

to silently benefit ourself by reflecting upon its wrong influences, but not trumpet it to the world. Improve our minds rather by mediating upon the imperfections of others but do it silently. All have their weakness and imperfections—even those who have the most shining talents have their blemishes. “What an absurd thing it is to pass over all the valuable characteristics of an individual and fix our attention on his infirmities—to observe their imperfections more than their virtues.” We should avoid this habit; we should cultivate a charitable disposition—always be disposed to look upon the bright side of things and to throw the veil of charity over the imperfections of our friends rather than to indulge in complaints against them. Better, still, to amend our own faults and inconsistencies and endeavour by kind precept and faithful example, to improve our fellow-beings, rather than to hurl captious complaints against them. We should cultivate a bearing and forgiving disposition and be willing to “do unto others as we wish them to do to you,” and all will be well.

BIBLE SOCIETY IN TURKEY.—The half-yearly meeting of the Bible Society in Constantinople, auxiliary to the British and Foreign Bible Society, was held on the 6th of June, in the large saloon of the principal English Hotel. The correspondent of the *New York Observer* says: “It commenced at half-past twelve, and was ably sustained for more than three hours. The President of the auxiliary is the Hon Carrol Spence United States Minister resident, who made a spirited and eloquent address on taking the chair. A Report was read by the Secretary, and resolutions were spoken to by several of the missionaries, and by the chaplains and a surgeon of the English forces now garrisoned in this city. It was wonderful in our eyes to see an English garrison established in the city of the Sultan, and to see the men of Samboul thronging with their manly forms and gay dress of the English soldier; but we know not how to express our wonder and gratitude when we see this garrison furnish orators for such an occasion as this and listen to their fervent advocacy of the broad unsectarian principles of the Bible Society, and their devout wishes that the truths of the gospel may conquer their prejudices; convince the minds, and possess the hearts of all the people of this land.

The British and foreign Bible Society is at this moment doing a great work in Turkey, through this auxiliary and its other agencies. Great numbers of the Scriptures have been supplied to the English troops; and ships: and some steps taken towards supplying the French troops have met with great favor in the part of the officers, and as yet no repulse. They warmly repudiate the idea that any power, civil, or ecclesiastical, can interfere with the gift of the New Testament to the French soldier. Be he Roman Catholic or Protestant. Several editions of the Scriptures in different language, are in the mission press here this year, executed at the expense of the British and Foreign Bible Society.”

✠ “A Bible Christian” in our next.