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## THE GREEK COMMITTEE.

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THE Greek Committee was formed on April 25, 1879, "for the purpose of promoting the interests of Greece in the East." The Marquis of Lansdowne and the Earl of Rosebery were successively Presidents; Sir Charles Dilke and Sir Arthur Arnold successively Chairmen; Mr. Shaw-Lefevre was the Treasurer; the Marquis of Bath, the Earl of Carlisle, Lord Northbourne, Mr. Bryce, Mr. Chamberlain, and the Hon. Dudley Campbell were amongst the members of the Executive. The General Committee included more than two hundred names.

The method of the Committee was to evoke public opinion in favour of the Greek claims, by means of meetings and printed statements; to avoid all identification with party politics, whether in England or in Greece; and to leave to other agencies the advocacy of the non-Hellenic nationalities in the East. By pursuing this well-defined course, the Committee was undoubtedly instrumental, to a large extent, and in conjunction with other causes, in securing the cession of Thessaly in 1881. The Powers had assigned Epirus to Greece, as well as Thessaly; but the Porte contrived to retain the western province in its own hands.

At the present moment Crete is the burning question for Greece; but the difficulties which face her on the northern frontier, and the probability of further difficulties in the near future, appeal with irresistible force even to the calmest and most moderate friends of the Hellenic race. It is in response to this appeal, in the belief that the increase and development of the kingdom would offer a sure guarantee of peace and

