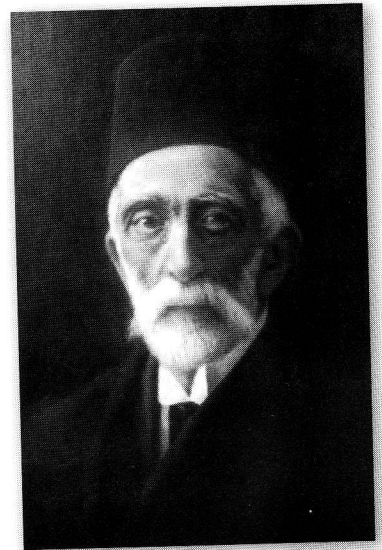


KRIKOR MELKONIAN
1843-1920



GARABED MELKONIAN
1849-1934

*--After the Armenian genocide in 1915, two benevolent brothers Krikor and Garabed Melkonian, had a patriotic vision. This vision was to construct an educational institution to educate orphans that had survived the genocide. Their vision became a mission; to preserve our Armenian heritage and educate the youth, to mold them as apostles to carry the message to the world saying that Armenians are survivors and they are capable of conquering adversity thrown at them. Melkonian has helped hundreds of youngsters from all over the world for the past seventy-five years. This great feat has been possible due to the sound and visionary leadership of the Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU) that has extended moral and financial support to help sustain the mission trusted upon them by the Melkonian brothers.