

continue, by the latest accounts, to give much grief to enlightened Christians, and especially to the pastors; but wherever Gospel light is diffused, darkness of every kind must eventually be dispelled; and so we may confidently anticipate the time, when, under the verifying influence of the Sun of Righteousness, even Russia's barren steppes "shall bloom and flourish as the rose."

Turkey.

The subjoined documents speak for themselves. We have great pleasure in introducing them to our readers:—

"Letter from the American Missionaries at Constantinople to The Right Honorable Lord Cowley, Her Britannic Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary at the Sublime Porte.

"Constantinople, Dec. 21, 1847.

"My Lord,—We the undersigned Missionaries of the American Board of Missions resident in Constantinople, beg leave to offer to your Lordship our sincere congratulations on the successful termination of your efforts in behalf of the Protestant subjects of the Sublime Porte.

"In view of the difficulties of the case, we are constrained to regard the happy results obtained by means of your Lordship's persevering and benevolent endeavours, as having been secured only through the special interpositions of an over-ruling Providence, which, of itself, must afford ground for your Lordship for the most gratifying reflections. The good actually accomplished to the present generation is probably far greater than even the most sanguine among us dares now to hope; while its wide and happy influence on generations to come, of the different races in this land, is known only to Him who sees the end from the beginning.

"Through the humane interposition of His Excellency Sir Stratford Canning, the Protestant subjects of Turkey found substantial relief from the persecutions under which they were then suffering; and since, by the untiring efforts of your Lordship, the very important point has been conceded for them—that, in regard to liberty of conscience and the enjoyment of civil rights, they shall be placed on the same footing as all other Christian subjects of the Porte.

"The record of this event will be a bright page in the history of this country, redounding to the honour of Her Britannic Majesty's present Government, whom God has disposed to adopt so benevolent a line of policy, as well as of your Lordship, its honourable representative, who has been the immediate instrument of so great a blessing.

"We take this opportunity of expressing to your Lordship our sincere regret that, as we have been informed, you are likely to be called to leave this capital at no very distant day; and we beg to assure you that it will be our fervent prayer to God that his protection and blessing may always accompany your Lordship in whatever part of this world your lot may be cast.

"With the renewed assurance of our high respect and esteem, (Signed)

"W. GOODELL, H. G. O. DWIGHT,
W. G. SCHAUFFLER, H. A. HOLMES,
C. HANLIN. G. W. WOOD,
H. J. VAN LENNEP, J. S. EVERETT."

"Letter from the Right Hon. Lord Cowley, Her Britannic Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary at the Sublime Porte, to the American Missionaries at Constantinople.

"Therapia, Dec. 28, 1847.

"Reverend Sir,—I have received the letter* which you and your reverend brethren did me the honour to address me on the 21st inst., and I beg to return you my most cordial thanks for the congratulations which it offers on the successful termination of my poor endeavours in behalf of the Protestant subjects of the Sublime Porte. I shall not fail to bring to the knowledge of Her Majesty's Government, and of Her Majesty's Ambassador, the sense which you entertain of the efforts which they have made in the same cause.

"Permit me also to take this opportunity of publicly stating how much the Protestants owe to you and to the Society which sent you here. I gladly give my testimony to the zeal, prudence, and patience which have characterised all your proceedings in this country, and to which I attribute much of the success that has crowned our joint endeavours.

"We, however, are but mere instruments in the hands of a higher Power, though perhaps to you, Reverend Sir, it ill becomes me to make the observation. To that same Power, then, let us recommend the future interests of the emancipated community.

"I thank you most sincerely for your good wishes in my behalf, and for your kind expressions of regret at my approaching departure from this country. Be assured, that I shall always feel a lively interest in your further progress, and that in whatever part of the world I may be, I shall always endeavour to keep myself informed of your proceedings.

"I would fain say one word before parting, on the necessity of you and your reverend brethren continuing to use all your influence to prevent further quarrels between the Protestants and the Church from which