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THE OTTOMAN PARLIAMENT.

91st Session (May 17). The resolution bearing on the reform of Yemen having been accepted by the Government its discussion, with the consent of the movers, was postponed. The remaining articles, 2-11, of the Bill of Monopolies were accepted with the exception of the 4th, which had been cancelled. The Bill of Copyright, as amended by the Senate, was passed. The Bill to refer Turkey's disagreement with Russia, on the matter of the former's debt, to the Hague Tribunal was passed. The case is as follows. In accordance with a treaty, signed during 1879, Russia was to be paid in 1881 a sum of 267,000 liras as an indemnity for losses sustained by Russian subjects during the war. It was impossible to pay the whole amount on time, but by instalment payments the debt was closed in 1902. Then Russia demanded interest, which Turkey refused to pay, and six years ago proposed submitting the question to the Hague Tribunal. After four years Russia replied. The result is the formulation of the above mentioned bill. The Bill for the cultivation of rice, as amended by the Senate, was passed. Letters from the Grand Vizier with reference to the construction of the Baba Eski-Kirk Killisé railway and the division of 15,000 liras among the refugees in Aleppo were referred to Committees. The report on the Salt Phosphate Mine Bill was accepted, the terms of which provide for the construction of a railway connecting Salt with the Hedjaz line, also of the harbor at Haifa, the loan of 12 million francs to the Turkish Government, etc. The views of the Committee with reference to the 12th article of the Bill of Realty were accepted; that is a twelve percent tax is to be paid on rentals and out of this revenue one half percent is to be given to the Department of Education.

92^d Session (May 18). Telegrams received from the provinces with reference to the Cretan situation occasioned a long discussion. The budget of the Department of Customs was taken up and after a lengthy debate was accepted. The budget of the Postal and Telegraph Department was next in order. It calls for a total of 76,983,631 ps., an increase of 7,693,677 over last year, the reason being the opening of 54 new stations. The department was severely criticized for the irregularities of the service. Further discussion was postponed to take place in the presence of the Minister of the Interior.

93^d Session (May 19). The report of the Committee on the establishing of a school of forestry near Constantinople was read and then passed over to the Executive. The Bill on Passports was taken up again and the articles from 2-26,

with the exception of the 10th were accepted. Some one asked why the Governor of Erzurum had opened a letter addressed to a Deputy. Another said that this matter ought to be investigated by a parliamentary Committee. The Minister of the Interior said that so long as he continued to be Minister he should not excuse any act committed against the Constitution. The Government, he said, did not open letters even when it knew that many letters coming from Europe contained seditious matter. It is true that the letter of this Deputy had been searched for, but not until it had reached its destination. The Deputy, who is thought to be the instigator of the emigration of the tribes, may take his case to court and let the Governor answer as to how he came into possession of the letter. The excitement had become intense and it was finally decided to resume the discussion the following Tuesday or Thursday and interpolate the Minister on the subject. The Bill for the raisin industry was read and passed. A proposal for the reform of the Dersim was forwarded to the Grand Vizierate. The 26-38 articles of the Passport Bill were passed with only a few changes.

94th Session (May 21). The budget of the Postal and Telegraph Department was taken up and the first section containing 1,818,088 ps. for salaries, after lengthy discussion was accepted. During the afternoon the remaining 14 sections were read and passed.

95th Session (May 23). The budgets of the Grand Vizierate and the Department of Deeds were passed. The budget of the Hedjaz railway was also passed, and 5,158,000 ps. were voted for certain purchases. Then the first three sections of the Department of the Interior were passed, salaries of the central bureau 3,840,600 ps. expenses 240,000, miscellaneous items 4,105,596.

AMERICAN COLLEGE FOR GIRLS.

Record of the Weather Bureau for the week June 4th - 11th.

(Records of pressure, maximum and minimum temperature, humidity and rainfall are taken daily at 8 a. m.)

Average pressure.		29.569 inches.
Maximum >	(June 6)	29.658 "
Minimum >	(" 8)	29.446 "
Average temperature.		69.9 ⁰ F.
Maximum >	(June 6)	90.5 "
Minimum >	(" 9)	57.2 "
Average humidity.		86.2 ⁰ / ₁₀
Maximum >	(June 8)	100. "
Minimum >	(" 6)	75. "
Rainfall.		.19 inches.

On June 12th the Chapel services were conducted by Mr. Lawson P. Chambers.

The last service of the Christian Association, on the same evening was conducted by the members of the Senior Class and was very interesting.

The Senior dinner occurred on Wednesday evening and was a very successful event. Professor and Mrs. Paneretoff, the Honorary Members of the Class, were present, and also Mrs. Winifred Seager Edwards and Miss Vivian Edwards, who sang delightfully at the gathering which followed in the Drawing-room.

Other events of the week will be included in the account of Commencement Week.

The College is happy to be able to announce that it has secured the fine Mousouros Palace at Arnaoutkuey for the use of the Preparatory Department in addition to the Jolla.

Dr. William S. Murray, who is to take charge of the Preparatory Department and Mrs. Murray, are expected to arrive about August 15th. Dr. Murray has just received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Columbia University. His subjects were History and Education.

Dr. William Penn Vail, a nephew of Professor Gregory, has been visiting at the College for some days.

A I N T A B.

REPORT OF AZARIAH SMITH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

1908-1909

In July 1908, the first conference of the Medical Mission Association of Turkey was held in Aintab. It was a pleasant and profitable occasion. A Missionary Nurses' Association was formed upon similar lines and it was decided to hold a conference every three years. The next one will be in Beirut, July 1911. For the year covered by this report the hospital staff consisted of Drs. Shepard, Hamilton, Bezjian, Hovnanian and Khalfian. One extra qualified assistant having become necessary by the resignation of Sarkis Effendi Der Chazarian who for 14 years had been our chloroformist and surgical dresser. Having a qualified man for this work has increased its efficiency. Movses Ef. Bezjian continued his efficient service as dispenser with two assistants, and Miss Bewer took up the work of matron and head nurse in place of Miss Trowbridge, who after long and faithful service, retires because of ill health. Miss Grant has charge of the operating-room work and some dressing of surgical cases. Throughout the year Dr. Shepard's health was poor. The insubordination of students and closing of the college in March also interfered with his medical work, and after the massacre in April he took up relief work in the Baghche-Hasan Beyli region. Notwithstanding these disabilities and absences of Dr. Shepard the hospital work was successfully carried on by the staff. Rev. Manoug Nighosian conducted the religious part of the clinic; and the usual Sunday morning preaching and daily evening prayer services were held in the wards.

At the general clinic 2700 patients were treated and Dr. Hamilton saw 1048 cases at her clinic. 510 paying patients

came to the office making a total of 4258 people treated at the dispensary. These made 16145 visits to the clinic. The staff made 3848 visits to patients in the homes, and dressings, applications to eyes, ears, and minor surgical operations numbered 22,400, making a grand total of 46,651 calls upon us for service during the ten months of hospital work or about 155 a day. The dispensary filled about 30,000 prescriptions.

In the wards we treated 300 patients of whom 211 paid in whole or part for their care, and 89 were free. Each patient spent an average of 22 1/2 days in the hospital, giving a total of 6,690 days, of which 3,975 were paid for and 2,715 were free. By nationalities 151 were Armenian, 84 Turks, 35 Kurds, 7 Arabs, 3 Jews, 3 Circassians, 1 each German, Syrian and Turcoman. Religions, 139 Moslems, 91 Gregorian, 56 Protestant, 12 Greek Catholic, 3 Hebrews, 1 Mormon, 203 men and boys, 97 women and girls.

466 major surgical operations were performed with 14 deaths. There were twelve deaths in the hospital of non-surgical cases.

Dr. Shepard during the months of May, and June, although absent from the hospital did a large amount of medical work including the care of those wounded in the massacre of the Baghche-Hasan Beyli region. In all ten months, viz, April 30 to March 1, were devoted almost wholly to the relief work, hence the delay in this report.

The Hospital receipts including fees, invested funds, and contributions amounted to Lt. 2,305.88, and the expenditures including the salaries of the staff, medicines, and miscellaneous items to Lt. 2,087.01, leaving a balance of Lt. 218.87.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Mr. Chambers, after having visited a large number of cities in Turkey in the interests of the Young Men's Christian Association, is to return to his former position of teacher in Bardizag this fall. His study of the field persuaded him that the first requisite for successful association work is leadership, and that it is the young men and women in the educational institutions of the land from whose ranks these leaders are to be chosen. There has therefore been appointed to take Mr. Chambers' place a trained secretary, Mr. E. O. Jacob, who for some years has filled the position of college-secretary in the state of Illinois. Mr. Jacob and Mr. Davis, the newly appointed secretary to Constantinople, are expected to arrive some time in September. Mr. Davis is to locate in Constantinople, while Mr. Jacob will devote his time to visiting the educational institutions of Turkey. Both of these men are married. We assure to them and to their wives a most hearty welcome.

The Sivas Y. M. C. A. have sent a circular to a large number of friends. They have prepared a hymn book (polygraphed), in Armenian, containing hymns and chants specially adapted to young men's meetings. The price is 5 ps.

The Adabazar and Nicomedia associations visited Bardizag early in May and were entertained at a dinner given by the Y. M. C. A. of Bardizag.

There seems to be a peculiar opportunity for Y. M. C. A. work in Kortcha (Albania), where there are many young men who have been in America or elsewhere, and who have returned to stay, or else with the idea of returning after a visit of six months or a year at home. They are enterprising, and offer to raise a goodly sum themselves towards their work. We wish them success both at home and in their appeals to friends.

The distress at Aintab has turned the attention of the people away from Y. M. C. A. work at present. Over a year ago the association there secured Lt. 500.00 towards a building from a local source and hoped to secure an equal sum from friends abroad. Now that attention is directed to Aintab (a liberal community in their days of prosperity) we wish to draw the special attention of our readers to the Y. M. C. A. work there.

The travelling secretary for the Levant addressed the students of the Bulgarian Gymnasium in the Protestant chapel at Monastir, and at Salonica he spoke in the "Eden Theatre" to Bulgarian students and young men on Sat. May 28th, and to Greeks on Sunday. He also spoke to the pupils of the American School for Girls at Monastir and to the pupils of the Thessalonica Industrial and Agricultural Institute in its premises at the "Farm". The Farm well repays a visit.

A number of replies to the circular regarding student association work have come in since the issue of the Y. M. C. A. number of the "Orient". Some of the replies were sent by city associations. Such replies are welcome and where possible will be used for insertion in the "Orient" and in the "Parosse". But special *news items* are requested for this purpose. Special attention is again called to the request printed in the Y. M. C. A. number of the "Orient" for letters from all societies in educational institutions in Turkey desirous of forming a corresponding union on the basis of Bible Study and Service. The reply should contain information for publication in the "Orient" and also the name of a corresponding member. Prompt replies are requested. Until further notice please continue all Y. M. C. A. correspondence to L. P. Chambers, American Bible House, Constantinople.

THE MARDIN HILL ORPHANAGE, AINTAB.

SUPERINTENDENT, MISS FREARSON.

This orphanage was established in the year following the massacre of 1895. A large number of girls, and a few boys have grown up there. At present one hundred and forty-five children are under orphanage support, a few of whom are living in the city or in Ourfa for the purpose of learning trades. Eighty of these children are supported by the friends

of Lady Lee Anderson of Dublin; thirty by Miss Wheeler of Worcester, Massachusetts; and the rest by friends of the superintendent. One most interesting and significant spiritual feature of this work is the prayer life of the children. They take part freely in their daily prayer-meetings, and learn the value of definite prayer for special persons and objects. Aside from the influence of this practice on their own lives and characters, some special and remarkable answers to the children's prayers have strengthened the faith of many Christians in the city. This prayer-life of the orphans is so well known among all classes of people that it may be counted as a direct force for good in the city.

EMPIRE NEWS.

The Capital.

On June 10 the members of the Senate, and the Chamber of Deputies, and the Ministers of the Cabinet were invited by His Majesty, the Sultan, to a banquet in the Palace of Beylerbey. The members of the Ottoman Press were also invited.

The new postal regulation reducing the postage on newspapers and periodicals to two paras for each fifty grammes went into effect on June 9.

Nedjati Bey, former accountant in the *Evkaf* Department, whose case made such a stir in Parliament and who was condemned to six months' imprisonment has been pardoned by the Sultan.

The revenue of the Government for April exceeds that of last year for the same month by 22,897,209 ps., the total excess for March and April being 36,64,561 ps. The Ottoman fiscal year begins on March 14.

During the past weeks the Khedive of Egypt, the Governor of Adana, the members of the Tunisian Boundary Commission, and Mahmoud Shevket Pasha arrived in the city.

On the evening of June 9 Ahmed Sammin Bey the managing editor of the *Sada'i Millét*, a Turkish daily, was shot and instantly killed at Baghtché Kapou, in Stamboul, on the main street leading to the Bridge. He was walking with his friend Ahmed Hazul Bey of the *Tanine* when the tragedy occurred. Thus far no clues have been found as to the motive of this dastardly crime or the identity of the murderer.

Ahmed Sammin Bey was one of the best and most favorably known journalists in the city. At the time of the reaction, in April 1909, he showed conspicuous courage by publishing a paper which he called *Hillal* and in which he bravely denounced Abdul Hamid and demanded his deposition. He was only thirty years of age and had been educated in the Galata Serai Lycée and Robert College. The *Tanine* appeals to the Government to do its best in unearthing the facts of this cowardly crime, urging that, if it was political in its motive, it was a blow at the liberty of the press and an act of treason against the Constitution.

On Sunday June 12 the Armenians of Constantinople celebrated the jubilee of the granting of the Armenian Constitution. It is estimated that some 10,000 people gathered within the wide enclosure of the Armenian Hospital to take part in the exercises of the occasion.

THE PROVINCES.

On the night of June 10 an accident occurred on the Oriental Railway. The train due in Constantinople on Saturday Morning, shortly after leaving Luleh Bourgaz, was derailed. Three persons were seriously injured, and the mail was delayed many hours. A strict investigation is being made into the cause of the disaster.

The excitement in the provinces over the Cretan situation grows more intense. Thousands are volunteering to serve in the army, offering to pay their own travelling expenses and buy their own ammunition while their wealthy neighbors are promising to provide for their families during their absence. In Latakia the excitement rose so high that a woman thrilled a great meeting with a telling speech in which she offered her sons (the eldest 20 years of age) and all her jewelry for the defense of the Fatherland.

In view of this general excitement which, it is suggested by the *Figaro*, would be extremely favorable for German and Austrian schemes, England seems to have suddenly abandoned her plan of postponing the final solution of the Cretan question and has informed the Ottoman Government that immediate steps shall be taken toward final action.

In this connection it may be remarked that the *Tanin* and the *Yeni Gazetta* favor an alliance with some European Power while the *Ikdam* openly advocates Germany as the one Power suited, geographically and in other ways, to be Turkey's ally.

It is reported in the *Puzantion* that a movement is on foot among the Yezidees to accept Christianity and enter the Armenian National Church. The center of this movement is at present in Diarbekir. Soon after the Constitution was promulgated the son of the head of the Yezidees, known as the *Dede* (grandfather), made an extended tour and had special interviews with the Armenian Patriarch at Constantinople and the Catholikos at Etchmiadzin. Probably as a result, two Armenian priests in Diarbekir were appointed to undertake the instruction of the Yezidees of that region in the principles of Christianity. It is reported that at the instigation of the clergy of the Chaldean Church the local government is not inclined to give this movement free scope.

NOTES.

The funeral of Miss Corinna Shattuck took place at the Newton Center Cemetery near Boston and was largely attended. Besides the officials of the American Board and many friends a number of Armenians were present to pay a last tribute at the grave of one who has so nobly served their nation. Soon after Miss Shattuck left Urfa in April the Armenian Protestant pastor of the city wrote a brief article for the *Avedaper* in regard to her wonderful life and work in Urfa. A part of this we will publish in our next issue.

Many friends will be glad to learn that Mr. Leopold Favre plans to attend the meeting of the Western Turkey Mission in Bardizag. At its close he will continue his journey as far as Sivas.

Rev. J. K. Greene, D. D. left on Wednesday to attend the Annual Meeting of the Bithynia Union at Adabazar. It is an interesting fact that the Constitution of this Union was drawn up in Dr. Greene's house forty-six years ago. Those who read Armenian and Turkish will enjoy Dr. Greene's farewell message to the people of the country he has served so long and so faithfully. It will appear in the June 18th issues of the *Avedaper*.

The editors of *The Orient* hope to publish a special Albanian Number on June 29th.

The following minute was adopted by the Eastern Turkey Mission at its Annual Meeting in Mardin:

The Eastern Turkey Mission in session at Mardin, May 27, 1910, wishes to express its gratitude and appreciation to the editors for their efforts in-planning and editing the new mission periodical first known as "The Bosphorus News," and now as "The Orient." We believe that it fills a real need, and pray for its success.

We also request them to make special rates on the paper: (1) for 10, 25, 50 or 100 subscriptions sent abroad to one address: (2) for 10, 25, 50 or 100 copies of any one number of the paper sent abroad to one address.

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