

ARMENIAN POETIC FANCY.

The Most Thrilling of the Atrocity Stories
Borrowed from One of Mrs.
Heman's Poems.

[BY CABLE TO THE HERALD.]

LONDON, Jan. 5, 1895.—The story which has been thrilling the world for some time past of the wife of the Armenian leader, Grego, who, rather than suffer dishonor at the hands of her Turkish persecutors, threw herself, with her child in her arms, into an abyss, and was followed by other women until the ravine was filled with corpses, has been exploded, as many persons predicted it would be at the time it was sprung upon the public. It has been discovered that the horrible narrative is a reproduction, with additions and embellishments to suit the occasion, of an old tale told in poetry by Mrs. Hemans years ago, under the title of "The Sullote Mother."

This discovery suggests the possibility, not to say probability, that the "Armenian atrocities"

were to a large extent. Segments of the brain of some imaginative fanatic, originated for gain, revenge or some other similar object, and has caused a marked cessation of the anti-Turkish excitement upon all sides, except among the professional Armenian agitators, who have always been addicted to paroxysms of activity.

These persons refuse to believe the story to have no better basis than Mrs. Hemans' rhyme and await in perfect confidence the report of the investigating commission which is already in Armenian territory. Dr. Baronian, pastor of the Armenian Church in London, in an interview to-day, expressed his perfect confidence that whatever justice it was possible to obtain in Armenia would be obtained by England.

ARMENIAN FACT AND FICTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—

The intimation of a correspondent in a recent issue that the HERALD has been bribed by the Turkish government is a clear indication of the writer's thorough knowledge of the methods of that "government" and complete ignorance of the character of your paper. I beg to assure you that his view is not shared by Armenians who know the HERALD somewhat closely.

I would not take your valuable space to refute in detail certain errors of fact which have crept into the statements touching the Armenian question that have recently appeared in the HERALD from the pen of estimable English writers, or to point out certain fallacies of reasoning which have in part vitiated their arguments.

It may be sufficient, for a fitting reply to these, to refer to an admirable article on the Armenian crisis in the January number of the Review of Reviews, written by "an American who has intimate knowledge of affairs in Armenia, derived from years of residence there, and who has returned with a few weeks." I am, sir, respectfully yours,

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