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## SALONICA AND ITS WORK

The work of Salonica Station in the latter years of the nineteenth century is largely connected with the names of Messrs. House, Clarke and Haskell. In those days, the mission station had something like twenty-five outstations or preaching points, and the prospects seemed encouraging. Lawlessness cropped out occasionally so as to disturb the progress of the work, as in the capture of Miss Stone; yet in general things went on well, even through the exciting times of the Revolution of 1908, with its centre in Salonica city. But with the Balkan wars of 1912 and 1913, the situation changed entirely. Racial jealousies had been so intensified by those struggles that each of the Balkan States felt justified, nay compelled, to put drastic restrictions on the use of the languages of the others within its territories. A quietus was thus given to any preaching or teaching in Bulgarian in the vicinity of Salonica, which had become part of Greece. A complete change in missionary methods and work necessarily resulted. Only by remembering the past can one understand or sympathize with the present. Here we now see a number of small congregations scattered over various portions of the field, apparently with little strength to show for so long a missionary history. But these are to be understood in terms of that Balkan upheaval.

Salonica city today from the Evangelical aspect presents three points of special interest, the Farm School, the Mission with its day and boarding school, and the Greek Evangelical Church. At the Thessalonica Agricultural and Industrial Institute, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. House, their son and daughter and two other American instructors, with a corps of associates, are training in theoretical and practical ways some sixty two youth, mostly Greeks. The three objectives before them are:—first and foremost, to give these boys a strong foundation in Christian character, second, to give them an intellectual training, and thirdly, to teach them practical farming on approved western methods. And the Institute can point to quite a few graduates who have been a credit to its drill and influence.

Near the railroad station and the customhouse is the American Mission, whose premises are at present almost wholly taken up with the Girls' Boarding School under the care of the Woman's Board of the Interior, but whose day-school department includes boys as well. Miss Lietzau and Miss Elliott have recently been joined by Miss Morley, whose experience in Marsovan and Smyrna is now of great help in this comparatively new institution. There are now twenty-

eight boarders and about 170 day scholars; but had the school more accommodations it could have had perhaps twice the number of pupils this year. The boarding department is meeting a felt need, and parents are eager to benefit by it for their girls. And as for day scholars, the flood of refugees from Asia Minor and Thrace has compelled the city authorities to close up the government schools and house several thousand refugees in the school buildings, so that the poor pupils are on the streets. If our school had been ten schools, every one would have been filled in consequence. According to the Inspector of Schools for the city, there are at least 10,000 children between eight and twelve thus deprived of educational chance for the present. The hope is that this measure may be temporary, and that the buildings may again be vacated for the schools. Our own school is most uncomfortably cramped, and is looking for a larger and better site. Such a one has been found, and negotiations are in progress for its purchase, providing the funds asked for are obtained. The proposed site is right on the water-front, just outside the crowded part of the city, within easy walk of the trolley lines, and is quite favorable for the school, though built as a private house for a former governor of the city.

The Mission property is also the centre for Bible distribution, where the colporteurs of the Bible Societies secure through the Mission their supplies and to which point they make their reports. Quite a large number of Scriptures and portions are sold yearly to Hebrews, and not a few to Moslems, though the main fields of operation are the Greek and Bulgarian speaking peoples. With the advent of several thousands of Armenians this fall in the exodus from Asia Minor and Thrace, a considerable work of this line is opening up among them. At this same centre is the treasury work for this field, carried on at present by Mr. Theodore Riggs, late of Marsovan. This is also the centre for the work among the outstations, which Rev. J. R. Brewster visits often when here, and which owe much to his energy and faithfulness. Apparently another form of Christian work is now to commence at this centre, in connection with the advent of the refugees, many of whom are women willing and eager to work, but for whom work must be found. It is proposed to open up industrial work, on a small scale at first, for these women, and this will be under the charge of Dr. Ruth Parmelee, who, expelled from Harpout, has come here to do relief work, and is superintending the medical branch at one of the large camps outside the city. Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Getchell, formerly of Marsovan and Smyrna, have also recently come to supplement and strengthen the mission forces.

For a dozen years or so, the evangelical Greek church



in Salonica has been under the efficient and consecrated leadership of Rev. Aristides Mihitsopoulos, a graduate of Marsovan Seminary. It has shown steady growth, and has developed so as to earn the respect and approval of the civil government. Its numbers and congregation have recently been very much increased by the arrival of many refugees from Smyrna and elsewhere, till the commodious auditorium is well filled. A good Sunday school and midweek prayer-meeting are maintained; also a day nursery for the care of small children whose mothers go out to work. There has been established in the same auditorium since the fourth Sunday in October a service for the refugee Armenians, conducted sometimes in Armenian and sometimes in Turkish, in the afternoons. At each of the Sunday services the attendance averages about two hundred. One of the refugee ministers, Rev. Vartan Yeranian, formerly of Deurt-Yol, has gone to take spiritual charge of this new congregation.

Aside from the work of the American Mission, some industrial work for girls is being opened up under the charge of Fröken Oerts, of the Danish Mission, who intends thus to start a practical Christian center among Armenian young women.

By the generosity of the Bible Lands Missions Aid Society of London, funds have been secured to start an orphanage for boys and one for girls, in this vicinity; and negotiations are progressing favorably for the location of these in two monasteries not far from the city. When this is carried out, these old buildings will become the centers of the most valuable work they have ever done. There is quite a movement on foot among the Greeks of the city, to have the monasteries (of which there are many in this vicinity) either prove their usefulness to society, or meet the inevitable and disintegrating result by giving shelter to those who are to become useful to society. An illustration of the spirit of the average monk was seen in the question one of them asked an intelligent Greek as to the efforts of the Near East Relief to shelter many of its orphans in such buildings. He asked what the financial motive of these Americans was, and what they were getting out of it; for it was utterly contrary to all this religious man knew about humanity, to have no ulterior or selfish motive present in such strenuous work.

Of the outstations of Salonica, some show the effects of the changes in population and language resulting from the Balkan wars; others are largely composed of refugees from places where there were Evangelical congregations. Each has its problem, and each its opportunity. The workers are few, and several more consecrated leaders could well find fruitful fields where to open up new work. There might well be once again twenty-five centers for evangelical effort, and many a town and village would be grateful could a live minister be placed there. It will be a problem to find the needed funds, but they doubtless can be found. Both in the city of Salonica and in the surrounding region, there are many open doors. They should be entered before it is too late.

## AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT

The A. U. B. opened on Oct. 19th, a later date than usual, as a week has been cut off from the spring vacation and was added to that of this summer. The University Assembly on the following day was addressed by Acting-President Nickoley. His theme was the purposes of the university and the purpose that should animate each student in it. A large number from the faculty families were present. Prof. Nickoley made two important announcements, both of which were greeted with prolonged applause. The first was the raising of the Emergency Fund, clearing Robert College, Constantinople Women's College and the A.U.B. of their war debts, and the second was what they all knew, that the Trustees had elected to the Presidency Rev. Bayard Dodge, M. A., and that the faculty had unanimously endorsed the election, and the public, also, unofficially, most cordially and enthusiastically.

The year starts off with a more complete staff than in many years. Prof. Jurdak, head of the mathematics department, is on furlough studying in America and later will study at Cambridge; and Prof. Beik, M.D., D.D.S., is in America on a Rockefeller scholarship, studying dental pathology at Harvard; and Prof. Dumet of the Arabic department plans to go to Egypt.

The new arrivals are: John W. Shuman, M.D., appointed professor of internal medicine to succeed the late Dr. Graham. Dr. and Mrs. Shuman have three children, recruits for the Faculty School and the American Sunday School. Mrs. Dewey, Mrs. Shuman's mother, has come out with them. Alfred W. Bastress, B.S. Penn State '22, has come to teach Chemistry in the upper departments; Rolland W. Chase, B.S. Lafayette Coll., to teach mathematics in Arts and Sciences; David Hall, B.A. Harvard '22, English in Preparatory School; Frederic T. Knepper, B.A. Princeton '22, in the same field; likewise Randolph B. Smith, B.A., Harvard '22; Francis M. Potts, B.S., Univ. of Ill., commercial subjects in School of Commerce; Roy N. Veatch, B.A., Univ. of Oregon, English in the Junior School; Miss Elsie Stancliffe, Registry and Clerical work in Medical Department and Hospital. Mrs. Harris Graham arrived Nov. 6 with Miss Dollie Vauthrin and Miss Sara A. Metzler, Nurses for the Hospital Pavilions. Miss Nathalie Dulles completed her term of service in the University Hospitals on Nov. 1st and sailed for home. She plans to travel in Europe on her way.

Herbert G. Wood, Director of the Friends' Woodbroke College at Birmingham, Eng., addressed the second Assembly on The Problems of Reconstruction after the War.

There have been the usual rallies and receptions for new comers on the staff, to which the Anglo-American community was invited, a reception for the Brotherhood and for the Medical Union. These are for the purpose of getting together and propounding the aims of the various organizations.

W.B.A.



## A NEW EVANGELISM

[While it is manifestly impossible for us to share with our readers all the good things brought to the School of Religion by Professor H. G. Wood in his series of six lectures mentioned in the November issue, we herewith present a rather full outline of the last one, delivered October 13th, on "A New Evangelism."—Ed.]

*Aspects of Christianity which lay hold on my mind more and more.*

A New Evangelism — not a new *gospel*, but a new *statement*. We must use living words. The gospel is not understood, because so often the old truth is not stated in a fresh, new way. A new evangelism, not *the* new evangelism. There may be many ways — there should be many ways to interpret the gospel. Different things attract different people. Each aspect of the gospel has its time of usefulness. *Judgment, Hope, Mercy* — a stereotyped formula about the love of God, will not answer all needs. Bishop Gore's book "Belief in God" is a helpful book. No clear sign of a revival in religion; the author rather expects the world to grow worse. Be earnest in prayer and thought. Now we must think out *what we believe* and *why*.

I cannot accept the view that victory in the late war is a sign of divine favor, and defeat of divine punishment. Victory brings increased responsibilities. War itself expresses a divine judgment on civilization as it was in 1914; the war itself was a call to repentance. What lies under condemnation? The easy philosophy that the quiet pursuit of our own desire is right. Society that thinks so much of wealth has been shown up. Selfishness has been condemned. God's condemnation on our civilization's trend and fruits is expressed by the war. The Irish writer Russell says that the only man who has come through the war with any intellectual credit is Jesus Christ. Sidgwick in reviewing "Ecce Homo" said Jesus on the whole understood wealth, but we have yet to learn how to rate wealth. Take Jesus' few references to the *Gentile* world: After all these things do the Gentiles seek, — things to eat and to wear. Among the *nations* their great ones lord it over them. Jesus condemned the materialism and imperialism of the Gentile world. Seek the Kingdom of God first, etc.

The war has had disastrous moral reactions. Moral conventions have broken down. Life, property, standards of purity have been smashed. Our post-war problem is how to recover our standards. But something more has been shaken — a great moral scepticism has been aroused; — not 5% of men in army were interested in rationalistic criticism, but the fact that many knew that a clever friend was sceptical makes a dangerous situation. Bertrand Russell thinks morals ultimately a matter of taste — no ultimate moral standards — no moral purpose in human history — etc. But I would maintain that PROGRESS IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT AN ULTIMATE STANDARD. People are haunted by the fear of a drop back into barbarism. Barbarians can come from our own midst.

This then is the pessimistic and doubting atmosphere in which the gospel is to be preached. Relevant aspects are:

I. The element of apocalyptic forces us (1) not to assert that the Kingdom of God is co-extensive with any given civilization — cf. early Christianity and Roman civilization, or civilization after Constantine. So we ought to realize that our civilization may break up and yet that does not mean that the Kingdom of God is not at hand. Don't equate modern civilization with Kingdom of God. (2) The essential feature of apocalyptic hope is not the fulfilment catastrophically; the assurance of the triumph of God's purpose in the world is the main thing. Jesus is the appointed final and unalterable standard by which we shall be judged; not the immediacy, but the certainty that God is working these purposes out.

II. In the *coming of Jesus* the nature of God's purpose for mankind is revealed. Montefiore says there is nothing new in Jesus' teaching, but he made Jewish treasures available for all men. He *universalized* the grace of God as revealed in the prophets and He *personalized* it. He made it clear that God's relation to man was personal. He simplified it. Remember Wellhausen's remark to those who said that all Jesus said, was in the Talmud. "Yes," he said "and how much more!" Jesus picked out the central things and emphasized them. The Lord's Prayer is "a saving act," not simply a collection of words. Origen says that no one would have known the O.T. was inspired unless Jesus had lived. A philosophy of history is revealed. History is to be a kind of explanation of Jesus. Christianity is to be better understood the longer it is in the world: e.g. Jesus' attitude toward children. The whole movement in child psychology is a gradual unfolding of Jesus' attitude toward children. It is a great inspiration to me to see this working out — the kind of society that God is creating by calling men into fellowship with himself. God's purpose is becoming clearer and we grow confident.

III. The non-resistance teaching of Jesus is not to be understood as a law or to be explained by the apocalyptic element. It does rebuke our constant reliance upon force. The whole conception of punishment must be revised in the light of Jesus' teaching. This non-resistance teaching is Jesus' call to us; we ought to be so enthusiastic about spiritual growth; an actual impact with goodness is necessary. In this way we should be like our Father in heaven. He founds it on "the courtesy of God" (St. Francis of Assisi).

## THE DEATH OF MR. L. J. WRIGHT.

Following up the brief note in the last issue about the sudden death of Mr. Lester James Wright, missionary of the American Board at Harpout, we are now able to give a few more details. For months past he had been in charge of a group of Greek orphans in Malatia, having much to contend with from lack of sufficient medical supplies and help. When it was decided to remove the orphans from Harpout and Ma-



latia, Mr. Wright escorted several caravans, one after the other, southward over mountain and through valley to the railway. The following is from the pen of Mr. H. H. Kreider, of the Aleppo Unit of the Near East Relief, with which organization Mr. Wright was serving for the time being:—

"On the evening of October 25th, after one of the longest day's journeys in the record of the movement, Mr. Wright reached Aleppo with his final group of Greek orphans. It had been decided that after a few days he should return to Harpout to attend to the interests of the Mission and Near East Relief at that place during the coming winter. One of his closest friends in the work of the recent months, Mr. Enoch R. Applegate, and Dr. and Mrs. Mylrea of Kuwait, Arabia, had planned to visit the famous city of Antioch on the following day, and when Mr. Wright came they invited him to accompany them. After being assured that his children would be well cared for in Aleppo during his absence, he agreed to go, and the party left this city on Thursday noon. Fortunately the members of the group had many interests in common and the trip was much enjoyed in spite of the fact that there were a number of delays en route. They left Antioch soon after noon on Friday the 27th in order to reach Aleppo before night, but again some unavoidable delays prevented them from reaching their destination at the appointed time. Soon after dark the party was fired upon entirely without warning by a band of robbers, with the result that both Mr. Applegate and the chauffeur were wounded, and Mr. Wright was instantly killed.

"The Americans at Aleppo received notice of the affair on Saturday morning and met the convoy which was bringing in the body of the deceased. It was thought best to remove the body to Beirut for burial, and arrangements to this end were made on Saturday.

"Though it was impossible to give more than a few hours advance notice of the funeral, nearly two hundred people had gathered at the Anglo-American Church in Beirut at half-past two in the afternoon, Monday, October 30th. Dr. Hall of the American University gave a brief review of the man's life and service, and read from Matt. 25: 31-40. The further memorial service and prayer were led by Rev. W. Nesbitt Chambers and Rev. James H. Nicol, in conclusion of which the latter read Rev. 21: 1-7.

"And thus in our sorrow did we endeavor to show our gratitude and respect for one soul who gave up his all for others. To those of us who were of late more or less connected with Lester in the work over here, he stood on a high plane, not only because of his lofty ideals but also because of his manifest enthusiasm in carrying them out. But we realize that the deepest sorrow will necessarily be the lot of those who knew him the best, just as the profoundest gratitude for his life will be found in the hearts of the untold numbers who are living and living more abundantly today because he was willing to live for them while he could, and to die for them when he must."

Mr. Wright came to the Language School in the midst of the school year. From the very first day he was an im-

portant addition to the group of young students. A splendid gentleman and a true Christian with a keen sense of humor, Mr. Wright soon began to make an enviable place for himself. A few days after his arrival he began to give English lessons, after class hours, to two of the young Armenian servants. His interest in everything and every person was the interest of a genuine Christian friend. In a remarkably short time Mr. Wright had made many friends among the native people. Soon after he became located he took charge of a group of Greek boys who met weekly at the Stamboul branch of the Y.M.C.A. Another piece of his work was his Sunday afternoon talks to the boys at the Armenian orphanage at Beylerbey. From the start Mr. Wright was an active missionary. His tragic death removes from us a true friend and Christian brother.

A memorial service was held at the Bible House on November 16th, under the auspices of the Mission Church, whose pastor, Rev. F. F. Goodsell, was in charge. Rev. R. Finney Markham spoke of Mr. Wright as a friend in the Language School; Rev. H. H. Riggs spoke of the field where Mr. Wright labored; Zenop Effendi Bezdjian spoke of Mr. Wright as one of the missionaries to the Armenian people. Appropriate Scripture passages were read. Mrs. Markham and Dr. Clark sang "Oh Love that Wilt not Let me Go" as a duet. The meeting was well attended by missionaries and other friends.

## THE NEW PRESIDENT OF A. U. B.

The Rev. Bayard Dodge has accepted the appointment of the Trustees of the American University of Beirut as President of that institution, to succeed the late Dr. Howard S. Bliss.

Mr. Dodge is a graduate of Princeton University, 1909, and of Union Theological Seminary, 1913, and holds the degree of M.A. from Columbia. A son of Mr. Cleveland H. Dodge and grandson of William E. Dodge, he has always had an interest in education in the Near East, and for the past nine years has been connected with the Beirut University. For some years he was Secretary of the Christian Association of the University; and since his year of leave in America, 1919-1920, he has combined his college duties with relief activities, serving for part of the time as Director of the Near East Relief for the Beirut Area. He went through the experiences of the war years in Syria, and was instrumental in organizing industries so as to put many people on a self-supporting basis. Many are the grateful hearts that rejoice in the new honor that has come to him.

In 1914 Mr. Dodge was married to Mary S. Bliss, daughter of the late President H. S. Bliss, at Marquand House, Beirut. He has gained a considerable fluency in the use of Arabic, which will stand him in good stead in his new position. He is now to spend the winter in France, perfecting his knowledge of the French language and the French system of education, and expects to take up his duties as



President at the beginning of the coming college year.

Since May, 1920, Professor Edward F. Nickoley has been acting President at Beirut, and has rendered a great service to the institution during a very trying period of readjustment. And now, with the indebtedness of war years cleared off, and a new period of quiet activity opening up, a notable administration seems about to begin. There are now over a thousand students.

### AMERICAN MISSION, SYRIA

Rev George C. Doolittle of the Presbyterian Mission to Syria died suddenly in America on Sept 16th while he was on furlough. Mr. Doolittle graduated from Oberlin College in '90 and from McCormick Seminary in '93. Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle arrived in Syria in June 1893 and were stationed at Deir ul Komr in Lebanon, where he did much to break down Maronite fanaticism. Later he was transferred to Zahleh and then to Sidon.

After the war he was appointed to the Red Cross with the rank of Major. When the N.E.R. took over the work he continued in it, working in the Aleppo field till his health broke down last winter. He and Mrs. Doolittle had been assigned to the Mardin station, but he never arrived there. He was always sent where there was hard work to be done because it was realized that he would do it and do it well. There is not room for an appreciation, but perhaps a quotation from one not in his work may throw a light on his character. "I don't know Doolittle very well; but I do know this that he is always on his job without any blowing about it or any groaning over it." Mr. Doolittle was a man of marked geniality and he had many friends throughout Syria.

His daughter, Miss Alice Doolittle, has recently announced her engagement to Mr. Kenneth Piper, Instructor in Physics at A.U.B.

Rev Mr. and Mrs. Paul Erdman have been transferred from Zahleh to Beirut, where he will serve as Mission treasurer. Mr. Dana is still on sick leave, but improving steadily in health.

Mrs. F. E. Hoskins returned on Nov. 6th accompanied by her sister, Dr. Mary Eddy, who has been an invalid for several years, but whose health, it is a pleasure to record, is much improved.

Mrs. Glockler, widow of Mr. W. E. Glockler, who served the American Press so faithfully and so long, arrived from a vacation in England with her son Henry, who is the Assistant Manager of the Press, and her daughter, Mrs. Robert Byerly and two children of Sidon.

Dr. and Mrs. Ellis Hudson have arrived in Syria and have been appointed to the Mardin station. They are now wrestling with Arabic at the Language School at Snq ul Gharb, Lebanon. Dr. Hudson was formerly an instructor in A.U.B. and Mrs. Hudson, who was Miss Young, was several years a resident in Beirut.

Rev. and Mrs. Elder, appointed to the Persia Mission, are also studying at the Language School. Mr. Elder took very high honors at McCormick Seminary and is the holder

of a scholarship for study abroad, and has chosen the Language School at Snq. It surely is a feather in the cap of that school!

Plans for celebrating the Centennial of the American Press are being formulated. It is proposed to have the celebration in December.

W. B. A.

### PUBLIC EVENTS OF NOVEMBER.

Following the flight of the former Sultan Mehmed VI. Vahideddin, to Malta, the Grand National Assembly at Angora elected on Nov. 19th as Khalif the Heir to the throne, Abdul Medjid Effendi, son of the late Sultan Abdul Aziz, who was born May 31, 1868. The new Khalif is residing in Dolma Baghtche Palace.

On Nov. 5th, the Grand Vizier, Tewfik Pasha, resigned that office, and Refet Pasha took over the authority in the city in the name of the Grand National Assembly. A provisional cabinet has since been formed. The Sheikh-ul-Islam also resigned at the same time.

In accordance with the terms of the Moudania armistice Eastern Thrace as far as the Maritsa River has been evacuated by the Greeks and has been turned over by the Allied forces to the Turkish civil administration. Thanks to the precautions taken, this has been accomplished with no incidents of importance.

The Peace Conference at Lausanne finally opened Nov. 20th, and is continuing its sessions. It is reported that negotiations are progressing favorably.

The trial at Athens of those accused of responsibility for the Greek debacle in Anatolia has ended in the condemnation and execution of the former Premier Gounaris, the Commander-in-chief Gen. Hadjianestis, and four others. Much indignation has been expressed in several countries at these shootings.

### THE LOCAL PRESS

The Turkish daily *Renin* says:—"According to late despatches from America, we understand that an extensive anti-Turkish propaganda is being carried on. The Anadolou Agency in this connection draws the attention of all impartial Americans who are in our country and can see at close range the facts in the case, to the regrettable fact that it is the American missionaries and the Near East Relief workers, to whom the Turks have always been so kind in every part of Anatolia, who are at the bottom of this propaganda, and have gone so far and shown such foolishness and lack of intelligence or of justice as even to incite their country to make war against the Turks. The strange thing in it all is, that all their charges are wholly baseless. If they were not aware of the course of events, they ought to have made themselves acquainted with the declarations made by such authorized and official persons as for instance the deputies in the French Chamber. The Agency wishes to add also that this incorrect and dishonorable conduct on the part of the above organizations has made a deep impression on Turkish public opinion."



## NEWS NUGGETS

Miss Kate E. Ainslie of Marash has gone to America on furlough.

President C. F. Gates, D.D., and William W. Peet, LL.D., have gone on a visit to Lausanne, Switzerland.

Miss Jessie Way, Matron of International College, arrived at her home in California Sunday, October 29th.

Rev. Charles T. Riggs returned on Thanksgiving Day from Salonica, after an absence of a little over six weeks.

Miss Muriel Kinney, who for six years was head of the English department at Constantinople College, is teaching at Margaret Hall, Versailles, Ky.

Mr. H. C. Jaquith of the N. E. R. has returned from a trip to Russia, and Mr. George D. White of the same organization has left for a visit to Samsoun and Trebizond.

Mr. Charles R. Crane, of the Board of Trustees of Constantinople College, is in Constantinople for a brief time. He is accompanied by Mr. Laurence S. Moore, formerly Secretary of the American Chamber of Commerce for the Levant.

Prof. and Mrs. Byron Smith, of A. U. B., Beirut, are rejoicing in the birth of their first born son, Edward Blatchford Smith. Mrs. Smith was Alice Bliss. The uncle for whom this fine young man is named has recently taken up Y.M.C.A. work in Jerusalem.

Rev. F. W. MacCallum, D.D., returned from Cairo Nov. 27th, coming by way of the Piraeus where he saw his sister, Miss Emily MacCallum, who is engaged in relief work for the present. In Cairo he met with Dr. C. S. G. Mylrea, Dr. C. R. Watson, Rev. W. A. Freidinger and other friends.

The American Press, Beirut, has just published a school geography by Lanice Paton Dana, called "Arab Asia," planned with considerable research and care to meet the needs of schools in Syria, Palestine, Irak and Arabia.

About 280 persons sat down to the Thanksgiving Dinner arranged by the American Club of Constantinople in the afternoon of Thanksgiving Day at the Tokatlian Hotel, and enjoyed a fine menu and a very sociable American time. A telegram of congratulation was received from Admiral Bristol and the other Americans at Lausanne.

Later in the day, the members of the American Mission assembled at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther R. Fowle,

at Roumeli Hissar, for a house-warming Thanksgiving tea which was thoroughly appreciated by all.

Rev. Paul E. Nilson writes from Tarsus:—"On Sept. 26 work began again, and it daily increases. Mrs. Block finds the kindergarten growing, and rejoices in a \$100 gift of supplies. Mrs. Nilson supervises the grade school, and has found it necessary to hire an additional Turkish lady teacher. In the Academy, Mr. Goldsbury has eighty registered, 32 being boarders. Mr. Bobb is in charge of the Trades in addition to teaching. The present enrollment in the schools is 170 (Oct. 11) and new students come daily. Yesterday about 175 were in Sunday School, and I preached to almost the same number in Turkish in the afternoon service. Many friends have sent packages of picture cards, post cards, motto cards, magazine picture clippings. Thank you; the children like them; mail some more. Each Friday Dr. Cyril Haas rides down on horseback from Adana 28 miles for his weekly clinic. The work has so increased that one of his trained nurses remains here to carry on the work during the week. Hundreds have found relief from the terrible eye diseases and malarial fevers that infest the plain."

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