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Editorial Notes.

OUR brethren come and go! Bro. Emin Nabakoff is at present in New York; Bro. Alhadji Elarbi Guessus is in Gibraltar, with his wife and family; and Bro. Ismail Canaan, of Constantinople, arrived here on Monday.

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ON Sunday evening last we were favoured at the Mosque with a lecture from Bro. Hadji Haroun Rashid, his subject being "Islam in Africa." He spoke at considerable length on the progress that Islam was making in Africa, and said that from his own personal observation Africa was rapidly becoming a Moslem country. He happily alluded to the distinction between Islam and Christianity, and said that, whereas Islam recognises the negro as a man and a brother, the tendency of Christianity had been for many generations to regard the black man as an inferior being, designed to be the servant and slave of the white man. A full report of the lecture appears in the columns of this week's *Liver*, and a synopsis of it in the current number of the *Daily Courier*. To-morrow (Sunday) evening our President will lecture, the subject of his address being "Miracles."

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WE received, with thanks, a copy of the Mohammedan National Magazine, *The Punjab*, of Siyalcoot, India. The paper is a specimen of healthy literature in Hindustani, up to date in dealing with the wants of the Muslims of India. We read with delight the skilful repudiation by Sirajuddin Ahmad, superintendent of the post office, Jammoo, of the attacks on the Knight of Algarhd, by Mirza Golom Ahmad, of Qadiyan. We also were impressed by the patriotic description of the misfortune that befell Sandalichan, pilgrim to Mecca, at Bombay, who was robbed of his ticket and a hundred rupees by some villain, and was lying penniless at Bombay.

THE *New India*, of Calcutta, reproduces, in its issue of the 18th September, our article on the Bombay riots.

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THE *Da'wat-ul-Islam* (Bombay) reprints our article on Syrian converts to Islam.

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OTTOMAN PRECAUTIONS AGAINST THE IMPORT OF DISEASE.—The Turkish Consulate-General makes known that the Imperial Ottoman Government has decided that all vessels, without exception, bound for the ports of the Turkish Empire must have their bills of health vised by the Turkish Consulate. Vessels neglecting this formality will not get clean bills of health on their arrival at the Turkish ports, and they will not be allowed to communicate with the shore. The above measure, which will come into force from the 1st of November next, will apply to all vessels from foreign countries to Turkey.

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Boarding a Bishop.

THE following correspondence, which has recently passed between the President of the Liverpool Moslem Institute and the Right Rev. the Bishop of Norwich, speaks for itself. If all our brethren would at once question in this manner, every person attacking our Holy Faith, Christians, holding any official position, would soon hesitate to make the absurd statements they do anent Islam.

The Christian Missionary Funds would find few subscribers if only the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, was told about Islam and the *real* actions of the Christian missionaries abroad;—

Liverpool, 20th Sept., 1893.

THE RIGHT REV. THE LORD BISHOP OF NORWICH, THE PALACE, NORWICH.
Right Reverend Sir,—The *Eastern Daily News*, published in Norwich under date of 27th inst., reports the annual meeting of the Church Missionary Society, held in the Agricultural Hall, Norwich. You are stated

to have used, in the course of your address, the following sentence:—
 "Mahomedans were becoming utter unbelievers in their own system, and were lapsing into a nebulous condition of mind." As the President of the Liverpool Moslem Society, I beg to ask if you have been correctly reported therein, and if so, I request you to at once give me your authority for such a statement, and to give me single instances, if you possibly can, of any Mahomedan who has become an "utter unbeliever" in Islamism, and who has "lapsed into a nebulous condition of mind."—I remain, Right Rev. Sir, yours faithfully.

WILLIAM HENRY ARDRELLAH QUILLIAM.

The Palace, Norwich, Oct. 2nd, 1883.

Sir.—The statement which you quote was, as you write it, not spoken by me, though my personal belief—from my experience in the East—is that, with regard to some sections of society in some Eastern countries, I should not have been far wrong if it had been.—Faithfully yours,

JOHN NORWICH.

Liverpool, Oct. 4th, 1883.

THE RIGHT REV. THE BISHOP OF NORWICH, THE PALACE, NORWICH.

Right Rev. Sir,—I am in receipt of your Lordship's letter of the 2nd inst., for which I am obliged. Your Lordship's opinion is of value as such, but it is in strange contradiction to the expressed opinion of many of the leading dignitaries of your Church. It is quite possible that your Lordship's experience of the East has been gained from conversation with persons who are not Muslims, and who consequently viewed matters from one side only, and, even if your Lordship had any intercourse with Mahomedans, you probably would have been regarded by them as an alien and an interloper, and no better than an infidel, and it is, therefore, not likely that you could have had an opportunity of thus accurately ascertaining their belief.

Speaking personally, as one who has had considerable experience of Mahomedans, and being in regular correspondence with over 500 of the leaders of Moslem thought in all parts of the world, I am personally convinced that the statement, that "Mahomedans were becoming utter unbelievers in their own system of theology and were lapsing into a nebulous condition of mind," is as far from the truth as light is from darkness. Thanking your Lordship for your reply, I remain, Sir, faithfully yours

WILLIAM HENRY ARDRELLAH QUILLIAM.

