

utterly impossible to go among them. More than one asked me if I were not an agent of Lord Canning for the conversion of the Hindus and Mohomedan by art or force. My reply was, that I was a minister of Christ for the conversion of the Hindus and Mahomedans, through the preaching of the Gospel, that I was unconnected with the Government, except as being a British subject and citizen.

"It was considered unsafe for us to remain here, isolated as we were from all other Europeans; so for nearly two months we took refuge in Calcutta, coming here only occasionally. As to the feelings of the natives generally I venture to quote a passage from a printed letter of Dr. Duff, than whom few understand the native character better,—a passage the most people in India would readily endorse. He says, 'It is notorious that leading men among the Mohomedans are every where in a state of chronic rebellion against the British Government, so far as their wishes, intentions, and words are concerned. Nor is it to be disguised that among Hindus who have been educated in Government institutions, and many of whom are now in Government employ, a similar disaffected and treasonable spirit very largely and widely prevails, uniting with contagious influences all who come in contact with them.'

"And now, thank God, that the worst is over, and the arrival of large bodies of our brave troops has inspired confidence, the sullen and sinister countenances one meets with, especially among the followers of the false prophet, are an index to their real feelings.

"When things were at the worst, and there seemed a well-founded apprehension of an insurrection in Calcutta itself, and which I believe was only prevented by the wise measures adopted by our eminent Governor-General, several of my readers and head men came to me with alarm and anxiety painted on their countenance; they had themselves been threatened by the up-country armed retainers of the Zeminders. All our losses were magnified, the slaughter of our brethren published in the most remote and obscure village, with an additional item, viz. that the King of Delhi had ordered every 'Padree' to be killed, as they were most active in carrying out the intentions of Government as to Christianizing India.

"I told our people exactly what the state of things was, and our fears and anxieties. 'What would you like to do?' I said. Some of the men replied, 'Sir, we have cast in our lot with you; we shall stand or fall with you.' And I believe that some of our people would have stood fast by us had any sad extremity happened, though the major part would have sought safety in flight to the wilds of the Sunderbunds.

"Some months before the mutiny a Moulvie of this place applied to me to be received as a catechumen. He said he had long studied the subject privately, and could no longer resist his conviction. After two or three months instruction he was exceedingly anxious to be baptized. I begged the Rev. Mr. Smith of the Calcutta Mission to examine him, as I only know Urdu colloquially, and that in a very imperfect manner. The Moulvie knew a little English, and with that and my little Urdu we used to get on tolerably. He did not think the Moulvie sufficiently advanced in Christian knowledge. As this agreed with my judgment I told the Moulvie he must wait a little longer, but really the man's earnestness in seeking for baptism sometimes made me doubt whether I was doing right in refusing it. The mutiny broke out and the Moulvie disappeared. The next I heard of him some time after was, that he was employed by the Imam Bara at Hoogly?"

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

67, Lincoln's Inn Fields.

The LORD BISHOP OF MONTREAL in the Chair. The letter of the Lord Bishop of Montreal, dated 79, Pall Mall, Nov. 17, 1857, was read.

On the vote of a grant of £500 being proposed by the Standing Committee, the Rev. Thomas Darling moved by way of amendment:

"That a sum of £1000 be voted for the Cathedral of Montreal, £500 payable now, the other £500 to be payable at the commencement of the next year."

J. C. Mc-mott, Esq., seconded the amendment, which was negatived.

The original motion was then put from the chair and carried.

The sum of £500 was granted accordingly.

TURKISH MISSIONS AID SOCIETY.

Special attention is drawn to Bulgaria, as an inviting and most promising field for missionary enterprise.

This important and interesting province of European Turkey, contains a population of at least four millions. A vigorous mission to them might, with God's blessing, look forward not only to affect the Bulgarian field, but through them to influence materially the whole Slavonic race in Moldavia, Wallachia, and Russia. So necessary does the Christian enterprise in this country appear to be, that the Rev. Dr. Schauffler, of Constantinople, thus writes:—

"If the American Missions in Turkey remain confined to Asia Minor and Constantinople, and there more particularly concentrated on 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," &c.

The plan decided on is this, to occupy forthwith two, four, or six places at once in Roumelia, (according as funds shall be supplied) as stations for missionaries to the Mahometans and Bulgarians. Philloppolis and Adrianople are the two first places named as points of departure for the work. In each station so occupied there must be a book-store opened and a school established, and one missionary family for the Bulgarians, and one other, if possible, for the Mahometans. These book and Bible stores in Turkey are always the first places where the Gospel can be preached, and daily preached, to many who could never perhaps hear it otherwise. Also, when four or five stations shall have been thus entered on, a boarding school or seminary for young men ought to be established, in which Bulgarian should be the vernacular language in use, but in which Turkish should be taught regularly.

The following is an extract from Dr. Hamlin to Mr. Henderson of Glasgow, who has promised to bear the entire expense of one missionary:—

"It is a great and noble field, surrounded with many difficulties, but He whose providence seems most signally to have called us to it will make the rough places smooth. The blessings of God is attending the work amongst the Turks in a most remarkable manner." Other extracts from Dr. Hamlin, Bebeck, June 24th, 1857.

Facts are occurring every week bringing to light case after case of Turks so fully enlightened by the Word of God, as to be fully persuaded that salvation is to be found in Christ alone. But how feeble is the impression of this great work on the Christian Church. It is that alarms me more than all, the power or fanaticism of the Moslems.

"Could you be here you would be intensely interested in the Bulgarian movement. They are a

profoundly religious people, but ignorant and superstitious, and no doubt the Gospel will be met with persecution and opposition, but its triumphs will be glorious, and if we enter into the work with zeal and faith, they will be rapid and extensive. I trust we shall have the eight missionary families we have asked of our society, and that here, and in England, and in America, we shall all unitedly have grace, wisdom, and zeal, to act fully up to the leadings of God's providence in this great enterprise. If we do, we shall have a Protestant Church in Turkey, which will baffle all the designs of Rome and Russia, and it will carry the blessings of the Gospel to all those surrounding nations."

We have requested to state to that a lady has promised to give ten pounds, if sixty others would give or collect £5 each, in Ireland, for this purpose, before the closing of the accounts on the 31st of March.

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