

I will shoot the officer in whose district it occurs, without a trial." Order was at once restored. The armed Druzes slunk away in the night to the mountains, and Beirut was saved, to be not only a refuge for the poor, starving and half-naked refugees from the interior, but to become the center of the new era of education, progress and civilization in Syria.

VI. In the sanction of the Imperial Ottoman Government to the American Schools, to the Scriptures and other books published by the mission, and in granting the Imperial medical diploma to worthy graduates of the Beirut Medical College.

The American missionaries scattered through the empire have always taught their pupils and congregations the duty, as Ottoman subjects, of loyal obedience to law, and reverence for their Sultan. Prayers are offered for the Sultan in all the Protestant churches and congregations.

We believe that "the powers that be are ordained of God," and that we should "render unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's, and unto God the things that are God's."

The Future of Korea.

Korea has been suddenly introduced into a state of national independence, and a new future full of promise seems to open before her. Japan has a grave responsibility and a brilliant opportunity in view of her national relations to Korea. She can at a single stroke institute reforms and establish institutions which will have a commanding influence in shaping the future of that country. It is pleasant to think that there is no Oriental nation so capable of discharging this responsibility as Japan, and there is every indication that her plans for the supervision of Korean affairs will be conceived in wisdom, and have in view the welfare and prosperity of the Korean people. A scheme of reforms has been already announced, which if carried out will be an incalculable benefit to Korea. Among these proposed reforms may be mentioned a change to modern methods of reckoning time, in place of the old Chinese style; appointments to office on account of fitness and merit rather than rank; the limitation of criminal punishments to the perpetrators of a crime, excluding his relatives; the abolition of early marriages, forced servitude, and of all purchase of human beings; the establishment of a fixed salary for officials; the establishment of a system of education similar to that of Japan; and the guaranteeing of religious freedom. A police system has already been established in Seoul, and a new silver coinage put into circulation in place of the cumbersome medium of exchange hitherto in use. It is surely an "age on ages telling" among these Eastern nations.—*Sel.*