

to fall a sacrifice at any time in her defence. But their arms and ammunition are furnished by the artisans of America and other Christian countries. Her efforts, at great cost, to establish factories on her own soil under foreign teachers, have been notorious failures.

"In agriculture and mining she is wholly contemptible. The rich lands of Asia Minor and Mesopotamia, capable of unrivaled development, produce but a small volume of exports to foreign lands, although the shores of the Eastern Mediterranean, the Sea of Marmora, and the Black Sea, offer an invitation which requires a Turk to decline. On all these glorious lands the industrious peasantry are miserably poor. The Armenian peasantry and traders have shown a marked capacity to rise in education and industry, but they are killed off and their property given over to robbers !

"In government the Saracens exhibited remarkable capacity, but it faded out. The Turks took possession of the Christian lands of Asia and parts of Europe, and the dynasty of Sultans, of which Hamid is the last, has continued unbroken for over 500 years. The governing power of the Turks has departed. It is a despotism intensified by assassination and plunder. Under Solyman the Magnificent there was a constant stream of 'converts' to Islam. Of twelve grand viziers of that period, eight were renegades from Christian races. The two great and victorious admirals, Dragut and Pioli, were also renegades, and so of other departments. Now it is a government from which all sensible men wish to flee. It is chaos. Europe is troubled to know what to do with it.

"The missionary zeal and success of Islam are a failure. While it could go forth with the sword its missions were successful. In

Africa they have gone with the slave trade, and their conquests have been great. But that trade is doomed. The European nations are taking possession of Africa. The native heathen tribes will no longer be hunted like wild beasts for slaves ; and the missionaries will no longer offer them protection on professing Islam and submitting to its rites. The passing of Zanzibar into the power of the English will close that slave mart.

"Islam's pride and glory, the Ottoman empire, now exists only by sufferance of the European powers, whose mutual jealousies defend it."

Dr. Lyman Abbott, pastor of Plymouth church, Brooklyn, N.Y., from that historic pulpit uttered the following stern arraignment of the Turkish Empire :

"The persecution of Christians in Armenia is the worst, the most cruel, the most barbarous religious persecution the world has ever seen. It is estimated that two thousand Christians were slain in the persecutions of Diocletian ; that between five and six thousand Protestants were put to death under the persecutions of Torquemada in Spain ; that thirty thousand were slain in the massacre of St. Bartholomew ; that a hundred thousand Protestants were put to death in the wars of the Duke of Alva against the house of Orange—but that includes those who were slain in open battle. Those who have perished in Turkish Armenia in the last four years nearly, if not quite, equal the sum total of all those slain in previous persecutions. Eight thousand seven hundred and fifty is the number officially reported as massacred in three or four days in Constantinople itself, while some estimates put the total number of massacred men, women, and children at the present time since 1894 at one hundred thousand. And