

now than before, as the people grow bolder or the robbers grow less bold. Even yet, however, you occasionally hear of a man's losing a horse or finding his crop destroyed if his field be far from home.

Right below, you can see the red tiled roofs and queer chimneys of Bardizag and beyond these a group of cattle which a few small boys are herding in the common outside the village. Then follows a gradual slope until ridge and gorge alike unite in a wide plain beyond which lie the blue waters of the gulf of Nicomedia. This gulf, which joins with the Marmora sixty miles to the west, ends here; so that instead of crossing in a "caïque," you may ride around the marsh at the head of the gulf. The plain, in which the gulf lies, stretches farther east, narrows gradually, and then suddenly opens again ten miles below into the Lake of Sapandja, which is ten miles long and probably was once united with the gulf.

On the northern shore of the gulf, and right opposite us, is the city of Nicomedia. Its triangular outline can be roughly made out in the evening when all the lights are lit, its base resting on the water's edge while it extends up the slopes of a hill and its sides meet at the top near the mosque of Sultan Orkhan, son of the founder of the Ottoman dynasty. Once a Greek church and possibly in existence when Diocletian deserted Rome and made Nicomedia the capital of the Empire (284 A.D.), this mosque marks the place where the Turks effected an entrance into the city (about 1330) and now serves as a Mohammedan place of worship.

In this little village three miles

from the southern shore of the gulf, in a comparatively secluded spot in the Ottoman Empire, people are born and live and die, buried in their little round of life, unconscious of the historic associations of this land and dead to the outside world except when some tragedy in that outside world involves in its awful consequences some poor victim from our town and thus adds a little to the already too heavy burden of life.

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Bardizag, Ismidt, Turkey in Asia.

W. R. Saunders, B.A. '99, who has been holding the position of Mathematical Master of Dundas High School, was recently promoted to the principalship of that institution.

Rev. G. Munro of the '04 class in Divinity was inducted into the charge of Blythewood and Goldsmith in Chatham Presbytery on Jan. 2nd. An interesting feature of the induction was the presence of Mr. Munro's father, Rev. Dr. Muro, of Ridgetown, who conducted the devotional exercises.

In the British Columbia notes in a recent issue of the Presbyterian we observe an account of an interesting visit paid the Presbyterians of Chilliwack during Christmas week by Rev. G. C. Patterson, M.A. '80, of Embro, Ont. The peculiar interest attaching to Mr. Patterson's visit is the fact that he was the minister at Chilliwack when the Presbyterian cause was organized there nineteen years ago. Mr. Patterson has been spending a few weeks in British Columbia enjoying a much-needed rest and change.