

CONFIDENTIAL.

**RESOLUTIONS
OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE
ON MISSIONS TO MOSLEMS HELD AT LUCKNOW IN 1911.**

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NEXT MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE.

I. That the next meeting of this Conference be held in 1916 in Cairo, unless for political or other reasons it is deemed unadvisable to hold it there, in which case it meet in London.

APPOINTMENT OF CONTINUATION COMMITTEE.

II. (a) That a Continuation Committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to take steps with a view to giving effect to the Resolutions of this Conference ;

(b) That the Committee consist of the following members :—

CONTINUATION COMMITTEE.

- Rev. J. Adriani of Posso Celebes.
- Rev. Ahmad Shah, Hamirpur, U. P. India.
- Rev. W. H. T. Gairdner, Cairo, Egypt.
- Rev. A. Goldsack, Pubna, E. Bengal.
- Miss G. Y. Holliday, Tabriz, Persia.
- The Rt. Rev. Dr. Lefroy, Bishop of Lahore.
- Michael Effendi Mansoor, Am. Mission, Cairo, Egypt.
- Prof. R. S. McClenahan, Assiut, Egypt.
- Dr. Julius Richter, Belzig, Germany.
- Miss A. de Selincourt, Z. B. M., Allahabad.
- Rev. J. S. Timpany, M. D., Hanomconda Deccan India.
- Rev. S. V. R. Trowbridge, Aintab, Turkey.
- Miss Annie Van Sommer Cuffnells, Weybridge England.
- Bishop F. W. Warne, D. D., Lucknow India.
- Rev. Canon H. U. Weitbrecht, D. D., Simla India.
- Rev. E. M. Wherry, D. D., Ludhiana, Punjab.
- Rev. S. M. Zwemer, D. D., Bahrein, Persian Gulf.

(c) That the following members of the Continuation Committee, Rev. W. H. T. Gairdner, the Bishop of Lahore, Prof. R. S. McClenahan, Rev. E. M. Wherry, D. D., Rev. S. M. Zwemer, D. D., (Convener), constitute an Executive Committee, so far as regards all matters included in the Resolutions, with the exception of the convening of the next Conference ;

(d) That for the latter purpose the whole Committee shall take counsel early in 1914 and, having decided on the best place for the holding of the Conference, shall appoint, not necessarily from among their own members, a small local Committee especially to deal with the matter and to make all necessary arrangements for the meeting ;

(e) That the Continuation Committee have power to fill vacancies

both in its own body and on the Executive Committee, and, if it deem desirable, to add to its numbers.

CALL TO PRAYER.

III. That the Conference, holding that Prayer is the primary means for the advance of the Kingdom of God throughout the world, and being convinced that the present apparent inability of the Christian Church to deal effectively with the great problem of the evangelization of Muhammadans is due above all else to the weakness of the prayer-life, alike in the home Churches and in the branches of the Church, which are springing up in foreign lands, calls urgently upon Christendom to have far larger recourse to the great weapon which has been put into her hands by our High Priest, and to endeavour largely to increase the number and the devotion of those Remembrancers of the Lord, who will give him no rest and take no rest till He establish and till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth. At the present time the great moral and spiritual needs of the Muhammadan world and the advance of Islam among pagan races, constitute an appeal to the Christian Church to pray—with an urgency which cannot be exaggerated, asking most earnestly that the spirit of grace and supplication in immensely increased measure may be granted to her.

The Conference welcomes the cycles of prayer for various Moslem lands, forwarded by Miss Van Sommer, and cordially commends these booklets to be used by friends of the work in those several regions.

URGENCY OF THE MOHAMMEDAN PROBLEM.

IV. That this Conference, in view of the steady advance of Islam, not only among various animistic tribes and other peoples, but also to some extent among historic Christian Churches and recently Christianized pagans, expresses the conviction that it is absolutely necessary that Christendom at large, and more especially the missionary boards and committees of the churches, which we represent, should forthwith take practical measures for a more comprehensive and systematic prosecution of the work among Moslems.

AFRICA THE STRATEGIC CENTRE AT THE PRESENT TIME.

V. That this Conference is entirely in accord with the finding of the World Missionary Conference of 1910, namely, that without minimising the importance of advance elsewhere, the Continent of Africa is the region upon which our present efforts must be chiefly concentrated to meet the advance of Islam. To effect this purpose, we are strongly of opinion (1) that concerted action among missionary boards and organizations is necessary, in order thoroughly to co-ordinate the forces now at work in Africa and to regulate their distribution in such a manner as to provide a strong chain of mission stations across Africa, the strongest link of which shall be at those points where Moslem advance is most active; (2) that a higher degree of specialization, alike in the training of missionaries intended for this work and in setting men apart expressly to undertake it, be kept steadily in view; (3) that prompt measures should be adopted to greatly strengthen existing missionary forces in that critical field.

A TRAINING COLLEGE.

VI. That this Conference strongly recommends the establishment of a well-equipped college for missionaries to Moslems at Cairo, on a co-operative or interdenominational basis. The Conference emphasizes the conviction that those whom it is proposed to send or set apart as missionaries to Moslems

should be carefully selected with special reference to spiritual temperament and qualifications of mind and heart, and, as a general rule, should receive special training in the Arabic language, and also in the history, literature and doctrinal development of Islam.

THE NEEDS OF ANIMISTIC TRIBES AND DEPRESSED CLASSES.

VII. That this Conference is persuaded that, in order to stem the tide of Moslem advance, it is important to strengthen the work among animistic tribes, pagan communities and depressed classes affected by this advance ; for we are clearly of opinion that adoption of the faith of Islam by the pagan people is in no sense whatever a stepping stone towards, or a preparation for Christianity, but exactly the reverse.

LITERATURE.

VIII. That Conference strongly emphasizes the urgent necessity which exists (1) for the production of literature specially prepared for Moslems by experienced men set apart exclusively and properly trained for this work ; (2) adequate facilities and effective methods for the distribution of literature thus produced ; and (3) the careful selection of a limited number of influential Moslem centres as bases of production, supply and distribution, and the development of those which already exist. In this most important department of work among Moslems, the widest possible co-operation on the part of missionary boards and societies is indispensable to secure the best results.

THE ANCIENT CHURCHES OF AFRICA.

IX. That, in the judgement of this Conference, practical sympathy extended by the churches we represent to the Coptic and other ancient churches upon which the Moslem advance presses hard, is of special value at this time, By such expression of sympathy it is possible, we believe, not only to strengthen the faith of those churches and inspire them with fresh courage, but also to stimulate missionary zeal among their adherents.

THE POSITION IN AFRICA AND MALAYSIA.

X. That we hereby request the Continuation Committee appointed by the Conference to secure the completest possible investigation of the conditions of the Moslem advance in Africa and Malaysia between now and the next Conference to be held in 1916, so that the most accurate and authoritative facts may be at the disposal of that body.

WORK AMONG WOMEN.

XI. That the aid of Christian women is urgently needed for the evangelization and uplifting of Mohammedan women who, with their little children, constitute the larger part of the Moslem world. The Conference accordingly recommends (1) that those Missionary Boards, which send forth both men and women should endeavour to secure, wherever possible, that both sexes are reached in every mission station through the fullest co-operation between the workers ; (2) that distinctively Women's Societies, while not relaxing their efforts to reach their sisters elsewhere, should seriously consider the extension of their work in Africa, effective co-operation between the various departments of missionary activity being maintained ; (3) that in view of the special requirements of Mission fields, existing training colleges for women missionaries should lay stress upon such special lines of study and preparation as have been indicated in the other findings of this conference.

APPEAL TO THE CHURCHES AT WORK IN INDIA.

XII. That this Conference, recognising the urgency of the call to the Christian Church at the present time to make largely increased efforts to stem the advance of Islam in Africa, and remembering the share taken by emigrants and labourers from India in the recent development of parts of that continent, desires to commend to the careful attention of Missions working throughout India the consideration of the possibility of sending some Christian workers from their land to the help of the Church in Africa.

It would more particularly commend this matter to the consideration of the National Missionary Society and other similar indigenous bodies in India, feeling sure that, if they could make some contribution to this great work, they would deepen the spirit of Missionary zeal in their members and bring God's rich blessing upon it.

RELATION OF MISSIONS TO GOVERNMENTS.

XIII. That whereas considerable evidence has come before the Conference of hindrance to the progress of the Gospel and enlargement to the spread of Islam caused by action of some Colonial Governments in Africa, and especially of the British Government, in such matters as ;

- (1) the management of the Gordon College at Khartoum ;
- (2) the marked preference shown for Mohammedans over the pagan inhabitants in appointing to posts of subordinate agency in Nigeria and elsewhere ;

(3) the expenditure of public funds for the erection of mosques in provinces outside the sphere of the Egyptian Government, the Conference desires to express its satisfaction that these questions

(A)—already been brought to the attention of the Edinburgh World Missionary Conference (*vide* Report of Com. No. VII pp 113 and 121), and to emphasize the urgent importance of most full and careful consideration, in the thought of all obtainable information, being given to them by the Continuation Committee of Edinburgh with a view to such action being taken as may be deemed practicable and serviceable so that the attitude of strict neutrality accepted by the Government may be maintained in practice.

(B)—That the conference asks the Continuation Committee of the World Missionary Conference to take into consideration the desirability of approaching the Governments of Great Britain, Germany and the United States of America with a request that they exert all proper influence upon the Government of Turkey to secure the fulfillment of the conditions of equality of treatment and freedom of worship guaranteed by the Turkish constitution at the present time to all classes of the population and in all parts of the Empire.

SUPPLY OF LITERATURE FOR MOSLEMS.

XIV. That the offer by the Methodist Publishing House, Lucknow, to furnish free of all cost at Lucknow, and place at the disposal of the Continuation Committee of this conference, a total of 2,000,000 pages of tracts in Urdu, Persian or Arabic, is hereby very gratefully accepted, and the Continuation Committee is requested to take such steps as it may seem feasible to supply the necessary manuscript at an early date, and subsequently to arrange for such distribution of this literature as will best serve the purpose of work among Moslems.