohibition really originates with Islam whose book contains an *express* commandment against drinking.

A Secret of Long Life

Charles Bendel of Grand Rapids, 103 years old doesn't feel more aged than he did 40 years ago. "Rough living," says he, "Rough living. That's the thing that makes a man strong and healthy. That is what has made me live so long."

DEATH-LIKE FAINTING

Corpse for 14 Hours, Pastor Comes to Life

Death Certificate Issued and Burial Plans Made When Swiss Revives

Geneva, March 20.—A case of a man's heart ceasing to beat for 14 hours and then resuming work is reported from Berne, where a pastor of that city, Rev. Mr. Baudenbacher, after being officially declared dead, suddenly awoke.

Rev. Baudenbacher, aged 50, and suffering from heart trouble of long standing, fell senseless Friday. His physician issued a death certificate, arrangements were made for the funeral and Saturday's newspapers published eulogies of him. The pastor awoke after 14 hours, surprised to find his bedroom filled with flowers, wreaths, disconsolate relations and friends. He said weakly: "My call has not yet come."

The funeral has been postponed indefinitely, as the doctor said the clergyman might live many years.—(Detroit Free Press, March 21, 1921).

Many occurrences like this, read every now and then in the papers, solve well the problem of Jesus' revivification after the apparent death on the cross.—(Ed.)

Contrast of Ideas

The majority of people in South India walk barefooted and they never wear any sort of socks or stockings. Having noticed the schoolboys starting to cover their feet under the European influence, they have started a regular movement whose members vow that they will ever walk barefooted, as only in this way, they think, their bodies can constantly remain in touch with electric powers from the mother earth. I noticed a judge of high court in Madras, an Indian knight of the Order of the Star of India, walking up barefooted from his automobile to

the platform of a national assembly where he presided over the meeting. He was highly educated in the western lore and was a great authority in the civil law of the day, but nothing could make him cover his feet.

Here in America I occasionally come across a paragraph in the daily papers that a man was fined \$12.00 (Rs. 50) because he was found barefooted sitting on the grass. His feet did hurt and to get a relief from the pain he had just taken off his boots and socks. But this was considered by the police and the judge as disorderly conduct. I know one boy was sent to prison for uncovering his feet in the park at midnight, although there were no other visitors at that time. What a contrast of ideas. In India a decent girl must keep her face veiled against the strangers, but here it is the fashion of the day for the girls to expose even their neck and upper part of chest as well.

Divorce

The chamber of deputies in Peru approved a law which would legalize divorces in that country. The church authorities are bitterly opposing the bill. But the senate may make divorce lawful despite church. Divorce laws in the Christian religion are not so practicable as they are in Islam. The western world is, in many practical things, leaving Christianity behind and advancing towards Islam. Nineteen hundred divorces were granted in Chicago in two months, January and February.

Mad World

Rev. Hirshberg said in his last New Year Sermon "It is more difficult to be decent, honest and virtuous in Chicago and New York than in any of the small towns. The people of the cities are living in an age of luxury and extravagance. The world has seemingly gone mad. In our own best society vice is ignored to such an extent that it seems to have been stamped with approval. The modern system of education is a dire and dismal failure."

SOME OF MY FIRST IMPRESSIONS

AMERICA is a mixture of nationalities, languages, races and colors. You will find here the best of them as well as the worst. It is a land of freedom, but freedom is being misused in some cases. Over in England I was used to seeing all the traffic go to the left; here, on landing, I noticed everywhere written "Keep to the Right." Sounds nice and right, and one begins to feel that this is the right land to live in. The Americans are taller and stouter than the English but not so quick. They do all their business on their extremely excellent telephone system, but are slow in writing work. Some parts of the states are much colder than England, but the Americans seem to know beforehand (while English do not) that they have to encounter the cold weather and therefore they provide for it in time. The houses are built to be well-heated with the heating provisions in the basement and very few are seen catching cold, while in England everybody seems to be sneezing and wiping his nose in winter. The wood framework houses are exquisite and electric light enhances their colored beauty. While in England they generally shave their beard but keep their moustache, here all around the clean shave is the fashion of the day. Very few keep moustaches and very seldom a foreigner—Jew—is seen with long beard. My dear and respected friend, Mr. Karroub's younger daughter, Fatimi, once softly touching my beard with her little hands, said: "What a long moustache you have got, my Shaikh." Her knowledge of the English language is well-developed, but still she knows no such word as beard. The Americans, approached rightly and talked to reasonably, are ready to accept the truth.

There is no cockney drawling of vowel sounds in the American tongue, but their idioms are peculiar in some cases, for example:

In England—
Reel of thread
Chest of drawers
Lift
Commercial traveler
Small wares
Season ticket
Autumn

In America—
Spool of cotton
Bureau
Elevator
Drummer
Notions
Commutation ticket
Fall

In England—
Cock
Girl is shy
Don't mention
Certainly
Boot polish
Half-boiled egg

In America—
Rooster
Girl is bashful
You are welcome
Sure
Shoe shine
Soft egg

A Cry for the Holy Quran

A bookseller writes from England: "We have been asked several times for Part 2d of the Holy Quran, but we cannot give any satisfactory answer. It would be a great pity if this fine publication were to be stopped."

This is one example of the cries for need of such an elaborate, complete edition of the Holy Quran as our Part the First is. May Allah help us in bringing that grand work to completion soon.

Assalam-o-Alaikum—

Peace be with you and the mercy of Allah and His blessings.

In almost all the letters that I get from brothers and sisters in India and other countries I read a request of giving their respects, greetings and salutations to the Moslem brothers and sisters in America, and vice versa, so through this paper today I pass on the salaams on both sides with my love and earnest prayers for the welfare and happiness of one and all.