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their finest poetry, and responds to their common experience of suffering and self-abnegation in a desert existence? A people who are nobly generous out of a pinching poverty would have been awed by the generosity of Him who forgave the dying thief and promised him Paradise. The Cross of Christ is true to the deepest religious and social instincts of the Arabs; its fundamental interpretation to them still waits, however, for the Arabic mind of the Arab believer.

The Arabic mind, subject to the mind, the spirit and the Word of Christ, may be capable of doing a new thing, tremendous in its significance. The enormous difficulties of the task are obvious and doubtless have been measured.

If an Arabic Christian Church could tear from the eyes of the Arabs the flimsy Koranic veil which has hidden from their eyes their Divine Redeemer, that Church would go down in history as supremely the Apostolic Church of the Near East.

The Mosque and the Wineshop

The use of strong drink among Moslems is assuming disquieting proportions and is especially threatening in Turkey, Egypt, Syria and Palestine.

To questions which were put to the Mufti of Egypt concerning the use of liquor, he is reported to have replied that Islamic law forbids the use of liquor by Moslems, and people who are not Moslems are not permitted to sell it openly in Islamic countries because the sight of it is corrupting. 'Let them sell it discreetly to each other.' It is a religious duty for Moslems to prevent the sale of liquor, but not thereby to disagree so violently with anyone that evil ensues. If a Moslem sees a wineshop open in front of a mosque and calls upon Moslems to close it by means which do not cause greater evil than this trade itself, which is destroying the nation, then he has done his duty. But action by main force which may cause a greater evil than the sale of liquor is forbidden. 'Islamic law is based on justice, mercy and wisdom, and anything inconsistent with these is illegal.'

The paper *Minbar al Sharq* reminds its readers that 'Islam is the official religion of the State,' and Islam forbids strong drink. 'Among our people, freedom has hitherto meant that a man should be true to himself and his responsibilities, but a false freedom has crept in from outside, a freedom of passion. Its adoption has meant that our young men and women drink until they sing and stagger like crazy people. This false freedom we want to destroy.'