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THE PARADISE STUDENT CONFERENCE.

The Eighth Annual Student Conference at International College, Smyrna, was noteworthy for two reasons; it was the largest yet held, and it was the most comprehensive in its survey of world conditions and needs. It made definite appeals to the reason and to the will of the delegates, and while devotional in the highest sense, it was intensely practical. Any of the delegates who fail to be profoundly influenced by the Conference in their ideals and service will have only themselves to blame; for, as truly as at Pentecost, the Spirit of God was poured out upon the leaders.

Very careful preparation was made for the Conference, Prayer was earnestly and continuously made long before the Conference opened. A fitting musical programme was prepared. Leaders of proved spirit were invited. Students in the two institutions were encouraged to expect great things. The beautiful chapel was arranged in the most effective manner by Mrs. Reed, and striking motioes of green leaves, "Under the Leadership of Christ" and "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me," faced the expectant audiences. The delegates were divided into sixteen discussion groups, and the book chosen for study was "Under the Highest Leadership," by John Douglas Adam. Leaders frequently referred to the Bible discussion topic for the day in their platform addresses, and so there was entire co-ordination in all the conference activities.

It is impossible in the limited space at the writer's disposal to reproduce for THE ORIENT readers all the striking facts, all the vivid illustrations, all the heartmoving stories, all the soul-stirring challenges. There was "God's plenty" for the intellect, for the moral consciousmess and for the soul. While facing fairly the evil, the anarchy, the hopelessness of the modern world, there was a spirit of dauntless courage, and of conscious ability, "Under the Leadership of Christ," to keep on and triumph. Mr. D. A. Davis's address on "The Spirit of Democracy" brought out the infinite value of the individual, the equal responsibility to God of the individual, and the common brotherhood of men. Mr. Davis also gave a stirring address on the "Prerequisites of Leadership." The speaker is probably the best informed of men regarding conditions in central Europe, and he carried to his audience a vivid picture of conditions and needs there. The great cry of Europe is for leaders, for men "who can condense the crowd into themselves and expand themselves into the crowd." Educated men and women are often unfit for leadership, because the film of intellectual conceit separates them from the crowd. Leaders must feel the heart-beat of the crowd; they must have vision and see a son of God in every man; they must have great purposes clearly in view and get the crowd to share those purposes. The great purpose of every leader now must be a new social order, in which every man and woman is looked upon as a true son and daughter of God. A handful of men and women in Judea revolutionized the world: a handful now can do the same if they are sufficiently possessed and carried on by a great purpose.

Mr. Wilbur Smith brought much practical knowledge of world conditions to the attention of the delegates. His talks on "Full Surrender for Full Victory," "Social Service" and "The Primary Need" were very instructive and inspiring. Especially interesting were his examples of men in various walks of life who were being used mightily by God because they were fully surrendered to His will, —Voorhees of Japan Yoshida of Japan, John Boling of China, Swamidas of India. Mr. Smith spoke the challenge of true religion today, — full forgiveness for all wrongs inflicted by enemies, and sincere, unselfish intercessory prayer for others.

Mr. Goodsell's address on the "Creative Power of Prayer" was very inspiring. While ceremonial prayer may be very helpful, yet it is from spontaneous, meditative prayer that we derive power; we shut out the world and shut ourselves up alone with God; we realize His fatherhood; we learn His purpose for our lives; we express our deepest desires, and we receive from Him the power which we cannot find elsewhere. Prayer is creative, because it releases the most powerful forces of which the world knows.

The Conference delegates were fortunate in having Dr. Gates, that "Father in Israel," speak to them out of his ripe experience on "Education." Dr. Gates also addressed the Conference on "The Cost of Leadership." Mr. E. O. Jacob gave an illuminating address on "Industrial Righteousness," illustrating his points by examples out of his own experiences with industrial leaders in America. Miss Mills' talk on "Womanhood and Modern Life" brought astonishment and hope. Such progress in such a brief period of time! Also such hope for the future, when women everywhere are united in the battle against evil!

The devotional parts of the Forum and Platform meetings were in the hands of students of the two Smyrna institutions and Christian workers in Smyrna. Much of the inspiration of the Conference came from the words of these leaders.

Variety was afforded during the Conference by the admirable musical programme under the direction of Mr. T. Raymond Moreman. In addition to the many solos, duets, quartettes and choruses, a sacred cantata, "The Seven Last Words of Christ," was rendered. It was a very great privilege to listen to all of these selections. Variety was also given by games, a comic meet, etc.

The final Sunset Meeting is always the climax of the Conference. It seems almost presumptuous to dare to express in writing the holy, the ecstatic, the unconstrained expressions of young souls, fired with zeal for the Master. The most satisfactory proof of the vitality and worth of Christian missions is afforded by such testimonies; and only those whe are privileged to hear them really know how God is working in the hearts of the young men and young women of the Near East and of the world. No possible doubt can remain in the the minds of the delegates to the Eighth Paradise Student Conference that the Spirit of God is indeed upon His children and that the Near East and the world will be won for Christ.

Smyrna, May 17th, 1922.

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ST. PAUL'S INSTITUTE, TARSUS.

The report of St. Paul's Institute for the year ending April, 1922, is most interesting and inspiring. Despite difficulties well-nigh unparalleled in the annals of education in this country, the Institute has kept at work, while the character of its work has quite changed. Beginning with a fall enrollment of 268, of which 42 were in the College department, this was decreased on January 1st to 20, and it was virtually necessary to begin anew. By April, there were in the Academy 53 boys, including Arabs, Armenians, Greeks and Turks; a Grade School for boys and girls had 75 pupils, and a Kindergarten of 35 children has also been started, making a total enrollment of 163, with a teaching force of fifteen, six of them Americans, three Turks, two Arabs, two Armenians and two Greeks. A new well, which struck good water at 20 metres, is equipped with a windmill which pumps water daily. The Sunday School, which had dropped from 400 to 20, has grown up again to 190 with nine classes, and the lesson studied in five languages. A church service is held each Sunday afternoon in the College chapel, averaging about the same attendance as the Sunday School. A weekly clinic has been arranged, with Dr. Haas coming on horseback the 26 miles from Adana and seeing about 70 to 100 patients each Wednesday, Mr, Goldsbury attending to the administering of injections, pills and bandages during the week. The report adds that all the Arabic and Turkish Bibles in the book room are out. It concludes: - "None of us are discouraged. There is just as much work to do as ever, only different. Where hearts are willing, God teaches us how to adapt ourselves. We need to encourage each other to go forward. We pray for wisdom to enter the many new fields. We thank God for the constant uplifting presence of His Spirit. We thank the many friends of St. Paul's for the encouraging gifts and constant prayers. Still our motto remains, "Let There Be Light."

MRS. GEORGE E. POST

Mrs. George E. (Sarah Read) Post, formerly of Beirut, Syria, died on Monday, May 22, in Washington D. C., aged eighty-two years, seven months. She was born in Washington, Oct. 26, 1839, and in 1863 was married to Rev. George E. Post, M. D., and went with him as a missionary of the American Board to Tripoli, Syria. She there learned Arabic quite perfectly, and was earnest, tactful and wise in personal work among the women of Syria. In 1867 Dr. Post's health made it necesary for him to change his work, and he accepted a position on the medical staff of the Syrian Protestant College, Beirut. There they lived for over forty years, beloved by all of every nationality. In 1909 Dr. Post passed away, and after two years Mrs. Post returned to her 'childhood's home and remained there till her death. She leaves three children: - Mrs. Charles L. Carhart, of New Rochelle, N. Y., who was for some years with her husband in the S. P. C., Beirut; Bertram V. D. Post, M. D., of Robert College, now in America, and Wilfred M. Post, M. D., of Konia, who is taking his brother's work this year in Cohstantinople. Three other children died early.

POLITICAL NEWS

There has been much indignant comment in the local Turkish papers regarding the publication in England of the report made by Mr. Yowell, of the Near East Relief, on his return from Harpout, about conditions in that part of Asia Minor. Lord Curzon and Mr. Chamberlain have taken strong ground in consequence of this publication, urging that a joint commission of investigation be sent into Anatolia by England, France, Italy and the United States, presumably with the consent of the Kemalist authorities who deny the truth of the allegations. The proposal has been favorably received by France and Italy, who suggested that a similar commission be sent in from Smyrna to investigate alleged excesses by the Greeks. It is now understood that the Angora Government will not consent to any such commission going into their territory.

Interest in Greece has been divided between a critical' illness through which the Crown Princess has been passing, and from which she is happily recovering, and the fall of the Gounaris Cabinet on May 13. The former premier was immediately asked to form a new cabinet; but he could not arrange a collaboration with Mr. Boussios, Nor was Mr. Stratos successful in securing a vote of confidence with the cabinet he arranged; so that finally the task was committed to Mr. Protopapadakis, formerly minister of finance. On May 22nd, he was given a vote of confidence by the Chamber, and is now in power.

The rumor of a revolt of some sort in Bulgaria appears to be without foundation.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY. CONSTANTINOPLE AGENCY.

During the year 1921 in spite of many difficulties we can report an enlarged circulation, namely 105,886 copies of the Scriptures. These were all sales with the exception of 3,300 free grants, most of them to destitute Russians.

These Scriptures were issued in thirty five languages. 62,643 copies were issued in Greek (of these 43,768 were in Modern Greek), 18,917 in Bulgarian, 7,763 in Russian (3000 gratis), 4,000 in Turkish, 3.003 in Hebrew, 2,490 in French, 1,681 in Albanian, 1,513 in English, 1,020 in Serbian, 654 in Armenian, etc.

During 1921 editions of the New Testament in Armenian, Bulgarian and Turkish were printed in this agency, also an edition of the four Gospels in Bulgarian, the Single Gospels in Armenian and the Psalms in Turkish. The revised edition of the Bulgarian Bible, which we owe to the devoted labours of the late Rev. Robert Thomson of Samokov, and a fresh editions of the New Testament in Judaeo-Spanish are now in the press.

In Greece, owing to the shortsighted policy of the Government, we were not allowed to import the Bible in Modern Greek after the month of April. As we already had a large stock in the country our work was not much impeded during the remainder of the year; but unless the law is soon altered we shall not nearly be able to keep up with the demand for the Scriptures in the language of the people. Everywhere men are asking for this book, rich and poor, students from universities and orthodox seminaries, priests, teachers etc. The Ecumenical Patriarch in this city has publicly declared his intention of encouraging the reading of the Bible by the people in their own language, and we trust and pray that the same wisdom may soon be shown by the leaders in Greece.

In Albania the most important event has been the transfer of the Depot from Monastir, which is now in Serbian territory, to Kortcha, a large town in Southern Albania. Happily the Albanian Government is friendly disposed towards our work. They have recently granted the Society permission to import Scriptures duty-free. The Society printed the Gospel of St. Matthew in Albanian in 1824, this being the first book ever printed in the language. The New Testament followed in 1827.

In Bulgaria we divide the country with the American Bible Society, the latter taking the southern half and we the northern. During the year the depot has been transferred to Varna from Rustchuk. The sales, which had fallen owing to the inevitable disorganization of the work following the war, have again risen to nearly 10,000 copies. The demand is steadily increasing. The revised edition of the New Testament issued in November last has proved to be popular.

In Turkey it would seem that the many troubles and difficulties of the present time have driven many people to read the Bible. Many of the Russian refugees have shown an intense desire to obtain the Word of God, frequently giving their last coins or their daily food to obtain a copy.

More Scriptures have been sold to the Russians in this city than to any other nationality. Sales in Turkish have also increased in spite of extreme poverty. Other languages in which sales have been good are Greek, Hebrew and Judaeo-Spanish. The sales in Turkey amounted to over 10,000 copies.

The Society's total circulation throughout the world last year was 8,589,000 copies, a little less than the year before. The Gospel has been published in 12 new languages, bringing up the total of languages on the Society's list to over 550.

MONASTIR DISASTER

Between eight and nine o'clock Tuesday morning on April 18th, a devastating explosion took place in a Monastir ammunition dump. In a field within the city have been collected and stored munitions and ammunition formerly belonging to the Allied Salonica Army and to the German and Austrian forces. Beside many hundred truck loads of high explosives, there were several mines of dynamite, a large magazine of poison gas shells, and a number of magazines of benzine. Experienced in shell fire through the waryears, and having feared the munition dumps in the four years they have existed, the people knew at once what had happened. A general evacuation of the city took place. For ten hours there was no cessation of the explosions. The smallest mine of dynamite fired, and wrought the worst destruction of the day, razing several houses and breaking every pane of glass in the city. Fires broke out in various directions. But for the coolness and courage of some Serbian officers and their men the city must have been totally destroyed. These succeeded in turning the course of the Draga River so that it overflowed the field, extinguishing fires, and submerging inflammable material.

On the day of the explosion seven soldiers and three civilians were killed. Several civilians have since died from shock or from exposure on the hills to pouring rain. That there were not more deaths is due to the facts that the explosion took place in the day-time, and that the people at once comprehended the danger and fled.

There are persistent rumors that the catastrophe had a sinister political origin, but the story oftenest repeated is that a soldier in nailing a box of shells struck a shell with the end of a nail, and the initial explosion caused the devastation which followed.

The damage to the city, which has been struggling to rehabilitate itself since the war, has been estimated at twenty million dinars. The government has sent immediate relief to the extent of eight million dinars. The Serbian Red Cross, and two influential Women's Societies, the Kola Sestara and the Woman's Club of Serbia, sent delegates with money for relief. The American Serbian Relief Commission with headquarters in Belgrade sent a representative to care for destitute children. With the stolid endurance and courage characteristic of the Macedonian, the work of rebuilding homes has immediately begun. Trains are daily removing

the war materials, only one fourth of the supply having exploded, to places where they can not be inimical to life and property.

UNIVERSITY CLUB DINNER.

The third annual dinner of the University Club of Constantinople was held on Thursday evening, May 11th, in the Pera Palace Hotel. Nearly two hundred members and friends sat down to a very satisfying repast, after which the election of officers for the coming year took place. General Sir Charles Harington, K. C. B., was elected Honorary President, and Rear-Admiral Mark L. Bristol President, Drs. Tavitian and Sarantis Vice-Presidents, Mr. H. A. Flint Secretary, and Mr. Walter Seager Treasurer.

There followed a program of brief, crisp addresses, of which even a resume is not here possible. The speakers were Dr. E. B. Watson, the retiring President, Rear-Admiral Bristol, American High Commissioner, Mrs. Harold L. Scott. representing Constantinople College, Dr. Herbert Adams Gibbons, the well-known publicist, M. Garoby, inspecteurgénéral des études françaises, and President C. F. Gates of Robert College.

"THE MOSLEM WORLD" FOR APRIL

A stimulating editorial by Dr. Samuel M. Zwemer, Vanquished Yet Victorious, opens the last number of The Mostem World, a will repay anyone for the reading. Two articles of especial interest to readers in Turkey are those by Miss Ethel W. Putney, entitled Seen From a Stamboul Day School; and by Rev. J. Kingsley Birge of Smyrna, on Jelal Ud-Din Roumi. A companion article to the latter is that by Rev. M. T. Titus, of the Methodist Mission in India, on Mysticism and Saint-worship in India, showing the remarkable influence of the Dervish movement, especially among the ignorant classes in that country. In the second part of her article on Turkistan, Miss Jenny de Mayer passes from a general description of the country, its peoples and its history, to a more detailed and very interesting treatment of the social and religious life of the inhabitants, indicating the opportunities for missionary work. Dr. Stanley Mylrea, of the Arabian Mission, contributes An Ancient Account of India and China, drawn from the writings of two Mohammedan travelers of the 9th century. Dr. Weitbrecht Stanton discusses, under the title Christ and Controversy, from the history of successful work in India, the proposition that while controversy is not a preliminary method, it is in the end unavoidable and natural, although it must be used only with the greatest care. Of almost equal interest with the longer articles are the Notes on Current Topics. This quarterly is published by the Missionary Review Publishing Co., 156 Fifth Ave., New York, and costs but \$1.25 per year.

The Annual Meeting of the Balkan Mission begins in Samokov, Bulgaria, July 1st, and that of the Western Turkey Mission in this city on July 7th.

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NEWS NUGGETS

Dr. Mark H. Ward of Harpout and Prof. E. J. Fisher and family of Robert College left Constantinople May 27th on their way to America.

Capt. E. A. Varrow, of the Near East Relief Unit in the Caucasus, was in Constantinople April 28 to May 7, when he returned to Tiflis.

Miss Christine Maclean, who has been studying in the Mission Language School, is assisting Miss Cushman in the Boyadjikeuy Orphanage.

Former U. S. Senator J. Hamilton Lewis, of Chicago, Ill., has been spending some time in Constantinople, in connection with his business.

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Dr. A. Ross Hill, Vice-Chairman of the American Red Cross, paid a visit to Constantinople from April 27 to May 1, seeing all branches of the Red Cross work here.

Major C. C. Davis, of the American Red Cross, has returned from a conference at Prague to discuss the Russian situation. He also visited London and other places.

Rev. Arthur C. Ryan, of the American Bible Society, expects to sail from New York on the "Mauretania" June 6th, and reach Constantinople about June 22nd.

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Mrs. James M. Speers of New York, sole surviving sister of Mrs. William S. Dodd of Konia, died last month, shortly after arriving in New York from her trip in the Near East.

Mr. Harold B. Belcher, Assistant Treasurer of the A. B. C. F. M., visited Smyrna and Salonica during May. He left Constantinople May 27th to return to Boston via Paris and Cherbourg.

Miss Anne L. Daniels, who has been with the Near East Relief at Trebizond since coming out on the "Leviathan" in 1919, left Trebizond early in May for America, returning by way of India, China and Japan.



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Dr. Herbert Adams Gibbons, the well-known writer, formerly instructor in St. Paul's Institute and in Robert College, reached Constantinople May 5th, and expected to go to Baku and other points in the Caucasus, but has been prevented, and has gone to Sofia.

Miss Esther Sutton, who is soon returning from Constantinople to her position as representative in America of the Thessalonica Agricultural and Industrial Institute, paid a visit early in May to Salonica to look into the activities of that School.

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Miss Sophie S. Holt and Miss Markarian of Nicomedia, Dr. Ruth A. Parmelee of Harpout, and Mr. and Mrs. W.E.D. Ward, of the Y. M. C. A. in Calcutta, formerly of Harpout, left Constantinople May 20th for America by the Greek steamer "Megali Hellas".

Miss Charlotte R. Willard, Miss Fanny G. Noyes and Miss Gertrude Anthony left Constantinople May 9th for Marsovan, arriving there safely. With them went Mr. H.C. Jaquith, Managing Director of the Near East Relief, who went in from Ineboli to Angora and has gone on to Harpout expecting to visit Caesarea and Konia before he returns.

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A memorial service was held in the Armenian Evangelical Church of New York City on May 1st in honor of the late Arshag K. Schmavonian. The speakers were Hon. Henry Morgenthau, LL. D., Rev. A. A. Bedigian, and Rev. K. G. Benneyan, and prayer was offered by Rev. George F. Herrick, D. D.

The financial campaign of the Constantinople Y.M.C.A. was eminently successful; the goal set was Ltq. 10,000 but the amount subscribed was Ltq. 12,695.

Camp Mark L. Bristol, the V. M. C. A. camp for American marines, was opened May 20th. It is located on the shores of the Bosphorus at Yenikeuy, in the Allahverdi property.

The office of the Metropolitan Staff of the Y. M. C. A. in Rue Taxim, Pera, is being given up, and the Staff is occupying the fourth floor of the Pera centre, next to the American Embassy.

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All the classes in the Samokov (Bulgaria) American Gymnasia for Girls and Boys except the third and eighth, finish the year's work May 31 and go home June 1st. The two classes excepted will remain for examinations, one to graduate from the Pro-Gymnasium into the Gymnasium, the other to take its "matura" examination for entrance to the University, closing June 19th.

Memorial Day observances will be reported more fully in our next number. The program for the exercises at the Ferikeuy Cemetery included a brief talk by Admiral Bristol, and an address by Prof. E. B. Watson, besides the music by the band of U. S. S. "Scorpion" and by the children of the Junior Red Cross, and the decorating of every American grave in the city.

The Headquarters of the Near East Relief were transferred the middle of May to new and better premises at the former Petty Officers' Training School, just north of the burned Tcheragan Palace in Ortakeuy. The offices, supply base and garage are now in one centre, resulting in much saving of time and expense for the workers. A house not far distant has been secured for living quarters for the personnel, and will be occupied as soon as ready, thus securing further concentration.

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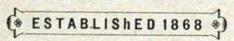
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