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THE FESTIVE SEASON

Agricultural Society Arranging for Dances

The young folk of North and South Saanich and District will be interested to learn that the popular and enterprising Secretary of the North and South Saanich Agricultural Society is arranging to hold a series of dances, during the coming season, in the fine hall of the Society. The dances will be commenced as soon as full arrangements for entertaining are

completed and the influenza ban is lifted. One of the reasons for the holding of the dances, apart from the pleasure they are sure to give to those who participate in them, is that the Society needs very badly a new piano. The present one has been in use, there is a legend, for about 35 years, so it has served its purpose extremely well. From the proceeds of the dances it is hoped to purchase a new instrument, and the Society may have their choice from three good piano stores whose announcements appear on our front page. In connection with the dances, refresh-

Damascus the Pearls of the East

HISTORIA CITY OCCUPIED BY BRITISH FULLY DESERVES THIS FAME
IS OF IMMENSE ANTIQUITY AND EXQUISITELY PLACED—HOARY WITH TRADITIONS

Damascus, with a population of 250,000, third city of Turkey, is of immense antiquity and exquisitely placed. It is said to be the oldest city in the world, and it is mentioned in Genesis and repeatedly in the Old Testament; its name occurs on the Egyptian monuments and in the Tell-el-Amara letters of about 1400 B.C.

It lies on a fertile range under the Anti-Lebanon ridge, watered by seven streams, of which two are Abana and Pharpar, with the snowy crest of Herman rising to over 9,000 feet above.

The first impression it makes upon the traveller is one of entrancing beauty; the city shines as a diamond set in the dark green of fruitful gardens, amid poplars, cypresses, palms, walnuts, apricots, orange trees, pomegranates and figs, so that the air is filled with the fragrance of their blossom in the spring.

Hence it is called by the oriental "the pearl of the East," and it is one of those very rare places which merit their fame.

The interior of the city is disappointing at first sight. The streets are narrow, crooked and odorous; the houses are outwardly mean. But still through it runs from east to west, "the street, which is called Straight," as in the days when Saul was bound thither to be struck down and rise a Paul the Apostle of the Gentiles.

In this Via Recta of Roman days, then 100 feet wide and of majestic aspect, traces of colonades may here and there still be discovered. Here, too, are the sites of the very buildings—according to tradition which in the East persists through the centuries—of Naaman's house, of the dwelling from which Paul was let down in a basket, of the houses of Judas and Ananias.

There too, is the great mosque, probably standing on the site of the very temple of Rimmon, where Naaman was wont to bow to the Syrian god. It afterwards became a christian church, but in 1393 it was damaged by fire. According to Moslem tradition, when Christ comes to judge the world he will descend to this mosque and summon the Moslems.

Magnificent Houses

The houses of Damascus are magnificent within, and the city was a wealthy one until it felt the oppression and the tyranny of the Turks. It was famous for its "damescene" work in steel, which consists in inlaying fine steel with gold or silver in wavy lines, whence the name has passed to damask linen with similar design. The damask plum or damson, the damask rose, rosewater and scented powder vie with Damascus silks and silverware.

Few cities have changed hands so often. It was held by the Egyptians before the days of Joshua; was taken by David; became the capital of a Syrian kingdom in the reign of Solomon; was stormed by the Assyrians; was betrayed to Alexander the Great; and in 63 B.C. was captured by the Romans. The Moslems took it in A.D. 635, the Crusaders in 1126 but it was speedily retaken by Saladin. It became Turkish in 1516, but in the nineteenth century was for a few years in Egyptian hands.

Its strategic importance is great; it is the key to Central Syria, and the population in it and round it is friendly to the Allies, and for that reason has recently had to suffer cruelly at the hands of the enemy.

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