

THE ARMENIAN OUTRAGES.

A Relief Association Formed.

An informal meeting of a number of members of the Church Club was held on Tuesday evening at the club-rooms, J. Bleecker Miller in the chair, to consider the Armenian situation and discuss the possibility of organization to offer sympathy and aid to the Armenian people.

Herant M. Kiretchjian, a native Armenian resident of New York, with Vartan Dilloyan, a survivor of the Sassun massacre of August, 1894, were present. Mr. Kiretchjian explained the Armenian situation and the present crisis, and Mr. Dilloyan gave in the Armenian language, interpreted by Mr. Kiretchjian, his experiences of the massacre, especially of his own village of Dalvorig. The matter of organization was then discussed, and the members present formed themselves into the Armenian Relief Association, having for its object: "To present the cause of Armenia to the civilized world, and to aid every effort to induce the powers of Europe to fulfil their pledges and establish the security of life, honor, religion, and property in Armenia." An executive committee of seven was appointed, consisting of J. Bleecker Miller, Chairman; Ludlow Ogden, William Bispham, Henry H. Man, Robert G. Hone, Charles H. Stout, and Nicholas R. Mersereau. The Treasurer is Charles H. Stout, Cashier of the Bank of the Republic, who will receive contributions, and communications may be addressed to the Secretary, Nicholas R. Mersereau, No. 77 Broad Street.

Vartan Dilloyan made a statement to the executive committee of the association confirming the published accounts of the massacre and all the atrocities of the Kurds and the Turkish soldiery. He saw women and children cruelly slaughtered. He said that the incessant plunders, murders, and abductions of the past years had driven all the people of Armenia to such desperation that when Sassun was attacked the people, though facing an armed force ten times their number, fought, both men and women, for their home until overpowered. He said further that the Turkish government was now plundering the country and stripping the peasantry of all their possessions under the pretext of taxation; no crops were to be seen this year, and with the imprisonments and tortures added, famine and extermination were staring the people of Armenian in the face.

A TURKISH CANARD.

DENIAL OF THE ALLEGED DESPATCH OF RUSTEM PASHA.

Turkish Official Zeal Aroused to Protect Armenians from Marauding Kurds.

LONDON, September 5.—Rustem Pasha, Turkish Ambassador to Great Britain, denies the authenticity of the despatch purporting to have been sent by him to the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs, in which was given an account of an alleged interview between him and Lord Salisbury, the British Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, regarding the proposal of control by an international commission over Armenian affairs. Rustem Pasha says that no such despatch has been written by him.

CONSTANTINOPLE, September 5.—The Grand Vizier has dismissed a number of officials of Mush who have been found guilty of extorting taxes and of treating Armenians with severity. At Bitlis a body of gendarmes attacked a band of Kurds who had been committing depredations in the Mush district. The Kurds sustained serious losses and were compelled to surrender the property of Armenians which they had seized.