

SYRIAN BISHOP SAYS

That Base Slanders Have Been Circulated About Him.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

I wish to deny through the medium of your paper the base slanders that have been circulated about me from time to time in the last few weeks, going so far recently as to state that I had offered \$5,000 for a man's death.

My people understand the motives which actuate the persons making such statements, but it is only right to me that the press should announce to the great American public that all such charges are absolutely false and without foundation, and that I have tried to live a life in accord with the high position which I fill as head of the Syrian Greek-Orthodox Church in America.

BISHOP RAPHAEL HAWAWEENY.

Brooklyn, Oct. 25, 1905.
