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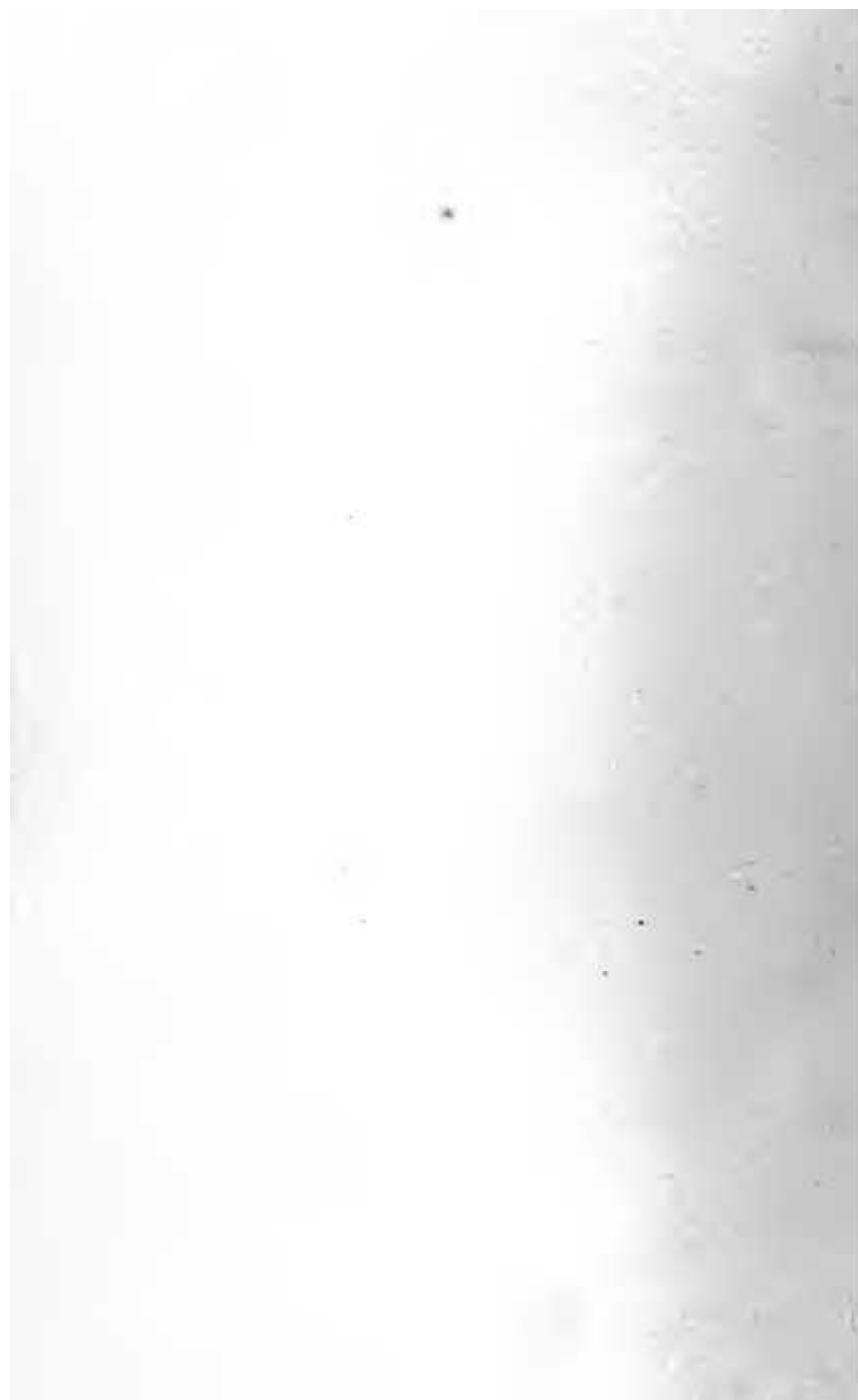
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AN ARMENIAN'S POINT OF VIEW
WITH AN APPEAL TO BRITAIN AND
THE COMING PEACE CONFERENCE

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“ They are slaves who fear to speak
For the fallen and the weak :
They are slaves who will not choose
Hatred, scoffing and abuse,
Rather than in silence shrink
From the truth they needs must think :
They are slaves who dare not be
In the right with two or three.”

LOWELL.

"To serve Armenia is to serve civilization."

W. E. GLADSTONE.

*"We have put our money on the wrong horse."*¹

THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY.

". . . a Government incurably barbarous and corrupt."

THE DUKE OF ARGYLL.

". . . the Ottoman Empire . . . decidedly foreign to Western civilization."

ALLIES' NOTE TO PRESIDENT WILSON,
January 11, 1917.

¹ After the massacres of 1895-1896, Lord Salisbury, who had himself taken a prominent part in the consummation of the Treaty of Berlin and the Cyprus Convention, frankly admitted the failure of the policy which gave birth to these treaties, and the futility of relying upon Turkish promises.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

THE end of the war will leave Great Britain and her Allies the practical arbiters of the destinies of Europe and the Near East. The predominant part played in the prosecution of the war by Great Britain and the British Empire will entitle them to an equally decisive voice in the councils of the Peace Conference. That proud position carries with it a supreme privilege as well as a heavy moral responsibility. That the voice and weight of Britain and Greater Britain will be cast, on all occasions, on the side of justice and liberty, there cannot be the slightest doubt. But however just and fair-minded a judge may be, it is impossible for him to dispense justice without hearing all sides of the case before him.

That is my plea for placing this statement of the cause of my afflicted country before