

is completely and closely surrounded by Turkish dwelling-houses; and on one side stands a mosque, whose minaret brushes against the temporary wooden fence that has been erected around the church lot. While the exercises were going on, groups of Turkish women were gathered around. In the midst of one of the groups was a dervish, who was as intently gazing upon the scene as the rest, and seemed to say the glory of Islamism is departed. While the proceedings were going forward, it came to be one of the hours for prayer, and the *Imaum* went up on to the top of the minaret to give notice to the neighborhood, according to invariable custom. But his issuing from the hole in the minaret upon the gallery was observed by some of the ambassador's *Kacases* (guards of honor) below, who, putting their fingers to their mouths, beckoned him to be still; and he remained a silent, though sad spectator of the scene, leaning over the balustrade of the minaret for a full hour!

The women below said to one another in a suppressed tone, "See how our poor *Imaum* weeps."

A few years ago such a thing could not be seen in Turkey; but now things have greatly changed; and I think you will agree with me in saying that the minds of the Turkish populace here cannot be in a very inflammable state, or they would not have allowed so veritable an occasion for rising to pass unimproved."

#### REFUSING TO SALUTE "THE HOST" AT MALTA.

The following garrison order has been the source of much bitterness at Malta:—"All guards are to turn out to the Archbishop of Malta, and all sentries to carry arms and present arms when the Host passes." Captain Sheffield, of the 21st R.N.B.F., having refused to obey the above has been ordered under arrest, and will in all probability be tried by court-martial. It is a case of conscience with Captain Sheffield, who, it is reported, is ready to submit to any punishment rather than do homage to the Host. This presenting and carrying arms to the Host has been a cause of complaint with the Protestant soldiers at Malta, particularly the Presbyterians, when Highland regiments have been stationed here. Some years ago, General Aitchison now Governor of Dover Castle, while commanding a company of artillery at Malta, was dismissed the service for refusing to salute the Host.—*Daily News' Correspondent*.

#### MISSION TO JAPAN.

The Board of Missions of the Dutch Reformed Church (N. Y.) is about to send out missionaries to Japan. Rev. S. D. Brown, now pastor of the Church at Owaseo, who has spent eight years in China, is accepted as one of the number.

#### BUDDHISM.

Buddhism, which is the principal religion of China and Japan, numbers as its adherents 320,000,000 of the human race; more than any other system on the face of the earth.

#### BRANTFORD.

A few of the friends of Rev. Mr. Wood of Brantford, recently paid him a visit at his residence and left behind them presents, in cash and "kind" value of about \$75. The right kind of "hard times party!"

#### POETRY AND LIBERTY.

The friends of truth are watching with much interest the movements of Father Chinquy. He has explained his position, and openly defended the truth in lectures in Montreal and Quebec; his course met with opposition, first in denunciations from the altars of the Romish priesthood, and second in his forcible expulsion from Quebec by a mob of 400 people.

#### YALE COLLEGE, CONNECTICUT.

The report of the state of religion in Colleges of the United States during the past year, has the following on the above institution.—"The year 1858 opened in