

and see! The practical bearing of these facts, most important to us, is this,—If the American missions in Turkey remain confined to Asia Minor and Constantinople, and there more particularly concentrated upon the Armenian work, Turkey in Europe will be swept away by the two chief forms of idolatry. They will occupy that part of Turkey which, as the higher position, commands the rest, and secure those nations who must and will probably take the lead for ages to come, while the native Protestants will not only form a small minority, but also occupy the *lower* ground which the enemy can sweep with perfect convenience. And Turkey in Europe is “the fairest and noblest portion of the empire, rich in all the materials of wealth, blest in its climate, its rivers, its sea-shores, having thousands of miles of accessible coast, upon the Danube, the Black Sea, the Bosphorus, Marmora, Dardanells, and Mediterranean. It is inhabited by more than sixteen millions of the *most industrious* people of the empire, and must ultimately decide the destiny of the whole.”

Although it is contiguous by land to Russia, Austria, and Greece for some 1800 miles, *its sea coast of about the same extent* connects it with the maritime Powers, and especially with England. The projected railroads from Enos across the country to the Danube, and eventually to points east and west, will extend and strengthen the relation of this country to England, develop its innermost resources, and afford uncounted opportunities, growing with time, of extending the knowledge of the Gospel to tribes and to portions of the country hitherto unthought of in connexion with Christian missions. As to the races, the entire population of Turkey in Europe is more active than the Asiatics. The Mohammedan, even, of Europe, considers his brother in Asia as considerably beneath him in intelligence and thrift. Nor can it be otherwise, seeing European Turkey has for centuries been surrounded by European influence, while Asia Minor has been groaning under the ponderous incubus of the ancient continent, and touched only at a few points by the ferment of European knowledge and industry. The colonization of foreigners has commenced, and their first choice of location has fallen upon *European Turkey*. Constantinople is the centre both of European and Asiatic Turkey, influences both, and is influenced and fed by both. The injury it will receive from European Turkey, if that be left to baptized idolatry, will be felt to the farthest east of Anatolia. Indeed, if Popish and Greek rule should ever prevail in European Turkey, an Evangelical mission in Constantinople would probably soon be found impracticable. The effect of the neighbourhood of Russia upon Erzerum may serve as an illustration, though I am not aware that the Russian authorities had anything to do with crippling, and the consequent abandonment of that station. There can hardly be a doubt of the fate of Constantinople, as a missionary station, in the event above supposed.

But, 5. Let no one underrate the importance of Asia Minor. The providential establishment of American missions there; the blessing of God upon that great and good work; our mission on the western borders of Persia; the various missions farther east till China; the growing influence of England throughout those realms; the prevalence of an excellent Evangelical spirit in England; reaching forth the hand of Christian co-operation to America, across the ocean:—all proclaim loudly the importance of Asia Minor, and the intention of Divine Providence that we should go on and “abound more and more” in preparing the way for the kings and kingdoms of the East. The Lord sent us there years ago, when neither we nor anybody else knew or felt the present importance and promise of the field. The Lord’s hand has been in it from the beginning, and we cannot retire from our post. But while we press towards the *East*, we must not leave our rear unprotected by abandoning Turkey in Europe to the enemy. *We must occupy both, or we shall lose both. We must occupy both, and we can do it.* There is wealth, and, we trust, there is piety enough, among our friends to furnish