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CONSTANTINOPLE STUDENT CONFERENCE

At 6 o'clock on the evening of February 25, delegations from Constantinople College, Robert College, International College, American Collegiate Institute, and certain schools of higher education in the city, will assemble at Constantinople College for the opening reception of the Student Conference. The purpose of the Conference is to fix the attention of this very important group of two hundred and fifty representative students upon the theme - "The Kingdom of God on Earth." Following, as it does, several months after the great stirring addresses of Dr. Eddy, the Conference will seek to conserve and stabilize the influence of those few days of Christian inspiration.

The sessions of Friday evening and Saturday will be held at Constantinople College; on Sunday and Monday the Conference will be held at Robert College. The program is arranged to leave the afternoon free for organized recreation, interviews, and tea. Registration for the Conference is necessarily limited by the dining room accommodations of the colleges. It will be possible to register two hundred and fifty regular delegates, of this number one hundred will represent Robert College and the same number represent Constantinople College. For those who can provide their own meals, registration is unlimited, and a cordial invitation is extended to attend any or all of the classes and assemblies of the Conference.

It is the hope of those who have this Conference most at heart that it may exercise an influence on the students of Constantinople similar to the influence of the Paradise Conference at Smyrna. Mr. Ralph Harlow, who has planned the Paradise Conference for the last eight years, will be present at the Constantinople Conference and bring a delegation of Smyrna students with him. Mr. H. L. Henriod of Switzerland, representing The World Student Christian Federation, will attend the Conference, reminding us that our isolated local Christian Associations are part of a carefully organized union of Christian work extending to the colleges of all nations. Special music has been planned for all the sessions of the Conference. Prof. Estes has generously postponed the monthly Vesper Recital to one week later, - the Conference Sunday, February 27. The program of the Conference briefly outlined is as follows:

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25. At Constantinople College

- 6 P.M. Acquaintance Reception.
- 7 " Dinner.
- 7:45 " Opening session. Address by Mrs. G. H.

Huntington on "Conference Attitude."

Address by Mr. Ralph Harlow "God at Work around the World."

SATURDAY At Constantinople College

- 9:30 A.M. Discussion classes; leaders - Miss Dimitrieff, Mr. Harlow, Mr. Henriod, Dr. Fisher.
- 10:45 " Forum; Subject - Peace, - led by Dr. Fisher.
- 12:00 " Morning Assembly; Subject - Religion and National Life - Two of the leading clergy from Armenian and Greek churches.
- 1:00 P.M. Lunch.
- 2:30-4:30 Recreation.
- 4:30 " Tea.
- 5:30 " Service groups; leaders - Miss Burns, Miss Phillips, Dr. Graeff, Mrs. Barnum, Dr. Deaver, Mr. Luther Fowle, Mr. S. Anderson, Mr. Steger, Mr. Harlow, Mr. Van Bommel.
- 7:00 " Dinner.
- 7:45 " Evening meeting; Address, Dr. McNaughton - The Supreme Needs of the Near East.

SUNDAY At Robert College

- 9:30 A.M. Devotions - led by a student.
- 9:45 " Discussion classes.
- 11:00 " Church; Preacher - Rev. Ernest W. Riggs.
- 1:00 P.M. Dinner.
- 5:00 " Organ Recital - Prof. Estes.
- 7:00 " Supper.
- 7:45 " Evening Meeting; Addresses - Mr. Ralph Harlow and students from Smyrna. Personal Dynamics for Service.

MONDAY At Robert College

- 9:30 A.M. Devotions.
- 9:45 " Discussion classes.
- 10:45 " Forum - Ideal Society; led by Miss Woodsmall.
- 12:00 " Morning Assembly; Address, Mr. H. L. Henriod - Subject: The World Student Christian Federation.
- 1:00 P.M. Lunch.
- 2:30-4:30 Recreation.
- 4:30 " Service Groups.
- 7:00 " Dinner.
- 7:45 " Closing Session. Student Speakers - My Life and My Country.

Printed programs will be mailed after February 15, on application to Mr. Edward Radcliff - Robert College.

NICOMEDIA CHURCH DEDICATED

The dedication of the Armenian Protestant church of Nicomedia took place on Sunday, Jan. 30th. The self denying enthusiasm of this congregation deserves every praise. During the dark days of 1915 they were nearly all deported. Being Protestants they were not sent far and practically all returned, but having lost most of their possessions.

The presence of the British army in Izmid gave employment to some, others took up their former business, with a good degree of success.

A church building was in course of erection before the war. The walls and roof were practically complete when the congregation was deported. On their return they undertook to complete the basement, to be used for school and church purposes. The Mission contributed one third of the cost. The people then decided to postpone further work perhaps five or six years until they were able financially to undertake the completion of the building.

As the power of Moustafa Kemal increased, Adabazar where were located the strongest of our Evangelical Churches in this region and the Armenian Girls' High School, conducted by Miss Kinney, was left to the tender mercies of the Turks; and all of the members of the congregation who could migrated leaving their line church and school behind them.

Miss Kinney and her school, composed largely of orphans, were compelled to flee, as it became impossible to forward supplies to Adabazar and they were in daily danger from the Nationalists.

On arriving at Izmid, the orphans were received into the Near East Relief orphanage under Miss Holt, and Miss Kinney opened a day school, taking some of the orphans, uniting with the Protestant school and admitting day pupils from the city. The Protestant congregation at once put their school rooms at Miss Kinney's disposal and enthusiastically began raising money to complete the main audience room to be used for church purposes and the basement for the school.

The result was a surprise to all. The congregation raised about \$1,200.00 and the Mission contributed \$400.00 of which \$200.00 is a loan to be returned in three years, without interest. The work so aroused the people that the church was soon ready, and on Sunday, Jan. 30th, it was dedicated. Drs. Peet, MacCallum and McNaughton, Mr. and Mrs. Flint, Pastor H. A. Djedjizian of the Vlanga Church in Constantinople and Prof. Z. Bezjian, the head of the Protestant Community, were invited to participate in the dedicatory services.

On Saturday, Jan. 29th, the Y M C. A. and C. E. organizations of Izmid gave a banquet to over 30, including the guests. After a most enjoyable feast several speeches witty and otherwise were made, which brought us all into most cordial relations.

Sunday was a great day. At ten o'clock sharp the official opening of the church occurred. The congregation assembled in the basement of the church, where a procession

was formed led by the acting pastor, Mr. Sarkis Kuzulian, the deacons of the church and guests from Constantinople. On reaching the door a gilded key was presented by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Church to Dr. Peet as representative of the American Board, who opened the door repeating Ps. 118: 19, 20, "Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord; this gate of the Lord into which the righteous shall enter."

Then came the dedicatory service. On the platform beside the acting pastor and guests was the Armenian Archbishop of Nicomedia. The acting pastor presided. Mr. A. Bodourian, chairman of the Board of Trustees, who has been the leading spirit in bringing the church building to completion, gave a most interesting historical sketch of the church since the congregation was organized. Rev. H. A. Djedjizian conducted the dedicatory service, Dr. MacCallum preached the sermon, Prof. Z. Bezjian presented a congratulatory address to the people, and the Archbishop closed with a long address in which he referred in most friendly terms to all the visitors on the platform, congratulated the congregation on the completion of their beautiful edifice, and in touching terms referred to the awful tragedy through which his nation passed, remarking that prior to the war his diocese contained 75,000 souls, now an impoverished remnant of 15,000 returning exiles were attempting to rebuild their homes.

It was an impressive sight to look into the face of this patriarch with long flowing snow-white beard. Equally significant was his presence in a Protestant pulpit. Nothing like this had ever occurred before in Nicomedia. The great tragedy has brought all Armenians together, and significant signs of reunion are not absent. He referred in most appreciative terms to America, which in his nation's appalling disaster extended heart and hand to rescue the remnant of the oldest Christian race in the world.

The splendid spirit of the congregation was again evidenced in a morning offering of about \$240.00.

The afternoon service was of equal interest. Baptism and the Lord's Supper were administered, Rev. H. A. Djedjizian and Mr. McNaughton participating in these services. Our hearts were filled with joy and gladness, tempered by a strain of sadness. This was the first time in five long calamitous years that either baptism or the Lord's Supper had been observed in this church. Over forty children, ranging in ages from a few months to eleven or twelve years, were baptized. Then came the reception of church members and the solemn observance of the Lord's Supper. All arose chastened yet jubilant and strengthened from the feast of spiritual things. The horizon still lowers and we look through a glass darkly, but faith has been strengthened and courage stimulated and we are not afraid.

If we failed to mention the music of the day, we should omit one of the most impressive and delightful features of the service. Under the able direction of Mr. Alexanian, for many years one of the chief pillars in the Armenian Girls' High School in Adabazar and now Miss Kinney's right hand

man, the choir rendered music such as any church might take pride in. The selections were well chosen and most tastefully rendered. The organist, Miss V. Sarkisian, made very skilful use of the instrument.

It was a joy to the visitors from Constantinople to visit two other bright spots in Izmid, the Near East orphanage, under the efficient management of Miss Holt, and the Girls' School over which Miss Kinney so ably presides, and to meet personally their splendid associates.

JAMES P. McNAUGHTON

A DEEP REFRESHING AT TARSUS

Sunday, January 2, was the beginning of a new awakening and spiritual revival among the students of St. Paul's College. This, the first Sunday of the new year, was also the first day of the universal week of prayer. Badveli Samuel Melkonian of the local Protestant church, which most of our students attend, gave a very timely talk to his congregation on "Prayer" and urged them to carefully observe the Prayer Week. That evening at the Christian Endeavor meeting, Mr. Kruzian, head of our trades department, gave the boys a heart-to-heart talk in Armenian and then gave those that desired to do so, an opportunity to stand up and pray. Three or four responded. The next morning and every other of the week, in addition to holding very helpful services in his church each night, Badveli Samuel led special prayer meetings in our college chapel. As the week progressed an increase in the spirit of the meetings was felt among the boys. A small group of our most earnest and sincere Christian boys, most of whom, by the way, were formerly in the German orphanage in Marash, quietly and of their own accord met together for special prayer. One of the group, apparently the leader, told me that they were working for definite things, chiefly to win as many of their fellow students to Christ as they could. That little group was a large factor in causing the revival.

By the close of the week it was evident that many of the boys were deeply concerned and wanted to begin a new life. At the last meeting of the week, Mr. Nilson announced that those who had questions or who would like to come together for special prayer could meet in his office the next morning. At the appointed time several boys had gathered there. The most inspiring incident of the meeting was the statement of a sweet faced little orphan: "My father and mother were good Christians and since they have gone I have wanted to be a Christian but there was no one to show me the way."

This was one reason why it was decided to continue the meetings another week. Monday morning each teacher in his Bible class gave each of his students a "Move Forward Decision" blank that Mr. Nilson had had printed. These blanks were divided into three groups of promises to God to do one's best to keep those that were signed. The three were, "In My Personal Life," "In Service," and "In My Religious Life." Each decision was explained by the teacher and discussed in general and in some classes a brief prayer meet-

ing for the decisions followed. Each student was asked to keep the blank until the end of the week and then after careful thought and prayer to check and sign those decisions that he wished to keep.

In response to an invitation from Mr. Nilson, Dr. Chambers came from Adana Monday afternoon. In the evening he spoke to the boarding students and captains in Armenian and then gave them an opportunity to ask questions. Many took advantage of this and obtained answers to their perplexities. Every morning throughout the week, Dr. Chambers spoke to the students in Turkish. His coming was a great blessing to the whole college including the members of the faculty. The number of decisions that were signed was indeed remarkable. Many boys accepted Christ as their Personal Saviour and confessed Him publicly in the meetings, and others who "have been" renewed their Christian life. Even the Moslem students signed parts of the decisions.

As a fitting climax of the stirring two weeks, Rev. Ernest W. Riggs, formerly of Harport but now with the N.E.R., dropped into Tarsus Sunday afternoon. He was on his way from Beirut to Constantinople and stopped off at Mersin for a day between boats. He gave a very inspiring talk at the Christian Endeavor meeting. Afterwards one of the students remarked, "Ah, he spoke so nice!" The boys all swarmed around him asking questions and eagerly catching every word he said.

Long years of war and hardships and the present uncertain political situation have caused many to lose their trust and spiritual life, but the events of the past two weeks have stirred such an awakening as could hardly be expected from a student body in more fortunate circumstances.

P. F. B.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT BEIRUT

The Faculty Sunday School under the superintendence of Mrs. Adams gave a Christmas Concert just before the holidays. A beautiful tree, lavishly decked, stood at one end of the court. There were recitations and songs and choruses, and one exercise in particular entitled "My Gift" interested all. Different children recited little poems and described each their gift and then hung a star on the tree representing that gift, and so the tree was made to bear the "fruit of the Spirit," Love, Joy, Peace, etc. The interest of the children seemed to culminate in the breaking of the birthday jar. This is a bank holding the contributions of the members of the Sunday School, who on their birthdays put in a Syrian piaster for each year of their age. Harry Hall, the treasurer, was much envied by the small boys as he seized the hammer and smashed the jar, letting the hard money and the soft fall in a shower into the tray to receive it. The Sunday School devoted part of it as usual towards the Christmas tree at the American hospital, and this year voted a good sum from it towards gifts for the patients at the Syria Mission hospital for Tuberculosis patients at Shebaneeya. All felt that the Christmas season had really begun who attended these exercises! The dramatic simplicity of the story that Dr. Lukas

wrote to his friend Theophilus was given in everyday Syrian terms and made as real as yesterday to all by Prof. Hall.

The Christmas tree exercises at the hospital were unusually good this year. Rev. Abd-ul-Kerim, the new Protestant pastor of the Arabic church, made a speech of great interest and eloquence in Arabic, the children of the Faculty School sang several Christmas chorals, and then the already glowing tree was made doubly resplendent by lighting the sparklers while the presents to the patients were distributed. As many as possible were assembled in one of the largest wards, the others received their gifts at their beds. A flash-light picture of the scene was taken. It was pronounced the most successful tree yet celebrated at the hospital.

The children of the Faculty School resumed their old time, before-the-war, custom of Christmas carol singing at eventide on Christmas eve at the houses of the members of the college community. The windows of neighbors also flew open to listen to the wonderful sweetness of the fresh young voices singing in the night, "The wonderful song of old." It is a beautiful custom and should never die out.

Christmas Vacation Events At West Hall

Thursday evening, Dec. 23d, Movies to a full house.

Friday Christmas eve, Sociable with games and refreshments, in Common Room.

Saturday Dec. 25th, Special Tea for Staff, in Staff room.

Sunday Dec. 26th, Meeting for members of Brotherhood Groups, 11 A. M.

Open House in Common Room with talk on China by Mr. Bixler, 3 : 30

Prayer and Testimony Meeting around the open fire in Common Room, attended by 175, with special music, 7 P. M.

Monday Dec. 27th, Trip to India with lantern slides, by Mr. Bixler, 7 P. M.

Tuesday Dec. 28th, Entertainment for faculty and staff, music oriental and occidental, sleight of hand tricks, reminiscences of "Up the Nile," by one of the faculty, and refreshments;—given by the Egyptian students who did themselves proud, in the Common Room.

Wednes. Dec. 29th, Movies.

Saturday Jan. 1st, An Exhibition of Magic and Juggling by one of the students, who is an adept, for the benefit of the Ras Beirut Day Nursery.

West Hall was thrown open to the Preparatory students throughout the vacation and its facilities were in use from 8 o'clock in the morning till 9 : 30 at night each day. The skating rink, the bowling alleys, and billiard tables were in constant use, and sedentary games and the magazines, etc., were used almost without intermission. Surely West Hall justified its existence, as indeed it does daily.

Day excursions by students included trips and "hikes" to Dog river, the Dog river cave, the Beirut Water Works, the Pasha's Garden and to the ruins of the Roman Aqueduct.

W. B. A.

CONSTANTINOPLE CHRISTIAN WORKERS' UNION

A large and representative gathering of the Christian Workers of the city met at the Y.W.C.A., Rue Sira Selvi, Pera, last Saturday, and after devotional exercises led by Miss Ruth Woodsmall, proceeded to adopt the following basis for permanent organization:—

I. The Constantinople Christian Workers' Union is a voluntary association of persons engaged in some definite form of Christian work in the city of Constantinople.

II. The purpose of this Union is to promote a spirit of fellowship in prayer and Christian growth and unity in effort and service.

III. Any person who will signify the desire to cooperate in this way by signing this Constitution and by paying the annual dues may thereby become a member of the Union.

IV. The Officers of the Union shall be:—a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected at the October meeting of each year, to serve for one year. These officers shall compose the Executive Committee.

V. The Executive Committee shall act as a Program Committee, and shall fix the program for each meeting, in addition to attending to such general business as may arise.

VI. The other Standing Committees shall be those on Membership, and on Finance. The Vice-President shall be Chairman of the Membership Committee and the Treasurer shall be Chairman of the Finance Committee. Each Committee shall consist of the Chairman and two other members. Any other Committees may be appointed as needed.

VII. Except as modified by vote of the Executive Committee, meetings shall be held on the first Saturday in October, December, February and April of each year.

VIII. The Annual Dues shall be fifty piasters per member.

IX. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting, providing notice has been given of such amendment at a previous meeting.

The Christian Workers' Union has been in existence for a year or so, but its meetings have been more or less informal and its organization loose. It has, however, proved even thus that it has great value in establishing a sense of unity among all the various organizations at work in this city; and it is hoped that it will grow to a still more efficient and useful organization in the future. The President is Rev. Fred Field Goodsell; Vice President, Dr. Isabel F. Dodd, Secretary, Mr. Elbert C. Stevens; Treasurer, Rev. Arthur C. Ryan.

News from Tiflis tells of the arrival there of Mr. E. A. Yarrow and twenty other Americans from Erivan.

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EDITORIAL SECTION

Preparations have been about completed for the holding of the Christian Association Conference at the Constantinople Colleges the last four days of February. Probably the largest contingent from outside the city that has ever attended such a conference will be present; and the program is such as to promise a helpful and uplifting season. The sharing of the gathering by the two colleges not only solves the question of priority and privilege, but adds a touch of both variety and cooperation which will be found an asset rather than a hindrance. It is merely necessary for guests to remember where to go each day—which should not tax the brain too heavily. The needs of both body and mind have been taken into consideration as well as those of the spirit, in true Association thoroughness; and with able leadership and an inspiring number present, we anticipate a genuine uplift.

Yet is it correct to say that preparations have been completed? Has the greatest preparation of all,—that of the individual heart,—received the attention it deserves? No such Conference, however elaborate the arrangements for program, speakers, entertainment, social and athletic features, singing, and seasons of conference and prayer, can be the success it ought to be without earnest and continued prayer in advance for the right spirit both of receptiveness and of the sharing of benefits with others. If the delegates come in the spirit of prayer, having already come into close relation with the unseen Power guiding the sessions, and if they thus come prepared not only to receive a blessing but also to pass it on to others, and if those who are privileged to share in the meetings of the Conference are being borne up in prayer by a large number of their absent friends, then, and only then, can we look for an epoch-making gathering with far-reaching results. The 250 delegates who are expected will gain the

most from the opportunities of the hour if they come in the spirit of communion with the Master, and never lose that spirit all through these four days. Naturally, those who have been making the arrangements for the conference have been relying on this direct communion with God in all their preliminary work. And every friend of the Christian Associations and of the Colleges, and all who are vitally interested in the progress of the Kingdom of God in the Near East, are urgently asked to help also in so securing the atmosphere of vital fellowship with Him whose presence and blessing can alone make this gathering what it should be.

Ragamuffins, street Arabs, beggars, waifs,—call them by whatever name you like,—the little children who infest the streets and have either no homes whatever to go to, or such hovels that they prefer to stay on the street, have found a friend. Mme Naar, a Hebrew mother with a big heart and boundless energy, has started a movement to rescue these unfortunates and make of them useful members of society. For some time she has been getting a few of them off the roads and tending them in a sort of private asylum of her own, with the help of a few philanthropic friends. There has now been started an international movement to cooperate with her and establish a home for such abandoned children where they may receive not only care and sustenance but a useful training for self-support. The grand concert last Monday at the New Theatre under the high patronage of Sir Horace Rumbold, gave this effort a valuable start. And we doubt not but that the strong committee of patronage which has the matter in hand will not rest until the asylum is in full swing and the problem in a fair way to solution.

It is a big problem. It does not limit itself to the children who today are running wild over the city, though they constitute the core of it. The conditions which make such life possible and even attractive must be studied, in order to cut the tap-root of the supply. For this is not a new situation. There have been waifs on the streets of this great city for generations, probably centuries; and from them have been recruited the criminals of our metropolis. For even if they start with the comparatively innocent practices of the ordinary beggar, who is regarded rather as a nuisance than as a criminal, the next step is apt to be picking pockets or petty thieving of fruit-stands or shops, and this rapidly leads to more serious offences and the habit of lawlessness. And the mere gathering up from all our streets of the little ones that are there today will not solve the menace to society. The source of supply seems remarkably prolific. The poor and criminal classes are notoriously prolific; and where children from their earliest years have no place worth calling home, they will continue to go on the streets. Worse than this, there are plenty of parents who deliberately train up their children to lives of mendicancy, for what they can gain through them. So that while the children may well be rescued, and even taught to abandon their natural instinct for a wild free life, unless the adult offenders are simultaneously dealt with, the source is not touched. The two things must

go together. The proposed asylum at Shishli must be supplemented by a movement on the part of the municipal authorities to cope with the more difficult problem of preventing the annual additions to the number of homeless waifs.

CILICIA CHRISTIANS COOPERATE

Adana, January 15th, 1921.

Dear ORIENT,

Your readers may be interested to hear of some of the things of a more spiritual nature which have taken place in this district during the past few weeks. The first thing of importance was the Y.M.C.A. Week of Prayer, during which time meetings were conducted in the Foyer of the Association Building in Adana. The first meeting was conducted by His Holiness Sahag II., the Catholicos of the Armenian Church of Cilicia. The room was crowded. His Holiness preached an eloquent sermon on the subject of the evening, which was "New Life." He made an appeal for the spiritual life and urged his hearers to keep in mind that the "New Life" meant a great deal more than mere performance of religious forms and ceremonies in Church or Chapel. The abounding need was to be actuated by the spirit of the Master; to serve Him and do His will. The impression from this meeting was very deep. He was followed on the other evenings by men who presented their themes in the same spirit. Badveli Garabed Haroutunian on Monday evening appealed to his auditors for purity of heart and life. Yeprem Vartabed on the following evening very strongly exhorted his hearers to be strong in the Lord and the Power of His Might." On Wednesday evening Stilianos Effendi, a Greek layman, spoke to the people on the theme "Let Us Rise and Build" the waste places of the city of God. Thursday evening the American missionary was to have spoken on the theme "Looking to Jesus," but because of rainy weather and muddy streets that was postponed to the following week for the Sunday evening meeting. On Friday evening Abouna Yohanna, a priest of the Syrian Church, presented the theme from the prayer of the Saviour "That They All May Be One," which he did very earnestly and effectively. The services of the whole week were most interesting from the point of view of union services and the manifestation of sympathetic goodwill. May we not hope that such spirit may develop into more cordial co-operation of Churches in the great work of the advance of the Kingdom of Truth. It was also a demonstration of the great value of the work of the Y.M.C.A. and the importance of the place which that organization is making for itself in the Adana district.

The following week was notable because of the Week of Prayer conducted in the Evangelical Church of Adana, during which series of meetings various brethren presented the themes proposed by the Evangelical Alliance for that season of prayer. The meetings were marked by deep religious feeling and at each meeting many led in prayer. To such an extent was this influence felt that it was decided to continue the meetings through the following week.

It will be seen, therefore, that in spite of the situation,

distressful in many of its aspects, which holds in Adana, there is in the hearts of many a deep feeling of the need of the Truth and of the comfort and strength that may come from it.

The Sabbath School in the Church is well attended by the adults as well as the children, the number in attendance amounting to five hundred. Some of us would be glad indeed if, in addition to the regular services in the Gregorian Church, a class for special study of the Bible could be organized. It would be a means of great blessing to the Church and an impulse to the spiritual life of the people.

At the close of that Week of Prayer I went to visit Tarsus and I have had the privilege of being in Saint Paul's College for a number of days. It has been a great joy and satisfaction to witness the deep spiritual interest amongst the students of the College and to have some little part in the meetings that have been held each morning for the first hour of the day. Evidently this movement has been developing, and many have made confession, and requests for prayer have been numerous and pledges for the renewed life, to which 75% of the students of the College have in one way or another committed themselves; feeling continues to be deep and powerful.

There are seven different nationalities represented amongst the students of the College, although the large majority is Armenian, most of whom are boys left orphans in the deportations. Under the lead of Mr. Nilson the College is rendering good service in all its departments, and I am glad to say, he is loyally supported by his Staff in all this work.

Turning to the Evangelical Church, we find an interesting situation. The building of the new church was interrupted at the beginning of the war and it remains in that condition up to the present time, and all the material that had been prepared has been carried away. It will require large effort and greatly increased expenditure of funds to bring this church building to completion. The old half-way dilapidated building that has served as place of worship for a long period of years is still being used in that capacity. It is filled each Sunday with an attentive audience under the pastorate of Rev. Samuel Melkonian. Sunday School for the adults is conducted in the Church and for the children in the College. The whole number of people, young and old, engaged in that hour of Bible study amounts to about five hundred.

The situation in Tarsus is tranquil and there is considerable amount of work being done in the city. Relief work is being carried on by the N.E.R., and if tranquillity is conserved, the outlook for the rehabilitation of the city and surroundings is hopeful.

W. N. C.

Mr. W. P. Whitlock, Senior Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in Greece, and Mrs. Whitlock, with Miss Capps, daughter of the American Consul-general at Athens, came to Constantinople last week on a visit.

UNIVERSITY CLUB LUNCHEON

On Thursday, Feb. 3rd, the University Club of Constantinople held its monthly luncheon at the Tokatli Restaurant, Pera, between forty and fifty members being present. After the repast, the President, Dr. E. B. Watson, introduced as the speaker of the day Sir Adam Block, who for so many years has ably represented Great Britain on the Council of the Ottoman Public Debt. After facetiously referring to the unexpected prominence given him on the day's program, Sir Adam spoke in a most interesting way of the Educational Needs of Turkey. He said that Constantinople needed the activities of such a Club, since it was the vortex of so many political maelstroms, which dragged many things down. It was still Byzance; and the various races tended to go down hill in what Lord Robert Cecil called its "mephitic atmosphere." Such a corrective was most valuable. There was in the city an entire lack of habits or traditions of study, — no intellectual standard; there were few books in people's houses, no public libraries, no art collections, very little music, only one museum, and that not much frequented. On the other hand, the city was full, he said, of political and religious factions and quarrels, just as an old-time sage put it: — "Perturbantur Constantinopolitani innumerabilibus sollicitudinibus." Liberal education brings about a brotherhood; it should not be separative, but should bring men together and help them take a broader view of life. At a moment when everything is in turmoil, here is a body of calm, detached persons proposing to take up and put through what has never been done, — and with such determination that it will succeed. The moment, he said, was most difficult. A bankrupt state, civil and military functionaries unpaid, families starving, forty thousand Moslem refugees in the city, besides Russians and others, — "and you," he said, "are trying to straighten out this mess by education."

The speaker then emphasized the special importance of the education of character, which should develop self-reliance, self-respect, a sense of justice and of fair play; and spoke of physical development as also important. Alluding to the growth here of the Boy Scout movement, he criticised it as being too separative, and advocated a great jamboree where all the national Scout organizations should come together and coalesce. He spoke with particular zeal of the need of teaching people not to be improvident, asserting that everybody was spending money like water, on the principle of the Turkish proverb which says: "*Bir günün beyliyi beylik dir*" — one day of lordship is enough for me.

In closing, Sir Adam expressed the belief that some of the universities of England and America would help in the movement to secure a circulating library for Constantinople.

The genial orator willingly responded to a suggestion of the chairman and repeated in French the main points of his address, for the benefit of those members who had not understood the English of it. For even the University Club suffers from the Babel of tongues which constitutes one of

the great problems of any union effort in this polyglot town.

The Club hopes to further increase its membership, and secure the cooperation of all college and university graduates in the city in efforts for the public good.

THE PATRIARCHATE AND THE LONDON CONFERENCE

The *locum tenens* of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Bishop Dorotheos, says in the Greek daily *Neologos*: — "The decision of the Paris Conference is for an adaptation or revision of the Sèvres Treaty. The Ecumenical Patriarchate has recognized the peril, while others were optimistic. It has tried to get these persons to act, but unfortunately our cry of anguish has not been heard. Today all indirect means have failed, and the Patriarchate takes up anew its difficult work. Going on the principle that the great Allied Powers will not allow a people of more than two millions, that has a splendid history and undeniable intellectual merit, a people that has endured every horror from the enemies of the Entente, to remain under the yoke, it will demand from the all-powerful judges that have the task of fixing the destinies of the world to recognize the right of this people to exist. Most naturally the great Allied Powers, who have been thoughtful for the Albanians and the Estonians, will also consider the claims of a people that has for ages been a factor in civilization. This people, as they fell in 1453, transmitted to the peoples of the West the torch of light and life, when these peoples were still in comparative darkness. We shall demand of the earth's mighty ones simply what the Ecumenical Patriarchate has never ceased to claim on behalf of its enslaved children since the fall of Byzantium, — their liberation from the Turkish yoke. The Treaty of Sèvres has liberated a large part of them. Consequently one point for the delegation from the Patriarchate will be to work for the entire and irreducible application of the whole Treaty. It will also demand that the benefits of liberty be enjoyed as well by those Christians who remain in the Turkish State. It is true that the Sèvres Treaty safeguards the rights of the Christian minorities. But since the signature of the Treaty we have had bitter experience of the way that the masters of Anatolia understand the spirit of these Provisions. They have given the treaty an entirely different interpretation and application. Styling themselves rebels against the central government, they have taken advantage of this to continue the work of exterminating the Christians, which the defeat of the Turks had interrupted. I cannot imagine an attitude of the Christian Powers that would endanger a Christian nation that has certainly contributed to the civilization and progress of humanity by forcing it under the intolerable yoke of a tyrant of another race and religion. But if in spite of everything this terrible time should come, we are convinced that the Greeks, remembering all those who have made for the nation and for the church the sacrifice of their lives, will joyfully follow their example."

AMERICAN SAILORS' CLUB

Pay day, the Pathé Movie Man and the return to Constantinople for a few days of the "Borie" and "Edwards," all conspired to fill the Club to overflowing and to keep the personnel busy answering questions as to "when, where and how." A fudge party was certainly one of the most attractive features. A small orchestra of Russians gave a most enjoyable and well attended concert on Sunday afternoon. Hot coffee and chocolate, which was served, provide very acceptable after a walk in the sleet and snow.

Everybody has been "dolling up" for a week in preparation for the U.S.S. "Scorpion's" dance at the Pera Palace hotel on Monday. Ever since the officers and crew of the U.S.S. "St. Louis" entertained so royally at Christmas time, the men of U.S.S. "Scorpion" have been planning to go them "one better," and from present indications it looks as though they might. We trust that the sun will consent to shine upon the Pathé Man for the rest of the week, for "No Sun no Pictures."

Program for the week:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10th

- 4-5 French classes on U.S.S. "St. Louis." Special sight seeing party and tea.
8:30 American movies.

FRIDAY

- 11:30 Selamlık and Dervishes.
8:30 Special party in charge of Near East Girls.

SATURDAY

- 1:00 Sight seeing party at Constantinople College with the Pathé Movie Man.
8:30 Dance.

SUNDAY

- 10:45 Church parties for St. Marys and Dutch Chapel, also services on U.S.S. "St. Louis" at 10:00 to which Chaplain Hester extends a cordial welcome for all Americans.
1:00 Sight seeing trip on horse back and picnic, with Pathé Movie Man.
8:30 Sunday Sing and Service. Speaker, Mr. F. D. Steger. Hot chocolate.

MONDAY

- 4-5 French classes on U.S.S. "St. Louis."
8:30 American Movies

TUESDAY

- 8:30 St. Valentine's Dance and Party. Special and unusual features.

WEDNESDAY

- 1:00 Sight seeing party by Motor Sailor to Eyoub and

Sweet Waters of Europe, with Pathé Man.

- 8:30 Vaudeville, by specially imported troupe under direction of Mr. Beach.

LECTURES AT THE LANGUAGE SCHOOL, SCUTARI

- Thursday, Feb. 10, 3:30 P. M. - President E. W. Riggs, of Euphrates College, "Educational Policy of the Near East"
Monday, Feb. 14, 3 P. M. - Professor. F. H. Black, Robert College: "Studies in the History of the Greek Church: The Ante-Nicene Period."
Tuesday, Feb. 15, 3:30 P. M. - Dr. Isabel F. Dodd, Constantinople College: "Oriental Coins."
Wednesday, Feb. 16, 3 P. M. - Professor F. H. Black, Robert College: "Studies in the History of the Greek Church: Events and Characters of the Fourth Century."
Thursday, Feb. 17, 3:30 P. M. - Rev. C. T. Riggs: "The Mesopotamian Campaign."

THE LOCAL PRESS

The Turkish daily *Alemder* says:—"The victory at In Eunü had quite a perceptible effect in modifying the political situation. But in order that a victory on the field of battle may have all its desired effect in the field of politics, the victor should know how to make use of it. Now as far as we can judge, the line of conduct followed so far does not seem calculated to produce the desired result. The hunter may bring down a bird; but it is not always certain that he can secure the bird he has killed. Sometimes a chasm separates them. If he does not know how to get across that chasm, the game is lost for him. The directors of Anatolia are very much like the sportsman we imagine. By the victory of In Eunü they have brought down the game. But the Anatolia sportsmen have left it on the other side of the chasm, where there is a Venizelos. Are we to act in such a way that that statesman, who has already secured so many brilliant successes, may win another for his country?"

NOTES

CONSTANTINOPLE

A brilliant reception was given by the French High Commissioner and Mme Defrance on Friday evening last on the occasion of their leaving Constantinople. Admiral and Mrs. Bristol were present, as were also the British, Italian, Belgian and Greek High Commissioners, the Papal Delegate, the delegates of Poland and Serbia, General Wrangel, Admiral Webb, Admiral de Bon, General Harrington, and

many other high dignitaries. M. DeFrance has been nominated French Ambassador to Madrid.

In accordance with the recent decision of the International Postal Union, the French Post Office in this city announces an increase of postal rates, so that letters now pay 50 centimes up to 20 grammes, and for each additional 20 grammes or fraction thereof, 25 centimes; post-cards are 30 centimes; registered letters 50 centimes additional: second class mail, in general double the previous rates. The Italian rates have been increased to 60 centesimi for letters, with 30 centesimi for additional 20 grammes and 30 for post cards. There has been no change in the rates at the British Post Office.

His Holiness Mgr. Zaven, the Armenian Patriarch, will preside at a lecture in French, on Armenian Literature, to be given by Mr. G. Tellalian, lawyer, at the Greek Syllagos, Pera, tomorrow, Thursday, February 10th, at six o'clock in the evening. Admission free.

A very successful concert was given at the New Theatre on Monday last, for the benefit of the asylum for stray children to be established at Shishli, under the leadership of Mme. Naar. Among the musicians who took part were Mr. Hegyei, pianist, Mr. Vlachopoulos, violinist, Messrs. Zaporozhets and Kaidanoff, basses, Mme. Walevatch, soprano. The audience included most of the diplomatic corps and the theatre was well filled. Admiral and Mrs. Bristol were there, as also the French, British and Italian High Commissioners and their wives, the Greek and Roumanian High Commissioners, the Belgian and Swedish Ministers, the Prefect of the City, and many other dignitaries.

THE NEAR EAST

The Rallis Cabinet in Greece has resigned, and Mr. Kallogeropoulos has been given the duty of forming a new cabinet. As far as heard from till now, his cabinet will include Messrs. Gounaris, Theodore Zaimis, Mavromichalis, Tsaldaris, Protopapadakis and Theotokis. It is understood that owing to representations on the part of the Allies, Mr. Gounaris will not form part of the Greek delegation to the London Conference, the make-up of which is still uncertain.

The make-up of the Turkish delegation to the London Conference has not yet been definitely announced, but will probably consist of the Grand Vizier, Tewfik Pasha, Osman Nizami Pasha, who now represents Turkey at Rome, Sefa Bey, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Nabi Bey, with several attachés. The Kemalist government is said to have appointed its own delegation as well, among the names mentioned as on its list being Yousouf Kemal Bey, Djelaledin Arif Bey, Djami Bey and Ahmed Riza Bey.

OTHER LANDS

Marshal Pilsudsky, President of Poland, is paying a visit to Paris, visiting also Verdun and other historic points.

The House of Representatives has overridden President Wilson's veto of the bill to reduce the American army to 175,000 men, by a very large vote.

An increase in the birth rate of France is indicated by the returns for the first three months of 1920, just published, showing 424,669 births and 356,122 deaths.

M. Clemenceau is expected to arrive in Marseilles about the middle of March on his return from India. He is reported in excellent health.

PERSONAL

We are glad to report the favorable condition of Mrs. Tubini, wife of Professor Tubini of Robert College, after an operation for appendicitis.

Rev. J. P. McNaughton, D.D., has gone to Brousa for a brief visit.

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Rambo, who were with the N.E.R. at Adana till last August and have been helping in the Caucasus since then, sailed for America last week.

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ROBERT COLLEGE,	11 a.m. President C. F. Gates D.D.
CONS/PLE COLLEGE	11 a.m. Miss Kathryn Adams
MEMORIALCHURCH	10.15 a.m. Rev. R. F. Borough

FOREIGN EXCHANGE, February 8th

(Values in paper liras)

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