

As a result, the Bulgarians have claimed all the Bulgarians, no matter where they dwell, as belonging to their church; and consequently throughout Macedonia rival bishops exist; and in Constantinople there are the Grecian Patriarch and the Bulgarian Exarch. The differences existing between the two are the celebration of mass in a different tongue, the Bulgarian independence of the Patriarch, and the appointment of their own Bulgarian bishops.

But, in the territories of these states, the Catholic religion is scarcely tolerated.

The Grecian authorities admit some toleration, but the conversion of the inhabitants is forbidden. Thus we can easily understand, why it is, that the Church seldom gains any converts. Of the twenty-five thousand Catholics in Greece, two-thirds are foreigners. In Bulgaria and Roumania the governments tolerate the Catholic religion, but, the latter place oppresses the Catholics as much as possible. Servia possesses no hierarchy, the Catholics are nearly all foreigners, and the Orthodox Church bigotry is so strong, that it darkens all ways of bettering the present conditions. We have religious freedom in Montenegro. King Nicholas of Montenegro is a Catholic, while his son is an Orthodox Greek.

Throughout the entire captured Turkish country, there is a superabundance of mosques, while Catholic churches are few. In Old Servia, there are only two Christian churches, which have the privilege of ringing the bells, to announce the time of service to the faithful. One is at Ipek, the other at High-Detcham. The absence of Christianity in Macedonia and Old Servia has been replaced; and throughout the now captured territory of the Turks, there can be, once more, noticed, traces of Christian European civilization.

At the present time the Powers of Europe are taking quite an interest in the result of the Balkan war, and the occupation of the European Turkish territory by the allied states. Sazonoff, the Russian minister of Foreign Affairs says, "We cannot conceal from ourselves, nor indeed from others, the fact that the sympathy and friendship of Russia are on the side of those, who are our Slav brothers both by race and by faith. We wish to be understood that the primordial interest of Russia is the maintenance of peace." Even Austria claims that she will not take action against the allied states, as long as the sanjak of Novi-Bazar, on the confines of Servia, is not occupied by them.

One advantage, at present, has been derived from this war;