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## CHRISTMAS EXERCISES AT GEDIK PASHA

The Christmas exercises beginning the holidays at the Gedik Pasha American School, were welcome after seventeen weeks of regular work. Friday, the last day, was marked by songs, recitations, and two little plays given by the younger children. In each of these playlets a different Santa Claus appeared and gave out presents furnished and prepared by the pupils of the various classes themselves.

The Sunday School exercises were held two days later in the new hall of the Vlanga Church with fully five hundred in attendance. As this was the second day of the Greek Christmas, the address of the afternoon was given in that language by the Rev. Charles T. Riggs. As the seventeen classes of the school include seven in Armenian, seven in Greek, two in Turkish, and one in English, all these languages were used in the songs, recitations, and announcements. The largest class, which has had an average of fifty-eight during the past months, this day surpassed even its highest of seventy-nine. Three hundred and fifteen is the average attendance for the entire Sunday School.

The latter part of the exercises was the reading of the Christmas story in Greek and Armenian, and the presentation of living pictures showing the angels appearing to the sleeping shepherds, the visit of the wise men to Herod, and the high priests and scribes studying their rolls as they pointed out to him where the Christ should be born. The children entered into their parts with both enthusiasm and dignity, and the people watched them in a spirit of reverence. The program closed with the Hallelujah Chorus by the Emmanuel Church Choir. The pastors of the three evangelical churches in Stamboul had part in the exercises.

E. W. C.

## NEWS FROM HARPOUT

The total number of orphans now being cared for in Harpout and vicinity is nearly 4,000, besides about 1,000 more receiving partial aid. In the latter category are 400 Greek orphans at Malatia, where there are, besides, 200 Armenian orphans. About Litq. 50,000 in special remittances from friends in America has been paid out to hundreds of individuals since the summer began, and is of the greatest help to these destitute persons. There are special orphanages in or near the city, one for blind children and two for tubercular children.

At last accounts, Dr. Mark Ward was ill with typhoid fever and Miss Bury with typhus. Mr. Knapp and Miss Murdoch are at work in Arabkir.

## GENERAL WRANGEL AT THE UNIVERSITY CLUB

The University Club of Constantinople had as its chief guest at the luncheon on Jan. 4th, General Wrangel, the famous leader of the Army of South Russia. In reply to the invitation of the Club, he gave after the meal was over a brief address expressing his gratitude for the practical sympathy of those of many nationalities shown to his suffering countrymen, and his firm conviction that the present situation in unhappy Russia would soon be ended and a time of prosperity return. He was followed by his Chief of Staff, Mr. Iliine, who in vivid lines portrayed the landing in Constantinople of 135,000 Russian refugees from the Crimea in November, 1920, which brought up the total number of Russian refugees in this city to 167,000. He spoke of the formation of camps at Gallipoli, Chataldja and the island of Lemnos, caring for 69,000 of these, while 4,488 were taken into French camps in the city and suburbs, 3,450 others put in French hospitals in the city, and 4,500 more sent to Bizerta; and Serbia generously gave asylum to 22,306, Bulgaria to 3,840, Roumania to 2,000, and Greece to 1,742; the British formed a camp at Touzla for 2,000, and 400 sick and wounded and 1,800 others were sheltered by the efforts of various Russian organizations. He stated that at the present time, about 12,000 had been repatriated to Russia, while 34,000 remained in Constantinople and 2,140 at Gallipoli, while the rest had been scattered in various countries, mostly in the Balkans, after a disastrous effort at emigration to Brazil. He paid high tribute to the American Red Cross for their untiring efforts for the relief of the distressed, and also to the French Red Cross and the Belgian Committee, and to the Disaster Relief Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Proctor, as well as to the International Committee of the Red Cross. He stated that the refugees now remaining in Constantinople might be divided into four classes:—a very small group who had means of their own; about fifteen thousand who were actually at work earning their own support; a third group of about 9,000 who were perfectly able to work but could find nothing to do; and lastly about ten thousand dependent on public help, consisting of some 6,000 invalids, old people and sick, and 4,000 children under seventeen. The problem before the public of Constantinople, as he pointed out, consists in the care of the 19,000 persons of the last two classes. The Club's Committee on Community Concord later made through Prof. Scipio a suggestion that a comprehensive scheme of street and road construction be under-



## ATTENDANCE AT AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOLS, 1921-1922

SCHOOL	Total	High School	Intermediate	Primary	Other Departments	Boarders	Dayscholars	Armenians	Syrians	Greeks	Turks	Jews	Other Nations	Gregorians	Protestants	Orthodox	Moslems	Hebrews	Roman Catholics	Greek Catholics	Other Faiths
A.C.I. Smyrna	280	126	80	33	41a	40	240	141		85	30	20	4e	128	34	67	30	20	1		
Bithynia	95		61	34		56	39	52		18	19	1	5f	49	7	18	20	1			
Brousa Girls'	149	13	104	22	10b	60	89	84		33	21	10	1g	55	32	27	21	10	1		31
Gedik Pasha	257	16	121	70	50c		257	103	1	54			14h	64	48	47	97				1m
Gerard, Sidon	150	29	35	86		39	82d		123			26	1i		44	11	53	26			16n
Suk-el-Gharb	101	73	28			37	64	1	99				1j		27	51	4			5	14o
Samokov Boys'	143	143				120	23					11	132j		44	88		11			
Samokov Girls'	182	182				133	49					16	166q		44	121		16	1		
Scutari Girls'	181	68	113			53	128	167		6	2	4	2k	148	21	6	2	4			
Tripoli Boys'	102	80		22		42	60	1	100			1		1	23	43	31	1			3p
Total	1,640	730	542	267	101	580	1031	549	323	296	157	89	326	445	324	479	258	89	3	5	37

a—Normal, 4; Turkish, 37.

b—Kindergarten.

c—Kindergarten, 15; Special, 35.

d—Lodgers, 29.

e—English, 2; American, 1; Italian, 1.

f—English, 3; Russian, 1; Persian, 1.

g—French.

h—Persian, 10; Circassian, 3; Bulgarian, 1.

i—Egyptian.

j—Bulgarian, 127; Russian, 5.

k—Americans.

l—Sabbatarians.

m—Old Syrian.

n—Maronite, 8; Druze, 8.

o—Maronite, 3; Druze, 11.

p—Maronites.

q—Bulgarian, 159; Russian, 6; Czech, 1.

taken, to give employment to all, Russians or others, who could find no work, and at the same time be a lasting benefit to the city; and he indicated that there was hope that this might be financed by the citizens of the city themselves, especially the owners of property whose value would thus be enhanced.

### THE WEEK OF PRAYER IN CONSTANTINOPLE

Special meetings during the week of January 1 to 8 were held in connection with the Evangelical Alliance, in Pera and Gedik Pasha among Greeks, and in Scutari and at the Vlianga Church among the Armenians. The latter building was crowded each evening during the week, and a deep interest was shown; the language of the meeting alternated between Turkish and Armenian, but both tongues were used at the each meeting. There is a good degree of earnestness among the membership of the various Constantinople Evangelical churches; and the Station Conference, composed equally of American and Armenian delegates, has been reconstituted and is at work. New centres for preaching have lately been started in Ortakeuy and Psamatia, and primary schools are projected in Beshiktash and Kadikeuy in addition to the one already begun in Psamatia. A new preaching service has also begun in Roumeli Hissar, in Armenian.

### ARSHAG K. SCHMAVONIAN

Word has been received through the Department of State of the death from heart failure of Mr. Arshag K. Schmavonian, for many years up to the beginning of 1916 connected with the American Embassy in Constantinople as legal counsellor. Mr. Schmavonian went to America with Ambassador Morgenthau at that time, and had since then been most useful in connection with the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs in the State Department at Washington. His knowledge of the history, traditions, laws, community affairs, international relations and religious complexities of the Ottoman Empire was so profound as to be of great service to a succession of diplomatic representatives of the United States, who depended on him to a large extent for advice. Mr. Schmavonian was a son of the late Rev. Mardiros Schmavonian, pastor at Harpout and later at the Vlianga Church, Constantinople, and brother of Rev. Arsen B. Schmavonian, till recently pastor of the Pera Evangelical Church, and now pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Cazenovia, N.Y., who is now visiting his mother and sister in this city. He was in deep sympathy with the Evangelical movement among the Armenians of Turkey, and had been a great help to the American Mission in many ways. He was never married.



### GEORGE E. LADD

Word has come of the death, on November 8, of Rev. George E. Ladd, formerly tutor in Robert College. Mr. Ladd was a native of Woodstock, Vermont, and a graduate of Williams College in the class of 1891. From that date till 1894 he taught English and Latin in Robert College, earning the respect of students and community alike by his faithfulness and high moral standards. While in Constantinople, he became engaged to Miss Mary Hamlin, daughter of ex-President Cyrus Hamlin, to whom he was married after his return to America. He studied theology at the Yale Divinity School, and served as pastor in several places in New England and the Middle West. From 1913 till 1920, he lived on his father's farm in West Woodstock, Vt., and during most of that time preached at North Pomfret, ten or a dozen miles away. In 1920 he moved to East Andover, New Hampshire, and took charge of the churches there and at Andover. His death followed an operation and a brief illness. Mrs. Ladd and her two daughters are in East Andover.

### NEWS NUGGETS

Rev. Fred Field Goodsell of Constantinople was unanimously tendered by the Trustees the presidency of the American University of Beirut; but after careful consideration, Mr. Goodsell has declined the office.

Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Getchell went at Christmas time from Smyrna to Salonica for a brief visit.

Miss Mary G. Webb and Miss Ashe from Adana are expected to arrive in Constantinople by Khedivial steamer today, with 278 orphans, the majority of them girls.

President Alexander MacLachlan, D.D., of International College, Smyrna, passed through Constantinople last week, arriving from Smyrna Wednesday, and leaving on Thursday by Simplon Express for Paris on his way to America. Dr. MacLachlan expects to return in time for Commencement.

Mrs. Hemphill, sister of Treasurer W. W. Peet, reached Constantinople on Saturday Dec. 31st by steamer from New York, and is staying with her brother at the Bible House.

Dr. Edward P. Case, formerly a medical missionary in Erzurum, is now Director of Conservation of Health for the Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn.

Dr. Patrick, Miss Hall, Miss Dodd, and others of the Constantinople College faculty have gone to Palestine and Egypt for the holidays.

Miss Bertha Morley came up from Smyrna and Miss Noyes from Brousa, to spend the Christmas holidays in Constantinople.

Word has come of the illness of Miss Theda Phelps at Sivas, of typhus fever.

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph W. Beach, under appointment as missionaries of the American Board, sailed from America Dec. 10th, returning to Caesarea, where they have been at work under the Near East Relief. Mrs. Beach was Miss Blanche Easton. They will for the present again be connected with the N.E.R.

Mr. Frederick H. Schaufler has been elected a Trustee of Robert College, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. A. W. Halsey.

Mr. Edwin C. Adams, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Adams of the American University, Beirut, will be married at Hartford, Conn., on Jan. 18th, to Miss Hazel Otis Haynes, of Hartford. Mr. Adams is advertising manager of "Q.S.T.," the magazine of the American Radio Relay League. The League carried out in December a series of tests in which over two dozen amateurs succeeded in transmitting messages to Europe, using a 200 metre wave-length.

A meeting of friends of Robert College, Constantinople College, and the American University of Beirut, was held in New York at the Town Hall on January 6th, under the chairmanship of Mr. Cleveland H. Dodge, when addresses were on the program by Hon. Henry Morgenthau and Mr. Frank A. Vanderlip. The purpose of the meeting was to interpret American influence in the Near East through education as a factor of world peace, and to consider the relation of these institutions to the future problem of reconstruction. Moving picture films of the Colleges were also to be shown.

The new Ecumenical Patriarch, Meletios IV., has left America on his way to Constantinople, and is expected here in about a fortnight. The council of bishops convened at Salonica at the initiative of the Hellenic Government to see what measures should be taken in view of his election contrary to their wishes, has adjourned without taking any drastic measures.

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Col. Watterson,—"Marse Henry,"—of the Louisville (Ky.) *Courier-Journal*, died last month at the age of 81.

The Governor of Samsoun has issued a proclamation inviting such inhabitants of that region of the Black Sea coast as have taken refuge in the mountains and are resisting the troops to surrender, and promising amnesty to such, although those liable for military service will naturally be sent into their regiments, the Government promising to care for their families. Very severe measures are threatened against those who do not heed this appeal, made in order to prevent useless bloodshed.

Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania died on New Year's day, aged 61. He had been in the United States Senate since 1897.

Djevad Pasha, former minister of war, has left Constantinople to take up the office of Governor of the Adana vilayet, of which Mouhieddin Pasha remains military commandant.

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