

A MUSLIM PROTEST.

Lord Headley, President of the British Muslim Society, has sent the following letter to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the Duke of Devonshire :—

Your Grace,—Permit me to draw your attention to the highly injudicious and inflammatory language now being used by a clergyman of the Church of England respecting the Muslim faith. The indiscretions in question, though at present confined to East Africa, are far-reaching and are now known all over the world. The gentleman in question is the Rev. W. H. Shaw, and I am sorry to have to inform you that he has so far forgotten himself as to liken our Prophet Muhammad to Belial in a letter addressed to me and appearing in the *East African Standard*.

You will, I feel sure, agree with me that insulting language and vilification of a sister religion—Muhammadanism and Christianity being identical in the great essentials of duty to God and one's neighbour—are in the last degree undesirable. Part of our creed is that there shall be no compulsion in religion, and anything like insulting other religions is unknown amongst us. In common with many of my brother Muslims, I may be able to laugh at the unwise vapourings of this most un-Christian enthusiast, but it is quite possible that others of our faith may be influenced for evil and in a direction we should all deplore.