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CHRISTIAN WORK IN TURKEY.

No thoughtful traveller can pass through the East without a deepening interest in the religious wants of the people. The impressions of novelty are speedily followed by intenser feelings of sympathy and responsibilty. No studies afford him greater interest than those which relate to the mission work. He seeks to know what has been accomplished-to become familiar with present plans and agencies, and to ascertain upon the ground the prospects of final success. A brief association with the men who have this work in hand, in the very field of their labors, is not only improving for the information thus acquired, but ! for the freshened zeal it creates. There is something wonderfully contagious in the spirit of our brethren who are giving to the work of Christ here an affluence of mental gifts and accomplish ments, an energy, perseverance, and devotion beyoud all praise. Four months' wanderings through these lands have greatly strengthened our appreciation, not only of the missionaries and their labors, but of the importance of the field itself. Statistics in this region are not very reliable. The population of the Ottoman Empire has been stated at 35,000,000, a strange mixture of diverse and territory, extending into three continents. Not more than one third are Moslems; the remainder are mostly nominal Christians-Greeks, Armenians, Maronites and Copts. The Jews also form a considerable clement.

THE MOHAMMEDANS. long mostly to the Sunnite sect as distinguished from the Shiites of Persia. Like their Christian quite liberal, while a rapidly increasing number have, like the Bedonins, little heed for the Prophet, and indeed, little disposition for any religion. Mohammedanism is without vitality and is going rapidly to decay and extinction. None feel this more sensibly than the more intelligent Moslems themselves. The Frank innovations, which by the way are growing popular, must hasten the result. The Greek drinking shops in the towns are the Koran. The University at Constantinople, a government institution, is prohibited from all religious instruction. The students are composed of Moslems, Christians, and Jews. Those of each faith are permitted to keep their own Sabbath. We are told, as a significant fact, that the professors are Frenchmen of the Renan type. The prevailing tendency among the young educated Turks, to admire and adopt French manners, indicates itself in the way of religious skepticism. If Mohammedanism were not so thoroughly incorporated with the politics of this country, so that religious defection is regarded as treason to the state, this tendency would reveal itself in a startling manner. At one thing we may all rejoice : manifestations of fanatical hatred towards Christians are extremely rare. Indeed, from our limited observation, we should judge that, among the common people, a sincere spirit of toleration was rapidly developing into genuine good will and fraternity of teeling. If there should fail a growpart of the native Christians. We have seen Moslem and Christians meet in public, embrace and kiss each other with a warmth peculiar to Eastern manners, and such exhibitions of friendship are too common here to excite remark. Surely this is some advance on the old state of things. The religion of Islam is no longer a vast system neither be increased nor diminished,' why then should these stern fatalists seek to make converts? this Bible, when completed, will be itself a literary 'Now, said he, 'I hope you have not become For political or mercenary ends, foreigners sometimes become Moslems, but as an active, aggressive

movement, Mohammedanism has ceased to excite THE CHRISTIAN SECTS.

Christians can hardly be judged too severely. Said a candid Bulgarian merchant to one of our missionaries- We cannot become Protestants, cheat to do business.' The pompous ceremonies and the gandy decorations of the churches, with their images and pictures, together with the corrupt practices of many even of the higher elergy, der the vassalage of Mbau, visited the capital with room. produce anything but a favorable impression of Christianity upon the minds of the Mohammedans, while the mutual distrust and enmity of the different sects is a perpetual scandal. Much the tan are attached to the Greek Church, and are under the eccelsiastical jurisdiction of the Patriarch of Constantinople. The clergy of this Church combine ignorance and bigotry to a degree which hardly admits of rivalry. The Armenians are a the Christian peasantry of Lebanon, and are connected with the Latin Church—a connection pri- this time, however, the missionaries were absent there was little hopes of his recovery. sever their union with the Church of Rome, and attach themselves to the Protestant community were to be slaughtered next day, upon which these rance while I talked, but when I came to lay my under the charge of the American Board. The courageous women made their resolution. What head on my pillow at night convictions would Copts are estimated to number about 250,000, and followed shall be told in the words of the captain force themselves upon me that I was wrong, and

RELATION TO THE GOVERNMENT.

priests are excessively bigoted and hostile.

PROTESTANT MISSIONS. es bitterly oppose the missionaries as pestilent in- turned, and 'it is good' was Ngavindi's answer. spirit.' This story is the argument I always use or mental power, that is needed to make teaching prevalent forms on patriotic grounds, for it must heroic women retired, and already had the satisbe remembered that a feeling of nationality is faction of experiencing that their daring effort had this solemn thought,— At every moment of my and liberal young Levantines, aspiring after inde- or two ago no voice but that of dension would the spirit of nationality, which they seek by every exertions, and urging them to persevere. means to maintain and strengthen. As to the Any further remarks on the conduct of our Moslems, no direct efforts are made, that I am countrywomen on this occasion would be superlittle can at present be done. The personal dis- circumstances of their awful visit, they spoke of it abilities and perils which attend a renunciation as the simple performance of an ordinary duty. of Mohammedanism, are of course a powerful resnow thronged by Moslems in direct violation of traint. Many of the youth are being educated in the Protestant schools, and as the Bible is employed as a text-book, they are thus brought in- has since then faithfully carried out his religious directly under Christian influence. The graduates profession.] of the mission schools, though they may remain nominally attached to the old faith, are usually

entirely alienated in belief and sympathy. The American Board has confined its efforts mainly to the Armenians. The work commenced tian acquaintance, a lady somewhat advanced in about ferty years since, and although the apparent life. We were speaking of Universalists, and I results may not be so remarkable, there can be asked her if she had been engaged in discussion is terribly painful to think that it may be said of no question that its missions are a mighty power with them when she had been in their society. ns, as it was said of David—' the thing that he did which it is perhaps impossible at present fully to She replied that she never argued with them unappreciate. Their various and remarkable educa- less forced to do it, "and then," said, she "the tional establishments at Beirut and Constantino- only argument I used is the relation of my brother's

The M. E. Church has a special interest in Turkey, as it is the field of her own Bulgarian Misof their labors in a literary view, and no doubt not go; I did not think it right. service on the Sabbath, he publishes a monthly which has an extending circulation-also small and refused to go. books, tracts, &c. As this city has a population of 80,000 Bulgarians, most of them merchants, It is painful to have the cherished fancies of a it has seemed judicious, for the present, to establife-time dispelled by contact with stern facts. We lish the head quarters here. Bro. Flocken has the afternoon. In the lish the head quarters here. Bro. Flocken has the afternoon the moment when lish the head quarters here. Bro. Flocken has the afternoon the lish the head quarters here. Bro. Flocken has lish the head quarters here. some respects they unquestionably are. The last summer, is a valuable accession to the mission, tion from heaven to assure him of it. GOODS, being received, which commore thritty. They are much better tradesmen lit seems a great pity that this mission cannot be lusions.'

lusions.' wealth, while the Turk, with all the superiority of tibility put to a thorough test. As it is, we have of a genuine and spiritual religion, the native missionary in the province itself.

FEMALE HEROISM.

a large quantity of tribute; and being on occasion

ning intelligence reached Viwa that the captives are confined to Egypt. Many of them are very of one of her Majesty's ships (J. E. Erskine, Cap-

stranger here, is the relation of the different reli- above mentioned, embarked in a canoe for Mbau, was the beginning of the means that resulted in gious communities to the Turkish government. to make an effort to save the lives of the doomed his own conversion. Every subject of the empire is assumed to have victims. Each carried a whale's tooth decorated 'A message was sent to me that my brothe some form of religious faith. If a non-Mussulman, with ribbons, a necessary offering on preferring a wished to see me. How could I go? I remem he must be connected with some religious organi- petition to a chief; for even in this exciting mo bered what he had lately told me, that he would zation. The Greeks, the Armenians, the Jews, ment these admirable women did not neglect the order out of the room any one who should broach. &c., as great religious bodies, have their duly au- ordinary means of succeeding in their benevolen that subject to him on a sick bed.—While I was thorized and recognized representatives, with object. As they landed at the wharf, not far from delaying and besitating a few moments, a car whom alone the government deals. It a private the house of old Tanoa, the father of Thakombau. riage came in haste for me. - My brother must individual has a grievance, he must apply for re- and in this instance the person to whom they were see me without delay. I knew nothing of his feel dress through his priest or bishop. The prelates to address themselves, the shrieks of two women, ings at the time, and went not knowing what I are therefore not only religious, but to some ex- then being slaughtered for the day's entertainment, should do. The doors of the house were open, tent civil functionaries. This, of course, great- chilled their blood, but did not daunt their resolu so that he saw me from the further bedroom, as I ly increases their influence in their own commu- tion. They were yet in time to save a remnant entered the front door. He stretched out his nities, as the people are so dependent upon them. of the sacrifice. Ten had been killed and eaten, hand to me. When I came to him, he seized it The position of a Protestant was formerly very one had died of her wounds, the life of one girl and said, immediately, 'Pray for me!-kneel embarrassing. Not claiming connection with had been begged by Thakomban's principal wife, down and pray.' I did so. Many persons came either of the recognized sects, his relation to the to whom she was delivered as a slave, and three in, and he called on every one to pray for him, government was anomalous and often annoying. only remained. Regardless of the sanctity of the 'Pray for me everywhere and all the time.' You As a remedy for this, several years ago, at the place, it being tabued to women, they forced them need not do it here, but in any place. He made instance of Sir Stratford de Radeliffe, British am- selves into old Tanoa's chamber, who demanded, everyone that came in promise to pray for him. bassador, the twelve or fifteen thousand Protes- with astonishment at their temerity, what these I never saw such a house elsewhere. One day I flame, must himself be burning.' This is the real ants were constituted a distinct community, and women did there? The Christian chief, who had occasion to go up stairs to a meal room, and and true foundation of all successful teaching. thus entitled to a legal representation. This ar- well maintained his lately adopted character, an- on my way counted seven persons on their knees. When we read the few sermons left by the great rangement is not wholly satisfactory, and some swered for them that they came to solicit the engaged in prayer. After a short time all Uni- evangelist-Whitefield-so meagre are they in Protestants prefer the inconveniences of nonreprelives of the surviving prisoners, presenting at the versalists ceased to come. They did not dare to thought, and there is so little brilliancy in language ly still full of wonder, took up one of these, and, brother prayed constantly. If ever there was a only moved the masses, but even the critical Lord turning to a messenger, desired him to carry it beggar at the throne of grace, he was one. But Chesterfield. But his soul being on fire with love The difficulties which obstruct missionary labor immediately to Ngavindi (the chief executioner), up to that moment when consciousness left him to Jesus, a flame of love to Christ was kindled in in this country, can scarcely be appreciated by and ask if it were good? A few minutes were he had received no assurance of pardon. The his hearers. So must Sunday school teachhose not familiar with the field. The old church- passed in anxious suspense. The messenger re- last words he said were, 'Lord Jesus receive my ers be; for it is earnestness, not mere knowledge truders. The hostility of the priests is open and The women's cause was gained, and old Tanoa when I am assailed by Universalists. -N. Y. Ob- and success synonyms. In other words: intense. The exceptions are rare indeed, and even thus pronounced his judgment: - Those who are server. laymen, who perhaps, have little concern for reli- dead are dead; those who are alive shall live.' gion as a spiritual power, nevertheless sustain the With these three rescued fellow creatures these

[In the year 1854, the chief Thakombau embraced the Christian faith, and was baptized; he

THE UNIVERSALIST DYING.

I was conversing with a hig ly esteemed Chris-

which, to me, was one of deep and solemn interest: " My brother came home from the South where sion. The history and general character of this he had been spending some time, to enjoy a visit mission are so familiar that we need not enter into | with the members of the family. He was a strong ing disposition of this character, we should attri- the details. We had the gratification a few weeks Universalist, shrewd, and well booked up on points bute it to the lack of a proper reciprocity on the since, of spending several days with Dr. Long at relating to that doctrine. Few would venture to his own home in Constantinople, and learning argue with him; he would almost always corner from him the nature and prospects of his work. them, and overpower them, so that he was avoid-He is still employed with Dr Reggs in translating ed by all. One afternoon he told me of a ball. the Bible into the popular Bulgarian dialect. As that was to be held that evening not far away, the language has no dictionary, the difficulties of and asked me to go. -- We were both good dancers, their task can be somewhat appreciated. Educa. and I had been with him much to parties and ted Bulgarians who have no affinity with Protes. joined in that amusement before my conscience of proselytism. 'The number of the faithful can tantism, have acknowledged their high estimate became tender on the subject. I told him I could

standard. The Dr. is also actively prosecuting so foolish as to deny yourself all the pleasures of his mission work. In addition to his preaching life! Just go along, and throw away all those foolish notions.' He urged me, but I was firm,

'To this I agreed.

had indulged the hope that the Eastern churches recently been cheered with most happy results in we left the gate we began to talk on Universalism, were in reality better than represented; that to his field near the Russian frontier, quite a number and continued so to talk until we came home. say the least, the Christian communities were having been converted, hitherto members of the could not move him in the least. He was configreatly superior to their infidel neighbors. In Greek Church. Bro. Wanless, who reached here dent in his creed, as if he had received a revela-

'Yes I know that. When he was laid upon a How many Christians put Jesus Christ by for his political position, is growing poorer and poor- an immense field from which courtesy excludes sick-bed, and his mind was as weak as his body, a while? Let us see what kind of professors of er. But in respect to real morality, to say nothing other societies, yet have not at this time a single people came with one accord and pitched into the religion act out this principle, if they do not use business of distressing and alarming him. He had the same words. not then his thoughts calm and collected, so as to | 1. The young man who has made a profession argue with them, and thus they overpowered him, of religion, and permits himself to be induced to and destroyed his confidence in the doctrine he visit the theatre, or the horse race, puts Jesus you are so strict; in this country, we must lie and AN INCIDENT IN THE HISTORY OF THE FIJEE MIS- had always held. It is mean! It is contemptible! aside for the time being. SION: FROM SKETCHES IN POLYNESIA, IN BLACK- If any one should come to take advantage of me 2. The young lady who goes from the commu

'So he continued to talk, and I saw how idle | 3. The old professor, when he gets angry, lose and useless were all my words. We came home. his temper, and becomes ill natured, 'puts Jesus of some importance, etiquette required that the The eighth day after that my brother died. Un- by' for a while. visitors should be entertained with a cannibal feast. known to himself he had contracted the yellow 4. The mother who is scolding like a settled larger portion of the Christian subjects of the Sul- As Mbau was not then at war, and there were no fever in New York, and soon the attack came on. rain, also for the time being 'puts Jesus by.' prisoners on hand, an expedition was despatched I was away from home when he was seized, and in search of victims; and fourteen unhappy wo- could not keep silence on the forbidden subject. men, with one man, were captured as they were The doctor was called -a young man to whom he picking shell fish on the shore. On Sunday, July was much attached, and who was also a firm be- for the pleasures of the world, 'puts Jesus by.' considerable element, and are possessed of some 29th, the beat of the death drain proclaimed the liever in Universalism. As he entered the room, intelligence and wealth. Many of them are en- arrival of the victims—the awful sound being my brother threw out his hand from the bed gaged in commerce in the large town of Asia Miheard at the neighboring island of Viwa, where made most anxious inquiries about his disease. clothes as soon as he came within reach. He by two missionaries with their families resided. At He was told that he had the yellow fever, and Christians. Christ says, Seek ye first the king

me. I shall not let you go till you do!' The | no longer. On the Monday morning Mrs. Lyth and Mrs. doctor was forced to comply, and kneeling down, No vice so simple but assumes some mark of Prosperity makes friends and adversity tries One of the many anomalies which impress a Calvert, accompanied only by the Christian chief prayed for his dying companion. That prayer virtue on its outward parts.

same time, the two whale's teeth. Tanoa, apparent- come. Every one present seemed agonized. My that we can scarcely comprehend how they not

PLEASING GOD.

The eleven or twelve millions of Moslems be- still cherished by these subject races. Educated produced a more than hoped for effect. A year life I am either pleasing or displeasing to God.' pendence and political freedom, will profess re- have been raised towards them; but now, on their terfere with the consolatory conviction that the neighbors, they differ greatly in devotion to their spect and esteem for the missionaries personally, returning to their canoe, they were followed by safety or standing of a Christian in Christ' is not and yet oppose their labors as tending to weaken numbers of their own sex, blessing them for their affected by those defects and failures in filial obedience for which, as a child, he is taught to ask for daily forgiveness. With men 'in their aware of, for their conversion. The corrupt fluous. If anything could have increased our addispleased -displeased in such a sense that their Christianity with which they are most familiar, miration of their heroism, it was the unaffected relation to Him needs to be changed, through has so prejudiced them against the Gospel, that manner in which, when pressed by us to relate the penitential trust in Him in whom, and in whose redemptive work, He is 'well pleased.' Men, as believing men, accepted and beloved 'for Christ's sake,' may as sons, while retaining their privileged relation as 'heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,' yet be pleasing or displeasing to their heavenly Father from the completeness or defects of their Christian character. There is something very stimulating and encouraging in the thought that we can do that which shall actually 'please God.' A sort of secret, unutterable blessedness seems to spring up out of the conviction. It not only gives importance to all duty, but it throws a

displeased the Lord.' Parental displeasure does not mean rejection, casting off, disinheritance; but it is painful to think of it, nevertheless. To ple, are on a vast scale, and are enduring monu- history." She then gave me the following story, a loving child, when he realizes the effect and the result of his disobedience, though it may not affect | had found the gospel of salvation. his actual position or his ultimate prospects. One of the attributes of the divine life in man consists, it is to be admitted, in this-that it leads to the without the active consciousness of thought about | was talking infidelity before him, Sir Isaac Newit; but such thought must have been present and | ton addressed him in these, or like words: 'Dr. ble advantage to fall in with the suggestion of and well understand; but you should not talk of acquiring the habit, not only of doing what ought | Christianity, for you have never studied it. I to be done, but of doing it with a conscious inten- have, and am certain you know nothing about the tion of pleasing God. This purpose may be car- matter.' This was a just reproof, and one that ried into everything. Being thus carried, it may | would be very suitable to be given to half the inmake everything a means of grace; for everything | fidels of the present day, for they often speak of

healthy development. One hundred cases and bales of DRY Christians are much shrewder a class—are more but can of course do but little active service till he Talk, page 248, that the Archbishop of Mayence, MADE MY FORTUNE.'-Luther says in his Table | his people. intelligent, better educated, and as a consequence, has had time to thoroughly acquire the language. a Universalist, but gave up that belief before he had in a court a Protestant courtier, who when he use of this base expression.

in that way, lying on a sick bed, with mind and nion to the ball room, puts Jesus by for the time try, provides for them better than by giving them In the year 1849, one of the distant tribes un- body alike weak, I would order him to leave the being, and of course expects to make her fortune a fortune.

> 5. The professor of religion who becomes world ly minded, and gives up his religion for gain, has sion, reason.

'put Jesus by. 6 The young man who gives up his religion 7. The man who backslides, and forsakes the prayer meeting for the bar room, has 'put Jesn'

This putting the Lord by is a bad business for zed more for its assurance of French protection in a distant part of the group at their annual 'Doctor, said he, 'pray for me!' clutching his ded.' 'What shall it profit a man if he gain the than from any special affinity. It is not at all meeting, and their wives were alone. In the eve-I have deceived myself and deceived others; I (Hebrews iii. 12), 'Take heed, brethren, lest there argued my belief confidently, and felt great assu- be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in de parting from the living God.'

> We cannot see by the light of yesterday, no subsist upon yesterday's food. We need supplied tain R. N.) who visited the place a few weeks and now you must kneel down here and pray for no longer

VARIETIES.

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD'S PRAYER .- The spirit of the Lord's Prayer is beautiful. The form petition breathes-

A filial spirit-'Our Father.'

A catholic spirit - Our Father. A reverential spirit - Hallowed be thy name.

A missionary spirit-Thy kingdom come. An obedient spirit-Thy will be done on earth. A dependent spirit-Give us this day our daily

A forgiving spirit-And forgive us our trespases as we forgive those who trespass against us. A cautious spirit-Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

A confidential and adoring spirit-For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for-

SECRET OF SUCCESSFUL TEACHING .- An old

Thou must thyself be true If thou the truth wouldst teach; Thy soul must overflow if thou Another's soul wouldst reach It needs the overflow of heart To give the lips full speech. Think truly, and thy thoughts Shall the world's famine feed; Speak truly, and each word of thine Shall be a fruitful seed: Live truly, and thy life shall be A great and noble creed!

THE ONE LEAF.—There was once a caravan crossing, I think, the north of India, and numbering in its company a godly and devoted missionary. As it passed along, a poor old man was overcome with the heat and labor of the journey, and sinking down, was left to perish on the road. The missionary saw him, and when the others had passed along, kneeling down by his side, whispered into his ear, Brother, what is your hope?' The dying man raised himself a little to reply, and with a great effort, answered, ' The glood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin,' and inmediately expired with the effort.

The missionary was greatly astonished at the answer, and in the calm and peaceful appearance of the man he felt assured thathe had died in Christ. 'How or when' he thought, 'could this man seemingly a heathen, have got this hope?"

As he thought of it, he observed a piece of paper grasped tightly in the hand of the corpse. He succeeded in getting it out. What do you think was his surprise and delight when he found have grieved a father is a thing full of anguish to the first chapter of the First Epistle of John, in which these words occur !-Oc that page the man

SUPERFICIAL INFIDELS. -Sir Isaac Newton set out in life a clamorous infidel, but on a nice examiuniform and constant doing of those things which | nation of Christianity he found reason to change 'please God,' from a source of secret instinct, his opinion. When the celebrated Dr. Halley influential, at one time or other, as the basis and Halley, I am always glad to hear you when you source of the unconscious tendency. Hence we | talk about astronomy or other parts of mathemathink that it may be found of great and inestima- ties, because that is a subject you have studied is that which calls into exercise or is done under | what they have never studied, and what in fact, the influence of spiritual principles. In this way, they are entirely ignorant of. Dr. Johnson, therethe course recommended may turn the ordinary fore, well observed 'that no honest man could Well then, you will ride with me, won't you? engagements, and even the weariness, the vapid- well be an atheist, for no man could be so after a ness, and vexations of common life, which might | careful examination of the proofs of Christianity." 'We got into the carriage, and rode nearly all otherwise fatigue or fret the soul, into instruments The name of Hume being mentioned to him, 'No mote in the inner man, growth and vigor and | bishopric of Durham, that he had never read the New Testament with attention.'

> Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of 'I'LL PUT JESUS CHRIST BY A WHILE UNTIL I'VE the world,' is the gracious promise of Christ to

Always with me! always with me! Thus the risen Saviour whispers From his dwelling place above.

With me when with sin I struggle, Giving strength and courage too, Bilding me to falter never, But to Him be ever true. With me in the hour of sorrow, When my heart is pressed with grief,

Pointing to a brighter morrow And imparting sweet relief.

A Sunday given to the soul is the best of all means of refreshment to the mere intellect.

At a great bargain pause awhile. Sorrow's best antidote is employment.

Against fortune oppose courage; against pas-

A faithful friend is a strong defence. Said Augustine, when conviction of sin, had issued in Christian peace: 'Pleasant is it to me, O Lord, to confess to thee, by what inward goads thou tamedst me.'

A wise man stands firm in all extremities, and bears the lot of his humanity with a divine tem-

Did Christ die, and shall sin live? was he crucified to the world, and shall our affections to the world be quick and lively? Oh, where is the spirit of Him who by the cross of Chrst was crucified to the world, and the world to him?

The more prosperity a man enjoys, the more humility God enjoins. He that loses his conscience, has nothing left

that is worth keeping.