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A large number of Greeks from Asia Minor, who had sought safety in the island of Samos, together with a few Sciotes who had left their native island, joined together in an expedition to Scio, in order to induce the inhabitants to join in the struggle against the Turks.

The Grecian troops landed on the island, and Logotheti, among others, left his family and his fire side to add one to the number of those who meditated an attack upon the castle, and were determined the Turks should surrender their hostages. What was the fate of Logotheti is not known, but he never returned to his family. Soon after, the Ottoman fleet arrived, and a Turkish army marched into the city. The barbarians, in their rage for cruelty, spared neither women nor children. They rushed into the house of Logotheti, tied the hands of little Halet, and forced him away. As he looked back, he saw his two sisters bleeding and breathless on the floor. The soldiers had carried his mother away and he never saw her more. The next day little Halet was taken to Smyrna to be sold as a slave. Here, after being branded on the forehead with a hot iron, he was sold to a Turkish merchant. One of his mother's brothers, named Bozzaris, who lived in Smyrna, ascertained that Halet was a captive, and determined to rescue him. He effected this by concealing himself in the vineyard where the boy was daily sent to gather grapes; and when he came with his basket, his uncle persuaded him to follow him home, where he was secreted in the cellar. It was soon rumored, however, that a Sciotes slave had been missed, and that the houses of all the Greeks in Smyrna were to be searched. Bozzaris, alarmed at this, took the boy at night to one of the wharves, and inquired for an American vessel.

He without difficulty found one destined for Boston, and persuaded the Captain to take and protect Halet. The Captain, by his kind attention to the lad, though he was unable to converse with him, won his affections, and seemed to him like a father. Before the voyage was half finished, the Captain sickened and died; previous to which, however, he left a request for his wife to adopt the promising Greek, and treat him in all respects like a son. On his arrival here, he found in the widow, a friend quite as generous as the Captain had been.

He is now a robust, industrious sailor, about fourteen or fifteen years of age; has forgotten many of the sufferings of his more childish days, and says but little about going to fight his old enemies, the Turks.

The Little Greek Boy.—The Juvenile Miscellany for the present month, besides several other attractive pieces, contains the story of the little Greek lad, Halet Logotheti, a native of Scio, who was saved from the dreadful slaughter there, taken on board an American vessel and brought to Boston. The whole narrative is given in Miss Francis' simple, and to children, really fascinating style. It commences with some account of affairs at Scio previous to 1822. It then proceeds to describe the family of Logotheti, which consisted of himself, his wife and six children.