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CONSTANTINOPLE STUDENT CONFERENCE

The conference was fortunate this year in securing seven representatives from Roumanian universities as well as delegates from the two American colleges in Smyrna, and a number from local schools and the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. The Conference began on Wednesday evening, April 19, with separate meetings in the two Colleges. At Robert College, Mr. Fred B. Smith was secured for the opening address. He discussed the influence of the lure of power in men's lives and urged the delegates to give free play to every emotion and impulse during the conference which tended to deepen and strengthen their faith in God, the source of all power. At the evening meeting in Constantinople College the girls met in an informal way and discussed their hopes and aspirations for the Conference.

Thursday morning the Robert College delegation hiked over the hills to the Girls' College. The beautiful morning walk over the hills in sight of snow-capped Olympus was a significant start for the day. Dr. Wallace opened the Conference most impressively in a brief devotional service and introduced Mr. Smith. His address was on peace. He admitted the necessity of resisting a mad dog with force, but urged students to appreciate the horror of war and not to glorify it. He suggested that in those countries thinking of waging a war, a referendum be held, that only the mothers be allowed to vote, and the fighters be the men of sixty years and over. The afternoon address was by Prof. J. K. Birge of the International College. His subject was "Religion and Life." He traced the development of religion from its merely protective function in animism, to its life-giving significance in Christ. Each morning of the Conference groups met to study Walter Rauschenbusch's "The Social Principles of Jesus." Many of the delegates felt that these studies were the best contribution of the Conference. The leaders were Mrs. Emrich of the Near East Relief, Miss Mills of the American Collegiate Institute, Mr. Cockin of the British Student Christian Movement, Prof. Birge, Mr. Siebens of the Y.M.C.A. in Roumania, and Mr. Markham of the Bithynia High School. In all the groups the students discussed the questions readily and very frankly. One student remarked at the conclusion of the course that they had been the greatest four days of his life. Thursday evening was devoted to delegation meetings in the two Colleges.

Friday morning, Mr. Tomboulion of the Sophomore class of Robert College led the opening devotions. At eleven Mr. Cockin spoke on "Why Men Pray." Mr. Cockin won

the students' confidence because of his appreciation of the students' intellectual difficulties and by his own frank admission of confusion in regard to certain elements in prayer. The students listened with closest attention while Mr. Cockin in a thoughtful, unemotional manner spoke of prayer as the central experience in the spiritual life of an individual. At the last meeting of the Conference one of the seniors said that he intended that prayer should have part in his life since his chief difficulties had vanished during the Conference. On Friday afternoon, Mr. Goodsell spoke on "The Significance of Christ to the Individual." In a very personal way he described Christ as the way of life and as the power which enables men to follow in that way. Those in the audience were asked to suggest other words in place of way and power which might be used in defining the twofold significance of Christ. In conclusion Mr. Goodsell said that Christ would never become a reality until he became a necessity. In the evening delegation meeting in Constantinople College Mrs. Emrich pictured some of the terrible conditions arising in a society where the principles of Christ are grossly violated. At Robert College the evening meeting was given over to questions. Among the questions asked were "How does prayer influence our friends?" "How can one experience for himself the significance of Christ as described this afternoon?" "Why try to apply the principles of Jesus since he himself said, My Kingdom is not of this World?"

On Saturday and Sunday the Conference sessions were held at Robert College. The morning devotions were led by Miss Pryss, Secretary of the Y.W.C.A. in Roumania. At the morning meeting Mrs. Emrich addressed the Conference on the "Significance of Christ to Society." Mrs. Emrich told of a Mohammedan friend who said that the weakness in this prophet Christ was that he laid down rules that no one could follow. As the speaker gave example after example of terrible suffering and poverty in this city, all felt anew the necessity of applying the social laws that Christ practiced. After lunch an open meeting for all interested in the Student Volunteer Movement was held. About fifty students attended. Mr. Demetracopoulos, the leader of the Robert College Student Volunteer Band, told of the purpose and program of the local group. Mr. Davis interpreted the Volunteer Declaration as it had worked out in his life. Prof. Birge told of the organization and growth of the movement in the Near East. Mrs. Markham told the meaning of the Movement as it related to the college girls in the Near East. At 4:30, reports were heard from various student fields, representing the greatest obstacles to the Christian Associations, and giving the most encouraging conditions in the

Association policy. Messrs. Gyka and Mateescu spoke for the Roumanian movement, Miss Demetracopoulos from the American Collegiate Institute, and Miss Way from International College, *M. Cockin from England, and Mr. D. A. Davis the senior Secretary of the YMCA. in Europe.

Miss Ashover of Constantinople College who represented the Near East at the European Student Relief Conference in Austria, gave a very interesting report at the Sunday morning devotional service. Mr. Cockin preached at the Sunday morning service on the Meaning of the Cross. Somehow without using the customary terminology, the great sacrifice of Christ viewed as a historical event was made to have a great present meaning. "The way of the Cross is hard; some of you may feel it is a forlorn hope; but is there any other hope?" In the afternoon the leaders took short walks with their groups and then sat down under trees for earnest questions and discussions. At 4:45 Prof. Birge presided. His prayers and testimony prepared the way for the very impressive remarks which followed. Forty-five people in the room, most of them student delegates, rose and in an un-studied, sincere way spoke of the value of the Conference in restoring faith, solving certain intellectual difficulties, or defining their life purpose. Mr. Cockin gave the farewell message, urging the delegates to be ready for that moment of weariness or disappointment when visions of Conference resolves might fade.

There was much leisure time in the Conference program. With beautiful weather during all four days, the delegates used the afternoons for volley ball, basket ball and baseball. On Friday afternoon thirty-five delegates went to town on a sight seeing expedition. Saturday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Hedden kept the delegates happy with a great combination of stunt relays and mass games. Saturday afternoon the ladies in the Robert College community entertained all the delegates for tea. The institutions represented at the Conference were as follows:—Roumania 9, International College 2, A.C.I. 4, Gedik Pasha 2, Bithynia High School 5, Stamboul Y.M.C.A. 2, Pera (Bowen school) Y.M.C.A. 5, Pera Y.W.C.A. 6, Federated Armenian Clubs 2, Constantinople College 35, Robert College 35.

E. RADCLIFF

The second Educational Conference at Constantinople Woman's College will be held May 10th, 1922, 2-5 p.m. The addresses will be given in English and French; three on the teaching of History, by Ihsan Bey, Director of the Dar-ül-Mouallimin, Stamboul, Miss Suche, of the English High School for Girls, and Prof. Emmanuel of Robert College; and one on Public Health Nursing in the Schools, by Miss Marshall of the American Hospital, Stamboul.

ATTENDANCE AT AMERICAN COLLEGES, 1921-1922

COLLEGES	Total attendance	College department	Preparatory	Medical	Nurses' training	Other Departments	Boarders	Dayscholars	Armenians	Greeks	Turks	Russians	Bulgarians	Jews	Other Nations	Orthodox	Gregorians	Protestants	Moslems	Roman Catholics	Hebrews
Beirut University	939	148	507	109	32	143a	390	537e	76	28	2			61	773f	214	45	157	320	54	61
Robert	582	132	385			65b	283	299	167	234	71	22	21	37	30g	278	140	36	84	8	36
Constantinople	415	190	182	19	24		283	132	120	123	45	41	13	26	37h	177	91	53	54	11	29
St. Paul's	267	47	100			120c	232	35	246	5	4				12i	3	130	120	14		
International	233	90	129			14d	95	138	106	73	25	2		18	9j	71	78	38	27	1	18
Totals	2436	607	1303	128	56	342	1283	1141	715	463	147	65	34	144	871	743	484	404	499	74	144

a—Commerce 74, Dentistry 49, Pharmacy 20

b—Engineers 61, Graduates 4

c—Trades school 120

d—Agriculture 14

e—Room inside, eat outside, 12

f—Syrian 568, Egyptian 99, Palestinian 97, European 18, Persian, 17, Mesopotamian 13, American 13, scattering 8

g—Albanian 13, American 4, Persian 3, Syrian and Georgian 2 each, Roumanian, Arab, Swiss, Croatian, Yugo-Slav and Circassian 1 each

h—British 11, American 8, Albanian 6, Serbian 6, Persian 3, Syrian 3, Arab 2, Kourid 2, Georgian, Hungarian, Tartar, 1 each

i—Arab 10, Syrian 2

j—American 3, Albanian 2, British, French, Kourid and Persian 1 each

Beirut:—Druze, 37; Bahai, 17; Shiite, 8; Copt, 21; Syriac, 3; Chaldean, 2

MR. LEOPOLD FAVRE

After a period of illness lasting for more than a year, M. Leopold Favre passed away on April 4th, at his home in Geneva.

Mr. Favre belonged to a very honored Geneva family, his grandfather having founded the library which now belongs to the city. His education was at the Geneva Academy and at Göttingen University and University College, London. He made a specialty of the archaeology of India, and collected a large library on this subject.

But the great work of his life was connected with his love for the Armenians and his sympathy for them in their sufferings. The Favre Boys' Home, so long connected with the Bithynia High School at Bardizag, was a monument to his interest in Armenian orphans. Eight times he came out to this country to see for himself just what could be done to uplift these people; and he traveled as far as Van, Erzurum and Ourfa in carrying out his work of philanthropy and Christian love.

The *Journal de Genève* says of him:—"He unceasingly urged and encouraged all his fellow-laborers, and he suffered more than can be told at the fate of Armenia since 1915. His grief was particularly poignant when he heard of the death, by massacre or as a result of deportation, of the greater part of the inmates of the Swiss or American orphanages whom he had known and loved. What stories of sufferings he heard in his own home, which was always open to any Armenian who came to him as to the most sympathetic and devoted representative of the friends of Armenia. He was often called 'the father of the Armenians;' and he had received through the Catholicos of Etchmiadzin a magnificent address engrossed in ancient Armenian and illuminated, as a token of the gratitude of the Armenian people for the countless services he had rendered."

Mr. Favre held the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the Swiss army; and his son, Col. William Favre, has also attained an honorable place in the service of his country. Our heartiest sympathy goes out to him in his affliction.

FRED B. SMITH IN CONSTANTINOPLE

A pretty full schedule of engagements that had been arranged for the expected visit of a week from Fred B. Smith, the well-known evangelist and speaker of New York, had to be cut down to a minimum because of a change of plan by which Mr. Smith was able to give only three days to this city. He arrived with Mrs. Smith on April 17th, Monday, and left again Thursday noon. On Monday afternoon, a tea was given at the Hotel Tokallian in their honor, and Mr. Smith made a brief address, setting forth the principles of the World Alliance of Churches for International Friendship, and the utter futility of trying to end war except on a basis of this sort. On Tuesday afternoon, he spoke before a meeting of the Constantinople Christian Workers' Union on the

same subject, and in the evening a mass meeting was held in the Recreation Hall of the Y.M.C.A., at which some five hundred persons listened to an address that was translated into French. Wednesday afternoon Mr. Smith again addressed the Christian Workers' Union, on the social and industrial crisis, and the challenge it presents to the Church. That evening he gave a stirring address at Robert College, which was well attended in spite of the fact that it was during the Easter holidays and the students were scattered. And the next morning at Constantinople College he gave the opening address of the Student Conference, as mentioned elsewhere.

In the intervals, Mr. Smith had interesting visits with the American High Commissioner, and with the Greek and Armenian Patriarchs and with a Turkish group; he also managed to see a little of the city under the guidance of Dr. E. J. Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith left by the noon train on Thursday, April 20th, for Sofia, where important conferences had been arranged for him. Mr. Smith is making this world tour as the representative of the Federal Council of Churches of America as well as of the World Alliance just mentioned.

SPEER VISITS CONSTANTINOPLE

Robert E. Speer, D.D., Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, Rev. Russell Carter, Associate Treasurer of the same Board, and Mr. Henry Welles, arrived in Constantinople on April 24th, coming from Batoum after three months in Persia. This was the final stage of a journey around the world which has occupied these missionary travelers ever since last July. They have visited Japan, China, India,—the latter quite thoroughly during three months,—Mesopotamia, and finally Persia, coming here through Erivan and Tiflis.

Representatives from the Mission, the Near East Relief, the Y.M. and Y.W.C.A.'s, Robert and Constantinople Colleges gathered by invitation that same evening at the home of Dr. Peet, and listened with breathless attention to a most inspiring account by Dr. Speer of the trip, and especially of the impressions of the party as to the situation in India and in Persia. Despite some dark elements in the India situation, Dr. Speer was optimistic; for, as he said so aptly, "We are far more apt to make mistakes if we go on the principle of pessimism than if we go on that of optimism." He referred in very interesting detail to the change in public attitude in Persia since his visit there 25 years ago, and to the comparative freedom now for missionary activity. In passing, he told of the brief stop of the party in Mesopotamia, and of the proposal for one united mission of the Reformed Dutch and the Presbyterian Boards in Mesopotamia.

Dr. Speer and party left Constantinople the next day, sailing direct for America on the steamer "Constantinople." On the same steamer went Miss Carlotta Welles, of the N.E.R., sister of Mrs. J. Wylie Brown.

"INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF MISSIONS"

The April number of this quarterly Review opens with the second of a series of comprehensive studies of missionary progress within ten years, the topic of this one being Japan. Mr. Galen M. Fisher, the well-known Y. M. C. A. expert, treats of the political and social background, and of the coming of the common people into a share in public life; and he then tells of the doubling of evangelical church membership during the period, and of the advance in the amount raised by Japanese Christians from \$150,000 in 1910 to \$750,000 in 1920, while the value of church property, including Christian Associations, rose from \$692,000 to \$3,518,000. The article gives many other encouraging facts. Rev. Timothy Ting-Fang Lew, Ph. D., of the Peking Christian University, contributes a study of Problems of Chinese Christian Leadership. Archbishop Nathan Söderblom has a discriminating paper on Sundar Singh, the celebrated Sadhu, or Indian Christian mystic. There are three articles on Africa, two of them dealing with the problems among the natives of South Africa, and one with the "Prophet Movement" in Congo. The Home Base of Missions is discussed by Secretary Bitton of the London Missionary Society, and Rev. Donald Fraser of the Scotch Mission in Nyassaland. Among the valuable books reviewed are the volume on the recent Survey of Peking, and Dr. Talcott Williams's Turkey: A World Problem of Today. The *International Review* is becoming of increasing interest and value. Its annual subscription price of 10/6 is low enough to place it in many a household, and it should be in every College.

NEWS NUGGETS

The engagement is announced of Edward M. Dodd, M.D. of Tabriz, Persia, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Dodd of Konia, and Miss Rose Wilson, daughter of Rev. Samuel G. Wilson, D.D., of Persia. Dr. Dodd is at present serving as Medical Secretary to the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, with headquarters in New York.

The engagement is announced of Miss Elsa Reckman, of Marash Station, to Mr. Stanley Kerr, of the Near East Relief Unit there. The wedding is to take place this summer.

Miss Beatrice Mann and Miss Cameron, of the American Girls' School in Monastir, were in Constantinople for a week during the Easter holidays, returning on April 18th to their post.

Miss Ellen M. Blakely, formerly President of Central Turkey College for Girls, Marash, arrived in Constantinople April 10th, and will for the present take up work in this city.

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C.F.M., reached Constantinople April 13th, coming from Boston via England. He is conferring with the Mission Treasury department on financial matters. Just at present he is off on a short trip to Smyrna.

Dr. Ruth A. Parmelee and Miss Isabelle Harley of Harpout reached Constantinople April 14th, after a long journey via Diarbekir, Aleppo and Beirut. They were held up for some time by bad roads.

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Miss Mabel E. Long of Samokov, Bulgaria, was in Constantinople on a visit, from April 15th to 30th.

Rear-Admiral Colby M. Chester, U. S. N. (retired), has come to Constantinople on a visit, reaching here April 15th.

Among recent visitors in Constantinople has been Mr. Cyrus H. McCormick of Chicago.

Rev. E. C. Partridge left Constantinople Friday, April 21st, on his way via Batoum to Erivan, to join Mr. Maynard in the missionary work there.

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Mr. and Mrs. James M. Speers of New York passed through Constantinople on their return from a trip to Egypt, Palestine and Syria. Dr. and Mrs. William S. Dodd of Konia went via Adana and Beirut to meet them and take this trip with them. The latter have returned to Konia. They were in Adana and Beirut the latter part of February.

Miss Alice Osborne has resigned from her position in the hospitals of the American University of Beirut, and will supervise the district nursing which was begun quite auspiciously by the Beirut Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Dr. Samuel M. Zwemer left Cairo April 25th on a visit to the various missions in Algeria, Tunis and North Morocco, Java, Sumatra, Singapore, and the Straits Settlements, whence he expects to go to the Philippines and the United States, reaching America some time in November.

Senator Azarian Effendi lost his life in a fire in Pera on April 17th, when he was caught in so quick a conflagration that he was unable to escape from the building.

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Hon. Charles R. Crane, formerly U.S. Minister to China, spent a week or two in Constantinople last month, with Capt. Brodie.

General Gouraud, French High Commissioner for Syria, was in Constantinople April 14 to 19, on his return from Paris via Rome to his post in Beirut. He was tendered a series of receptions, and was received as well by the Sultan.

The American colony is making preparations to decorate on Memorial Day the graves of all Americans who are buried in Constantinople. In the course of these preparations, a grave was located that has long been unknown,—that of Mrs. H. G. O. Dwight, who died of the plague at San Stefano on July 8th, 1837, and with her infant son was buried there. The grave is now in the Greek Orthodox cemetery.

Faik Nouzhet Bey, Minister of Finance, has resigned his post, and Tewfik Bey, President of the Council of State, is acting *ad interim* as minister in his place.

A disastrous fire occurred a short time ago in Nicomedia, which burned down many houses in what used to be the Armenian quarter. It did not injure the Protestant church, though the flames licked the foundations, so close did it come.

The Student Conference of Christian Associations in Smyrna is fixed for May 13 to 16, at Paradise.

The law for compulsory military service in Cilicia, which was to have gone into effect in April, is not to be put in force till May 5th.

The Galata Bridge, — or rather, the Karakeuy Bridge, to give it its official name, — between Galata and Stamboul, is being repaired, and for the present trolley-cars can not cross. The repairs were necessitated by difficulty with opening and closing the draw, caused by a shifting of the land at the Stamboul end.

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A number of students from Baghdad, picked out and sent on scholarships by the British Government, have arrived in the American University of Beirut. It is expected that they will prepare for educational service to their own country.

During the four weeks ending April 22nd, the mortality records of the Capital show 1365 deaths as compared with 1330 during the corresponding period of 1921. Of these, 366 were due to diseases of the respiratory tract, of which 223 of pneumonia; 210 were due to tuberculosis; 159 to diseases of the circulatory system; 177 were of infants. There were two cases of plague, one of them fatal; twelve accidental deaths and four suicides.

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Ex-Emperor Charles of Austria died April 1st in his exile home on the island of Funchal, Madeira, of pneumonia.

The Genoa Conference on economic questions was opened April 10th, with delegates from some thirty States, including the Russian Soviet Government and Germany. The Turkish papers are expressing a good degree of indignation because Turkey was not invited to send delegates.

The *Congregationalist* of March 30th has on its cover the photograph of the Winter Street Congregational Church of Bath, Maine, whose pastor is Rev. Edwin D. Hardin, son of Rev. O. P. Hardin of Syria. It also contains a most appreciative article about the fifteen years' service of Rev. Lewis T. Reed, D.D., formerly instructor in Robert College, at the Flatbush Church in Brooklyn, N.Y. The membership of this church has grown during his pastorate from 275 to 1,662.

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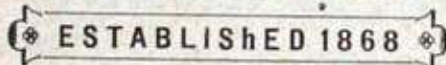
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