

the designs of an enemy from the south. Nor is Turkey despised as a naval power. Her marine as now constituted musters 50,000 men. Fifteen iron-clad vessels are in commission and ready for sea, two new ships are nearly completed for service, while two more are on the stocks building. The vessels in commission are wholly armed with Armstrong guns of heavy calibre."

But in the heart of Constantinople, a matter of deeper interest to the Christian, there is working a secret and mysterious power that is yet to conquer that land, and to raise the *New Rome* to a height of glory and power of which we can form no conception. For several years the missionaries of different churches have been quietly working in the city and its suburbs. In the year 1858 the Christian visitor might find at work in her school, in a narrow street in Pera, a young lady who had left her home in the west of Scotland to engage in mission work. Miss Whittet's work was among the Italian Jews, to whose children she imparted, in her own vigorous way, a good Scotch education, meaning by that a thorough drill in all the common branches of education, beginning and ending with a thorough course of instruction in the Bible and Shorter Catechism. The seed sown is now springing up, and we give here the story of the baptism of one of Miss Whittet's pupils, recorded in a recent number of a missionary paper, as a specimen of what is going on quietly in various places in the East, promising more for the elevation of Constantinople and the Turkish Empire, than all the diplomacy of Europe and the guns of Russia, though neither of these two are to be altogether despised as handmaids to the spread of the Gospel.

Mr. Tomory who, in 1858, taught along with Miss Whittet in the Italian school, but who is now an ordained missionary of the Free Church, thus writes a month or two ago, while Constantinople was full of excitement about the troubles in Bulgaria and the threats of Russia:—

"On the first Sabbath of September we admitted Esther Cohen by baptism into the visible Church of Christ. Her name is well known to the Committee, and to the various Ladies' Associations. She grew up as a pupil in the Italian Female School, and for nearly five years she was connected as a teacher with the German School, and at present she is associated with Miss Ewan in Koushondjouk, on the Bosphorus, in the Spanish School. Miss Cohen gave early indications that the truth had made an impression upon her heart, and as she attended for years our Sabbath service we watched her with prayerful interest. Two years ago she seemed deeply affected, and we expected to see her take a