

these Armenians who loved Him so as to be willing to suffer the loss of all things for His sake.

6. God is not on trial in Armenia, nor Christianity, but man. Man is on trial there. And it is not man in the persons of the Armenians, nor yet in the persons of the Turks. It is man as represented by the civilized and the Christianized (?) nations of Europe. People sometimes complain of God that He does not convert the heathen ; they find fault that so large a portion of mankind are denied the blessings of the Gospel which they enjoy ; but it has been found effectual in stopping their murmurings to inquire why they themselves do not convert the heathen. Have they fulfilled their personal obligation in the premises and done all that lies in their power to do to carry out the command, "Go preach the Gospel to every creature?" It is poor logic which charges neglect on God of which we ourselves are guilty. And this principle holds good in the present case. Could we ask God to do more than He has already done to deliver His people in Armenia from the barbarities of the Turks? Has He not put the power in the hands of His professing people in Russia, and Great Britain, and Germany, and France? Who doubts for a single moment that these nations could stop the outrages referred to whenever they said the word? And why do they not say the word? Is it anything but selfishness that restrains them? If all were agreed as to the piece of territory which each should receive in the inevitable division of the Turkish Empire, would there be any longer delay? Who is on trial in this matter? Is it God or man?

7. God will reckon with these nations when their time comes. The mills of God grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly small. General Grant was no visionist ; he was never charged with giving currency to fanciful speculations, but he tells us with all soberness that nations, like individuals, are punished for their transgressions. He cites as an illustration our own Civil War, the most sanguinary and expensive of modern times, as a divinely inflicted penalty for our unjust treatment of Mexico in the annexation of Texas. Turkey will yet pay dearly for her cruelty, and the other nations will have cause to remember that they helped it on.

8. Let us remember that the situation, which seems to us to be so entangled, is very clear and plain in the mind of God. In an earlier day, when the kings of the earth set themselves and the rulers took counsel together against the Lord and against His Anointed, He had them in derision, and set His King upon His holy hill of Zion. It is with reference to this same King and this same holy hill that the present commotion reigns. The cry of America for the Americans, and Germany for the Germans, is soon to be extended to Judea for the Jews. The capital of that nation is yet to be "a cup of trembling unto all the peoples round about," and then "He that cometh will come and will not tarry," and "out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

9. Let us remember, finally, that there is one who can kill the body, indeed, but after that has no more that he can do. "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us." These Armenians dwell where Satan's seat is, but they are holding fast the name of Christ, and they are not denying His faith ; and He who once remembered and recalled the name of His faithful martyr Antipas has His loving eye upon them, and to him that overcometh will He "give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it."