

States to this convention. When the War of Secession broke out she was a clerk in the Patent Office at Washington, the first woman to be employed in that service. The horrors of the war which passed under her eyes stirred her soul and led to earnest efforts on behalf of the combatants of both armies.

Broken down in health, she went to Switzerland to recruit, but at the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian War her sympathies led her to join the noble women of

but its aid has been invoked in great national calamities, as the Charleston earthquake, the Cone-maugh Valley disaster, and the forest fires in Michigan. It has also ministered to the peasants of Russia during the great famine there.

The greatest mission of mercy of the Red Cross has been to the relief of the Armenian victims of Turkish persecution. The appeal came from the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, whose resident mission-



VIEW FROM RED CROSS HEADQUARTERS, SHOWING GOLDEN HORN,
BOSPHORUS AND MARMORA.

the Red Cross in ministering to the wounded in hospital and battle-field, on the trail of battle from Strassburg to Paris. It was ten years later before the United States became one of the Red Cross nations—ten years of strenuous labour of Clara Barton amid discouragements and disappointments to bring about that result.

Happily that country was exempt from the occasion—and may it ever be exempt—of employing the Red Cross on the field of war,

aries were themselves helpless sufferers to a great extent and practically prisoners in their own houses. The need was urgent. Human beings were starving and could not be reached, hundreds of towns and villages had not been heard from since the fire and sword went over them, and no one else was so well prepared for the work of field relief as the agents of the Red Cross. As Turkey was one of the signatory powers to the Red Cross treaty of Geneva, having given its adhesion as long