

they had made to improve themselves
and their progress in education. etc
After he had spoken about three quarters
of an hour he answered questions for
half an hour more. then refreshments
were passed around and general conver-
sation began. I hope some money will
be the result. how much remains to be
seen. Every one is complaining of the
hard times. so many banks & rich merch-
ants have failed, no one knows who will
come next and each seems afraid his turn
will come soon.

After dinner to day I made some coffee
a-la-Turque. We have a large open fire
place, in the sitting room with a fire of
wood. At the back is a big log, which often
is not burnt through in the day, in front
is piled smaller wood, on the andirons. It
is a capital place to toast bread - pop corn
or make Turkish coffee. It is a sociable
fire & in the evening we gather around it.