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"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God."
"This is love, that we walk after his commandments."

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ROMANISM AND THE RUSSIAN WAR.

As the present war between Russia and Turkey is professedly a *religious* war (pardon the expression "religious" war) we deem it important to insert the following in the *Christian Banner*. It is full of significance. It is from one of the ablest Catholic journals in the world—*The Tablet*, published at London, England. Let every reader peruse it and ponder it for himself: D. O.

Perhaps a conflict has rarely occurred in the history of the world in which, at first sight, greater difficulties presented themselves in determining on which side lie Catholic interests and sympathies, than the present war with Russia, and they are at least as great as regards the question of humanity and civilization. Of course no one will deny the strong points of those who take part with the Russians, or rather against the Turks—viz, that the Turks are the hereditary, historical, proverbial enemies of the Church, and that on their side are to be found the ominous names of the partisans of Kossuth and Mazzini. And if the former fact be got over by the reflection that practically the Turkish hostility to the Church is effete and disabled, the latter becomes the more formidable, if we consider how unerring is the tact and instinct of the foes of Catholicity, generally speaking, and how unlikely, *prima facie*, it is that the infidel propagandist and the renegade should take without hesitation that side which is most favorable to the interests of the Church. Again, the help rendered by Russia in the great struggle with Socialism, and in the preservation of the great Catholic empire of Austria in the hour of her greatest need, cannot be forgotten. These reasons, coupled with the further consideration that Russia, although schismatical, is a Christian power, have weighed with many Catholics in deciding their sympathies and prayers; for more than this, force of events no longer allows those who take that view in favor of Russia, rather than of Turkey.

There must be still stronger reasons on the other side which have decided a Government whose interests so manifestly should be Catholic as that of Napoleon III, and also the general Catholic opinion of France and England, to adopt the policy which is now an accomplished fact. Finally, if we may believe the *Times* correspondent, the Papal Nuncio at Paris thought very strongly that Russia has been