

FORMER GRESHAM GIRL SEES CORINTH ORPHANS

Miss Mary Parounagian, a Portland high school teacher, who has been studying for several months in Rome, Italy, has written her father, the Rev. M. B. Parounagian of Salem, Oregon, giving a vivid description of a visit to the Near East Relief orphanage at Corinth, Greece. Many in Gresham will remember Miss Parounagian as a young girl while her father was pastor of a Gresham church. The latter is a native Armenian and is deeply interested in Near East Relief. In writing of her visit Miss Parounagian says:

"It was certainly interesting and a most happy experience too because the children seem so happy. The orphanage is occupying twelve buildings, military barracks, belonging to the Greek governments. Six of the long low buildings are stone and six are wooden. They are situated on a flat plateau somewhat above the town of modern Corinth—a bare, dry and shadeless place, but then, all of Greece is that way.

"I introduced myself to Miss Cushman who seems to be in charge and we talked for a few minutes, but hardly long enough to form much of an opinion of her. She is a large, motherly looking soul and I think the girls like her, at least they seemed quite at home with her. It was extremely warm and one of the older girls brought us ice water to drink in Miss Cushman's rooms which were draped with Oriental rugs that I most certainly envied her. She then turned us over to a Mr. Begian who escorted us around to the different buildings.

"Mr. Begian impressed us both as being a very remarkable man for the position. There was a spirit of sympathy and comradeship between him and the children that we noticed from the kindergarten on up to the older boys and girls. The general atmosphere of the whole place was exceedingly happy, wholesome and busy. In fact, I didn't dream that a place like that could be so much like one big family.

"First we went to the kindergarten where probably 30 children were busy with very much the same things that you would find in an American one. Several of the little ones immediately brought their work to Mr. Begian for his commendation.

"Eight of the little girls then did some little songs and dances for us. They even did 'the Miller boy.' They did several songs in English which these little ones have learned just as some of our singers learn French and Italian songs—without knowing what it means. They were certainly lovable, attractive, little brown people and when we reluctantly went on they cried, 'Good-bye' and threw kisses.

"We visited the hospital where there were only 12 children. Through the efforts of the orphanage malarial conditions around Corinth have been greatly improved.

"During the summer, half the day is spent in school work and half in the shops. We visited classes in writing, drawing, and English. I particularly enjoyed the English class as we got there just in time to hear a little boy telling

the story of the dog with the bone who in crossing a bridge saw his reflection in the water. Thinking it was another dog he dropped his bone in order to get the other dog's and lost both. The boy certainly did well in the telling.

"There are about 25 teachers now—most of them Armenian. The number of children has been reduced from 2500 to 750—700 of whom are Armenian and 50 Greek. In the past four years 3500 children have passed through. They expect that this year will be the last as the government is in need of the barracks. The younger children will then be sent to another place.

"The shops where the children make their own clothing, shoes, etc., are very interesting. The older boys were making complete woolsen suits, preparatory to leaving the orphanage. We saw the dormitories, the kitchen, the bakery, the store rooms, etc. The boys all wear short trousers—as do all the boys in Europe, and the girls had cute blue gingham with white collars. Of course, everything is the plainest—the buildings are barn-like, but when one compares the surroundings with the homes of thousands of children in Greece and Italy, these children seemed particularly fortunate. That is why I say it was such a happy visit. My idea of an orphanage had led me to feel that I should be terribly sorry for the children, and instead the atmosphere was entirely different. I think I never saw such an attitude of respect and responsibility in children but still without their losing anything of their childishness—if you get what I mean.

"At 6 they were dismissed and about 30 boys gathered for band practice. By the time Mr. Begian arrived every instrument was ready and every piece of music in place. There was no fooling and they went right to work.

"We stayed until 6:30 to see them

all march into the dining room for supper. Every one stood quietly in his place until all of the 750 had marched in—then when every one was quiet they bowed their heads and repeated the Lord's Prayer in Greek. Everything was orderly as they sat down to their supper of dark bread, grapes and olives."

WOODMEN, CAMP 77, WILL PRESENT PAGEANT

The "Pageant of the Woods" will be the main event in the big "Woodmen Jubilee Week," November 1st to 6th inclusive, to be put on at the Woodmen of the World building at East Sixth and Alder streets, by Multnomah Camp 77.

James W. Evans, noted author, director and composer, will come to Portland by special arrangement made several months ago to produce the wonderful spectacle of the wood lands, which he has written especially for Camp 77, and which is characteristic of those things for which the society stands. In fact, it is built around the ideals of the organization, and it will be a mammoth portrayal of forest scenes with a cast of over 150 people, all in special costumes. Many of the cast will be selected from local talent in the Woodmen of the World, their wives and daughters. The entire building at East Sixth and Alder streets will be turned over for this production.

Mr. Evans has produced some very successful pageants at Seattle and other coast cities and much is expected from this performance. The production will run for a week and it is expected that a capacity crowd of more than 10,000 people will view this spectacle each day.

TACOMA MAN REPORTS ON NEAR EAST WORK

T. A. Swayze of Tacoma, Washington, who has just arrived in America from an extended tour of the Near East, having carried a message of good will and friendship from the young people of America to the young people of the Bible lands, speaks with high praise of the Near East relief work carried on to relieve distress in those lands, but strongly condemns the conditions that have caused the suffering and distress.

"The American people are doing a marvelous piece of work in nurturing and training the homeless boys and girls of the Near East and that work should continue until it is properly finished, but civilization was certainly in a trance when the causes of this appalling distress were at work," said Swayze. "The nations of the world should unite now in demanding that no such massacres and deportations

shall occur again, and America having manifested a willingness to heal wounds should take the lead in an effort to prevent them. The causes of the distress and the disturbances in the Near East are religious and economic," Swayze said.

A conference of the powers should be called at once to consider the grave economic problems confronting those countries and outside help should be rendered. The Christian nations should take any measures that are necessary to prevent the Moslem Turk from attacking the Christian minorities on religious grounds, but it is evident that the giving of economic aid will greatly lessen the likelihood of future religious strife.

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About Your Health
Things You Should Know



by John Joseph Gaines, M.D.

Natural Sleeping Positions.

When the physician enters the sick-room, the first thing his trained eye encounters is the patient; the second observation follows instantly—the position of the invalid in bed. Physicians know from experience, that the sick man who persistently lies on his back is, nine times out of ten, in a serious condition; the patient who lies on his side comfortably is the more favorable case.

If you have a child who sleeps on his back—the dorsal position—continually, you had better take him to your family physician for a painstaking examination. If one ear and does lie on either side by preference, instead of on the back, the chances are that he has no organic disease of at least four of his principal, vital organs.

It has been a pleasing sight to me many hundreds of times when, at the morning visit, I found my double-pneumonia case, or acute fever-case of any kind, snugly on his right side with his knees drawn up easily. The position told me almost as much as the thermometer and the stethoscope.

The position of choice, for healthful sleep is, the right side; a posture that permits drainage from the stomach, and, allows free heart-movement.

The adult female should sleep on either side, with the upper limb flexed toward the abdomen—the lower straightened to its full length, the body inclined as though to sleep on the face; this is the pose that insures healthy circulation in the important pelvic organs. To sleep in the erect position, as Grandpa does, in a chair, is not good practice.

I am an earnest advocate of the "twin bed" for couples. Sleep is much more beneficial when undisturbed by a restless bedfellow.

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Every voter should know that the assessed valuation of Oregon is \$1,058,880,736, and that the Housewives' Council "Water and Power" board could issue and sell bonds for \$52,944,000. Your property would be a guarantee for the payment of this huge debt.
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