

There are few signs of popular support of the agitation in England in favor of Armenian Christians. Lord Rosebery received a delegation courteously with the usual commonplace expressions. Lord Salisbury's references to the subject in his Bradford speech were unexpectedly feeble. He attributed the atrocities to the civil war always raging in Armenia; doubted if the troops were directly responsible, and exonerated the Sultan from complicity. He considered it impossible that the three Powers should employ force, and apprehended that the threat of it might involve the expulsion of all Armenians. The Sultan is playing the old game of making a show of hesitation in accepting the reform scheme which England, France and Russia presented. The Porte will renew promises which have been repudiated repeatedly. It can do this easily, as the Russian scheme contains nothing which has not been repeatedly promised, but never carried out.