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General

The institution enters upon its twenty third year, its tenth as a college, amid the beautiful surroundings of Paradise and with one of the finest group of buildings held by any educational institution in the Orient. With a campus of twenty acres, all level enough for foot-ball and base ball fields, there is no danger of our spending too much time in the class room. We enter upon our new era as a college with a renewed sense of our responsibilities, made greater by our increased opportunity for service.

Registration of students began on Monday, September 22nd and regular college classes began on Monday morning, September 29th.

The enrolment for the present year has already reached the high water mark of last year, which was but one less than 400. Of these 150 are registered as boarders, and practically every bed is occupied. Owing to the large number of students the College was compelled a week ago to advertise that it would be unable to receive more students for the entering classes.

Inauguration Ceremonies and College Conference Plan.

It seemed evident some weeks ago that owing to delay in finishing work on the Auditorium the formal inauguration of the Paradise Campus and its new Equipment, planned for « Founder's Day », October 25th, would have to be delayed until Thanksgiving Day. When notice of the postponement was sent to the sister Colleges invited to join in this celebration a proposal came from one of them suggesting a further postponement until the Christmas vacation for the double purpose of facilitating the presence of representatives of sister institutions, and at the same time making possible the holding of the proposed Conference of the American Colleges in Turkey, planned originally for last summer at Beyrout. In pursuance of this suggestion the college authorities have definitely decided to hold the inauguration ceremonies during the first week of the Christmas vacation, (Eastern Calender) i. e. during the week beginning Sunday, January 4th of the Western Calender, when every facility will be afforded the promotion of the College Conference plan, for the carrying out of the program arranged for last summer at Beyrout.

The College Electric Lighting Plant.

The college electric lighting plant which has been in the process of construction for the past six months has finally been completed, and has made possible the brilliant illumination of all college buildings including the houses of the faculty and staff. This includes seventeen buildings and arrangement has been made to furnish the Aidin R. R. Co., with electricity to light the station at Paradise. The current is also used for winding our new college clock and for pumping all the water used in MacLachlan Hall, Kenarden Lodge, the Gymnasium, Laundry and Bakery.

Faculty and Staff.

Professor Reed has been inaugurating a new system of Registration cards which the college recently adopted. The new system is used in the leading colleges in America. Each student has a card and upon this card his entire college record is kept as well as other statistics of interest and these cards are kept on file at the college office. This method is much simpler and better than the old book system. During the past three weeks Professor Reed has met each student and arranged the student's program with him. A system of proctorship is to be introduced this year by which every student will have some member of the College Staff as his proctor and friend for consultation and over-sight in studies and other college interests.

Much credit is due Professor Caldwell for the time and energy he has given to the proper installation and operating of the college electric lighting plant.

Three new men have come to the College this year. Mr. Fowler, of Glasgow University, comes to the Science Department. Mr. Fowler has specialized in Geology and Biology during the past three years and he expects to do much original work in this great unexplored field of Asia Minor. Mr. Fowler is also an old varsity foot-ball man and will help the college team by his assistance as coach. Mr. M. Bruce MacLachlan, of Queen's University, has joined the staff as head

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of the physical training classes. The Gymnasium is under his care. Mr. S. Ralph Harlow comes as Chaplain to the college. He will have charge of the Y. M. C. A., Boy Scouts, and Bible Study work and will use his time in personal touch with the students as a friend.

A school has been opened in the south room of the Auditorium for the children of the members of the Faculty and Staff. Ten pupils are already enrolled under the care of Miss Vasilia Morphy.

On Sunday, October 26th, Mr. Gulbenkian represented the College at the ceremonies held in the Armenian Gregorian School in Smyrna in commemoration of the inventing of the Armenian Characters and of the Armenian printing press. The characters were first used, according to tradition, 1500 years ago and the first printing press was established 400 years ago. Mr. Gulbenkian was one of the speakers during the ceremonies and took for his subject, « Religion and Poetry ».

It is rather late for vacation notes but here are a few of interest. Professor Reed spent the summer at Mitylene in the study of Greek and also took a trip to Athens where he saw the King and Queen and obtained several splendid snap-shots. Mr. Seylaz spent the summer among the cooling breezes of Switzerland. Mr. and Mrs. Harlow were at Phocia where they studied Turkish. Mr. Harlow visited Afion Kara Hissar, Broussa and Constantinople during the summer in company with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Birge of America who hope to join the college staff next year. Mr. Birge is at present doing graduate work in Hartford Theological Seminary.

Class Room.

Members of History B class should remember that their essays on the « Invincible (not Invisible) Armada » are due on November 15th. The essays on « The Trojan War » from History A class are also due on the same date.

Students should remember that the fine reading room of the Library is at their disposal each class day from 4.15 to 5.15 in the after-noon 7.30 in the after-noon. Members of the Literature and History classes have access to the Library on any class day from 9.00 to 12.00 in the morning and from 1.00 to 4.00 in the after-noon.

Societies.

The first meeting of the Shakespeare Club will be held in the Library, Wednesday, November 12th at 4.15 P. M. The play « Julius Caesar » will be discussed.

The Greek Literary Society, « Homerus », enters upon its eighth year as an organization of the College. Regular meetings will begin the first week in November, the first one being held on Monday after-noon, November 3rd at 4.15, when the election of officers took place. All Greek students are invited to join the society and may apply to Mr. Angelos Constantlieris or Mr. Nicolas Demitriou for membership.

The Armenian Literary Society, « Ararat », has elected the following officers for this year, President A. G. Gulbenkian, Vice President Kaspar Zadikian, Secretary Stephan Yeghiayan, Treasurer Armenac Gurdjian.

The Y. M. C. A. of the College held its first meeting of the college year on Sunday evening, October 19th. Mr. Harlow spoke on the subject, « The Friendship of Jesus ». In the future the meetings of the Association will be held on Friday evenings. A new Constitution will be proposed very soon and those who sign this will become active members. Mr. Jacob, the General Secretary of the World's Christian Student Federation, who is the leader of the Y. M. C. A. work in Turkey will be with us the third week in November and speak to the students. The World's Christian Student Federation is the largest student organization in the world.

Three patrols of Boy Scouts have been formed in the College. So many students have applied for membership that it has been hard to know where to eliminate. Students under twelve and over fifteen years of age are excluded at present and the troop is limited to Boarders. Samuel Caldwell is temporary leader of the English speaking patrols, Angelos Papaleonardos of the Greek speaking patrol and Ismael Hakki of the Turkish speaking patrol. Mr. Harlow is Scout Master. The Scouts will have their own athletic field and will take up base ball and field hockey as their sports.

Athletics.

Mr Fowler has some good material out for foot-ball and is slowly trying to round the fellows

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into form for team play. Two practice games have been played and the greatest fault seemed to lie in the players' spending too much time and energy each on his own opponent rather than in « combination » playing. A good deal of unnecessary charging was evident in these games and resulted at times in fouls, although there was no international rough play. More attention should be given to following the ball rather than watching the opponent. Over eagerness to shoot must also be eradicated before we can expect a winning combination. There seems to be a general desire for fair play and quick acceptance of the referee's decisions which speaks well for the players. The captains and managers will be elected soon.

On Friday evening, October 24th, the first Inter-Dormitory Athletic Meet was held in the new Gymnasium, the Upper Dorms and Private Rooms competing against the Lower Dorms. The Lower won the Meet by the score of 44 to 15. On Friday morning, October 31st, the pennants were presented in morning chapel to the captain of the Lower Dorms. Next month the Uppers will attempt to wrest the championship back again. The order of events for the next Meet has been posted.

In a foot-ball match on Monday, October 27th, the Upper Dorms and Private Rooms defeated the Lower Dorms in the first inter-dormitory match.

The entire campus is being cleared for use as foot-ball, base ball and hockey fields.

The Raising of the Flag.

On Founder's Day, October 25th, the American Flag was raised for the first time over the new campus. The flag was raised by the United States Consul General, Mr. George Horton. Before the raising of the flag Consul Horton made a few appropriate remarks and « America » was sung by the students. After the flag had been raised the college cheer was given. A copy of the Consul General's speech is enclosed in this issue of « Campus Notes ».

The College Cheer

RAH! RAH! RAH!
SIS! BOOM! AH!
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INTERNATIONAL! INTERNATIONAL! INTERNATIONAL!

ALMA MATER.

Where the castle of old Smyrna,
Guards the northern skies;
Proudly stands our Alma Mater,
There our campus lies.

Stand and cheer her!
Stand and cheer her!
Cheer the Red and White.
May her sons be ever loyal
To the cause of Right.

When our team is sweeping goalward,
Victory in sight,
Love of Alma Mater spurs them
And they win the fight

Stand and cheer her!
Stand and cheer her!
Cheer the Red and White.
May her sons be ever loyal
To the cause of Right.

When these college days are ended
And we leave her halls,
Memories of Alma Mater
Rise when duty calls

Stand and cheer her!
Stand and cheer her!
Cheer the Red and White.
May her sons be ever loyal
To the cause of Right.

Address of Consul General Horton on the occasion of the raising of the American Flag
on the morning of Founder's Day, October 25th.

This flag that we unfurl to day over this educational institution for the first time is called by us Americans « Old Glory », and it causes the heart of every inhabitant of the United States, whenever he sees its inspiring colours waving in the breezes of any foreign country, to thrill with joy and pride. I think that the chief reason for the name « Old Glory » and the source of pride in the minds of most people, is the fact that this flag has witnessed so many deeds of heroism, has been defended with such splendid courage both on sea and on land, has waved and dipped and risen again in such glorious charges.

It was with Custer when the last man fell beneath it; it was with Sheridan when he rode down from Winchester, and went back with him into the fight; it was with Perry and Faragut and a host of others, whose names raise a patriotic thrill in the hearts of all good Americans.

And we love to think of Old Glory in this connection as ever waving in the forefront of the great battle for Freedom and the rights of man.

When Freedom from her mountain height,
Unfurled her standard to the air,
She tore the azure robe on night
And set the stars of Glory there.

Never yet has this flag led an army marching on a campaign of conquest or oppression. God grant that it never shall!

But to many of us—to all of us when we stop to think—the Stars and Stripes derives its brightest glory not from the blood that has been shed in its defence, but from the fact that it is the standard of a peace loving and free people, of a nation where all men are equal before the law, where religious liberty prevails and where the chief intellects of the country are devoting their genius to inventions and discoveries for the betterment and advancement of the race; because it is the flag of the country of Franklin and Fulton and Noah Webster and John Hopkins and Peary who planted it at the North Pole, and Eddison whose inventions have brought a new era in civilization, and Eli Whitney, and Howe, who created the sewing machine, and Morse, and Alexander Bell of Telephone fame, and the Wright Brothers who made navigation of the air possible.

This flag, to day, floats in America, over one of the finest free public schools systems that the world has ever known, where thousands of poor boys, from Lincoln's time and before, have got the equipment that has made them great and powerful for good; a school system that begins with the primary grade and reaches right up to the splendid State Universities that are the chief pride of our united commonwealths. It is peculiarly appropriate then, to day, that we set the Stars and Stripes waving in the breeze over this magnificent American school on a day sacred to the fame and eternal memory of the noble Americans whose generosity has done so much to make this institution possible.

And here let us not forget a word of gratitude to the Ottoman Government whose liberal and enlightened policy towards foreign educational institutions contributes greatly to their success and development. Nowhere in the world are schools and colleges of this kind treated more hospitably or given greater privileges.

This flag to day derives more added glory in being unfurled for the first time on this campus and beneath this friendly sky, than if she were waving at the head of a battle line or at the head of a dreadnaught.

May she be waving here yet, when our lessons all are learned, and when our successors and their successors come here to study at the great American University which this school is destined to become, an emblem of goodwill and progress and the continued uplift of humanity.

