

the action of the British government in the matter of the Egyptian boundary dispute, and in the resolution passed, "the Mohammedans of Calcutta express profound regret and dissatisfaction at the unhappy policy which has culminated in strained relations between His Imperial Majesty, the Sultan of Turkey, the spiritual head of millions of Mohammedans, and the British Government."¹

This attitude of Moslems to-day toward Christian governments is sometimes a real danger to their civilizing efforts, but is more often used by Moslems themselves as a scarecrow for political purposes. And then, through fear of Moslem fanaticism, real or invented, the Christian powers of Europe grant Islam favors and prestige in Asia and Africa which strict neutrality in matters of religion would never countenance and which are not shown to the Christian faith.

**In Part a
Political
Scarecrow**

Here are some striking examples of this shortsighted and unchristian policy. In West Africa the British Government has become involved "in backing up Islam politically and inevitably religiously also. Repairing broken-down mosques by order, subscriptions to Mohammedan feasts, forcible circumcision of heathen soldiers on enlistment, are some of the

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¹ Correspondence, *The New York Sun*, June 20, 1906.