

Turkey, and in the sending of national vessels into Turkish waters, we are yet frank to say that we cannot understand why the difficulties in the way of reaching Erzeroum and Harput by the men who are appointed to American consulates in those cities should have been allowed to prevent their going to their posts. These consulates have been established by act of Congress, and if the Turkish Government will not give them *escorteurs*, and provide them safe escort, no greater indignity could be shown us or our nation. Our Government has clearly the right to demand consular representation at points where American interests are at stake, and we cannot see why that right should not be insisted upon at all hazards. If denied, why should not diplomatic relations with Turkey cease, and its minister at Washington be given his papers? In that case American citizens could be intrusted to the protection of the British or some other embassy at Constantinople."

—We cannot all of us consent to confine ourselves to prayers fashioned for us and prescribed by ecclesiastical authority, but who cannot heartily lift up this petition set forth by the Bishop of New York? "Most gracious God, whose tender mercies are over all, and whose compassions fail not; grant Thy Fatherly pity and protection to all those Thy children, wheresoever they may be, who are suffering from the cruelty of the oppressor, and especially that ancient nation the people of Armenia, whose sons and daughters cry aloud to Thee, their God, and to us their brethren in Jesus Christ, for succor. Stay the hands of those by whom they have been so cruelly wronged and outraged: strengthen the purpose of Christian nations to arise and contend for their defence; enkindle in their hearts a spirit of service and sacrifice in their behalf; and so hasten, we beseech Thee, the day of their deliverance. All which we ask in the Name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

—Arrangements have been made to publish, at Beirut, 1000 copies of Angel's Christmas, translated into Arabic, the necessary permission having been granted by the censor at Constantinople. This will enable the Sunday-school children of Syria to read the story in their native language.

India. — Among Queen Victoria's New Year honors was a knighthood for Nawab Secundas Jung Ikbal-ud Dowlah Iktadar-ul Mulk Vikar-ul-Umara Batadur, Prime Minister to his Highness the Nizam of Hyderabad.

—The Darjeeling *Acers* applies these Scripture verses to Sir Charles Alfred Elliott, late Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, a devout Christian statesman and steadfast friend of missions, adding that nothing else so eloquent and apt occurs to us to say: "And Hezekiah did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, according to all that David his father had done. He removed the high places, and brake the pillars, and cut down the Asherah: and he brake in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made; for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it; and he called it Nehushtan (i.e., 'a piece of brass'). He trusted in the Lord, the God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor among them that were before him. For he clave to the Lord, he departed not from following Him, but kept His commandments, which the Lord commanded Moses. And the Lord was with him; whithersoever he went forth he prospered. He hath scattered abroad, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness abideth forever" (2 Kings 18: 3-7; 2 Cor. 9: 9).

—It is said that the native evangelist, commonly known as Tamil David, has exerted a greater religious influence in the city of Bombay than any evangelist who has visited Bombay for a number of years past. This illustration of what can be done by a native evangelist fills the heart with longing to see the day