

THE GREEK CHURCH.

Our Correspondent Calls Upon the Patriarch of Jerusalem.

A DESCRIPTION OF HIS COURT. The American Pilgrims and Their Many Bushels of New Reads.

CANDLE SELLING AND THE HOLY FIRE.

(FROM OUR TRAVELING COMMISSIONER.)

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ERUSALEM July 22.—I have had an audience with one of the highest religious functionaries of the oriental world. The patriarch of Jerusalem has charge of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, and as the head of the Greek church in Syria, Palestine and Arabia, he is to his people the Pope of the East. The Greek Church contains about 62,000,000 members in Russia. A number equal to the population of the United States. It has about 5,000,000 in Greece and Turkey, and it is in Jerusalem the most powerful and the richest church of all the denominations represented there. There is no king in the world who appears in such a stately manner upon state occasions as the Patriarch of Jerusalem. He wears cloths of gold and his great hall is covered with magnificent diamonds,

which fell a cape of the same color, forming a striking background to his strong, intelligent face. He wears a long, full gown of some fine black cloth and he had two gorgeous gold medals about his neck, each as big as the palm of your hand and between these hung a cross of diamonds. He had in the middle of the salon, shook hands with us and conducted us to a divan at the right of his chair-of-state. We then chatted for some time in the most agreeable manner, and he seemed to be very much interested in our visit to him, he said he had been interviewed on the eve of an election, and he sent one of his servants to bring me his photograph and told me that he would publish it with the article if I wished.

Consul Gillman here made a happy remark, complimenting his blessedness on his handsome face and stating that he supposed he got his beauty from his mother. Greatly amused, there was then some talk about the Greek church as to its extent and doctrines, and while this was going on, a liveried servant brought in a silver tray containing a golden bowl filled with silver spoons, several glasses of water, and two cut glass dishes, one of which contained a brown mixture and the other was filled with oranges cut in small slices and floating in a molasses-like syrup. Luckily the tray was first passed to the Consul, and I followed suit in partaking of the delicacies. Lifting one of the silver spoons out of the golden holder, I dipped it into the orange preserve, conveyed some to my mouth, and then dipping the spoon into another, I reserved for my next sip of the water. The preserves were delicious and the water was good.

A PLEASANT POTION.

Then there was a little more talk about the Greek church and a second servant came in with another tray more gorgeous than the one preceding. Upon this were wine glasses filled with the color of the dark moon rose. It was flavored with peppermint and it had the rich, oily strength of age. Though scarcely more than three inches full, it brought a pleasing aroma to the nostrils. I then drank after it was drunken and the doctrines of the Greek church tell on my ear like the poetry of Moore. This liquor was followed by a light refreshment of bread and butter, brought in Turkish coffee, served in little cups of fine china, each size of the smallest egg cup. The coffee was as thick as Vermont molasses. It was sweet and delicious and was served without cream. Coffee in Jerusalem is the same as champagne in China. After the coffee is served, the waiter brings a third tray with a delicious and was served without cream. Coffee in Jerusalem is the same as champagne in China. After the coffee is served, the waiter brings a third tray with a delicious and was served without cream.

When the Consul returned from her return from the Emperor invited her to pay him a visit at his capital. That was declined with thanks. His next proposition was to receive her at a castle in the town she could see him at the railroad station. On that he left the waiting room with tapestry, sent his own gold plate from Vienna and received her with a magnificent repast. The next morning the eccentric circus rider Austria proposed to come to England for her health, and to stay in great retirement at a little fishing village. Before she left she thought it proper to pay her respects to Victoria, so announced that she would call upon her one afternoon at Windsor. One carriage was at the depot to convey her to the castle. She stayed about an hour, and then returned to her quarters, and she rushed at once to the refreshment counter of the station and wildly called for some bread and sandwiches.

I am told, on good authority, that on any State occasion, or when for any reason there have been guests or artists at the castle, her secretary or chamberlain ascertaining the names of the persons present, they are spelled correctly and gives them to Her Majesty, who, before she retires for the night, with her own hand prepares the court circular in England actually writes her own press notices. This account for their dullness and monotony—as her published diary chronicled John Brown and small beer, the court circular is expensively in its allusion to all really interesting happenings, and only writes that "the Queen rode out this morning accompanied by the Princess Beatrice and the Prince Henry of Battenberg, or the Dowager Duchess of Ely," or that "the Princess Beatrice was safely delivered of a son this morning." Indeed, this latter circular is now kept always set up, in stock for constant use.

The papers are now full of the anecdotes of how the Queen prompted Ellen Terry in "Portia's Mercy Speech" on the occasion of Irving's and Terry's recent visit to Sandringham, showing the little great lady (as they call her in England) knowledge of Shakespeare and ignorance of dramatic history. She had only seen three dramatic performances since the Prince Consort's death, which was indeed a "loss" to a cultured woman of England. The first was "Our Boy" which the Prince of Wales thought would amuse her and perhaps bring back her interest in patronizing the arts a little more, but she had little to say. The second was "The Prince of Wales" which she thought would amuse her and perhaps bring back her interest in patronizing the arts a little more, but she had little to say. The third was "The Prince of Wales" which she thought would amuse her and perhaps bring back her interest in patronizing the arts a little more, but she had little to say.

There is a charming little story told of a Romantic Highland boy starving himself to death that he might be kissed by his Queen. She was not in the mood for her subjects, but often walks bare-headed at a servant's funeral. If they would drape the houses of Parliament in orange and give her a hearse to ride in, no doubt she would give her faithful and long-suffering people a sight of her rusty black bonnet, with the single white feather, which the Princess of Wales wears with her own hands a few years ago, and which she is wearing now, at the time she was in the mood for her subjects, but often walks bare-headed at a servant's funeral. If they would drape the houses of Parliament in orange and give her a hearse to ride in, no doubt she would give her faithful and long-suffering people a sight of her rusty black bonnet, with the single white feather, which the Princess of Wales wears with her own hands a few years ago, and which she is wearing now, at the time she was in the mood for her subjects, but often walks bare-headed at a servant's funeral.

THE PATRIARCH RECEIVING VISITORS.

THE ORIGINAL CHURCH.

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