

Report of
United Orphanage
and
Mission Society

HADJIN AND EVEREK
TURKEY IN ASIA
1912-1913



City of Eureka

Marked place our new lot for Boys' Orphanage building. Mt. Argeus in the background.

The War—1912-13

MRS. D. C. EBY

If the voice of God in history
Speaks to us from age to age,
Then within the year now past us,
While the Balkan War did rage,
He has surely been directing
The attention of the Church,
To the land of Asia Minor
That is waiting for research.

Here the Turk, the Kurd, the Arab,
Greek, Armenian, and Jew
With the Syrian, Circassian,
And Albanian wait for you;
All so needy of the Gospel,
In this Moslem land so drear,
Will you help to send The Message
That will lift their lives, and cheer?

Suffering and destitution
Stalk abroad throughout the land;
Cries of sorrow, pain, and anguish,
Can be heard on every hand.
Soldiers, to the front in numbers,
Went,—Alas! ne'er to return,
Leaving sobbing wives and children,
All alone their bread to earn.

Is the Church of Christ content, that
While this war did thus afford
Contact with the Moslem peoples—
It be only of the Sword?
Let us rather show the Spirit,
Of the One on Calvary,
He, Whose Symbol is The Cross, and,
Who loves all humanity.

Superintendent's Report

REV. T. FORD BARKER

Spurgeon once said, "The God that answers by orphanages, HE is the God!" In this land of need, where the orphans are so many, the orphanages are surely among the institutions that speak of practical Christianity. As we reflect on the marvelous way our needs have been supplied during the past year, we bow our heads in worship and say, "Thou art worthy, Oh God, to receive all the glory, and honor, and praise; for Thou the God of Muller and Spurgeon, continuest to care for the orphan."

During the last year I visited many of the supporters of our work in England and Europe, and, while looking at the importance given to orphanage work in Christian lands; the amount of money expended on them; and the results realized; I returned to Turkey with renewed love for this work; and as I look at our records, which show that a very high per cent of our orphans have been a credit to the work which is carried on with so much less expense than in Christian lands, the supporters of this work, as well as ourselves, have great reason to be encouraged. After fourteen years of effort, three-fourths of our present staff of forty native workers, including teachers, stewards, cooks, bakers, biblewomen, seamstresses, tailor, and carpenter, are from those who were once our orphan boys and girls.

This work continues to be supported, and orphans cared for by Christian friends of various denominations; and in the last year funds have been received from U. S. A., Canada, England, France, Germany, Switzerland, Russia, Africa and the Philippine Islands to the amount of \$19224.68 or about Stg. 4000.

In Everek we have had less sickness than in Hadjin; no doubt due to the better sanitary conditions of the former. This year our work has been carried on in seven different native houses, and, with our children playing on the streets, our work has had its disadvantages. Here we are sorely in need of our own buildings. We have purchased a two-acre field; surrounded it with a high wall; and we still need about \$8000 or Stg. 1600 to complete this building project.

To Hadjin can truthfully be applied the words of our Lord, "The poor ye have always with you," and, to look into the faces of those poor widows, knowing their needs and not being able to help them, is a harder task than I know you would have us bear. We thank God for the advancement made in the work among the blind who are found in numbers there. The villages continue to call loudly for our sympathy and help, and the few efforts of the past bespeak a fruitful future.

The unsettled political condition of this country the last year has at times given great reason for alarm. Too often has its best young men been called to war, leaving behind them weeping parents, and sobbing wives and children; and in many cases have fallen on the battlefield never to return to their loved ones. Consequently, hundreds of Armenian men have this year left their homes to emigrate to a land where they might have more liberty and safety. As the result of the war the prices of living have increased fully 30 per cent, which effects our expenses in the orphanages very much. Had we not received special gifts we would have been unable, with the amount received for the support of the orphans, to have met the current expenses.

We rejoice greatly that we have such grand privileges of living and speaking for the Master in this land, and will you not unite with us in prayer that the efforts of the coming year shall bring greater blessings.

A Report From Evrek Station

NORAH M. LAMBERT

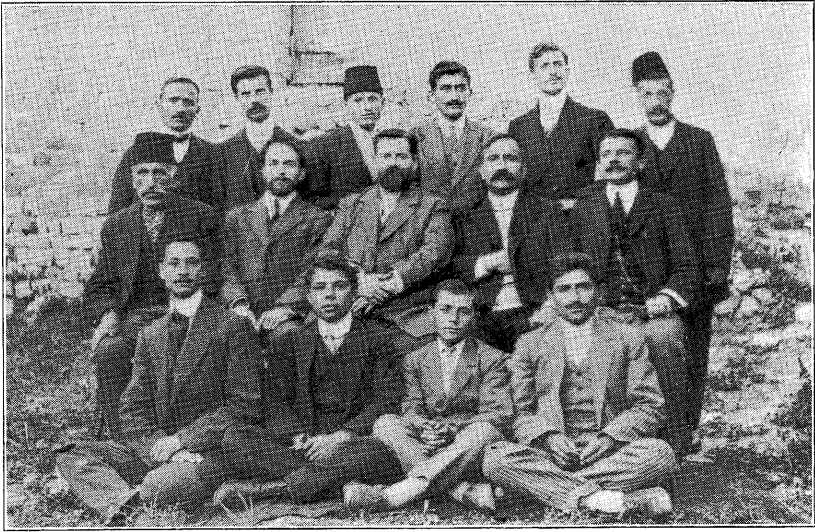
After a successful year's work the Boys' School in the Orphanage was closed the middle of June, and the village boys returned to their homes, while many of our orphan boys have gone to relatives in different cities, and villages, to spend their short vacation. The remaining ones are kept busy with the house-work and cutting and storing away the wood, which, if not secured at this season, must be substituted by a fuel made from the refuse gathered from the streets after the herds pass by. All the boys in turn spend their time carrying sand and stone on our building lot, where the indispensable stone wall, surrounding it, is being finished.

This year we had twenty-eight boarding and day pupils in our School, besides our own family of one hundred and twenty orphans. Of the teachers employed in the school, all but one were of our own boys who have been able to give their required year's service to the Orphanage by teaching.

Outside of the correspondence, accounts, teaching as many of the higher English and Bible classes in the School as possible, oversight of the Orphanage and School, and the many daily duties that present themselves, each missionary gives time to spiritual work, either by taking evening worship with the children, weekly Workers' Meetings or assisting in the Sunday-school, and spiritual services in the Protestant Church, and all do personal work. Seeing the many opportunities for spiritual work, we only regret that our time and strength is too limited to do as much along this line as we desire. During this winter while our Superintendent, Rev. Barker, was absent for five months traveling in Europe in the interest of our work, and I spent four months with Miss Lena E. Penner representing our work among the German friends in Russia, our sister missionaries at this station did nobly with the many duties that weighed upon them; but naturally the same number of services for those outside of our Home could not be held. We have made special efforts, however, to do personal work among the boys, and each missionary is responsible for certain classes, making them a special subject of prayer, and dealing with them about their souls. This having proven helpful, we hope to continue it as they are being brought to Christ one by one.

Some of the influence upon these young lives was evidenced by the fact that when leaving for the summer they came asking for Sunday-school cards to take to the children in their villages, and promised faithfully to tell them the stories connected with them. Thus they go forth, we trust, to be a blessing in doing personal work with others.

Our Bible Women and evangelists have had many open doors, and have had blessed times in giving the Gospel to the hungry souls. There has been quite an awakening among the Gregorian women of this city, and some have received an assurance of sins forgiven; others are inquiring about the plan of salvation. We rejoice to see the walls of prejudice against the Protestant religion crumbling. Divine wisdom is needed in entering the open doors for work among Moslem women, and we trust the time is near when the same liberty may be enjoyed in bringing the Gospel to the Moslems as to the Armenian people.



Evrek Native Workers

A Report From Hadjin Station

KATHERINE BREDEMUS

Our Missionary Circle in Hadjin has this year consisted of Rev. D. C. Eby and wife, Dorinda Bowman and the writer, and our family of orphans has numbered 146. The teaching and training of these children for God is a long and tedious task which requires patience, grace and grit; but the work among the children of this land, as in all lands, is one that bears much fruit.

About sixty of our largest girls have attended the American Board School during the year, and the remaining eighty-six have been provided for in our Orphanage schools. For years we have looked forward to the time when our native workers might be chosen from among those who have grown up and been trained in the Orphanages, and this year our hopes have been realized.

This is indeed a ripe harvest field—a land of wonderful opportunities and possibilities. There are many open doors for the truth, not only among our children, but among other people. Although the Armenians are known as a Christian nation, one is greatly impressed by the utter lack, among the majority, of a saving knowledge of the truth.

Our two Bible Women report a year of blessing and victory. They have visited hundreds of homes; held many meetings; and everywhere found weary, hungry, tempted hearts needing the strength of Jehovah. We do not know just how many have been converted through their efforts, as the record of souls is kept above; but fruit has followed their ministry.

Another interesting feature of the work has been a weekly meeting for Protestant women. The attendance has been good; and many times, while listening to their earnest prayers, I have praised God for the possibilities of Divine grace.

Although, owing to the war and local disturbances, it was imprudent to have large public gatherings at night, yet, the missionaries and native workers have had ample opportunities of sowing the incorruptible seed of God's Word in our weekly Workers' Meetings, the morning and evening worships with our large family, and in our interesting Orphanage Sabbath School, as well as in personal work. The systematic, weekly Bible Study held in the Home by one of the young native pastors, has been very helpful.

The work among the blind has been encouraging. The School has not been large, but some of the scholars have made excellent advancement. The Braille System for the Blind has been used. Yexabet, a bright, sweet-spirited young woman (totally blind) who last year completed a four-years' course in the Shattuck School for the Blind in Ourfa, Turkey, has been an inspiration to the School. Gulevart, the other teacher, continues to do good work.

The awful poverty and wretchedness all around us continues. What we are able to do in the way of relief is but a drop compared with the great ocean of need.

There have been two deaths among orphans during the year: one of the girls being small, and the other a sweet, consecrated girl of about fourteen years of age. Rev. and Mrs. Eby were called upon to give up their baby boy, but we praise God for the restoration to health of Mrs. Eby who was very near death's door.

We have appreciated the faithful co-operation of our friends across the seas; but as we get a glimpse of the greatness of the opportunity, we pray that many more faithful intercessors and consecrated givers may be raised up to assist us in this work.



Hadjin Native Workers

Financial Report

Amount on hand July 1, 1912		
Orphans' Fund	\$ 79.05	or Stg. 16-9-4
Poor Fund	00.00	0-0-0
Building Fund	3063.78	638-5-9
Bible Women and Evangelists	50.97	10-12-4
Village Work	18.29	3-16-3
General Fund—Deficit		
	\$169.61 or 35-6-8	
Total on hand	\$3042.48	or Stg. 633-17-0
Received during the year from		
America	\$ 8589.13	Stg. 1789 8 0
Russia	4196.77	875-6-7
England	3771.36	785-14-0
Switzerland	2108.79	439-6-7
Germany	441.71	91-0-5
Philippine Islands	60.00	12-10-0
Africa	30.22	6-5-11
Turkey	26.70	5-11-3
Total on hand July 1, 1912	3042.48	633-17-0
Total receipts	\$22267.16	Stg. 4638-19-9
Total disbursements	15765.97	3284-11-6
Amount on hand June 30, 1913		
Orphans' Fund	\$ 555.80	Stg. 115-15-10
General Fund	69.60	14-10-0
Poor Fund	39.02	8-2-7
Building Fund	5631.34	1173-3-11
Bible Women and Evangelists	3.23	13-5
Village Work	98.31	20-9-7
Blind Work	103.89	21-12-10
	\$ 6501.19	Stg. 1354-8 2

Ways and Means of Helping Our Work

Friends from nearly all countries have contributed to our Orphanage work. Those desiring to do likewise may do so.

1. By taking an Orphan to support at \$35 per year.
2. By paying \$75 for a Bible Woman, or \$100 for a native evangelist per year.
3. By contributing to the Building Fund. A satisfactory way is to undertake the cost of finishing and furnishing one of the rooms in the new Boys' Orphanage, which room may, if desired, bear the name of the donor. Or, by paying for as many stones (1 by 2 ft.), at ten cents each, as desired.
4. By gifts toward the tuition of poor children desiring to attend our Schools.
5. By bequests of property or money. Sums of money or land may be willed to the United Orphanage and Mission Society. The Secretary of our General Board will forward the legal forms to intending benefactors.
6. By asking your Banker (when sending checks to us) to give you a sterling check on any London (England) Bank, and sending us the same by registered mail.

It is preferable that friends in America send donations to their Conference Treasurer, or to the Acting Treasurer of our Society, Joseph M. Snyder, Box 763, Berlin, Ont.

Those desiring to send direct to the field should have all checks made payable to T. F. Barker. If the donation is for Everek Station, enclose the check in a letter addressed to Everek; and if for Hadjin Station, address it to Hadjin.

7. By answering letters received from the field. Please bear in mind that unregistered letters even require a 5 cent stamp, else we are obliged to pay a 6 cent fine at this end.

8. By gifts of new or good clothing for our Orphans and the poor. Anything that can be used as Christmas gifts for the children will also be gratefully received.

A box may be packed and sent to Joseph M. Snyder, 24 Dill St., Berlin, Ont., Canada. Box 763.

Boxes MUST NOT weigh over 150 pounds.

Shipments for Everek should be addressed to T. F. Barker, Everek, Turkey; for Hadjin to D. C. Eby, Hadjin, Turkey. Each shipment MUST be sent in care of Dr. S. Badeer, Mersine, Turkey.

If possible, sufficient money should accompany each box to pay its freight to that address.

Supplement

THOMAS FORD BARKER

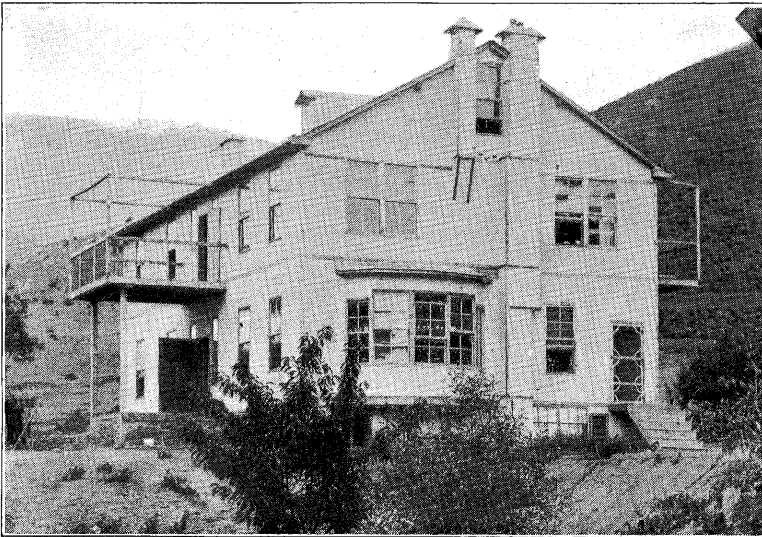
Just as we close this year's work we have been forced to pass thru a trial such as we have not before known.

I had arrived at our Missionary Home in the vineyard at Hadjin just three days before the event occurred, and found our large family of orphans comfortably situated in booths in front of the home. Mr. Eby and I were at a prayer meeting in the city, when volumes of smoke were seen rising over the hill in the direction of our vineyard home. Hurrying to the spot together with hundreds of others, we found that our ladies and children had been battling with the flames for some time, and, because of the strong wind, it was soon evident that our much-treasured home would become the victim of the flames.

While most of the furniture was rescued, the winter bed-clothing of many of the orphans, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Eby's winter clothing, was entirely consumed, and in three and one-half hours our much-loved Missionary Home was a heap of ashes.

As we look at the foundation that alone remains, we cannot help but wonder why it all was: yet He knows; and as we think of how He supplied this great need once: giving us a house wherein His tired workers from the dirty city could resort in time of need; we could only say to the sympathy expressed by many of our dear native friends, who wondered at the calmness of spirit manifested by our ladies, "God will surely give us another."

While this building cost us about \$2000 (Stg. 400) three years ago, yet, owing to the fact that material and labor are now so much more expensive, we will need \$3000 (Stg. 600) to erect a house the same size.



Vineyard House As It Was



Ruins of The Vineyard Home, Hadjin

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