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TO THE
RIGHT HON. EARL RUSSELL, K.G.

MY LORD,

In the month of August last, a little cloud appeared on the horizon of Eastern Europe. It was unnoticed save by a few, and, amongst these, your Lordship was the first to predict a storm. Many thought the cloud would disperse, but your political foresight was not at fault; and that cloud has gathered, until it now throws its dark shadow over the valleys of the Drina, the Sunna, and the Narenta. The silver lining, however, is at length appearing, and, ere long, the bright sun will burst forth—the sun of freedom. Wherever that sun shines, the Crescent disappears. To you, my Lord, the champion of civil and religious liberty; to you who were the first to give hope to the men of Herzegovina, battling for their homes, their honour, and their lives, I dedicate this book, which has been written on their behalf.

I have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's faithful and obedient Servant,

J. LEWIS FARLEY.

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London, E.C.

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P R E F A C E.

THE object which I have in view in publishing this volume is to give the reader a fair insight into the present condition of the Turks and the Christians, and, by that means, to awaken the sympathies of the English public on behalf of the oppressed Rayahs of Turkey. It is undoubted that, at the present moment, those sympathies are withheld, and while in Russia, Germany, Austria, and Italy, the public mind has been horrified at the atrocities committed in the Herzegovina, and deeply moved by the sufferings of the unfortunate refugees, who are outcasts from their homes and have sought a refuge in Croatia, Dalmatia, and Montenegro, England, that was the first to break the manacles of the slave, looks calmly on, and manifests little or no concern in the misfortunes of the Christian Slaves of Eastern Europe. This want of sympathy

is, I believe, owing to the little knowledge of the subject existing in this country, and I feel assured that when the real facts are known Englishmen will no longer stand aloof, but, on the contrary, will lend their aid to the Christians of Turkey in their legitimate endeavours to obtain equal rights with their Mussulman fellow-subjects. Whatever the interests may have been which were supposed to be involved in upholding Turkish rule in Europe, they, at all events, no longer exist. The purchase of the Khédive's shares in the Suez Canal by the English Government has secured our right of way to India, and we have now no longer any special interests which should, in the slightest degree, preclude us from giving our tangible sympathies to the Christians who suffer under the corrupt and tyrannical rule of the Porte.

On former occasions I have written of Turkey, but many persons, who probably never read my books, or possess a very superficial knowledge of the subject, appear to think that in writing of Turkey I have written of the Turks. In their minds, Turkey and the Turks are synonymous terms, and they are ignorant of the fact that Turkey is really only a