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Mr. E. Boghossian
The Armenian Reporter
P.O. Box 488
Flushing, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Boghossian;

Herewith I have enclosed \$18.00 Money Order for my subscription for the Armenian Reporter.

At this time I wish to point out that, as you would recall, from its inception I have been interested in your publication, enjoy reading it and wish you success.

However, I have been deeply upset (with many other of your readers) by your January 27, 1977 editorial, under the heading, "A Well-Earned Tribute," praising the achievements of the Armenian Evangelical community and criticizing the "Mother Church."

As the publisher of an Armenian paper it is expected of you to know that for centuries, in the face of endless persecution, the "Mother Church" has survived and heroically has kept the identity of the Armenians wherever they have settled. It is a well-known fact that during the 1915 Turkish Massacre, while 2 million Armenians were driven out of their ancestral homeland and killed, the "stray" Armenians - the Protestants -

thousands of them, in order to save their skin, converted into Islam religion. If it was not for the "Mother Church" the number of the Armenians in the world would be very negligible to-day.

Dear Mr. Boghosian, it is neither your field nor your responsibility to criticize our "Mother Church" and compare it with the church of the "stray" Armenians.

Our "Mother Church" occupies a venerable and lofty place not only for the "real" Armenians also among the Christian Churches of the world. Therefore, it is above criticism.

With best wishes I remain,

yours truly,
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