

# SYMPATHY FOR ARMENIANS.

Meeting in London to Express Indignation Against Turkey—Letter of Encouragement from Mr. Gladstone.

[BY CABLE TO THE HERALD.]

LONDON, Dec. 17, 1894.—A mass meeting to protest against the Armenian atrocities was held this evening under the auspices of the Armenian Society. Several delegations from foreign cities were present, Francis Seymour Stevenson, M. P., chairman of the Anglo-Armenian Association, presided, and read a letter from Mr. Gladstone, who was unable to accept his invitation to be present, but sent these words of encouragement:—

The terrible statements from Armenia have riveted the attention of the world. I heartily wish well your and every other effort to bring out the truth. Should the horrible allegations already made be sustained they will prompt the civilized world anew to ask, "How long are these things to be endured?" I will not try to anticipate the result of the examination, but I feel morally certain that the administration will not rest without a most thorough inquiry into the matter, in which, under the Cyprus Convention, we have a separate, deep and painful interest. It is my present hope that the Ottoman government will, for its own honor, cordially concur in this searching examination.

Cardinal Vaughan and the Hon. James Stansfield, M. P., also wrote to express their sympathy with the objects of the meeting. Mr. Stevenson spoke at length concerning the atrocities. The other speakers were Canon Malcolm MacColl, Mr. Clayden, editor of the Daily News, and Commoners F. A. Channing, E. J. Morton, C. E. Schwann and Sir J. W. Pease.

The St. Petersburg Novosti says that the best pledge England and Russia can give of the mutual sincerity of their understanding is joint forcible intervention in Armenia. The writer advocates a policy which will culminate in Armenia's independence. Professor Bryos, president of the Board of Trade, in a speech in Aberdeen this evening, said:—"I am glad to be able to state that Russia, France and Italy, acting in concert with Great Britain, are jointly arranging for a thorough inquiry."

NOT NEAR AS SERIOUS AS REPORTED.

The Daily Chronicle correspondent in Moscow says:—"Despatches from Tiflis say that encounters between Armenian and Turkish villagers on Russian territory are becoming more frequent and serious. The Governors of Erivan and Kars have taken energetic measures to quell the Armenians. A gentleman just here from the Caucasus learns that the outrages in the Bitlis and Van districts were far less serious than reported, and that cases of torture and murder will be found to be rare."