

Castel Gaudolfo and all their appurtenances and precincts. . . . The Pope is accorded a private postal and telegraph service under his own control, and entirely free from that of the civil power. All the papal training-schools and colleges in Rome are exempt from the interference of the State."

—The Hungarian House of Magnates, after having deliberated for the fourth time on the Freedom of Worship Bill, and by 118 against 112 votes, adopted the provision whereby it is rendered permissible to leave or join any communion, or to make declaration of not professing any particular creed. The House then passed by 120 to 118 votes the clause permitting conversion to Judaism, thus removing the last obstacle to Liberal legislation dealing with ecclesiastical affairs.—*Reuter*.

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Islam.—Atrocious slaughters in Sassoun, in Trebizond, in Constantinople, and now in Harpoot, in which the Turks are the butchers and the Armenians are the victims! Then, as if this wholesale bloodshed were not sufficient, in the last-named city these same furious fanatics must needs fill to the brim the measure of ill-desert by destroying the bulk of the buildings of the American College, inflicting a loss of some \$100,000! Lord, how long? Ah, that united Christian Europe might smite and subdue and compel to decency at least; and if need be, set up a joint "protectorate" over the entire Turkish Empire. It is high time that the feet of these savage and red-handed intruders ceased to profane the sacred places of our faith.

—Men think that Turkey is to put an end to the propagation of the Gospel in that great empire. The Turkish Empire always seems to me, as I look at it on the map or in its history, like a vast, magnificent Oriental rug, stamped with splendid and stately figures, emblazoned on every side with heroic combat, and with threads of gold and silver

interwoven with the wool. Magnificent it is in its extent, in the variety of its resources, in the wonderful history which has been wrought upon it. It is a robe of Oriental magnificence that has been dipped and soaked in blood. But it is to bear, as certainly as God liveth, as certainly as the cross was raised on Calvary, as certainly as the human soul remains sensitive to Divine inspiration—it is to bear by and by, and not far hence, the monogram of Christ on all its glittering expanse.—*Dr. R. S. Storrs*.

—It is a new experience for us old residents in Syria to look out upon railway trains passing in the distance and see the French locomotives dragging their burdens up the cogged track over Lebanon toward the Bukaa and Damascus. The passenger train is ten hours in passing over the 120 miles, scaling Lebanon at an elevation of 5000 feet above the sea. The road was opened August 4th, and already the freight traffic is so great that three freight trains a day cannot meet the demand. As we arrived August 12th from New York, we have not yet been over the road to Damascus; but Dr. Crawford tells me that the ride from Damascus up the river Abana to the fountain of Fiji, and on to Zebedany, under the dense shade of poplars, and by the roaring river, is most refreshing and delightful. The ride over the heights of Lebanon is no less so, with its bold scenery and magnificent views of the distant sea and the rocky mountain gorges.—*Rev. H. H. Jessup*.

India.—Indian Mohammedans are loyal subjects of the Queen-Empress, and they also sustain close relation to the Sultan, who is in a sense the head of Islam, tho not exactly the representative of the caliphs or successors of Mohammed. The loyalty of the Mohammedans of India has been quickened and strengthened by England's long-continued friendship with the Sultan. Should trouble arise between England and Turkey the Mohammedan subjects