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A GROUNDLESS RUMOR.

There has been circulated in this community a charge that the Armenian drive is merely a proselyting effort of the church to get funds to spread their doctrines among unfortunate people. What foundation can there possibly be in such a story? Are all these men who have given their aid to the campaign dupes? Since when did the Catholic, the Episcopalian, the Congregational and the Methodist Churches bury the hatchet of their differences and proselyte together? Yet within the past week we have seen an Episcopal minister here in the interests of the campaign, a Catholic priest and a Methodist minister on the same committee for this good work and a Congregational minister in our midst without pay, lecturing for this worthy cause.

What manner of magic is this which draws together these men of many creeds that they may prey on the guillible here and extract from them funds to be used later in duping Christians with a good and sufficient religion into forsaking the faith of their fathers in favor of another and a newer faith? And what plan hath been devised whereby these new proselytes may be equitably divided amongst the various faiths represented in this latest cabal?

Verily, the critic of this movement hath paid a compliment to the sagacity of the men who lead it. Were his story true, we would feel almost honored to be duped by such men. But thank God the story is not true. The relief of the Armenians and their kindred sufferers in the Near East is the nearest to 100 per cent relief without graft or cost of management of any of the various good works undertaken in the past four bloody years.

Let us have caution but let us have it in the right direction. Men and women and little children are starving in a country not beyond reach. Strict economy is being used in their relief. A life is being saved at the cost of 17 cents a day. What family in America can live on \$60 per year per person? Yet across this expanse of ocean, sand and rock which intervenes between us and the starving Armenians, American food products and clothing are being transported and Armenian families are being put on their feet and made

self supporting at a cost far below the price of the merest existence here at home. Wherein is the graft? Wherein is the mismanagement and the proselyting if these things are being done? And we have the evidence of our best men, our president, our Red Cross, our ambassadors and our statesmen that they are being done.

Let not such idle talk stay your hand in mercy's business.

BEAUTIFY THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

A most appropriate plan for commemorating the service which the boys from this community have rendered to us and to all people who value liberty and the pursuit of happiness unmolested by the hands of tyrants and meddlers is that which proposes to plant a tree on the school grounds for each boy from this district who wore the olive drab. Already the start has been made. Mr. Weed has generously offered to donate the trees if the grounds are put in proper shape for planting. The student body of the high school on Wednesday appropriated \$25 toward the cause and on Wednesday night the Parent Teachers' Association made an equal appropriation. If the school will duplicate the subscriptions already made (and they will be asked to do so at their next meeting) there will be a fund available sufficient to secure the services of a landscape architect to plan the laying out of the grounds and to superintend the work of grading and planting. There are enough people in this community who are interested in seeing the grounds beautified, in knowing that the boys are properly commemorated and in feeling that the town has a place where its children may play in safety and be surrounded by the best influences to do the work without further cost to the district. That they will do this is evident from the prompt and generous response thus far given to the proposal. But now that the plan is under way, let's do it right and see to it that permanent care for the planting is provided in time.

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