

ever may be done, whatever has been done through the influences of diplomacy—whatever course His hand may take in the movement of affairs—the great power for the regeneration of Turkey is in the word of God. When this work of revision to which I have referred, was finished a year ago now, the entire committee with all the native assistants, seven in all, were met in an upper room of the Bible House in Constantinople. They united in prayer and thanksgiving; they consecrated the finished work to Christ and His Church. Just at that moment, extending its line from the Black sea to the Marmora, was the veteran Russian army, one hundred thousand strong: within its lines and covering the defences of the capital was an equally large Turkish army; at their anchorage in the Marmora, almost in sight of our windows, were those great iron-clads of the British navy, watching the situation. There stood appointed to meet at Berlin on the 14th of the following month that congress of the powers of Europe which was expected to restore peace to the disturbed provinces of Turkey and to settle the Eastern question. Do you think that that little handful of unknown men, met in that upper room, were presuming in the confidence they then cherished—a confidence they still cherish—that for the regeneration of Turkey, for the settlement of the Eastern question, for the restoring of order to these disturbed provinces, the fulness of power was not in these armies or in that fleet, or in that congress, but rather in this omnipotent and living word, of which God, its Author, has Himself said, “It shall not return unto me void; it shall accomplish that which I please; it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I sent it.”

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Since the issue of the last number of the *Recorder*, our Society has lost one of its oldest and most valued friends by the death of Joseph Carder, Esq., who had been the faithful and efficient Secretary of the Elora Branch ever since its first organization, thirty-five years ago. Mr. Carder died on the 28th of January, in the eightieth year of his age. He was born in Bow, England, and after several years' residence in the well-known and favoured parish of Islington, emigrated to this country in 1833. About the end of the same year, after many vicissitudes, both by sea and land, he reached Elora, which then contained a log-house, a log tavern, two shanties, and a hewn log-house wanting the roof. From the sketch given in the *Lightning Express*, to which we are indebted for these facts, it is evident he was from the beginning an active promoter of everything which he conceived to be for the good of the community, whether religious, educational, or civil. He was one of the first school trustees appointed in the village, and was, two years after his arrival, appointed bailiff of the court, which was a small honour in those days. He held this position for many years, the *Express* says, “to the satisfaction of all with whom his duty led him to do business. He had considerable administrative ability, and many a poor settler did he save, by originating ways and means for the payment of their indebtedness. He is gone, but his innumerable acts of kindness during the first settlement of this part of the country will not soon be forgotten.” Surely a memoir of such a bailiff ought to be written and sent to all similar officers in the country. On the 25th of February, 1845, the Elora Branch Bible Society was organized, and Mr. Carder was elected Secretary. This office he not only held to the day of his death, but through the whole thirty-five years fulfilled its duties with enthusiastic devotion and laborious faithfulness. We use these terms advisedly, for though the writer never had the honour and pleasure of personal acquaintance with this good and venerable man, he has received letters from him which manifested true enthusiasm