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WITH

INTRODUCTORY PREFACE

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"I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of
thy righteousness, even of thine only."—PSA. LXXXI. 16.

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I.

KIND READER! No fiction of marvellous power
 Here woos thy attention to wile a dull hour ;
 But 'tis marvellous truth, and it comes from afar,
 From the bright, glowing clime of the Crescent and Star!

II.

Though that banner blood-red has long ceased to affright
 The pale Franks with its boastings of Mussulman might,
 Heroes live still, and glorious conflicts there are
 Going on in that land of the Crescent and Star!

III.

If faint is the dawn, and all trembling its ray,
 The mountains are tinged with the saffron of day ;
 There's a sunrise, in rosy light, bathing each hill,
 Though the Star and the Crescent float over them still.

IV.

And 't must come to meridian splendour at last,
 And the Crescent and Star in obscurity cast ;
 For the conquering Cross, in the distance looms proud,
 Shouting, "Peace and goodwill, and to God glory!" loud.

V.

Then, as Christians, let's hail it, and fervently pray
 That the Turks, as a nation, may not pass away ;
 But as brethren join us in our joyous hurrah
 At the Cross rising over their Crescent and Star!

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INTRODUCTORY PREFACE.

I HAVE much pleasure in introducing to the public the following pages, which record a remarkable case of conversion from the Moham-medan to the Christian faith. They exhibit the mighty power of the Inspired Volume, when unaccompanied by human teaching, to convince the conscience, instruct the understanding, and lead the inquiring mind from falsehood to truth, and from darkness and error to the pure light of the Gospel. They also set forth the trials and sufferings which the servant of Christ is called to undergo in the profession of His Name.

The Empire of Turkey now engages in an unusual degree the attention of Protestant Christians. Large numbers of the followers of the False Prophet are diligently studying the Word of God. The doctrines of the Koran cease to give satisfaction, and a purer creed is

earnestly sought. In the city of Constantinople itself this is remarkably the case, as well as in other parts of the Ottoman Empire.

It is hoped that the following narrative may serve to deepen the interest which is felt in this hitherto neglected people, and arouse prayer and effort in their behalf. I have been requested to add, that any profit that may accrue to the Author from the sale of the book will be given to the Church Missionary Society.

DANIEL WILSON.

Islington, April 26, 1860.

THE OTTOMAN CONVERT.

CHAPTER I.

It is now ten or eleven years ago since a Turk was reading a tract in his own native language in the city of Salonica—that city in which St. Paul had so many Christian converts, whom he called his “glory” and his “joy,” and to whom he addressed his two beautiful Epistles to the Thessalonians, written from Athens. It was then under the sway of the Romans. Centuries afterwards, it was conquered by the Turks, and now forms an important city of European Turkey, in Macedon, at the northern extremity of a large gulf. It is a place of considerable trade, but, like most Turkish towns, in spite of its good situation and commercial capabilities, presents but a dirty and miserable appearance, owing to the inert character of its masters, and its want of good municipal institutions. Its