

suppression of the insurrection ! but it is a part of her ferocity. The Turk would never have been tolerated so long in Europe but for reasons of policy. Howbeit their doom is that they will be destroyed in that land. Probably the balance of power will preserve them till the 2,300 prophetic days i. e., years spoken of by Daniel shall have come to an end then will the sanctuary be cleansed. This began according to Dr. Cumming in 1822, when Greece was torn from Turkey and it has been going on ever since. In 1854 but for Anglo French alliance it would have ended but now in 1876-7 probably something will be done either by the Turks reforming and changing their system or by their expulsion either way will fulfill prophecy. But enough Daniel's reputation as a prophet stands high. His disclosure of the ancient Monarchies and times of the Messiah are a proof of his prescience and an earnest of the fulfillment of remaining predictions. Blessed is he that waiteth and guides himself by the prophecies of this book. They are a light shining in a dark place and history will record their fulfillment.

But now I cannot ask you to become Daniels in the sense of prophets, but I do ask you to become Daniels in the sense of men of principle in ordinary matters, fidelity to trust and courage in what is right.

"Dare to stand alone,  
Dare to have a purpose firm,  
Dare to make it known.  
Many mighty men are lost,  
Daring not to stand ;  
Who for God had been a host  
By joining Daniel's band.  
Stand then to purpose true  
Heeding God's command.  
Holding the Gospel banner high,  
On to victory grand ;  
Satan and his host defying.  
And shout for Daniel's band."

## THE CLERGYMAN'S WIFE.

It is often said that a minister's wife "should be a help-meet for him, and therefore should assist him in his pastoral duties." The premises are true, but the conclusion incorrect. Upon a parity of reasoning, the lawyer's wife should be his clerk, the physician's wife should aid in attending to his patients, and the wife of

the merchant is under solemn obligation<sup>s</sup> to do duty behind the counter. We have no objections to a minister's wife being on a general visiting committee, and presiding over all the societies and meeting of her sex in the congregation, if it properly belongs to her to be in this position, and if it can be done without the sacrifice of those duties which she owes to her family ; but we protest against these things being required of her upon scriptural authority, as none can be given. With the small salaries of most of our ministers, their wives are bound down to a system of the closest economy. The whole burden of domestic cares rests upon them. Their hearts are not gladdened, nor their hands strengthened, by the prospect of better days. Frequently rigid economy, and the want of many of those comforts almost essential to a wife and mother, undermine their health, and leave them to drag out a sickly and dying existence. To require of them, under such circumstances, the labours often demanded of pastors' wives, and to harass their minds with continual complaints for the neglect of them, is not only unscriptural but inhuman. From our investigations into the teachings of Scripture we learn three things :—

First.—The relation of a pastor's wife to a congregation is the same as that of every other woman ; her marriage with a minister invests her with no office, and gives her no pre-eminence.

Second.—Her duties are the same as those commanded by the apostle Paul to be performed by every other christian woman in the married state—no more no less.

Third.—When she performs these to the best of her ability, not only ought to complain.