

OLD and NEW

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“Every scribe who hath been made a disciple to the kingdom of heaven, is like unto a man that is a householder, who bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.” Mat. 13:52.

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FOREWORD

Every self-respecting College ought to have a newspaper or a magazine of its own, in order to give expression to the College life and thought. Certain difficulties which will be understood by those who know this country have prevented, hitherto, the establishing of such a paper for St. Paul's. But now the time seems to have come. We have bought a small press, have applied for a permit, and have sent two of our young men to Beirut to learn the printer's trade. This first number will be printed there; succeeding numbers, as we hope, in Tarsus.

This city and its neighborhood are interesting to the Christian public in many ways. Here was born St. Paul, the great Apostle to the Gentiles. Before his day, Xenophon, Alexander the Great, Cæsar, Cicero, Mark Antony, Cleopatra, the Armenian king Tigranes and many other celebrities had been here. Here, and not in Athens, was the great center of the Stoic Philosophy. In the early days of the Christian Church some of its brightest stars shone on the Cilician Plain. In our own day the Gospel light has been rekindled here. It will be interesting to the Christian world to get news from time to time, of the churches, the schools, and the medical work of this region.

We propose to give our little Paper a wide scope. Specimens of the interesting folklore of the Orient will be sent out for the amusement of our Western readers. There will be descriptions of the scenery in our neighborhood, and of the productions of our mountains and plains. These descriptions may perhaps help Sunday School teachers to interest their classes. There will be a due share of poems and College songs. A member of our Faculty was a soldier in the Civil War. The Paper will be sent to a large number of his old comrades. Hence, we hope, nobody will object if some little space be given to reminiscences of those stirring days now half a century in the past. Items of College news, as a matter of course, will be found in every number. It should be distinctly understood that the Paper will be the joint production of the Faculty and the students of St. Paul's College and Academy.

To the thoughtful christian in Tarsus there is deep interest in both the past and the future. This fact justifies our title, "Old and New." We shall try to be faithful to the ideas and methods implied therein. And so without further preliminaries, we beg to commend our little Paper to the sympathetic interest and prayers of all friends of the Lord's work and Kingdom.

ST. PAUL'S COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

HISTORICAL SKETCH

St. Paul's College, with a course of study covering five years, and St. Paul's Academy, with a four years' course, together form the Institute. The Academy was opened in the fall of 1888, only eight pupils being in attendance. The College graduated its first class in June 1893. That the School met a felt want in these regions is proved by the steadily increasing numbers of its students. Many more would come were there dormitories to receive them. The unquenchable hunger for Christian education in these Apostolic Land is one of the best fruits of the Gospel, and a sure promise of its ultimate triumph.

In the spring of 1885, the late Col. Elliott F. Shepard, of New York City, had a conference in Tarsus with the missionary of the American Board who at that time had charge of the work in the Cilician Plain. The past glories of the city and its neighborhood, and the demand now made by the young churches of Cilicia for higher education for their children were set before the visitor; and, like his ancestors at Boston in 1630, he "began to think upon a College." The result was seen when, in March 1887, he got a Bill passed through the Legislature of the state of New York organizing "St. Paul's Institute at Tarsus." Dr. Howard Crosby was the first President of the Board of Trustees. After his death Dr. Henry MacCracken, Chancellor of New York University, was appointed President. In November 1903, the Institute, consisting of its two Departments, was formally transferred to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions; and is now under the control of

the Prudential Committee of that Board. Since the lamented death of our Founder, in March 1893, his widow, Mrs. Elliott F. Shepard, and her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. William Jay Schieffelin, have generously assisted the School in many ways. *In this good work they ask the co-operation of all friends of missions.* St. Paul's Academy gives a good preparation for business life to young men who do not wish to take the full course in College, besides the work it does as a preparatory-school for those who do. St. Paul's College, as may be seen in its program of studies, aims to train men thoroughly in all the chief branches of Christian learning. In harmony with the express wish of our founder, and the views and desires of all the teachers, the College has as its special object the preparation of men for entrance to the Theological Seminary at Marash, or the Medical Department of the Syrian Protestant College at Beirut, or the teacher's desk in the high schools of the country.

Tarsus, on the river Cydnus, is eighteen miles from Mersine, the port of Cilicia, and is connected by rail with both Mersine and Adana. The buildings of the Institute are situated on high ground in the outskirts of the city, and command a fine view of the great Plain, and of the long line of the Taurus mountains. The Cilician Gates, the famous Pass through the Taurus 30 miles away, brings the interior of Asia Minor into direct communication with Tarsus. This, and the fact that there is no other college of the American Board for young men within less than six days' journey, make the situation of Tarsus for a school like this especially favorable.

(For the Managers, the Mission, and the Prudential Committee)

REPORT OF SAINT PAUL'S COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, TARSUS, FOR 1911—12

Teachers, thirteen ; of whom six were foreign. (Only three foreigners gave their whole time.) Total number of students, 170 ; in College, 74 ; in Academy, 96 ; boarders, 139 ; day-pupils, 31 ; Moslems, 2 ; Syrians, 2 ; Greeks, 11 ; Armenians, 155. Fifty-four of the boys are orphans. The 170 came from 41 towns and villages. Graduates this year from College, 9 ; from Academy, 23.

The school-year opened Sept. 27th, 1911, and closed June 8, 1912. A few changes were made in the faculty of the previous year, chiefly by the addition of two American Instructors, one of these supported by the Board and the other by a personal friend. Of these Mr. Candy was obliged on account of failure of health to leave us at the end of the first semester ; Mr. Nilson, our second new Instructor, continued through the year and has two more of service in his contract. Mr. Chandler, who was with us last year, left the school in February. Mrs. Rogers, besides her work among the women of Tarsus, has assisted to some extent in the school. On account of asthma the writer was obliged to go to the Sudan for a few weeks in the winter ; the change proved beneficial.

By reason of the greatly increased cost of living the salaries of our teachers have had to be raised, while receipts have been less in proportion. It should be noted also that our investments in New York City have furnished us one thousand dollar less income this year than was expected. Mainly for these reasons the end of the year finds us considerably in debt. Unless our income can be increased we shall be obliged to cut down expenses for the coming year. In this case, we recommend that the French department be suspended, for a time at least, rather than that other work be sacrificed. The French is the branch of instruction the least necessary in an institution that makes a specialty of fitting men for teaching and evangelistic service in the country.

In the matter of discipline we have had no serious difficulties ; the spirit of comradeship among both teachers and students has been very cheering. By a careful recording system we have been able to keep a close watch upon the work of each boy, and upon his behavior. Industrial work has received the usual careful attention ; appointed tasks have been cheerfully performed. Our College Y. M. C. A. is flourishing ; it has occasionally given entertainments to which friends in the city have been invited ; we are thankful to our three American instructors for their help.

The "Lampron" published in Armenian, and the "Round Table," in English have given opportunity for much writing in these two languages.

With the exception of the illness of Mr. Candy and the President we have had excellent health among both students and faculty. We think this due in part to having our dormitories in the highest rooms on the premises ; and to our boiling of all the drinking water. It has been a matter for special thankfulness that both teachers and pupils have been entirely exempt from military service.

On account of war alarms and intermittent visits of cholera throughout the year, visitors to Tarsus have been few and far between. Among the few have been some esteemed Turkish friends, one of these being Halil Bey, Inspector of Public Instruction for the vilayets of Adana, Konia and Angora. Dr. Chambers of Adana has occasionally encouraged us by his presence and helpful words. Rev. Bedros Topalian, acting pastor in the city church, has also exerted an inspiring influence among our students. We hope he will be here again next year. (Alas, he is gone !)

College Commencement and Prize Speaking took place May 10th in order to avoid the extreme heat that sets in early in this plain. The exercises were of the usual interest, and the audience was large. Nine young men received diplomas. Of these, eight have already accepted invitations to teach this coming year.

We should have had twenty-four graduates to meet all the demands for teachers that were made upon us in May. The last three days of the year were given to examinations in both departments, and the closing exercises of the Academy, which also included prize-speaking in three languages. (In the Col-

lege we have declamations in French, as well as in English, Armenian, and Turkish.) The Government sent an examiner from Adana for one day to listen to our students ; he expressed himself as well pleased with the work done here. We, on our part, saw that he was familiar with the subjects under consideration, and we were grateful for the time and attention he gave us. We were not disappointed in our gymnastic exhibition, for which the boys especially prepared themselves during the last week of the year. Several prizes were awarded, not only for work in the gymnasium, but for map-drawing, charts, highest standing in class work, composition in various languages, extra work in Chemistry, in French, and in Armenian. The enthusiasm and appreciation of the many friends present at the exercises gave us new courage. Let me here speak of the sorrow with which we have heard of the death of an old friend of the school, Rev. Hagop Bulbulyan. His departure to higher service at the call of his Master, is a great blow to the churches and institutions of the Mission. May his mantle soon fall on a worthy successor !.

In closing we would ask that our financial needs be taken sympathetically into consideration, particularly that something be done to lift our debt, and to procure funds for the finishing and furnishing of the New Hall ; for this latter we shall need about \$10,000. Also we would ask that permission for absence for a year be granted to Kevork Eff. Damlamayan that he may go to America for further study in preparation for taking the headship of the Academy. We would also repeat our request that Mr. Lyman be asked by the Mission to come to Tarsus for a year to study Turkish and to assist in the work of the Institute. And finally, that two more members be chosen on the Board of Managers to take the places left vacant by Dr. Lee and Dr. Macallum. We would suggest the names of Rev. Mr. Martin and Rev. Mr. Goodsell.

The writer would here note his feeling of gratitude to Dr. Haas for medical service cheerfully rendered ; and to all the members of the faculty for their readiness to add to their labors when so many colleagues went away. We praise God for all His goodness ; and go forth with fresh courage to further service in the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In behalf of the Faculty,

THOMAS D. CHRISTIE,
President.

Tarsus, Asia Minor.

June 14, 1912.

ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE AND ACADEMY, 1912—13

WORK OF THE FACULTY DURING THE YEAR.

	<i>Hours</i>	<i>A week.</i>
English - - - - -	58	'
Armenian - - - - -	51	'
Turkish - - - - -	84	'
Geography - - - - -	19	'
Mathematics - - - - -	36	"
Natural Sciences - - - - -	30	"
Philosophy and education - - - - -	9	"
History - - - - -	6	"
Evidences of Christianity - - - - -	3	"
Pol. Economy and Law - - - - -	5	'
Greek Testament - - - - -	3	"
Bible Lessons - - - - -	70	"
Handwriting and vocal music - - - - -	20	
Orchestra - - - - -	4	"
Gymnastics - - - - -	10	
Sunday School Lessons - - - - -	10	'

Total, being 34 hours a week for each teacher,

Miscel. work

Industrial Department, Library, Text-books, Accounts, Secretary work, Registering work, Chapel Services, Prayer meetings, Y. M. C. A., Work in the Churches, English and Armenian Papers, Declamation, Monitorship, etc.

COLLEGE SONG, No. 1.

TUNE, "MARCHING THROUGH GEORGIA."

(*Bonum est desipere in loco.*)

1. Come all you loyal Tarsus boys, and sing our College song—
Sing it with a spirit that will start St. Paul's along ;
Sing it as we always sing it, voices full and strong,
* While we are *Seniors* in Tarsus.

Hurrah! Hurrah! We hail the Jubilee !
Hurrah! Hurrah! for days that are to be !
Make the Chorus echo from ths Taurus to the Sea,
* While we are *Seniors* in Tarsus.

2. Come, ye rev'rend Seniors, come, and make a joyful sound
Come, and leave your Tennis-balls and rackets on the ground !
Still in work and song and play our leaders ye are found,
While you are Seniors in Tarsus.

Chorus.

3. Philosophic Juniors, come ! Give charming *Trig* a rest ;
Jeza too, will wait for you, if Hoja deems it best !
** Let the Rhet'ric of the *Heart* swell out each manly chest,
While you are Juniors in Tarsus.

Chorus.

4. Come, ye jolly Sophomores ! your *Physics* cast away !
Wentworth's Plain should now raise Cane, this *Troisième Année* !
Sing to us how plants and men are ever growing *Gray*,
While you are Soph'mores in Tarsus.

Chorus.

5. Freshmen, leave your *Paradise*, on *Ancient Hist'ry's* shore ;
Caesar's dead, you've murdered him, and *Hamlet* lies in gore !
Tell them you are sorry, boys, you'll never harm them more !
While you are Freshmen in Tarsus.

Chorus.

6. Ho ! You big Sub-freshman Class ! Come join our cheerful song !
Daghachapoutune, you know, to Po'try does belong !
Isocrates, *Paterson*, and *Nahv*, will make you strong,
While you're Sub-freshies in Tarsus.

Chorus.

7. So all that love the school, my Boys, will sing our joyous song—
Sing it with a spirit that will start St. Paul's along ;
Sing it as we always sing it, voices full and strong,
While we are Seniors in Tarsus.

Chorus.

* For „ Seniors ” men of the other classes will substitute „ Juniors ”, „ Soph'mors,
„ Freshmen ”.

** Hart's Rhetoric,

AN OLD LETTER

In the Field, Georgia, July 4, 1864.

MY DEAR FATHER,

One year ago to-day I told you of the capture of Vicksburg ; to-day there is nothing to say except that we are all well, and trying to do our duty. Our Corps moved on the night of the 2nd from the position in front of Kenesaw, marched the most of the night and yesterday ; and halted here last evening, on the extreme right of the Army. We marched parallel to and in rear of the line of battle of the other Corps. We are now in the front again, about 9 miles from Marietta (south of West) ; and the 23rd Corps (Gen. Schofield) is just behind us : indeed, we have taken its place in the line. In our front there is heavy skirmishing going on as I write , our right Section is there engaged, while we rest awhile. It is said that Thomas captured prisoners and guns yesterday near Marietta. The truth of this is doubtful. What is certain is, that our fellows now occupy Kenesaw mountain ; the rebels evacuated on the same night that we moved out.

July 7th :

I did not finish my letter on the 7th, for the reason that just as I had got thus far, the Captain came around and told me to get ready to go out as soon as possible, our Section being ordered to take the place of [the right Section. We moved out at once, and spent the rest of the glorious Fourth in an exciting fight with the enemy. Supported by the Iowa men, we drove the rebels two miles, and into their works, skirmishing heavily all the way. they had 3 guns opposed to us ; but our 2 drove them out of every position that they took. At the last place where we silenced them, they were in their strong work, and we were out in fair sight at 600 yards, unprotected save by our own rapid and accurate fire. When we captured the fort next morning 4 of our shells were found in one embrasure, within 10 feet of area. It was a gallant and spirited little fight : the infantry on each flank suffered somewhat ; one company losing five men. Not a cannoneer was hit. At dusk the enemy had been driven fairly into their works, our skirmishers being within two hundred yards of them. Then what seems to us an absurd order came to us to fall back ! We did this unmolested, but there was some awful language used ! I am sorry to say that some of our higher officers (but not McPherson) were under the influence of liquor that day ; perhaps they were celebrating the Fourth ! But our little force was saved from disaster by the steady, persistent fighting of the men in the ranks, and the cool courage of the Company officers. I could not express my feeling of joy and admiration, when we saw the brave old 11th Iowa advancing in line of battle across an open field, to support the skirmishers. They marched forward as if on parade, their flag fully displayed ; never halting, though the enemy's battery was playing on