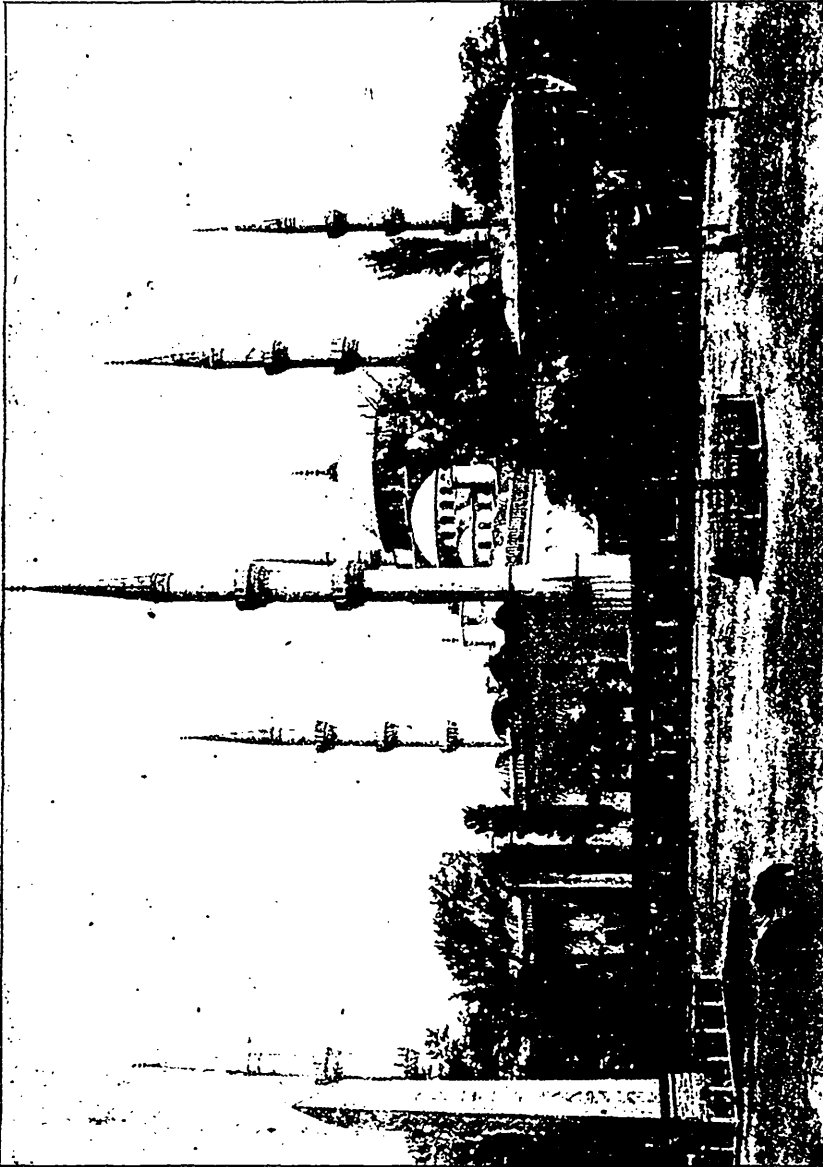


to wrest the Holy Sepulchre from the power of the Turks, but to prevent the subversion of the Christian faith in its very strong-

It is strange that the power which was long the standing menace of the other nations of Europe should now exist only by



SQUARE OF THE AHMEDIAN AND MOSQUE OF ST. SOPHIA, IN CONSTANTINOPLÉ.  
 on the left is an obelisk from Luxor, Egypt, and on the right is the column of serpents whose three heads formed the tripod in which the priestess sat who uttered the famous oracles in Delphi, Greece. The mosque is the most interesting building in Constantinople, famous for its mosaics and pillars, many of which came from the temple of Diana at Ephesus.

holds. The corsair fleets of the Turks swept the Mediterranean, and the terrible Janizaries were the scourge of Christendom.

the sufferance of jealousy of those very nations. Yet feeble and decrepit as is Turkey, no country excites such regard. The interest