

POLITE SULTAN OF TURKEY.

Invites Americans to Dinner, and Is Very Amiable.

M. H. Gulesian and Miss Alice Stone Blackwell were the speakers at a special service in Boston Y. M. C. U. Hall last evening relative to "The Armenian Question."

Mr. Gulesian gave a historical sketch of the country, concluding:

"Although these massacres are true beyond doubt, some people insist that the matter is none of the United States' business, but that the Monroe doctrine should be followed implicitly. But this is not a question of gaining territory or power, but one of common humanity. What is our Christianity good for if it does not lead us to resent such outrages as these?"

"The sole object of the Turkish government is to exterminate the Armenians. Would you let perish this ancient nation, with its honorable record of 1500 years of Christianity? Do not think you are so far off that you cannot help us. Sign our petitions and give us your sympathy."

Miss Alice Stone Blackwell spoke of the recent outrages, the oppressive taxation, and the laughable objections raised by the Sultan and his officials to certain matters which are not fully comprehended in Turkey. She continued:

"Gen. Lew Wallace makes three remarkable statements. He says the Turkish government is tolerant of religion, that its men are characterized by a feeling of true love for women, and that the present Sultan is especially friendly to America.

"Gen. Wallace has a vivid imagination, as shown by his novels, and the picturesque side of the Turkish government was very entertaining to him. He spent a few years in Constantinople, but it is not there that the atrocities take place.

"The Sultan is very agreeable to Americans, and, by his invitations to dinner and polite conduct, gives them the impression that he is very amiable. It is evident that he took Gen. Wallace in completely.

"Gen. Wallace says a mob of women can put to flight a company of Turkish soldiers, but the frightful massacres of women and children seem to disprove that statement."

Miss Blackwell recommended that an investigation be made by the United States government to determine, officially, the truth of the matter, the Sultan to keep his hands off while the investigation is being made.

APPEALS TO QUEEN AND CZAR.

Secretary of the Phil-Armenic Association Sends Them Cablegrams.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13, 1895. The secretary of the Phil-Armenic Association, Herant M. Kiretchjian of Minneapolis, is in this city, for the purpose of presenting to the President and secretary of state the memorial of the association, asking the intervention of our government in behalf of persecuted relatives and friends in Ar-

menia. The following cablegrams were sent today by Mr. Kiretchjian, on behalf of the association:

To Her Majesty Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Empress of India: Long life to your majesty. There is blood upon the British crown. By court-martial of the government, whom England supports, witnesses of the massacres in Armenia are now being murdered. God help your majesty's government to redeem the honor of the British church and state.

To his Imperial Majesty, Czar of all the Russias: All health to your majesty. Murderers sitting in mock martial continue to slaughter helpless Armenians before the eyes of Europe. The Berlin treaty is dipped in blood and shame in Armenia, with the great name of Russia upon it. God grant your majesty wisdom and power to redeem the honor of holy Russia and defend the oppressed.

Mr. Kiretchjian was much moved in speaking of the reported killing of would-be witnesses to the outrages upon their countrymen in Armenia. He said: "The Armenians are everywhere horrified at the sight of Europe leaving the helpless Armenians in the hands of murderers like Zekki Pasha and his band, to be put through the farce of trial for sedition and murdered in cold blood. Those fiends are supposed to be themselves on trial before the civilized world, through the deplorably tardy investigations. Where can you find a sadder sight and more criminal apathy than all Europe looking on without even a protest, while the accused proceed to murder all who might possibly be brave enough to testify against them, and show the inhuman barbarity of their foul outrages? This is the most horrible chapter of the whole disaster since the black days of Sassoun, for the devilish cruelty of tortures inflicted by the Turkish officials upon Christians in such cases passes all description, and the very thought should awaken all Europe to call a halt and put an end to this nightmare of arrests and trials of numberless Armenians, whose hearts are already bleeding. There is a just God in heaven, and the powers upon whom rests the awful responsibility for all this cruel bloodshed should fear his vengeance."