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CENTENARY OF EVANGELICAL WORK

census shows a communicant membership of 3,316 with 4,749 children in the Sunday-schools. Beside this it is estimated that there is an Evangelical community of 10,000 souls.

These figures may seem small in a country which has a population of 6,814,815, but they are less discouraging than they might seem when we remember the initial difficulties which have had to be overcome. Moreover, the influence of the Evangelical Church is altogether out of proportion to its size. It has made its influence felt in the social and moral sphere. Generally speaking, too, the churches are well attended and there is a vigour and enthusiasm which is refreshing. The evangelistic spirit is keen and there can be very few places in the country which have not been reached with the Gospel message. While there is still much to do at home, yet the churches are becoming missionary-conscious and are aware of the great responsibility and opportunity presented by their vast colonial Empire. We are apt to forget sometimes that Portugal is the mother of a vast over-sea domain, second only to that of Great Britain and France. It is estimated that three per cent. of the world's population speaks the Portuguese language. Both mother-country and Empire present an open door for which the Church of Christ cannot be too thankful.

Henry Martyn School of Islamic Studies

AN IMPENDING CALAMITY.

For many years, missionaries in various fields where large or small Moslem communities exist, have worked and prayed and wept for the salvation of Mohammedans. To seek to lead a Moslem to Christ without a knowledge of the teaching and religious practice of Islam is comparable to trying to lead a Jew to Christ without having an adequate knowledge of the Old Testament. But how was the average missionary and Christian worker to read through the voluminous writings of Moslem apologists and the replies of Christian scholars? At the Henry Martyn School, at Lahore, opened in 1930, in the heart of eighty millions of Moslems, and in a central position for the Near East and Far East, Moslem converts, Indian workers and missionaries who felt the call to take the Gospel to Moslems, have been trained. Extension courses are conducted, and books, invaluable to the Moslem workers, as well as tracts specially written for Moslems in many languages, are being produced by the staff of the School.

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