

A TRIP TO PALESTINE

By Rev. Howard P. Powell

Soon after we were assigned to our rooms we were called to lunch. There was little difference between the food in Syria and that of Palestine. We still had mutton as "the main dish." After one has had several weeks in Palestine, Syria, and Egypt he will have had his share of mutton for life. In Damascus, as in Jerusalem, we were fortunate in having a good supply of oranges. These were served at each meal. In the center of the long tables were large fruit bowls filled with nuts and raisins, which combination we found to be on all the tables in Syria.

We started on our tour of the city soon after the lunch hour. We went first to the Street called Straight, a reference to which you will find in the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 9:11. This street is today, after nineteen hundred years, the main street of Damascus, and is the only straight street in the city. This fact was of peculiar interest to those of us who have studied the life of Saul of Tarsus who became Paul the Apostle. Near this street, we found the traditional home of Ananias, which we visited. We were told that near the end of the Street called Straight stood the home of Judas, where Paul lodged when he was visited by Ananias. There is a mosque built upon the spot today, which was preceded by a church.

We visited the brass factories and rug factories of Damascus and found them to be very interesting. The chief designer in the brass factory was a man of humble life, with very little education. Nevertheless, he sat without any picture or plan before him and carved the most beautiful articles of brass of any man in the history of brass carving, or designing. Just a few days before our party visited Damascus, Mrs. McPherson, of Los Angeles, California, was there and this man designed a brass tray for her priced at two hundred and fifty dollars which was one of the most expensive. Labor is cheap in Damascus, and the same tray would sell for about one thousand dollars in America. In the rug factory we saw little girls laboring with their fingers and needles on

rugs that some times took three months to complete. These little girls worked long hours for ten and fifteen cents a day. They did this at a sacrifice of health, school, and play. Many of them were as young as five and six years of age. The rugs were beautiful, but the price paid by these little children robbed them of much of their beauty.

We visited the old city wall at the gate where it was believed that Paul was lowered by the Christians to save him from the fury of the Jews (Acts 9:25). This gate has been closed for seven hundred years. "Adjacent, underneath some trees, is a tomb said to be that of St. George, an Abyssinian convert who assisted Paul to escape, and perished as a consequence."

As we returned from our tour of the city we met a funeral procession. This was led by the upper part of the casket, which is more than the lid of our caskets. Following the man with this part of the casket was an empty hearse, and then a group of boys and girls dressed in white. Then came four ministers, or priests, and then the body carried by six men. The body was on the lower half of the casket exposed to the view of the procession and the passing throngs. Flowers were banked about the body, but the face was exposed to the hot sun of a May afternoon. The deceased was dressed similar to the American manner of preparation for burial, with the exception of his fez, which is the popular Syrian hat. This man must have been one of some note, judging from the procession and the number of priests.

At three o'clock in the morning, we were awakened by the Mohammedan call to prayer. The tower from which he made his call stood near the window of our room, making it possible for us to get the full benefit of the call. While one may not agree with the Mohammedans, we, as Christians, could well afford to take our prayer life as seriously as they do. We could not but imagine just how many Christians would heed the call to prayer at 3 o'clock

in the morning as many of that faith are doing.

We left Damascus the following morning, following the road leading up the Abana River. Along this road we found some of the choicest flowers and shrubs of Syria, which added no little to the inspiration of the drive.

We are now enroute to Baalbek, Syria.

(To be continued)

POSTELL

Mr. Grady Jones had the misfortune of cutting his foot very badly with an axe last week. Dr. Young took seven stitches to close the place.

Mr. C. L. Stiles has been in lingering health for more than a year and his condition is becoming alarming, as the doctor says he is in a critical condition.

Mr. Theodore Chapman, of Suit, ran his car off of a hill into the branch near M. M. Ledford's store last week and received minor injuries, one on the head and one on the knee.

Mrs. Vaud Brendle, of Akron, O., was a welcome visitor at our Sunday school last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kimsey and Mrs. Lena Blaylock and little Miss Wilmer of Ducktown, Tenn., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Allen and Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Allen last Sunday.

We were blessed with a nice shower of rain last Saturday evening.

There was quite a number of people motored to Marble last Sunday from our section to the all day singing and reported a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Lakes Quinn and little Genet were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Teague.

There was a decoration at the home cemetery known as the Allen cemetery last Sunday at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. J. J. Tague is slowly improving from a broken hip bone.

Mrs. Lyda Cotter is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kimsey, of Ducktown, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hamby were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Allen.

(Last week's letter) Mr. and Mrs. Ed Allen and family, of Athens, Tenn., were welcome guests of the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Allen last Sunday.

Mr. Folie Allen, of Suit, N. C., was a welcome visitor at our Sunday school last Sunday.

A large number of people of our section attended the decoration at Liberty last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hamby motored to Murphy last Saturday evening.

The honey bee owners in our section report a heavy honey flow for the last few weeks.

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Mrs. Vaud Brendle, of Akron, Ohio, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Quinn. Mrs. Brendle was

born and reared in this section and is loved by all know her. She has many friends and relatives to visit while on her vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Runions and little son Charles, of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sherlin and little Miss Martha Rose, of Athens, Tenn., and Miss Glenn Runions, of Farmer Tenn were welcome guests of their uncle ad aunt, etnoita and Mrs. T. M. Allen, last Sunday evening.

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