

MARTYRDOM OF ARMENIANS.

The Blue-book just published says "The Times," upon the treatment of Armenians in the Ottoman Empire is a large collection of authentic documents, telling the story of the tragic destruction of an inoffensive and intelligent race during the year 1915.

There were perhaps 1,800,000 Armenians dwelling within the confines of the Turkish Empire at the beginning of the year 1915. A process of "deportation" was inaugurated, and the Armenians in Asiatic Turkey were torn from their homes.

It is estimated that about 600,000 are still alive, though under wretched conditions, in their places of exile within Turkish territory; 200,000 were either forcibly converted to Islam, or are hiding in the mountains, or have escaped beyond the Turkish frontier; and about 600,000 have been done to death under circumstances of almost inconceivable brutality.

Thus, last year there were about 580,000 Armenians in the vilayets of Erzurum, Bitlis and Van. The American Relief Committee has been informed by its agents that when these areas passed into Russian hands only 12,000 Armenians were found alive there. The rest were dead or driven forth.