

that Turkish progress and destiny are linked to England, now that the new Pope has abandoned the hope of seeing the temporal power restored to the Papal see, now that France is settling into moderate Republicanism, we are not, we trust, far from a Congress of the European powers whose object it will be to proclaim the true Christian Commune and change Europe from an armed camp, bristling with swords and bayonets, to a hive of peaceful industry. "He shall judge among the nations and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." That time seems in Europe very far away; but it is undoubtedly drawing near, and we have now entered on an epoch, to which, among other changes, belongs this great reformation for which the hearts of fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, wives and children, in town and country, in every language in Europe, are crying aloud in the ear of God.

2. Under the fostering hand of England and aided by its wealth and skill, there are good prospects that the vast material resources of Western Asia will be developed.* The finest countries to-day in the world, for soil, climate, position, lie right around Cyprus, from the mouth of the Nile to the Golden Horn. There lie the cradle of the human race, the seat of the ancient empires of the world, the country of our Redeemer; and the scene of the first triumphs of the Christian faith. In these Bible lands we meet with fertile valleys, with living streams, with lofty mountains, with bays the finest in the world for harbors and trade. But the plains are desolate, the streams sweep idly to the sea, the ports are without trade, without shipping, and many without even a fishing boat, and the mountains are the homes of robbers and raiders. Law, money, religion and education could with the blessing of God change this great wilderness into a garden once again. Let these four forces issue hand in

*As we write the report reaches us that Asia Minor is to receive Lord Dufferin as British Commissioner. There could not be a better appointment for such delicate and important work. We hope it is true.