

Schismatics

"In the large monastery at Julfa there are twenty priests, and twenty other persons in the service of the monastery: in the small monastery three priests only.

"The other churches, to the number of 21, belong to the schismatics, of which the titles (dedications) are:

		(Note by the Rev. Fr. Jean Galaup, Superior of Lazarist Fathers, Julfa, 15.6.1933):
"1.	The large monastery for men—The Saviour	"exists today"
"2.	the small monastery for men—S. Sergius	"exists today"
"3.	the convent for women. S. Catharine	"exists today"
"4.	Mother of God	
"5.	S. Gregory the Illuminator	
"6.	S. John Baptist	"exists today"
"7.	S. James	"exists today"
"8.	a second dedicated to the Mother of God	"exists today"
	"The rest do not have titles, but are (known by) the places in which they are situated, or by the name of him by whom they were built.	
"9.	Called 'church of the Maidan-i-Buzurg'	
"10.	" Murad	
"11.	" Pranchini ¹	
"12.	" Kissutasnag	
"13.	" Carameliki	
"14.	" Kodjenti	
"15.	" Portuveni	
"16.	" Kotchieveni	
"17.	" Carakielens	"exists today"
"18.	" Tarvisii (? Tauris, Tabriz)	"exists today"
"19.	" Chevellens	
"20.	" Chafrasens	
"21.	" Erivani	"exists today"
"22.	" Maidan-i-Kaki ²	

"No church is built of stone but, as is the custom, of mud and plaster covered with baked bricks, or wood.

"There are also at Isfahan four valleys which formerly, and in the time of Shah 'Abbas, had many villages, each village its church:

The valley of Piria	had 21 villages
" "	Bulvari " 17 "
" "	Ganduman " 12 "
" "	Linjand " 9 "

"Certain of them now exist, the rest by force majeure of the 'Turks', by apostasy, by lack of inhabitants, by the carelessness of the parties fell into ruin."

(Note by Rev. Fr. Galaup, 14.2.1935):

"Piria doit avoir (1935) 20 villages habités uniquement par les Arméniens: et 7 villages habités partie par des Arméniens et partie par des Mussulmans. Bulvari compterait 20 villages, mais la plupart sont mélangés de Mussulmans. Linjand-elle existe toujours, mais je crois qu'il n'y a plus d'Arméniens. Ganduman je ne la connais pas; je ne serais pas surpris qu'on veuille désigner Chahar Mahal qui compte actuellement 14 villages Arméniens."

¹ The writing in the manuscript in this and the following names is not easy to read: and the spelling is in Latin by a Frenchman and perhaps words are wrongly copied.

² The Rev. Fr. Galaup added: "Trois autres églises existent, S. Nerses, S. Stephen, and S. George. Elles devaient sans doute exister en 1720, mais porter un autre nom. . . ."