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THE NEW HOSPITAL IN HARPOOT.

The distinctive feature of the year has been the building of the Annie Tracy Riggs Hospital. The Firman reached Harpoot in April and in May building operations were begun under the efficient oversight of Rev. E. F. Carey. Much credit, especially for economy is due to the oversight of Mr. Carey, which was continued throughout the year 1909, when it was turned over to Dr. Atkinson. We built with the idea that it was for the permanent work and so we have had thoroughness with economy, rather than haste, as our object. Every thing in this country has to be done by hand labor, so things have moved slowly but we hope every thing has been well done. The front building is practically finished. It will serve for our clinics, out patient treatments, pharmacy, laboratory, operating work, offices and give dwelling room for doctor and nurse. The work on the ward building is well along. It will contain forty beds. These two buildings are just half of what the firman grants to us. We shall begin work in them next September. We feel that we are well housed for the present with plenty of room to grow in the future. We plan to have the hospital open for the patients of all doctors, but under our influence and control.

STATISTICS.

CLINICS— Office Patients, 3424, returned	2084	5508
Bedside Patients, 330, revisits	733	1063
Surgical dressings 2610, Applications	2126	4736
Total No. Treatments		12307

Classifications by sex:— Male 56 %, Female 44 %

Classification General:— Clinic 65 %, Village Touring 23 %, Orphans 7 %, Teachers and students 5 %

Classification by Race:— Armenians 75 %, Turks 12 %, Kurds 8 %, Syrians 3 %, Greeks and others 2 %.

OPERATIONS— Major 27, Minor 64. Total	91
CONSULTATION— With other doctor-called to 13.1, called 7	20

INFIRMARY Patients:— Male 95. Female 57, Total 152

Days in infirmary:— Male 986. Female 969. Total 1255

Place:— On Tour 3 localities visited. 15 villages visited. Patients resident of about 100 cities and villages.

PHARMACY:— Prescriptions filed 3883. Other sales 3371. Total sales 7234

No. Sale with profit \$323, cost or less 1360, Free 551 7234

A PLEASING FACT. The present value of the medical department in property, credit & cash (2997.70 L.t.) is more than equal to all the gifts received from Jan. 1, 1902 to April 30, 1910 (2812.00 L.t.). We have therefore value in hand for every gift received since the coming of Dr. Atkinson. This proves that the Medical Department has on the average been self supporting from the start and every gift has been used for the growth of the work.

It is very gratifying that graduates of Euphrates College are applying for our Nurses Training and Midwifery classes. Didactic lessons and practical work will begin with the opening of the hospital next September.

We are beginning an interesting new feature. Philibos Effendi, our druggist, is publishing a book on the Hygiene of the Eye. It is his own work translating and editing, and he also finances the project. This is the first of a series on hygienic subjects which he plans to publish. He dedicates his first volume to his Alma Mater, Euphrates College, and donates the profits to the sufferers from the Adana Massacres.

Mrs. Atkinson is compiling from two standard American works a text book on Nursing. Mrs. Aghavni Movsesian is translating it into Armenian. We hope to have it published this coming winter. Mrs. Movsesian has charge of the library and literature for the hospital.

We are not without our discouragements. There is much yet to be done and our needs weigh rather heavily upon us. Our needs are many and some of them are urgent even imperative. Permit us to mention the following: five hundred dollars to complete the hospital building fund; a thousand dollars or more for the equipment and supplies; another thousand for a wall around the premises, a stable and fixing up the premises; two hundred and fifty dollars to buy a team of horses and a spring wagon to go between Harpoot and Mezereh and also serve as an ambulance; the same amount for winter supplies; twenty five dollars a month for the wages and expenses of five nurse students; five or ten dollars per month for a Bible reader or preacher for the hospital.

Twenty five dollars names a bed, purchasing bedstead, mattress, two changes of bedding, stand and chair. We give the following list for those who would like to send a box to us. Sheets hospital size, be sure they are big enough. Gowns all sizes, wide in shoulders, cotton flannel preferred, washable colors, Pillow Cases, Towels. Wash Cloths. Dusting Cloths. Dish towels. Pajamas. Nurses aprons without bibs. Nurses Kerchiefs for the neck. Cloth for nurses dresses. Blankets both cotton and woolen. Operating gowns, sheets, and towels. Send Boxes to John G. Hosmer, 14 Beacon St. Boston, Mass. to be forwarded to Dr. Atkinson Harpoot Turkey.

For copies of our descriptive pamphlet, for information and enqui-

ries, for inspiration and encouragement, please address Miss Jessie Murray, Athens, Pa., our American representative.

In sending your gifts please be careful to state that they are for the Annie Tracy Rigs Hospital and if you desire that it be used for a special purpose please state that.

Please send your gifts to Mr. F. H. Wiggin, 14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

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REPORT OF THE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND IN OORFA,

1909-1910.

This year has been a time of anxiety on account of the illhealth of our most beloved and greatly respected Miss Shattuck, the founder and mother of the School for the Blind in Oorfa. She finally started for America on the 11th of April, leaving us in great agony and disappointment. On her last Sabbath night she sat up on her bed surrounded by her orphan boys, girls, and our blind girls. Marie Toomasian sang a solo, "He knows," with faint heart and tearful eyes. "Anywhere with Jesus" was sung by all in the Armenian language, and "God be with you" was sung in English by three blind girls. After all was over, we departed from her, kissing her hands.

The great loss of her wise counsel and kindly guidance will be a severe deprivation to the school and also to the welfare of the blind, whom she loved very warmly and by whom she was loved very much. We shall remember with deep gratitude the kindly interest which she always took in the Establishment, and I hope that that interest will be carried by her even at home many years through the recovery of her precious health, as many tearful eyes are lifted up to heaven that she may be spared and her life prolonged.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the dear missionaries in Aintab, on having been so fortunate as to secure Miss Foreman, the Principal of the Girls' Seminary in Aintab, as a substitute, while I was regretting the absence of our most precious Miss Shattuck.

Through the earnest labours of my blind assistant workers there has been great progress all along the course during the past year. I am glad to report that this year we have been using wands in our gymnastic exercises, and they have proved to be a great help to our girls physically, teaching them to have a more lady-like carriage of the body. One of our pupils became a church member this year, and has since been a strong witness for her Saviour, and a good many others are struggling against temptations.

The books read to the girls this year are, "Geneva," "Jessica's First Prayer," "Christy's Old Organ," "Pilgrim's Progress," "Jewels," and "Cross Bearer." Newspapers are read every week. "Eric," a very interesting story for all, especially

for the children, was sent from a blind Scotch lady, Miss S. M. Troup. This year we have had two new girls, one from Van and the other from Cesarea. Four others are going to leave us, one of those after being five years with us and obtaining a general course of training. It is grievous to me that she is unable to get a certificate as she is lacking in power to control her thoughts and to retain what she has already learned. Nevertheless it has not been entirely useless for her these past years; she knows simple Bible stories, can read and write freely, manage the floor, mat-weaving, cane-seated chair work and fill the reed-braided stools. Another girl in the space of two whole years has been benefited only enough to read and write, and for the above mentioned reason is unable to secure a certificate.

I hope the friends will not cease from their efforts for the progress of this School for the Blind in Oorfa, and that they will ever look to this school as a memorial to the name of the well known, hard-working, genuine, self-sacrificing Missionary, Miss Corinna Shattuck.

MARY HAROUTOUNYAN.

Oorfa, June 9, 1910.

The closing exercises of the school were held on June 9th in the church, and were well attended.

Portions from the Psalms were read and recited by the pupils, the second class gave in excellent English a brief review of the Acts of the Apostles.

Marie Toomasian recited in good clear English, "Give Heed to Reading."

Several hymns were sung, two being in English. Of the latter, "I'll be a Sunbeam," was sung very touchingly by the little girls.

Nouritza Keababjian, the only graduate of this year, made the farewell address to her teachers and classmates.

The school has lost a warm friend and supporter in Miss Shattuck, but we trust that God will soon raise up some who shall carry on this work.

The head teacher, Mary Haroutounyan, will, I am sure in the meantime, carry on the work as faithfully and efficiently as she has done in the past, and the supporters of the work need have no hesitancy either about sending new pupils or giving financial aid.

L. FOREMAN,
Superintendent (pro. tem.)

MEDICAL WORK

IN

LATAKIA, SYRIA.

The mission of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of America, in Syria, altho established in 1859, did not undertake medical work until the year 1864, when Dr. David Metheny was appointed. He came to Latakia in the autumn of that year, where he carried on medical work until the 1882; when he removed to Mersine to establish a mission station

there. Previous to this time he had been licensed and ordained to the ministry, and continued to both preach and practice medicine in Mersine almost up to the time of his death in 1897.

He was followed in Latakia by Dr. A. J. Dodds who practiced here for four years. Returning from a trip to America, he was drowned in the wreck of the Sidon, in the bay of Biscay, in the fall of 1885. The writer was next appointed to this place in 1887, and began work here in November of that year. We had no hospital facilities at that time, but while in America on a visit in 1896 a sufficient fund was raised to open a small hospital, in which work was begun early in 1897, our accommodations consisting of 14 beds. Miss W. A. Dodds was appointed to take charge of the nursing, which she superintended until disqualified by sickness in 1904. We were then dependent upon native assistance, until 1908, when Miss F. May Elsey, a trained nurse, was appointed and has since continued in charge of the work.

We have treated, on an average, about 100 in-patients yearly, and in the tri-weekly clinic that is held we treat over 500 patients per month.

Our aim has been so to combine the evangelistic and medical work that our patients may all have an opportunity to hear of the Way of Life. In addition to the work of the hospital and clinics, a large number of visits are made to patients at their homes, and occasionally tours are made to outlying villages.

Our in-patients often come to us from a distance of fifty miles or more. The greater number have been either Moslems or Nussariyeh, with a goodly number of Greeks and Armenians.

J. M. BALPH.

EMPIRE NEWS.

The Capital.

The *Depesh Ottoman* writes that the plan of constructing a large tunnel under the Bosphorus between the Sirkedji (Seraglio Point) and Haïdar Pasha is being again considered. It is said that this undertaking of uniting the Roumelian and Anatolian railways will be carried out on the German Berliner system.

The new steamers, built by the Fairfield Co. for the Shirketi Haiirié, have arrived. They are numbered 65 and 66. The former during a trip of four continuous hours made an average speed of 13.5 knots. The Shirket Company plans to order five more steamers.

The Minister of the Interior has announced to all the Valis of the Provinces that the Grand Vizier has gone to Marienbad and will be absent for twenty days. Considerable importance is attached to the fact that at the last moment, the Grand Vizier decided to go to Vienna by way of Constantza where as his original plan was to travel by way of Sophia and Belgrad, paying visits along the way.

The President of the Duma M. Dutchkoff is said to have declared, "A member of Diplomatic Corps in Constantinople, said to me that so long as Talaat Bey remains as Minister of Interior there will be no massacres in Macedonia, or Armenia, nor any outbreak of fanaticism in any part of the country."

The Minister of Justice, Nedjmeddin Bey, will introduce into his scheme of judicial reform civil marriage for non-Moslems and a regulation permitting divorce for those who have been married by a civil magistrate.

It is said that the American Fleet will visit the Mediterranean during the autumn. Two of the warships will come direct to Turkish waters.

There is a rumor that an Anonymous Company has been formed, which will buy and sell real estate in San Stefano, and will there build a casino for gambling purposes, similar to those found in Monte Carlo.

During excavations made at Yedi-Koulé subterranean passages were found. It is rumored that, in chambers connected with these passages, treasures have been found which are supposed to have been concealed there at the time of the taking of Constantinople.

Last week in front of the War Department a Turkish officer was formally degraded and expelled from the army in the presence of a large number of troops and high officers. He was charged with cheating and conduct unbecoming an officer.

After the return of Hakki Pasha, Talaat Bey, Minister of the Interior, will travel in Anatolia as far east as Erzeroum. His trip will last forty days.

Last week Ahmed Riza Bey left for Konia where he was received with great enthusiasm. He visited the place where operations have been begun on the Irrigation Works.

Anatolikos Tahidromos reports that the Committee appointed to examine the *journals* (letters denouncing individuals and addressed to Abdul-Hamid) found in Yildiz, has received orders to complete its work as soon as possible working Fridays and Sundays, as well as other days. The Committee consists of Senator Mehmed Galib Bey, Deputy Midhat Bey and 13 military officers. Thus far they have examined 30,000 *journals*.

It has been decided that only those women doctors who are Ottoman subjects shall be allowed to practice medicine in the Turkish Empire.

The Medical school of the Ottoman University has asked the Government in accordance with laws of other countries to allow only Ottoman subjects to practice medicine in this country. This request originated when an attempt was made to collect the patent tax from physicians. The physicians who are Ottoman subjects declare that they are willing to pay their taxes but request the Government to protect their interests against foreign competition.

After the return of the first Note sent by the Greek Patriarch to the Minister of Justice a second Note was addressed to the Minister in which strong indignation was expressed at his action. His refusal to receive the Note is criticised as unconstitutional and a strong protest is expressed together with a declaration that the Patriarch will continue to do his duty, within the limits of his rights.

The *Ikho* says that in all probability several Greek members of the Ottoman Parliament, will present to the Government a formal note of protest against the acts of certain officials and with regard to the unbearable condition of the Greek population in Macedonia. A meeting of the Synod and Council, under the presidency of the Patriarch, were to have met yesterday to consider the question of the contested churches.

In regard to the recent French loan the *Figaro* says that the Ottoman Minister of Finance completed the negotiations for a loan of six million liras. The rate of interest will be 4% and the security given is to consist of the custom's revenues of the province of Constantinople. These revenues for the last five years have averaged 975,000 liras. The yearly payment on this loan will be 300,000 liras.

At the council of Ministers held last week the following matters were discussed:— 1. The sending of a delegate to the Zoological Conference at Gratz. 2. The repairing of the Government press building and the construction of a building for the use of University students. 3. The reduction of the price of salt from the salt mine of Hormano near Mousoul. 4. The granting of permits to officials wishing to visit the Munich Exposition. 5. The regulations controlling the local boards of education in the provinces. 6. The salaries of physicians who are to be sent to Van and Erzeroum. 7. The relief of the villages in the Hauran which have suffered during the recent outbreak.

THE PROVINCES.

The output of the copper mine at Arghuni, half way between Harpoot and Diarbekir, has been sold at auction by the Ministry of Mines and Forests. A German company in Hamburg has bought the concession and will pay seven liras the ton after paying all expenses of transportation to Alexandretta.

A fresh incident is reported from Hauran. While thirty soldiers were repairing the telegraph lines between Basri Eski Sham and Daraa, they were attacked by fifty tribesmen. The fight lasted for two hours until the attacking party withdrew.

According to the *Depesh Ottoman* a circular in Bulgarian was circulated in the Province of Kosova for the purpose of urging the Bulgarians to emigrate as a protest against the disarming of the population. Those Bulgarians who have fled to Bulgaria from Turkish soil are said to be in great want. The Servians of Kosova are naturally gratified to have the Bulgarians leave the country.

Depots for agricultural machines have been opened by the Government in Harpoot, Van, Bitlis, Aleppo, Kastemouini, and Yania. These machines will be sold to farmers at cost without adding the expense of transportation, on condition that the full value is paid cashdown. On the other hand in view of the fact that poor farmers will not be able to pay cashdown, a bill is being prepared by the Agricultural Bank, which, if passed, will make it possible for them to benefit by these new arrangements.

NOTES.

Dr. C. D. Usher of Van, under date of Aug. 3 writes.

"Having prepared everything and installed and tested the motor we are to launch the *Stonington* to-morrow morning and after trying it a little near home I expect to start Monday for our first tour of the lake, the special object of the journey being to visit Mrs. von Dobbeler who needs me professionally.

The *Stonington* is a 21 1/2 ft. Dorey with sail, center-board, oars and a 3 1/2 to 5 H.P. Wolverine motor, built to run on any of the evaporating fuels. We are using benzine to start it and running on kerosene. The boat is equipped with canopy top for summer and cold proof curtains for winter. This we may change to a permanent cabin."

Dr. Christie reports the following from Tarsus.

"We are to have fifty boarders more this year than last, and have had to deny many. The Fifty visitors were deeply impressed by the opportunities here. Gen. Beaver and Dr. Beach of Bangor addressed our people in the new chapel. I went by invitation to Beirut, showing them over Famagusta (castle of Othello etc. etc.), and telling them about Tarsus one evening. They are charming people, and I hope are only forerunners of many other parties of the same sort. We were saddened on arrival in Beirut by the news of the death of Miss Hardin. She was a beautiful spirit. How they will miss her at Suk el Gharb!

I am putting in the floor and the windows of the new dormitory, that will hold 75 boys."

This morning the exodus from Proti began. Rev. J. L. Fowle, Mrs. Fowle, their son Wilson, Miss Fowle, and Miss Dwight left for Cesarea.

On Monday last several American teachers representing seven of our Girls Schools in the Western and Eastern Turkey Missions had a Conference at Proti to discuss the unification of the curricular in our schools. The Conference was very helpful. Next week we plan to publish a report of the discussion and command to the notice of the educational commission.

Dr. and Mr. William S. Murray arrived in Constantinople Monday Aug. 15th and took possession immediately of the buildings on the quay at Arnaoutkuy, which are being equipped for the Preparatory School of the American College for Girls. Dr. Murray has been appointed Director of the Preparatory School, and Professor of Educator in the College. He has recently taken the degree of Ph.D. in Columbia University in History and Education.

Dr. Patrick has been invited to give an address in the Conference to be held in Lucknow India the last much in January on "Social and Educational Problems and Conditions among Moslem Women."

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