

A Reply.

MESSRS. EDITORS: — The statement made by Hagop Bogigian, which appeared in the ITEM, asserting that stories of Turkish persecution upon Armenians are groundless, is simply ridiculous. I could not come to a conclusion as to the motive Mr. Bogigian could have had for making such an erroneous statement, which tends to trample the grievances of the people to which he claims to belong. The Western world is quite well acquainted with the Turkish government, and is not in the need of being enlightened by Mr. Bogigian.

I do not see any necessity of contradicting his statements. Mr. Bogigian has attempted to vindicate a government which is demoralization and corruption incarnate. His statements are in contrast with those of the entire European and American press, and it is a pity that he has thus come forward. The only proof he brings forth in support of his statement is that during his sojourn in Smyrna and Constantinople he was not molested, and that is a very shabby one. It is not a wonder that the Turkish government should not have bothered such a man, who is capable of going back on his own oppressed people in the interest of the Porte.

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