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ANNIE T. ALLEN

Miss Annie T. Allen has passed to her reward. Intrepid in carrying out her duties, she had undertaken a winter journey from Angora, which had for some time been her headquarters, to Harpout in connection with the work of relief. On starting back for Sivas, she sustained injuries from a fall, and returned to Harpout; but soon left once more and arrived at Sivas very much exhausted from a terribly hard journey. Evidently she already had the beginnings of typhus fever, which developed in an acute form, and on February 2nd, she died. The funeral the next day was a very impressive one. Besides all the Americans in the city, and many native friends of various nationalities,—for she was loved and trusted by all,—the Government sent a guard of honor.

Miss Allen was the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Orson P. Allen, and was born in Harpout, December 21, 1868. After studying at Dana Hall, Wellesley, Mass., she went to Mount Holyoke College, graduating in 1890. Her mother was not well, and Miss Allen went out to Harpout to care for her. finding time also for considerable missionary work, including the teaching of a large kindergarten class in the Sunday School. She went with her parents to America in 1895, and remained there until her mother's death. In 1903 she came out to Brousa under full appointment and was associated with the late Miss Harriet Powers in the Girls' School, while from time to time she enjoyed visits among the various congregations in the surrounding region. She was also very active in the local Church, helping with the music and superintending the Sunday School. When her health prohibited her continuing school work, she gave all her time to outstation work, mainly among the mountain villages. All through the war period, she was tireless in relief work among the refugees. She also cared most tenderly for her aged father in Brousa until his death in June, 1918. After the armistice, she refused to go on her well-earned furlough, since she did not feel the need of a rest and saw much work she could do She was in charge of relief work in Brousa until she was asked to become the representative in Angora of the Near East Relief, since which time her headquarters have been at the Nationalist capital, where her work has called forth the highest encomiums from the Near East Relief management, Admiral Bristol, and many others.

Few missionaries have fitted so perfectly into the situaiton in this country as did Annie Allen; and few have left such an impress on the hearts and lives of such a variety of its inhabitants. She was all things to all men, and her soul was apparently absolutely free from thought of self. Many will rise up and call her blessed.

THE NEW ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH

His Beatitude Meletios IV., the newly elected Patriarch of the Holy Catholic Orthodox Apostolic Eastern Church, arrived in Constantinople from America on Feb. 6th, and was greeted with enthusiasm by the Greek population of the city. He was immediately conducted to the Patriarchal Church at Phanar, up the Golden Horn, and at eleven o'clock the same morning occurred the ceremony of enthronement.

The absence of foreign diplomatic representatives was conspicuous, and accounted for the lack of brilliancy of uniforms in the audience. But the Church was crowded to suffocation with a dense mass of the faithful, who came to do honor to the new Patriarch. Among the invited guests were all the British and American clergymen, of all denominations, who were also shown distinguished honors in their position in the Church and in being received after the ceremony in the audience room of the Patriarch.

When the Metropolitan Meletios entered the Church, he was greeted with loud and prolonged shouts of welcome till he disappeared in the chancel behind the iconostasis. After the regular prayers and chanting within the chancel, he appeared at the door and was officially informed of his election, answering by a formal acceptance, at which the staff of office was placed in his hand and he was conducted to the patriarchal throne, which tradition says was rescued from the old Church of St. Sophia of Chrysostom's time, as was also the pulpit. Loud demonstrations of joy and shouts of "Axios! Axios!" (the old historic cry: - "Worthy! Worthy!") rent the air as he mounted the steps. When quiet was restored, the Metropolitan of Seleucia, who is the head of the Theological School of Halki, gave an address of welcome, to which the new Patriarch responded with his inaugural address. This was a model of clearness, force, insight, good advice, and hope for the church. Limitations of space forbid giving it in full. He dwelt on the misfortune of ecclesiastical disunion, and the necessity of unifying the Orthodox Church, and of fostering the closest relations with other ecclesiastical bodies. He brought tears to the eyes of his hearers when he referred to the lack of harmony as between Church and State at the present hour, and to the causes that had prevented the realization of national aspirations. He urged all to a deeper spiritual life, and to a definite and concrete program of church reforms. Among the specific things suggested were:

—a greater cooperation in ecclesiastical affairs by the laiety; more preaching and teaching by the clergy for the religious uplift of the people; the preparation and circulation by the Church of a translation of the Scriptures into the language of the common people; the marriage of the clergy, and the calling of an Ecumenical Synod or Council to settle various other pending questions. He also urged that steps be taken to organize an "American Orthodox Church," to unite the Russian, Roumanian, Serbian, Greek and other Orthodox Christians of that country, whose number he asserted was over two millions.

Throughout his address, His Beatitude made frequent and very apt quotations from Scripture, and the deeply spiritual tone of the whole was noticeable. Such an address, at such a time, augurs well for the Patriarchate of Meletios IV., who is already known as quite liberal and eager for real progress in the Church. He deserves the heartiest support and collaboration of the entire Holy Synod and of all the Bishops and laymen.

TURKISH COMMENTS ON THE NEW PATRIARCH

The Aksham says: — "The Venizelist Greeks (Roum) went to meet the illegal Patriarch with their usual noise. When the Patriarch's steamer arrived, the Hellenic (Younan) steamers in the harbor disturbed the public peace with their whistles. The merchants with whom we do our trading closed their shops and hung out Hellenic flags."

The Yeni Shark says: - "From an early hour this morning the 'faithful and obedient subjects' were up and about. The false Patriarch Meletios was to arrive. To honor the occasion, the Greek (Roum) shops were closed, and the Hellenic (Younan) flag was run up on their homes. Many sailed out in boats and tugs to meet Meletios. The district of Phanar was crowded with thousands of Greeks. Those who could not go that far, waited on the Bridge to see the arrival of the Patriarch. The latter, amid the clatter of those who had come to greet him, disembarked into a tug. As the tug passed under the Bridge, the youths who had gathered thereon made a big noise too."

The Terjüman says Meletios "Metaxas" was elected Patriarch by his own choice and has no official standing at all. It says the whistles that made such a din were those of Hellenic steamers and of tugs under Hellenic ownership. "The cause of the noise was the arrival in the Ottoman capital of this Meletios who started out from America and made a clean job of his Hellenic propaganda in Europe. This we see in Constantinople at the arrival of Meletios is not the first we have seen. We Turks have often since the armistice smiled under our beards with dignity at the demonstrations of these time-servers. We smile this time also, and pass by on the other side. Why we smile, will be understood little by little."

D. STUART DODGE

The death occurred on Dec. 16, 1921, in New York of David Stuart Dodge, D.D., for many years President of the Board of Trustees of the American University of Beirut, at the age of 85.

Dr. Dodge was from the very start of the Syrian Protestant College one of its firmest friends and most self sacrificing supporters. Beginning with 1861, he made in all seven visits to Syria, the last being in 1890. For two different periods he was a member of the faculty, having been the very first professor to be nominated by the Trustees. He was extremely careful and wise in personally interviewing candidates for teaching positions on the staff. His own gifts for the maintenance of the College have been very large.

Cheerfulness and modesty were two outstanding characteristics of the man. Despite a serious and painful illness during his later years, he had a bright and hearty greeting for his many callers. He took a lively interest in young people and all that interested them, as well as in literature, science and art.

Aside from his connection with Beirut, he was also President of the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. from 1899 to 1915.

BEIRUT NOTES

The United Mission Conference comprising societies operating in Syria and Palestine, in accordance with the provisions of its constitution, will hold its meeting this year in two sections. The northern conference will be held in Beirut on April 5, 6 and 7. The southern societies will meet in conference at Jerusalem on April 19, 20 and 21. Attractive and practical programs are being prepared for both conferences.

Miss Johnston of the British Syria Mission, on a recent visit to Beirut, reported on the special work carried on by her and Miss Harrison in Damascus. Last October they opened a school for the training of women evangelists. Thus far three regular students have been received. Many of the women of Damascus are eager to avail themselves of the privilege of attending lectures.

Dr. H. Watson-Smith, Director of the Lebanon Hospital for the Insane, has been appointed Lecturer on Mental and Nervous Diseases in the School of Medicine of the University. The course is offered in the Senior year, the members of the class devoting the afternoons of alternate Saturdays to the study of cases in the hospital at Asfuriyeh.

The Week of Prayer was observed at the University at the usual time, namely at the close of the Christmas vacation. The Sunday services both before and at the close of the special meetings were in keeping with the topic and the spirit represented during the week. Professor Hall, the University preacher, spoke at all the evening meetings, presenting the claims of the higher life. To his strong, straight

forward appeal there was a hearty response both in numbers attending and in seriousness and earnestness on the part of those present.

Dr. Arthur Bestor, President of the Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua Lake, N. Y., and Mrs. Bestor, with their two children, have been spending a few weeks at the home of Dr.

nd Mrs. Hurold Nelson, of Beirut.

Dr. Kristiansen of Chicago, has arrived in Aintab to assist Dr. Lorrin Shepard. Dr. Caroline F. Hamilton, who has been in charge of an orphanage in Antelias, has also returned to Aintab.

The Friends Mission in Brummana has been increased by Miss Sheldon who comes from England, and Mr. and Mrs. Fox, who return to their work.

The Hospitals of the American University at Beirut have welcomed this fall the following new head nurses: Miss Helen Williams from California, Miss Nataline Dulles of Auburn, N.Y., and Miss Harriet Perry of Rochester.

Mr. H. B. McAfee, recently Treasurer of Park College, Ill., brother of Dr. Cleland B. McAfee of McCormick Seminary, is the new Director of the Near East Relief in Beirut.

One of the most interesting and radical features in the life of the American University this year has been the admission of three women students to the regular pre-medical courses. All three belong to the Hebrew race. Miss Sara Levy prepared in a Hebrew gymnasium in Jerusalem, and entered the Pharmacy course. Miss Aida Goldenberg, born in Kiev, came from the American school for girls in Cairo, and entered the Dentistry course. Miss Fortunee Azriel, from a Hebrew School in Haifa, also entered the Dentistry course.

The enterprising management of the American Press has brought to Syria the first Arabic linotype made. The manufacturers became interested in the idea, and spent forty-five thousand dollars perfecting it. With it came a trained operator, and as soon as the new Press building is finished, the linotype will be put into operation. The building also was brought from the U.S.A. Mr. Dana's brother has come with it to supervise the erection.

TARSUS NEWS

Mrs. Emily Block is slowly recovering from a very severe case of small-pox. The disease has been epidemic, but the government stayed it somewhat through strenuous efforts to vaccinate everybody.

Since the emigration of the Greeks and Armenians our work is more cosmopolitan. Our 50 boys in the Academy and 75 in the Grades are pretty evenly divided between four races. Each Sunday about 140 people come to church, and being of four different races and a half-dozen different religious or denominations, our only common form of worship is the Lord's Prayer. Our service is simple, – singing by groups of children, silent prayer, Bible reading, a chapter of Pilgrim's Progress, and the sermon. We rejoice that so varied a congregation can worship together.

Under the new government we are glad to note vigorous reforms. No longer are there drunkards on the street, since the Turks prohibited the importing, selling and drinking of liquors. And no longer do houses of prostitution flaunt their shame openly. The present leaders are seeking to govern with a just and firm hand.

Feb. 13, 1922

PAUL E. NILSON

THE REFUGEE ARMENIANS IN BEIRUT

Beirut, Jan. 23, 1922

The government figures, it is said, state that over 20,000 refugee Armenians have come to Beirut during the last two months from Cilicia. Not all have remained in Beirut, many having passed through to Damascus, Aleppo, and other interior cities. For a time the authorities arranged a camp for them in the swamps outside the city. As rains were then falling their hardest, the lot of the poor people was indescribable. The docks were piled fifteen feet high with bundles of luggage, soaking full of rain. People who had left baggage to seek shelter, often in distant parts of the city, returned to find the baggage stolen.

It was with the greatest difficulty that anyone could find out what was the plan or policy with regard to the newcomers. One day there would be an order for no one to land. Then when that order was chased down everyone disclamed responsibility for having given such an order, and a new ukase went forth to the effect that they could land. And the extraordinary part of it is that there seems to be little in the way of epidemic or many deaths. On the other hand the hospitals have been full of Armenian mothers and newly-arriv-

ed progeny.

Shelter in the city, was only to be had at outrageous prices, and even then was scarce. Many of the refugees went to the mountains and surrounding villages where they were able to secure houses. The poorer ones took refuge in the caves along the seashore where on stormy nights they are The Armenian Union is at work on soaked by the waves. barracks to house them. In the meantime the authorities gave a little soup for a few days to some of the foodless, the Armenian Red Cross appealed for funds, and everyone wondered what everyone else was going to do. Recently matters have shaped themselves somewhat. Men are to be put to work on public roads, - paid a living pittance by the Near East. Some of the girls have gone into domestic service. Many people are in the hills hoarding their savings and waiting for the next bargain across the council tables. At the Y.W.C.A. Service Center a school has been started for Armenian girls, which in a week grew from twenty to forty pupils. Industrial work is to begin soon in a room donated by the Red Cross which will enlist the services of some of the older women.

Dr. Ruth Parmelee and Miss Belle Harley have left Harpout on their way to America, going via Aleppo and Beirut.

NEWS NUGGETS

Sir Ernest Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer, died suddenly, the latter part of January, while on his way back to the Antarctic for further exploration, in the ship "Quest" near South Georgia.

The Italian Cardinal Achille Ratti was on Feb. 6th elected Pope in succession to the late Benedict XV., and his enthronement ceremony took place Feb. 12th, in the presence of a large assembly. He was born in March, 1857, and assumes the name of Pius XI.

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The famine in Russia is so severe that cases of cannibalism have been registered, and the extreme want continues. The American Relief Administration has reached and saved tens of thousands of children.

Mr. Douglas White of London spent some time in Constantinople the past month, giving valuable and much appreciated lectures before English-speaking audiences on sexhygiene.

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Rev. Harold Buxton is visiting in Constantinople after a trip to the Caucasus where he went to see the possibilities of relief work among the Armenians, in connection with the Lord Mayor's Fund of London.

Among the passengers on the tourist steamer "Empress of Scotland" which gave 24 hours to Constantinople last week, were President George B. Stewart, D.D., of Auburn Theological Seminary, and Mrs. Stewart. Dr. Stewart's son is Treasurer of the American University of Beirut.

Field Marshal Lord Allenby, who has been on a brief trip to England for consultation, has returned to Egypt.

Mr. Triantaphyllakos, Deputy for Arcadia, has been appointed Hellenic High Commissioner to Constantinople.

Mr. Howard MacAfee has succeeded Rev. J. H. Nicol as Managing Director of the Near East Relief for the Beirut Area.

Dr. and Mrs. Porter of Beirut are spending several weeks in the south of England, awaiting the result of the treatment he has been undergoing for a facial cancer.

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Miss Charlotte R. Willard of Marsovan sailed from New York Feb. 15th on the "Megali Hellas," and is due in Constantinople March 6th. With her come several Near East Relief workers.

President George E. White D.D., of Anatolia College, is spending two months in Boston, with headquarters at the American Board rooms, and is living at the Missionary Home, Auburndale.

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The cheering news has come that Mrs. Ponafidine, widow of the former Russian Consul-General at Constantinople, and sister of the late Dr. Cochran of Persia, has succeeded in leaving Russia with her two sons, Alec and Oka, and arrived in America the first week in February. Her present address is: care of Mrs. S. M. Clement, 786 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, New York.

Dr. Robert E. Speer, Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, who is now on a tour of the Persia mission stations, expects to reach Constantinople on or about April 20th, on his return to the United States.

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The Annual luncheon and meeting of the American Chamber of Commerce was held at the Pera Palace Hotel, Constantinople, on Friday, Feb. 3rd, when about 160 men sat down to the table. After the luncheon and the regular business of the meeting there were addresses by Mr. Miller Joblin, President of the Chamber; Rear-Admiral Mark L. Bristol, American High Commissioner; Dr. William Orr, Educational Adviser to the International Y.M.C.A.; Hon. G. Bie Ravndal, American Consul-General; Major C. D. Morris, of the Near East Relief, and Mr. Oscar Gunkel, for five years President of the Chamber.

Forty-eight of the Armenian orphans from Kouleli, on the Asiatic side of the Bosphorus, are taking a course in forging at the forges of the Engineering Department of Robert College, and are making good through their tireless eagerness to learn their trade under the direction of Mr. Ninas.

Yousouf Kemal Bey, Commissaire for Foreign Affairs for the Angora government, is in Constantinople with a delegation from the Nationalists, on the way to Rome, Paris and London to confer with the Entente Powers regarding terms of peace. The delegation is expected to leave by French steamer March 1st.

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Births: - At Nicomedia on Feb. 8th, to Dr. and Mrs. Albert W. Dewey, a daughter, Margaret Elizabeth.

At Constantinople on Feb. 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. Luther R. Fowle, a daughter, Helen Joy.

At Constantinople, on Feb. 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. Warren E. Bristol, a son.

At Smyrna, on Feb. 18th, to Prof. and Mrs. Caleb W. Lawrence, their first daughter, and seventh child, Dorothy Nancy.

A telegram from Beirut announces the death of Dr. Harris Graham on Monday, Feb. 27th.

It is proposed to publish a Biography of the late Rev. Professor Alexander van Millingen, M.A. D.D., the Byzantine archæologist and writer, of Robert College, Constantinople. All friends having letters, or facts, relating to his life and work either as Preacher, Teacher, or Historian, are asked to kindly communicate with Mrs. Van Millingen, c/o The British Linen Bank, 38, Threadneedle Street, London, E. C. 2.

Captain E. A. Yarrow, Director-General of the Caucasus Branch of the Near East Relief, has received from His Holiness the Catholicos of the Armenians the decoration of the Order of St. Gregory the Illuminator, in recognition of his great work among the orphans and other refugees in the Caucasus. The same decoration was conferred also on Mrs. Veronica E. Harris, of the same organization.

Miss Stella N. Loughridge, of Talas, has gone to Sivas to help out during the illness of Miss Theda Phelps, who is making good progress toward full recovery.

Miss Kate E. Ainslee of Marash went from there to Beirut early in February on a visit.

Mr. W. C. Pearce, Associate General Secretary of the World's Sunday School Association, who is on the tourist steamer "Adriatic," expects to be in Constantinople March 10 to 12.

Five more tourist steamers are expected in Constantinople harbor within the next three weeks: - the "Caronia" March 6th, the "George Washington" March 8th, the "Adriatic" March 10th, the "Carmania" March 11th, and the "Empress of France" March 17th.



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