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## PREAMBLE.

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*Whereas*, the evangelical churches of *Central Turkey* urgently need a well educated native ministry, and well educated teachers for their high schools ; and *Whereas*, those churches, at the Annual Meeting of their "Union" at Oorfa, in 1870, through their delegates, took the initiatory steps for improving the means of education ; and *Whereas*, those churches have expressed an earnest desire for the early establishment of a first-class institution where young men can be educated for the ministry and for other callings and professions, and have pledged themselves to contribute liberally, according to their ability, for the endowment of such an Institution ; and *Whereas*, the Mission of the A. B. C. F. M. in Central Turkey has promised to co-operate with those churches in founding such an Institution ; and *Whereas*, the A. B. C. F. M. at its Annual Meeting in Salem, Mass., in 1871, has also endorsed the plan of establishing such an Institution ; and *Whereas*, said Institution, with the title of "THE CENTRAL TURKEY COLLEGE," has been incorporated under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, U. S. A. ; and *Whereas*, it is believed that said College will be a powerful instrument for good in the work of Reformation now going forward in the Turkish Empire ; and *Whereas*, Aintab is considered the most eligible location for the College, on ac-

count of its healthy climate and its central position to the Turkish-speaking population south of the Taurus Mountains ;

*Therefore*, for the general organization and management of "THE CENTRAL TURKEY COLLEGE," there have been adopted the following Constitution and By-Laws.

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## CONSTITUTION.

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ARTICLE I. The primary object of the Central Turkey College is the thorough education of *Pastors, Preachers* and *Teachers* for the evangelical churches of Central Turkey. A secondary, but important object, will be the general advance of true *Science* and *Civilization* among all the nationalities in that portion of the Turkish Empire. Hence the College shall always be a *Christian College*, conducted and governed according to the principles of *evangelical Christianity*.

ARTICLE II. There shall be a Board of sixteen Trustees and Managers, eight of them to be appointed by the "Union" of the evangelical churches of Central Turkey, to be known as the Board of Managers, and eight by the Prudential Committee of the A. B. C. F. M. in America, to be known as the Board of Trustees. The "Board of Managers" shall form a distinct body, having a President, Secretary and Treasurer.\*

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\* The Rules and By-Laws of said Board shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees in America for their approval.

ARTICLE III. The "Union," at its first election, shall elect two members of the Board of Managers to serve for one year, two to serve two years, two to serve three years, and two to serve four years; and every year thereafter shall elect two members to serve in the places of those whose term of office has expired. For the first twenty-five years, four of the Managers so elected, shall be selected from missionaries of the A. B. C. F. M. in Turkey. In case of a vacancy by death, removal, or otherwise, in the Board of Managers, the unexpired term of the member or members so removed, shall be filled by the "Union" at its next regular meeting. The President of the College shall be, ex-officio, President of the Board of Managers, but without the right to vote.

ARTICLE IV. The Prudential Committee shall elect eight Trustees to serve as a permanent Board in America, and shall fill any vacancies that may occur in the Board during a period of twenty-five years. After the expiration of this period, if in the judgment of the Prudential Committee, the College has become established upon a firm basis, and in accordance with the original intent, as defined by Article I, vacancies shall be filled by the "Union" in the same manner as in the case of the eight previously appointed; each new member, so elected, to serve for four years, provided, however, that the member of the Board of Trustees in America, who shall be appointed to serve as Treasurer, and his successors, shall be elected by the Prudential Committee during a period of fifty years.

ARTICLE V. The Board of Managers shall have the immediate control of the College. They will secure the necessary grounds and buildings, prepare the course of

instruction, propose nominations for President and Professorships, fix the rates of tuition, make all necessary rules and regulations, and, in general, decide all local questions affecting the interests of the College ; it being understood always that this is to be a Christian institution, in which the principles and practice of the Christian religion are to be taught and illustrated in the lives and characters of its teachers, and that no course of instruction shall be allowed which is not in accordance with the principles of evangelical Christianity.

ARTICLE VI. The Board of Managers shall make an Annual Report to the Trustees in the U. S. A., a copy of which shall be presented also at the Annual Meeting of the Cilicia Evangelical Union. This Report shall give an account of all the funds received and expended, of the studies pursued during the year, and of the general condition of the College.

ARTICLE VII. The Trustees shall confirm nominations for President and Professorships, if they approve of the same. They shall also hold the right to remove such officers, and in case of a vacancy, if nominations approved by the Trustees are not made within a year from the time said vacancy occurs, the Trustees may appoint such officers. The Trustees shall determine the salaries of officers and instructors, after receiving recommendations on the subject from the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE VIII. The Board of Trustees shall be the ultimate authority in all the affairs of the institution, but their action in local matters shall be solely through the Board of Managers, and all cases referred to the Trustees must be presented through the Board of Managers, and with the sanction of that Board.

ARTICLE IX. The Trustees in America will hold and direct the use of all funds raised in the U. S. A. or elsewhere than in Turkey, whether to be given as grants in aid of buildings and the necessary equipment, or to be held as a permanent fund, the income only to be applied for the support of officers or scholarships. In the disbursement of all funds they will be advised by the Board of Managers, but in making grants they will be expected to act in accordance with the intent of Article V.

ARTICLE X. In case the Board of Managers are equally divided on important questions, an appeal may be made to the Trustees in America for final decision ; or in any case of disagreement, a minority of three may make such an appeal. The Trustees will be expected, also, to offer any suggestions or counsel, as occasion may require.

ARTICLE XI. The Board of Managers shall have charge of all funds raised in Turkey, (in addition to the 160,000 piasters raised by the Union,) whether such funds are to be applied in the purchase of a lot, in the erection of buildings, or invested as a permanent fund, the income only of which shall be used for the support of teachers, and in case of a balance on hand, for the support of Professors.

ARTICLE XII. At the expiration of fifty years from January, 1875, the control of all funds shall be transferred to the Board of Managers in Turkey, provided that in the judgment of the Prudential Committee the Institution is fulfilling, and is likely to fulfill, its original purpose as defined in Article I. Otherwise, the funds shall be transferred to other institutions within the bounds of the present Central Turkey Mission, for the

general purposes of evangelical Protestant education, subject to such conditions as the Prudential Committee may desire. In the case of such transfer, the funds invested in Turkey shall be under the control of the evangelical churches in the above-named mission field.

Whenever, in due course of time, the number of Trustees in America shall be less than three, all the care and responsibility for the conduct of the Institution shall be transferred to the Board of Managers in Turkey, with the exception of funds invested in America, which shall be held and transferred as above stated.

ARTICLE XIII. The lot on which the College buildings shall be erected, those buildings themselves, and all the real estate belonging to the College, shall be held in trust by the Board of Managers for the period of twenty-five years. After that period, the real estate of the College shall be held in trust, as stated in Article XI, by the Board of Managers, except one-tenth, which shall be held by American citizens, who shall be chosen by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE XIV. The Faculty shall consist of the President and Professors of the College. In addition to their duties as instructors, they shall be invested with authority over the internal affairs of the College, it being always understood, however, that they shall be at liberty to seek advice and counsel from the Board of Managers, and to consult with them in regard to the course of study.

ARTICLE XV. This *Constitution and the By-Laws* may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Trustees at an Annual Meeting, or at a meeting regularly called for this purpose, full notice of the proposed amendments having been given at a previous meeting.

## BY-LAWS.

1. An Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers shall be held in connection with the Annual Meeting of the evangelical churches of the Cilicia Union, due notice of the time and place having been given by the Secretary two weeks in advance. A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

2. Special meetings of the Managers may be called by the President and Secretary, on giving two weeks' notice of the time and place, and a statement of the business to be considered at such meetings.

3. An Annual Meeting of the Trustees in America shall be held in the month of January each year, one week's notice thereof being given by the Secretary.

4. Special meetings of the Trustees may be called in the same manner by the President and Secretary, whenever deemed necessary.

5. Three members of the Board of Trustees shall be sufficient for the transaction of any business at a meeting duly called.

6. The officers of the Boards shall be elected each year at Annual Meetings of said Boards.

7. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute an Executive Committee, with authority to make all needful arrangements to raise and invest funds, and to attend to necessary details of business in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and the direction of the Trustees. The Executive Committee shall render a report at each Annual Meeting, and at such other times as the Board of Trustees shall direct.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Four.

### AN ACT

To incorporate the Trustees of Donations for Education in Turkey.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECT. 1. Ezra Farnsworth, Richard H. Stearns, James M. Gordon, their associates and successors, are made a corporation by the name of the Trustees of Donations for Education in Turkey; with the powers and privileges, and subject to the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in the general laws, which now are or may hereafter be in force relating to corporations, so far as the same may be applicable.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may hold real and personal estate to the value of two hundred thousand dollars, the income whereof shall be applied to the promotion of collegiate and theological education in Turkey. But no part of the property of said Corporation located within this Commonwealth shall be exempt from taxation.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved, March 27, 1874.







