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“Shall You? Shall I?”

Buried deep---often far out of sight---
in the hearts of those who may have been
passed by as unworthy is a longing for the
joy of surrendered soul and the peace of
God's abiding presence.

Have you---have I---led any such by the
hand through dark avenues of doubt and
consequent fear, to the unobstructed view
afforded all those who may thus be
brought to know the joy of the bright and
balmy day of Christward progress?

If we know not the blessings thus de-
rived in the service of our King and Lord,
it is now, as in all the past, a good time to
begin. “Shall you? Shall I?”

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BEIRUT FROM THE TOWER OF THE SYRIAN PROTESTANT COLLEGE.

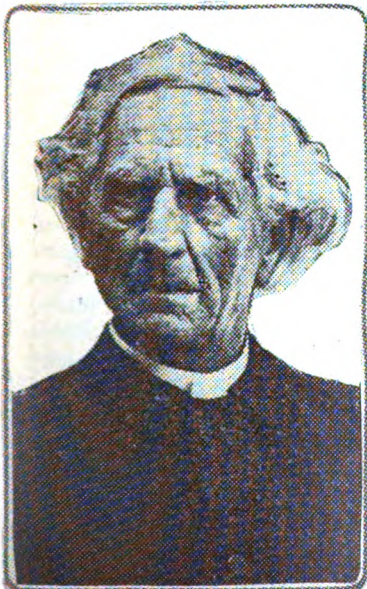
The Bombarded City of Beirut

THE bombardment of Beirut, Syria, by a flotilla of Italian warships on the morning of February 24, was a development of the Turco-Italian war possessing more than a passing interest for American citizens in general, and Presbyterians in particular. And while the loss of life involved in the slaughter of sixty peaceful inhabitants is to be heartily deplored, yet it is with genuine relief that we learn that no member of the large American colony has been either killed or wounded.

Beirut is the seaport of Damascus, and commercially a city of importance. The Lebanon range of mountains towers above it to a height of eight thousand feet, and back of it are beautiful olive and palm groves. Educationally, as politically, it is the chief city of Syria and Palestine, and possesses the only protected harbor on the Syrian coast. Its principal industries are the manufac-

ture of silk, olive oil and Oriental goods. Beirut's foreign trade amounts to about \$13,000,000, of which about \$9,000,000 are imports. England leads in exports (France coming next), and in imports, the principal articles being cotton cloth (Manchester goods). Imports from the United States average about \$100,000 a year.

With the possible exception of Constantinople, there is no city in the Turkish empire in which America has so great interests. In it is located the Syrian Protestant College, with thirteen buildings, on a campus of nearly thirty acres. In its various departments are seven hundred and fifty students, and on its faculty a large corps of Yale, Harvard, Princeton and Amherst men. Of the fifty resident professors thirty are American citizens. The Rev. Howard Bliss, son of the founder and president emeritus, the Rev. Daniel Bliss, D.D., is in actual charge of all



PRESIDENT EMERITUS BLISS.



PRESIDENT HOWARD BLISS.

GRAVE OF ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE FIRST CLASS OF PRINCETON

By Henry Pringle Ford

I WAS much interested in the article by the Rev. J. R. Graham, entitled, "The Graves of Princeton's First Alumni," which appeared in The New York Observer of January 25, 1912.

Mr. Graham claims the Rev. Milton Blain as the first graduate of the Seminary, in the class of 1815, because he comes first on the list alphabetically. I find that one would have to go to the fourth letter of the name to maintain this claim over the Rev. Henry Blatchford, a member of the same class, which numbered sixteen.

Mr. Blatchford was born in Devonshire, England, December 4, 1788, came to America in 1795, and was graduated by Union College in 1811. From 1812 to 1815 he attended Princeton Theological Seminary, and was ordained by the Presbytery of New York November 28, 1815. He was pastor of the Irish church (Seventh church), New York, from 1815 to 1818. In June, 1822, he accepted an invitation to take charge of the churches at Snow Hill, Pitts Creek, Rehoboth and Monokin, on the eastern shore of Maryland, in "Makemieland."

His work here was destined to be brief.

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He preached in Snow Hill in August, 1822, and less than two weeks later he died in Princess Anne, the seat of the Monokin church—Saturday, September 7. A young gentleman of Snow Hill, Irving Spence, thus wrote of the funeral service:

"You know I have visited Princess Anne very many times, in fact, have spent much time there; but never did I see that village so quiet on any day as on that one—it was a Sabbath stillness indeed. The people of the place, of all classes, were not only grave but seemed awed, and their sensibilities were certainly tenderly alive. Princess Anne never looked so lovely. The funeral services were performed in the church and at the grave. In the absence of a Presbyterian minister, an Episcopalian clergyman preached a sermon on the occasion. He was assisted in the other services by two brethren of the Methodist Episcopal Church. I have been in many worshipping assemblies, but that certainly was one of the most solemn and tender congregations of which I ever made a part."

The four congregations to which he had ministered placed a neat white marble slab over his grave in the churchyard of the Manokin church, but this was badly broken one night by a wretched drunkard. In 1905 Mrs. R. C. Scudder, of East Lexington, Mass., a daughter of Mr. Blatchford, had the stone replaced by a handsome granite slab, which bears the following inscription:

"In memory of the Reverend Henry Blatchford, A.M., the eldest son of the Rev. Samuel Blatchford, D.D., of Lansingburg, N.Y. He died September 7, 1822, in the thirty-fourth year of his age. As a son, a brother, a husband and a father his virtues were eminently conspicuous. As a Christian and a minister he was distinguished for his humility, his piety and his zeal. All who knew him loved him. He was removed in the midst of his labors in this vicinity from the work of the vineyard to the rewards of the blessed, and as a pledge of tender Christian regard this tomb is placed over his remains by the congregations of Manokin, Rehoboth, Pitts Creek and Snow Hill."

The above was the original inscription, to which has been added:

"The erection of this memorial stone in 1905 is a restoration of the original stone erected soon after Mr. Blatchford's death, which, in the meantime, had become seriously injured and broken."

The memory of Mr. Blatchford is still tenderly treasured by the Manokin congregation, and his grave is one of the most conspicuous of those in the well-cared for graveyard. A church stood here probably as early as 1680. The present venerable edifice was erected in 1765, during the pastorate of the Rev. Jacob Ker.

Philadelphia, Pa.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE

The annual meeting of the International and Interdenominational Sunday School Council of evangelical denominations held recently in Toronto brought together an unusually strong delegation of prominent Christian leaders from various parts of the United States and Canada. The principal aim of the meeting was to devise

better methods of correlating the various religious-educational agencies of the community so that these might better assist one another in an effective joint service.

Among the agencies specially emphasized were the home, the Sunday school, the university and college, the public day school, the Young Men's Christian Association, and the public library. Other topics considered included work for the foreigner, graded lessons, and the Church as leader for college men and women. A large part of the work was done in the sessions of the four departments into which the Council has permanently divided itself, viz., the editorial, educational, publication and extension sections. The more important results of these separate conferences, however, were finally discussed before the Council as a whole.

BOOKS RECEIVED

Valadero Ranch. By Hope Daring. \$1. American Tract Society, New York.

The Way Everlasting. By James Denney, D.D. \$1.50 net. | If We Could Begin Again. By

Ambrose Shepherd, D.D. \$1.25. | Studies of

Paul and His Gospel. By Principal A. E. Garvie,

D.D. \$1.50 net. | The Enterprise of Life. By

Rev. J. R. P. Sclater, M.A. \$1.50 net. | The

Spirit and the Bride By J. G. Simpson, D.D.

Hodder and Stoughton, New York.

Early Stories and Songs for New Students of

English. By Mary Clark Barnes. 60 cents net.

The Sunday School of To-day. By William

Walter Smith. \$1.25 net. Fleming H. Revell

Company, New York.

Songs from the Operas for Baritone and Bass.

Edited by H. E. Krehbiel. Oliver Ditson Com-

pany, Boston.

Outdoor Philosophy. By Stanton Davis Kirk-

ham. \$1.50. | Human Efficiency. By Horatio

W. Dresser, Ph.D. \$1.50. | Modern Fishers of

Men. By George Lansing Raymond. \$1.00.

The Shape of the World. By Evelyn St.

Leger. \$1.25. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York.

Living Waters: or, Rivers to the Ocean. By

Charles Brodie Patterson. \$1.20 net. Funk and

Wagnalls Company, New York.

The Story of America Sketched in Sonnets.

By Henry Frank. \$1.35 net. Sherman, French

and Company, Boston.

The Garden of the Cross: A Lenten Cantata.

By William Reed. 50 cents. Oliver Ditson Com-

pany, Boston.

The Religion Worth Having. By Thomas Nixon

Carver. \$1 net. Houghton Mifflin Company, Bos-

ton.

Volume IV. Encyclopaedia of Religion and

Ethics. Edited by James Hastings, M.A., D.D.

Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.

Other Sheep. By Harold Begbie. | The

Challenge. By Harold Begbie. George H. Doran

Company, New York.

The Christ Life. By A. B. Simpson, D.D.

38 cents net. | Christ and Israel: Lectures on

the Jews. By Adolph Saphir, D.D. 88 cents net.

Emblems of the Holy Spirit. By F. E. Marsh.

\$1 net. Morgan and Scott, London, England.

Jacquine of the Hut. By E. Gallienne Robin.

\$1.30 net. | The Revolutionary Function of

the Modern Church. By John Haynes Holmes.

Astrology and Religion Among the Greeks

and Romans. Franz Cumont, Ph.D., LL.D.

Poetical Favorites: Yours and Mine. By War-

ren Snyder. The Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indian-

apolis.

The Egyptian Conception of Immortality. By

George A. Reisner. 85 cents. | Nietzsche. By

Paul Elmer More. \$1 net. Houghton Mifflin Com-

pany, Boston.

American-Japanese Relations. By Kiyoshi K.

Kawakami. \$2 net. Fleming H. Revell Company.

New York.

American Newspaper Annual and Directory

for 1912. By N. W. Ayer and Son. Philadelphia.

Towards a Perfect Man. By Henry W. Clark.

75 cents net. | The Religion of Christ. By

Frederick D. Kershner, M.A. \$1. | Elliott

Gray, jr. By Colton Maynard. \$1. Fleming H.

Revell Company, New York.

The Heart of Us. By T. R. Sullivan. \$1.25

net. Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston.

The House of Harper. By J. Henry Harper.

Harper and Brothers, New York.

Dynamic Christianity. By Levi Gilbert. \$1.50

net. Eaton and Mains, New York.

Says a New York association for im-

proving the condition of the poor: "If a

man stumbles you can steady him, if he

falls you can help him up again, but if he

lies down you can not do much by carrying

him. The only way you can really help

him is to help him to help himself."