

A STAR AND CRESCENT NIGHT.

Loyal Turks Celebrate in New York Anniversary of the Popular Sultan of Turkey.

His Imperial Majesty Abdul Hamid Sultan of Turkey had an anniversary yesterday. This is why the editors of *Kawkab America* (Star of America), Dr. A. J. Arbeely and N. Arbeely, gave reception in his honor last night in the sanctum at No. 45 Pearl street.

And such a reception! There were 400 or 500 persons present on the top floor of that dingy old building; the men wore red fezzes; red silk Turkish flags with the white star and crescent were everywhere; there were Turkish portieres and Turkish divans, Turkish music and Turkish speeches, Turkish cigarettes and Turkish coffee, and roly poly Turkish children rolling about the floor.

"This reception," said Mr. Arbeely "is a tribute to the personal character and magnanimity of the Sultan and to his enlightenment and tolerance as a ruler. Most of those present are Christians of the orthodox Greek and Maronite churches, but there are some Mohammedans. We have people here to night from Persia, Syria, Egypt, Greece, Tunis, Tripoli, Morocco, Zanzibar and Palestine, all in their native costumes.

"We have Asim Bey, the Turkish Consul-General, of New York, and we expect His Excellency, Mavroyeni Bey, the Turkish Ambassador at Washington. We have also all the Turkish merchants and importers of silks and rugs and all the prominent ladies of the Turkish colony in this city.

"The entertainment? Well, there will be addresses in French, English and Turkish by the Consul-General and others. Several poems in Arabic will also be read. My brother, Dr. Arbeely has written a poem dedicated to the Sultan, which will be sung. At the end there will be Turkish fireworks, and everybody will stand up and sing the Turkish national hymn."

Mr. Arbeely said that a cable message would be sent to the Sultan, telling him about it. Then he ordered refreshments which were prepared by the former chef of Ismail Pasha, the Khedive of Egypt who was at the World's Fair.