

fore us, need we be surprised, if ere long the modern Sodom should suffer the doom of its ancient prototype?

While the Western Apostacy seems to be thus giving indications of approaching destruction, events are moving forward in the East at such a rate as to indicate that the great Eastern Apostacy has nearly reached its limits. During the past year the disturbances in the Turkish empire have continued, showing that the scriptural "drying up of the River Euphrates" is going on, while the Revolution in Greece, and the proposal seriously entertained of setting an English prince upon the vacant throne show, what a mighty revolution in feeling is going on in the Oriental mind. These, with many other facts elicited of late years, indicate that as the rise of the Mahometan power was synchronous with the culmination of the Papal despotism, so they shall be together in their fall.

Looking for a moment homeward, what mercies have we in this Province had to record during the past year. We have been free from the scourge of war. Our sons have not been called to the deadly conflict—our fields have not been trodden down by invading armies—our liberties, our persons, our property have all been secure. We have dwelt under our own vine and under our own fig-tree, none making us afraid. Trade has been reviving. We have reaped a harvest better than for years past, and in many portions of the country most abundant, and now while we hear of suffering and want abroad, there is plenty in our land for man and for beast. O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and O that our hearts were inclined to render unto him according to all his benefits!

In our own church we have had to sing of mercy and judgment. In our mission field, though the trials of the previous year completely overshadowed those of the past, yet in the breaking up of the Tana mission, and in the death of Mrs Matheson, our mission has suffered afflictions of no ordinary character. But at home how has God blessed us! Peace and harmony have prevailed among us. If we cannot record great revival movements yet we believe that the

work of the Lord has been steadily advancing. And what reason for gratitude have we in the fact, that among all our ministers, professors, probationers, and students of theology, amounting altogether to over 120 there has not been a single death during the year.

And now reader, let us ask you to reflect on the year that is gone. "God requireth that which is past." The mercies received, the trials experienced, the activity exerted, the sins committed, are all past; but they are all in the book of God's remembrance, and they will again appear before thee in that day, when he shall bring every secret thing into judgment. Bring thyself now to the bar of conscience for self examination as in the sight of God. What return have you made for your mercies? What is the result upon your spirit of your trials? How have you improved your opportunities for getting and doing good? Are you still an enemy of God, and have you never yet begun the service of your Creator? And have you during another year been adding to your former sins the awful crime of despising a crucified Saviour? How much guilt must you have accumulated during the past year? Will you continue this course? Will you go on thus treasuring up unto yourself wrath against the day of wrath? You are entering upon another year. Perhaps the declaration may now be going forth as it was once revealed to a wicked man, "This year thou shalt die." You know what the word of God teaches must be your doom for ever, should this sentence be executed upon you in your present condition. O then, by the value of your soul, by the joys of heaven and the woes of hell, by the solemnities of eternity, by the wrath of God, and the love of Jesus, we entreat you to rest not a moment as you are, but flee for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before you in the gospel.

Christian reader, how have you discharged the obligations and fulfilled the responsibilities of the past year? You too have to mourn over mercies unappreciated—over many shortcomings, and many lamentable failures. Seek pardon for the past and