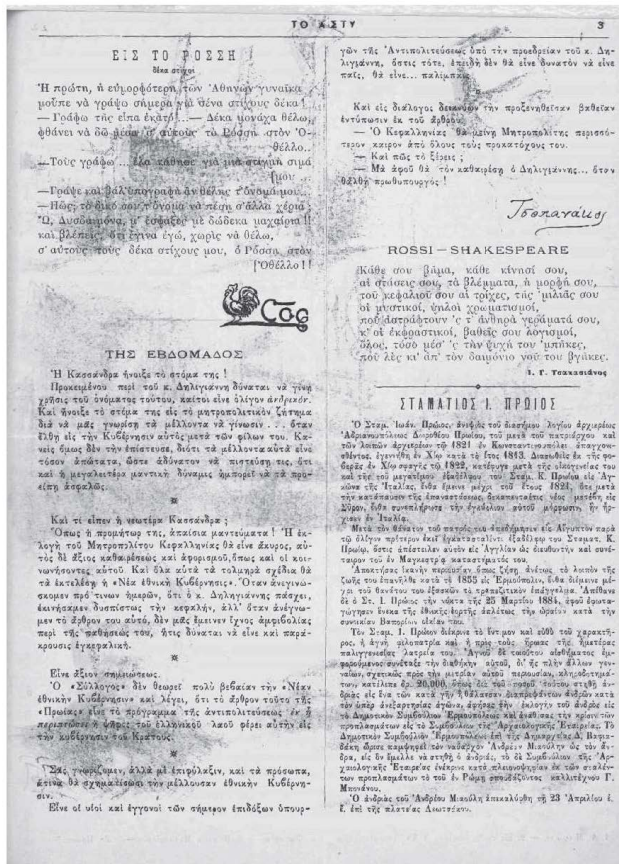


Obituary for STAMATIOS J. PROIOS

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Stamatios (John) Proios was a nephew of Dorotheus Proios, the famous scholar and archbishop of Adrianople who was hanged in 1821 by the Turks in Constantinople along with the Patriarch and other high-ranking clergymen. St. J. Proios was born 1813 in Chios. He survived the terrible 1822 massacre and found refuge in Ancona, Italy, along with his family and that of his cousin's, Stamatios K. Proios; he stayed there until 1824 and moved then to Syros, where he accomplished his school education which had begun in Italy.

After his father's death he migrated to Egypt, joining his cousin Stam. K. Proios who had settled there short time before. He was then sent by his cousin to England as co-partner and manager of the Proios branch office in Manchester.

After having acquired a fortune big enough to ensure him a comfortable living for the rest of his life, he returned in 1855 to Ermoupolis, where he had been living until his death and working there as a banker. Stam. J. Proios died in the night of 25 March 1884 in his beautiful house at Vaporia Quarter which he had festively illuminated celebrating the National Holiday of 25 March.

Stam. J. Proios was a man of honest and straight character, a great patriot who worshipped the heroes of the Greek Independence War. So he willed the sum of 20.000 Drachmas to the Municipal Administration of Ermoupolis for erecting a memorial in honor of one of those heroes. The Municipal Council of Ermoupolis decided unanimously to raise a statue of Admiral Andreas Miaoulis. As a result of a competition among various artists, selected was the work of G. Bonanos, a young sculptor studying in Rome.

The Andreas Miaoulis memorial at Leotsakos Square was inaugurated on April 23rd of this year [1889].