

WERE MODELS OF GOODNESS.

TURKEY'S CLAIMS ABOUT HER SOLDIERS IN ARMENIA.

No Massacres, No Robberies, Nothing
at All That the Most Tender-
Hearted Could Take Ex-
ceptions To.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The Turkish
legation gives out the following official
communication:

"It is indeed strange to observe the un-
willingness on the part of some news-
papers to wait and see what the Sassoun
troubles really were and who was actu-
ally responsible for them. The Sublime
Porte has taken all the precautionary
measures necessitated by the case, and
there cannot possibly remain any reason-
able doubt, if not, perhaps, in the minds
of revolutionists and their friends, that
the appointed commission to investigate
this affair will bring out facts as they are
in reality.

"The assertions already made by people
connected with the revolt in Turkey are
so numerous and so shockingly erroneous
that it is truly impossible to answer them
all. It is not true that the governor of
Bitlis recruited soldiers among the Kurds.

It is not true that women and children were massacred. On the contrary, they were protected by the soldiery, as was the case, for instance, with the women near Ku Ruzart. All cattle were also restored to their owners, in conformity with strict orders from the British authorities.

"The assertion made that six villages were burned is simply preposterous, as no six villages are to be found about the place where the revolt first broke out. In that region there are no more than 16 villages, some of which were set on fire by the revolutionists themselves, who acted exactly according to Rev. Cyrus Hamlin's prophetic statement of the 23d of December, 1893: 'The Armenian (Huntchagulist) bands organized all over the empire will watch their opportunities to kill Turks and Kurds, set fire to their villages, and then make their escape into the mountains.'

"It is not true, either, that garments of priests and objects belonging to churches were publicly sold at Moush. In order to further show the efforts of the revolutionary Armenian party in fomenting troubles in Turkey, suffice it to reproduce the following letter that the Armenian newspaper, Trochak, which is published in London, invariably gives to its emissaries of sedition and revolt:

" 'He who will present this paper is sent on the part of the staff of Trochak, and is worthy of full confidence. We beg you to assist him in case of need.'

(Signed) 'STAFF OF TROCHAK,
'Organ of the Armenian Revolutionists Alliance.

'Nov. 10, 1894.'

"The stamp of the paper has in the centre a hand holding a flag crossed by a dagger, with a red cap and a pen."

THE ARMENIAN OUTRAGES.

Royal Arcanum Club Listens to Address on This Topic.

The Royal Arcanum Club held a banquet at the Parker House last night, at which the Armenian question was discussed. The guests were Rev. E. G. Porter of Worcester, a member, who told of experiences in Armenia; M. S. T. Nahigian of Worcester, who spoke upon Armenians in America, and Dr. Sarkis Hagopian, a native of the district in which the recent outrages occurred. Dr. Hagopian gave an extended account of the oppressions his people have suffered from the Turks. He declared that the object of the Turkish government is to exterminate all Armenians, and if present conditions continue, he believed that the object would be obtained. He laid the responsibility upon Great Britain for all the lives and property recently destroyed, and said that after England, redress was to be looked for from Russia, Germany, France or America.