# THE LIGHTS OF . . THE ORIENT

American Schools in Turkey and Egypt.

[Special to The Citizen.]

It has been the glory of America manner tied up as the European powers are in dealing with the eastern question. This fact has given a free hand to Americans in the advancement of educational and missionary enterprises, which have been more potent in the orient in forwarding modern civilization and spreading the principles of human liberty than all the chancelleries of Europe put together.

It is a continual surprise to the from a state of mind which was content with a government of absolutelike that Abdul Hamid, toward sonal responsibility. It is not too change may be traced to the schools and colleges established for the most part by our American missionaries. There were other forces at work, of course, but the mainspring of the movement was here and the men who are taking the lead in affairs to-day were largely prepared in these schools. Their ideals, so far as they have yielded to their training, are those of the Christian west.

Of mission work in Egypt and Turkey it can be said that the various Protestant churches have come to lege as a student. Forty-five years nate a practice which from the beginsubstantial agreement not to dupli- ago the Grand Vizier in a moment cate each other's work in the same section. In Egypt the American Hamlin never die and let me alone United Presbyterians are doing a great work. Their field extenus from the Nile Delta to the Soudan, where it connects with the British enterprises. It is as varied as the needs of the people, but has been particularly successful in the establishment of schools and colleges. The work is done by 730 missionaries, pastors. teachers and missionaries, native and foreign, the natives contributing about \$175,000 per year. You cannot visit these schools and stations. as we did, without being impressed by the fact that they have set the people to work for themselves. Cairo has her new Woman's College, which Mr. Roosevelt honored at its opening. At Assuit is the college for men, its new buildings already taxed to the utmost by more than 600 students. This is a place where they do things. Here also is the training school for young men and the Pressly institute, a boarding school for girls, as well as a hospital where 15,000 cases were treated last year. Whatever the reader may think about missions in the abstract, such a monumental work as this constitutes a social force that must be reckoned with.

We are so used to doing "big" things in America that we forget that there are other places where they can carry on larger enterprises. It might surprise some of our booksellers to know that the publication house whose output reaches the largest number of people who can understund one language is located at Beirut, Syria. The Arabic tongue in its spoken and written form is the religious language of one-eighth of the human race. For this vast multitude the great printing plant is located in this city. Here the American Mission Press carries on a flour-Ishing business: Most Americans never heard of the enterprise, yet the Press has almost an even seven hundred publications on its catalogue. Last year they put out 200,000 pieces of literature. Nearly fifty million pages left the press and before another year has ended the output from the small beginning of fifty-four years ago will have totalled one billion. Sixty thousand copies of the Bible or parts thereof were printed last year, most of which went to

For years it has been part of my work to visit hospitals and within recent months I have spent several weeks within their walls. I know what I am saying when I declare that the most sanitary and up-to-date hospital I have ever seen is that on the Presbyterian grounds at Beirut, Floors, beds, furnishings, absolutely spotless, and they were not looking for us either. Furthermore, I have never seen in my life more loyalty and devotion on the part of nurses for their chief or pupils for their teacher than I found in the students and alumni of the medical college for Dr. C. A. Webster, wnose clinic 1 attended. I left him without the privilege of grasping his hand, for he was in the midst of a critical operation for cataract in the eye and ear hospital, surrounded by his pupils. Away off in one of the villages of Samaria a Syrian physician told me with trembling lips that he had been led to devote his life to Christian service by what he had seen in the operating room of the life and spirit of this disciple of the Great

At Beirut also is the largest American institution of learning outside of the United States, the Syrian Protestant College, incorporated under the laws of the state of New York. It is not legally a part of the mission nor governed by it, although of course Dash?" it has always worked in complete harmony therewith. Dr. Howard an to an older one. Bliss, its President, is a man of the rarest spirit and ability, who might distinguished older man. reach any eminence in the educational or diplomatic world. But his in- dies of equal age and station, it is fluence has been and is far wider here informal to say, "Miss Blank, do in this land that is just beginning to | You know Miss Dash?"

realize the meaning of human free dom and responsibility than it could be elsewhere. May he be spared as long in the work as his honored father and predecessor, Dr. Daniel Bliss, now 87 years old. The College has 870 pupils, medical and pharmaceutical, collegiate and preparatory, and a fine lot of fellows they are, picked out from the high-schools maintained by the mission in the that our government was not in any Lebanon district and from other parts of the east, representing almost every race.

Of course we went to Robert College in Constantinople and also to the Girls' College in Scutari across the Bosphorus, the Harvard and Wellesley of the orient. This is not the place to tell the story of Robert College, the pioneer of all the institutions of higher learning in the orient, with a history going back to the days of the Crimean war. It is traveller in Turkey and Egypt to see an inspiring moment when you stand how rapidly the people are passing upon the deck of the little Bosphorus steamer and look at the stately buildings, flanked by the old towers of ism, unspeakably cruel and corrupt, Mahomet the Conqueror, the best of all monuments to the wisdom and like contour. ideals of individual liberty and per- devotion of one determined Yankee missionary, Cyrus Hamlin. much to claim that the secret of this dition to the gifts of its founder, Mr. Christopher Robert, the New York merchant, this college has received many generous gifts from Ameri-The recent bequest of Mr. cans. John H. Kennedy of more than a million dollars will greatly increase its ability to meet new work for the new times. Perhaps nothing could better show the position which this college has come to occupy than the fact that the nephew of the new Sultan, shortly after the establishment of the new order last fall, entered the colof petulence said, "Will this Dr. about that everlasting Coilege of his?" That remark, if Dr. Hamlin had been a Turk, would have been the cause of his death; the College, more than any other single influence at work in Turkey, was the cause

of the death of the old regime. At Smyrna we visited the International College, with 330 students, incorporated in Mass. only seven years ago, which has been built up ratio of 194,782 should be maintained from a primary school in eighteen years, with almost no help from American money, having a property and equipment worth \$60,000, by a few self-sacrificing men who have poured out their lives in the effort. This College gives a splendid engineering and machanical course, so much needed in Turkey .It also gives its students classical training in English, French, Greek, Armenian and lars to carry on a work which is

The College at Smyrna is the child the American Congregational church but it is only one of the children. In the interior of Asia Minor there are large colleges which the ordinary traveller never sees at Aintab, Aratolia, Marsovan, Harpoot, Adana, Tarsus and Marash.

The Congregationalists have in round numbers 200 missionaries at work in Turkey. Some of the rethirty Sunday schools with 3,263 pupils, forty-two boarding and day been effected so far as possible. There chools with 1,930 pupils, one hospital with 242 inmates beside 8.186 outside treatments. Marash has a and the leave of absence is given them theological seminary with twelve pu- in order that they may have every posplis, girls' college with ninety-five sible opportunity to find work them- pose of dispersing hallstorms. pupils, two boarding and High selves. After July 1 efficient employschools with one hundred and nine- ees who remain unprovided for will be ty three boys, 38 other schools with given preference in the matter of re-813 boys and 863 girls and 30 Sunday schools with 3,562 members. There are 13 other stations like these and in only two does the number of scholars under instruction in the day schools fall below 1,000. In the whole district there are 25,000 pupils enrolled and in the Sunday schools 32,-000. Surely these workers are mak-

But there is not one of these schools where they could not have more scholars who would gladly pay the tuition fees if there was room. Since the Constitution multitudes of Turks have applied that could not be received after the mission had waited for them all these years. One school was reported to be so full that the children were oozing through the cracks in the building. America has kindled these lights of Asia; ought we not to feed the flame adequately. lest it die out?

# Fish Cannot Hear,

Much controversy 'as taken place on the question of sense of hearing in fish, and many experiments have been tried with a view to settling it. Some of the latest of these are those of which M. Marage have given an account in the Paris Comtes Rendus. The fish he experimented with were carp, tench, pike, eel and others, and the author finds no evidence of a sense of hearing. Sounds were transmitted into the water close to the fish with an energy capable of affecting deaf mutes. No effect was produced on the fish .- Forest and Btream

# Introductions.

Always present a man to a lady. Always ask permission of the lady if you have time; if not use the form, "Mrs. Blank, my I present Mr.

Always introduce a younger wom-Always present a young girl to a

In introducing two girls or la-

# FROM THE CAPITAL

By CARL SCHOFIELD, Washington Cor-

Congress will reapportion the membership of the house of representatives according to the new census, and the legislatures of the several states will apply the result of that reapportion fish and who sits in a sentry box sets ment by redistricting their states. Under the American system of politics the minority party has no rights which the majority is bound to respect. About a century ago-in fact, on the heels of the reapportionment under the census of 1810-the Republican legislature of Massachusetts, under the domination of Governor Elbridge Gerry, redistributed the districts so that the Federalists could not elect members of congress. In order to obtain a Republican majority one district was made the peculiar outline of which presented a somewhat dragon-

Origin of Gerrymander. A map having this district strongly outlined hung over the desk of Benjamin Russell, an ardent Federalist partisan editor. Gilbert Stuart, the celebrated painter, whose portrait of Washington has become the accepted likeness of the Father of His Country, came into Russell's office one day, took his pencil and added wings and claws to the dragon on the map. He then said, "How will that do for a salamander?" "Better say gerrymander." growled Russell. And thus was coined the word "gerrymander" to designing of our political history usually has controlled the political party destinles of the country.

#### House to Be Larger

It is improbable that the influential eastern states will consent to a relative loss in representation in order that the size of the house of representatives may not be increased because of growth in population. The probabilities are that from thirty to seventy new members will be added to the house. If the present apportionment there will be sixty-six additional members in the house and thirty-four legislatures will be called upon to redistrict their states to provide for the election of the additional members.

If the Democrats should succeed in gaining control of the house of representatives in the coming election the reapportionment undoubtedly will be made by the present congress during its last session, which will begin next Somebody should give to December, after its successor has been President McLachlan a million dol- chosen. If the Republicans win in November the work of reapportionment may be postponed to the Sixtysecond congress on account of the chaotic conditions now prevailing in the house.

# The Treasury Employees.

The treasury department has arranged to give thirty days' leave of absence to all employees who will be affected by the economies and improvements in business methods which will take ees were affected. During the last six use as a means of prevention. remain about thirty-five employees for whom no provision has been made, instatement as vacancies occur.

# Million For Cathedral.

A fund which, it is believed, will amount to about \$1,000,000 for the maintenance of the Protestant Episcopal cathedral now being built in the District of Columbia is established by the will of the late John A. Kasson of this city. It is to be known as the Kasson cathedral endowment fund. The principal of the fund is not to be touched, and any unexpended balance of the income is to be added to the principal and reinvested. The trust company which is named as executor is directed to give the bishop of Washington at all times full information as to the condition of the estate and its investment.

Residents of the national capital believe that Washington is potentially the convention capital of the western hemisphere, and if the plans of the en-

A Popular Capital.

terprising men of Washington do not go awry Washington will be the premier convention city in fact. The capital has already come to high rank as a convention city, not by reason of any system of campaign for attracting conventions here, but simply because of its natural merit and its magnetism for the countless organized bodies in the United States. Its natural advantages, augmented by additional meeting and entertainment facilities and supplemented by aggressive human en-

#### deavor, tend to make Washington the convention capital.

tion city.

claim to title as the great convention grains. The standard of value is gold city is the lack of a monster auditorium. This defect may soon be remedied and the deficiency supplied by the George Washington Memorial association, an association national in scope and resolutely supported by influential interests in the District of Columbia. This enterprise comprehends a magnificent memorial to the greatest American, a rallying place for America's many patriotic societies and a building and auditorium commensurate with the needs of Washington as a conven-

#### NORWAY WATCHBOYS.

Told the Farmers of the Approach of Schools of Fish.

It is common enough to see a box watching cattle to keep them from straying, and in days not so very long gone by it was no unusual thing for a boy to be set to keep the birds off the ctops; but a watchboy whose duty it is to keep a lookout for a school of upon stilts is not an everyday sight. This particular kind of watchboy is Norwegian, the scene of his labors being the shores of some flord of his native land.

ilis little sentry box is made of wood and perched high upon posts. Here the lad sits, gazing out across the arm of the sea, using his keen aves for the benefit of the farmers who are depending upon him to give the alarm when a school of fish shall appear. They work contentedly enough in their fields secure in their belief that their watchboy will let them know when it is time to reap a harvest from the sea instead of from the

When the signal is given they leave their work, throw their big nets over their shoulders and hurry off to their

boats Sentinel boxes similar to those employed in Norway were in use among the fishermen on the shores of the Mediterranean, and it is supposed that the vikings brought back with them from some of their piratical raids the idea that has been put in practice ever since.

#### Teaching Sailors to Swim.

Rear - Admiral Schroeder, while training the men in his fleet down in Guantanamo bay, has discovered that some 2,500 of them don't know how to awim, and he reports to Washington that he has taken measures to remedy this defect in their nautical education.

It seems rather remarkable that sailors, with large amounts of water always conveniently near, should lack an art which so many landsmen possess of which a sailor is at any moment likely to be in more or less desperate need. It is a fact, however, that seamen, as a class, swim far to seek, for, when one comes to think about it, a ship in motion is about the worst thing in the world from which to go in swimming, and the sailor's opportunities for taking to the water, except by an accident, which, with good reason, he avoids as long as he can, are much less numerous than those of the man ashore. Out at sea there is none at all, and while in port the sailor is otherwise occupiedchiefly in spending hard-earned money.

### Shooting at Storms.

Another popular belief has been rudely shaken as the result of a scientific investigation. There has not been much heard of late about producing rain by the discharge of explosives, but the belief in the efficacy of cannon in breaking up hailstorms has been more persistent. In the vinegrowing regions of France and Italy the injury done by hallstorms is a very serious matter, and the firing of effect July 1. In all nearly 200 employ- a cannon has come into quite general suits of their work will appear from months as vacancies have occurred in now comes from United States Consul the figures of two stations. Cesarea the treasury or in other departments. Sharp, of Lyons, a series of articles transfers of competent persons have giving the conclusions arrived at by the French department of commissions of meteorology showing its dishelief in the efficacy of the practice. It does not find that the firing of cannon is at all beneficial for the pur-

# How It Was.

Against an old Georgia negro, charged with stealing a pig, the evidence was absolutely conclusive, and the judge, who knew the old darky well, said reproachfully: "Now, uncle, why did you steal that

"Bekase mah pooh family wuz

starvin', yo' honor," whimpered the old man.

"Family starving!" cried the judge. "But they told me you keep five dogs. How is that, uncle?" "Why, yo' honor," said uncle, re-

provingly "you wouldn't 'spect mah family to eat dem dogs!"-Harper's Magazine.

#### Oversensitive Consciences. It is not worth the while to let our

imperfections disturb us always. The conscience really does not, and ought not to monopolize the whole of our lives, any more than the heart or the head. It is as liable to disease as any other part. I have seen some whose consciences, owing undoubtedly to former indulgence, had grown to be as irritable as spoilt children, and at length gave them no peace. They did not know when to swallow their cud, and their lives, of course yielded no milk .- Thoreau

# British Coin.

The English sovereign weighs 123, 274 grains, .916 fine, and, consequent ly it contains 113,001 grains of fine gold. The shilling weighs 87.27 grains, .925 fine, and thus contains 80,727 grains of fine silver. Bronze coins Auditorium Lacking. consist of a mixture of copper, tin The only weak link in Washington's and zinc. The penny weighs 145.83 Silver is legal tender up to 40 shill lings, bronze up to 12 pence, but farthings only up to six pence. Bank of England notes are not legal tender.

#### Spread of the Movement. Mrs. Kawler The last time I saw you, I think, you were attending a

cooking school to learn how to make vegetable dishes taste like meat. Mrs. Crosswar—Yes, but the feel-ing against the trust is so strong now that we are learning to make vegetable dishes taste utterly unlike meat

#### CRIMINALS HAVE BIG EARS.

Prof. Blau Also Finds Extra Development in the Ears of Lunatics,

Before the congress of the German anthropologists at Gorlitz, Prof. Blau, a well known authority on the diseases of the ear, read a paper on the formation of the ears of criminals and lunatics. Prof. Blau has taken accurate measurement of 1. 061 ears, or which 255 belonged to lunatics and 343 to male criminals, all Germans

The professor concludes that in a vast majority of cases the various parts of the external ear are larger in the case of lunatics and criminals than in normal persons. This is especially noticeable in the helix or outer border of the ear, and also in the lobe. According to Prof Blau the larger the helix is the lower is the state of mental development. hearing faculty, on the other hand, is keener. Prof. Blau illustrates his theory with a reference to the auricles of apes, which all possess an extended outer border. Prof. Blau remarks that abnormal development of the outer border is more noticeable among criminals charged with sexual crimes than among other classes of criminals.

#### Skirted Warriors.

News reaches us from a private source of the wondefrul and satisfactory effect the Highlanders are having on the Zahka Khels. No sooner do the wild tribesmen catch sight of the skirted warriors then with a cry of "Look out-here comes the Suffragettes!" they disappear as if by magic.

#### Game in Germany.

Germany is a country of Nimrods There are, we learn, 600,000 sports men, which means one gun for every hundred people. Each year fall to the gun, on an average, 400,000 hares, 4, 000,000 partridges, 2,000,000 thrushes, 500,000 rabbits, 190,000 deer, 145,000 woodcocks, 40,000 wild ducks, 25,000 pheasants, 22,500 deer, 15,000 quails, 13 500 bucks, 1,400 wild boards and 1. 300 bustards. In weight this "bag" represents 25,000,000 kilogrammes, a kilo gramme being 2 1-5 pounds. The monetary value is 22,000,000 francs, or £1,240,000. The sum received for licenses to shoot is 7,500,000 francs, or \$1,500,000 .- London Globe.

#### Indian Days.

Marks of Indian days may be found under many old oak trees in southern California, particularly in the mountain districts. It is not uncommon to discover a large stone or boulder with one flat side showing a little above the surface of the ground and with a hole as large as a quart saucepan in the center. In such holes the squaws crushed the acorns which were there by ground into meal for food for the red men.

# Pen and Paper.

"Paper," whether of rags or of wood pulp, still takes its name from the papyrus. A "book" is the beech. the wooden rod on which our fore fathers cut their runic letters. And a "pencil" is still by derivation "penecillus " a little tail, having been originally the name of the Roman painter's brush.-London Chroniele.

#### A Pleasing Custom. It is a pleasing custom in the

French Senate to have the oldest member preside at the opening of the annual session. The Senator now entitled to that honor is M. Porriquet ninety-two years old and parayized. He was recently equal to the occasion, for he had himself carried in a chair to the Senate and to the platform, where he presided ac-

#### Americanized Allens,

Among immigrants the process of Americanization is extraordinarily When the late Prof. Boyesen west to Minnesota he was surprised to find that his fellow Scandinavians preferred to speak English to him, and it was explained that the use of their native tongue would reveal their peasant origin, and thus testity to their social inferiority to a gentleman who has been graduated from the university of Upsala whereas the use of English lifted them all to the lorty tableland of American citizenship.

#### Babies and Coron.

A Paris physician, Dr. Varot, rend a paper before the Hospitals Medical Society the other day, in which be said that a certain number of children had come under his notice who had been fed regularly on cocoa since they had been weaned. The children liked this diet and in many cases refused any other form of nourishment. However, they soon began to suffer from constipation and anaemia; they were puffy, pale, did not gain in weight and became nervous and irritable.

#### Conservative Russia.

Russia is the one country that has made fewest changes in its stamps. In nearly fifty years Russia has brought out only eight distinctive designs. The most extravagant in the production of new designs are the Central American republics. For example, Salvadore with a population of 825,000 and an area smaller than that of New Jersey, issued a new and distinctive series of posatge stamps each year between 1890 and 1900.

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