

# THE PRESS.—PHILADELPHIA, SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 1860.

**The Syrian Massacres.**

LETTER FROM THE AMERICAN CONSUL IN TURKEY.

(From the Providence Journal, August 1.)

"The Consul General has written to the Monthly Consol. for Missions, as follows:—Monday evening, the Rev. Dr. Bright, of Boston, was appointed to succeed Mr. G. W. Drexel, who had been called to the service of his country. Mr. Drexel's services will be much missed, and we hope that some other consummate man may be appointed here or elsewhere to fill the vacant place for the service of these important missions.

On Tuesday evening, June 26, 1860,

You have doubtless heard of the horrible massacres that have just been perpetrated upon the poor Christians of Syria by the Turks. Drexel, called to succor us by Turkish soldiers.

A few facts may give you an adequate idea of the present state of things in Syria.

The number of Christians who have estimated the loss sustained by the Christians at 100,000, and that of the Greeks about 20,000. The inhabitants of the Christian villages are now scattered, and many were brutally slaughtered, in cold blood, after a full surrender had been made. Thirty or forty thousand Christians have been slain, and 100,000 more were put to death, some of whom were French. Nearly one hundred villages have been burnt to the ground.

Many churches have also been burned, among them the American mission chapel at Hama, and its school houses at Dar-el-Kebir.

The Turks, from their position, have the civilized world with horror; but there is yet something to be told.

It is told that not less than thirty thousand Christians are now homeless and starving, and have no other hope for subsistence than the charity of the Moslems.

More than two thousand fugitives have been supported by the Greeks, missionaries, merchants, and others of Beyrouth; but there is still something to be told.

Beyrouth is no longer a place of safety for Christians. All our families are now fully aware, and are prepared to leave it, if necessary, and it is necessary to station a plateau of soldiers in every consul's house for their protection. Thousands of the Moslem population have fled to the neighboring native residents, have fled the country. Indeed, the land is full of misery and desolation.

The King of Greece has sent a sum of money for their present relief, and efforts are being made elsewhere to collect money for that object. Aver-

age, however, nothing can be done for the Christians except to give them shelter, food, and clothing.

What can be done in the United States for these forsaken widows and orphans? I will not think of that. I will not doubt, however, that we will do our duty, and justice, for this great crisis; but humanity calls upon me not only to contribute to the crowd, and my house, but to present the case to the public, and to call upon all to sympathize in behalf of the persecuted.

What can be done for the Christians of Syria?

You will doubtless see full accounts of this bloody massacre.

I send you a full American copy of the Pentecostal. I think you will find it to be frank.

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There are also short articles in the New York American, where I obtained the enclosed.

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