



This Institution has a magnificent location on the Damascus Rd over looking Beirut river to Jinnah Bay - Pashas garden - Mt's all around and at that time of yr flowers abound gorgeous, Pink, red, & blue Cyclamen, Almond blossoms etc.

So skip quite a period. We ~~have~~ <sup>are</sup> returning from our trip thro Palestine & Trans Jordania and ~~have just at~~ a place called Jisar Banat Yakour - our passports were stamped off, which we crossed over the Jordan a fair and are now in Syria which is under the French Mandate. We go next to Damascus - stopped at the Palace Hotel - visited the great Mosque of Amayadi. The head of John Baptist is buried in the Mosque. We took the same road into the City that Paul walked over on his way to persecute the Chr<sup>st</sup> community on that road he had his great vision. He drove to hill in the West of the City where you have a view of Damascus & that it so beautiful he refused to enter & he wanted to enter paradise but fell. A modern tourist from America would hardly have that idea.

Next day we drove thro St. I called Straight - passed house of Judas where Saul went after his conversion - its on St. On the outskirts of City we saw the wall & window thro which Paul was supposed to be let down in a basket. A cross is built in the window. We saw an wire enclosed place filled with rocks & asked what it was & was told it was lice & was to be shipped to America - perhaps to McAndrew & Forbes in Canada. We visited the Brass factory.

Visited an Arabic Museum - very interesting indeed. Old Mosaics, old statues, very old volumes & manuscripts - all hand written. Saw a hand carved Coffin dating back to 1300 B.C. - There was a Holy Carpet, pouched out to us. Pavilion of camel trapping & 11 King Fusel, Arabic Arms. In the lecture room of the Arabic Academy we saw among the pictures of the Arab Scholars - that of  
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Paul's 3rd Miss Journey while on his way from Ephesus to  
Jerusalem. See Act 21: 2, 3. He landed at Tyre. Stayed there 7 days  
for there were disciples there. Heron King of Tyre got Cadmus from  
Sidon. Solomon's Temple from the Hittite mts.

Tripoli

Damascus: Palace Hotel visited The great Mosque of Amr yadi.  
Head of John Baptist is buried in the mosque. Took same route  
into the City that Paul took as he was going into Damascus to persecute  
Christians. From where on his road Paul was given that vision of the light  
When in Damascus we drove to a hill on the west of the City, where  
Mohammed saw the City - & that it so beautiful he refused to enter it.  
Saying he wanted to enter Paradise, but would  
We drove thru the street called Straight - saw the house where  
Judas where Paul went after his conversion.  
On the outskirts of the City we saw the wall & window thro

which Paul was supposed to be let down in a basket & escaped to  
there is a Cross built in this window.  
Visited Brats factory, also a wonderful Arab Museum where  
marvelous things are to be seen. Mosaics, Statues very old volumes &  
manuscripts all hand written. Saw a hand carved Coffin  
dating back to 1300 B.C. A Holy Carpet (Mountat), Banner  
& Camel rappings of Kemp & Isid.



Armistice day Nov 11 1928 fell on Sunday.  
The different French army units  
entered Beirut Sat Night. For when we looked  
out at the sea their ships were up & occupied.  
My son & I went down to the City to see the  
parade etc. Enormous crowds filled  
every street but were roped to keep a movement.  
Soldiers were drawn up in front of the War  
Memorial on the sea front. <sup>The</sup> Naval Commander &  
the highest Military & Govt Officials reviewed  
the different Companies or Divisions.  
~~Later about 25 Officials (military)~~ <sup>high</sup> After the  
troops had been reviewed several officers  
formed in line & men were called by name  
to be decorated - 25 or more - from Generals  
down to men of the Foreign Legion. Then all  
Companies formed & passed in platoons  
the Foreign Legion, a battalion of French Sailors  
& Marines, Algerians, Senegalese, Indo Chinese  
Gendarmes, Machine guns, <sup>Companies</sup> Mounted Artillery,  
Companies, Armoured Cars, Tanks (12 of them)  
Cavalry, Spahis & Lancers. It was a  
wonderful sight. The French are very colorful  
in their uniforms. Spahis & Lancers.



Xmas Eve in Syria is stamped on my mind  
for several reasons. ~~But~~ At the Carol singing  
by quite a number of students. Silent night never  
sounded so sweet. A Violin Solo too was remarkably  
sweet. Xmas day was all one could desire -

There were many unusual events that came up  
while I. I was invited to attend a reception

to the delegates of the Quarantine Conference  
for the Mecca pilgrimage. Officials &  
public health men from all over the Near East -  
(Egypt, Iraq, Palestine) etc were there.

The Mecca pilgrimages bring up many  
international problems, so the various Govts  
from which pilgrims come & the countries thro  
which they go have to agree on <sup>health</sup> methods  
vaccination etc & passports too. There  
were Paschas from Egypt, British Consuls,  
Colonels & majors from Bagdad, Iraq -  
French army officers, Jesuit priests etc -  
I was served & all had an interesting

time. The Friends are doing a good work in  
Syria - there is a Hospital for the insane -  
Dr & Mrs Watson Smith (British) are heads  
of the institution. They gave a delightful reception  
to some of their British friends who evidently  
were touring. Dr Fortescue Fox, Miss Fox, Miss  
Cadman (Cousin) of the Mrs Charles & Alexander