

PASTOR KIZAKIAN'S APPEAL

FOR THE

ERECTION OF A CHURCH AND SCHOOL AT ADANA, NEAR TARSUS,

THE BIRTH-PLACE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL.

THE REV. OHAN KIZAKIAN, Pastor of the Protestant Church of Adana, has been deputed to the Christian brethren of Great Britain, in order to enlist their sympathy and seek their aid towards the completion of their Church and School, the building of which is now at a standstill from want of funds.

ADANA.

Adana is an important town of ancient Cilicia, which is now comprehended in the Vilayet or Province of the same name, lying to the north-west of Syria. With a population of 40,000 souls, 22,000 of whom are Mohammedans, Adana, is a much frequented commercial centre, and is the chief town of the Vilayet, which contains a population of 200,000 inhabitants. Men of all nationalities and denominations congregate here for the purpose of barter and exchange, and on that account this city offers exceptional advantages for the preaching of the Gospel, and for the propagation of the saving truth as it is in our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PROTESTANT COMMUNITY OF ADANA AND THEIR CHURCH.

The Armenian Protestant Church of Adana, formed about twenty-two years ago, is the result of missionary efforts directed from Aintab and Antioch. The congregation now numbers about 350 souls, of whom 63 are Church members. This congregation has hitherto met together in a house from want of a more suitable place, and as, in the course of years, this house has become too small for the congregation, numbers of them are compelled either to stand in the passages or in the yard outside. The erection of a special building for the purpose of Divine Worship having thus become necessary, strenuous efforts have been made by the congregation to remedy the want; but these efforts have till now proved insufficient to accomplish the object contemplated. Special appeal is therefore made to the reader to enable these Armenian Christians to complete the building of their Church and School with his generous contributions, and to induce other friends to do the same, on behalf of the brethren who live near the place with which the name of the great Apostle Paul is associated, as his birth-place and the scene of his early life.

THE SCHOOL BUILDING.

The exceptional position of Adana renders a superior or preparatory School for the College of Aintab a real *desideratum*, for we have daily evidence of the deplorable effects of the absence

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of such an educational establishment. As has been mentioned before, all sorts of persons come to Adana from distant places, and bring with them their own particular views and doctrines, and, amongst others, Scepticism, with all its attending vices and evils, leading men away from God. To counteract these evil influences, and to raise up strong and willing servants of God, a good School, well provided with educational machinery, is indispensable—a School for boys and girls, not merely for the town of Adana, but all the neighbouring ones of Mersina, Sis (capital of the later kings of Armenia), and Tarsus, the birth-place of St. Paul.

ESTIMATED COST OF THE CHURCH AND SCHOOL.

This Church and School will cost about £3500. The Protestant brethren of Adana, notwithstanding their want of means, have already contributed £600, to which a grant of £500 has been added by the American Board. With these sums two sites have been purchased, at a cost of £850, and with the remainder the foundations of the Church have been laid, but when the building was raised some 4 ft. above the ground the works had to be stopped, all the funds at hand being expended. Since then, that is to say, for the two last years, no further progress has been made with the building.

RECOMMENDATORY LETTERS.

The Church and Congregation of Adana, in the testimonial given by them to Rev. Ohan Kizakian, after referring to the need of a new place of worship in order to accommodate the increasing community, state:—

“Though we are very poor, we have subscribed the *sixth* part of the cost of our new Church and Schools, and for the rest we venture to appeal to the generosity of our benevolent friends in England. We have, therefore, authorised our beloved Pastor to represent our great difficulties, and enlist the sympathy of our kind friends for this our blessed undertaking, trusting the Lord will touch their hearts to help us. We hope our beloved Pastor will return fully successful, and be enabled to complete the buildings, so that many souls may be brought to a knowledge of the truth. We shall always be very grateful to those who help, and pray the Lord to give them His rich blessing on earth, and in heaven the Crown of Glory that fadeth not away.”

The above is written in the Turkish language, and signed by 62 Members of the Church, and to many of the signatures the seal of the signer is attached.

CENTRAL TURKEY MISSION OF THE AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Aintab, Syria, November 14, 1876.

To Friends of the Protestant Church in Adana, Cilicia.

This will certify that the bearer of this, Badvelee (Rev.) Ohan, is the acting Pastor of the above-named Church, and has our confidence and sympathy in the effort which he is now making to raise money in aid of that Church in completing their house of worship.

The considerable sums which our Board have already granted them have been early absorbed in the great cost of purchasing a site and putting in foundation and basement, and we have so far limited our aid to this amount *not* because we thought more money was not needed there, but because, *in the financial condition of the Board, and in view of other demands being made upon us*, we cannot consistently do more.

We shall rejoice greatly if friends of the cause in England or elsewhere are willing to help them out of their present embarrassment. The place is one of great interest and promise, and the Church is doing a good and effective work. The new building would no doubt greatly increase their means of usefulness.

A. FULLER,

American Missionary at Aintab.

SYRIAN PROTESTANT COLLEGE.

November 27, 1876.

Mr. Fuller is an American Missionary, and I have confidence in his representations.

D. BLISS.

CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES AT BEYROUT.

November 28, 1876.

The written statements of Mr. Fuller and the Rev. Mr. Bliss, President of the Syrian Protestant College, are deserving of the fullest credit.

JOHN F. EDGAR,
Consul.


 SEAL.

Consulate of the United States of America, Beyrout.

November 29, 1876.

I am satisfied that the Christian public can place entire confidence in the statement of Pastor Ohan, of Adana.

HENRY H. JESSUP,
American Missionary, Beyrout, Syria.

I cordially concur in the above expressions of confidence in Pastor Kizakian, and commend his object to the kind consideration of the benevolent in all lands.

W. M. THOMSON,
Beyrout, Syria.

ALEXANDRIA.

December 7, 1876.

The bearer of this, the Armenian Pastor Ohan Kizakian, who is Minister to the Armenian Presbyterian Church at Adana, in Ancient Cilicia—Turkey in Asia—is personally known to me.

He is on his way to England, in the hope of obtaining by voluntary contributions a sufficient sum of money to complete the Church and School belonging to the community of which he is Pastor, and which the scanty means of his congregation prevent them from completing.

The Church to which he belongs is attached to the American United Presbyterian Church, originally founded by American Missionaries, but for the most part ministered unto by native Armenian Pastors, and supported by the voluntary contributions of its members, who are very far from being wealthy.

In Adana there are 350 Protestants and about 75 children attend in a room used for a Church and School. A contribution of one Turkish Pound per year each is given by 110 of the congregation, and the sum of from 10 to 15 piastres per month is paid for each of the children attending the School. But the congregation is unable to give more, and is too poor to defray the expense necessary for completing the Church and School already commenced.

Besides religious instruction, general education is also cared for in the Schools belonging to the Protestant Armenian Church, and from personal knowledge I can speak highly of the good already effected, and I believe that any contributions that may be given to Ohan Kizakian will be well and conscientiously employed.

EDWIN JOHN DAVIS, M.A.,
English Episcopal Chaplain, Alexandria.

HENRY JONES, M.A.,
Secretary Turkish Missions Aid Society.

* * * All contributions may be sent to the REV. H. JONES, M.A., *Secretary of the Turkish Missions Aid Society,*
8, Adam Street, Strand, W.C.

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Grant, Turkish Missions Aid Society	£50 0 0	D ———	0 2 6	GREENOCK AND GOUROCK.	
Mrs. Reeve, Ipswich	50 0 0	Warrack, Miss	1 0 0	Free West Church	5 11 4
The Earl of Aberdeen	5 0 0	Tegge, per W.	0 15 0	Campburn, Dr.	0 10 0
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Morgan, Mr.	0 12 0	Gordon, per Mrs.	0 4 0	Latham, D. M.	1 0 0
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Carlyle, per Rev. G.	0 18 9	Bateman, per A., Jun.	0 13 5	Evening Meeting in Gamble Institute	3 8 10
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Newton, Rev. B.	0 10 0	Henderson, Mrs., and Madame de Faye	0 10 0	Ogshore, Dr.	0 5 0
Whitfield, per Rev. F.	4 4 10	Tytler, R. B.	1 0 0	McKinnan, M.	0 5 0
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Bewis, Col.	10 0 6	McMillan, D.	0 5 0	A Friend	0 1 0
A Friend, per Miss Tacomb	2 0 0	Keith-Falconer, The Hon. I.	0 6 0	A Friend	0 5 0
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Carlyles, Rev. G.	1 4 1	Barrons, L.	0 5 0	LAWRENCEKIRK.	
ABERDEEN.		Henderson, Mrs.	0 5 0	Free Church	1 4 0
Trinity Parish Church	0 8 6	Trinity Free Church	2 10 0	Ironside, Dr.	0 5 0
Atken, per J.	1 0 0	Gualter, per Rev. H. Wm.	2 3 6	Mitchell, Mary	1 1 1
Smith, Charles	0 5 0	Walker, M. W.	0 10 0	Ayner, Master and Miss	0 4 0
Jackson, H.	0 10 0	Atken, Mary, collected, per Rev. H. W. Bell	0 8 10	Ashford, per Miss	0 12 6
Gordon, George	0 10 0	Ferryhill Free Church	1 0 0	Ayner, John	0 1 0
A Friend	1 0 0			Kipper, John	0 10 0
Bryce, —	0 5 0	ALFORD.		Haddo, Miss	1 11 0
Cowan, Rev. H.	0 5 0	Parish Church	8 10 0	Willock, Miss	0 10 0
Urquhart, Dr.	1 0 0	Free Church	0 19 0½	Lyall, Mrs.	1 6 6
Gill, H. O.	1 0 0			Ritchie, Miss	0 6 0
Kerly, T. B.	0 10 0	BALLATER.		Bruce, Miss	2 3 0
Phillips, per Mr.	0 13 0	Parish Church	3 14 1	Morrison, Mr., Beattie Lodge	0 11 6
Murray, Andrew	0 1 0	Free Church	1 13 0	Morrison, Rev. Charles	0 5 0
Rubislaw Church	1 14 2½			Ayner, Mr. John	0 4 0
Oldmacher Cathedral	3 2 0	BRAEMAR.		Mrs. Fraser's two boys, London	0 2 0
Free South Church	6 5 5½	Free Church	4 13 0	Ashford, Jane, collected by, Free Manse	0 13 0
Free East Church	2 18 7	Established Church	4 9 6	Hood, J. Esq., Bristol	1 0 0
Laing, Harriet, collected by Belmont Street U. P. Church	3 0 0			Ironside, W., collected by	1 2 6
Ditto Prayer Meeting	0 5 6	DUNGOON.		Ireland, Ida, per Miss	0 17 0
Woodside Free Church	5 0 0	United Presbyterian Church	6 11 0	Mitchell, Mary, Miss	1 1 1
Woodside Parish Church	3 0 0	Parish Church	6 16 0	Ayner, Charles	0 1 0
Thomson, per G. Esq.	2 0 0	Mr. Salibi	1 10 0	Ayner, Susan	0 1 0
Henderson, Wm., Esq.	2 0 0			Ayner, David	0 1 0
McClymont, Rev. James	0 10 6	EDINBURGH.		Ashford, Jane	0 11 6
Woodside Congregational Church	1 1 10	Morningside Church (U. P.)	10 7 0	Ayner, Annie	0 1 0
Johnson, Wm.	0 5 0	" Additional	1 10 0		
Greyfriars Parish Church	5 7 1	Hope Park Church (U. P.)	7 10 0	ROTHESAY.	
Edmonds, Francis	3 0 0	West Coates Church	5 9 0	Parish Church	5 0 5
Pirri, William	1 1 0	Charteris, A. H., Professor	1 0 0	" Additional	1 0 0
Collected by Miss Mackenzie, 52, Carden Place	1 11 6			Thomson, P. Ch., per Rev.	1 8 6
Combie, J. B. M. Esq.	1 0 0	ELLON.		Free Church	3 7 0
A. H.	0 10 9	Parish Church	2 13 2	Ross, Mr., Rev.	0 10 0
Mitcheled, David, Esq.	0 10 0	GLASGOW.		Smith, per Arch.	0 10 3
D. A.	0 5 0	Kelvinside Free Church, Prayer Meeting	4 16 6	Campbell, per Jas.	0 8 5
East Church	4 0 0	Kent Road Church (U. P.)	6 10 0	Mitchell, per Wm.	0 6 0
A Friend	0 2 6	Renfield Street Church (U. P.)	9 0 0	Wilson, T. John	0 10 0
				STONEHAVEN.	
				Fetteresso Church	6 9 0