

just this time. Not to mention the great relief work that they are doing at Trebizond, at Van, at Harpoot, and at every station indeed where the massacres have occurred, their very presence is both a comfort and a protection to very many afflicted, frightened, sorrowing people. These are the great opportunities of their lives, and nobly are they meeting them.

All things considered, it is wiser that single ladies and even the mothers with their children remain at their posts, and surely there can be no doubt as to the men. In times of war, when the life of a nation is in peril, men can best show their patriotism. Such times as these show of what stuff missionaries are made. Those in Turkey would be the last to claim that they are any better than other men. Yet who that has read the letters which have come in from places where these massacres have raged can fail to see that for the most part the missionaries are level-headed men, brave men, men of whom every Christian may be proud. The missionaries in Turkey are making history. If they are able to remain in the land (and, in my judgment, the only really serious fear is from Russia), there is a noble future before them. All the Armenians in the empire, some two and one-half millions, are ready as never before to accept the messengers of the Gospel. We hope, and with a good deal of confidence we expect, that in the near future a most glorious reformation is to be seen in the Turkish Empire.

Let your missionaries, properly reinforced, prosecute their noble work, knowing that their friends will stand by them. All these things being done, we may expect with confidence to rejoice, and that in the near future, at seeing a glorious advance of the kingdom of our Lord.—*Missionary Herald.*

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## Manifest Tokens of Blessing.

FROM MRS. GOFORTH.

*Chang tê fu, Honan, N. China, April 26, 1896.*

You will all, I know, rejoice with me in the manifest tokens of God's blessing given to us during the few months we have been at this new station. Some of you will remember my asking special prayer in view of the possible opening of Chang tê fu. Now, dear friends, I can write not only that God has abundantly opened our way to live here but has greatly blessed us even from the beginning of our stay. Several years ago Mr. Goforth's heart was drawn out in a peculiar manner towards this city and district. The promise was distinctly given to him, in connection with this