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NOTES.

Christian activities among Muslims.

Dr. S. M. Zwemer, the well known Christian propagandist of American Mission, lately paid a visit to Java and Sumatra. He has summed up what he saw there in the following lines:—

Last summer the two months that I spent in Java and Sumatra visiting a score of mission stations, holding conference with missionaries and planning for the production of Christian literature were full of inspiration and encouragement. The first meeting I attended was a week-day prayer-meeting at Modjowarno in East Java. In a beautiful chapel built by converts from Islam, I found an audience of nearly two hundred, all of them converted Moslems. There was no missionary present. It was an ordinary weekly prayer-meeting, but I had a visible answer to the old-time objection, "it is no use trying to convert Moslems." The missions in

Java are under the Dutch Church of Holland and in Sumatra are under the Rhonish Mission. The methods used are not different from those followed in other lands. Educational, evangelistic, and medical work all have their place and power. The Dutch missionaries are thorough in the preparation of their workers, in the training of their helpers, and in the preparation for baptism. The Gospel of Christ has shown its power; compromise is not considered possible with Islam. Controversy is avoided wherever possible and converts are protected by isolation or insulation from their old environment. A number of Christian villages have been established with government approval where new converts find refuge and protection. Industrial work is to the front and an asylum for lepers and other unfortunates has deeply impressed the Mohammedans. Out of a population of thirty-five millions in Java, there are nearly thirty thousand Moslem converts. With those in Sumatra and the other Islands won from Islam, we may count over *forty-five thousand*.

This will give our readers an idea how the Christian missionaries are active in their propaganda. We the Muslims too should counteract these efforts and should try to convert Christians into Islam. The value of disseminating Islamic doctrines both among Muslims and Christians cannot be overestimated. The pity, however, is that Muslims are not yet fully alive to the importance of this sacred task.

The Mosque in Berlin.

We have received a cablegram from Maulvi Sadr-ud-Din, the Muslim Missionary in Germany, that a suitable plot has been purchased for the construction of a Mosque in Berlin. It will, no doubt, fulfil the longfelt need of the Muslims residing in the German metropolis. We intend to begin the construction work without delay. The Muslims are, therefore, earnestly requested to lend us a helping hand in the noble and sacred project. All sorts of money may kindly be sent to the Muhasib Ahmadiyya Anjuman-Ishaat-i-Islam Lahore.

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Mystic healing in Islam.

BY KH. KAMAL-UD-DIN

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