

their children, or their nearest relatives, and mourning to break their hearts when they see any of their silver likely to slip through their fingers and fall into other hands!

How heart-sickening to behold how little they give to the various objects of benevolence; how stingingly and grudgingly they contribute for the support of religious institutions; how deaf they are to the calls of Christ to the Church, to send his gospel speedily to those perishing for lack of it. How sad to see, too, how a bounteous year fails to soften their hearts, to enlarge their benevolence, or to open their grasping hands; to see that though their property increases in value and productiveness, they make no advance in their gifts to the poor, or for the spread of the gospel; Is not THIS A KIND OF ATHEISM; a refusing to own that it is God who sends us rain and sunshine, giving fruitful seasons, giving strength to labor; giving health, with the wisdom and power to get wealth? Such people may do well to remember how the unprofitable servant was dealt with.—*For. Missionary.*

**TITLES IN THE TURKISH EMPIRE.**—The frequent use of the words, "Sultan" "Porte," &c., in the newspapers publishing accounts of affairs in Turkey at the present time, are erroneously understood by many persons.

"The Sublime Porte" is the official title of the government of the Ottoman Empire, and not that of any officer of the government, as many suppose it to be.

The Ottoman Emperor is called Sultan, or Grand Sultan, or Grand Seigneur, according to the fancy of the person speaking or writing. They all mean the same thing.

Pacha is the Governor of a province, and according to the importance of his province, he is distinguished by one or two or three tails. Every Pacha has his own army in his own province, distinct from the grand army of the Empire. A Pacha with three tails has the power to punish with death any agent whom he employs, or any individual who seems to threaten the general safety.

Bey is a sub-governor under the Pacha.

The Divan is the Council of State, and consists of the principal ministers.

The Reis Effendi is high chancellor of the Empire, and stands at the head of all the body of attorneys—which body is thought to contain the best informed men of the nation.

Cadi is a sort of judge or justice of peace. To order the bastinado on common people, to impose a fine on a rich Greek or European, to condemn a thief to be hanged, is about all the duty of an ordinary Cadi.—

**INFANTICIDE IN INDIA.**—Female infanticide exists in India, especially among the Kajpoots, to a great extent. The principal sources of it are the difficulty of meeting the large expense attendant on the marriage of daughters, and the necessity, from custom, for procuring husbands for them of a certain rank in life. Upwards of 2,000 of the chiefs and leading men from all that part of India, with the Commissioners of the English government, came together recently in the Panjab to adopt measures for putting an end to the evil. They met in an immense temporary pavilion, and the measures proposed were received by them with acclamation.—These measures are, that by the general consent, no one shall be allowed to continue the customs which lead to infanticide, and that when the crime is committed, it shall be punished in an exemplary manner. Surely there is a hope for India, says Mr. Winslow, when her own sons can be prevailed upon to take steps for the removal of such an enormous evil in which they themselves have, many of them, been deeply implicated.

**NOBLE MUNIFICENCE.**—Samuel Wilkes, a member of the Wesleyan church in England, resolved two years ago to give a guinea a day through the year to the Missionary Society. Last year, having prospered in his business, he gave seven guineas a day to the same cause. During 1851 he has resolved to give fifty guineas, or two hundred and fifty dollars a day, or more than ninety-three thousand dollars a year to the missionary cause. Mr. Wilkes began business with a very small capital, loaned him by a friend. He has accumulated a fortune rapidly, and as his means have enlarged his contributions to the cause of Christ have increased.

**NEWSPAPERS IN ATHENS.**—In Athens are not less than fifteen weekly and semi-weekly papers, besides six or seven monthly and semi-monthly magazines. It is only twenty-five years since it began to be re-built: its population is less than 30,000. Truly the Athenians have not lost their ancient character of being eager for news.

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