

less our national independence, than the fortune and happiness of every individual in the community.

An objection has been made calculated to damp the ardour of the piously disposed in the enterprise in which our country is engaged, and that is to this effect:—*that we are siding with a Heathen nation against a christian.* Supposing we are, we are siding with the heathen nation in a matter in which it is *right*, and the professedly christian nation is *wrong*. Besides, we are bound to the former by solemn treaty. Did Israel refuse to fulfil her promises to Gibeon against the confederate Kings, because she was heathen? Certainly not. But, alas, how little of true Christianity there is in Russia. Nay, there is very little, if any more, of true religion in the tenets and practices of the Greek church, which is its established religion, than there is in Mohamedanism itself; and the Russian government is vastly more intolerant of the circulation of the Holy Scriptures and the labours of Protestant Missionaries, than the Turkish Divan. Further, the dependence of the Porte on the allies, and the intercourse of his subjects with British christians, are calculated to subserve, in a variety of ways, the interests of her christian population, besides the gradual weakening and final extension of Moslemism itself. And should the allies wrest the Crimea from the government of Russia, that interesting country would furnish an additional and delightful field for evangelical effort.

It is a war, therefore, about which no good man