

The Orient.

841

Vol. VI., No. 22

BIBLE HOUSE, CONSTANTINOPLE, June 2, 1915.

Price, One Piastre

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE NOTES.

On Friday, May 14th, the Annual Field Day was enjoyed by more than two hundred persons who turned out to see the races and field events. His Excellency Djemal Pasha, the Military Governor of the city, was present on the reviewing stand which was decorated with the Turkish and American flags. The track was lined with poles also decorated with the emblems of the two friendly Powers.

Miss Dorothy Montesanto of the Senior Class of the Collegiate Institute was Queen of the Day attended by her two Maids of Honor, her class mates, Miss Nouvart Der Sarkissian and Miss Nazik Sukiassian. The royal throne of the Queen was resplendent in the college colors and emblems. The students presented the Queen and her attendants with large wreaths of flowers which added to the beauty of the color scheme.

The track events began promptly at three o'clock. The results were as follows:

Open events; 100 yard dash, Won by J. Tsangrides, second B. Christodoulou, third A. Gurdjian; Time, 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ Seconds. 440 yards; Won by B. Christodoulou, second E. Montesanto, third K. Sarkissian; Time, 59 $\frac{3}{4}$ Seconds. 880 yards; Won by S. Rasis, second S. Politis, third H. Gudenian; Time, 2min. 29 $\frac{3}{4}$ Seconds. Mile Race; Won by S. Rasis, second S. Politis, third A. Gudenian; Time, 5 min. 43 $\frac{3}{4}$ Seconds. Bicycle Race (two miles); Won by O. Ashe, Second Z. Simonian, third S. Caldwell; Time, 6 min. 47 $\frac{3}{4}$ Seconds. Sack Race, Won by I. MacLachlan, second E. Vedova. Obstacle Race; Won by K. Der Sarkissian, second B. Christodoulou, third A. Potochki. 120 yards hurdles; Won by J. Tsangrides, second B. Christodoulou; Time 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ Seconds.

Junior Events (Open to those under 15); 100 yards; Won by S. Sarkissian, second F. Giraud, third S. Caldwell; Time, 12 Seconds. 100 yards (Open to those under 12); Won by Youssouf Adli, second H. Bedrossian, third A. Lawrence; Time, 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ Seconds. Special 25 yard race (Open to sons of the faculty under 3); Won by Herbert Caldwell, second John Harlow, third Henry Lawrence; Time 12 Seconds (Record).

Field Events (Open); Long Jump; Won by H. Ferhadian, second Mehmed Ali, third A. Gurdjian; 17 ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Discus throw; Won by H. Ferhadian, second J. Tsangrides; 78 ft. 10 inches. High Jump; Won by A. Potochki, second B. Christodoulou; 4 ft. 9 inches. Shot put; Won by H. Ferhadian, second J. Tsangrides, third A. Gurdjian; 30 ft. 9 inches.

Field events (Open to those under 15); High Jump; Won by F. Giraud and S. Sarkissian, tied for first; third Ibrahim Hakki; 4 ft. 5 inches. Long Jump; won by S. Sarkissian, second E. Giraud, third F. Giraud; 14 ft. 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches. Officials of the Day. Judges: Professors Caldwell, Birge, Vedova, Fowler; Recorder, Prof. C. W. Lawrence; Starter, Mr. Harlow; Announcer, Mr. Elliot; Time Keeper, Dr. MacLachlan; Clerks of Course, Messrs. Vedova, Constantine, Seylaz, Michaelides, Shemseddin.

Upon the conclusion of the events the winners were decorated with their badges by the Queen of the Day. After the presentation the College song was sung by the college students.

The second Cup Base Ball match between the college and the scouts will take place on Tuesday afternoon, May 18th. The college team has secured the services of Mr. Greene as pitcher and an interesting match is expected. The first game was won by the scouts. Mr. Elliot has also joined the college team and his heavy hitting and accurate fielding will do much to strengthen the batting and fielding average.

S. R. H.

In the second baseball game between the Scouts and the College, the former won by the score of 28 to 10.

FIELD DAY AT ROBERT COLLEGE.

Saturday, May 29th, saw a most successful athletic meet at Robert College. Under the quiet but effective leadership of Mr. Nossek and his able corps of aides, the preliminaries had been so well carried out as to leave not a trace behind, and the whole afternoon's sports went off without a hitch. Two records were broken, those in the shot-put and the hop, step and jump. The former had stood for nine years untouched, since it was put at 41 ft. 10 in. by the redoubtable Dorizas; but by a fine effort, Nicolaides of the junior class added a whole foot to this mark. The other new record was made in a rather sensational way, for the jumper, Qltarbis, '17, had hurt his ankle, but was determined to do his best. On his first trial he gracefully cleared 45 ft. 7 in., and in doing so not only added an inch and a half to the record, but hurt his ankle again, so that this was his only jump. Mildeff '16, tried to break his own record in the pole vault, but was unsuccessful. He will probably succeed next year, with the able coaching of Mr. Hayes.

The Junior class carried off the honors, with 56 points; the Freshmen were second with 38, the Sophomores third

with 20, and the Sub-Freshmen fourth with 10, while the preparatories captured one single point.

Miss Lilly Schindler was the Queen of the Day, and with Miss Minnie Ryan and Miss Odette Moxhet as Maids of Honor, most fittingly adorned the occasion. Refreshments were served in the Gymnasium in the middle of the program. His Excellency the American Ambassador was present with several of his staff, and was especially interested in the running of the inter-class relay race, for which he had presented a cup. Unfortunately there were but two entries in this event, but the race was an interesting one, the juniors winning from the sophomores. Very possibly the south wind may have affected the runners in all the track events just enough to save the records from injury.

In giving the results, the names of only the winners are put in, to save space. The college record is given in parenthesis in each case.

50-yards dash (5 $\frac{2}{5}$ sec.), Stangos, '16, 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ sec.
100-yards dash (10 $\frac{2}{5}$ sec.), G. Kyriakides, '16, 11 $\frac{1}{5}$ sec.
Quarter mile run (55 $\frac{2}{5}$ sec.), Stangos, '16, 59 $\frac{3}{4}$ sec.
Half mile run (2 min. 13 sec.), Samuelian, '18, 2 min. 15 sec.
Mile run (4 min. 56 sec.), N. Karamitros, '19, 5 min. 10 sec.
110-yards hurdles (16 $\frac{2}{5}$ sec.), D. Kyriakides, '18, 17 sec.
Inter-class relay, $\frac{2}{5}$ mile, (2 min. 26 sec.), 1916, 2 min. 29 sec.
High jump (5 ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.), Gharbis, '17, 5 ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Broad jump (21 ft. 5 in.), Gharbis, '17, 19 ft. 8 in.
Hop, step and jump (45 ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.), Gharbis, '17, 45 ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Pole vault (10 ft. 8 in.), Mildeff, '16, 10 ft. 1 in.
Shot put, 16 lbs. (41 ft. 10 in.), Nicolaides, '16, 42 ft. 10 in.
Discus (129 ft.), Nicolaides, '16, 107 ft. 11 in.
Stone throw, 13 lbs. (64 ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.), Stangos, '16, 60 ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

The Theodorus Hall and Intermediate meets during the previous week were both of them quite successful as well, but space forbids the giving of a full account of each.

BEIRUT CHAPTER OF THE RED CROSS.

The Beirut, Syria, Chapter of the American Red Cross has sent a unit to Constantinople at the request of Ambassador Morgenthau. It sailed on Monday morning, May 17th on the U. S. collier "Vulcan." The party consists of Dr. E. St. J. Ward, professor of surgery in the S. P. C., his orderly, Mr. Mirza Aflatun, a Persian subject, a student in the third year of the school of medicine, Miss Jane Van Zandt, head nurse and superintendent of the S. P. C. Training School for Nurses, Miss Nitingale, nurse to the American community in Syria, and Miss Akabir Saliba and Miss Nezha Sweid, both graduates of the Nurses Training School of the S. P. C.

The officers of the "Vulcan" gallantly gave up their own accommodations to the ladies, and Dr. Ward and Mr. Aflatun, tho in perfect health, yet found their quarters in "the sick bay." Beirut will await with confidence reports of efficient work by this unit in relieving suffering and distress. The work of Dr. Ward is being cared for by Drs. Webster and Dorman.

The Red Cross Fund has done excellent service in many channels, and an attempt has been made through it this year to provide employment for the large number of women needing help most urgently. The fund proved unequal to the demand, for very many had to be refused; and yet over seven hundred women had payments made to them for work done. The products of this work were exhibited for sale on April 28th in Memorial Hall, the Sunday School rooms of the Protestant church.

Not only were the articles belonging to the Red Cross displayed in the most tempting manner, but twelve booths were filled with a variety of goods belonging to those women who were in great need of disposing of them. In one corner was a French Jewess with handsome Constantinople work; in another were several sisters of a Greek orthodox sisterhood needing money to carry on their school work. Armenians brought beautiful work from the interior. A number of girls displayed their own work on linen, beautiful embroideries and drawn work, also Irish lace. The ladies of the Protestant Helping Hand Society had silk purses and other articles for sale, and they with others had delicious candies, sweets and cakes, all the more attractive as so many have been denying themselves sweets on account of the cost of sugar. Maronites and Roman Catholics had their work for sale.

It was sad to see a wedding dress hung up for sale. It belonged to a woman who had been married seven months ago. Her husband was drafted soon after and she is in great need, and having worn her handsome dress but once, hoped some one would buy it. Alas, no one had capital to invest in it.

The Red Cross work was in considerable variety. There were hundreds of mendeels, the veils worn by Syrian ladies, and very becoming with the beautifully worked edges representing various flowers. There were linen tray cloths and center pieces, luncheon sets and doilies, needle lace and crocheted edgings, scarfs and a great variety of handkerchiefs.

One table was piled with work belonging to a great number of women who had brought their work to be sold by the Red Cross. Some, alas, were very forlorn and shabby articles, brought as a sort of last hope by their owners, and it was most pitiful to have to return them unsold.

The proceeds from these articles and the Red Cross work amounted to about 7,000 piasters, or \$250. The others had their separate accounts.

One of the most delightful features of the bazaar was the spirit of harmony and cooperation among all present, people of so many different sects. Fifteen or twenty Syrian ladies have been indefatigable honorary workers in this enterprise for the past three months. Indeed, without their aid it would not have been possible to carry it through.

W. B. A.

Vice-Admiral Senator Arif Hikmet Pasha, formerly Minister of Marine, died on Saturday last at his home in Djadde Bostan.

THE OTTOMAN CAMPAIGN.

The despatch of the 25th says:—

"To-day at half-past twelve noon, the English battleship 'Triumph' was sunk before Aru Bournou, in the Gulf of Saros, by a torpedo launched against her."

The despatch of the 26th says:—

"At the Dardanelles front there was no event in the region of Aru Bournou and Sed-el-Bahr, save a feeble exchange of artillery and infantry fire. A battleship that had opened fire on our positions on the European side from the direction of the Bay of Morto, retired under the fire of our Asiatic batteries."

"To-day the French cruiser 'Jules Michelet' went into the bay of Bodroum and tried an attack on the coast, sending into the bay a boat full of soldiers armed with a cannon, to disembark the soldiers there; but our coast troops replied immediately and the cruiser began at the same time to bombard the city. The boat which approached the shore had an officer and 16 soldiers killed and 5 soldiers wounded. Our soldiers drew the boat ashore and captured the cannon in it as well as a box of ammunition and eight guns; five wounded soldiers of the enemy were put in the hospital; on our side there were only three soldiers wounded and two civilians."

The despatch of the 27th says:—

"This morning at 6:30 a British battleship of the 'Majestic' type was destroyed by a torpedo fired most successfully by a submarine belonging to the fleet of our German allies. The torpedo hit the stern of the battleship, which immediately keeled over on its side; shortly after, the stern disappeared and the ship upset completely and sank. The gigantic ruins of the battleship, that is, its hull, are visible above the water."

"At Aru Bournou and also in the Sed-el-Bahr region, the feeble artillery and infantry duel continued yesterday also. On the Kaba Tepe coast, some hostile tugs that came to take off some iron barges, could not get near these barges because of the infantry fire directed against them from the shore. Our soldiers, showing great watchfulness and courage went into the water under the fire of the enemy, and captured 36 transport wagons that were in the barges, and brought them ashore."

"The French cruiser that failed yesterday in its attempt to disembark troops at Bodroum, because of the heroic resistance of our coast guards, fired 1,600 shells into the city and destroyed a mosque, several houses and shops, and a church. During last night our patrols captured 6 of the enemy's soldiers that had landed at Fener, near Bodroum, and took 7 rifles and a flag. One of the prisoners was wounded. To-day the cruiser referred to withdrew from Bodroum and its environs."

"On the night of the 24th, our flying columns successfully surprised the camp of the enemy at Korna and captured five sailing boats full of provisions and sheep."

The despatch of the 28th says:—
"On the Dardanelles front yesterday there was no important action by land; detailed information has not yet reached us as to events by sea. On the other theaters of war there is nothing worth announcing."

"Yesterday the cruiser 'Majestic' was sunk at 6:30 a.m. According to observations made at different points, a battleship with two masts and two funnels, seems to have been torpedoed besides at nine a.m. A great column of water was seen to rise near the ship, which heeled over to one side and was finally towed off by a large destroyer toward the island of Imbros. The ship in question was seen at 11 a.m. with several small steamers near the southeast shore of Imbros Island. By its looks it belonged to the 'Agamemnon' type. Our aviator was hindered in his observations by the fog."

The despatch of the 29th says:—

"At Aru Bournou this morning at 3:30 the bayonet assaults made most bravely by our troops against part of the fortified trenches of the enemy in the centre were crowned with success. The trenches captured are being fortified to be used against the enemy."

"At Sed-el-Bahr our right wing during the last two days has advanced 400 metres toward the shore into the enemy's territory. Yesterday one of our aviators threw bombs successfully on the enemy's positions at Sed-el-Bahr."

"The battleship of the 'Agamemnon' type that was towed to Imbros the day before yesterday after being torpedoed, has disappeared, and its fate is not known."

The despatch of the 30th says:—

"At Aru Bournou the enemy tried for a long time, but in vain, to stop us by their fire from reconstructing the trenches we took from them at the centre. In the Sed-el-Bahr section, the enemy seem to be busy filling up the gaps made by the enormous losses they suffered on May 9th. In the Strait our Asiatic batteries yesterday effectively bombarded the enemy's troops at Sed-el-Bahr."

THE EUROPEAN WAR.

There has been considerable sharp fighting in the region between Armentières and Arras, with no very appreciable results this past week. Most of the French attacks have been repulsed with loss by the Germans. A small force of Germans that had been kept in the eastern outskirts of Ablain was withdrawn. A French attack east of the Ypres Canal, north of Ypres, was repulsed.

On the northeast, near the Dubissa river the Germans made 2,240 Russian prisoners, and repulsed Russian attacks southeast of Kurtowiany and Kielny. A small German force was obliged to evacuate the village of Sawyniky, on the Dubissa, and abandon four cannon; but after receiving reinforcements they went back and retook the village.

In Galicia, the lines of investment are being drawn closer around Przemyśl, which seem destined to endure its third siege of this war. North of that city the Germans have cap-

tured the towns of Ostrow, Radymno and Wysocko; and the Russians have lost heavily northeast of Jaroslav. Near Sieniawa the Russians pushed a feeble German force back across the San river and captured six cannon. Near Drohobycz and Strij there has been severe fighting reported. Nothing of importance is reported from the Bukovina region this week.

A fleet of eighteen French aviators attacked the Bavarian town of Ludwigshafen, near Mannheim; but in the fight that followed the commander of the squadron was made prisoner by the Germans.

In the Italo-Austrian campaign, the Italians have crossed the border at several points into the Tyrol and north of the Adriatic, but they have made no great progress. They appeared at Condino, west of the north end of Lake Garda, but fled when attacked. They have also been bombarding Fölgaria and Lavarone, northeast of Lake Garda, and a detachment entered Cortina in Ampezzo, but their covering detachments fled at the first sound of the Austrian cannon. The Italians are reported to have taken the town of Ala, east of Lake Garda. They have also attacked the Austrians along the Isonzo river north of Görz, and have made an unsuccessful attempt to cross the Isonzo near Monfalcone.

The Austrian fleet made simultaneous attacks at many points along the Italian coasts on May 24th, all the way from Venice to Barletta. At Venice the arsenal was set on fire; at Ancona, two steamers were sunk by the bombardment; and near Barletta an Italian destroyer was sunk. Some of the Austrian ships were damaged, but the losses were reported as insignificant.

THE WORK OF MRS. DANIEL BLISS.

The following minute in memory of Mrs. Daniel Bliss was adopted at a recent meeting of the general faculty of the Syrian Protestant College:—

Out of respect for the memory of Mrs. Daniel Bliss, and as an expression of the deep sympathy of the Faculty with our honored President Emeritus in the death of his beloved wife, we desire to place on record a brief estimate of her valuable influence during the formative period of the history of the College.

Seven years of previous missionary experience in Syria had prepared her for the larger responsibilities of the new task that had been laid upon the establishment of this Institution. Those years had been spent in the villages of the Lebanon and had given Mrs. Bliss a close acquaintance with the life of the mountain people, and with the power of a Christian education to develop their character. When later she came to reside in Beirut, she maintained for years an active connection with the work of her fellow missionaries, and thus became familiar with the condition of all classes in the city. Not only did she accomplish much in the aid of the poor, but her personal charm enabled her to enter into intimate relations with many of the leading families, thus establishing friendships which were lifelong in their influence. The close knowledge of the land and its people which Mrs.

Bliss thus acquired fitted her in a peculiar way to meet the public duties which came to her through her connection with the College.

As soon as Dr. Bliss was called to undertake the establishment of a college in Syria, he and Mrs. Bliss sailed for America to collect funds for the Institution. Both in England and the United States Mrs. Bliss was of great assistance to her husband in enlisting the sympathies of the Christian public in this new missionary venture in the Near East. Upon their return to Syria the College was opened in 1866; and from the beginning Mrs. Bliss filled an important part of the inner life of the Institution. As the years went by large numbers of students felt her moulding influence upon their character as she gathered them about her in her cultured Christian home.

Mrs. Bliss also rendered many-sided service to the teaching force of the College, which before many years became a rapidly growing body. The cordial welcome which these new members of the circle received in the home of Mrs. Bliss, and her capacity for helpful personal guidance which they soon discovered, aided them greatly in taking their place in the College family. This feature of Mrs. Bliss' influence became of special value to the Institution when the Staff system of short term service among the younger instructors was inaugurated. Amid so much that was absolutely new to these young men, and in the face of conditions that were often bewildering, Mrs. Bliss found an opportunity to do much for them in a personal and social way. In the President's home she provided a center of social and intellectual stimulus and of practical encouragement, the influence of which followed these instructors as they moved among the students whom she helped them to understand, and fulfilled the College tasks for which she displayed such interest and enthusiasm.

Many generations of teachers and students, alike, thus look back with gratitude and with many happy memories to the social leadership and personal Christian magnetism of Mrs. Bliss as their College Mother and counsellor. Without exaggeration we can say that no small part of the development of the best features in our College activities and spirit is due to the presence, through so many years in her home on the Campus, of the womanly Christian influence of Mrs. Daniel Bliss, and to the rich personal qualities which she devoted so freely to the service of the Institution which she loved.

CALENDAR OF ENGLISH PREACHING SERVICES.

Sunday, June 6, 1915.

BEBEK CHURCH, 11 a. m., Rev. Charles T. Riggs.
UNION CHURCH, Pera, 11 a. m., Rev. Robert Frew.
ROBERT COLLEGE, 11 a. m., Rev. Charles Anderson, D.D.
CONS/PLE COLLEGE, 4 p. m., Consil-General Ravndal.

THE ORIENT

A weekly record of the religious, educational, political, economic and other interests of the Ottoman Empire and the Near East.

Subscription Price :-

Within the Ottoman Empire, Lt. 1/4 per annum.

Foreign Countries \$ 1.50 or 6 s. or fr. 7.50.

Single Copies, 1 piastre or 4 cents or 2 pence.

Subscriptions may begin at any time during the year.

Advertising rates sent on application.

Remittances from abroad should be by International Post Office Money Order when possible; but cheques or stamps will be accepted.

All communications and payments for subscriptions should be addressed to the Editor,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Constantinople.

BIBLE HOUSE, CONSTANTINOPLE.

JUNE 2, 1915.

ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE, TARSUS.

The commencement season has come around again in Tarsus. Last week on Friday the Academy Department held its graduation exercises in Stickler Hall. The Prize Speaking contest was held in the morning, in which 14 boys competed in five different languages. In the afternoon some of the graduates delivered essays of their own composition. Most of these graduates expect to enter the Sub Freshman class of the college next fall. At the end of these exercises a small Field Meet was held for the Academy boys only.

The Academy has shown a great development this year, not only in the increase in numbers, but also in the efficiency of the teaching. Various changes, begun last year, have been continued and developed. The Academy teaching force is now almost entirely separated from the college; the teaching of English has been given greater importance, with the object in view of having all lessons other than languages in that language; and a larger constituency has been developed among other nationalities in the city, the increase in the enrollment of Turks and Greeks being especially noticeable. Great credit is due to Rev. Kevork Damlian, the principal, for the growth of the academy department.

On Saturday night the College Y. M. C. A. held a public meeting for the reading of the Annual "Times." This paper consists of a series of four articles written each year by members of the faculty and students, and read by the secretary. In spite of the uncertain conditions that have prevailed on account of the war this meeting and the Commencement Exercises were very well attended.

The new Y. M. C. A. cabinet, elected at the Annual Meeting this spring, has taken up its work with vigor. Mr. Nute will lead the organization during the coming year. The report for this year shows that out of 250 students, 150 were enrolled as members of the Y. M. C. A., and 50 of these as active members. The Student Volunteer Band, begun this

year, has increased its members to 14, all of whom have taken the pledge to enter some form of religious service in this country.

The first American wedding in the historic city of Tarsus occurred on April 29th, when Mrs. Mary P. C. Rogers was married to Mr. William L. Nute. The wedding was held in Mrs. Christie's garden just at sunset and several hundred guests from the city were present. The father of the bride, Rev. Dr. T. D. Christie, officiated.

Mrs. Nute is well known to most of the American missionaries in Turkey. Mr. Nute is the new American tutor, who arrived in Tarsus last fall just after the war broke out. To him is due the organization of the Boy Scouts in St. Paul's College. The happy couple after the wedding rode out on horseback to one of the vineyards on the foothills of the Taurus and passed a short and pleasant honeymoon. After another year's teaching they expect to return to America where Mr. Nute intends to study medicine.

P. E. N.

CONSTANTINOPLE COLLEGE.

As seven members of the Class of 1915 will not be able to be present on the College Commencement Day, June 11th, hastily arranged but very pleasant graduation exercises were held for them on Friday afternoon, May 28th.

The College Concert, consisting of Glee Club songs and a number of piano selections, had been listened to by an appreciative audience on the same afternoon. Then at half past five the whole College gathered in the Assembly Hall, with a number of guests, among whom were Consul-General and Mrs. Ravndal and several Alumnae. Ambassador Morgenthau with his never failing thoughtful kindness, came on purpose to be with the class, of which he is an honorary member, and his presence conferred dignity and distinction on the occasion.

On the platform were gathered the faculty, and the seven graduating students, all in academic robes. President Patrick spoke briefly of the reasons for this early partial Commencement. Then Dr. Ellis, the Faculty member of the class, who is unfortunately leaving the College this year, spoke to the graduates on the duties and opportunities of youth. Then Ambassador Morgenthau spoke, and after His Excellency's most encouraging and helpful address, Dean Wallace presented the seven candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts to the President, who conferred the degrees. Following this the whole audience rose and joined in the singing of the College hymn, which closed the exercises.

The Ambassador presented a book to each of the graduates and carried them all off in his automobile to dinner at the Embassy. The other twelve members of the Class of 1915 will graduate as already announced on June 11th.

May 31, 1915.

I. F. D.

NO RACE DISTINCTIONS IN ISLAM.

The following extract from an article by Obeidullah Effendi, Member of Parliament for Smyrna, is taken from a recent number of the *Sebil-er-Reshad*, a Moslem religious weekly of this city:—

Islam is going to conquer the world. But it is not by the sword, but by the light of truth that it will conquer. For the Moslem religion is the natural religion for human beings. It is not only we who say this. The celebrated wise man Ernest Renan said, "The future religion of humanity is Mohammedanism."

The Moslems who sincerely believe that the rules of Islam are conformed to the intellect and the judgment, should take heart from these, and should have not the least doubt that our age is a reasonable one. The strength of Islam today and its directing force is the Ottoman Empire. The source of the strength of the Ottoman Empire, and its means of support, is Islam. Let anyone say what he likes, the absolute truth is this, that in proportion as Islam progresses, the Empire will be stronger; and as the power and might of the Ottoman Empire increase, Islam will find success and happiness.

The strength of Islam is in union. The true union is that of hearts. And this union of hearts among Moslems has existed ever since the rise of Islam. It is for this reason that whenever there has been in the world a war between Moslem nations the heart of Moslems has been saddened, as much in regard to the party in the right as in regard to that in the wrong. It is also for this reason that today an unjust calamity coming upon a member of the Moslem fraternity in any part of the Islamic world brings sorrow to the Islamic world.

We are living in the material world. In the material world a union of hearts unless it is coupled with action, bears no fruit. In this world the securing of business and the avoiding of injuries merely by wishing it and by kindnesses is impossible. Such kindness and good wishes are proved to exist only by active results.

To firmly establish the union of Islam and to show its practical results are a duty today more than ever before. For today it has become perfectly clear that the civilized world, as we have usually called the Christian world, is not at all pleased with the setting up of a constitutional government in the Ottoman Empire. Again it is as plain as day that the Christian world, by a thousand tricks and devices, and by the sop of a false civilization and humanity, is trying to make religion neglected among the Moslems, and to poison the Moslems by telling them that religion and politics are separate.

Again it is today as plain as day that the Christian world is trying by sowing the false seeds of class and national spirit, to use those who outwardly belong to the Moslem body but are hypocrites, as tools for bring in divisions.

The religion of Islam is not composed merely of a lot of advice concerning the other world, but includes also the social and political spheres. Because of this the fundamental policy of Islam is: "Religion and nationality are both one."

To those who claim that religion should be neutral in politics, I will quote the letter written by the contemporary philosopher Tolstoi to the Congress of Islam. Tolstoi, after felicitating the Islamic Congress that was to serve for the uniting and welding of the nations, said: "In my opinion the only union that will secure the peace and quiet of the human race is religious union."

EMPIRE NEWS.

THE CAPITAL.

By imperial iradé, men of the class of 1311, that is, born in 1895, have been summoned to the colors. Those in higher educational institutions are allowed to stay there to receive their diplomas.

The prefecture of the city gives out the following announcement:—

"Although the corporation of bakers gives to the bakeries a sufficient quantity of flour to meet the needs both of the population and of the Red Crescent hospitals, in certain places bread cannot be found in the evenings at the bakeries. The prefecture, which is striving to supply the needs of the population, has taken the necessary steps to meet this state of things. Consequently there is no need for the people to crowd in front of the bakeries or to feel anxious and buy up a larger quantity of bread than they need, at the risk of prejudice to other customers."

Admiral R. D. Bucknam Pasha, the American who has for several years past been in the Ottoman naval service, died last Thursday at the German Hospital in Pera. The funeral was at the Haidar Pasha Cemetery on Friday.

Princess Eminé Indji Hanum, wife of the Grand Vizier, Prince Said Pasha Halim, died on Friday last, after a long illness, and was buried in the afternoon of the same day at Scutari.

It has been arranged that a time-ball will be dropped at exactly noon from a mast at the Arsenal at Kassim Pasha, on the Golden Horn. This ball will be raised at five minutes before twelve, and may thus be visible for five minutes. The hour given will be Eastern European time, which is four minutes and seven seconds ahead of Constantinople mean time.

THE PROVINCES.

Dr. Wm. T. Van Dyck has assisted in the teaching in the School of Medicine at S.P.C. the past year in teaching hygiene and other branches when the teachers have been away. Those who know Dr. Van Dyck's lucid way of putting things and his enthusiasm in teaching can appreciate how valuable has been his help.

NOTES.

Mr. Lawson Chambers, formerly Y. M. C. A. Traveling Secretary for Turkey, has completed his theological course at the head of his class at Queen's, and won a traveling scholarship, and will probably spend the coming year in study at Harvard.

Dr. Harry G. Dorman, B. A., M. D., professor of Physiology and Pediatrics in the S. P. C., has been appointed by the trustees to the chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology, made vacant by the lamented death of Dr. F. T. Moore, last January.

Dr. Alden R. Hoover, of Talas, arrived from America on Saturday last, and will assist in Red Cross work in this city for the present. Mrs. Hoover and the children are staying in Auburndale, Mass.

Miss Mary L. Matthews of Monastir has been enjoying a period of rest in the mountains of North Carolina. She has now returned to Berea, Iowa, and is hoping to sail for her field this summer.

NOTICE.

The Baccalaureate Address at Constantinople College will be given this year by Consul-General Ravndal whose daughter is in the graduating class. It will take place at four o'clock on Sunday afternoon, June 6.

The Commencement Exercises will be held on Friday, June 11, at four o'clock. Ambassador Morgenthau will give the Commencement address.

The friends of the College are especially invited to be present at these exercises which will mark the close of an eventful but successful College year.

OTHER LANDS.

The Sofia papers announce that the first direct train by the new direct route to Dede Aghadj left Sofia last week.

Among the victims of the sinking of the "Lusitania" were Alfred G. Vanderbilt, son and heir of Cornelius Vanderbilt; Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Hubbard, of the *Philistine*, and Mr. Charles Frohman, the noted theatrical manager.

For a long time the need for a special home for disabled and invalid missionaries of the American Board returning to the United States, has been felt. This need is now to be met by the remodeling of the two-story cottage in Auburndale which is located on the other side of the grounds from the new Missionary Home. The contract has been placed, and the work of reconstruction is already under way. This home will be a great blessing to such missionaries as are compelled to give up their work in the field and who are unable to do any work in America.

His Imperial Majesty the Sultan has conferred on the Emperor Francis Joseph and on the Austrian Heir-apparent, Charles Francis Ferdinand, and also on General von Hoetzendorf of the Austro-Hungarian army and General von Mackensen of the German army, the gold and silver war medals of the Order of the *Imtiaz*.

According to a telegram from Boston, the Holland-America liner "Rhyndam" was in collision with another steamer near Nantucket, and both ships were badly damaged.

Professor Ellsworth Huntington, formerly of Euphrates College, now of Yale University, has an interesting article in the May *Harper's* entitled, "Is Civilization Determined by Climate?"

THE PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

Of the American Board in Turkey

Issues books in the various languages of the country.

Among the books most urgently needed in Turkey today are good, up-to-date Commentaries on the books of the Bible, an Introduction to the Old and New Testament, especially designed to meet the needs of Moslem readers, a Church History, Missionary and other Biographies, Stories for Children, and Devotional Books.

Positive, interesting, evangelical tracts are in great demand. A gift of \$10 will pay for 2000 copies of an eight page tract. Help is urgently solicited. We desire to have the names of friends who are interested in providing Good Literature for Turkey.

Send all your gifts to

F. H. WIGGIN,

14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

OR

W. W. PEET,

Bible House, Constantinople.

WIENER BANK-VEREIN

Paid-up Capital: 130,000,000 Kronen.

Reserves: 43,000,000 Kronen.

Head Office: — Vienna I. Schottenring.

With 17 branch offices in Vienna.

Branches in Austria: Agram, Aussig, Bielitz-Biala, Bozen, Brünn, Budapest, Budweis, Czernowitz, Friede-Mistek, Graz, Innsbruck, Jaegerndorf, Karlsbad, Klagenfurt, Krakau, Lemberg, Marienbad, Meran, Oest, Nowosielitza, Pardubitz, Pilsen, Prag, Prossnitz, Przemyśl, St. Polten, Salzburg, Tarnow, Teplitz, Teschen, Villach, Wr. Neustadt, and Zwickau.

Branches in Turkey: Constantinople and Smyrna.

Constantinople Main Office: Galata, Karakent, Place du Pont.

Agencies: Stamboul, Erzroum Han, opposite Imp. Post Office.

Pera, Grand Rue, St. Antoine Buildings.

Scutari, Rue Karadja Ahmed.

BANKERS of the MISSIONS of the AMERICAN BOARD in Turkey and of the AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Wiener Bank-Verein carries on all Banking operations, especially: Loans on current account and against deposits of merchandise, deeds or stocks. Bills discounted. Issues checks, letters of credit, and telegraphic money orders on the chief cities in Turkey and abroad. Collections of bills in Turkey and abroad at especially advantageous rates. Stocks and Shares, coins and other precious objects bought and sold.

The Wiener Bank-Verein has established a special SAVINGS-BANK department, paying $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ interest on all deposits of 50 piastres gold or over.

Private Safes for rent at the Galata and Stamboul offices, securing perfect safety at very advantageous rates.

Dr. C. F. MALBON

AMERICAN DENTIST

479 Grand Rue de Pera

Opposite Russian Consulate.

Telephone 617

Office hours: — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

AMERICAN MERCHANT TAILOR

HIGH-CLASS UP-TO-DATE

SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS

JUST ARRIVED

I can furnish what you like

IN

**BUSINESS AND OUTING SUITS
LIGHT OVERCOATS
FROCK AND EVENING COATS**

All kinds of regular and fancy materials.

Common-sense Coat-hangers.

Fold up flat for traveling.

JACOB TURTCHOUNIAN

8 and 9 Sadikié Han

STAMBOUL.

Photographs furnish sweet memories for the future.

To secure such, apply to

L'AIGLE PHOTOGRAPHIC PARLORS

Grand Rue de Pera, No. 429.

ALL STYLES OF PHOTOGRAPHS.

PROOFS SUBMITTED QUICKLY

Enlargements, brown, gray or colored.

Prices Reasonable.

• دی اورینٹ • فنچایلیر بوقوشی آمریکان خان
مدیر مسئول، ساموئل ک. وارڈ ابدیان

Printed by H. MATTEOSIAN, Constantinople.