

Pacha, the Governor, who vainly endeavoured to maintain order.

The present insurrection in the island of Crete is the NINTH SINCE 1821.

From the foregoing succinct statement, which sins only on the side of moderation, and in suppressing details too horrible for publication, the following facts come out with incontrovertible pertinacity and force :—

(a) That the Cretans have at all times—never more so than in their recent history—evinced an unalterable determination to shake off alien domination, under whatever form or semblance. Crete has been a *damnosa hereditas* to alien masters.

(b) That their irrevocable wish to be united to the mother country has been manifested and proclaimed on each successive rising in unmistakable and solemn terms, and has been practically asserted by the sacrifice of much blood and treasure.

(c) That the one constant and invariable result of the intervention of the Powers in the affairs of Crete has been the reimposition of the yoke of Turkey on the unfortunate islanders—a yoke they had so gallantly and so repeatedly thrown off.

(d) That the Powers have never succeeded in insuring to the Cretans the fulfilment of the reforms which they promised to exact from Turkey; and that the three measures of autonomy under Turkish rule—the Organic Law of 1868, the Halepa Pact of 1878, and the Convention of 1896—proved not only illusory, but the immediate cause of fresh insurrections.

We need not recapitulate the events of the past few weeks. Our object has been to bring together the main features of the Cretan question, as it affects the Greeks on

