

SYRIAN BISHOP EXPLAINS.

Head of Greek Orthodox Church in America Says He Has Been Slandered.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: 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 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 American.

RAPHAEL HAWAWEENTY, Bishop.

Brooklyn, Oct. 25, 1905.

DESCENDANTS OF STANDISH.

To the Editor of The Tribune

Sir: Some of the descendants of John Alden having been heard from through the columns of The Tribune and the correspondence relating to them read with deep interest, allow me to suggest that it is now incumbent on the descendants of Captain Miles Standish to avail themselves of the same which circulated invidium and let us hear of their whereabouts. In 1849 or 1850, at which time the writer was a schoolboy at the Twinsburg Institute, in the vicinity of Cleveland, Ohio, a Miss Standish, a lineal descendant of the valiant captain, was by a student there; and the principal, the Rev. Samuel Bassell, a Yale man, announced the fact with pardonable pride at an informal gathering of students. I was then quite too youthful to appreciate the honor of sitting at the same dining table with one in whose veins coursed the Mayflower's bluest blood, but now would be exceedingly glad of any knowledge relating to her or any one bearing her name.

Bayonne, N. J., Oct. 25, 1906.

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