

<sup>who were</sup> <sup>side by side</sup> <sup>many</sup>  
The Bektashis are indeed the most liberal dervishes, among other  
esoteric sects, <sup>living in anatolia since the very beginning of the ottoman rule.</sup> which are considered ~~with~~ many other (Tareekat)s, as the  
~~most~~ as the utterly nonconformist (tareekat) (way, viz: sect) with the  
sunmites (the orthodox State Religion). This confraternity, has really lots of  
adherents among the illiterate common people of Anatolia, <sup>but</sup> ~~as well as~~ many  
enlightened and cultured ~~and~~ personalities in Stamboul and other  
great centers; these are apparently shiites in their creed, but in reality  
even the majority of the (Baba = father) viz: the Bektashi Scheikhs are  
ignorant men, but in Stamboul and other centers, great, there are a very  
many high ranked personalities, poets, and enlightened people, cultured peo-  
ple who ~~are~~ were members of the Bektashi confraternity. I know persona-  
lly two Scheikh-ul-Islams who were Bektashis, and <sup>the</sup> one <sup>mossa Kiazim eff.</sup> was a master  
free-macon at the same time; being successively <sup>he was</sup> members of the Cabinet  
~~under~~ during the leadership of Talaat-pasha, the well known president  
of the Union & progress Committee, who was like me, a Bektashi and  
a master macon at the same time. <sup>and many others as well</sup>

Consequently, I may say - without being rebuked for exaggeration - that  
the Bektashis, as a whole community had already quite a good  
disposition of mind to welcome any politico-social revolution favouring  
liberty of creed and <sup>a full</sup> action. It is an evident historical fact that the Janis-  
saries, ~~are~~ since they were organized, <sup>a much tolerable administration</sup> were belonging to the Bektashi order  
and officially recognized as such, until they were totally annihilated  
in a general massacre ~~are~~ organized and executed by order of Sultan  
Mahmood II, because their fierce and stubborn resistance against  
any reform. Yet Turkey is full of Bektashis still. I know personally  
Ambassadors, feld Marshals vizirs, puges etc belonging to this sect.

Accordingly, every bektashi as a member of the U. and progress, has - I am  
sure - ~~try~~ tried to help faithfully, the Committee to succeed in his aims,  
but, I do not know if the Bektashi community as a whole, had played  
a peculiar rôle in this turmoil, except that they welcome, like the  
majority of the Nation, the establishment of the new Regime.

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