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## THE RED CROSS IN TURKEY.\*



PLANE TREE OF THE JANIZARIES, STAMBOUL.

The story of the Red Cross has more than the fascination of romance. This world-wide organization is chiefly the result of the labours of one large-souled man, who, having spent nearly the whole of his life and his fortune in its promotion, now in poverty, in age and feebleness extreme, in an obscure Swiss infirmary, waits for his reward from Him who shall say: "I was sick and in prison, and ye ministered unto me."

Jean Henri Dunant is a native of Geneva, born in 1828, of an old patrician family. The horrors of war brooded like a nightmare over his soul, especially the sufferings of the wounded on the field of battle and in the hospital. devoted his energies to the formation of a great international league He rushed for their alleviation. from land to land, from court to court, and succeeded in obtaining international recognition throughout Christendom, of the neutrality of the Red Cross relief corps. In a few years forty-six different States have adopted this agreement, and throughout Christendom, and even beyond it, in Turkey, in Siam and Persia, that sign



TURKISH PORTER.

is sacred, and the soldiers of the Red Cross, a nobler chivalry than that of arms, enjoy the protection of hostile armies.

Miss Clara Barton has the honour of securing the accession of the Government of the United

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