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CHIEFLY FROM THE PAPERS PRESENTED BY COMMAND.

BY THE

RIGHT HON. W. E. GLADSTONE, M.P.

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"Away, with me, all you whose souls abhor  
The uncleanly savours of a slaughterhouse;  
For I am stifled with this smell of sin."  
KING JOHN, iv. 3.

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The following table shows the results of the experiment. The first column is the number of trials, the second column is the number of correct responses, and the third column is the percentage of correct responses. The fourth column is the number of errors, and the fifth column is the percentage of errors. The sixth column is the number of omissions, and the seventh column is the percentage of omissions. The eighth column is the number of commissions, and the ninth column is the percentage of commissions. The tenth column is the number of correct rejections, and the eleventh column is the percentage of correct rejections. The twelfth column is the number of false alarms, and the thirteenth column is the percentage of false alarms. The fourteenth column is the number of hits, and the fifteenth column is the percentage of hits. The sixteenth column is the number of misses, and the seventeenth column is the percentage of misses. The eighteenth column is the number of correct classifications, and the nineteenth column is the percentage of correct classifications. The twentieth column is the number of incorrect classifications, and the twenty-first column is the percentage of incorrect classifications.

| Trial | Correct | % Correct | Errors | % Errors | Omissions | % Omissions | Commissions | % Commissions | Correct Rejections | % Correct Rejections | False Alarms | % False Alarms | Hits | % Hits | Misses | % Misses | Correct Classifications | % Correct Classifications | Incorrect Classifications | % Incorrect Classifications |
|-------|---------|-----------|--------|----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------|------|--------|--------|----------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1     | 15      | 75        | 5      | 25       | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 10                 | 50                   | 5            | 25             | 10   | 50     | 0      | 0        | 10                      | 50                        | 5                         | 25                          |
| 2     | 12      | 60        | 8      | 40       | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 8                  | 40                   | 4            | 20             | 8    | 40     | 0      | 0        | 8                       | 40                        | 4                         | 20                          |
| 3     | 10      | 50        | 10     | 50       | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 6                  | 30                   | 4            | 20             | 6    | 30     | 0      | 0        | 6                       | 30                        | 4                         | 20                          |
| 4     | 8       | 40        | 12     | 60       | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 4                  | 20                   | 4            | 20             | 4    | 20     | 0      | 0        | 4                       | 20                        | 4                         | 20                          |
| 5     | 6       | 30        | 14     | 70       | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 2                  | 10                   | 4            | 20             | 2    | 10     | 0      | 0        | 2                       | 10                        | 4                         | 20                          |
| 6     | 4       | 20        | 16     | 80       | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 2            | 10             | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 2                         | 10                          |
| 7     | 3       | 15        | 17     | 85       | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 1            | 5              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 1                         | 5                           |
| 8     | 2       | 10        | 18     | 90       | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 9     | 1       | 5         | 19     | 95       | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 10    | 0       | 0         | 20     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 11    | 0       | 0         | 21     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 12    | 0       | 0         | 22     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 13    | 0       | 0         | 23     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 14    | 0       | 0         | 24     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 15    | 0       | 0         | 25     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 16    | 0       | 0         | 26     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 17    | 0       | 0         | 27     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 18    | 0       | 0         | 28     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 19    | 0       | 0         | 29     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 20    | 0       | 0         | 30     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 21    | 0       | 0         | 31     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 22    | 0       | 0         | 32     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 23    | 0       | 0         | 33     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 24    | 0       | 0         | 34     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 25    | 0       | 0         | 35     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 26    | 0       | 0         | 36     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 27    | 0       | 0         | 37     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 28    | 0       | 0         | 38     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 29    | 0       | 0         | 39     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 30    | 0       | 0         | 40     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 31    | 0       | 0         | 41     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 32    | 0       | 0         | 42     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 33    | 0       | 0         | 43     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 34    | 0       | 0         | 44     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 35    | 0       | 0         | 45     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 36    | 0       | 0         | 46     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 37    | 0       | 0         | 47     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 38    | 0       | 0         | 48     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 39    | 0       | 0         | 49     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 40    | 0       | 0         | 50     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 41    | 0       | 0         | 51     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 42    | 0       | 0         | 52     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 43    | 0       | 0         | 53     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 44    | 0       | 0         | 54     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 45    | 0       | 0         | 55     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 46    | 0       | 0         | 56     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 47    | 0       | 0         | 57     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 48    | 0       | 0         | 58     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 49    | 0       | 0         | 59     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 50    | 0       | 0         | 60     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 51    | 0       | 0         | 61     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 52    | 0       | 0         | 62     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 53    | 0       | 0         | 63     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 54    | 0       | 0         | 64     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 55    | 0       | 0         | 65     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 56    | 0       | 0         | 66     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 57    | 0       | 0         | 67     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 58    | 0       | 0         | 68     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 59    | 0       | 0         | 69     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 60    | 0       | 0         | 70     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 61    | 0       | 0         | 71     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 62    | 0       | 0         | 72     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 63    | 0       | 0         | 73     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 64    | 0       | 0         | 74     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 65    | 0       | 0         | 75     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 66    | 0       | 0         | 76     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 67    | 0       | 0         | 77     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 68    | 0       | 0         | 78     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 69    | 0       | 0         | 79     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 70    | 0       | 0         | 80     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 71    | 0       | 0         | 81     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 72    | 0       | 0         | 82     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 73    | 0       | 0         | 83     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 74    | 0       | 0         | 84     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 75    | 0       | 0         | 85     | 100      | 0         | 0           | 0           | 0             | 0                  | 0                    | 0            | 0              | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                         | 0                           |
| 76    | 0       | 0         | 86     | 100      | 0         |             |             |               |                    |                      |              |                |      |        |        |          |                         |                           |                           |                             |



# LESSONS IN MASSACRE.

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## I.

### THE INTRODUCTION.

THE lesson, which the Turkish Government has conveyed to its Mahometan subjects by its conduct since last May in the matter of the Bulgarian rising, cannot be more pithily or more accurately expressed than in the three short English words, "Do it again." My charge is, that this lesson was conveyed; and not only conveyed, but intended to be conveyed; that it is as plain, as if it had been set forth expressly in a Firman of the Sultan, or a Fetwa of the Sheik ool Islam. To comprehend aright this great lesson in Massacre, we must look at the facts as a whole, and must carefully scrutinise the details in themselves, as well as in their bearing one upon another. It may seem that one, who is no more than a private individual, is guilty of presumption in dealing with so great and perilous a question. But I have a great faith in the power of opinion, of the opinion of civilised and Christian Europe. It

can remove mountains. I have seen this in the recent past; and I seem to see it in no distant future.

Six months ago, England and Europe had just learned, upon official authority, the reality and extent of the Massacres, and of the outrages far worse than Massacre, in Bulgaria. Over and above the horrors of the perpetration, there was ground for the darkest surmises as to the seat of the ultimate responsibility for those fiendish crimes. Miscreants, fatally prominent in the proceedings, had been decorated and rewarded; and the solemn business of retributive inquiry had been visibly tampered with by the Turkish Government, to which we had been lending, through a blood-stained period, our moral and our material support. But the revelation of the facts was still new; and there had not been time sufficient for clearly carrying home the guilt beyond the wretched men, who performed the deeds of blood and shame. The belief that a Government in alliance with Her Majesty could stand in close complicity with crimes, so foul that the very possibility of them seems to lower the level of our nature, was a belief so startling, nay, so horrible, that it was not fit to be entertained, unless upon the clearest and fullest evidence. And all this time we were unblushingly assured, by one if not more of the organs of the Turkish cause in the London Press, that order, momentarily disturbed in Bulgaria by agents from

abroad, had been restored, and that life, honour, and property were secure under a calumniated but really paternal Government.

As time has gone on, and facts have gradually emerged, those surmises, which at first floated as thin vapours in the air, have acquired more and more of substance and consistency : and at length the copious, but not too copious, Papers supplied to Parliament have so accumulated the evidence, as to leave no longer any room for reasonable doubt. We have now to confront a fact, more revolting than the fact of the Massacres themselves. The supposition, which I have described as too shocking to be entertained in our state of imperfect knowledge, now stands forth as clear as the lurid light of a furnace against the blackness of a nocturnal sky. Let me try to make entirely plain the issue, which in these pages I desire to raise.

There were separate acts which, in September, it was perhaps possible to construe, by a large indulgence, as referable to weakness, to accident, or to the bewilderment and confusion attendant upon war, in a country which never had any but a military organisation, and which has now lost in the main even that solitary ornament. Such a construction would now be irrational. All the acts, and all the non-acts, of the Turkish Government, before the rising when we knew them scantily, during and since the lamentable scenes, when we know them but too fully, stand forth