

never was a slavery more absolute in its despotism, or more fiendish in its tyranny.

Sir Conan Doyle adds that—

So far as the people are concerned, the problem is largely solved; the bitterness of death is past. No European intervention can save them. In many places they have been utterly destroyed. But they were the wards of Europe, and surely Europe, if she is not utterly lost to shame, will have something to say to their fate.

Sir Conan Doyle himself has played his part. His pamphlet, which sixpence will buy, is the worthy outcome of a British individual's sense of duty and responsibility. It represents a high public service bravely and splendidly rendered.

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“The task of a law writer can very rarely be light, if he undertakes personally to read the cases reported, and to state the effect of them. To ascertain the decision in a single case very frequently requires much patient thought and investigation; and it will readily therefore be apprehended that to gather the law that results from a series of cases, beginning perhaps at a distant period, and most usually determined in different courts and by judges of unequal eminence, is sometimes impracticable, and is constantly exposed to the danger of error. The authority of a case often depends on the court in which, or the learning of the judge by whom, it was decided. The authority of a case may, moreover, be strengthened by the circumstance that it was determined by a ‘strong’ court, by a court composed of judges of great reputation, or by, or with the concurrence of, a single judge distinguished for his learning; and be weakened by the circumstance that the court were equally divided, or were not unanimous. One authority, or one series of authorities, is contradicted by another; a modern case and one determined some years ago, or even two recent cases, are found to be much, if not directly at variance; and cases that for years have uniformly flowed in a particular direction, are not infrequently met by an opposing stream, strong enough to stem the older current.”—*Ram on Assets.*