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of this unfortunate
population of Thrace is still to be decided
and there is every reason to fear that
it will be decided after another struggle
which ~~they~~ will cover once more this province
with blood. This can scarcely be
avoided; it will be brought about
irresistably by the very force of the cir-
cumstances of still the powers of Europe
are animated by the same spirit
of egotism and self interest which
they have shown till lately. When
I consider my position here in these
difficult circumstances, many a time
I had wished I was away from
Thrace for I have been constrained
to assume responsibilities which
weigh heavily upon me and which
make me sigh every time that I
consider them within myself in
the calmness of the evening at home
or in the repose of my bed. I earnestly
hope and pray that God would