

SYRIAN BISHOP SPEAKS.

No Attempt to Make Trouble in Pacific-st. Church.

The threats against his life did not deter Bishop Raphael Hawaweeny, of the Syrian Greek Church, from officiating yesterday at the services held in the church, at Nos. 301 and 303 Pacific-st., Brooklyn. Although no attempt was made yesterday by the Mahometans, who, the bishop's friends say, have conspired against him, to make trouble, one of them was present, as was also a guard of detectives to suppress any disturbance.

The congregation was the largest since the troubles of Bishop Hawaweeny with the anti-church element began. Among the worshippers was Nicholas de Lodygensky, Russian Consul General.

The bishop declared in his sermon that he readily forgave his detractors, and said that he regretted their ungodliness. He also called upon his congregation not to raise an arm in his defence, as the laws of the country were ample protection against the attacks that were being made on him and his parishioners.

Following the church services, Bishop Hawaweeny held a brief reception at his home, No. 320 Pacific-st., where the men of his congregation in short addresses gave their promises of continued loyalty to the bishop. One of the speakers dwelt on the fact that all of Bishop Hawaweeny's supporters are American citizens and were no less observers of the laws of the country than were citizens of other nationalities, and that the ties that bound them to the Syrian Church were purely religious.

Consul General Lodygensky, who is the official protector of Bishop Hawaweeny, as the latter is under the jurisdiction of the Holy Synod of Russia, also spoke. The Syrians were greatly pleased at the presence of the consul general, as it proved, they said, the absolute solidarity of the church.

The remarkable charge that the bishop's friends have set apart a \$4,000 fund for the protection of the men who had vowed vengeance on his enemies was pronounced false.

"We will," said one yesterday, "allow matters to take their course in the courts, as other law-abiding citizens would do. Bishop Hawaweeny's counsel has always been for peace."
