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## STEPS TOWARD PEACE IN NEAR EAST

On the return of Lord Allenby to Egypt, the first of March, the end of the British protectorate of that country was announced, and Sultan Fuad has been proclaimed King of the Sovereign State of Egypt.

Aside from the recognition of Egypt as a sovereign and independent State, Greece and Turkey have held the world's attention as regards Near Eastern affairs, the past month. Following a vote of lack of confidence, the Gounaris Cabinet in Athens resigned; but when King Constantine had tried several candidates, he finally turned again to Gounaris, who succeeded in forming a new cabinet that secured a vote of confidence from the Chamber.

Hoping to influence the Paris Conference of Allied Foreign Ministers, the Turkish Governments of Angora and Constantinople each sent a delegation to visit the Allied Capitals. Youssouf Kemal Bey and Izzet Pasha appeared as independent representatives, but their demands were identical.

Finally on March 22nd the Foreign Ministers met, and the next day made the proposal to the Turkish and Greek governments that an armistice of three months begin immediately, to be automatically renewable, and that meantime the Hellenic army evacuate Asia Minor under conditions to be laid down by the Powers in a way to safeguard public order. The plan as subsequently outlined includes the resumption of Turkish sovereignty over all of Asia Minor and the recognition of Constantinople as the capital of Turkey, some part of Thrace being also left under Turkish control; the Straits not to be fortified and their freedom to be under Allied control. The proposal for an armistice has been accepted in principle by the Athens and Constantinople governments, but Angora has yet to be heard from.

## BEIRUT UNIVERSITY NOTES

Mid-year recess afforded the opportunity for a series of entertainments at the University. A cinema show on Thursday evening, February 2, was followed by a concert on Friday and an Arabic drama on Saturday. The concert consisted entirely of home talent, Messrs. MacNeal, Bixler, Bliss, Hutchinson, Perret, Brown, and Gorelik participating. The dramatic entertainment was given under the auspices of the student branch of the Syrian Anti-Tuberculosis Society, the proceeds being devoted to the support of certain cases under treatment at the Sanatorium at Shebaniyah in the Lebanon.

Miss Burbank has just arrived from Constantinople to

take up her duties at the Y.M.C.A. Social Center in the City.

Mr. Billington has come from England for a visit in Beirut. He is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Cruikshank, at the University.

Syria has thus far had an unusually high rainfall. 28 inches have fallen since the beginning of the rainy season. The average to date is 24 inches. Last year at this time only 13 inches had been recorded by the University Observatory.

Founder's Day was observed at the University on February 10-12. A special program was arranged for the weekly Assembly on Friday afternoon. Mr. Daud Nahhul of the class of 1875 and Rev. J. H. Nicol were the speakers and the University Trio, consisting of Messrs. MacNeal, Bixler and Gorelik, furnished the music. Professor Anis Khuri read a poem written by him in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Daniel Bliss, the founder of the University. On Sunday morning Professor Crawford preached the sermon taking as his text the motto of the University, "I came that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly."

Rev. George B. Stewart, D.D., President of Auburn Theological Seminary and Mrs. Stewart are making a brief visit with their son George B. Stewart, jr., Treasurer of the University.

Mr. and Mrs. Seelye rejoice, and all the community rejoice with them, upon the arrival of Talcott Williams Seelye.

## MR. FRED B. SMITH'S VISIT TO CONSTANTINOPLE

Mr. Fred B. Smith of New York is making a world tour in the interests of International Friendship and Goodwill under the joint auspices of the World Alliance of the Churches and the Federal Council of Churches in America. The dates of his visit to Constantinople are April 18-25. A representative Committee has been appointed by the Christian Workers Union to arrange the details of his visit. It is the desire of this committee to secure as wide a hearing for Mr. Smith as possible. Tentative plans provide for meetings in connection with the Greek Orthodox, Gregorian and Protestant communities and various clubs, associations and churches. The topics of Mr. Smith's usual addresses are:—International Friendship and World Peace, the New Ideals of Economic Leadership, and Christianity as applied to Community Tasks.

Anyone wishing to confer concerning these meetings should address Mr. D. J. Van Bommel, Executive Secretary of the Smith Committee, Stamboul Y.M.C.A.

## CHARTER DAY AT CONSTANTINOPLE COLLEGE

On Wednesday March 22 under a sky all blueness and sunshine, Constantinople Woman's College celebrated its thirty second birthday, the first event being a basket ball game on the new Athletic Field, between faculty and students - a game in which the students scored an overwhelming victory.

Never was a pleasanter Charter Day - its only shadow being the absence of President Patrick, who was still confined to her room with influenza, although almost over her attack. The Academic Procession in cap and gown entered the hall at 3:30 p.m. to the music of the College orchestra.

Dean Wallace presided, and in her introductory speech spoke of the death, on this last Sunday, in her ninety third year, of the beloved friend and Trustee of the College, Miss Caroline Borden. Miss Borden was present at the first Commencement of the College, founded the Alumnae Association, and has, through all its years of life, been the most constant helper in the College life. Dean Wallace also mentioned the many ways in which the College has developed in the last year, the establishment of its new educational department to provide much needed teachers, of the progress in the Medical Department with its nineteen students, and twenty three (of many nationalities) in the Nurses training school; the gift by Mr. Bingham of the money for the Medical Building; and the gift by Colonel Haskell of an infirmary, both of which would soon be under construction; of the organ for the Hall, given by the Alumnae; of the endowing of two scholarships by Mrs. Morgenthau; and the gift by the Women's Medical Association of America of the salary of one medical professor.

Mr. Dulles of the American Embassy was to have been the speaker for the afternoon, but, as he has been called to Washington to be the representative there for the Near East, Admiral Bristol spoke instead, and gave the note of inspiration, of rejoicing in the past and in the future of the College. Mrs. Emrich who spoke next gave an account of the Collegiate Alumnae Association of America.

The College orchestra gave several selections excellently rendered; and Mrs. Edwards, President of the College Alumnae spoke of the difficulties that had delayed the erection of the new organ, and emphasized the Alumnae love and loyalty to their Alma Mater and their wish to serve her.

Then a number of short speeches were made by graduates and undergraduates on different phases of college life. Dr. Kavaldjian of the class of 1898, gave a very interesting account of her life work, showing how much more than a doctor a doctor must be. The audience greatly enjoyed the music furnished by the Russian choir, composed of Russian students and workmen on the College grounds. Two recent Alumnae then spoke, and three of the students.

Mrs. Edwards spoke of the fact that the Alumnae had offered two prizes, and stated that the silver cup for the best sportsman had been awarded to Miss Selma Ekrem and the prize for the best College song had grown into two prizes of a set of books each, the first given to Miss Arpine Margigian, and the second to Miss Lynda Goodsell.

## FOUNDERS' DAY AT ROBERT COLLEGE

Founders' Day, March 23rd, at Robert College, was particularly interesting this year. The exercises at 9 a.m. were conducted by Dr. Gates, and very excellent music was furnished by the Robert Chorus and the College orchestra under the leadership of Prof. Estes. Dr. Gates gave an inspiring address on the aims and principles upon which Robert College was founded, and on what it has accomplished in the form of work done by the Alumni in all parts of the East. He made special mention first of the Bulgarians and recalled how nearly all the public men and distinguished statesmen of the early history of Bulgaria were Robert College graduates, and how the knowledge they here acquired was of enormous value in the building up of the new principality. Greek students came later and many of these, in important positions as lawyers, teachers and merchants, have served their country and their fellowmen in a noticable way. The Armenians, of whom there has always been a great number, have become, for the most part, teachers, ministers and merchants, as political positions were not open to them.

Dr. Gates further pointed out that the founders had no thought of personal gain or financial advancement when they set up this American institution in Turkey. Out of their sense of brotherly love and a conviction that education was a crying need of the Near East, did they establish Robert College, to be a benefit to all nations.

Immediately after the exercises a Scout Rally took place on the campus. Interested spectators saw nimble boy scouts build a bridge, climb walls, improvise stretchers and build fires to boil water with two matches and a little kindling only, in a fairly brisk southerly wind. The efficiency of the boy scouts has enormously increased under the enthusiastic management of the Y.M.C.A. Secretary, Mr. Radcliff, and their exhibition of accomplishments was indicative of the kind of work they have been doing quietly during the year.

At 2:30 took place the annual Indoor Meet and a very large crowd of visitors lined the sides of the gymnasium. There was a slight deviation this year from the ordinary course, in order to show the work done by individual classes and under student leadership. An entertaining feature was a gymnastic drill by the members of the Community School. It is very much to be regretted that Mr. Pritchard, the head of the Physical Education Department, should be leaving this year, as his work has been admirably well done and he has evolved an excellent system of gymnastics for the whole College.

The day closed with the regular Thursday evening prayer meeting at Kennedy Lodge. It was conducted by Prof. Scoit, with the thought of Founders' Day in mind. The high aims of men like Dr. Hamlin and Dr. Washburn were recalled in personal reminiscences by several present; and some unpublished letters of Dr. Hamlin brought vividly to mind the energetic and kindly personality of that great man. And this meeting of reminiscences seemed a fitting close to an inspiring day.

E. T. S.

### HARRIS GRAHAM, M. D.

As briefly announced in our March number, Dr. Harris Graham, Professor of Pathology and the Practice of Medicine at the American University of Beirut, died in Beirut on February 27th. He was very active in his usual duties until the previous Thursday, when he gave up to what he thought was an attack of influenza. By Friday night it became apparent that it was a severe case of encephalitis lethargica, and the physicians of the University recognized it as desperate. Everything possible was done to relieve his suffering and to promote his recovery, and on Sunday evening the report was slightly encouraging, but on Monday morning, shortly before eight, he passed quietly away. The funeral services were held on Feb. 28th in the University Chapel.

Professor Nickoley, Acting President, writes:—"Thus passes one of the oldest as well as the most efficient and best known members of our Faculty. It is a grave loss, a serious blow to us all as individuals and as an institution."

Harris Graham, M. D., sailed from America October 3, 1885, as a medical missionary of the American Board, designated to the Central Turkey Mission. On his arrival in Constantinople, he was married in the home of Dr. W. W. Peet to Miss Ella T. Bray, to whom he had become engaged during the voyage. They proceeded to Aintab, and were associated with Dr. Shepard in the Azariah Smith Memorial Hospital. They were instrumental in organizing a large Sunday School among the patients of the hospital, and showed active interest in all departments of the mission work. After less than four years of work here, Dr. Graham received a call to join the medical staff of the Syrian Protestant College, and joined the institution in Beirut in the fall of 1889. Here his career has been marked with signal success ever since.

### INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE NOTES

The most interesting series of football matches ever played in the College has resulted in a tie. The boarders and day students were so evenly matched that after five contests neither side scored a goal. The volley-ball games organized by the city Y.M.C.A. have been warmly contested. The College team made a strenuous fight for the cup. Examinations finished on Feb. 13th, and the work of the second term is well started. Seventeen students were on the honor list. Registration for the year has risen to 253. Dr. Wm. Orr, of the International Y.M.C.A. Committee, spoke to the students on the 22nd. His description of the efforts of European young men and women to secure an education, and the sacrifices made by students and teachers alike, served as a challenge and an inspiration to all. The Armenian Literary Society gave a splendid concert and a drama on St. Vartan's Day. The great auditorium was filled with an appreciative audience. Prof. Lawrence gave an address on "Good Reading" to the Greek Literary Society on the 3rd. The biographical addresses given each February have been,

this year, on founders of great movements. St. Francis of Assisi, Adoniram Judson, the missionary, Sir George Williams, and Florence Nightingale have been studied by Dean Reed, Mr. Birge, Mr. Jacob and Prof. Lawrence. The Tarsus students have brought with them the Christian Endeavor Society. Weekly meetings are being held, and the spiritual atmosphere of the college is becoming more marked. Reports from Dr. MacLachlan, who reached America, via Halifax, after violent storms, and from Mr. Harlow, who had a very busy and interesting tour in Egypt, have come to hand.

*Smyrna*

C. W. L.

### AEROPLANE AIDS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Today, February 10, as the American Mission Press at Beirut is celebrating its one-hundredth birthday there came as a birthday present the largest order Mesopotamia has yet placed for press publication. But the most interesting feature of this order for religious literature was its delivery by aeroplane in two days from Busrah to Syria. The course of a letter from Busrah to Beirut by ordinary post would be via India, the Red Sea, and Egypt. As a rule the exchange of letters by this route takes approximately three months. Thus the aeroplane brings to the missionary, in his remote corner, a remarkable means for the spanning of time and distance, and facilitates his efforts to a wonderful degree.

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### VISIT OF DR. W. C. PEARCE

Dr. W. C. Pearce, Associate General Secretary of the World's Sunday School Association, New York, spent from March 10th to 13th in Constantinople, while on an extended tour in the interests of Sunday School work. He held two conferences at the Bible House, the first for Christian workers, with a good attendance including representatives of the Greek and Armenian Patriarchs; the second with a more general audience of those interested in Sunday School work. Dr. Pearce's addresses were deeply appreciated by all. A committee was appointed, to work under the direction of the Christian Workers' Union, to push Sunday School development in this city. Dr. Pearce also called on the Greek and Armenian Patriarchs who received him with great cordiality. He was much impressed with the opportunities for advance in the Near East, and left determined to do all in his power to aid in the great enterprise.

### NEWS NUGGETS

Chaplain James M. Hester, of the U.S.S. "St. Louis," and Mrs. (Margaret McNaughton) Hester are the proud parents of a daughter.

Mr. Glockler, father of the assistant manager of the American Press of Beirut, died in Beirut Feb. 27th aged 72 years.

Rev. E.C. Partridge and Dr. C.E. Clark of Sivas reached Constantinople March 4th, coming from America via England.

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Miss Margaret B. White, of the Constantinople Y. M. C. A., left March 10th on a six months' leave of absence, going to America.

Miss Charlotte R. Willard of Marsovan, with Mrs. Burt, Miss Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. Archer and others of the Near East Relief, arrived in Constantinople from America on March 10th.

Dr. Clarence D. Ussher arrived in Constantinople March 2nd, coming from Erivan, and proceeded March 18th by the Greek steamer "Megali Hellas" for America.

Mr. Allen W. Dulles, First Secretary of the American High Commission, left Constantinople March 18th for Washington, whither he has been ordered by the Department of

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State to take up his new duties as Chief of the Near East Division of the Department. The Americans of Constantinople console themselves over their loss in the thought of the important services Mr. Dulles will render in his new position.

Among the passengers on the tourist steamer "Empress of France," which was in the Bosphorus March 18th and 19th with 775 American tourists, was Rev. W. S. Nelson, D. D., of the Presbyterian Mission at Tripoli, Syria.

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J. K. Marden, M.D., left Constantinople on March 24th, going on a trip of inspection to the Caucasus for the medical department of the Near East Relief. With him went Miss Bodil Biorn, of the Danish Mission, on her way to Erivan, also several N.E.R. workers.

President M. M. Patrick, LL.D., of Constantinople College, left for America on March 27th, to help in a financial campaign.

Rev. Arthur C. Ryan, of the American Bible Society, left March 31st for America, expecting to return about July 1st.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pritchard of Robert College are leaving April 1st for America.

Mr. Harold B. Belcher, Assistant Treasurer of the American Board, who is coming on a visit to Constantinople, and Miss Ellen M. Blakely, formerly of Marash, who is coming to join the Western Turkey Mission, sailed from New York March 25th on the White Star liner "Homer," expecting to spend some days in London before proceeding to Constantinople by rail.

Mr. Breton, Vice President of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, is in Constantinople on a brief visit.

Professor W. Madsen, of Denmark, representing the League of Nations, has been making a brief visit in Constantinople, coming from Egypt. He is gathering data as to epidemic diseases in this part of the world, and how to regulate the matter of the scientific handling of pilgrims so as to prevent their acting as spreaders of disease.

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Miss Esther Bridgman, of Roxbury, Mass., a graduate of Mt. Holyoke, has been appointed for a three years' term as teacher in the American Girls' High School at Scutari, and will be leaving for Constantinople some time this coming summer.

One of the warehouses of the Standard Oil Company of New York near Beicos on the Bosphorus was destroyed with all its contents by a fire that started March 18th and burned several days. About \$500,000 damage was done; but the great tanks were never in danger.

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Under the auspices of the Civic Welfare League of Constantinople, a special entertainment was given on March 29th in the Magic Cinema, the proceeds of which are to be applied to the opening of a Home for Rescued Girls.

Not long ago a demented Bulgarian living in Samokov called at the American Mission there, to complain of the hypnotic influence he thought the Americans were exercising over him. He was not taken seriously enough at the time for them to take steps for his apprehension. Not many days after this, a hand-grenade was thrown into the window of the American Legation at Sofia; and it is now thought probable that this was the work of that lunatic. No serious damage was done to the Legation building, and there was no one hurt.

The American School for Girls at Beirut has this year a total attendance of 165, of whom 36 are in the High School grade, 80 intermediate, and 49 primary. All the students are Syrians except for 6 Jewesses, 3 Armenians and one Turk. There are 45 boarders, the rest are dayscholars. Sixty-one are Moslems, 45 Greek Orthodox, 32 Protestants, 9 Greek Catholics, 8 Druzes, 6 Hebrews, 2 Gregorians and 2 Maronites.

The four-power treaty of the Pacific was finally ratified on March 25th by the United States Senate by a vote of 67 to 27.

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