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### CONSTANTINOPLE CHAPTER OF THE RED CROSS.

Let no one of the Americans resident in Constantinople forget the meeting, of which notice was given two weeks ago in these columns, and which will be held at three o'clock next Saturday afternoon, April 1st, at the American Consulate-General. All who can come from other points near by are also especially invited. There is no distinction made of age, sex, color, or previous condition of servitude. The objects of the Red Cross movement are too well known to need restating here. The movement received its impulse from the work of mercy of Miss Florence Nightingale during the Crimean War, fifty-five years ago. Surely there ought to be, in this city which was above all the scene of the labors of this "Lady-in-Chief", some fitting memorial to the work from which grew the Red Cross Society. During her lifetime she would not permit her enthusiastic soldiers to put up a monument to her memory; but now that she has completed her earthly career, the time has come that some such steps be taken. It may be that through the instrumentality of an American Chapter of the Red Cross in this capital, something might be done in this direction.

Furthermore, there is dire need of a campaign in this city and the whole country against tuberculosis. The health records show that more than one-ninth of all the deaths in this city are from tuberculosis\*. The testimony of physicians all over the country points to a terrible annual devastation by this plague. The great fight that the American Red Cross has inaugurated all over the United States against tuberculosis is being admiringly watched by the world. Such an effort is needed even more in this country where ignorance of the elementary laws of health, and carelessness and unsanitary conditions foster still more the spread of this dread enemy. Without doubt the American Chapter of the Red Cross, when organized here, could secure the cooperation of the Ottoman Red Crescent, as well as of the Italian Chapter of Red Cross, already in existence here, in an anti-tuberculosis campaign.

We bespeak a full attendance at this gathering at the American Consulate-General on Saturday next, April first.

### WORLD'S STUDENT CHRISTIAN FEDERATION CONFERENCE.

As the time draws near for the Ninth Conference of the World's Student Christian Federation, it is fitting that some further information be given as to the arrangements for this Conference, and as to its nature and object. As was announced in our issue of February 15, the sessions will be held from Monday, April 24th, to Friday, April 28th. The regular meetings of the Conference will be held in the chapel of Robert College, and other meetings in various parts of the city. The local executive committee having charge of the preliminary arrangements for this gathering consists of the following persons: - Rev. Robert Frew, chairman; Mr. Frank Ferguson, 1st vice-chairman; Rev. C. T. Riggs. 2nd vice-chairman; Mr. D. Alton Davis, secretary; Rev. Charles Thomson, treasurer; President C. F. Gates, D.D., President M. M. Patrick, Ph.D., Graf von Lüttichau, Rev. Stoevesandt, Rev. R. F. Borough, Canon Whitehouse, Mr. E. D. Panousis, Rev. H. K. Krikorian, Bishop Christophoros Kinites, Rev. M. Bowen, D.D. Rev. G. H. Huntington, Sir Edwin Pears, Mr. W. W. Peet, Mr. Vahan Matteosian, Rev. A. B. Schmavonian, Mr. E. O. Jacob, Prof. Louisos Eliou, Prof. C. Constantinou, Prof. S. Panaretoff, Prof. A. D. Hagopian, Athanasios Kazakos, M.D., Miss A. M. Burgess, Miss Eleanor I. Burns, Miss Ida W. Prime. There are sub-committees whose chairmen are as follows: -On Finance, Rev. Charles Thomson; on the Local Campaign, Rev. H. K. Krikorian; on Reception, Rev. Dr. Bowen; on Entertainment, Rev. Robert Frew; on Publicity, Rev. C. T. Riggs.

Entertainment will be provided for all the regularly appointed delegates. Of these about 160 are expected. Robert College has agreed to find entertainment in and near the College for fifty delegates; forty more will be the guests of the American College for Girls at the Preparatory Department at Arnaoutkeuy; and places for some thirty or more of the rest have already been secured in various homes in the city. The chairman of the entertainment committee will be glad to welcome all offers of aid in this matter.

#### OPEN MEETINGS.

The Local Campaign Committee has made the following arrangements: -

On Sunday morning, April 23, Convention speakers will occupy the various pulpits throughout the city, and will speak at the Colleges and elsewhere as desired, at the usual

Sunday afternoon there will be a public meeting at the Bible House, where the address will be translated into Turkish.

<sup>\*</sup>The death-rate from tuberculosis as compared with the total deaths during the six months from August 1910 to February 1911, in some of the principal cities of Europe and America, is herewith given; — Paris, 20.7 % Athens, 20.5 %; Smyrna, 16.2 %; Vienna, 15.2 %; St. Petersburg, 14.6 %; Berlin, 13.3 %; Constantinople, 12.1 %; New York, 11.6 %; Chicago, 10.7 %; Philadelphia, 10.1 %; Boston, 9.8 %; Manchester, 9.5 %; Liverpool, 8 %. No statistics are available from London. ble from London.

Sunday evening there will be a meeting in the Friends'. Mission House in Koum Kapou, also in Turkish.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, there will be a series of meetings at the Dutch Chapel, in Pera, in English, at 5:30. On the same three days in the evening another series of gatherings will take place in a public hall in Pera, probably that of the Greek Syllogos, where the addresses will be in French. There will also be evening addresses in the Gregorian School in Koum Kapou, translated into Armenian; in the Mission House, Koum Kapou, translated into Turkish.

On Tuesday afternoon, there will be a conference for Armenian Students at the Armenian College in Galata; and one on Thursday afternoon for Armenian Students in Pera.

On Friday afternoon, there will be a conference for students of all nationalities, at the Bible House, the address being translated into Turkish.

Prior to the week of the Conference, a program of all these public meetings and gatherings for students will be printed for circulation, in four languages, Turkish, Greek, French and Armenian, giving the hours, places, and names of speakers.

### DELEGATES AND SPEAKERS.

Delegates are definitely expected at this Conference from Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Ceylon, China, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Holland, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Portugal, Roumania, Russia, Scandinavia, Servia, South Africa, Spain and Switzerland, besides all parts of the Ottoman Empire.

Among the speakers we may mention a few, though by no means all have as yet been announced.

John R. Mott, LL.D., a Cornell graduate, hardly needs an introduction. He is the general secretary of the World's Student Christian Federation, and associate general secretary of the International Y. M. C. A. He is a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, and a Phi Beta Kappa man. Edinburgh University granted him the degree of LL. D. last year. He is the author of at least five books, besides many pamphlets and articles. His ability as a chairman has been proven in some of the greatest Christian gatherings of the world. His influence with students is unsurpassed. He visited Constantinople in 1896.

Edward C. Carter is a Harvard graduate, and was for several years connected with Y. M. C. A. work in India. He is secretary of the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A. and traveling secretary for College Students in the United States.

G. Sherwood Eddy is a Yale graduate; he is the national secretary of the Y.M. C. A. for India, and has served for some time at his own expense. He was called to America last year to tour through the United States in connection with the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

Silas McBee, editor of *The Churchman*, one of the best denominational papers in the United States, is probably the most prominent layman in the Episcopal Church in America today. He was one of the speakers at the Ecumenical Missionary Conference at Edinburgh, and has recently been touring in Europe and the Levant with Dr. Mott.

Dean Edward I. Bosworth, D.D., of Oberlin, is a very popular speaker among students. By his sympathetic and helpful interpretations of the Teachings of Jesus and His Apostles, he has earned the gratitude and won the affection of many students as well as others. He has visited Athens, as well as other parts of Europe.

Em. Sautter, of Geneva, is general secretary of the World's Committee of the Y. M. C. A. He has recently been carrying on very successful work among students in Milan and Turin.

Baron Paul Nicolay, of St. Petersburg, the representative of Russia, made some of the most impressive and deeply devotional addresses at the World's Conferences at Oxford and at Tokyo. He is a clear and forceful speaker, and a careful Bible student.

## HISTORY OF THE FEDERATION, WILLIAM PORT

The World's Student Christian Federation is the outward and visible sign of the world-wide Christian movement among students. In the year 1895 the leaders of the national Christian organizations which had sprung up spontaneously in Germany, the Scandinavian countries, Great Britain, the United States and Canada, met at Wadstena in Sweden, and formed the organization now known as the World's Student Christian Federation. They appointed as Secretary Mr. John R. Mott and resolved to spread the movement into other countries. The membership of the five organizations which then entered the Federation included about 30,000 students and professors. At the conference of the Federation in July 1909 in Oxford, it was found that the movement had extended to more than thirty different countries; that Student Christian Associations had been formed in more than 2,000 universities and colleges, and that their membership now included more than 138,000 students and professors. alriog values out tavo

# OUR FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONSTANTINOPLE

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The selection of Constantinople as the scene of the 1911 Conference is something more than a compliment to our city. It gives us an opportunity of hearing addresses from men who have made a special study of student life in all its features in various parts of the world, and it gives us the stimulus of feeling that we are in the main stream of a great international movement which is doing splendid work in the world. Further, it will enable the men who are guiding this world-wide movement to come into contact with the special problems which confront us in Turkey. We have good ground for hoping that this movement, which appeals to men of all churches, and may indeed be said to appeal to men of every religious creed, will exert a beneficial influence upon the students in this Empire.

This being so, the Local Executive Committee, which is charged with the duty of making local arrangements for the Conference, for the reception and entertainment of delegates, and for holding special meetings in schools, churches or

public halls, appeals to the public for financial support in the discharge of its duty. We shall probably require about Lt. 150 in order to meet the obligations of hospitality and to take full advantage of the presence amongst us of these delegates from all parts of the world. Of this sum about Lt. 36 has been subscribed or guaranteed. It would greatly assist the committee if those who feel the importance of this opportunity would, without waiting for an individual appeal, send or guarantee subscriptions to the local fund, either direct to the Treasurer, or to any member of the committee.

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our delignit most betsianest ed or 63rd Session (March 22). The discussion of the war budget was resumed, and the remaining articles were passed upon. The item for "secret and unforeseen expenses," of 2,000,000 piastres called forth some objection, but was explained by the Minister of War so that the Chamber accepted it as well as the whole budget. The Minister made a supplementary plea for Lt. 120,000 for increasing the pay of captains and lieutenants. This was referred to the Budget committee. Much importance is attached by the Minister of War to the building of new barracks, as a health measure for the soldiers.

64th Session (March 23). The question of the coneession for the telephone service in the capital was on the docket, but its discussion was postponed to give the department of public works more time to prepare its statement relative to this. A request for permission to turn over certain unexpended funds in the marine budget to the prefecture of the harbor was refused after several had spoken against the principle of allowing funds appropriated for one purpose to be expended for another. The bill to encourage native industries was again taken up and the question of exempting imported raw materials from customs dues was raised. Mr. Boussios proposed that when such raw materials are again exported in the shape of manufactured articles, the import taxes be refunded. As there was not a quorum present for a vote, the article was referred back to the committee.

65th Session (March 25). The budget of the Ministry of Marine was before the Chamber all day. Col. Mahmoud Bey, the Minister of Marine, who appeared for the first time on the parliamentary rostrum, made a favorable impression, and stuck bravely to his colors despite the bombardment of questions and objections of the deputies. He spoke of two Dreadnaughts of 18,000 tons each, which the government has decided to order either from the Armstrong firm or some equally good place. He recounted the activities of the past six months, during which the naval units had been repaired and put in seaworthy condition, till now the fleet was ready for any sort of eventuality. The Minister asked for the addition of a sum for a professor of German at the Naval School at Halki, and for an increase in the officers' allowances. He

recounted the ordering of seven gunboats in France and also 23 motor-gunboats for coast defense, the purchase of two British yachts for coast-guard service, and a salvage boat for the Red Sea. After the passing of two chapters of the Marine budget, the Chamber placed on the docket a request of Mr. Doreff for a statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs as to the measures taken relative to Bulgarian revolutionary bands. Lt. 6-000 was voted for the better lighting of Pera; and Lt. 120,000 demanded by the War Department to increase the salaries of captains and lieutenants was granted.

66th Session (March 27). The Marine budget was again taken up, and after a long debate on the fifth chapter, especially regarding the organization of the navigation company to take the place of the old Mahsoussé company, the whole budget of Lt. 1,693,633 was passed. The budget of the Court of Accounts, amounting to Lt. 19,171, was then adopted without any discussion or change. The bill for encouraging native industries also made some progress before adjournment.

67th Session (March 28). A despatch of congratulation to the Italian Chamber of Deputies on the occasion of the Italian Jubilee was sent, and a reply of thanks received. The bill conceding to Mr. Webb, acting for an Anglo-Franco-American Company, the right to establish a telephone service in Constantinople and its suburbs, was passed after mature consideration. The zone of privilege extends from Roumeli Kavak to San Stefano and from Anatoli Kavak to Pendik, and includes the Princes' Islands. The concession is for thirty years, and must be put in operation within 18 months from date. The rates are; unlimited use for one year, eight liras; 500 calls of 3 minutes each, one year, five liras. The installation of apparatus in the house is not included in the rates given. The government receives 15 % of the net receipts, and reserves the right to purchase the system after ten years.

### HAMLIN CENTENARY MEMORIAL SERVICE.

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The Robert College chapel was packed full on Thursday afternoon last, when the usual Founder's Day exercises took the eminently appropriate form of a commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Cyrus Hamlin, the real founder of the College. Nearly every one in the city who had personally known Dr. Hamlin had made it a point to be there; and numbers of alumni of later years were present as well. After a hymn, a brief Scripture reading and a prayer by President Gates, a Magnificat was very well rendered by the College chorus of forty-five voices, under the able leadership of Prof. Estes, the trio part being taken by Messrs. Wann, Katsounoff and Bedikian. Dr. Gates then made a brief address, alluding to the spirit of the founders of the College, who were men of prayer and who believed in Jesus Christ. He alluded to the uncommon good fortune of the institution in having had members of the Hamlin family connected with it from the beginning even till now; two of Dr. Hamlin's daughters, Mrs. Washburn and Mrs. Anderson, having carried

on in succession the same work for the students in the same spirit. He also mentioned the fact that several of the buildings had been designed by Prof. A. D. F. Hamlin, of Columbia University. A hall is soon to be built near the gymnasium for the Y. M. C. A. and for social purposes. This is the gift of Mr. Cleveland H. Dodge; and Dr. Gates announced the desire of Mr. Dodge that the new building be known as Henrietta Washburn Hall. This was greeted with a hearty round of applause, evidencing the genuine satisfaction of all present at this well-deserved mark of appreciation. Mr. Dodge has signified his intention to place in its walls a tablet, to bear this inscription; —"Erected in loving appreciation of HENRIETTA ANN LORAINE HAMLIN WASHBURN. She gave herself for forty years to make the lives of the students happier and better."

The speaker of the day, Rev. Stephen Thomoff, of the class of '69, was then introduced, his subject being Dr. Hamlin and Robert College. Mr. Thomoff spoke of the greatness of Dr. Hamlin as evidenced by the wide area of territory in Turkey and the Balkan States where his name is known. He alluded to the diligence and perseverance by which he finally succeeded in starting the College in spite of powerful enemies. He then enumerated some salient characteristics of Dr. Hamlin; - his strong religious conviction, which was no morbid sentimentality, but allowed him to respect the views of other men; his diligence, illustrated by his not only criticising his workmen on the new building, but even showing them how to do their work by doing it himself; his great interest in all the peoples of the land; and his ability to read character. Mr. Thomosf concluded by saving that the spirit of Dr. Hamlin, like that of Dr. Long and Dr. Washburn, was immortal in the lives of the alumni, who are proud of the work of the College, because it is giving the best possible moral training to its students.

Dr. Gates then read a letter from Prof. A. van Millingen, who is now in Edinburgh on a well-earned vacation, in which he recalled the debt he personally owed to the influence of the American missionary families living in Pera in his childhood, among whom Dr. Hamlin was second to none. recalled four features of Dr. Hamlin's character; - his keen and insatiable intellectual curiosity, evidenced in his minute study of the mechanical structure of things as well as in the quality of his preaching; the intensity of his feelings, whether of love for the lovable or of dislike for unworthy traits; the very practical type of his religion, and how eager he was to help his fellow-men by teaching them how to live; and lastly his extraordinary faith and persistence in carrying out a just cause, in spite of the fact that his associates did not sympathize with him at the start. The results of his faith are seen in the College of today.

The exercises of the afternoon closed with the singing of the College song by the student body.

There will be a recital of sacred music in the Armenian Evangelical Church at Ainali-Cheshme, Pera, on Friday, April 7th, at 3 p. m. Miss Robinson, Mlle du Chastain, Herr Ellinger and other artists will take part. Admission, 20 piastres.

# FORMER STUDENT FEDERATION CONFERENCES.

Not to mention the conferences held in Sweden, the United States, Germany, France, Denmark and Holland in the years between 1895 and 1905, let us look at what was accomplished at Tokyo in 1907 and at Oxford in 1909. Tokyo gathering was much the largest that has yet been held, there being 700 delegates, about two-thirds of them from China and Japan. There were five days of meetings, and on every afternoon some social event took place. Receptions were given the delegates by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, by the mayor of Tokyo, by the American Ambassador, by Count Okuma, and by Baron Goto. These gave a muchneeded opportunity for free intercourse between delegates. On the program, devotional, theological, practical, civic, social and other topics were helpfully blended from start to finish. Every address had to be translated from English into Japanese or Japanese into English, and in a few cases from German and Chinese into Japanese; but still the messages were most eagerly listened to by all present. All through, the motto of the conference, -"Unum in Christo," - was exemplified in the spirit and words of all. The women's section held several separate meetings, and there were other helpful subconferences. Exhibits of publications, charts, photographs and curios were also made. In the Japanese section stood a specimen of the stern edict against Christianity, which was annulled less than forty years ago.

Immediately after the conference there began an evangelistic campaign, preliminary to which had been the prayers of hundreds of earnest people all over the world for a year previous. The movement reached scores of Japanese cities, and fully 1800 persons declared their decision either to begin an earnest study of Christianity, or to accept Christ as their Savior.

This Tokyo conference fired the young Christian leaders of the Far East with a mightier resolve than ever before to evangelize their own peoples. Prof. Bosworth of Oberlin, who is to be here also, was one of the chief speakers. Others were Dr. Karl Fries, President Ibuka, John R. Mott, Baron Paul Nicolay, etc.

The Oxford Conference was held in July, 1909, and was attended by only about 180 delegates. As the official report says, it was "neither a grand review meant to impress outsiders, nor even a camp of exercise for the delegates, but a council." There was no advertising, no publicity, no show. The remarkable opening up of the world for efforts among students was clearly and convincingly displayed in the reports of Mr. Mott and Miss Rouse. The eagerness of the nations for higher education, coupled with the tested and proven ability of the Christian Student movement to meet the resulting problems, was accepted as a challenge to greater efforts. Here again, the devotional hours were among the most stimulating and helpful of all the gatherings, and gave a tone to the other sessions of each day. Great emphasis was also placed on the need of developing Bible study among students. Social problems of the time were also discussed; and reports were made of the student movements in all parts of the world. The delegates from the Orient were Constantine T. Boyajieff of Bulgaria, Lebib Bardawil of Syria, Prof. Arshag T. Daghlian of Marsovan, and Mr. Lawson P. Chambers of Bardizag.

### CONSULAR COURT

OF THE

### UNITED STATES AT MERSINE, TURKEY.

### Estate of Henry Maurer, deceased:

Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claims against the above estate or who have any objections to the administration of said estate by the Reverend T. Ford Barker, who is also acting for the Reverend A. B. Yoder, duly appointed administrator of said estate for the Circuit Court of Elkhart County, Indiana, United States of America, are ordered to file said claims or objections at the American Consulate in Mersine, Turkey, on or before April 15, A.D. 1911.

And it is hereby ordered that the foregoing notice shall be published forthwith in three consecutive issues of "The Orient" a weekly newspaper printed in Constantinople and circulating in the American communities of Turkey.

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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the American Consulate, Mersine, Turkey, this 15th day of March, A.D. 1911.

EDWARD I. NATHAN. Consul and Judge of the U. S. Probate Court.

### AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR TURKEY.

A good start was made at the preliminary meeting on March 22nd at the American Consulate-General, of which notice was given two weeks before in these columns, and which was called for the purpose of organizing an American Chamber of Commerce for Turkey. Some sixty merchants of the city were present, representing the growing export and import trade with America. Consul-General Ravndal gave an interesting statement of the remarkable growth of the past ten years; for whereas the United States imported, in 1896, \$6,000,000 worth of Turkish products, such as carpets, tobacco, wool, mohair, licorice root, olive oil, cotton, lace, figs, dates, etc., in 1906 the value of these imports had grown to \$13,000,000, and in 1909 it was \$15,000,000. Telegrams promising aid and additional members were received from Baghdad, Beyrout, Jerusalem, Mersin, Smyrna and Trebizond. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and bye-laws and to report at the next meeting which is to be held to-day at the Consulate-General. The following resolution was passed:

"The American Chamber of Commerce for Turkey in meeting assembled endorses the idea of an International Exposition in Constantinople in 1913, believing that such an Exposition would greatly promote the prosperity of Turkey and strengthen the friendly ties existing between this country and the foreign nations."

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The Chamber also elected the following Board of Directors: Messrs Peet, Chester, Gates, Heizer, Oswald, Anderson, Bucknam, Constantinides, Mizzi, Levy, Mewes, Kendall, Damon,

After the meeting the members adjourned to the American Embassy, where the Hon John R. Carter welcomed them and expressed his pleasure at the formation of this Chamber of Commerce.

#### THE AMERICAN COLLEGE FOR GIRLS.

Weather Report for the week March 18th-25th. (Observations taken at 8 A. M. daily)

Maximum	temperature	(March 21)	57.50	F.
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On Saturday afternoon, March 25th, the Senior Class invited the Faculty to meet their honorary member, Professor Watson of Robert College. The reading of selections from Othello by Professor Watson was very much appreciated by both hostesses and guests.

The services on Sunday morning were conducted by Dr. Arthur Dray, who is on his way to join the medical staff at the Beyrout University.

In order to adjust a question raised recently in Varna in regard to the recognition of the diploma of the College by the Bulgarian Government, Miss Burns visited Sophia during the week March 16-23.

Miss Burns was most courteously received by Mr. Molloff, the Minister of Public Instruction and received his assurance that the diploma was recognised as equal to that of the Gymnasia and further that he was preparing a list of private institutions so recognised and that in a few weeks this circular would be sent to all the cities of Bulgaria. He expressed his pleasure in her wish to visit the Gymnasia and appointed one of the inspectors to officially introduce her at any gymasium she desired to visit and also put at her disposal two teachers whose knowledge of English made it possible for them to explain fully the system and the subject matter of the Class visited.

In addition to the adjustment of the recognition of the diploma and this official visit to the Gymnasia, Miss Burns visited many alumnae and former students, who welcomed her most warmly and entertained her with the utmost hospitality.

The evening of March 21. Miss Burns was kindly received by Her Majesty the Queen, at the palace. The Queen expressed her interest in the Bulgarian students of the College, her pleasure in the satisfactory adjustment of the recognition by the Bulgarian Government and her regret that during her visit to Constantinople last year she was unable to visit the College.

#### SYRIAN PROTESTANT COLLEGE.

The College has recently received a visit from General Sami Pasha, on his way from the Hauran to Constantinople. The General was enthusiastically received by the students, and gave a very interesting address, in which he spoke of his satisfaction in having his son as a student in Robert College. He visited many of the buildings of the College, and seemed deeply interested in what he saw.

—Dr. John R. Mott and his party will spend five days in Beyrout. In connection with his visit a Conference of Workers among Students will be held, and also a series of Evangelistic Services. Delegates will be present from Tarsus, Aintab, and the Secondary schools of Syria.

 Professor Stewart Crawford, who was the delegate from the College to the Lucknow Conference, has been giving a series of addresses upon his experiences in India. Professor Crawford traveled 3000 miles in India, and made a special study of the Colleges and Universities. His reports have been full of interest.

 The new Dormitory for the Preparatory Department is making good progress. It is situated on a recently purchased piece of land between the Athletic field and the sea. The enrollment of students for the present year in all Departments is 875

Four or five delegates from the College are hoping to attend the Constantinople Conference. President and Mrs. Bliss expect to be present, and will be the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Bertram Post.

 Mrs. Dale, Superintendent of the College Hospitals, has sailed for America in the hope that she may be able to bring

back to Syria her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Bliss.

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The College monthly magazine, Al-Kulliyeh, has reached a circulation of over 400. It is published in Arabic and English. Besides recording current College news every number contains several articles of a more serious and solid character. The subscription price, post-paid, is 5 francs.

- The College has greatly enjoyed a visit from Mr. E. O. Jacob, who arrived with Miss Rouse February 25th. The day after his arrival he addressed a crowded audience in Daniel Bliss Hall. He will always be sure of a warm welcome when he visits Beyrout.

## EMPIRE NEWS.

the week March 16-23

# NOTES.

Mr. James Stokes, a member of the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A., at New York, and of the World's Committee at Geneva, visited Constantinople during the past week. He has been in Egypt with Dr. John R. Mott, and left here for Moscow to see about a Y.M.C. A. building there.

Rev. C. H. Holbrook sailed from New York on Saturday last, March 25th, on his way to Turkey. He will spend four or five months in Talas before proceeding to his destination in Sivas.

Miss Ash, who has been with Dr. Underwood in Erzeroum for two years and a half, passed through Constantinople last week on her way to England.

Dr. Hoover and Miss Moore of Marsovan arrived in Constantinople Wednesday last and left on Thursday for Talas via Eregli. They are going temporarily to keep up the hospital work that Drs. Dodd and Post leave to go to Konia.

Four ladies and one gentleman, sent out by the German Hülfsbund for their work in Asiatic Turkey, have arrived at the capital.

### THE CAPITAL.

The local papers report a gift of Lt. 1,000 from His Majesty the Sultan toward the erection of a proposed Mosque in London.

The 50th anniversary of the United Italy was celebrated in Constantinople on Monday by the laying of the cornerstone of the new Italian Embassy at Nishantash, by the Italian Ambassador, Baron Mayor des Planches. The Ambassador also received the congratulations of the Ottoman Government and of the Sultan, of the patriarchates and the heads of foreign embassies. There was a gala banquet at the Embassy in the evening.

The British steamer Vectis with 170 English tourists on board, arrived Sunday last and left today.

A commission is investigating the proposition to light all the mosques of the city by electricity. The scheme is supported by the ministry of pious foundations.

The Hamburg-American tourist steamer *Cleveland*, with 360 passengers on board, arrived here from Smyrna on Wednesday last and left on Saturday for Italy.

The arsenal in the ancient church of St. Irene, near St. Sophia, admission to which has hitherto been only by special permission, has been transformed into a military museum, and is thrown open to the public from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Admission, 3 piastres.

An Albanian soldier of the batatlion stationed at Vildiz, shot and killed Lieut. Col. von Schlichting, a German instructor, during drill yesterday morning. His Majesty the Sultan has expressed to the German Ambassador his regrets at this sad incident.

# THE PROVINCES.

The employes of the tobacco Regie at Salonica, to the number of 400, have gone out on strike.

A Macedonian Exploration Fund has been formed in England, among whose members are Dr. Arthur J. Evans, whose discoveries in Crete are well known, Mr. D. G. Hogarth, Sir W. M. Ramsay, and others. As a first campaign, the committee proposes to excavate an early site near Salonica, where Mycenean pottery has already been obtained on the surface. Detailed surface exploration of the district, and careful study of its geography and topography are also contemplated by this committee.

Official records show 8,020 Moslem immigrants into Macedonia during 1326 (1910), from the Balkan states.

Earthquake shocks were reported last week at Adabazar and Geyve, also further shocks at Starovo, near Monastir.

After a victorious battle with the Yemen rebels near Menahe, the Imperial troops are continuing their march toward Sanaa. Seid Idris is making great efforts to gather sufficient force to stop their progress.

# OTHER LANDS.

The Bulgarian Ministry has resigned. Dr. Daneff has been commanded by the King to form the new ministry; but his success is regarded as very problematical, and it is reported that the task will be entrusted to Mr. Gesheff.

A victory of the Mexican revolutionists over the government troops at Chihuahua is reported, the loss of the troops being placed at 160 dead.

The Russian note to China, demanding adherence to the terms of the treaty of 1881, has met with a satisfactory response.

The German Emperor and Empress have gone to their palace in Corfu, stopping at Venice on the way.

An Athens despatch says that the Holy Synod of Greece has demanded of the prime minister, Mr. Venizelos, that a clause be inserted in the constitution absolutely forbidding the translating of the Scriptures.

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