

# **THE ARMENIAN MASSACRES.**

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**ing of Protest at St. Bartholomew's  
Church—300 Armenians Present.**

A special service in memory of the massacred Armenians was held last night in St. Bartholomew's Church, Forty-fourth street and Madison Avenue. In the congregation, which filled every seat in the church, were about 300 Christian Armenians, who live in this city.

In opening the meeting Dr. Greer, the rector, said that its object was to extend sympathy to those far-away Armenian Christians who suf-

ferred from the unspeakable cruelties inflicted upon them by irregular bands of Turkish soldiers, and also to protest in the name of civilization and common humanity against their repetition. Private letters had been received detailing the atrocities, but it was not safe to divulge the names of the writers for fear of the wrath of the Turks. "I had the honor to read some of these letters," he said. "They detailed the history of how the fight was started, how word was sent to Constantinople that there was a rebellion among the Armenian Christians, when there was no rebellion, how the Turkish soldiers laid waste all the country, and how they slaughtered hundreds of peaceful men and women and innocent children. These things are actually done before our eyes. We see them, we hear the appeals and cries of helpless children and wretched women, and no man with a spark of manhood in him can but lift his voice in protest."

The Rev. Abraham Yoohana, an assistant at St. Bartholomew's, made a speech in Armenian to his fellow countrymen present. He was followed by the Rev. Dr. McGrew, who had spent several years in Armenia.

"I have had the pleasure of being threatened numberless times by Turkish soldiers," said Dr. McGrew, "who said they would cut my throat if it were not for the British Government. For 1,400 years the Turks have systematically persecuted the Armenians, who are gentle, industrious and peaceful, and who have been driven to the four corners of the world." In conclusion he said: "What can we do? We can at least express to our English brethren across the sea that we are with them in their effort to see that this massacre shall not be repeated. A movement has been started here to-night which I hope will spread from church to church throughout the land."

Dr. Greer then invited Chauncey M. Depew from the audience to the platform. Dr. Depew said in part:

"The cry used to be 'Liberty, oh Liberty, how many crimes are committed in thy name!' The cry now is 'Diplomacy, Diplomacy, how many outrages are committed in thy name!' Recently a grand old man celebrated his birthday. Thousands of telegrams and letters of congratulations poured in upon him, but he thrust them all aside to lift his voice for the suffering Armenians. His noble action has aroused the Cabinets of Christian Europe to the shame of this massacre. Washington may be silent, but the voice of 65,000,000 of people will be heard."

Dr. Greer read these resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

"*Resolved*, That we hereby express to our Christian brethren in England and on the Continent who are endeavoring to investigate these outrages and to bring the perpetrators to justice our hearty good will and God speed. We hope and believe that they will not pause until the extent of these atrocities is clearly ascertained, and the responsibility for them finally fixed.

"*Resolved*, That in their efforts to provide against the occurrence of similar acts of oppression in the future they shall have our hearty and unvarying moral support.

"*Resolved*, That we earnestly call upon our Christian fellow citizens throughout the country to organize and express an indignant and universal protest against the continuance of a state of affairs, under which it is possible for women and children to be murdered simply because they are Christians."

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### Gresham's Turkish Entanglement.

*From the Adams Freeman.*

It does seem as though American citizenship would become disgusted with the statesmanship displayed by the head of the State Department, the once honored Judge Gresham, now misfit diplomat and Secretary of State. His blunders in Samoa, Hawaii, the Japanese-Chinese war, and now the Armenian fiasco, have earned him derision, not only from the Republican press, but from many of the Administration's staunchest supporters. At the outset of his diplomacy, burlesque as sounds the word, the United States, once greatly respected by every foreign power, had to suffer the humiliation of having its Foreign Minister declare we could not protect our citizens in the Ottoman empire. Then followed his insipid course in regard to the Armenian massacre, its quibbles and dilatoriness about insignificant details, and, finally, now comes the blank refusal of the Porte to further dicker to Mr. Gresham's fancy. Thus ends diplomatic relations concerning Armenia, and down goes the curtain on Quixotic statesmanship, with the Sultan of Turkey at one side of the fence and Mr. Gresham at the other. We have fought a diplomatic draw with a partly civilized nation. Ye gods, and shades of James G. Blaine!