

threaten her. It is to abandon the province which is her vulnerable point. Should she give up Venetia as soon as her dignity will allow, and on terms consistent with her interest, both England and France would be glad to see her constitute herself a really strong power in Central Europe. This sacrifice would allow the Emperor to make concessions to Hungary which alone can insure the allegiance of that kingdom. On the other hand, if Austria persist in her present course, she must sink into bankruptcy under the burden of war expenses. With an impossible position to maintain in Venetia, and an impending insurrection at her back, her ruin is a mere question of time, and is as certain as that of the vassal sovereignty of Naples.—*London Times.*

Russia is doing a noble work at the present time. She is now accomplishing, without revolution or any symptom whatever of public excitement, the complete emancipation of millions of her hitherto enslaved subjects to the very dignified position of manhood. Her policy at the present time is most liberal and enlightened, and truly patriotic; and she is now industriously engaged in developing her resources, and thus will, before long, by the arts of peace and a liberal policy, render herself far more formidable than she has ever proved herself to be in the time of peace. Russia, however, may rise in her newly acquired strength from her present course of policy, and the rest she has enjoyed since the Crimean war, and she may be more successful in her intended effort for the dismemberment of Turkey, or for the extension of her borders in the East. Why not let Turkey sink as a nation? She is fanatical, treacherous, and cruel. She is sick, nigh unto death, and her demise will be a blessing to civilization. But while Russia is now giving liberty to millions of her enslaved sub-

jects, we see the American Government, the beau-ideal of liberty, growing weaker and weaker under the system of slavery that has so long been a stain upon the name of liberty, and a reproach to civilization. What we may now call the "Southern Black Republic" is initiating and promoting civil war, and seeking the overthrow of constitutional liberty, with a view to perpetuate their cruel and accursed dark system. What a spectacle to behold, and what a striking contrast is thus presented to the mind! In the one case we behold an enlightened and free government, whose motto is liberty, degrading itself before the nations of the earth in its efforts to bind more closely the already down-drodden sons of Ham, while one of the most despotic governments of old despotic Europe is giving freedom and liberty to millions of its serfs. Despotic governments must either relax a little of the hold they have endeavoured to maintain over millions of human beings, or they will soon be weighed in the balances, and if found wanting must bear the consequences of continued misrule. Look at Austria, humbled and reduced by France, and through the united energies of Victor Emanuel, Garibaldi and Cavour, nearly stripped of all dominion and power in Italy, revolution within, and war without, a bankrupt treasury, and borrowing money as the only resource for making gigantic preparations for renewing the war, and yet, in her singular folly, heaping fresh insults and injuries upon her faithful subjects. She must be dismembered. She is rotten at the very heart, and more illiberal and narrow-minded than the most despotic power in Europe. But England sits in calm and dignified quiet, feared and honoured abroad, and increasingly loved by a grateful people at home. "The Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice."