

Anti-Christianism Growing Steadily In the Near East

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Jerusalem, March 26.—The anti-Christian movement is growing steadily in the Near East. No longer does it confine itself to the field of political affairs...

Among the latest and most striking indications of this trend of affairs are the following events:

The official newspaper at Amman in the Transjordan Government will expel the Christian missionaries from that area and the vicinity.

The Moslem population has compelled the Supreme Council to retract the announcement that Abraham's Cave would be open to inspection by Christians and Jews.

The Wahabites, it is reported, are planning a holy war, that they may purge Islam by the sword.

Moslem Hatred of Christians

While Christian communities, too, are showing signs of this restlessness, demanding openly that they be given native clerics, the strongest opposition to things Western is to be found among the Moslem population.

When these people are allowed to speak freely their sentiments they never hide that traditional hatred of the "infidels." The Transjordan incident reflects well the Moslem feeling of mind.

Those missionaries who are to be expelled from Amman and the vicinity, according to the report, are Protestant workers who for some years have been wandering about the Bedouin desert seeking to evangelize those very ignorant people.

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Abraham's Cave Closed to Christians For centuries this holy place was closed to non-Moslems. Then, some weeks ago, it was announced that Christians and Jews might be admitted to the cave of Abraham on the payment of a fee.

But the principal event indicative of Moslem fanaticism is the threat of a religious revolt in the desert. The Wahabites, a puritanical sect that seeks to weed all idolatrous practices out of Islam, are going to take steps against their heretical co-religionists living in the States surrounding the Hejaz and Nejd.

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