

The World's Progress.



WAKING UP TO THE SITUATION.

THE SULTAN: "I wonder whether he means it? It really looks like it this time."—*Westminster Budget*.

We have dealt in a leading article this month with the situation in Armenia. The vigorous protest of Great Britain, especially of the Nonconformist Churches, seems to have convinced the wretch. Sultan that John Bull is in earnest in his endeavour to put an end to the atrocious Armenian massacres, and when John Bull is fairly roused, such a craven creature as the crowned assassin will find it the part of discretion to yield. His attitude is well expressed in the above London cartoon.

JOHN BULL AND UNCLE SAM.

Under this heading the New York *Independent* calls attention to the different treatment by the Turk of American and Canadian missionaries in Asia Minor. On March 25th the Rev. George P. Knapp, an American missionary at Bitlis, was marched on foot through wintry snows by a military guard as though a criminal, and treated with the utmost indignity and insult, and was given his passport marked, "Expelled from the country." On November 14th the Rev. F. W. Macallum, a Canadian missionary, was arrested under the idea that he was an American. He appealed to the British Consul and British Ambassador and

was instantly released, a guard of honour furnished him, and he returned to his home in time for his Thanksgiving dinner. "That is the difference," says the *Independent*, "between Uncle Sam and John Bull abroad." It makes one proud that he is a British subject to feel that wherever he may be, following his lawful calling, the long, strong arm of Great Britain will be reached out for his defence.

THE TRUCE OF GOD.

Glory to God in the highest,
Peace on earth, good will to men.

The strongest, clearest, sweetest echo of the song of the angels upon the plains of Bethlehem is the glad tidings of the Anglo-American arbitration treaty. The following words of President Cleveland go far to condone his war message, which well-nigh plunged the two nations into war a year ago:

"The experiment of substituting civilized methods for brute force, as the means of settling international questions of right, will thus be tried under the happiest auspices. The example set and the lesson furnished by the successful operation of this treaty are sure to be felt and taken to heart sooner or later by other nations, and will thus mark the beginning of a new epoch in civilization."

We hope that all lovers of their kind on both sides of the sea will combine to give the greatest possible weight to this Truce of God. We trust that it will be the harbinger of universal peace among the nations of the time

When the war-drum throbs no longer,
And the battle-flag is furled,
In the parliament of man,
The federation of the world.

The London *Chronicle* voices, we believe, the dominant sentiment of Great Britain in these words:

"Great Britain and the United States present to the civilized world an inspiring example of the greatest effort made