

next urges him through the book, making the pupil read at the top of his voice. The greatest strictness is observed as to pronunciation and pauses, but nothing whatever is said to explain the meaning of the words. Having thus finished the Koran, that is, read it through once, the pupil takes up the elements of grammar. Then follow the liberal sciences, logic, arithmetic, some algebra, rhetoric and versification, jurisprudence, scholastic theology, exegesis of the Koran, and the Moslem traditions.

**The Social  
Bankruptcy  
of Islam**

A system forever handicapped in any effort toward social progress by the incubus of such gigantic social evils and general ignorance could not escape social bankruptcy.

**Verdict of  
the Bedouins**

It has often been asserted that Islam is the proper religion for Arabia. The miserable, half-starved, ignorant but canny Bedouins now say: "Mohammed's religion can never have been intended for us; it demands ablution, but we have no water; fasting, but we always fast; almsgiving, but we have no money; pilgrimage, but Allah is everywhere."

**Failure of  
Islam**

Islam has had a fair trial in other than desert lands. For five hundred years it has been supreme in Turkey, the fairest and richest portion of the Old World. And what is the result? The Mohammedan population has decreased; the treasury is bankrupt;