

trade, and ship-building... presents an appearance of great activity and bustle during the summer...

SEBASTOPOL.—A new edition of Admiral Slade's (Shchaxa Pasha's) work—"Records of Travel in Turkey, Greece, &c., and of a cruise in the Black Sea with the Captain Pasha," gives a reliable account of Sebastopol, which the author visited in the Blonde, under Sir Edmund Lyons.

Verily Norwegian fishermen, when they gazed on what they thought the demon ship, were not more astonished than was the Russian squadron in Sebastopol at the approach of the Blonde. The outer ship bill was shot at... of passage. We complied; next came an officer, plumed and booted and buttoned, alongside to know what was the ship, whence she came, what her cargo, with similar inquisitorial questions...

The great harbour is a fine sheet of water, three and a half miles by one, due east and west, with good bottom all over, from twelve to fourteen fathoms. The northern shore is broken into bays separated by three abrupt points formed by loose stones, each fortified by batteries looking seaward, respectively eighteen, twenty-one and seven guns. A low beach confines it to the east, intersected by a rivulet and backed by a range of high hills. On the southern shore are two creeks, which tend to render Sebastopol one of the finest harbours of the world.

It has no docks. The other creek between it and the harbour's mouth serves for the repairs of small craft. A small hill separates these creeks, on which the town is loosely scattered—a few good government houses, with green roofs, the remainder huts. At its base are two lines of batteries mounting thirty-four guns; rear the small creek is another of seventeen guns; and on the rocky points forming the entrance are also batteries of thirty-three and twenty-six guns—making on the whole two hundred and four pieces of cannon that could bear successively on ships entering Sebastopol. But when we saw them they were in a bad way, and chiefly mounted en barbette, which afforded a poor chance against ships' broadsides.

The lapse of twenty years, and the apprehension of war, may have made a great change in the aspect of Sebastopol; but it seems to be in view of present requirements that the Pasha says, "when a British fleet is sent to attack Sebastopol, Captain Lyons, or any of the officers of the Blonde, will be found capable of leading it in." Sir Edmund Lyons is now on the spot as second in command, and it is not improbable that the enterprise may be regarded for him.

AUSTRALIA.—SYDNEY.—Where, sixty-five years ago, Governor Phillip looked upon a silent harbour for an open boat, Governor Fitzroy now dwells in a castellated structure, which cost about £60,000, with a tower seventy feet high, soaring stately above the

wood and water of Parramatta; and thence he looks out on a proud and stirring strand. On the north shore across the harbour lies St. Leonard's—a pleasant and wealthy suburb. On the waters, instead of the black swans of the native solitude, are the black swans of commerce, the masts and numerous fleet, representing many nations, some under sail, some lying close against the rock-face of the natural wharf, with steamers continually couring up and down.—On the south shore stretches out the spacious city of Sydney, the boat and wonder of the colonial population, which even the newly arrived European readily pronounces worthy to be the young capital of the grand dominion lying around it. Covering the whole ridge first chosen, sweeping the valley and climbing up another hill, with its lower street two and a quarter miles long, its 65,000 people, its thorough English look, shopped and gas-light,—it is, altogether, so like a seaport on our own shores, that the traveller is almost sorry it does not look stranger; for as to anything outlandish he might as well have stayed at home. But, now and then, orange-trees blooming by a cottage, a flock of green parrots resting on a roof, the tattooed cheek of a New Zealander, or the spindle-legs and matted hair of a black Australian, certify that it is England at the antipodes, and not England at home.

This city has its Legislature, possessed of the most important powers, even to the revision of the Constitution; its Corporation with a Mayor, whose official salary is £800 a year; and its University, of which the Senate consists of Members of all the leading religious denominations. It has also its hospitals, and its poor; the latter accounted for chiefly by the frightful number of public houses,—the former, by a goodly, yet insufficient, number of churches of various persuasions.

Few cities are so orderly at night, notwithstanding the excesses of intoxication to which so many of its people are wretchedly addicted. Even after the great province of Victoria had been separated; the territory of which Sydney is the capital, is as large as ten England; with a thousand miles of sea-coast, rich in forests, mountains, plains, and table-lands, in pastures, crops, and mines; glittering with gold, studded with prosperous towns, resounding with the voice of industry and the bleating of innumerable flocks.—London Quarterly Review.

A TURKISH WILL.—A testator left to his eldest son one half of his horses, to his second son one third of his horses, to his third son one ninth of his horses—the testator had seventeen horses. The executor did not know what to do, as seventeen will neither divide by two, by three, nor by nine. A dervish came up on horseback, and the executor consulted him. The dervish said, "Take my horse and add him to the others." There were then eighteen horses. The executor then gave to the eldest son one-half, 9; to the second son one-third, 6; to the third son one-ninth, two; total 17. The dervish then said, "You don't want my horse now; I will take him back again."

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INDO WORSHIP IN NEW YORK.—A gentleman in New York city, while visiting in Cherry-street for an industrial school, went into a room where were a little company of Chinese offering sacrifices to an idol. A Chinaman was kneeling in front of the idol, burning some sweet smelling substance in a little cup floating in water. The gentleman apologized for the intrusion, but they did not seem troubled by it.

THE SPIRITUAL TYRANNY OF SYSTEMS.—Oh my God, may I count no man master, but make me as a little child, and may I take my lesson as the Bible offers it to me.—Dr. Chalmers.

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