

and a finer field for missionary labour is rarely to be found throughout the wide limits of Turkey. Brusa, another city about 14 miles distant, is calling for a missionary, and the Church will soon have to look at the question of sending a helper to Mr C. He feels his loneliness sorely, and from the various stations he has to occupy, he cannot be continuously in any one place. Notwithstanding, the adherents are steadily increasing, and the communion has been dispensed among them with singular emotions in the minds of some of the communicants who sat down for the first time at the table of the Lord, at the advanced age of 70 or 80 years. It was a time of refreshing to the evangelical band, that will not be forgotten while life lasts.

What is now desiderated, is, the erection of a church and school at Demirdesh to enable the Missionary to give establishment to the cause of Christ in that section of the country. The Established Church of Scotland, whose means are more ample, have taken up their head-quarters at Constantinople, and it is to be hoped they may occupy a post of influence in that stronghold of Satan. Their mission is to the Greeks and they are the only church beside ourselves who have directed attention to that oppressed and enslaved nation. Providence seems to point out Demirdesh to us as a centre of influence, and from the success which our solitary missionary has already had among the people, we fondly hope the door will not be closed upon him, which the Lord, in answer to prayer, has so graciously opened to him. The missionary states, that the sum of £1000 will be necessary to erect suitable edifices, and that the converts at Demirdesh will do their utmost in securing the needed premises. He further states, the utter inability of the adherents of the cause of Christ there to effect this object; and especially this year from the failure of their crops of all kinds, which has brought them to the verge of starvation.

In these circumstances the Board of Missions now make their appeal to the United Church, to follow up the resolution come to at the time of the Union, of raising this amount as a testimony of their thankfulness to God that they came to be so auspiciously and harmoniously united into one church; resolved by the power of God to unfurl the banner of the Cross more extensively to the heathen of the New Hebrides, and to the enslaved, depressed and superstitious Greeks of Turkey.

This appeal comes to us enforced by many considerations, and did space permit, we might enumerate many. From the Greeks has the civilized and christian world the noblest specimens of architecture which have been erected in our world; from them have we the highest and most renowned historians, orators, and poets:—from them has proceeded the polite literature of the day, the coveted prize of scholars of every country;—in their noble language, under the guidance of inspiration, have we from the Apostles of Christ the glorious tidings of salvation, which though they proved in the day of Paul “a stumbling block to the Jews, and to the Greeks foolishness”, are destined to prove to both the power of God, and the wisdom of God, and though darkness and spiritual death have long brooded over them, they are doubtless yet, to become a christian people. And we may be erecting the first centre of light in Asia Minor, once the seat of Gospel light, from which shall emanate the light to chase away the darkness, which ages of corruption have caused to settle down in Egyptian darkness, upon the inhabitants of the climes of the sun.

What though the work of Christianizing them be a great, an arduous, and perchance a lengthened work, it is to be accomplished. And though it is but the day of small things with them and with us; yet if we are honoured