

**EDUCATION.**

— State Aid for Denominational Schools is the theme given to contestants at Princeton for the prize offered by James Gordon Bennett.

— Ex-President Harrison early in the new year will give his lectures on International Law at Leland Stanford, Jr., University.

— Rev. Dr. Pohle, professor of apologetics in the Catholic University, Washington, has accepted the invitation of the German Government to fill the chair of dogmatic theology in the Academy of Munster, Germany.

**A DANGEROUS MOVEMENT AMONG THE ARMENIANS.**

An Armenian "revolutionary party" is causing great evil and suffering to the missionary work and to the whole Christian population of certain parts of the Turkish Empire. It is a secret organization and is managed with a skill in deceit which is known only in the East.

In a widely distributed pamphlet the following announcement is made at the close.

**HUNTCHAGIST REVOLUTIONARY PARTY.**

This is the only Armenian party which is leading on the revolutionary movement in Armenia. Its center is Athens, and it has branches in every village and city in Armenia, also in the colonies. Nishan Garabedian, one of the founders of the party, is in America, and those desiring to get further information may communicate with him, addressing Nishan Garabedian, No. 15 Fountain Street, Worcester, Mass., or with the center, M. Benaro, *Post Restante*, Athens, Greece.

A very intelligent Armenian gentleman, who speaks fluently and correctly English as well as Armenian, and is an eloquent defender of the revolution, assured me that they have the strongest hopes of preparing the way for Russia's entrance to Asia Minor to take possession. In answer to the question how, he replied: "These Huntchagist bands, organized all over the empire, will watch their opportunities to kill Turks and Kurds, set fire to their villages and then make their escape into the mountains. The enraged Moslems will then rise and fall upon the defenseless Armenians and slaughter them with such barbarities that Russia will enter in the name of humanity and Christian civilization and take possession." When I denounced the scheme as atrocious and infernal beyond anything ever known, he calmly replied: "It appears so to you, no doubt, but we Armenians are determined to be free. Europe listened to the Bulgarian horrors and made Bulgaria free. She will listen to our cry when it goes up in the shrieks and blood of millions of women and children." I urged in vain that this scheme will make the very name of Armenian hateful among all civilized people. He replied, "We are desperate; we shall do it." "But your people do not want Russian protection. They prefer Turkey, bad as she is. There are hundreds of miles of continuous territory into which emigration is easy at all times. It has been so for all the centuries of the Moslem rule. If your people preferred the Russian Government there would not be now an Armenian family in Turkey." "Yes," he replied, "and for such stupidity they will have to suffer." I have had conversations with others who avow the same things, but no one acknowledges that he is a member of the party. Falseness is, of course, justifiable where murder and arson are.

In Turkey the party aims to excite the Turks against Protestant missionaries and against Protestant Armenians. All the troubles at Marsovan originated in their movements. They are cunning, unprincipled and cruel. They terrorize their own people by demanding contributions of money under threats of assassination—a threat which has often been put in execution.

I have made the mildest possible disclosure of only a few of the abominations of this Huntchagist revolutionary party. It is of Russian origin. Russian gold and craft govern it. Let all missionaries, home and foreign, denounce it. Let all Protestant Armenians everywhere boldly denounce it. It is trying to enter every Sunday school and deceive and pervert the innocent and ignorant into supporters of this craft. We must therefore be careful that in befriending Armenians we do nothing that can be construed into an approval of this movement, which all should abhor. While yet we recognize the probability that some Armenians in this country, ignorant of the real object and cruel designs of the Huntchagists, are led by their patriotism to join with them, and while we sympathize with the sufferings of the Armenians at home, we

must stand aloof from any such desperate attempts, which contemplate the destruction of Protestant missions, churches, schools and Bible work, involving all in a common ruin that is diligently and craftily sought. Let all home and foreign missionaries beware of any alliance with, or countenance of, the Huntchagists.

Lexington, Dec. 23. **CYRUS HANLIN.**

**MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY, BOSTON, MASS.**

In view of the revolutionary and incendiary designs of the Huntchagist revolutionary party among the Armenians the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society enjoins upon all those its brethren to give no countenance or support to that party.

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