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Syria and Christianity

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Turks, since we come from that country. That is a mistake. We are not of the same blood, character nor ideas. There is no mixing between Turk and Christian. All who visit that country will know what I say is true.

The immigration of the Syrians to America and other countries was begun not quite half a century ago, not because we lack in that country plenty to eat and wear, because it is one of the most fruitful countries in the world. The clear air, pure water and beautiful scenery make it ideal. You can grow almost anything there. I would love to see my mountain home at this time of year with its grapes, figs and fruit of all kinds. As you will remember the Bible tells of the fruitfulness of this land. We have not left this land for the sake of making a living, only, but for the sake of religious and political freedom, this liberty and freedom under which a people can develop. The government of that country does not care to see the people grow better and wiser.

In all the empire of Turkey there are only a few primary and a few military schools, most of these being for the Mohammedans only, and for that reason the Christians have their own schools, each religious body their own; the Greek Catholic theirs, the Roman Catholic theirs and the Protestants theirs, which are missionary, having no support from the government. In all Syria there are only a few libraries and they are in the large cities.

As to printing, which develops any people, it has been very scarce until the last few years. Prior to fifty years ago our books were all written by hand. They were written partly on paper and some on deerskin parchment, such as was used in the days of our Lord. These books were taken great care of, being handed down from one generation to another. In one of the Greek Catholic Churches we have one copy of the Bible written on deer skin in the Greek language, dating from the year 225 A. D. This was found buried underground with a communion set, such as the priests used in the churches. The people still honor these things very

much. I want to speak now of how much good the American College at Beirut has done to the Beyrutian people especially, and to all Syria and also to the entire Turkish Empire. The American college and mission has been a great aid to all Syria. And I feel we cannot honor it enough, because they have awakened the people, teaching the American ideas of liberty and free speech independence of thought and self reliance. It inspires in them the desire to cultivate a noble character. Established but half a century ago with but sixteen pupils in the first class, it is now a magnificent school with between one thousand and twelve hundred enrolled each year. Most of the students come from Syria but some of them are Turks, Armenians, Bulgarians, Italians and many others. Over twenty-five hundred men and women, mostly men, hold diplomas from this school.

After graduating most of these men leave their homes for America, England, France, Australia and all other civilized countries. These men are lawyers, doctors, pharmacists, editors and other professions. We have at least fifteen Syrian newspapers published in this country.

We wish to greatly honor David Bliss, the founder of this college. He is the father of the present president of the institution.

He was sent to our country in 1856 as a missionary. Finding there great need for a college for the preparation of young men for all walks of life, namely, doctors, lawyers, and so forth, he wrote to the board of missions by whom he was sent out, asking for aid in establishing such a school. Tho their answer that the undertaking was too great and the expense too heavy, his untiring efforts finally won their permission to return to this country to lecture and raise the necessary funds, in which task he succeeded.

On returning, Dr. Fendake and Dr. Worthat accompanied him, to assist in establishing the school.

Dr. Bliss occupied the position of president until he reached a very old age, since which time his son has held that position.

There are twenty-four buildings belonging to the school, eleven of which give different high school courses. Be-

ing the largest college in the eastern country it has the appearance of a small town of itself. This college is entirely free from the Turkish government and teaches what it likes as do the colleges of America. The students of the school, notwithstanding nation, religion or character must obey its rule altho their own views and beliefs are tolerated. There is a church in connection with the school which all can attend but it is not compulsory.

This college has been a great benefit to our country. Certainly the missions have done a wonderful work. That is why we so honor and love them and love the whole country of America.

Seeing their good work, love and kindness to our people in the home country makes us wish to come here. Their noble example inspires our love to those great and good missionaries who have spent most of their lives among us. They learn our language, mingle with our people, learn something of our ways and characteristics; they mix with us in a social way and also by marriage.

I wish especially to mention Dr. Fendake. He many times dressed in Syrian costume; he was learned in the Arabic language, the rhythm of which he loved very much. He wrote several books in our language. His death was a great loss to Syria.

Sometimes in this country Syrians do things that are not right, things which ought not be done. This mostly comes from those who are not educated and who are lacking in house training of the right kind. These are not the foundation of Syrian society and are not any more true Syrians than a like element of the uneducated and shiftless of this country would be a fair sample of American society.

Though there has been many changes in the political government and many troubles of various kinds, it has not destroyed our Christian faith. Our country was the seat of Christianity, the home of many of the prophets, and holy men of old; and the earliest home of civilization. It is closely associated with the history of Christianity.

Many places are sacred to our memory, being associated with the narrative of the Bible, which we respect very much.

Mount Lebanon, the place of my birth, is now the home of about five hundred thousand who profess the name of Christ. This mountain is noted for its fine cedars, and it was here that the cedars were cut for Solomon's Temple.—J. A. Teeny.



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Charlie Daniels and wife of 53d Ave., are parents of a daughter born last Saturday. Master Paul Daniels says she is some singer.

Bert Hogue returned from Vancouver last week. He has been employed on some big saddle contracts for the British government.

*Wm. A. Hess has bought the Allen property on North 92nd street. They are recently from California, having spent a year in valley towns. They started to drive up from California but lost a valuable machine by fire on the way.

Pleasant Valley people, particularly, are interested in the wedding of James Kelley and Miss Hulda Herman at the bride's home at West Park and Taylor Street last Saturday evening at 5 o'clock, Rev. P. A. Beutgen, conducting the ceremony. Mr. Kelley will probably take his bride to his old home, the Kelley place. Mrs. Kelley has several pieces of property in the county.

E. W. Merrill is on the sick list.

Gasoline for 11 1/2 cents at Walsh's Filling Station, 9319, Foster road.

Mrs. Sells, Mrs. Barnes, and Mrs. Gething visited the Phillips and Maloys at Woodmere Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Zapf of 98d street are the proud parents of a son, born Wednesday, Sept. 15.

John Walrod has returned from his trip to Minnesota. He is looking and feeling fine and seems as "sassy" as ever.

Frederick Theodore Welin of 3030 54th avenue, eight years of age, was buried from Kenworthy's parlors Monday afternoon. Death was due to heart failure.

Mrs. R. E. Thomas of 80th street is enjoying a visit in California. She writes from Sanotelle, Pomona, Fricco, Long Beach, Redondo, Ocean Paak and Santa Monica, where she will spend several weeks, visiting and sight seeing. She promises the Herald a letter.

Charlie Welker, formerly of 53d Ave., Lents, is employed on the Columbia Highway with the Warren Construction Co., as machinist, with whom he has been connected at various times for 15 years. He is a warm friend of the Warren products.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. McGill returned Friday evening from an auto trip through Oregon and Northern California. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Bartlet of Roseburg. They report the roads in very good condition. The ride over the Siskiyou mountains was very interesting. This road is a 5 percent grade and wide enough for two autos to pass anywhere. Something like \$50,000 has already been expended on this road. They report a fine view of Mt. Shasta. There is any amount of fruit in Southern Oregon. Many peach orchards are not being picked and peaches at selling at 20 cents a sack. It is wonderful the amount of work that is being done throughout the country. On the return trip they visited friends at Grants Pass, Roseburg and Harrisburg and took in the venison barbecue at Riddle.

STATEMENT of the financial condition of THE MULTNOMAH STATE BANK at Lents, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business Sept. 2, 1915.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$ 44,504 15
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	10 97
Bonds and warrants	16,128 55
Furniture and fixtures	4,000 00
Other real estate owned	2,250 02
Due from approved reserve banks	3,092 65
Checks and other cash items	219 60
Cash on hand	7,806 07
TOTAL	\$ 77,996 11
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 15,000 00
Surplus fund	3,500 00
Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid	314 83
Postal savings bank deposits	11,975 94
Individual deposits subject to check	\$3,952 22
Demand certificates of deposit	1,508 04
Certified checks	none
Cashier checks outstanding	496 08
	\$ 49,586 34
Time and Savings Deposits	5,725 50
Notes and bills rediscounted	2,500 00
TOTAL	\$ 77,996 11

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