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THE WORLD'S SEVENTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

ZURICH, SWITZERLAND, JULY 8-15, 1913.

If one were asked, in what country of Europe he would prefer to spend the hot weeks of the summer, I believe that Switzerland would be chosen without delay.

I suppose that it has been the dream of most of us to pass a summer vacation among the villages and mountains of that most picturesque and fascinating land. If one has no other purpose to serve than simply to recuperate the powers of body and mind for the work of the new year, a more desirable land could hardly be chosen. But when that program is enriched by a World's Sunday School Convention in Zurich, the most beautiful city of Switzerland, and one of the most beautiful in the world, the attraction becomes very greatly enhanced.

Below you will find much to interest you whether you attend the convention or not.

All delegates will send their credentials to Rev. Carey Bonner, 56 Old Bailey, London, E. C., England. He will reply with certificates that will entitle holders to all the privileges of the Convention. J. P. McNAUGHTON.

THE CONVENTION CITY

Zurich. Capital of Swiss commerce and culture. Center of art, education and beauty.

Location. In the heart of Europe, on the shores of Lake Zurich, at the base of the snowclad Swiss Alps.

Population. 200,000 in 1912. More than 71 per cent of the Swiss speak German; 21 per cent speak French, and 6 per cent speak Italian.

History. First, a Celtic settlement, then a Roman colony, finally a Teutonic town. Joined the Swiss Confederation in 1351.

Zwingli. The Leader of the Reformation in German Switzerland; was pastor of the Grossmünster, 1519-1531.

The Bible. Here, in 1535, Coverdale printed the first complete English version of the Bible.

Education. Among the highest educational institutions of Switzerland located here, - the Federal Polytechnic and the University of Zurich.

Pestalozzi, "the father of the kindergarten system," was born here. Wagner composed some of his best work in Zurich.

Churches. There are about 20 State Churches, and 11 Free Churches, including 5 Methodist Episcopal, 3 of the Evangelical Association, and 1 Baptist.

CONVENTION FACTORS.

The Mayor of Zurich, Mr. Robert Billeter, will give an address of welcome.

Pastor A. Ruegg, of the State Church of Zurich, is President of the local Committee of Arrangements which consisted of 13 representative men of Zurich.

Rev. William Esslinger, Pastor First Methodist Church, is Secretary. He was formerly pastor in Milwaukee, Wis.

Co-operation. Several of the State Churches and pastors;

the eleven Free Churches and their pastors; the Y. M. C. A.; Hon. Robert E. Mansfield, of Zurich, United States Consul-General; a committee of leading business men; the Methodist Publishing House, which has a fine printing plant.

Halls. The stately Tonhalle, the Convention home. The Swiss Bank in Parade Platz offers, free, its large rooms. The Y. M. C. A. and several church auditoriums will be available.

Language. The Convention will be conducted and the program printed in English, German, French, Italian, and perhaps other languages.

Recreation. City drives; sail on Lake Zurich, 26 miles long, loveliest of Swiss Lakes: The Uetliberg, 3,000 feet above the sea, splendid views of the entire Alpine range, National Museum, Art Gallery, historic churches, etc.

THE TWO-FOLD AIM OF THE WORLD'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

1. To promote the Missionary idea in Sunday School Work.
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The World's Sunday School Association is interdenominational in character and by co-operating with missionary organizations, and otherwise, seeks to extend the work and increase the efficiency of Sunday Schools, especially in those regions of the world most in need of help:

First: By focusing the attention of the Christian Church upon the Sunday Schools as its most valuable agency in promoting a deeper interest in the work of foreign missions on the part of Sunday Schools in the home field.

Second: By cultivating a deeper interest in the work of the Sunday School on the part of Missionary Boards of the various denominations.

Third: By sending expert Sunday School workers to mission fields to assist in effecting national and local Sunday School Unions or Associations, wherever practicable, and

Fourth: By co-operating with missionaries and local national Sunday School Unions and Associations in mission fields, assisting them in their efforts to secure Sunday School literature, and calling their attention to improved methods of Sunday School work, especially along lines of organization, teacher training, and soul winning.

THE CONQUEST OF THE WORLD THROUGH THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The time has come when it is recognized everywhere that if the world is to be won for God, it must be done *through the childhood* of the World. The Sunday School has become a vital factor in all branches of Christian work; it is the feeder of the church at home and abroad; it is the richest ground that can be cultivated; it is the missionary's most hopeful field; it is found in countries Christian and heathen, in cities and in the rural districts; it has penetrated the uttermost parts of the Globe, wherever the Missionary has gone, until it can now be said that **"the sun never sets on the World's Sunday Schools."**

At the World's Seventh Sunday School Convention, which is to be held in Zurich, Switzerland, July 8-15, 1913, Earth's Ends will meet to carefully consider and endeavor to solve the many large and intricate problems of the Sunday School field.

The World's Sunday School Association is the greatest Clearing House on earth. With its enrollment of nearly 30,000,000 of people of all ages, its power for good is unlimited. Through its system of conventions, institutes, correspondence and personal visitation, it brings the problems of the individual school into the clearing house of the world's wisdom for solution.

The Pre-Convention Tour to the Orient this spring by a party of specialists led by Mr. H. J. Heinz (who is known the world over not only for his successful business interests, but for his greater investment in the Sunday School work) calls attention to the recent remarkable advance in the Philippines, China, Japan and Korea.

A WELCOME TO ZURICH.

Mr. Marion Lawrance, General Secretary of the World's Sunday School Association, has just returned from an exten-



MR. MARION LAWRENCE.

ded trip to Europe, in the interests of the World's Seventh Sunday School Convention, Zurich, Switzerland, July 8-15.

In company with Dr. Carey Bonner, General Secretary for Europe, Mr. Lawrance visited Zurich, spending a number

of days in conference with the local committee of which Pastor Arnold Ruegg, an eminent educator and church leader, is chairman, and with the officials and Sunday School leaders, who are co-operating to make the gathering in July the greatest of its kind in the history of the Sunday School movement.

Mr. Lawrance reports a splendid spirit of cooperation by both the State Church leaders and the "Free" Church officials. Everybody seems keenly appreciative of the import of the great world gathering, and from the welcome by Mayor Robert Billiter to the greetings extended by all classes of people of Zurich, an atmosphere of sympathetic interest will prevail.

THE TOURS TO ZURICH.

When Marion Lawrance, the General Secretary of the World's Sunday School Association, told the local committee at Zurich, Switzerland, recently, that more than 800 delegates had already booked from the United States and Canada alone for the World's Seventh Convention in their city, July 8-15, they began to realize that it is to be a gathering of magnitude and that "the ends of the earth will meet" in their beautiful city to spend eight days considering the "Sunday School Conquest of the World." Chairman Hartshorn of the Transportation Committee, 87 Broad Street, Boston, Mass., expects the "bookings" for Zurich, will soon total "four figures." Including the specially chartered S.S. Canopic, which will sail for the Mediterranean from Boston, with more than 400 passengers, the committee are booking accommodation on twelve great ocean liners in order to meet the extraordinary demands from all parts of the continent. The world known tourist firm of Thomas Cook & Son, have the care of the details of the tours, and the ships are scheduled to sail from Boston, New York, Montreal, and Philadelphia. Every State, Province, and territory in North America, except New Mexico and Utah, is represented in the list of those who have registered. Pennsylvania heads the list with 100 names, followed by Massachusetts, 64; Illinois, 72; Ontario, 62; Ohio 60.

Two tours to the Holy Land, with limited parties, will sail a month ahead of the regular Convention tourists, and will join the Mediterranean travelers at Naples.

Five hundred delegates will attend the convention from the British Isles, and it is expected that all the nations of the Continent of Europe except those in the "war zone," will have their full quota. Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, Denmark, and possibly others, have already reached their quota. Denmark, entitled to 25, already has 40 on the list who have paid the registration fee and want to be delegates. Germany is entitled to 125 delegates, and there will be no vacancies.

Missionaries from the great fields will be there, and the one theme in the atmosphere of their thought will be the "Sunday School and the Great Commission."

GREAT MESSAGES TO BE PRESENTED AT ZURICH.

Among the topics to be considered at the World's Sunday School Convention in Zurich, Switzerland, July 8-15,

are the following: "The Sunday School and the Great Commission;" "The Sunday School and the Christian Conquest of the World;" "Christ the Master Teacher;" "Triumphs of the Bible;" "The Sunday School as an Educational Force;" "A World-wide Vision of Sunday School Work;" "Pestalozzi, the Educator;" "Zwingli, the Reformer;" two addresses, one in German and one in English (with a walk from the Convention hall to Zwingli's monument, and placing thereon a wreath, with appropriate exercises): "The Menace of Mohammedan Problem;" "The Sunday School of Four Centuries;" "The Open Door in China;" "The Opportunities of Adolescence;" "The Oneness of Believers;" "The Sunday School and Missions;" "How to Hold the Young People in the Sunday School;" "The Sunday School and National Life;" "Our Source of Power;" "Sunday School Achievements in Missionary Fields."

WORLD'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION PROGRAM.

The program for the World's Sunday School Convention to be held in Zurich, Switzerland, July 8-15, will have for its general theme "The Sunday School and the Great Commission," and for eight days Sunday School specialists from all parts of the world will give their thought to the consideration of the problems of "The Sunday School Conquest of the World."



THE TONHALLE, ZURICH.

The Convention sessions will be held in the stately Tonhalle, which Mr. Marion Lawrance says is one of the finest buildings ever devoted to a convention of this kind. It will seat nearly 2000 people, and is admirably equipped for convention purposes.

A reception tendered to the delegates by the Zurich local committee, in the Tonhalle gardens, Tuesday afternoon, July 8, will be followed by the formal opening of the Convention by a short service prepared by Dr. George W. Bailey, Philadelphia, President of the World's Association, and printed in English, German, and French.

The morning sessions of the convention will be devoted largely to reports, addresses, business, etc.; the afternoons to conferences, and the evenings to inspirational and educational addresses.

On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons there will be simultaneous conferences in five divisions—the German Sunday School session, the Elementary conference, the Adult department, the Secondary department, and the World's Executive Committee.

Friday afternoon, instead of the German session, there

will be held the Swiss National Sunday School Conference, and three geographical conferences, as follows; workers from Latin America, workers from Mohammedan lands, workers from the Orient.

Tuesday afternoon, July 10, a reception will be tendered to the missionaries and other invited guests by Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Warren.

Saturday afternoon will be given to recreation, and the local committee is arranging an attractive program.

"Convention Sunday" will open with a sunrise prayer meeting, and the regular services in the churches at nine o'clock, the usual hour, will follow. The Sunday Schools will use the order of service printed in German. Visiting delegates speak in the churches as invited.

Sunday afternoon a children's parade, with addresses at the Tonhalle, and a mass meeting, with the general topic, "Temperance and Good Citizenship."

A notable service of an hour will be held at the Grossmünster Cathedral, the church in which Ulrich Zwingli, the great reformer, preached as pastor.

In the evening, in addition to the meeting in the Tonhalle, there will be services in all the churches of the city, with two selected speakers in each church. Most of these arrangements for the Sunday services were made at the request of the local committee.

The six commissions appointed to study the Sunday School problems in various parts of the world, will report at several sessions during the Convention, as they may be called upon.

On Monday and Tuesday afternoons of the second week of the Convention it is planned to have denominational conferences, in groups, to emphasize the two-fold aim of the World's Sunday School Association, viz: "The Missionary Idea in the Home Sunday School Field." and "The Sunday School Idea in the Missionary Field." Also to discuss matters of lessons and literature in mission fields, and other similar items of interest.

The details of this great program are being worked out by a committee of which Mr. E.K. Warren of Three Oaks, Michigan, is the chairman.

SPEAKERS AT THE ZURICH CONVENTION.

Among those definitely promised for the World's Sunday School Convention program are Dr. F. B. Meyer of England, who will probably have charge of the "Bible Hour" each day; Bishop J. H. Vincent of Chicago; Bishop Nuelson of Zurich; Bishop Hartzell of Africa; Rev. Dr. Floyd Tomkins of Philadelphia; Principal Garvie of Scotland; Dr. Carey Bonner of London; Sir Francis Belsey, who was knighted by King Edward, in recognition of his Sunday School leadership; Dr. S. M. Zwemer of Arabia; Fred B. Smith of the Y. M. C. A.; Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Crafts; George T. B. Davis of the Pocket Testament League; Miss Anna Jarvis, "founder of Mothers' Day;" Dr. M. G. Brumbaugh, Supt. of Education, Philadelphia; Richard Burges of India; Rev. E. G. Tewksbury of China; Pastor Arnold Ruegg of Zurich; Pastor Zauleck of Bremen, one time Prussian Pastor to the Emperor; Mr. H. J.

Heinz, Pittsburg; Mayor Robert Billiter of Zurich; Dr. George W. Bailey, President of the World's Association; Mr. E. K. Warren, Three Oaks, Michigan; Dr. Robert E. Speer (expected); Dr. H. C. Tucker of Brazil; Rev. J. P. McNaughton of Turkey; Dr. Frank Johnson, editor of the London *Chronicle*; Dr. H. M. Hamill, Nashville, Tenn.; Frank L. Brown, Brooklyn, N. Y., and scores of officials and other Sunday School specialists.

SECRETARY BRYAN'S TRIBUTE TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

When the Sunday School Commission to the Orient, a party of twenty-nine business men, Sunday School specialists and prominent Christian workers, left San Francisco recently, for a four months tour of China, Japan, Korea, etc. en route to the World's Convention at Zurich, Mr. H. J. Heinz, the well known manufacturer, of Pittsburg, the chairman of the commission, carried letters of introduction from then President Taft, Hon. William J. Bryan, ex-President Roosevelt; President Wilson, and other distinguished men.

Secretary Bryan, after commending Mr. Heinz as "one of the leading business men of the United States," and declaring that his associates are entitled to the confidence of those among whom they go, said: "The Sunday School is a permanent institution and an important factor in the progress of our country. Anything that improves the condition of the youth of our land, as the Sunday school does, vitally concerns the entire community. The religious training of the young raises the standards of society and benefits business as well as other conditions."

This Commission Tour party, of which Mr. Frank L. Brown is secretary, will study the childhood of the Orient, and the relations actual and possible of Sunday School work, and all other forms of Christian teaching bearing upon the youth of this field. They also study the possibilities and methods of help to the children through the Sunday School. It is expected that when the information thus obtained is distributed to the Christian agencies operating in the Orient, the Sunday School cause will be greatly benefited.

The commission will reach Zurich via the Trans-Siberian Railway, and will make its report at the Convention.

A SUNDAY SCHOOL ROLL CALL OF NATIONS.

One of the strong features of the World's Sunday School Convention in July, will be the Sunday School Roll Call of Nations, with five minute responses from representatives of the following: The United States; Canada; Mexico; West Indies; various countries of South America; Australia; New Zealand, several countries of Africa, including Egypt and Algeria; England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales; Bulgaria; Italy; Russia; Sweden; France; Spain; Germany; Austria-Hungary; Bohemia; Denmark; Turkey; the Netherlands; Norway; the Philippines; Japan; Korea; China; Switzerland; Portugal; India; Iceland, and probably others.

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EDITORIAL.

Many of the readers of THE ORIENT remember with real pleasure and gratitude the World's Sunday School Convention at Jerusalem in 1904, as well as the visits of the delegates from America to Constantinople, Smyrna and other points on their way thither. A large proportion of the enthusiasm and uplift gained by the attendants at such a gathering is permanent; and we congratulate those who are able to go to Zurich this summer for the seventh such convention. Perhaps some whose decision for the summer months is still open may yet be able to join forces with them. Apparently the hospitality of the people of Zurich is boundless, for they are freely entertaining most of the delegates from afar. Doubtless their intangible reward will be great; but they seem to be doing it out of love for the Sunday School movement. It is most appropriate that the Land of the Bible should have a large representation in such a convention; and we hope the various sections of the Ottoman Empire will have as many delegates there as possible.

The Sunday School movement in the Ottoman Empire has attained respectable dimensions, and now enrolls more than forty thousand persons, in over four hundred schools. Three quarters of these are under the general supervision of the American Board. It is fair, however, to inquire whether these schools are so far satisfactory that any movement toward reforming the management of them would be out of place. Certain patent facts indicate that there is room for improvement. Some of our evangelical churches report no Sunday School at all; in others the attendance at Sunday School falls far below what the size of the congregation would indicate. From many a school comes the cry that teachers are sadly lacking; and in many the lesson is conducted by the minister from the platform as a running exposition, with no attempt at even a catechetical method, to say nothing of requiring or expecting any previous preparation of the lesson by the scholars. The Publication Department at Constantinople has for years issued a booklet of lesson helps which is sold far below cost, but the greatest difficulty

is experienced in securing its circulation or use. Previously this lesson-book was published in Greek as well as in Armenian and Turkish; but the call for it among Greek-speaking communities was so infinitesimal that for several years none has been issued, and there has been no protest from those communities. In the vast majority of the four hundred schools, the scholars use no textbook but the Bible; this would be very satisfactory if we could believe they used the Bible to any considerable degree, or with any great success. To many of the teachers, the generosity of Mr. Peloubet has made his Sunday-School Lesson Notes in English accessible, and for this we are very grateful. But this does not reach those who do not use English. And again, the matter of proper grading in the schools needs much attention. Often the same lesson is being taught in the same way and by the same person to those of all ages from five to fifty. This is surely not the meaning of receiving the Kingdom of God as a little child. Perhaps the impetus received at the Zurich Convention may help the Turkey delegates to introduce better methods and those that shall be more effective for this country.

1000 DELEGATES FROM AMERICA.

Nearly 850 have registered for the Zurich Convention Tours, at the office of Mr. W. N. Hartshorn, 87 Broad Street, Boston. Mr. Hartshorn is a well known Boston publisher, and as President of the International, and Vice President of the World's Sunday School Association, he is deeply interested in the organized Sunday School work. He says that there are few desirable accommodations available on the twelve great ocean liners, four of which will sail via the Mediterranean, and the others for North Atlantic Ports. It will be necessary to make immediate application, accompanied by the deposit of \$30 to secure reservations on the steamers, and at Zurich. The rates are the lowest ever offered for tours of this character, and are made possible because the element of profit is eliminated, and each member of the party obtains the minimum rate. No commissions are paid; the members of the committee give their time and money as contributions to the Sunday School work, and every service is altruistic. Scores of pastors and many Sunday School officials are taking advantage of the rates to go to what promises to be an epoch making convention.

Many churches and Sunday Schools are sending their Pastor or Superintendent to the World's Sunday School Convention at Zurich. Write W. N. Hartshorn, 87 Broad Street, Boston, for illustrated literature about the tours.

THE MUSIC AT ZURICH.

A choir of 300 voices, under the leadership of Prof. A. J. Bucher of Cincinnati, a native of Zurich, will be a feature of the World's Sunday School Convention in Zurich in July. For the Convention concert the Tonhalle Zurich Symphony Or-

chestra of 42 pieces, one of the finest in all Europe, and the best quintet of yodlers to be found in Switzerland, will contribute to the program.

AN INSPIRING MESSAGE.

The Zurich local committee, which is composed of State Church and Free Church representatives, at a meeting during the stay of Mr. Lawrance and Dr. Bonner, unanimously and with enthusiasm adopted resolutions of appreciation of the visit, and presenting to the Sunday School world this inspiring message:

"We look forward to the great Convention with the prayer that it will demonstrate the oneness of the believers in Jesus Christ, and that it will be a stimulus to more aggressive work in our Sunday Schools; that it will widen our view, and that we shall profit mutually from the good messages to be delivered.

"We extend a hearty welcome to the Sunday School workers the world around who will come Zurich. Bring with you the spirit of prayer and service. 'Our Children for Christ,' this shall be our password."

WHAT RESULTS ARE HOPED FOR FROM THE ZURICH CONVENTION.

The Sunday School is young. In some parts of the world it is little known, and even where it is best known, its power and possibilities are not fully appreciated. The World's Sunday School Association is also young. Furthermore, it exercises no authority. Hence, it is not to be expected that definite and final plans for the World's Sunday School Conquest will result from this Convention; but that great advances will be made in that direction we have every reason to believe. Certainly we shall hope for some of the following conclusions to be reached:

1. A better understanding of the great world field from the Sunday School standpoint, and our responsibility to it in the light of our Lord's last great command.

2. A deepened conviction that the best and quickest way to win the world for God is to win the children and young people through the study of the Scriptures.

3. The establishing of a satisfactory basis upon which the World's Sunday School Association may co-operate most effectively with all other world agencies for extending the Kingdom of God.

4. The adoption by the Association of a definite program of work for the next three years, and securing pledges for the funds to make it possible.

5. A new vision of the field and a deeper sense of our responsibility for carrying out the Master's will concerning it; together with a higher appreciation of the possibilities of the Sunday School as one of the best agencies for bringing to all nations the riches and the power and the glory of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

While the program for the Zurich Convention offers a feast to the delegates which the Executive Committee feels

has never been equalled, it is nevertheless most earnestly desired that every delegate remember that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

One of the most notable conventions recorded in Bible history is the occasion when Solomon called together the people of Israel in a two weeks' convention for the purpose of dedicating the newly built temple to the Lord. For years he and his people had labored in loving sacrifice to build this temple as a dwelling-place for the God of Israel. They had put into it their time, their treasure, and themselves. When all was finished, and Solomon called unto the Lord to accept his gift, then the glory of the Lord filled the house, and rested upon those who waited there before Him.

May it be so with the delegates who attend the Zurich Convention! Let us gather together with one accord in consecration and devotion, seeking diligently to find the path for greatest service, and enrolling ourselves anew in the Christian army. Let us gladly bring ourselves and all that we have as our gift to the Lord. If this be done, the experience of the past makes it possible for us to say, "then will the glory of the Lord fill to overflowing the living temples which are dedicated to Him."

Will you pray that it may be so?

JAPANESE WELCOME CONVENTION DELEGATES.

Our readers have learned of the delegation to the World's S.S. Convention which is on its way from America to Zurich by way of Japan, and of which party Miss Anna B. Jones of Gedik Pasha is a member. They reached Tokyo March 18th; and the *Japan Times* the following day had a significant editorial about the party, from which we quote:—

"We wish the party success, and we say this advisedly. For as things are, practically nothing is being done for the moral uplifting of our business classes, and they need it very badly. Our statement is a sweeping one, but we think we are justified in making it. True, the Y.M.C.A. men are doing some good work along this line; but the field they reach is very limited. True again, that many Buddhist sects are endeavoring to imitate the Y.M.C.A. work; but Buddhism itself is old and formridden, so that the most it can do for the average believers is to keep alive in them the hope that they may enter paradise after death and gain riches in life in the name of Buddha, and no new or reformed Buddhism has yet arisen to act as a social force for the purification of the general moral atmosphere and for the advancement of endeavors to be good and to do good. We do not profess Christianity ourselves, nevertheless we firmly believe that Christian workers are far more active and effective in their effort at social improvement than their Buddhist rivals. Thus Buddhism, which has easy access to the populace, is ineffective in its working as a living force, while Christianity is as yet very much circumscribed in its influence. At such a juncture, the business men's Sunday School movement comes as a novelty, in which not a small number of our leading business men will no doubt find much to arouse their interest, when properly approached.

For they are the very men who more than anybody else are just now feeling the need of the moral uplifting of their employes. In other respects, the Sunday School Movement, if successfully launched, will prove a great boon to our hard-worked business men. A day off a week will do our office men and employes immense physical and moral good, provided that the day is not spent in questionable pastimes."

Miss Jones thus describes her trip:—

"At Honolulu, after spending the morning whirling about in autos in this Garden of Eden, we were given a fine luncheon at Dr. Scudder's church. In the afternoon we held a S.S. Rally in the old church built of blocks of coral. The voyage across the Pacific was delightful and the steamer a very fine one, Japanese. In Tokio we had some unique experiences. In one day we were received by the Chamber of Commerce, visited the Government Silk Culture School, dined with a Baron and Baroness, were received by a Count for tea and had a banquet in the evening where many of the notables as well as the Christian workers were present. So many of our A.B.C.F.M. missionaries are in Kyoto, that I do not feel satisfied with my short stay there, and think I will to-morrow morning run back and see a little more of them. We reached Sendai at 4:30 A. M. and were met by the Governor, Mayor, the first ladies of the city, and taken on an excursion to a lovely Island. In the afternoon there was an ovation by the dignitaries of the city, and in evening a meeting at the German Reformed School."

THE SURRENDER OF SHKODRA.

The Albanian stronghold that for six full months had stubbornly resisted the attacks of Montenegro and Servia, finally capitulated at midnight on Tuesday night last; and early Wednesday morning the victorious Montenegrin army marched in, and Gen. Essad Pasha and his gallant 22,000 men marched out with all the honors of war. By the terms of the protocol, they retired to Albania, taking with them their arms and light artillery. The Montenegrins however secured 120 heavy siege guns.

Cettigue was in a frenzy of enthusiasm when the news came there; and a vast crowd gathered outside the palace, cheering King Nicholas and the army. The King and the princes later made their formal entry into the conquered fortress. In Belgrade and Sofia there was also rejoicing at the success of their little ally.

In Constantinople the report is current that Essad Pasha agreed to surrender Shkodra on the promise that Montenegro would support his claim to the throne of Albania, and that he has proclaimed Albania an autonomous kingdom under the sovereignty of the Sultan. The whole Albanian question, however, including the ultimate fate of Shkodra, is in the hands of the Powers, whose blockade of the Montenegrin coast has so pitifully failed of its object. The Sublime Porte disclaims all responsibility for the course taken by Essad Pasha.

The really important question of the hour is, how will the six Powers now hold together, and what will Austria-

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Hungary insist on doing? According to telegrams received here, the latter has notified the other Powers that unless Montenegro evacuates Shkodra by tomorrow, she will on Friday take independently whatever measures may be necessary to force her to evacuate. On the other hand, the report comes through London that King Nicholas has expressed his willingness to give up the hard-earned prize of victory for certain strategic territorial compensations. It is a critical moment for European diplomacy; but the interests of Russia and Austria have clashed several times before during this war without an actual break coming, and the present crisis may be as successfully passed. Austria is ready to send, if need be, a force of 40,000 men immediately to enforce her demands, with her whole army to follow. Serbia is said to have notified her ally that in case Austria uses force, Montenegro may count on her aid against the new aggressor.

Problems connected with the determination of new boundaries are becoming insistent. Greece is busily securing petitions from the inhabitants of Argyrokastró, Kortcha and vicinity, that those regions be left in the hands of their Greek conquerors. By what means these Albanians are being thus persuaded is not clear. Serbia is reported as concentrating her army in great force at Monastir, determined to keep possession of that town. Bulgaria has withdrawn most of her troops from Salonica and is concentrating at Serres. This may indicate her decision to yield Salonica to the Greeks, while preparing a large body of troops for use in case of need in establishing her rights elsewhere. The old policy of the *status quo* has given place to the newer one of *quid pro quo*.

NOTES.

The Annual Meeting of the Constantinople branch of the Evangelical Alliance will take place on Friday, May 9th, at 3 p. m. at the Somerville House. The President, Rev. A. van Millingen, D.D., will preside. An offering will be received.

The Accession Anniversary was celebrated last Sunday in this city in a very quiet way, owing to the state of war. His Imperial Majesty received the congratulations of the Cabinet, the imperial princes, the foreign embassies and legations and others; the imperial yachts and foreign warships were bedecked with flags by day and brilliantly illuminated at night.

Last Sunday was also the Oriental Easter, and the usual special services were held in the churches. Fireworks and the discharge of firearms were strictly prohibited.

Mr. Tsilka, who was imprisoned in Elbasan by the Serbians, has been allowed to return to his home, though still watched by a guard placed at his door.

His Holiness the Catholicos of the Armenians has been given by Emperor Nicholas the Russian Order of St. Alexander Nevsky.

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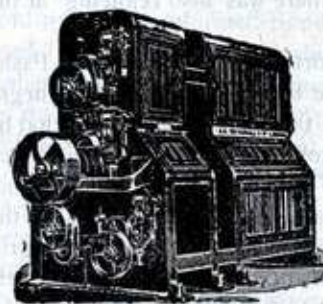
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