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THE OTTOMAN PARLIAMENT.

87th Session (May 11). The first four articles of the addition to the Bill on Reorganization of the Executive were accepted, the 5th was rejected. A resolution that a committee composed of Deputies be appointed to examine the *journals* written in Hamid's day by present Deputies was greeted with deafening applause and passed. The majority voted for two petitions, signed by many, which called for inquiries to be made of the Grand Vizier and Minister of Foreign Affairs as to what they intended to do to protect the sovereign rights of Turkey in Crete, where the Christian Deputies contrary to the warnings of the protecting Powers took the oath of allegiance to King George. The examination was resumed of the budget of the Ministry of Finance, the first section having been already accepted. Of the next four sections, which call for 24,678, 605 ps., the 2^d and 3^d were accepted unchanged, to the 4th 350,000 ps. were added at the request of the Minister, while the part dealing with current accounts was separated from the 5th. After recess several matters were referred to Committees. Among other reports of Committees the proposition to establish a School of Forestry was placed on the docket. When the 6th section of the budget of the Department of Finance was being discussed the need of hastening the reorganization of the provinces was emphasized and the promise was made to take up the question next year. The question of Crete was again taken up and the Grand Vizier made an address in which he gave hopeful assurances that before long satisfaction was to be given.

88 Session (May 12). The first part of the 6th art. of the Military Service Bill was passed; the second part was returned to the Committee with suggested amendments.

89th Session (May 14). The telegram received from the British Parliament expressing thanks for the Ottoman Parliament's message of condolence on the occasion of Edward VII's death was read. The President also announced a message of thanks received from King George through the British Ambassador. The Budget was again taken up. The 6th section, which pertains to salaries, calls for a total of 75,313,180 ps. The reduced salaries of officials in the finance department of the province of Yemen were restored with an addition of 1000 liras, and the total was then voted.

A special section for the Ottoman Bank, dealing with expenses amounting to a total of 30,028,540 ps. caused an animated discussion which ended in disorder and a recess was taken. A document bearing on the reform of the *Medressehs* (Moslem Theological Schools) which had come from the

Evkaf (Department of Religious Foundations) originally and was rejected was presented a second time with a letter from the Grand Vizier and was forwarded to the Committee. Of the 37 telegrams received with reference to Crete only one was read. A resolution was passed to dock at a daily rate the salaries of those Deputies who absent themselves from the sessions without due reason. Discussion of the Budget was resumed. After explanations had been given as to the increase of 35 million ps. above the original estimate the 7th and 8th sections were passed. Then the 9th and 10th sections were passed, 1,136,800 ps. for Expenses of Coinage, and 2,548,743 ps. for Benevolent Foundations.

90th Session (May 16). The 11th section of the Budget, calling for 12,141,000 ps. for the salaries of Hedjaz officials and for other items was passed. The 12th section bearing on pensions, grants for dismissed officials, and other purposes calls for a total of 104,592,183 ps. It appears that in the military department of pensions there is a deficit of 94 million ps. and in the civil department of 39 million ps. A grant of one and a half million ps. for seed is also requested. The 12th section was passed, also the two following sections, the 13th calling for 129 million ps. for buildings and repairs and the 14th for 10 million ps. for miscellaneous expenses. The whole of the Budget of the Ministry of Finance was then voted on and passed.

AMERICAN COLLEGE FOR GIRLS.

Record of the Weather Bureau for the week May 28-June 4.

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

Average pressure.	29.6 inches.
Maximum > (May 28 th .)	29.6 >
Minimum > (June 1 st .)	29.5 >
Average temperature.	64.6 ⁹ F.
Maximum > (May 29 th .)	79.5 >
Minimum > (May 28 th , June 2 nd)	57. >
Average humidity.	88.1 ⁰ / ₁₀₀
Maximum > (May 31 st .)	100. >
Minimum > (May 28 th .)	80. >
Rainfall.	.53 ⁸ inches.
Total rainfall for May.	2.34 >

Sunday, May 29th, Chapel services were conducted by the Rev. C. R. Thomson.

On Monday, the 30th, the pupils of the Preparatory Department were taken on a picnic to the new site at Arnaout-

quely. Dr. Patrick and Miss Burns were in the party besides the teachers of the department. The pupils were enthusiastic over our new possessions and came back happy and tired.

"As You Like It" was repeated in the College grounds at Scutari on Wednesday afternoon to an attentive and appreciative audience.

Mr. Robert Kendall, the architect who will have charge of the construction of our new buildings, and Mrs. Kendall, arrived on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Kendall will make their home in Constantinople for two or three years.

The exercises of Commencement week will take place as follows:—

Friday, June 10th, 3 p.m. Closing Exercises of the Preparatory School.

Saturday, June 11th, 3 p.m. Class Day and Alumnae Meeting.

Sunday, June 12th, 4 p.m. Baccalaureate Service.

Monday, June 13th, 9 a.m. Prayers.

Tuesday, June 14th, 3 p.m. Commencement Exercises.

THE AMERICAN BOARD MEDICAL WORK, SIVAS.

Although our Sivas hospital was only started six years ago, it has already outgrown its present quarters. This is especially true in regard to the present accommodations for clinic patients and those that come from outside for dressings and treatments. This branch of our work has grown very rapidly, for instance in March '09 we did less than 100 outside dressings and treatments and in March of the present year the number treated was 734. These patients come every morning at just about prayer time and they seem eager to accept our invitation to attend prayers and many of them are quite dissatisfied if they arrive too late, as they often do, not having time—pieces to depend on. Clinics are held three afternoons a week, and these have grown so much that the number of tickets given out have to be limited for lack of time to see more than a certain number. These patients begin to arrive in the morning and patiently sit hour after hour awaiting their time to be examined. The majority of them are from the poorer classes. Usually the patients that can pay come on other days, not caring to have to await their turn so long.

Many visits are also paid to patients in their homes. These patients too are from all classes, from the very poor who have not even a bed to lie on, to the rich man who is willing to pay a couple of medjids hoping the American doctor can help him.

Until we can find other accommodations for our dispensary work our number of beds for inpatients will have to be limited. At present we have only 20 beds. This branch of our work has also grown the number of inpatients from '05 to '06 was 14, from '06 to '07 was 24, from '07 to '08 was 135, and from '08 to '09 was 181, and there be an increase this year over last.

We hope some day we can increase our balcony space as we have so many tubercular cases that need this outdoor

treatment. At present we have two rather small balconies upstairs and one large one down stairs, during the warm weather and until late in the fall we had patients constantly on these balconies both night and day. We find them a great help in treating typhus cases also, as fresh air is greatly needed in this disease not only for the patient but also to protect those caring for him, from catching the disease. We have had a number of typhus cases this winter and spring, among them a vartabed of the Gregorian Church and one of our nurses, both of them made a good recovery, for which we are most thankful as the disease this year has appeared in a very fatal form.

Our present hospital is in one of the missionary houses and does very nicely for this purpose as most of the rooms used for patients are bright and sunny. Our present operating room we find altogether too small and we are hoping on Dr. Clark's return from America to be able to enlarge it. And then with a larger operating room and more balconies and a building for a dispensary we will feel satisfied with our present accommodations for at least several years. We have a large field and we hope as the years go on to make our work of more and more service to suffering humanity.

We have at present three Armenian young women as nurses and a man who acts as orderly. These nurses are all active Christians and do a great deal of quiet work among the patients. Aside from the practical work they have instruction in Bible study, Bacteriology, Materia Medica, and Theory of Nursing.

The clinics are always opened by a short reading of Scripture and prayer, the aim of our work, of course, is to help the patients spiritually as well as physically.

We see a great deal of the sad and dark side of life in the hospital, as many that come to our clinics need food more than medicine. The poverty is greater than ever this year. Often when a mother is told that her sick child needs only nourishing food she turns sadly away saying "How can I find money for milk and eggs when we can scarcely get bread enough to eat?" The doctor while making a professional call in one of the poor families where the father was ill, saw the baby chewing on a dried mulberry tied in a ditty cloth. When he reprimanded the mother she told him they had so little to eat that she had scarcely any milk for the baby and had nothing else to give her. She was trying hard to keep the family alive until her husband recovered. And there are many in this same condition. It gladdens our hearts when we can take in some poor little sick child and watch the wonderful transformation that takes place in a few weeks. On account of the poverty many people are obliged to send their little girls to the rug factories and these factories are hotbeds for breeding tuberculosis and eye diseases. Numbers of these little girls come to us for treatment and their pale little faces make us long for a hospital outside the city where we can take in incipient cases of tuberculosis.

Our patients are from all the different races and it can but help the brotherhood of man to come more quickly, to have Moslem and Christian lying side by side in the hospital.

The city of Sivas is unique in having beside the American Missionary hospital both an Armenian and a Turkish hospital. A great many poor people are treated in the Armenian Hospital and they are beginning to realize some of the things they need, to make it a success. One of their greatest needs is that of trained nurses. We hope that we may help them by training suitable nurses for them. They have had a sterilizer modeled after ours, hoping to improve their operating service. If we can help them make their hospital a success we shall feel that we have accomplished one of our objects in coming to this land; that of showing the people a better way to carry on their own work. We know that a good number of hospitals could be filled with the poor sick people in this city. One of the leading Gregorians remarked that they needed not only the physical care that the doctors gave but that daily Bible readings and prayer were necessary as well, some day we hope that the Turkish Hospital will desire something better.

We have had our times of discouragement and, no doubt, shall again, but at present our outlook seems bright and full of encouragement, and we are so glad that the American Board made it possible for us to have Dr. Sewny to carry on the work during Dr. Clark's absence. He was one of Dr. West's pupils and a man of wide reputation among all classes. We may have a hard year financially but we feel that there is a great need of a Christian medical work in this region and we have faith to believe that means will be found to help us care for the many poor sick that come to us for help.

LILIAN F. COLE.

IN MEMORY OF Dr. H. N. BARNUM.

Resolved :

That we, the delegates to the 34th meeting of the Eastern Turkey Mission, assembled in Mardin, May 23^d. 1910, express our sense of profound bereavement in the loss of our beloved friend and fellow-worker, Rev. Herman Norton Barnum, D.D., who has for more than half a century held a most important place in the membership of the Mission. We wish to express our sympathy with his wife and children, the Station of which he was a member, and the people for whom and among whom he worked, and to assure them of our fervent prayers that the God of all comfort may fill all our breasts with His Consoling presence,

Resolved :

That the Mission put itself on record as thankful to God for the long and efficient service rendered in the interests of Christ's Kingdom in Turkey; for Dr. Barnum's beautiful Christian spirit, for his enthusiastic optimism combined with conservatism, his gentleness combined with firmness, his courage combined with modesty, his friendliness and his forbearance with his fellow-missionaries, and with the native workers. We are thankful for his persuasive preaching of a simple Gospel, an untrammelled faith, for his stimulating and inspiring teaching, for his remarkable success in winning the

confidence and respect of Turkish officials, Armenian ecclesiastics, and the community at large, for his clear insight into the many intricate questions which have so often baffled our best endeavors, for his success in winning individual souls to the Master by his sympathetic invitations.

Resolved :

That while we regret greatly our loss, we feel glad that our friend has entered into his reward, and is now with his Father and our Father, with his God and our God.

Resolved :

That we express our sincere desires and prayers that our brother's work and influence may continue to bear fruit through the institutions in the founding and carrying forward of which he has borne so important a part, and through the lives turned by his instrumentality to the service of the Master, and that we who remain may be helped by our God to assume the new burdens and carry on the work to which he has called us.

Resolved :

That copies of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, to the missionaries of the Harpoot Station, to the Harpoot Union, and to the officers of the A. B. C. F. M. at Boston, Mass. Also that they be published in the *Avedaper* and the *Orient* of Constantinople.

A. N. ANDRUS.

MARDIN,

G. C. RAYNOLDS.

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EMPIRE NEWS,

The Capital.

His Majesty, the Sultan visited the imperial factory at Hereke last week.

The Minister of Marine, Khalil Pasha, has resigned and the Grand Vizier, assisted by Admiral Williams, is temporarily in charge of the department. Mahmoud Shevket Pasha, Minister of War has been offered the post with the thought of combining the departments of the Land and Marine forces but he will not give his answer until his return from Albania. He is now in Salonica and is expected to arrive in the capital on Saturday or Sunday of this week.

Russia accepts an addition of 4 0/10 to customs duties.

The new law of copy right has been sanctioned by imperial decree.

The children of the late Mde. Zarifi have donated 23,586 liras to schools and benevolent institutions, also 500 liras each to the Greek College at Fener, and the Red Crescent Society.

The income from customs since the 14th of March exceeds that of last year for the same period by 500,000 liras.

The Sublime Porte decided to pay to the Public Debt the sum of 14,000 liras, which up to the present Bulgaria paid as the tax levied on Eastern Rumelia.

During the month of May 800 deaths took place in the Capital, 3 of diphtheria, 5 of scarlet fever, 10 of typhoid fever, 111 of tuberculosis, and the remainder of various diseases.

The street dogs of the city are being collected by the Municipality and sent to one of the uninhabited islands of the Marmora.

A Motor Company for the transportation of passengers in Constantinople and environs has been organized with a capital of 40,000 liras.

THE PROVINCES.

In Albania the population is being disarmed as rapidly as possible. The military forces are being concentrated around Diakova where the last bands of the insurgents are making their stand.

The Cretan question seems to be in process of solution but the problem of deciding on the administrative system of the island is taxing the wisdom of the protecting Powers.

In several cities of Turkey a commercial war against Greek goods and Greek merchants has begun.

Nourredin Bey, chairman of the political section of the Council of State, has been named Governor of Beirut.

Great damage has been done in Aintab, Harpoot, Char-sandjak by hail and in Usgub by floods. Two lakes in the Konia vilayet have overflowed causing serious losses.

Stepan Effendi Tcheradjian, an Armenian Protestant, has been elected Mayor of Diarbekir.

The Committee appointed by the Government to investigate and so far as possible to do justice to those Armenians who claim that their lands have been taken away from them under the old regime left for Trebizond where they will begin their work.

The Armenian Union Education Society (Miatzial) held a meeting recently, Prof. H. Djedjizian of Robert College presiding, and indorsed the accounts for 1909-1910, representing an expenditure for provincial schools of 3694 liras and a reserve fund of 2500 liras.

The Governor of Harpoot is winning golden opinions among Armenians by his impartial administration.

NOTES.

Mr. Van Ess of the Arabian Mission and Mr. McDowell of Urmia, Persia, passed through Constantinople last week on their way to America.

The American Girls' School at Brousa is in its 19th year. There are now 43 boarders in the school, of whom 30 are Armenians, 11 Greeks, and 2 Turks.

On account of his approaching departure from Constantinople Dr. Greene has resigned his office as Secretary of the W. T. Mission and of the Constantinople Station, and Rev. Charles T. Riggs has been appointed Secretary in his place. A permanent Secretary of the Mission will be elected at the next Annual Meeting.

The Editor of *Kara Geuz*, the Turkish *Punch*, and a large party of Turkish ladies and gentlemen arrived in Brousa Friday afternoon, June 3^d. The youngest son of Abdul Hamid was one of this party. They dined at Hotel Bellevue and about 10 p.m. adjourned to the Municipality Gardens to enjoy the fireworks and a performance of *Kara Geuz*.

The party, over a hundred in number, left Brousa very early on Saturday morning on their return to Constantinople.

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