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Besides that Hejaz, only, was absorbing something as three million pounds - or very nearly so - of the whole budget of the Empire amounting to 25 millions altogether.

to their deserted and ruined home in Anatolia (Asia Minor!).

Yet, Sultan Hamid used to spend a lot of money every year in gifts for the people of Hejaz during the pilgrimage season, and not less than <sup>hundred</sup> thousand pounds for the travelling expenses of the poor ~~non-turkish~~ mohammedan pilgrims <sup>(of the world)</sup>. The turkish soldier had to be contented with three months pay <sup>in a year</sup> without any complaint or protestation; these three month's pay amounting to three (mejidi)s altogether, that means to say one dollar fifty!...

The arabs - since the conquest of their country by the Sultans of Turkey - had lived their best days under Abdul Hamid. They were well aware of that, and they have never failed to acknowledge it with full gratitude. So they had no enmity against the turks but against the young turks.

I am pointing these particular facts to give to the faithful american reader, (so earnest and so curious in search of truth) the only key of interpretation for the study of the so called ~~radical~~ reforms in Turkey. Otherwise no one among the strangers could understand how and why a handful intellectuals (as we were indeed) have succeeded in pulling down a man like Sultan Hamid, while he had paralyzed ~~the~~ the european diplomacy plotting against him. Nobody could grasp either the real cause of antipathy between the young turks and the arabs, or the irresistible motive ~~the~~ which compelled the arabs to take the arms against the young turks so fiercely.

Our <sup>easy</sup> success in constitutional reforms (1908-9) was only due to our <sup>desperate</sup> enterprise backed by a hungry army; it was not the <sup>fair</sup> expression of the national will, or the economical exigencies at all! I was

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