

TALKS TO SOCIETY

Grace M. Elliott of American School for Girls in Salonika Tells of Conditions and Work There

Sewing was made easy, and a most interesting morning was spent by members of the Woman's society of the Winnetka Congregational church, at the meeting on October 20.

Miss Grace M. Elliott of the American School for Girls in Salonika, talked of her work there. She painted a vivid picture of the narrow, filthy streets in Salonika, filled with inhabitants performing their most intimate domestic duties as they visit back and forth visiting much as we do when we "go to the village." Donkeys jostle pedestrians, and automobiles lurch down the crowded streets. And no woman in Salonika is allowed to sit on the front seat of an auto, much less think of driving one!

The school Miss Elliott represents grew little by little following the Balkan war, when the missionaries were driven from their field and decided to teach English to a few children until conditions grew better. The school now boasts twelve boarders, 325 day pupils, and a waiting list of 300 who were turned away.

Originally located in the worst part of the city, the school has now moved to the outskirts, and has a lovely location.

Miss Elliott told amusing and pathetic tales of housewifery in Salonika, how one woman served Epsom instead of table salt. She is a most devoted person, and together with her co-worker, Miss Nietzen, has adopted a little refuge.

She emphasized the fact that the attempt was not to Americanize the girls, but to give them standards attainable in their own country.

Following devotionals led by Mrs. Karnopp and the luncheon, Dr. Ernest Bourner Allen of Oak Park talked upon "World Friendship." He began with the statement that "the personal elements in life are the richest," and closed with the thought that the world's problems are to be solved only by personal friendly contact.

Dr. Allen pointed out the growth of the "International Mind" through business and educational contacts, and through the World War. That this contact should be a friendly one he felt was the care of the church, and quoted Lloyd George, Mr. Morley, and Elihu Root as agreeing that no agency has been so effective in creating a better understanding among nations as foreign missions.

"The heart of the Christian religion is its friendship," declared Dr. Allen. "Apply it to world problems and see what results."

In closing he gave three definite suggestions as to increasing world friendship: first, train the children to this end; second, "follow the gleam," in other words the visions of the foresee-ers, and third, respect the personality of others.

The Chicago Musical Arts quartet, consisting of Mrs. Sydnie Smith Cooley of Scott avenue, contralto, Evelyn Going, soprano, Rollin Pease, baritone, and Carl Craven, tenor and director, gave the opening concert for the Tuesday Art and Travel club at the Edgewater Beach hotel Tuesday. Mary Ruth Craven was the accompanist.

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