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DEDICATION.

This book is gratefully dedicated to my precious mother in far-away Armenia, who possesses my devoted filial love and efforts.

PREFACE.

The frequent requests of many friends, and also realization of the need of a fuller account of the Turkish and Armenian question, have led to the publication of this book.

The object is to understand the life of Mohamet, "The Prophet;" the Koran and its teachings; Islam and its power over Church and State; the Sultan and the Palace; the school and home life of the Turks; also the origin and life of the Armenians, and the causes of the repeated massacres and their results.

The facts given in this book are of the interior of the Empire. Many of the books about Turkey and Armenia are written by men who have made short visits to or lived in the sea-coast cities, writing of what they saw there, which is far from the real Turkish life and practice. The typical Turkish life can not be seen in the sea-coast cities—as Constantinople, Smyrna, Beyrout, Jaffa, etc.—which have slowly lost their originalities through constant contact with Europeans and Americans, who are always present as missionaries and merchants, and visitors in great numbers.

Very few travelers undertake to enter the interior of the Empire. Such parties pass rapidly, and as a rule are guided by Turkish Zabteyahs and are led to the most favorable cities, where the Turkish authorities are prepared to give them a favorable impression. Thus these travelers can know but little about the real situation.

Names of persons and places of events are withheld, lest they cause greater suffering and death to innocent ones.

The attitude of this book toward the Turk is as charitable as the facts could possibly permit.

THE AUTHOR.

EIGHT COMMANDMENTS OF THE KORAN CONCERNING CHRISTIANS.

(THE ARABIC INSCRIPTION ON THE NEXT PAGE.)

(1.) "They are surely infidels, who say, Verily God is Christ the son of Mary." (Koran, Chap. V.)

(2.) "O true believers, take not the Jews or Christians for your friends: they are friends the one to the other; but whoso among you taketh them for his friends, he is surely one of them." (Chap. V.)

(3.) "War is enjoined you against the infidels; but this is hateful unto you; yet perchance ye hate a thing which is better for you, and perchance you love a thing which is worse for you; but God knoweth, and ye know not." (Chap. II.)

(4.) "Fight therefore against them, until there be no temptation to idolatry, and the religion be God's." (Chap. II.)

(5.) "Fight against the friends of Satan, for the stratagem of Satan is weak." (Chap. IV.)

(6.) "And when the months wherein ye are not allowed to attack them shall be past, kill the idolaters wheresoever ye shall find them, and take them prisoners, and besiege them, and lay wait for them in every convenient place." (Chap. IX.)

(7.) "When ye encounter the unbelievers, strike off their heads, until ye have made a great slaughter among them." (Chap. XLVII.)

(8.) "Ye are also forbidden to take to wife free women who are married, except those women whom your right hand shall possess as slaves. This is ordained you from God." (Chap. IV.)

THE ARABIC FORMULA OF THE MOHAM-
ETAN CREED.

"There is no Deity but Allah and
Mohamet is the apostle of Allah."

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

EIGHT COMMANDMENTS OF THE KORAN
CONCERNING THE CHRISTIANS.

(IN ARABIC.)

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| لَقَدْ كَفَرَ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ ۗ يَا أَيُّهَا |
| الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّبِعُوا الْيَهُودَ وَالنَّصَارَىٰ أُولِيَاءَ ۚ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ |
| بَعْضٍ ۗ مَنْ يَتَوَلَّهُمْ فَبِمَا نَفْسِهِ ۗ كَتَبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الْقِتَالُ ۗ وَ |
| هُوَ كُرْهُ لَكُمْ وَعَسَىٰ أَنْ تَكُونُوا شِيَاءً ۗ وَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ وَعَسَىٰ أَنْ تَكُونَ |
| شِيَاءً ۗ وَهُوَ شَرٌّ لَّكُمْ ۗ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ۗ وَقَاتِلُوا حَتَّىٰ |
| لَا تَكُونَ فِتْنَةٌ ۗ وَيَكُونَ الدِّينُ لِلَّهِ ۗ فَمَا نَلَّوْا أَوْلِيَاءَ الشَّيْطَانِ ۗ إِنَّ |
| كَيْدَ الشَّيْطَانِ كَانَ ضَعِيفًا ۗ فَإِذَا انسَلَخَ الْأَشْهُرُ الْحُرْمُ فَاتِلُوا |
| الْمُشْرِكِينَ حَيْثُ وَجَدْتُمُوهُمْ وَخُذُوهُمْ وَأَجْزِمُوا أَقْدَامَهُمْ ۗ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۗ |
| رَحِيمٌ ۗ فَإِذَا قُتِلُوا فَكُفِّرُوا ۗ وَنُزِبَ الرِّقَابُ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا أَتَمْتُم |
| وَلِلْمُضْمَلِينَ مِنَ النِّسَاءِ ۗ أَلَا مَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُكُمْ كِتَابَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ ۗ |

For the translation see the reverse page.

The diagram of six great massacres of Christians which took place in Turkey within less than seventy-five years. Every one of these massacres was planned and ordered by the Turkish Government.

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| 1822. | Greeks, especially in Scio (Chios) by Sultan Mahmoud, the grandfather of the present Sultan | 50,000 |
| 1850. | Nestorians and Armenians in Kurdistan, by Sultan Mejit, the father of the present Sultan..... | 10,000 |
| 1860. | Maronites and Syrians, in Syria, by the same | 11,000 |
| 1876. | Bulgarians by Sultan Aziz, the uncle of the present Sultan | 15,000 |
| 1894. | Armenians at Sassoun, by Sultan Hamid II..... | 10,000 |
| 1895. | Armenians, in six provinces, by the same..... | 90,000 |

SEVENTY-NINTH PSALM IN ARMENIAN.

(An Armenian mother, writing to her son in the United States, requested him to read the seventy-ninth Psalm in order to know of the situation in Armenia.)

Պաշտօն Աստուծոյ :

- 1 Ո՛վ Աստուած՝ հեթանոսները քու ժառանգորթեանդ մէջը մտան : քու սուրբ տաճարդ պղծեցին . Երուսաղէմը աւերակներու դարձուցին :
- 2 Քու ծառաներուդ դիերը երկինքի թռչուններուն կերակուր տուին , քու սուրբերուդ մարմինը երկրի գազաններուն :
- 3 Անոնց արիւնը ջուրի պէս թափեցին Երուսաղէմին բոլորտիքը , ու մէկը չկար որ շունով թաղէր :
- 4 Մեր դրացիներուն նախատիւք Էղանք , ծաղր ու կատակ մեր բոլորտիքը Էղողներուն :
- 5 Մինչև Էրր՝ ո՛վ Տէր : միշտ պիտի բարկանաս . քու նախանձը կրակի պէս պիտի բորբոքի :
- 6 Ի՞նչպէ՛ քու բարկութիւնդ ան ազգերուն վրայ՝ որ քեզ չեն ճանչնար , ու ան թաշաւտութիւններուն վրայ՝ որ քու անունդ չեն կանչէր :
- 7 Ինչու որ Յակոբը կերան , ու անոր բնակութիւնը աւերակ դարձուցին :
- 8 Մի յիշըր մեզի դէմ՝ առջի անօրէնութիւնները . թող շուտով հասնի մեզի քու ողորմութիւններդ . ինչու որ խիստ թշուառացանք :
- 9 Քու անունդ փառքին համար օգնէ մեզի՝ ով մեր փրկութեան Աստուածը . և քու անունդ համար փրկէ մեզ , ու մեր մեղքերը բառէ :
- 10 Ինչո՞ւ ըսեն հեթանոսները , թէ Ո՞ր է անոնց Աստուածը . թող յայտնուի հեթանոսաց մէջ մեր աչքերուն առջևը՝ քու ծառաներուդ թափուած արիւնին վրէժը :
- 11 Կապուածին հառաչանքը քու առջևիդ թող ելլէ . քու զօրութեանդ մեծութիւնովը մահուան մատուածները ապրեցուր .
- 12 Ու եօթնպատիկ հատուցում՝ ըրէ մեր դրացիներուն իրենց ծոցին մէջը՝ ան իրենց նախապիւնքին քոթակէն , որով քեզ անարգեցին՝ ո՛վ Տէր :
- 13 Բայց մենք քու ժողովուրդդ ու քու արտօնդ ոչխարները՝ յախտեան քեզ պիտի գովենք , ու քու փառքդ պիտի պատմենք ազգէ մինչև ազգ :

See also page 222.