

gatherers and government officials?' 'Any soldier, tax-gatherer or official would give his life to defend any woman from harm.' The woman looked at me fixedly for a moment. 'Truly,' she said, 'thou hast the face and eyes of truth; yet thy tongue utters strange things. Thou dost speak of paradise; yet thou art but a mortal man.' She turned away, shaking her head slowly, as though struggling with a doubt."

(From story of an eye-witness, by William Howard, the only man who penetrated into the interior of the devastated regions of Armenia.)—*The Daily Witness*.

From Rev. F. W. McCallum, Marash, Turkey.

(Extracts from Home Letters.)

May 13th.—The Government is making an effort to get the refugees to leave Zeitoon, but hitherto they have not met with much success. The poor creatures are afraid to go. I struck upon the plan of feeding them up well for a week or so, and have enticed most of them out of Zeitoon by establishing three extensive soup depots outside the town, and soup and other food is given only to those who come out and stay out, except, of course, the sick who are unable to leave their beds. This has had a very appreciable influence on the epidemic, which may be regarded now as a thing of the past. Things in general seem to be quieting down, and I am not without hope that English influence may prevail and a thorough reform be brought about.

June 3rd.—I am so sorry you are so troubled about us. As a matter of fact, our days pass away in comparative quiet. One becomes accustomed even to horrible things. There is not a very strong sense of security yet, but it is coming slowly. I think things appear to be settling down on the whole, but we all feel the truth of the Scripture that "We do not know what a day may bring forth." It has never had the effect of weakening my faith in God at all; I have felt sure all the time that in the end righteousness will prevail, and that from all these troubles lasting peace will ensue. As far as we can see, the prospect, though brightening, is not very bright as yet; but great changes such as I hope are coming on are not produced except by great upheavals. I have tried to keep you informed in general in regard to the progress of our work, which now consists so largely in relieving the bodily wants of the poor stricken people. We are helping about 30,000 people now. The help we give, of course, is not large in any individual case, but it is enough to keep them from starving. It also keeps them from becoming Moslems. There is no doubt that if this help had not come many, many would have been forced to accept Islam. This is