

Τὸ μέγαρον τῆς Γενναδείου Βιβλιοθήκης

ΤΑ ΧΩΣΙΝΑ ΕΓΚΑΙΝΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΓΕΝΝΑΔΕΙΟΥ ΒΙΒΛΙΟΘΗΚΗΣ ΟΙ ΛΟΓΟΙ ΚΑΙ ΑΙ ΠΡΟΣΦΩΝΗΣΕΙΣ

Τὰ εγκαίνια τῆς Γενναδείου Βιβλιοθήκης ἐτελέσθησαν χθὲς μετ' ἐπισημοῦν ἐρηνηστικῶν παρεμβολῶν ὅπως σπάνιος εἶδος ἐκ τῆς Ἀθηνῶν. Τὸ κολλυμασμένον κτίριον εἰς ἑλληνικὸν ἀνεγερθὲν ρυθμὸν ἀπὸ τοῦ ἀρχιτέκτονος κ. κ. Πέλτ καὶ Τόμπαν, ἀπὸστρατεῖται ἀπὸ ἀραιότητα καὶ αἰγλῆν. Ἐκατέρωθεν ἐπιμαρτυρεῖ ἡ Ἑλληνικὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀμερικανικὴ σημαία.

Ἀπὸ τῆς 4 μ. μ. ἤρχισαν προσερχόμενοι οἱ προσκεκλημένοι 260 τὸν ἱερόν. Μεταξὺ αὐτῶν ἦσαν οἱ ἀντιπρόσωποι ἑλῶν τῶν ἐπιστημονικῶν σωμάτων, ἑλληνικῶν καὶ ξένων, ἱκανοὶ τοῦ πολιτικοῦ κόσμου καὶ τοῦ διπλωματικοῦ καὶ τὰ ἐπικεῖτα μέλη τῆς ἐξέτης καὶ ἀδελφικῆς κοινωνίας. Τὴν 4,30 μ. μ. ἐκινήσαντες ἀπὸ τῆς ἀπέναντι τῆς Βιβλιοθήκης ἐδικοκόμενης Ἀμερικανικῆς Σχολῆς εἰσῆλθον φέροντες τὴν πανεπιστημιακὴν τήδεον οἱ ἀντιπρόσωποι ἐξεδιμήκοντα Ἀμερικανικῶν Πανεπιστημίων καὶ καθιδρυμάτων, μετ' αὐτῶν δὲ καὶ ὁ κ. Γεννάδιος μετ' ἐρυσσάν τῆς ἑσθῆς, καὶ αὐτοὶ. Ἐπίσης δὲ καὶ πολλοὶ διδάκτορες μετ' αὐτὴν περιβολήν. Συγχρότως εἰσῆλθε καὶ ὁ Πρόεδρος τῆς Δημοκρατίας. Τὸ θέαμα ὑπέβαινεν ἐπιβλητικώτατον.

Εὐθὺς ἀμύσας ὁ Μακάρο Ἀρχιεπίσκοπος ἐτέλεσε σύνθετον ἱεροτελεστίαν, ψάλλοντος ἀπὸ τοῦ χοροῦ τοῦ ἐπὶ ὑπομῶχῃ. Καὶ ἤρχισαν κατόπιν αἱ προσφωνήσεις καὶ οἱ λόγοι παραταθέντες κάπως πέραν τοῦ δέοντος διότι διήρκεσαν δύο ὥρας.

Ὁ πρεσβύτερος τῆς τελετῆς κ. Λόγγυ Ζωμὰς σύντεπεν εἰσιγγεῖν καὶ κατόπιν ὁ Πρόεδρος τῆς Δημοκρατίας εἶπεν ὀλίγα τινὰ ἐπαίρων τὸ ἔργον τῆς ἱδρύσεως τῆς Βιβλιοθήκης καὶ τὰ καλὰ ἀποτελέσματα τὰ ὅποια ὁ ἔχῃ διὰ τὴν στανωτέραν ἐπικτηνῶν Ἑλλάδος καὶ Ἀμερικῆς. Ἐπειτα ἐμίλησεν ὁ κ. Πρίστει, Πρόεδρος τῆς Ἐπιτροπῆς Κἀρνεῖν, ἡ ὁποία ἱδρύσας τὴν Βιβλιοθήκην καὶ μετ' αὐτῶν ὁ κ. Γεννάδιος ἀπὸ τοῦ βήματος ἑλληνιστὶ κατ' ἀρχάς, ἀγγλιστὶ ἀπολοῦσας καὶ κα-

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τόπων πάλιν ἑλληνιστὶ. Ὁ λόγος τοῦ κ. Γενναδίου ἦτο θαυμάσιος καὶ ἀνετίλεσε φόρον εὐλαβείας καὶ ἐκείνη μνήμην τῶν μεγάλων ἀνδρῶν καὶ τῶν ἀσκήτων πατρῶς του. Εὐχέλων δὲ τὴν Βιβλιοθήκην ἰδρύσθαι εἰς μνήμην καὶ χάριν τοῦ ἀμερικανικοῦ μέλους λέγων ὅτι ἀπὸ τῶν ὁρίων σου λαοποταῖ.

Ἀπὸ τὸν κ. Γεννάδιον ἐμίλησεν ὁ κ. Κάπας, πρόεδρος τῆς ἐπιτροπῆς τῆς Βιβλιοθήκης καὶ μετ' αὐτὸν ὁ κ. Μὲνάρδος, τῆς Ἀμερικανικῆς Σχολῆς, ἡ πολλὴν φαιδρότητα ποικίλας τοῦ ὁποῦ ἔχον τοῦ. Ὁ κ. Σαόγκιν, βιβλιοθηκῶν, ἐμίλησε πρὸς τὸ σκεπὸς τῆς Βιβλιοθήκης καὶ τὸτερον διεδέχθη ὁ ἐπιτετραμμένος τῆς Ἀμερικῆς. Ἐπειτα ἐμίλησεν ἀπὸ τοῦ βήματος ἑλληνιστὶ ὁ Πρύτανης τοῦ Πανεπιστημίου κ. Μενάρδος. Καὶ μετ' αὐτὸν ἀπὸ τοῦ βήματος ἐπίσης, ἰταλιστὶ, ὁ διευθυντὴς τῆς Ἱταλικῆς Ἀρχαιολογικῆς Σχολῆς Δέλλα Σέττα ἐξ ὀνόματος ἑλῶν τῶν ἑνῶν Ἀρχαιολογικῶν Σχολῶν καὶ τέλος ὁ κ. Φιλῆυ ἐξ ὀνόματος τῶν Ἀμερικανικῶν Πανεπιστημίων.

Τὴν 6,30 μ. μ. μόλις ἤλθεν ἡ ὥρα αἱ ἐμολογευμένων καὶ ἐπιβλητικώτατη τελετὴ.

Σήμερον ἀπὸ τῆς 5—8 μ. μ. ὁ ἀγὼν δεξιῶσε τῶν προσκεκλημένων εἰς τὰς αἰθούσας τῆς Ἀμερικανικῆς Ἀρχαιολογικῆς Σχολῆς.

Εἰς τὴν πρόσφωπν τῆς Βιβλιοθήκης ὑπάρχει ἡ ἐξῆς ἐπιγραφή.

ΓΕΝΝΑΔΕΙΟΝ

Ἑλλήνες καλοῦνται οἱ τῆς παιδείας ὡς τῆς ἡμετέρας μετέχοντες
Καὶ ἔσω ἡ ἀκόλουθος ἐπιγραφή χαραγμένη:
Ἐνθάδε ἐπὶ ἑλληνικῆς γῆς
ψῆφον τῆς Βουλῆς τῶν Ἑλλήνων
χορηγηθείσης
Τὸ ἐν Ἀμερικῇ Καρνεῖον Σωματεῖον
ἀνέγειρε τὸ μέγαρον τοῦτο
ἐκ τῆς ἐπιτοῆς τῆς συλλογῆς
τῶν ἱσορίων φρονέοντι θησαυροθεσίας
καὶ τῶν δωρηθείσας
ὑπὸ Ἰωάννου Γενναδίου
καὶ Ἀνδρῆς τῆς συζύγου αὐτοῦ
Εἰς μνήμην αἰδίου τοῦ Πατρὸς
Γεωργίου τοῦ Γενναδίου
Τῇ ἐν Ἀθήναις Ἀμερικανικῇ Σχολῇ
Ὅπως ἀνέχῃ τὸ φῶς
τῆς ἀληθείας καὶ τῆς ἐλευθερίας
καὶ φρουρή τὴν φιλοτιμία
Ἑλλάδος καὶ Ἑσπερίας εἰς αἰ.

ΤΙ ΕΙΝΕ Ἡ ΒΙΒΛΙΟΘΗΚΗ

Ἡ Βιβλιοθήκη τοῦ κ. Γενναδίου εἶνε ἀπὸ τὰς πλουσιωτέρας καὶ στανιωτέρας εἰς τὸ εἶδος τῆς Μεταξὺ ἄλλων δὲ περιέχει πολὺ τι μὲν συμβολὴν διὰ τὴν ἱστορίαν τῆς βιβλιοθετικής.

Τὴν βιβλιοθήκην τοῦ κ. Γενναδίου ἐδίδωρσαν εἰς τὴν Ἀμερικανικὴν Σχολὴν. Ὑπὸ ἑνα ἑκῶν ἔσεν ὅτι θὰ εἶνε ἀνεκτὴ εἰς ἑλῶν τοὺς φιλομαθεῖς. Ἡ Σχολὴ ἐπέτυχον ἐπίσης ἀπὸ τοῦ ἱδρυμα Κἀρνεῖν τὸ ἀναγκαῖον πρὸς διὰ τὴν κατασκευὴν τοῦ κτίριου, τὸ ὅποιον θὰ ἐπτάγαζε τὴν Βιβλιοθήκην καὶ ἡ Ἑλληνικὴ Κυβέρνησις παρεχώρησε τὸ γήπεδον.

Τὸ πρῶτον πραγματικὸν μέγαρον ἀρχαῖον καὶ ἐκτετατόν. Ὁ κ. Γεννάδιος ἐκτετατοῦσεν ὅλην τὴν κατασκευὴν ἐπὶ τῇ βάσει τοῦ σχεδίου δὲ ἀρχιτεκτόνων τῆς Νέας Ἰόρκης τῶν κ. κ. Πέλτ καὶ Τόμπαν, ὡς ἐγεγράφην.

Ἡ Βιβλιοθήκη περιλαμβάνει πλέον τὰ 40,000 τόμων, ἐκ τῶν ὁποίων μέρος σὺν καταβῶν ὑπὸ τοῦ πατρὸς τοῦ δωρητοῦ τῆς ἀσθμῆς τ' ἱδρυκῆς τοῦ Γένουα ὅπως ὦν ἔσαν ἄλλοτε τὸν Γεωργίου Γενναδίου.

Εἶνε ἰδιαίτερως πλουσία εἰς ἔργα ῥοντα τὴν Ἑλλάδα καὶ τὴν Ἀνατολὴν τῶν ἄλλων πολυτιμωτάτων ἔργων ἐν καὶ μόνον ἀντίτυπον μοναδικὸν τὸν κόσμον. Εἶνε ἑνα φυλλάδιον τὸ 1829 εἰς τὴν Κωνσταντινούπολιν τῶν Γουδαίου καὶ πραγματευμένων διερμολογήσεων ἐν Τουρκίᾳ. Τὸ τὸ ἀντίτυπον ἐξήγησε νὰ ἀγοράσῃ γαίον τὸν Ἑσπερικῶν τῆς Ἀ. ὁ κ. Γεννάδιος δὲν συνήνεσε.

GENNADIUS LIBRARY IS OPENED IN ATHENS

Building for Famous Collection
Is Dedicated by American
Classical School.

MANY EDUCATORS PRESENT

President Pangalos of Greece Speaks
and Athens Prelate Blesses
the Structure.

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ATHENS, April 23.—The Gennadion, the building specially constructed to house the library which Joannes Gennadius, for many years Hellenic Minister to Washington and London, presented to the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, was formerly dedicated and opened today.

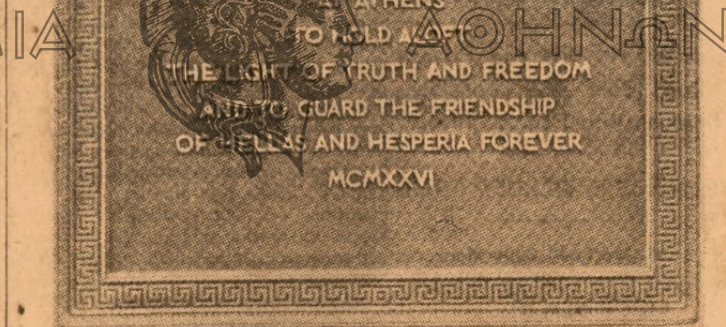
The Gennadion was blessed in the presence of the donor of the library, Professor Edmund Vryniotis and Professor Hill of the American school; Dr. Henry S. Pritchett, President of the Carnegie Foundation; Dr. John H. Finley and the representatives of seventy American universities, who have come to Athens to attend the opening ceremony.

After the religious ceremony by the Archbishop of Athens, Mgr. Chrysostomos, speeches were made by President Pangalos, M. Gennadius, Professor Hill, Dr. Pritchett and a reception at the American school followed.

The original intention of M. Gennadius was to present the library to his own country, but the idea had to be abandoned for financial reasons, and a similar lack of funds compelled the British School of Archaeology at Athens most regretfully to decline the proffered gift. When, however, the library was offered to the American school the necessary money was forthcoming through an appeal to the Carnegie Corporation, which made a grant of \$270,000 for the building.

A great part of this library, which as a private library of bindings, incunabula and manuscripts ranks not very far behind the J. Pierpont Morgan collection, was acquired in London where M. Gennadius spent many years of his long life. The exact number of books has not yet been ascertained, as about one-third still remains to be catalogued, but the librarian estimates it at about 25,000.

The library is particularly rich in those sections dealing with the Greek war of independence, with geography



TABLET IN THE NEW ATHENS LIBRARY

Unveiled Yesterday by the American School for Classical Studies, in the Building Donated by the Carnegie Foundation to House the Collection Given by Joannes Gennadius.

and travel and with classical Greek literature, and there is also a valuable and large Byzantine collection.

One of the great treasures is a copy of Lascari's Greek grammar, printed in Milan in 1476, the first Greek book ever printed.

Greece Donates the Land.

ATHENS, April 23 (AP).—General Pangalos, newly elected Greek President, in an address, presented the land on which the Gennadion is built. Dr. Henry S. Pritchett, President of the Carnegie Foundation, which provided

the funds for the buildings, which include not only the library proper but a librarian's residence and a home for an annual professor, presented the building. Then the donor, Dr. Genadius, sturdy and alert despite his eighty-odd years, presented the books and collections, illustrating the entire history of Hellenic civilization, which it has taken him a lifetime to amass.

Speeches of acceptance were made by William C. Loring of Boston, Mass., President of the Board of Trustees of the school, and Edward Capps, former Minister to Greece and Chairman of the managing committee of the school.