

Constantinople, January 4th, 1927.

Dear Friends:

The Mid-year Council of the Turkey Mission met at the Bible House on December 30th, 31st and January 1st. The delegates and the Committees on which they served are as follows:

FINANCE COMMITTEE, Mrs. Leslie (Constantinople), Mr. Kreider (Constantinople), Miss Brauer (Adana), Mr. Nilson (Talas).

EDUCATION COMMITTEE, Dr. Reed (Smyrna), Miss McCallum (Athens) Miss Kinney (Scutari), Mr. Harkham (Geuz Tepe)

PLANS AND MEASURES COMMITTEE, Mr. Lyman (Marash), Miss Barker (Constantinople) Dr. McNaughton (Geuz Tepe)

SUPPLY OF THE FIELD COMMITTEE, Dr. McCallum, Mr. Fowle (Constantinople) Miss Noyes (Merzifoun), Mr. Hawkes (Salonica) Dr. Merrill (Aleppo).

The business of the meeting was rapidly dispatched, thanks to the preliminary work of the Docket Committee. Dr. MacCallum was Chairman and Mr. Perry, Secretary of the meeting. Mr. Herman Kreider was appointed Assistant Treasurer until June Meeting.

Reports from the stations showed gratifying progress, - increased enrollment in schools, hospitals serving increasing numbers, greater cooperation on the part of our missionaries with the best elements in the various cities, many evidences of franker seeking for the deeper things of life. All felt encouraged and optimistic for the future.

Dr. Merrill led the devotional meetings in searching studies of the inner life of Jesus based on the Gospel of John. "I know that His command is eternal life". He has recently printed an "experimental first edition" of his free translation of the Gospel of John under the title "The Gospel of the Glory of the King".

The presence of Dr. Merrill at the Council Meetings and his encouraging reports of spiritual progress in the Syria stations were very helpful. Some interesting figures for the city of Aleppo are these:

Population, 300,000 of whom two-thirds are Moslems; of the 100,000 Christians, 50,000 are Armenians. There are about 5,000 Protestants. The Boys' High School has an enrollment of 170; the American School for Girls has about 170 enrolled. There are three organized Protestant churches; 400 are in C.E. Societies and about 600 in Sunday schools. Each church has its Home Missionary Society; the Camp church has 150 in its Missionary Society and each member makes a small financial pledge. There is a live spiritual interest in these Aleppo churches and revivals are reported in Fatisli and Alexandretta.

Dr. Merrill made the trip from Aleppo to Constantinople on the Bagdad railroad in 48 hours. The trip was comfortable, cars well heated, sleeper accommodations fine.

On Dec. 30th the Christian Workers Union met with the Council at the Bible House and listened to an interesting address by Miss Bertha Conde of the Y.W.C.A. on "Religious Problems of Young People in America To-day."

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Jacob and son Philip have spent the week in the city returning from a visit in Egypt. They are now on their way to their work in Krakow, Poland.

Mr. Fowle and Hamid Bey are in Angora taking up various school, hospital and tax questions.

Happy New Year!

Paul E. Nilson.

Constantinople, January 11th, 1927.

Dear Friends:

CESAREA

CESAREA and TALAS are rapidly becoming more accessible. From Ouloukushla, on the Bagdad Railroad, to Cesarea is 180 kilometers and autos and trucks are always to be found waiting for passengers. The trip takes 8 hours. The new railroad from Angora to Cesarea is also being pushed. It is now operating from Angora to Yerkey (which is the nearest station to Yozgat and the ruins of the Hittite city at Boghaz Key) and rails are actually laid 50 kilometers farther. Gangs are working on the roadbed and erecting the station in Cesarea. It is reported that the line will be open "in April".

Six large buildings of the Aeroplane Factory just outside of Cesarea are nearing completion and six more will be built during the coming year. President Mustafa Kemal Pasha has promised to visit the city "when the first aeroplane is completed" and consequently a beautiful villa is being built for him in Talas about half a mile from the American Compound.

In Talas the American Hospital is in full operation with Dr. C. E. Clark in charge; Miss Sylvia Eddy has a staff of five native nurses assisting her; Dr. Tewfik Bey of Cesarea assists on operating days; Ibrahim Bey is the pharmacist. Dr. Clark has clinic each morning and patients come from a large number of villages. The X-ray machine is the only one in the province.

The American School for Boys and the American School for Girls are still closed. People are constantly asking "When will they open?" With only one school above sixth grade in a province of 150 villages and cities the need for our schools is apparent. Rev. Paul Nilson and Miss Adelaide Dwight are now working for the reopening of the schools and the Board has authorized a tutor for this coming year. While we have good hopes that permission for reopening will be granted, it is still doubtful as long as the Senate fails to ratify the Lausanne Treaty. That the people want our schools and that their confidence in our work is steadily increasing, there is no doubt.

In accordance with the vote of the Mid-year Council the following cable was sent to Boston:-

"MIDYEAR COUNCIL AGAIN UNANIMOUSLY FAVOURS RATIFICATION TREATY. STEADILY IMPROVING CONDITIONS WARRANT CONFIDENCE. MISSION INSTITUTIONS EXISTING, DEVELOPING ONLY BECAUSE TURKISH GOODWILL. STABILIZING PRESENT WORK AND PROGRESS NECESSITATE TREATY RELATIONS."

Last Saturday, representatives of all American organizations in the city met at the Embassy and voted unanimously to send another cable to the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee in Washington urging the ratification of the Lausanne Treaty.

Mr. Vincent Hughes of Cardiff, Wales, arrived in Constantinople on January 7th via Marseilles and has taken up his duties as English tutor in the American Collegiate Institute at Geuz Tepe.

Rev. C. T. Riggs writing from New Haven on December 22nd, reports the death of Mr. LeRoy F. Ostrander of the Bulgarian Mission at Clifton Springs Sanitarium on December 12th. The burial took place at Lyons, New York, which had been the home of both Mr. and Mrs. Ostrander. Mr. Ostrander leaves besides his wife and son Alan who is a student in Hamilton College, his father who was once a tutor in Robert College, a sister and two brothers. Mr. Ostrander was a graduate of Hamilton College in 1894 and of Auburn Seminary in 1901. His 24 years of mission service in Bulgaria as head of the American Boys' School in Samokov were recognized by the Bulgarian government in the presentation to him of a silver cross by Queen Eleanora and in his decoration last June by King Boris with the Order of Civil Merit. The Bulgarian Mission has lost a most efficient and able worker.

Very Cordially yours,

Paul E. Nilson.

Dear Friends:

Athens letters of January 15th report President Fye as decidedly better and as able to get out each day, albeit with the help of crutches. The fine spirit of loyalty of staff and students has rendered the year's work exceptionally excellent in spite of illness.

December 22nd was the thirty-fifth anniversary of the arrival of Dr. Edward B. Haskell in the Balkans as a missionary of the American Board.

A Committee of the Presbyterian Board Mission in Syria consisting of Messrs. Alter, Nicol and Byerly have recently been in Aleppo in connection with choosing the site for the new church to be built in that city.

The wedding of Miss Elizabeth Lewis, recently of the Gedik Pasha School, and Mr. Walter Smith was announced for January 15th, 1927. Mr. and Mrs. Smith then start on a two months' business trip to Florida and Cuba. The best wishes of many friends in Turkey follow this happy couple.

Mrs. Charles Malbon who went to America with her two children after Dr. Malbon's death, sends cordial salutations to her many friends in Turkey. Tom is studying Commercial Art in Boston after graduating from Mount Hermon, and Pauline is doing well in the Northfield Seminary. East Northfield, Massachusetts is their permanent address.

Miss Ellen Catlin, now on furlough, has been studying at the University of Vermont and doing some speaking in the New England districts.

Mrs. Helen E. Scott, who last year served in our schools in Scutari and Gedik Pasha, writes from the Spaulding Apartments, North State Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan. She sends the season's greetings to friends here and we reciprocate by wishing she were with us.

On January 19th the Turkish-American Lauzanne Treaty was acted upon by the United States' Senate. A substantial majority voted for ratification but was short by six votes of the two-thirds required for treaty ratification. Probably some time will pass before the matter for ratification will be re-presented to the Senate. Meanwhile, there can be only the highest praise for the dignified attitude taken by the Turkish Press with reference to this seemingly unfortunate incident. It is to be hoped that the fundamental goodwill existing between the better informed groups in each country toward the other country may continue the present relationships until ratification takes place.

The Treasurer spent ten days in Angora early in January in regard to tax and school questions. The attitude of higher officials was all that could be desired. Several all important principles with reference to the taxation of properties used for benevolent purposes were clarified and made effective. Fuller information is going to each Station.

With reference to American Board schools the question of the existence of such schools no longer seems open to discussion. The interest now is in the nature of our schools. In many quarters the desire is expressed that our schools should develop along practical lines, stressing Home Economics, Accounting, Household Arts, Health, Mechanical Training, Agriculture and Commerce.

Very cordially yours,

L. E. Fowle.

Constantinople, February 1st, 1927.

Dear Friends:

MERZIFOUN NUMBER

The vital corner of the largest physical plant which the American Board has built up in Turkey, is the Girls' School corner in Merzifoun. Hospital and College are inactive for the present, but the Girls School is running with a student body of Forty, half of which number are boarders. With one exception, the Boarders are all Turkish girls, and are as eager and responsive as could be desired. Miss Pohl is in charge, with Miss Ward and Miss Zbinden constituting the rest of the foreign staff. Two local Turkish teachers are serving the School, and many efforts have been made to find a full-time Turkish teacher to live in the School. Progress is being made in this regard, and it is hoped that shortly such a permanent teacher will join the Staff.

Both Miss Pohl and Miss Ward are due leaves of absence next year. The adequate replacing of these experienced teachers, and provision for natural growth are the two problems that must be met squarely.

Miss Willard and Miss Noyes are kept more than busy in looking after the large plant, treasury work, and carrying on those many relationships with a wide circle of friends which is possibly the most fruitful result of the long years of American work in Merzifoun. An eager welcome awaits the re-opening of the Hospital, and each year there are numerous requests for the opening of the Boys' School. It is hard to overestimate the potential service of this Center in the rapidly developing region of the Black Sea Coast.

Dr. Buckham of the Pacific School of Religion has arrived in Athens and begun a special course of Lectures at the School of Religion in that city. Students, Faculty, and Friends have been looking forward with eager anticipation to this occasion. We hope Dr. Buckham may find time to visit other centers in the Near East, before turning his face westward.

Admiral and Mrs. Bristol are spending some time in Angora. The Turkish Press continues its dignified and friendly attitude toward things American, although frankly surprised and disappointed at the further delay in the re-establishment of normal diplomatic relationships between the two Governments.

The first "round-the-world" College cruise, on board the S.S. Ryndam, reached Constantinople on the last day of January. Approximately 550 men and 100 women, with a Faculty of 60 members, make up the party. The cruise left America on September 18th, and is due in New York on May 2nd. Already several hundred applications are stated to have been received for next year's cruise. The Rector, Faculty, and Student Body of the Turkish University have extended various courtesies to this group of fellow-students and the visiting American young people have heartily reciprocated the manifest good-will of their Turkish hosts.

A telegram dated Batavia, 111. January 28th was received in Constantinople on the 29th and relayed on to Paul Nilson in Talas, as follows:

"Paul Herman; Eight pounds; Well - Nilson"

Hearty congratulations from the Mission Circle to the Nilsons, big & little

Miss Bertha Conde, known to so many students in America through her fruitful service among Schools and Colleges, has spent several weeks in Constantinople, contributing much through her talks and personality to the more thoughtful side of life. She starts on for Syria and Egypt this week, leaving behind a host of friends, both new and old.

Announcement has recently been made of a meeting planned to take place in Constantinople on May 17th. to consider the Findings of the Near East Survey, to make recommendations, and to furnish to the Survey Committee in America such material as is required before they draw up their Final Report. It is hoped that Dr. Caldwell of the Lincoln School, or some other member of the Survey Committee in America will be able to be present at the May gathering. Representatives from the Syrian and other areas will also be present.

Dr. W. S. Nelson of the Presbyterian Mission in Syria, is due in this Port tomorrow, on the S.S. Lapland, where he has been a special lecturer.

Very cordially yours,
L. R. Fowle.

Constantinople, February 8th, 1927.

Dear Friends:

SMYRNA NUMBER

Although on January 1st, 1927, a further step was taken in the direction of the independence of the International College in Smyrna from the American Board, nevertheless, the useful cooperation of the American Board in the College during the years passed will be a relationship recalled with pleasure by the American Board and with grateful recognition by the International College. With 275 pupils all but a dozen of whom are Turks, the International College is closer in student body to the constituency of the future than is any other American institution in Turkey. On the foundations so well laid by Dr. Alexander McLachlan, D.D., his successor Dr. Reed with experienced associates in Professors Caldwell, Lawrence, Selaz, Maynard, Vrooman, and others both Turkish and foreign, there is being developed a cooperative Turkish-American effort for the young men of this land that can be rich in service to the New Turkey. Some of the principal needs receiving careful thought are the development of a permanent Turkish faculty that can fully share in the formation of the ideals of the Institution, the progressive modification of the courses of study to better relate the instructions given to the needs and life of the constituency, and a closer relationship with Turkish educational leaders and effort in Smyrna resulting in closer cooperation and better understandings. This Institution has an unusual opportunity in contributing to the social and economic development of the large commercial city in which it is located. Its American Board friends wish it increased usefulness and growth in its independent majority upon which it now enters.

The American Collegiate Institute had before the War purchased a fine property at Geuz Tepe in the beautiful suburb of that name on the southern shore of the Gulf of Smyrna. The destruction by fire of the old Girls' School building has made imperative the development of the new site. The School is at present housed in three diminutive buildings not built for school purposes which crown the summit of the property. On that summit and its slopes now occupied by a vineyard, by olive trees and pines, there must rise in the near future the buildings of the new school. Under Miss Parson's able leadership the School hopefully and good-humoredly puts up with its inadequacies and looks to the future with the eager confidence which is characteristic of things in Turkey at the present time. Besides several faithful Turkish associates, Miss Hinman, Miss Crockett and Miss Fihl are building themselves into the life of the school. And the return of Miss Olive Green is expected for the fall of 1927. The non-ratification of the Turkish-American Treaty, which may be presumed to delay permission for the needed new buildings, is a serious disappointment to this School, but pupils and teachers can be counted to carry on until circumstances will make possible that material development which will be the foundation of the fuller service which awaits this Institution

On behalf of his many associates in the American Board Missions, the News Sheet extends to Dr. Peet best wishes and congratulations on his 76th birthday which occurs on February 14th. With his sprightly sister, alleged to be eighty years young, Dr. Peet plans to visit Constantinople in March, thence proceeding to the Caucasus. An eager welcome awaits these friends.

Mr. Goodsell reports a happy gathering in Pasadena, attended by Miss Cold, Miss Vaughan, Miss Billings, Mrs. Christie and daughter Jean, Mrs. Marden, Dr. Christensen and various Armenian friends. The happy fellowship of those who have served together in Turkey is indeed a permanent influence. Mr. Goodsell hopes to resume work in the Near East this fall in order to get some rest.

His name is Everett Blake and before he met Lynda he had hoped for an appointment from the American Board to Turkey. Happily this arrangement seems to fit in well with some of Miss Lynda Goodsell's plans. The engagement was announced at the Thanksgiving Dinner of thirty-five members of the Goodsell-Service clan.

Dr. and Mrs. Albert W. Dewey and four children are in Constantinople en route to the Caucasus where Dr. Dewey will be engaged for two years as medical director of the N.E.R.

Very cordially yours,

L. R. Fowle.

Constantinople, February 15th, 1927.

Dear Friend:

A letter from the Adana School dated February 4th reports a promising beginning of the second semester. A spirit of cooperation on the part of teachers, student body and officials is resulting in a particularly effective year of work. In the celebration marking the anniversary of the restoration of Adana to the Turks, the students of this School appeared at the head of the procession, marching behind a gaily decorated camel on which rode seven of the smallest girls. Photographs of this event were featured in the Press of Constantinople.

Adana reports the first snow-fall in nine years and Athens also is excited because of snow and a transportation strike. Constantinople has had a week of delightful winter in which some twenty inches of snow have fallen. Slides are at a premium. Smyrna also reports real winter with snow on the mountains.

The engagement of Miss Ruby Philips, Candidate Secretary of the American Board, and Rev. J. Kingsley Birge, also a Candidate Secretary of the Board, has been announced in letters received in Constantinople this week. We trust this means that these associates may be able to join the Turkey Mission this summer.

The American Bible Society has decided in principle to undertake a new translation of the New Testament into Turkish. The inadequacy of the earlier translations in style and vocabulary become increasingly apparent as the book is read by a wider circle of persons with a Turkish background of thought. Moreover the rapid development of the Turkish language and the tendency to eliminate from it that which is Arabic or Persian, makes a new translation essential. The task will be begun by experimental translations of the Gospels of Mark and Luke.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Warner are reported as on a Mediterranean cruise and expect to be in Constantinople on March 6th and 7th.

Their many friends in the Near East will be saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Mary L. Richards, the wife of Dr. George L. Richards. A skidding automobile on an icy road threw both Dr. and Mrs. Richards into the street and brought on a heart attack to which Mrs. Richards succumbed. Dr. Richards has been widely recognized as an expert on medical missions.

Miss Sophie Holt formerly of the Adapazar Girls' School is teaching in the Lincoln Normal School, at Marion, Alabama.

By a new arrangement the Levant Trade Review, published monthly by the American Chamber of Commerce for the Levant may now be obtained at an annual subscription of five liras or three dollars. Subscriptions may be sent in through L. R. Fowle.

Box 793, Newport, New Hampshire, will reach B. and Eleanor Ketchum Horn. A January letter reports Madame as busy indeed with household activities while B. digs into business. A radio and the rapidly developing daughter Edith add all that is necessary to make a happy household. These good friends had the misfortune of losing most of their effects and treasures from the Near East in the sinking of the ill fated S. S. Braga.

Letters from Charles Riggs, Lorrin Shepard, and other associates in America express their great disappointment at the Treaty vote in the Senate. This vote, postponing the possible granting of Medical permits to Mission Doctors, will probably lead the Shepards to seek service in a Mission Hospital among Moslems outside of Turkey.

A recent letter from Inez Lied Johnson of Banning, California, reports that she has been confined to her bed for nearly two years with tuberculosis, this being all but six weeks of her married life. The last year has shown very real improvement however, and she now expects to be much better in another year or two. Her letter breathes courage as well as optimism.

Very cordially yours,
L. R. Fowle

Constantinople, February 28th, 1927

Dear Friends:

The American Board Circle, in common with all other friends of normal relationships between the United States and Turkey, will be deeply gratified at the news of the signature on February 17th of an Agreement between the Government of the Turkish Republic, represented by its Foreign Minister, Tefvik Rushdi Bey, and the United States Government, represented by Admiral Bristol. The Agreement was arrived at after several weeks of friendly negotiation and seems to be regarded with very real satisfaction by the negotiators, both American and Turkish. It provides for the preservation of the status quo regarding commercial relations; re-establishes normal political relationships; and looks forward to the sending of regular diplomatic representatives from each country to the other. The document has not yet been published, but the above facts have been clearly set forth in the Press.

This happy event is in one sense a natural outcome of the fundamental good-will between those people of the United States and of Turkey who have come to know each other best. It is illustrated in the relationships which in general exist between Americans residing in Turkey, and the people of the land with whom they come in contact; and has been most ably embodied in Admiral Bristol, who for eight years has represented the American Government in Turkey. It is in large measure the respect and friendship he has won from the leaders of the New Turkey that has made the present agreement possible; and Turkish Officials and Press have frequently given expression to their hope that he may stay on as Ambassador in the resumption of normal diplomatic relationships.

The Mission Treasurer is enjoying a winter holiday in Angora, primarily in connection with the details of the application of the Tax Laws to American Benevolent Institutions.

Mr. J. U. Streater was the guest of honor at a tea on February 15th which was given in celebration of his thirtieth year of service at the Bible House.

Dr. and Mrs. J.P. McNaughton left the city February 22nd, on the tourist ship "Doric" en route for Italy. They will spend several months in southern Europe this spring as a substitute for their furlough which was due them this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Dewey and family who left here on the 9th for Batoum returned to this city after five or six days spent on the Black Sea in the storms which visited this region at that time. They set out again the following week, their steamer having taken on fresh supplies of coal and water.

Miss Mary W. Riggs of Adapazar, Scutari and Harpoot is working among the Armenians of Watertown, Massachusetts. She has established a Sunday School for them and is organizing various clubs and doing home visiting. She continues to live with her mother in Melrose, but goes over to Watertown several times a week.

Mr. F. L. MacCallum, during a recent trip to Angora, arranged with the leading booksellers there for the sale of Bibles and also literature from the Publication Department.

Dr. F. F. Goodsell's "Inductive Turkish Lessons" which have been used in the Language School for the past six years, have now been published in book form and can be obtained from the Publication Department at 180 psts. per copy.

Copies of the Prayer Calendar for 1927 are still available to those desiring them.

Mrs. R. F. Markham in collaboration with the Publication Department has compiled a Book of 107 Songs for use in the American schools in this country. The songs are in English and French and there are a number of blank pages left in the book where additional songs may be inserted. A few copies of this Song Book are left which may be obtained for thirty piasters each by applying to either Mrs. Markham or to Dr. MacCallum.

Sincerely yours,

Treasury Department.

Constantinople, March 9th, 1927.

Dear Friends:

The Annual Meeting of the Bulgaria Mission of the American Board is to be held at Sofia beginning on April 21st.

Mrs. Clark of Talas has gone to Beirut for a month to visit her children and to there meet Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Warner. These loyal friends of the Board spent an all too brief day in Constantinople on March 6th.

Richard Smith of Tarsus is spending a month at the Adana Hospital to get the best of a prolonged digestive disarrangement. In response to telegrams, Paul Nilson has stepped into the vacancy at Tarsus.

Mrs. J. K. Greene who completed twenty-five years of service in Constantinople in 1910 died on January 10th 1927 in San Diego, California, where she was making her home with her sisters. Her son, Dr. Theodore Greene, is a member of the Department of Philosophy at Princeton University. The older members of the Mission and a wide circle of native associates now scattered throughout the Near East, recall with affection the fellowship and service of Dr. and Mrs. Greene in this city.

Late January letters from Mrs. Etta Marden, Mr. Goodsell, Dr. Shepard and others of our circle in America express their eagerness to know how American Board work will progress following the non-ratification of the Treaty by the United States Senate. These friends and in fact all of us must be highly gratified at the course which events have taken. The dignity and restraint of the Turkish Press and Public Opinion on this question and the complete knowledge of the higher government officials concerning the internal political conditions which resulted in Treaty repudiation by a minority of the Senate, have made it possible for all American interests in Turkey to continue and work without interruption or difficulty. And now all parties concerned are rejoicing in the signing on February 17 of a convention which provides for the resumption of diplomatic relationships and assures mutual understanding pending settlement of the Treaty question.

The Mission Treasurer returned to Constantinople on March 5th. During his stay at the Capital he happily had the opportunity to speak with the Premier, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Health, the leading Editorial writer and half a dozen Deputies. All these officials frankly indicated their good-will toward the Americans in Turkey and commented on the correct and friendly efforts of these Americans in making known to the people at home the facts concerning the new political and social currents that are now governing this land. A step of great significance is the discontinuance of the special Court of Independence and a return to the normal procedures of civil law. The Treasurer was so fortunate as to be present in the Great National Assembly when Ismet Pasha addressed that body on this question and won their vote of approval.

On March 2nd there took place the official opening of the Children's Palace in Angora. This is the Headquarters of the Turkish Society for the protection of childhood, which engages not only in clinical work for children and the care of orphans but also in disseminating information on the care of children throughout Turkey. Some \$80,000 toward this new building was contributed by Turks resident in the United States.

Recent guests at the Mission Hostel have been Miss Grace House, Miss Ruth House, and Mr. J. Woodbridge Patton from Salonica, who have been spending ten days in sight-seeing. Miss Grace House is connected with the Penn school in St. Helena, South Carolina, and is spending her Sabbatical year with her parents and sister in the Agricultural School at Salonica.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Markham with their two little girls plan to spend their coming furlough year in New York City where Mr. Markham has been assigned one of the missionary fellowships at Union Seminary.

Lorin Shepard tentatively reports April 6th as a sailing date for the Shepard family en route to a Mission Hospital in Tabriz.

Yours truly,
L. R. Foxwile

Constantinople, March 15th, 1927

Dear Friends:

The Turkish press has today made public the terms of the agreement signed in Angora on February 17th, 1927 between Dr. Tevfik Rushdi Bey, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Admiral Bristol, representing the American government. The principal points of this agreement are as follows:

1. Mutual agreement to establish diplomatic relationships and to send Ambassadors.
2. Commercial and consular matters, and establishment and residence of citizens of each country in the territory of the other to be settled by special conventions or treaties on the basis of the principles of international public law and of complete reciprocity.
3. Pending negotiation of these conventions or the ratification by the two governments of the Lausanne Treaty, relations will be carried on and the essential provisions of the Lausanne Treaty and its annexes will be reciprocally applied to the citizens of each state residing in the territory of the other.
4. This agreement enters into operation from the date of its signature.

A supplementary convention provides for the normal continuance of Turkish American Commercial relationships.

Dr. and Mrs. Buckham of the Pacific School of Religion left Athens on March 5th. The students of the School of Religion where Dr. Buckham has been delivering a special course of lectures gathered to give them a jolly send-off on the evening before their departure. Their presence and contribution to the School and community have been deeply appreciated.

On March 13th a group of friends gathered at the Galata quay to welcome Mrs. Hemphill and Dr. Peet, almost two years from the time that these associates sailed for America from the same quay. Dr. Peet's plans are not yet fully known but his associates here hope that their visit may not be brief.

While waiting for permit for the Talas School, Paul Wilson is kept more than busy in preparing the buildings and getting electric equipment into operation. He is giving stereopticon lectures and greatly needs additional slides to supplement the hundred which he has available. Recent lectures have been given at the Caesarea Lycee, in a factory, at Turkish homes in Caesarea and Talas and at the school in Talas. Stations having slides that may be loaned are urged to communicate with Mr. Wilson.

The address of Dr. Wilfred M. Post is - East Williston, Long Island, New York. Under date of February 16th he writes that although his lot is at present cast in America nevertheless his thoughts are continually turning to the Near East and he is deeply interested in all the news that comes from this part of the world.

The Aziziyeh Evangelical Church of Aleppo celebrated Christian Endeavor Week early in February. At one gathering 250 mothers pledged \$66.00 for finishing off the C.E. room in the basement of the new church. A second evening was given to a praise service led by a choir of boys and girls. A third evening was given to a social. The fourth evening was a prayer service led by Mr. Partridge. There are 480 members in the seven C.E. Societies in Aleppo which have a Joint Council for developing their work. Mrs. Merrill has been cooperating with the Mothers' Organization in talks on the moral training of small children and the training of babies in good habits. There is much vitality and hope in the North Syria Evangelical movement.

The February number of the News Bulletin of the American Board Mission in Syria contains brief statements concerning the Evangelical communities in North Syria. Copies may be had from Dr. J. E. Merrill of the American School in Aleppo.

Very truly yours,
L. R. Fowle

Constantinople, March 22nd, 1927.

Dear Friends:

NOTICE: As five of the Constantinople Mission families will be either away on furlough, or leaving for furlough immediately after the Annual Meeting this year, there will be some difficulty in affording the usual hospitality of the homes and Mission Hostel to those friends from the Stations who may wish to remain in Constantinople after Annual Meeting. If notified, the Treasury office or Mission Hostel will gladly do what is necessary towards securing accomodation for these in the city.

Dean Bosworth of Oberlin College is expected in Athens this week to give a course of Lectures at the School of Religion. Would that they could be broadcasted to his many friends in the Near East.

Miss Grace Towner has been visiting her College room-mate who was passing through Beirut with a husband and five children whom she has acquired since she and Miss Towner graduated from Washburn College eighteen years ago.

The girls of the Adana School have already raised Ltq. 120.95 for the Red Crescent Society. The proceeds of a special Friday program are also to be given to this Organization.

Reports from Smyrna indicate very interesting developments in the community work carried on by the Turkish people of that city, under a Committee most of whom are public spirited Turkish leaders. Mr. Jennings is cooperating with them in program and administration; the activities already developed include a clinic and home for infants and small children, physical education work with schools, a playground program, and classes in languages and commercial subjects. An interesting eagerness to contribute funds for such work has been met with on the part of trade guilds, business firms, and individuals.

A March letter from Samokov indicates the steady development in process and in prospect of the educational work under the leadership of President Black. Work on the plant in Sofia began on February 16th and it is hoped that four buildings may be ready for occupancy in September 1928.

The eighteen acres of the new American College site in Salonica that are planted to wheat and barley are reported to be "the best in the region". Tree planting and gardening are quite transforming the College grounds.

The Getchells have been appointed delegates to the meeting of the Greek Synod which assembles in Yanina from April 29th-May 5th.

Although in general foreigners are not allowed to buy or sell real estate in Macedonia, nevertheless a special dispensation has been made by the Greek government in the case of the American College in Salonica. The deeds for the new property are thus in the possession of our associates in that city. It is indeed a satisfaction to find both the Bulgarian and the Greek governments extending not only courtesies but substantial assistance, financial and otherwise, to the American Institutions within their borders. With normal relationships established between Turkey and America a similar development can be expected in this land also. Unselfish friendliness works slowly but surely.

Dr. F. F. McKensie M.A. Ph.D., now teaching at the University of Missouri College of Agriculture in the Department of animal husbandry, has been appointed Director of the International College Farms, Smyrna, as Professor of Agriculture. With Mrs. McKensie and their infant son they will hope to be in Smyrna in September.

Miss Alice Brandon Caldwell, daughter of Professor and Mrs. S. L. Caldwell of the International College, a graduate of Oberlin College and Conservatory, and for the past five years a student of the foremost piano masters of America and Europe, is planning a series of concerts about Easter in Constantinople, Smyrna, and Athens.

Very truly yours,
L. R. Fowle

Constantinople, March 29th, 1927.

Dear Friends:

On March 26th a cable went to Boston reporting the granting by the Turkish Minister of Health of medical permits for Doctors Shepard, Dodd, Dewey and Nute. This long awaited and happy development follows promptly on the reestablishment of normal diplomatic relationships between the Turkish and the American governments. The only limitation on these permits is the condition that Dr. Shepard shall be located at some other hospital than that in Aintab. He is due to sail from America on April 6th and will be the first of the group to begin practice in Turkey. It is felt that utilization of the rights thus granted should be made at the earliest possible moment. Hence from the Mission point of view it is much to be desired that Doctors Nute, Dewey and Dodd should also take up their medical work in Turkey at the earliest possible moment.

Letters from Dr. and Mrs. McNaughton indicate that they are enjoying to the full the beautiful playgrounds of Europe along the Mediterranean coasts of Italy and France. They send their warm regards to the Mission circle.

The Adana Girls' School, taking advantage of their wonderful climate, has opened the outdoor season by a Friday play day for boarders and faculty. Luncheon was enjoyed under a canopy of almond blossoms by the river and baseball, jumping rope and scrambling over the hills for flowers contributed to make it a successful day.

Mr. John Barton Payne, President of the American National Red Cross, is visiting Constantinople for a few days.

It is with mingled feelings in which those of regret, esteem and appreciation are prominent that the American community in Turkey learns of orders issued to Rear Admiral Mark L. Bristol to proceed to the Far East to take command of the American fleet in Far Eastern waters. Admiral and Mrs. Bristol plan to leave Constantinople about the end of May.

Charter Day Exercises at Constantinople Woman's College were particularly happy this year in the presence of Charles R. Crane, President of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. W. V. Peet, a member of that Board. Both of these friends of Turkey took part in the program as did also Dr. Isabel Dodd whose address dealt most delightfully with the early days of the College in Scutari. After a remarkable record of service, Dr. Dodd retires from active teaching at the end of the present school year.

Founders' Day Exercises at Robert College were this year a memorial to the life and service of the late Cleveland H. Dodge for over thirty years a member and for the past seventeen years President of the Board of Trustees.

Letters from Miss Josephine Dana of 311 South Juniper St. Philadelphia, announce her engagement to Mr. Walter Washburn of Windsor, Vermont. After a term of three years (1920-1924) spent at the Treasury Office in Constantinople, Miss Dana has been engaged in child welfare work in and about Philadelphia. Not only those who realize how much her work contributed to the post-war financial rehabilitation of the Mission, but all of the Mission circle who had the privilege of knowing her, wish her well in the new venture.

Very truly yours,

L. R. Fowle

Constantinople, April 5th, 1927

Dear Friends:

The spring vacation furnishes fine opportunity for visits to nearby places. Miss Kinney of the Scutari School and Miss Putney of Gedik Pasha School will visit Athens and Salonica. Messers. Matteson and von Allmen of Tarsus are visiting Aintab and Marash. Miss Wells and her mother are visiting Egypt. Mrs. Leslie and daughter are calling on old friends in Aleppo, Marash and Aintab. Miss Jones, Miss Barker and Miss Nolen are on their way to Egypt. The Perrys are visiting Smyrna. Doubtless many others are making similar trips and there is much to be gained in mutual understanding and good-will as well as in health and refreshment by these visits.

The Spring Lectures by Professor Bosworth of Oberlin, given at the School of Religion in Old Phaleron, will be eight in number, grouped around the general theme "The Christian Religion and Human Progress". The Lectures will be given during the first week of April.

Letters from Dr. Nute report Paul Nilson as most usefully busy in many lines of activity at the old school in Tarsus. His visit has meant much to his associates in the school, who are now carrying on the work to which he gave so many devoted years. It is hoped that Mrs. Nilson with their two children will arrive in Constantinople during June.

At the April 1st gathering of the Constantinople Christian Workers' Union, a most interesting address was made by Dr. Peet, describing the Mission on which he has been sent by the Federal Council of Churches of America, and the cordial reception which he has been given by leaders of the Old Churches throughout the Near East. In his conversation with the leaders of the Oriental Churches, he searches for the bonds which unite rather than for the forces which divide. In every one of the old communities Dr. Peet has found a strong body at work hoping to revive the churches along almost evangelistic lines.

Giving full count to husbands and children, about a hundred Alumnae of the Scutari Girls' School, gathered at their Alma Mater for luncheon on April 1st, to renew old friendships and loyalties. The gift of a Bokhara rug to Miss Kinney from her former pupils marked the 25th anniversary of her service to the girls of this country.

The Mission Treasurer expects to be absent from April 9th - 19th, in connection with a Y.M.C.A. Conference in Poland, where under Dr. Mott's leadership important Association policies for the future will be discussed. An adequate modern Association building for Stamboul is the item of particular interest to the local Y.

On April 2nd, Miss Winsome Seager became the bride of Lieut. Green of the British Navy, the wedding being held at the British Embassy Chapel. Several generations of the Seager family have been known to a wide circle of American Board personnel in the Near East. For many years all American Board Insurance was handled through Mr. Walter Seager, and two of his five sons have served in the Treasury Office in Constantinople. The only daughter is the first to leave the parental nest.

Field Secretary Goodsell is again in the East. Besides giving a Course of Lectures at Union Theological Seminary in New York, he is visiting Mission and Board friends and picking up the threads of field-work.

Letters from Dr. Shepard and Secretary Charles Riggs show that their thoughts are turning in this direction. Miss Sarah Riggs will remain in America for a further year of training along educational lines, before taking up her position as Head of the Community School in Constantinople.

Yours truly,

L. R. Fowle

No. 127.

Constantinople, April 12th, 1927

Dear Friends:

After a few weeks' stay at Constantinople College, Dr. W. W. Peet left on April 11th for Sofia, Bulgaria, where he will visit the Head of the Bulgarian National Church and his old friend the Armenian Archbishop. Mr. E. C. Partridge is expected in Constantinople today in order to accompany Dr. Peet on his proposed visit to Armenia.

Mr. L. R. Fowle left on the 9th for Cracow, Poland, where an International Y.M.C.A. Conference is to settle some important matters of policy. The building program of the European Y.M.C.A. for the next few years will be decided upon by this gathering, and there is hope that Constantinople may be selected as the site for an up-to-date Y.M.C.A. building. Mr. Fowle is expected back in Constantinople on the 19th.

Rev. Paul Nilson was expected at Caesarea returning from Tarsus. Mrs. Flint has been with Mrs. Block in Tarsus and hopes to return to Smyrna by way of Constantinople.

Miss Alice Caldwell, the talented daughter of Prof. Caldwell, has been enjoying a brief visit with her parents. She kindly gave a recital at which her many friends were able to enjoy her brilliant playing. In returning to resume her studies in Germany, she plans to pass through Constantinople and hopes to give recitals on the 26th of April at Constantinople Woman's College and on the 29th at the Pera Branch of the Y. M. C. A.

The Language School has reopened after the Bairam vacation.

Visitors at the Mission Hostel are Mrs. V. Count of the Methodist Episcopal Mission, Sofia, and Miss M. Gongwer, Domestic Science specialist of the same Mission; at Gedik Pasha, Miss A. Trout of London, England.

Dr. F. F. Goodsell writes from New York under date of March 29th that he hopes to arrive in Constantinople not later than August 1st. He has been very busy on Deputation work, but is now taking life quietly at Columbia University until Easter.

Dr. H. H. Van der Osten of the Institute of the Oriental Research, Chicago University, is in Constantinople, making preparations for six years exploration and excavation among the remains of the earlier Hittites in the Kizil Irmak region. Dr. Van der Osten came to Turkey a year ago for research work under the Carnegie Foundation, and became so deeply interested in these Hittite remains that he returned to America and raised the fund which will enable him to carry out his excavations.

Sir William Ramsey has also obtained authorization to carry on excavations at Yalvadji. The Constantinople Press reports Sir William as stating that the Turanian races have been established in Asia Minor for 3000 years.

"Dear Friends" is in receipt of an interesting folder issued by the International College, extending a hearty welcome to the increasing number of tourists from America and elsewhere who make Smyrna a point of call. The folder contains some good cuts of the College, and lists the chief points of interest in the city and vicinity. Information about Smyrna is obtainable at the office of the Smyrna Welfare Council, 68 the Quay.

Truly yours,

F. L. MacCallum

Constantinople, April 19th, 1927

Dear Friends:

The Easter vacation in the Constantinople Mission schools finished yesterday. Among those who took advantage of the holiday for a visit to Greece were Miss M. Kinney, Miss E. Putney and Miss M. Nosser, all of whom have returned after pleasant visits.

The Annual Meeting of the missionaries of the American Board in Syria will take place from the 25th to the 30th of May.

Dr. and Mrs. Merrill and Miss Dorothy Merrill are enjoying a visit in Cairo at the home of Mr. Stephen Trowbridge.

Mrs. Flint, Matron at International College, is expected here to-day for a brief visit.

One of the recent guests at Constantinople Woman's College, has been Dr. Henry Park Schauffler, grandson of Dr. William Schauffler, one of the outstanding missionaries of the American Board in Turkey from 1833-1875. Dr. Henry Park Schauffler has recently published a book "Adventures in Habit-Craft", which aims to administer moral teaching pleasantly and effectively. The book is described as a handcraft adaptation of the Project Method of Professors Dewey and Kilpatrick. The book is published by MacMillans and is meeting with a considerable success.

Mrs. E. T. Leslie and her daughter Miss Elizabeth are expected back in Constantinople on Saturday this week.

Mrs. Paul Nilson and family, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. H. A. Fischer, expect to sail for Turkey May 7th.

Prof. and Mrs. Beck of the Theological Department, Northwestern University, Chicago, are the guests of Mrs. H. H. Kreider, while getting acquainted with Constantinople and the Mission.

We hear with regret of the death in the U-nited States, on March 3rd, of Miss Mary Holmes, who served the Near East Relief in Curfa and Sidon.

Dr. and Mrs. F. W. MacCallum leave on the 20th for Adana, Tarsus, Marash, Aintab, Aleppo and Beirut. Dr. MacCallum will proceed to the meetings of the Christian Council for Northern Africa and Western Asia, which are to be held at Cairo. Miss Elizabeth Trowbridge of Aintab will also go as a delegate to these meetings.

Mr. Theodore Wieser writes from Ghazir, Syria, where he is conducting an Orphanage Blind school under the joint auspices of the Near East Relief and the Comité Suisse de Secours.

Mr. Henry H. Riggs writes that he is at present giving much of his time to visiting the Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Eastern States.

Acting Editor, Luther R. Fowle, is expected in Constantinople tomorrow. HURRAY!

Yours truly,

F. L. MacCallum

Constantinople, April 26th, 1927

Dear Friends:

On March 27th there occurred at Wellesley, Massachusetts, the death following an attack of bronchial pneumonia of Rev. William V. Sleeper, who was a missionary of the American Board in Bulgaria from 1882-27. Mr. Sleeper was extraordinarily gifted in language ability and was preaching and speaking in Bulgarian within six months of reaching the country. After his withdrawal for reasons of health he continued in the Congregational pastorate in Wisconsin and Massachusetts and always kept alive his missionary interest by fruitful service among the Slavs in Boston.

On April 15th, Paul Nileon left Tarsus, where he has contributed some weeks of very helpful service. With difficult tax questions, the illness of Richard Smith and endless tasks to be done to put the property into better shape, there has been more than Dr. Nute could carry alone, and of course Mr. Nileon has found deep satisfaction in the progress of the work in Tarsus into which he had built so much of himself.

An April letter from Boston reports the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bobb to the Turkey Mission. Apparently it is not yet decided whether the coming year will be spent in language study or whether it will seem best to postpone such study to the future.

The latest word from J. Kingsley Birge indicates that his family will reach Constantinople on or about October 3rd. The Birges will probably live in Hissar so that their children may attend the Community School.

We regret to announce the illness of Miss Anna B. Jones at Jerusalem during her Easter trip in Syria and Palestine. She is already reported better and will return to Constantinople shortly.

A recent letter from Dr. Usher of - 10 High Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, reports that his son Neville will receive his medical degree in June and will then take up a two years' internship at the Rhode Island Hospital in Providence. His son Sidney has just recovered from an operation of appendicitis. Dr. Usher's thoughts are continually with his associates in Turkey and the Caucasus.

On April 20th the Treasurer returned from a ten day trip to Poland on behalf of the Y.M.C.A. There is ground to hope that the next building program of the Association Movement in Canada and the United States will provide for Association buildings in Athens, Warsaw and Constantinople as well as in certain other centers. The Conference held near Cracow in Poland was a gathering of Senior Secretaries of the countries of Eastern Europe from the Baltic to the Mediterranean. Of particular significance was the presence of National Secretaries and Laymen from each country and the development of the policy of nationalizing the Association in each country and withdrawing foreign personnel as early as possible. There was great inspiration in the common fellowship, worship and devotion of forward looking men of the Eastern Orthodox Church, the Roman Catholic Church and of the Protestant Churches of the West. As yet the world has only glimpsed the power and service that may be had in fellowship between these great historical branches of the Church of Christ.

Beginning on May 17th, there will be held in Constantinople the final field gathering of the Near East Survey with representatives from Syria, Palestine, Greece, Bulgaria and Turkey. The findings of this gathering will be turned over to the experts in America and it is hoped that their reports and advice will be of great benefit to all American Organizations in the Near East.

Admiral Bristol has gone to Angora to say his farewells to the Turkish leaders with whom he has been in such close association for the past eight years. With Mrs. Bristol he leaves Constantinople on May 25th for a brief visit to Washington and a return via the Mediterranean to his new post in the Far East.

Truly yours,
L. R. Fowle

No. 130.

Constantinople, May 3rd, 1927

Dear Friends:

Dr. W. W. Peet has returned to Constantinople from a brief trip to Bulgaria. He and Mr. Partridge are both waiting for permits to proceed to the Caucasus.

On April 29th Dr. and Mrs. Lorrin Shepard and children together with Mrs. Shepard's sister, Miss Ethel Moffat, arrived from America. For the present they will remain in Stamboul, while steps are being taken for the granting of the recently promised permit that will allow Dr. Shepard to practice medicine in Turkey.

A general order of the Department of Education has appointed May 5th as a school holiday whereon each school with its teacher will have to get into the open country for a picnic and a day out of doors. This corresponds somewhat to mountain day and similar holidays in certain American colleges, when by tradition the student body is urged to get out into the open and enjoy the beauty of nature. It is also in line with instruction which is being emphasized in the schools to inform students of their natural surroundings and to show their beauty and use.

Dr. and Mrs. John X. Miller of the Madura Mission of the American Board are spending a few days in Stamboul en route for America on furlough. Several groups in this city have had the pleasure of hearing Dr. ~~and~~ Mrs. Miller. We altogether approve of the round-the-globe travel to and from the field, that is becoming increasingly possible with the improvement of travel routes.

The Constantinople Y.M.C.A. is this week engaged in its annual financial campaign with the object of raising Ltq.11,000 for the annual budget which totals Ltq.40,000. Fifteen-thousand liras is provided by associate members through their various activities; and Lts.14,000 is granted for the year by funds from foreign Y.M.C.A. sources.

On May 20th the American community of Constantinople plans to give a Farewell Luncheon to Admiral and Mrs. Bristol who leave the following week for their new assignment in the Far East. The undersigned will be glad to see that any letters from the Stations giving expression to their friendly appreciation for the services of Admiral Bristol, reach him in the right way.

Dr. D. A. Davis, General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in Europe is this week visiting Smyrna and Constantinople where he began his foreign service in 1910.

Miss Alice Brandon Caldwell, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. S.L. Caldwell of the International College, Smyrna, has during the past week given two piano recitals which were much appreciated by her Constantinople friends. During April and May, audiences in Athens and Smyrna have had the opportunity of hearing her and a few days hence another concert is arranged in Switzerland, after which she will again take up her study in Germany. The Mission may well be proud of this daughter of genuine talent.

Mr. and Mrs. Manly Hart of California are spending a few days sight-seeing in the city. Mrs. Hart was formerly on the Board of the W.B.M.F. Miss Sanderson of Brousa, a friend of the Hart family is assisting them in becoming acquainted with Constantinople.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Martin, Miss Erikson and Mr. Donald P. Seldon of the Sofia American School and Mr. William E. Hawkes of the American College in Salonica have just returned to their duties again after spending their spring vacation in this city.

Truly yours,

L. R. Fowle

No. 131.

Constantinople, May 10, 1927

Dear Friends:

A welcome letter has come from Mary Tracy of - 1824 Cherokee Avenue, Hollywood, California. She reports her brothers Charles as at Elmwood, Conn., and Henry as teaching in Berkeley, California. The name of Tracy is an unforgettable part of the history of Merzifoun Station.

Mr. Pye writes from Athens to state that six of Dr. Buckingham's lectures are available in manuscript form in case members of the Mission desire to have them. Please communicate with Mr. Pye.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley and Mr. Lyman of Marash recently visited Aintab in company with Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum. The question of adequate staffing for these two neighbor Stations was thoroughly discussed, and the matter will be brought before the Annual Meeting in June.

Dr. and Mrs. J. P. McNaughton have returned from their Mediterranean furlough much refreshed. Their experience can point the way to others of our circle who need complete change and rest outside of Turkey without time for a trip to America.

Very good news received via Merzifoun reports the birth of Ann Bliss Ward on April 6th, 1927. Our heartiest congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Mark H. Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Mary Em Fidler Schwartz announce the birth of Elizabeth Anne on April 14th, 1927.

At Locarno there will be held a World Conference on New Education from August 3rd to 15th. Several persons from American educational institutions in Turkey are planning to attend and others will be welcomed. Communications may be addressed to the Secretary, Miss Clare Soper at 11 Tavistock, London, W. C. 1. Miss Hiller and Miss Day of Brousa can supply supplementary information.

During the past week the Y.M.C.A. in Constantinople held its annual membership campaign by which the public of the city contributed Ltq.10,000. The goal was Ltq.11,000, and it is hoped that during the present week sufficient money will come in to complete the amount required.

Present indications point to the arrival of the Goodsells in Constantinople about the middle of August. Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Riggs are due at the end of the same month.

Pending permit developments and Annual Meeting action, Dr. and Mrs. Lorrin Shepard and family are living in the Nurses' Home of the American Hospital in Constantinople. They are happy in having with them Mrs. Shepard's sister, Miss Ethel Moffat, who with her mother spent a winter in Aintab several years ago.

The Maynard family start on furlough about the middle of June and plan to spend some days sight-seeing in Italy before crossing the Ocean.

Mr. Partridge has received his permit from the Soviet Authorities to proceed to Armenia and is hoping to go there in company with Dr. Peet.

Yours truly

L. R. Fowle

Constantinople, May 19th, 1927

Dear Friends:

The event of the week in Constantinople is the meeting of the Near East Survey. Members of the Mission from outside points attending the meetings are: the Misses Minnie B. Mills of Athens and Adelaide S. Dwight of Talas, together with Messers. Carl C. Compton of Salonica, Cass Arthur Reed of Smyrna and Ruben Markham of Sofia. Dr. Peet is also taking part in this Conference. The reports of the meeting will be eagerly awaited as they will undoubtedly have an important bearing on the future course of foreign educational enterprises in the Near East.

Although he had obtained his permit to visit Armenia, Mr. Ernest Partridge returned to Beirut, as the reports of the difficulties between the Armenian Catholicos at Etchmiadzin and the Armenian Soviet authorities made it seem inadvisable for Mr. Partridge to go there at present. Recent travelers from Armenia have no knowledge of the reported exile of the Catholicos, and believe that in any case the Constantinople newspaper reports of difficulties have been greatly exaggerated.

Mrs. F. W. MacCallum returned from her visit to Beirut on Monday the 16th. Dr. MacCallum is expected tomorrow.

Dr. Florence M. Fitch, who was for a number of years Dean of Women at Oberlin and continues to hold a professorship there, is expected in Constantinople this week on her return from a year in the American School of Oriental Research at Jerusalem. She is to deliver the Commencement address at the School of Religion in Athens on June 3rd.

Mr. Fowle went up to Angora on the 15th and returned on the 18th, his business being primarily school tax matters.

Dr. John E. Merrill was a delegate at the Syria and Palestine Inter-Mission Conference recently.

Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Piper of Aintab hope to visit Constantinople this summer.

Miss Anna Jones who had the misfortune to fall ill while on a pleasure trip at Jerusalem, reached Beirut on the 12th and is expected in Constantinople this week.

The Constantinople Y.M.C.A. is practically sure of attaining its full objective of Ltq.11,000. The support which this institution receives from all classes, despite the breeze of last autumn, is most gratifying.

Dr. Laubach, an American Board missionary in the Philippines was among the group of missionaries from Korea, China and the Philippines which visited International College on the 15th. Dr. Laubach was a classmate of President Cass A. Reed.

A Garden Party was given at Constantinople College on May 13th in honor of Dr. Isabel Dodd and Miss I. Prime, both former members of the Turkey Mission.

The Misses Wakefield of the United Church of Canada, who have been making a prolonged study of mission countries are spending a few days at the Mission Hostel.

Truly yours,

F. L. MacCallum

No. 133.

Constantinople, May 24th, 1927

Dear Friends:

The Near East Conference is continuing its meetings. Reports and findings will not be made public for some time to come.

The quarterly meeting of the Constantinople Christian Workers Union was addressed on Sunday by Mr. James H. Nicol of the Presbyterian Mission in Beirut. His subject was "Some Experiments in Cooperation" in which he outlined the fortunate growth of missionary cooperation in the Palestine and Syrian areas.

Athens and Salonica have enjoyed visits from the Rev. Robinson Lees, the chairman of the Executive Committee of the B.L.N.A.S., accompanied by Mr. Gentle-Cackett. These gentlemen have been meeting with the Pastors of the Greek Synod.

Talas missionaries were happily surprised by the unexpected visit of Mr. Patterson of the American Embassy, who has been taking an auto tour through the interior.

After a very pleasant trip through Tarsus, Adana, Marash, Lintab, Aleppo and Beirut to Egypt, Dr. MacCallum returned to his busy life in Constantinople. He was very much encouraged by what he saw in all these Stations, in schools and churches. The Council for Northern Africa and Western Asia had a successful meeting in Helwan. There were about twenty delegates present there, from Algeria, Egypt, Sudan, Palestine, Syria, Arabia, Turkey and Greece. The meetings lasted four days and a brief report will be sent later to all those interested in this organization. On his way back Dr. MacCallum spent three days in Athens.

Dr. Peet has at last received permission from Moscow to enter Armenia. He plans to leave for Batoum tomorrow, accompanied by Mr. J. Beach of the Near East Relief.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow on May 11th, John Hubbard Bigelow, weight eight pounds.

Dr. White of the American College, Salonica, sailed from America for Salonica on the 14th.

Mr. Wilson of Talas arrived in Constantinople on Saturday, May 21st, to meet his family, who arrive on the SS Sinda on May 28th, from America.

In Caesarea, on May 12th, Mr. Wilson saw the laying of the last rails of the new railway from Angora to Caesarea. The first tickets will be sold on June 1st. According to the new train schedule, the train leaves Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from Angora at 7 A.M. and arrives at Caesarea at 9:10 P.M. On May 28th a special train with some 300 delegates and officials from Angora including Ismet Pasha, is coming to Caesarea for the official opening. The route for the new railroad from Caesarea on to Sivas is now being surveyed.

Although construction of the Aeroplane Factory in Caesarea has been delayed for two months for lack of funds, the work on the remaining buildings is expected to begin in June. Six of the twelve buildings are practically completed and much machinery has already been installed. Aeroplanes from Angora frequently arrive at the factory.

The work at the American Hospital at Talas is steadily increasing. Since the X-Ray machine has been repaired, a large number of patients are coming, especially for X-Ray examination and treatment. The Hospital will close during the month of July when Dr. Clark and Miss Eddy take their vacations.

Truly yours,
F. L. MacCallum

Constantinople, May 31st, 1927

Dear Friends:

Travelers: Hector Haas and Miner Rogers are in Constantinople en route to America to enter College at the University of Michigan. With them goes Mrs. William Hute with Billy and Cyril to spend the winter in California near Mrs. Christie.

On May 28th there arrived from America the SS Sinia, bringing Mrs. Paul Nilson and her two children, her mother and sister. Naturally Mr. Nilson was on hand to meet them. They proceed this week to their new home in Palas Station.

The Advisory Council on the field of the Near East Survey was held in Constantinople from May 18th to 26th. Among those present there were from Egypt, Galt of the American University; from Palestine, Blatchford of Jerusalem; from Syria, Nicol and Dodge of Beirut; from Bulgaria, Black and Markham; from the Caucasus, Beach, Silliman and McKay; from Greece, Mills, Lansdale, House, Compton; from Turkey people in Constantinople and Dwight and Reed; from the Near East Relief, Acheson, Berry, also as a special visitor, Professor Morgan.

The ten days spent in study and discussion brought home to each member of the Council a more sympathetic knowledge of the work and problems of each group present. There was a progressive development of conviction that there is room for more cooperation in the various lines of the American endeavor in the Near East out of which there may come increased effectiveness in the fulfillment of our related tasks. The findings of the Conference go to the Survey Committee in New York, who will doubtless give them due consideration in their study and report on the conditions in the Near East as they are affected by these American agencies.

In connection with the fourth public commencement of the School of Religion, Athens, six graduates in Theology are to receive their diplomas. The commencement day addresses are to be delivered by his Excellency, Mr. Robert P. Skinner, U.S. Minister to Greece, and by Prof. Florence M. Fitch, Ph.D., of Oberlin College.

The May 15th number of the "High School News" published by the Boys' High School of Aleppo, is a Field Day number and lists the various events for which competition is to take place. Athletics, sports of all kinds are taking a deep hold on youth in the Near East.

A recent letter from Field Secretary Goodsell, announces tentative plans of sailing from Montreal on July 29th.

The Annual Meeting of the American Board Missions in Turkey and Greece, will assemble on June 21st in Constantinople, at the Geuz Tepe School. The generous friends in this institution have set aside the earlier plan of holding the meeting in the city, to the delight of all concerned. Mrs. Flint has consented to take all responsibility for the dining-room end of the gathering and a special Committee is working through other plans for the comfort of those in attendance. Unfortunately the Markhams who are making most of these advanced plans must leave for America just before the gathering begins. The general scheme is to prevent Dr. & Mrs. McNaughton from too generously using up in this gathering the renewed energy which they brought from the Mediterranean holiday, and which should be kept intact for the heavy duties of the next school year.

At the Geuz Tepe School commencement on June 3rd, this year, 75 boys will present a French pageant. It has seemed best to postpone giving the Opera of "Hansel and Gretel", which had been planned for this occasion. There will however, be special music from "Hiawatha" by Cole-ridge Taylor. A V.M.C.A. Glee Club directed by Mrs. Barnum, together with the school Glee Club form a chorus of thirty-five voices that are doing particularly creditable work under the capable and patient leadership of Mr. Denkinger.

Yours truly,
L. R. Fowle

Constantinople, Juin 7th, 1927

Dear Friends:

Dr. George E. White, President of the American College at Salonica, has returned to that city after some months in America. Mrs. White remains in America for a time.

Mrs. Walter Wiley of Marash and her son Lincoln, have arrived in Constantinople and plan to spend the summer on the Bosphorus. Probably Mr. Wiley will join them for some weeks.

A letter dated May 18th, from Inez Lied Johnstone, reports continued improvement in health. She plans to leave the Sanitarium during the present month and to return to her own home.

The Faculty of Robert College and various invited friends gathered on May 31st for a surprise dinner in honor of Professor Abraham Der Hagopian, who this year completes fifty years of service as a teacher. It was a delightful occasion and various brief addresses indicated warm appreciation of the character and influence of this Christian gentleman, who has rendered such distinguished service not only in the classroom, but as a wise counselor to his own people and to many others working for advancement in the Near East. By happy coincidence, the day was the forty-fourth wedding anniversary of President and Mrs. Gates of Robert College.

The American Collegiate Institute at Smyrna, recently entertained parents and officials with a program including plays in Turkish and in English and various songs. On May 27th, the Secondary school of Smyrna spent the day in the garden of the American Collegiate Institute under the auspices of the newly formed Interscholastic Athletic Association. There were sports and games and much good fellowship.

Rev. Ira W. Pierce, a member of Harpoot Station for a brief period before the war, is now at - 99 Dundas Street East, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. He is the Secretary of the Canadian Armenian Relief Committee and especially has charge of a Home for Armenian Boys in Georgetown, Ontario.

President Kathryn Adams of Constantinople Woman's College is happy in having her mother and sister with her for a few days. Mrs. Adams is said to be in her middle eighties. Doubtless she and Mrs. Hemphill will do the town together. The American community may well be proud of these ever young ladies.

Mrs. Fowle and four children leave by Triestino Express boat on Thursday morning for Brindisi whence a train will connect them with the SS President Garfield of the Dollar Line, sailing from Naples Sunday noon, June 12th for Boston. Mr. Fowle hopes to join the family after Annual Meeting.

Before a large gathering, the Commencement Exercises of Constantinople Woman's College took place on Monday, the 5th. Twenty-eight girls received diplomas, of whom four were Turks. Addresses were given by Dr. Ihsan Shukri Bey and Mr. Barclay Acheson, whose subject was "The Nascent World". Following the distribution of diplomas a reception was held in the beautiful chestnut grove.

The Commencement Exercises of the American Collegiate Institute at Erenkeuy, held on Friday, June 3rd, were such a distinct success as to justify beyond question the elaborate preparations to which the staff of that school, particularly the Markhams and Mr. Denkinger, have been devoting such untiring efforts during the past months. The pageant "Le Jeu des Feuilles" brought the audience to its feet in admiration of the beautiful setting and smooth flow of the action.

The Publication Department has for sale copies of the latest book on Ethics - "Adventures in Habit-Craft" by Henry Park Schauffler. The price is \$2.00 including postage. Write to Dr. F. W. MacCallum, Bible House.

Truly yours,
L. R. Fowle

No. 136.

Constantinople, June 14th, 1927

Dear Friends:

Mr. and Mrs. Getchell of Salonica attended the meeting of the Greek Synod held this year in Yanina. From there they proceeded to Delphi where they were present at the special Festival recently held.

Under date of May 21st, Secretary Charles Riggs reports a Turkey luncheon held in New York City. Others present were Fred Goodsell, Mary Gleason and the Woolworths.

Miss Ruby Philips and Rev. J. K. Birge were married by her pastor, on May 2nd, 1927, at Wellesley, Mass. The ceremony was a brilliant one. They will join the Turkey Mission early this fall.

Salonica Station reports the laying of the foundations of the Compton house. By the present time the Brewster house is also under way and it is hoped that both may be ready for occupancy this fall.

Miss Helen Wells and her mother have reached Constantinople on the first stage of their vacation. Miss Mary Webb will shortly start for Beirut to join her sister in the Lebanon mountains.

Miss Jeannie Jillson of Brousa has just made a brief visit to Constantinople to be present at the Baccalaureate Service at the Scutari School. A group of Armenian girls, formerly under her care in Brousa, are graduating this year.

Miss Cecilia Berg starts westward today. She will spend some time with Miss Caillet of the Scutari School at her home in Switzerland and also visit in England before crossing the Atlantic.

Mr. and Mrs. Kreider have taken up their residence in the Treasury Department house at Roumeli Hissar. With the departure of the MacCallums early in July, both Bible House apartments will be vacant. The Mission eagerly hopes that the Goodsell family and a substantial group of Language School students for the coming year will fill both apartments, early in September.

Messrs. Vaucher, Boyer and Woodruff, all of the staff of International College, Smyrna, are in Constantinople for the day on their way to Europe for their summer vacation.

The Haskell family of Samokov are spending some time with Mrs. Haskell's relatives in Switzerland, before proceeding to America on furlough. The Cooper family of Philippopolis are doing the same and plan to sail on the SS Berengaria, on July 30th.

Delegates to the Annual Meeting at Geuz Tepe will find it a great convenience to bring bathing shoes as well as suits, because of the rocky nature of the beach.

The Annual Meeting will assemble at 2:00 p.m. on June 21st. After organization formalities and the key-note address by Mr. Compton, the meeting will resolve itself into an Educational Conference. Possibly the medical staff will take advantage of the opportunity to talk over their plans and problems. The regular sessions of the Meeting will be resumed Wednesday after lunch.

A telegram from the Caucasus states that Dr. Dewey can reach Annual Meeting on the 24th. A reply has been sent urging him to come.

Yours truly,

L. R. Fowle

No. 137.

Constantinople, June 22nd, 1927

Dear Friends:

The Annual Meeting of the Turkey Mission commenced yesterday afternoon, June 21st, at the American Collegiate Institute, Erenkeuy, under the Chairmanship of Mr. C. C. Compton of Salonica. Mr. Compton took as the subject of his key-note address "Changing Missionary Ideals." Present at the opening session were:

From Adana: Miss Martin, Mrs. & Miss Wells, Mr. Adkins, Dr. Haas; from Aintab: Rev. & Mrs. M. N. Isely, Miss Phelps; from Athens: Miss Pinneo, Miss Rice, Dr. and Mrs. Marden; from Brousa: Misses Jillson and Sanderson; from Talas: Dr. Clark, Miss Orvis; from Constantinople: Dr. & Mrs. McNaughton, Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum, Misses Kinney, Putney, Lucas, Harley, Dr. Shepard, Mr. & Mrs. Markham, Mr. & Mrs. Perry, Messrs. Kreider and Fowle; from Marash: Mr. and Mrs. Lyman, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley; from Merzifoun: Misses Pohl and Willard; from Salonica: Mr. Compton, Mrs. Sewny, Miss Lietzau; from Tarsus: Dr. Hute; from Smyrna: Mr. & Mrs. Vrocmann, Mr. & Mrs. Caldwell, Miss Parsons, Mrs. Flint, Misses Pihl and Eastman; from Beirut: Dr. Dodd; from Bulgaria: Mr. Holway. Guests - Miss Nelson, American Hospital, Constantinople; Mr. MacCallum, American Bible Society, Constantinople.

Mr. and Mrs. Pye and family left Athens for Switzerland on the 17th. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin are also about to leave for the same destination.

The teaching staff at Salonica has left for various summer resorts. Misses Anthony and Watton for America; Mr. Hawkes for Italy; Messrs. Chapman and Swartz will tour the Holy Land.

At the Commencement exercises at Salonica the visitors were: Mr. and Mrs. George D. White, of the Near East Relief Orphanage at Syra, and Mrs. P. B. Kennedy of Kortscha, Albania.

The Commencement Exercise of Scutary American Academy took place on June 24th before a large gathering of friends. Twenty-seven girls received diplomas in various courses. The music was, as always, particularly enjoyable. The address of the day was delivered in Turkish by Dr. Lorin Shepard.

Gedik Pasha Commencement exercises were held on June 17th. The previous day the pupils staged a play of feudal times which had been written by themselves. The costuming and acting was notable. Rev. J.C. Macan-na addressed the fourteen pupils who received diplomas.

A recent letter from the Woolworth family informs us of their plans: "We are planning to going to Minnesota in a week or ten days. Then we have a short time with my people in Northfield, Mass., and sail on the "Sinaia" on August 9th."

A recent Talas letter describes the official opening of the Angora-Caesarea railway as follows: "We didn't see Nejati Bey or Ismet Pasha except at a distance, but we were part of the crowd, and that in itself was worth seeing. There must have been 5000 people in the open outside the city, and all people dressed a la France were welcomed to the front ranks; while others were held back from the tracks. As the train came in, a camel and five or six sheep were sacrificed beside the track - certainly a contrast between the old and the new. After a few speeches, and a reception at the Turk Ojaghi, the visitors drove around town.

"The first regular train left here this morning and after this we are to have trains three times a week. But we have to spend the best part of twenty-four hours in Angora each way."

Truly yours,
F. L. MacCallum

Dear Friends:

Annual Meeting Number

The 1927 Annual Meeting of the American Board Missions in Turkey and Greece was held at the American School, Erenkoy, Constantinople, June 21-27.

Delegates were present from Adana, Aintab, Athens, Caesarea, Constantinople, Brousa, Marash, Merzifoun, Salonica, Smyrna and Tarsus. Mr. Holway of Bulgaria, Dr. Dodd of Syria and Dr. Dewey of the Caucasus were present at the gathering and the Mission was particularly happy to have Dr. Peet present for part of the gathering.

The innovation of last year was very happily followed in the delivery of a key-note address by Mr. C. C. Compton of Salonica, the Chairman of the gathering. After this address and formalities of organization, the meeting adjourned for twenty-four hours during which the Educational and Medical Councils held gatherings bearing on their particular line of work. Possibly it was because of these preliminary gatherings that the work of the Annual Meeting as a whole moved along quietly and quickly. A noteworthy event was the presence of six American doctors and three nurses and a very general consideration of the Mission's medical program in view of the doctors' licenses recently granted. Formalities have been completed with reference to doctors Shepard, Dodd and Dewey, all of whom are now free to practice medicine in Turkey. Some question has arisen with reference to the case of Dr. Nute. It is hoped that the difficulty may be cleared up.

The reports from all institutions and Stations indicated steady progress and a greater assurance of the stability of our work than has been felt in recent years past. Our need now is steady and effective prosecution of our work with conservative development both intensively and extensively as personnel and means become available. The most difficult questions of personnel were met in endeavoring to provide for the needs of the school in Tarsus and a man for Merzifoun Station.

The Devotional hour each day was conducted by Mr. Lyman of Marash, who used as a basis of his thought the volume "The Eloquence of Christian Experience" by Calkins. On Sunday Mr. Holway preached in the morning while late in the afternoon there was held the annual sermon by Mr. Lyman and the annual Communion service.

Full advantage was taken of the facilities for refreshment, swimming and quiet visiting, which this beautiful location by the sea of Marmora offers to its friends. Carefully planned arrangements for entertainment made it all seem to go smoothly and easily.

By Mission action Dr. and Mrs. Lorrin Shepard were loaned for one year to the American Hospital in Constantinople. The Mission eagerly looks forward to the time when he may proceed to one of our hospitals in Anatolia and when Dr. Dodd and Dr. Dewey having completed their present service in Syria and the Caucasus, can return to take up their permanent work for which they have waited so long. Forward looking plans are already being thought of.

Within the Mission there seems to be a growing feeling that the Language School might gain by being located somewhere in Anatolia for a few years. It is also felt that the grouping of administrative and general officers in Constantinople should be kept at a minimum and that the work should be conducted so as to avoid if possible the radical transfer of personnel from Station to Station to meet special and acute needs.

The Mission looks forward with eagerness to the return of the Field Secretary with a substantial group of recruits for Language School or for term service. Others returning this summer are the Riggsses, the Woolworths, the Birges, Misses, Catlin, Richmond, Greene, Shane, Ebinden and Borel.

With this number the substitute Editor of "Dear Friends" lays down the responsibility with thanks for the kind words expressed by some and the tolerance shown by all for this same sheetlet. It is to be hoped that somebody will carry on and more adequately develop this new sheet in the future.

Very truly yours,

L. R. Fowle

Constantinople, July 5th, 1927

Dear Friends:

This week Constantinople has been celebrating the return of Mustapha Kemal Pasha, President of the Republic of Turkey. Numerous arches were erected in many parts of the city, those on the Galata bridge, in front of the American Express at Taxim and the one erected by the Armenian community near Tokatlian being the most remarkable. The Ghazd came to the city by sea from Ismid accompanied by the Turkish navy, on the afternoon of July 1st. An extraordinary welcome was given him and the illuminations were very beautiful. During the eight years of the President's absence from Constantinople, extraordinary changes have taken place in the social and political organization of this country, and the return of the man in whose name this revolution was conducted marked a truly historic occasion.

Mr. Luther Fowle left on the 30th of June for a year's furlough in the United States. His postal address will be - Thetford Hill, Vermont. With him went Miss Ward of Merzifoun and the Isely family of Aintab, all bound for a year in America.

On the same ship were Dr. Peet and Mrs. Hemphil returning to Athens. Dr. Peet was much encouraged by his visit to the Armenian Patriarch at Etchmiadzin. He found the earlier newspaper accounts of acute difficulties between the Patriarch and the Armenian Bolshevik authorities almost unfounded.

President C. F. Gates and Mrs. Gates of Robert College have left to spend the summer in England.

Great sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kreider in the death on July 4th of their infant son, stillborn.

Under date of June 23 Mr. Dana K. Getchell writes from Salonica: "We are settling down for the summer vacation, here at the College. With two houses in the process of erection and the numerous repair work to be done about the College Premises, I dare say we will keep busy. We have some fifteen boys remaining for the summer; as many more have gone up into Macedonia to work in the tobacco fields. The latter are under the supervision of the Near East Relief."

The ever popular resort of Tcham Chorea in Bulgaria mountains has this year attracted Miss Kinney and Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Lyman of Marash.

Mrs. Sewny, Miss Phelps and Miss Fletcher have gone to Talas which gives promise of becoming one of the summer playgrounds of the Mission.

Miss Lucille Day is spending some weeks in France, after which she will attend the Educational Conference at Locarno, in company with Miss Hiller, also of Brousa Station.

Miss Edith Sanderson is visiting the Southern Stations of the Turkey Mission after which she plans to go to Hamroon.

Mrs. Vrooman and the Misses Parsons, Orvis, Hinman and Pohl are extending their stay in Constantinople. Mrs. Flint after piloting the Annual Meeting safely into port sailed for Roumania in company with Miss Pihl and Miss Eastman.

Mr. and Mrs. Finney Markham left for America late in June. Their address for some time will be - Union Seminary, New York City.

Truly yours,

F. L. MacCallum

Constantinople, July 12th, 1927

Dear Friends:

The SS "Sinaia" sailing from Constantinople on July 9th carried off a large proportion of the children of the Turkey Mission, including the Partridge family with their mother, Dr. Clark's family accompanied by Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Wiley and her small son, and also Miss Florence Woodruff of Bulgaria.

The sad news has come of the sudden death from pneumonia of the Reverend Aethur C. Ryan, General Secretary of the American Bible Society. From 1911 to 1920 Mr. Ryan served as a member of the Turkey Mission. The first part of this service was spent in the interior. During the winter of 1913-14 he was engaged in rehabilitation work among the war regions of eastern Thrace. Owing to war conditions he returned to America in 1916, where he undertook home promotion work of the Board with headquarters at Chicago. In August 1919 he returned to Constantinople and a year later became secretary of the Levant Agency of the American Bible Society, from which position he was called in February 1925 to become one of the two General Secretaries of the Society. Mrs. Ryan's address is - 40 Ferncliff Rd. Scarsdale, New York.

Mrs. Emily Block has come to Constantinople via Talas. In a few days she will go on to Europe and America, this being her furlough year.

Rev. J. L. Adkins who has been in Constantinople since Annual Meeting returns tomorrow to Adana Station.

On July 11th Rev. F. W. Mac Callum and Mrs. MacCallum left by train for Ostend and England. After visiting Scotland and northern Ireland they plan to sail for Canada by the "SS Andania" leaving Belfast on August 5th. They expect to reside in Toronto, Ontario near their son and daughter. They can always be reached - 302 Barrie St. Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

On the same train were Miss Annie Barker and Miss Ethel Putney. After spending some weeks together in Devonshire, England, Miss Barker will sail for Canada for her year of furlough and Miss Putney will resume her duties at the Gedik Pasha school.

Mrs. Wilson Fowle has taken up her residence temporarily in the Kunick house at Roumeli Hissar. Mr. Wilson Fowle will join her in the course of a few weeks when he is relieved at Athens.

Mrs. Flint writes enthusiastically of Sinaia, the Roumanian summer resort, where she is spending some days with Miss Pihl and Miss Eastman. Sinaia enjoys beautiful mountain scenery, has excellent hotels, is easily accessible and everything seems well arranged for the comfort and pleasure of the public. There is at least one concert daily by the Queen's Orchestra. Mrs. Flint expected to leave shortly for Buddapast.

Mrs. A. Wells and Miss Helen Wells sail today for a few weeks in Italy before Miss Wells takes up her new duties in Merzifoun.

Truly yours,,

F. L. MacCallum

No. 141.

Constantinople, July 19th, 1927

Dear Friends:

Miss Mary Nelson who for several years has been in charge of the Nursing Staff at the American Hospital in this city completes her work with the Hospital on July 28th and is leaving directly for America. Miss Nelson leaves many friends behind who hope that she will again return to Turkey. Her successor Miss Francis has already arrived and is at work.

Dr. J. P. McNaughton is spending a number of days in Brousa as the guest of the American Girls' Lycee.

"The Summer Simmer" is the name of the Smyrna tabloid newspaper circulating among the Station personnel and friends this summer free.

Dr. Reed and Prof. Vrooman plan to visit several of their outstation properties during this month.

Dr. Isabel Dodd and Miss Ida Prime who have so long been associated with the Constantinople College and the earlier Home School at Scutari, have retired from active work in the College with the closing of this school year. They left here on Tuesday, July 12th on the SS "Umbria".

Salonica Station reports a scattering of personnel in various directions: Mr. and Mrs. Compton left for Vienna on July 16th; Mr. and Mrs. Brewster and family expect to spend a few weeks in the Austrian Tyrol; Mr. and Mrs. Getchell expect to find a few weeks' rest at Volo, near Salonica, during which time Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow and son will occupy the Getchell cottage /Aksakli; Dr. White will spend the latter part of July in Syra visiting his son George White who is Director of the Near East Relief Orphanage of that place; Mr. William E. Hawkes has just returned from a trip to Italy and Switzerland.

Mr. Charles T. Riggs writes that he plans to sail for Constantinople on the SS "Sinaia" leaving on August 9th and arriving here August 30th.

Miss Sarah Corning who will assume the duties of nurse at Merzifoun Station plans to sail about the middle of August.

Friends will be glad to hear that Miss Morley's condition continues to improve. The doctors do not advise starting for Turkey before the end of November, however.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Field Goodsell announce the marriage of their daughter Lynda Irene to Mr. Everett Carll Blake, on Friday, the 24th of June, 1927, Berkeley, California. Congratulations!

Truly yours,

F. L. MacCallum

No. 142.

Constantinople, July 25th, 1927

Dear Friends:

From Talas Miss Phelps reports that a gay time is being enjoyed by six pals - the Misses Loughridge, Dwight, Fletcher, Francis (Near East Relief, Beirut) Mrs. Sewny and Miss Phelps. They are going to Urgup and Georeme to see the old caves and queer cone-shaped formations of rocks, etc. Miss Fletcher and Miss Phelps will be leaving for Aintab about August 1st.

Mr. Nilson planned to return to Talas today from Angora where he has been seeing the Department of Education with regard to school matters.

The group which has been enjoying the cool July breezes of Namroon include the Misses Harley, Parsons, Sanderson, Bury, Van Cleft, Martin, Brauer, Dr. and Mrs. Haas, Mr. and Mrs. Adkins and Mr. Smith.

Miss Jeannie Jillson writes: "A new Educational Magazine of which we have so far received only one number, but which seems to promise well, is "Progressive Education". It is a quarterly Review of the newer tendencies in Education, The Environment for Creative Education, etc. It is published by the Progressive Education Association, Washington D. C. costing \$2.25 a year, and can be ordered through the Board Rooms at 14 Beacon Street, Boston."

Mr. and Mrs. Marshal A. Rector visited the Bible House this week on their way through to pay a call on Rev. Paul Nilson at Talas. It is an indication of the improved facilities for travel in Turkey that people who speak no Turkish can lightly undertake such a journey. After a brief stay in Talas they expect to proceed to the Holy Land.

Miss Towner is expecting to visit Talas shortly.

On her arrival in New York, Mrs. Nute was met by somewhat alarming news as to the condition of her mother, Mrs. T. D. Christie. On reaching Pasadena, however, she found her mother much improved and showing indications of again recovering her wonderful strength.

Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum, Miss Putney and Miss Barker reached London, England, after a comfortable and pleasant journey. There they saw Miss Cecelia Berg just before she sailed for America. The serious illness of an only sister in California may cause Mrs. MacCallum to alter her plan of spending the year in Toronto.

Sales and Exchange: "Can any one advise as to what to do with two quite good organs, we need only pianos here now. We should be glad to hear from any one about them. American Lycee, Brousa."

Truly yours,

F. L. MacCallum

Constantinople, August 2, 1927.

No. 143.

Dear Friends:

Word has been received recently of the death of Mrs Marcellus. H. Bowen on July 18th at the home of her daughter, Mrs Frank Ferguson in Hull, England. For some time she has been in frail health and the end came peacefully several days after she had suffered a slight stroke of paralysis.

Miss Sylvia. T. Eddy arrived here on Sunday evening after a month spent in Vienna, Paris and Venice. She returned to Teles by way of Angora on Monday afternoon.

Postal rates for the interior of Turkey have been increased from 5 piasters to 6 piasters and locally in the city from 3 to 4 piasters on letters. The rates then in general are as follows: Letter postage 6 piasters; additional postage for above 20 grammes is 6; Newspaper postage has been increased from 4 to 5 piasters per 100 grammes. The above is in line with the increase in foreign postal rates which occurred some time ago.

Mr and Mrs Fergus Ferguson, who have been in this city for many years in connection with the Reuters agency, left in July 26th to make their home in Geneva, Switzerland.

Mr and Mrs Getchell have abandoned their plan of a vacation in the mountains near Salonica and expect to leave home July 28th for a few weeks in Tübingen, Germany.

International College, Smyrna, is sending Professor. S. L. Caldwell to the International Educational Conference at Locarno in place of Professor Rahmy Bey who was unable to go.

Professor and Mrs Lawrence of Smyrna are disappointed that their son Arthur, who with his bride expected to visit them this month, will not be able to carry out this plan. He has been detained in Italy by illness.

Constantinople is on the itinerary of American student tourists this summer. During the past week six girls from Mount Holyoke College spent six days in sight seeing and meeting with Turkish students. Eight men from Leland Stanford University are due to-morrow, and nine men from Cornell on Saturday staying about a week.

We are informed that Miss Helen Caldwell is planning to leave Smyrna on August 28th and, after spending a few days in Constantinople, will proceed to Berlin to resume her study in music.

Doctor and Mrs George. E. White announce the marriage of their daughter Esther King to Mr Russell Curtis Parr on Tuesday the 21 June, 1927, Minneapolis, Minn.

Miss Jeannie. L. Jillson is spending the month of August with her sister Mrs MacNaughton at Bronksey.

The sub-sub-vokool of this sheet, Mr F. Lyman MacCallum, with his sister Mrs Edith Laird, librarian of the American University of Beirut, are vacationing on the mountains near Nemroun. They also plan to spend some time tramping over their childhood haunts in the vicinity of Marash.

Truly Yours,
E. T. Leslie.

Constantinople, August 9, 1927.

No. 144.

Dear Friends:

Miss Ilse C. Pohl, who has spent some weeks in Constantinople and Smyrna since Annual Meeting, returned to Merzifoun last Thursday. While in this city she became acquainted with a number of Turkish teachers, two of whom will be engaged in the Merzifoun school when their papers are officially approved.

Misses Schaefer and Herold of the Deutscher-Hilfsbund Mission in Marash are spending some days in this city in conference with Herr F. Schuchardt, the Director of their work. Mr. Schuchardt was accompanied to this city by his daughter.

Miss Ruth Razee, who was connected with the School for Girls at Adabazar before the Great War, is visiting Miss Kinney this week. She is accompanied by her friend, Miss Hall.

Miss Mary E. Kinney has returned from Bulgaria where she was the guest of Mrs. Alice W. Manning for the month of July. Miss Kinney is enthusiastic in her praises of Tcham Korea.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kingsley Birge and family plan to sail from America September 8th, on the SS "Edison". They will be accompanied by Misses Varrow and Odell who are entering the Language School.

Mrs. R. F. Markham and children are spending part of the summer at Mountain Rest, Vermont.

Professor Caleb W. Lawrence of International College, Smyrna, was called to Florence on July 31st because of the illness of his son Arthur who underwent an operation for appendicitis.

To procure an enlarged water supply, the International College has recently completed a large well which in spite of the dry season has developed a splendid supply of good water. Two additional water tanks of a total capacity of 25 tons are to be erected under the direction of the Engineering Department of Reobert College which is providing the iron work. Other new work at the College includes the erection of three minor buildings, an astronomy platform and workroom, a large coal storage shed, and a 9 by 11 meter workshop.

Messrs. J. Raymond Mills and Ralph H. Allee of the 1926 class of Pomona College have been appointed to the staff of the International College. Mr. Mills has taken his summer course at Columbia and expects to sail with Dr. and Mrs. McKenzie on the "Sinai", August 9th. Mr. Allee will come early in September.

Among the recent visitors at the International College were Prof. and Mrs. J. V. Martin and children of Aoyama Gakuin, Tokyo. Prof. Martin is an associate of and co-author with Prof. H. A. Palmer in the work in teaching English to foreigners which has been followed for some years by members of the College staff, and their books are being used in some of the Smyrna classes.

Mrs. Julia W. Fisher of Rockford, Ill., who has been visiting her daughter Mrs. Paul E. Nilson for some weeks past, is planning to leave Talas about August 12th to take up her return journey to America by way of Austria and Germany. She is accompanied by her daughter Ethelwyn, librarian of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois.

Truly yours,

E. T. Leslie.

No. 145

Constantinople, August 16th, 1927

Dear Friends:

Mrs. Shepard and her sister Miss Ethel Moffat visited Brousa from Friday to Tuesday, August 6 - 9.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Lyman reached this city last Tuesday after spending a month in Tcham Korea, Bulgaria and a week in Vienna. They were enthusiastic over their Danube trip. On Monday morning they returned to Marash.

Miss Isabelle Harley returned on August 10th from her several weeks' sojourn at Namroun with Tarsus and Adana Station personnel.

Miss Mabel Pihl is visiting in the city this week before returning to Smyrna. Together with Miss Anne Eastman of Salonica she spent several weeks in Roumania and Bulgaria.

Mrs. Vrooman and Miss Hinman who have been spending the summer at the American Collegiate Institute at Erenkeuy returned to Smyrna on Friday on the "Gul Jemal".

Mr. Barnum and family who have been occupying the Markham apartment for several weeks and Prof. Scipio and family who were guests of Dr. and Mrs. McNaughton for a short time have also returned to their homes at Robert College. This group has greatly enjoyed the sea-bathing at Erenkeuy and many of them have made progress in swimming and diving. All keenly regret leaving the scene of such good times and good fellowship.

Miss Harriet Norton is spending her vacation in the Lebanon at Shemlan and in Jerusalem.

Word from the Boston office indicates that Miss Margaret Smith en route from China to the United States has been secured for the American School at Merzifoun for the coming year and that Miss Mead, also from China, is available for the Scutari School.

Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum report visiting various friends in England, among them Miss Agnes Salmond, formerly of Marash. The MacCallums expected to sail from Belfast on August 5th on the SS Andania.

Mr. Paul Nilson returned to Talas today after accompanying Mrs. Fischer and her daughter thus far on their return journey to America.

Miss Grace Towner is spending her vacation as the guest of Talas Station.

Dr. Hamilton and Miss Trowbridge of Aintab and Miss Blakeley of Marash are spending this month in the Lebanon.

Miss Phelps accompanied by Miss Fletcher has returned to Aintab from her visit to Talas.

Truly yours,

E. T. Leslie

No. 146.

Constantinople, August 23rd, 1927

Dear Friends:

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Martin who finished their three years' term with the Sofia American Schools this spring are living at Semper Strasse, No. 32, Vienna, while Mr. Martin is taking a course in Philosophy at the University of Vienna.

Mr. Walter B. Wiley left on Saturday morning for Marash by way of Namroon, if the railway strike at Yenije permitted a stop at Tarsus. Mr. Wiley has been spending a number of weeks here in language study.

Professor Lawrence is returning this week from Florence, Italy, where he was called by the illness of his son Arthur who was en route to Smyrna for a visit. Mr. Arthur Lawrence is recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. Lydia P. Flint is staying in the city for a number of days on her way back to Smyrna after the summer spent in Sinaia, Roumania, Vienna and Salzburg.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Compton are spending several weeks at the Koener Pensionne, Haffergasse, No. 18, Vienna.

Dr. G. E. White left Salonica on August 19th for America. He will visit the Comptons in Vienna on his way.

The J. R. Brewster family of Salonica are vacationing in Austria a part of August.

News has been received of the appointment of Mr. Harold T. Pence and his fiancée Miss Buelah Stotts, as missionaries to the Turkey Mission to fill the request of the Mission for an agriculturist for Aintab. It is expected that Mr. Pence and his bride will spend this coming year in the Language School.

Miss Annie M. Barker expects to sail on September 10th for Montreal from Glasgow, Scotland, on the SS "Montcalm" of the Canadian Pacific.

Miss Lucille Day is expected here August 31st on her way to Brousa.

"Running through all the varying conceptions of God is the central thought of His being the creative force in the universe. The creation of the world is continuously going on, not only in the moulding of mountains and valleys but in evolving human relationships as well, and it is in those processes of change that the divine power is manifested. Those who would work with God and as well let Him work through them will have to be putting their efforts into those movements of change that are challenging the organized and stabilized institutions of society.

It is, of course, obvious that not every cause, merely because it makes for change, is part of the divine plan; people are often mistaken when they think they are working with God; but any one can be quite sure, on the other hand, that any cause which has for its purpose the strengthening of the status quo has no possible relationship with a creative God. That is what lets out our popular idols."

-- Paul Jones, "The Leadership that Counts."

Truly yours,

E. T. Leslie

Constantinople, August 30, 1927.

No. 147.

Dear Friends:

Dr E. B. Haskell and family of Samokov, who are on furlough this year, will spend the year in Los Angeles and Claremont, Calif.

Rev. W. C. Cooper and family, who are also in America, may be addressed at 916 Belden Ave., Chicago, Ill. after Sept 1.

Dr and Mrs F. F. Goodsell and Caroline arrived here last Wednesday morning on the S. S. Brasile from Genoa after spending nine days in leisurely travel from Liverpool to that port.

Miss Ethel Moffat who accompanied her sister, Mrs Lorrin. A. Shepard, here last April and has spent the summer with the Shepard family, left here on Sunday by Khedivial line to Greece, with the expectation of transferring to the S. S. President Wilson sailing to New York.

On the 22nd Scutari was the scene of a large fire which destroyed some three hundred houses owing to the high wind blowing from the north. Fortunately for our American School there, the fire started south of that district.

Miss McKnight of Reading, Penn, a graduate of the Presbyterian Hospital, and of Teachers College, New York City in 1926, arrived August 18th to take the position of assistant superintendent of the Nurses Training School at the American Hospital in this city. Miss McKnight spent last year as a teacher in the private school in Albania.

A new class of twenty pupil nurses will begin regular training at the American Hospital on Sept. 1st. Out of 35 applicants, 20 were Turkish young women.

Miss Mabel Pihl, accompanied by Miss Helen Barnum, left for Smyrna Friday the 26th on the "Gul Jemal". On Saturday Mrs Flint also returned to Smyrna.

Mr R. B. Smith of Tarsus reached this city last Wednesday evening and is remaining here a little time for health reasons.

Miss Ethel Putney returned to Gedik Pasha Sunday evening after her summer spent in England.

Dr W. W. Peet and Mrs Hemphill have been spending some time in Geneva, Switzerland after attending the World Conference on Faith and Order in Lausanne. They plan to return to Athens in September and to spend the winter there in special work.

Miss Theda B. Phelps and Miss Fletcher of Scutari, who is visiting her, spent several days in Marash following August 22nd.

Mrs Lillian Sewny reached this city Sunday evening and is remaining a few days at Scutari before returning to Salonica.

Mr and Mrs L.R. Fowle will make their home for the coming year in one of the new apartments for missionaries on Grove St. Auburndale, Mass. Mr Fowle expects to spend the month following Sept. 25th speaking in Ohio for the Board.

The USS "Scorpion", which has spent the last 19 years in Near Eastern Waters has recently arrived at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, Pa. This boat which has been so familiar to Americans in Turkey was bought by the U. S. Government during the war with Spain and has been 29 years in government service. She was first sent to the Near East in 1908. In honor of her long period of service it has been suggested that she be given by Congress the Distinguished Service Medal.

Very Truly Yours.

E. T. Leslie.

Constantinople, September 6, 1927.

No. 148

Dear Friends:

Miss Margaret A. Smith arrived in this city on August 28th and together with Miss Torning will proceed to Merzifoun on Thursday of this week. Miss Smith was among the Missionaries who withdrew from the province of Shantung last April and since that time she has been traveling in India, Egypt and Palestine.

Among the many passengers on the S.S. "Sinaia" of the Fabre Line which arrived on August 30th were the following: Rev. and Mrs. Charles T. Riggs; Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Woolworth, Jr. and daughter, returning to Cesarea; Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Bobb and son, and Miss Harriett A. Hallett for the Language School; Miss Ellen W. Cutlin returning to Gedik Pasha; Miss Clara C. Richmond, who will remain at the Gedik Pasha School for the opening weeks; Miss Harriett H. Steele going to the Sofia American Schools at Samokov; Prof. Charles T. Estes for Robert College; Miss Hazel K. Hotson who is returning to Adana before coming to the Language School; Miss Lucille Foreman and Mr. David J. Julius, who continued their journey to Aleppo on the "Sinaia" as far as Beirut; Miss Myrtle O. Shane for Beirut; Miss Marjorie G. Deane disembarked at Salonica for work this year at the Farm School. Dr. and Mrs. F. F. McKenzie and son transferred from the "Sinaia" to another steamer at Piraeus for Smyrna.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles T. Riggs were accompanied from America to this city by Miss Caroline Steele and Mr. George Randle, the sister and uncle of Mrs. Riggs.

Rev. William Sage Woolworth, Jr., who received his Master's Degree in Theology at Union Theological Seminary at New York City last May, has presented a copy of his thesis to the Mission Library, Constantinople. The title of the thesis is "An Endeavor to Formulate the Attitude and Policy that Christian Missions Should Take Toward the Turkish Moslem."

Miss Lucy I. Mond reached this city on Wednesday, August 31st, to join the teaching staff at Scutari.

Mr. Frank C. Ferguson returned to the Amer. Collegiate Institute at Erenkoy on September 1st, after spending the summer in Italy and Germany.

Mr. Lyman MacCallum returned to his work in the Bible Society yesterday from Harash where he left a group including the Lymans, Miss Schaefer, Mrs. Laird and others at Yavshan, the former summer camp for Harash and Aintab.

Permission has been received for the opening of the Gedik Pasha Church School, and plans are being made for the early re-opening of this school.

Recent news from Rev. Henry T. Perry and wife in America state that they are both in good health since Mr. Perry's recovery from pneumonia last spring. He attended the reunion of the class of '62 at Williams College last June.

Rev. and Mrs. Edward T. Perry left last Thursday for a month's holiday in Italy.

Mrs. Nellie F. Brooks has recently entered upon her work as Minister's Assistant in connection with the First Congregational Church of Waterloo, Iowa. Her address is: 630 West Park Avenue.

Very truly yours,

F. T. Leslie.

Constantinople, September 13, 1927.

No 149.

Dear Friends:

Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Davidson and two sons were among the passengers on the Sinaia arriving on August 30th, for Robert College. Mr Davidson was formerly pastor on the Arlington Presbyterian Church of East Orange, New Jersey. This coming year he will have courses in English Literature at Robert College and will assist with the Sunday preaching.

Miss Katherine Fletcher returned to Scutari on September 7th after spending the month of August in Aintah.

Miss Lucie Borel spent several days in this city continuing her journey on the S. S. Milano to Mersine. Miss Borel takes up her work again this year in the American School for girls at Adana after her furlough in America.

Miss Helen Wells and her mother, Mrs Anna Wells, together with Mr C. T. Riggs left for Merzifoun Yesterday. Miss Wells and her mother arrived in this city from Italy several days earlier.

Miss Ethel Niermeyer and Miss Helen Thatcher arrived here September 7th to join the staff of the Y.W.C.A. They will be regular attendants at the Language School this year.

Mr Richard. B. Smith returned to Tarsus September 8th.

Mr Allan. T. Hazen arrived here Sept. 11th en route for Tarsus where he will begin this fall his three years term of service with the American School.

Miss Mary Bracket and Miss Margaret Nash arrived by Conventional train Sunday evening Sept. 11th. They will be part of the teaching staff at the Scutari School this year.

To correct an error in the News Letter of last week, we wish to say that it was Miss Mead (teaching this year at Scutari), who was among the missionaries that withdrew from Shantung last April, and who since then has been travelling in India, Egypt and Palestine. Miss Margaret A. Smith was stationed near Peking and in leaving China last Spring she crossed through Siberia to England, spending the summer there with her family.

Yavshan

No regular camp has been held on the old stamping ground of the Central Turkey Mission since 1914. But this year a party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman, Mrs Edith Laird, Schwester Paula Schaefer and Mr Lyman MacCallum made the familiar pilgrimage. From Kishifle a band of insubordinate and omnivorous goats was sent along to furnish milk and entertainment to the campers, for the villagers no longer visit those mountains.

Yavshan is the same glorious playground that used to attract visitors from so far away as Smyrna and Aleppo in the days when this meant a week or more of uncomfortable travel. The familiar cedars of Lebanon and great spruces, the cold valley springs and beloved mountain tops, the evenings winds and morning stillness above all those incomparable viewsover mountain and plain are almost unchanged.

There was talk, serious, of bringing back the good old days, of having a reunion of all available seasoned Yavshanlis, together with a good leaven of newcomers, at Yavshan in 1928. Lyman MacCallum at the Bible House was appointed camp secretary and is on the hunt for correspondents. Yavshanlis, can't you hear Sunrise Peak calling you?--F. Lyman MacCallum.

Yours very truly,
E. T. Leslie.

Constantinople, September 20th. 1927.

No 150.

Dear Friends:

Taking liberties with "Dear Friends" promises to be as risky as playing practical jokes on ones sacred aunt. And yet excessive solemnity does invite the bent pin. And so with the Editor safely beyond the Black Sea and all other responsible parties engaged in their lawful occupations, the office boy, aided and abetted by the printer's devil will take charge of this issue.

As the song birds come back in the Spring, so the schoolmarms in September. Although the Turkish schools of this vicinity are not opening for a fortnight, the American schools are all away to a good start. With a few stragglers, still to hear from Scutari Girls School has an enrolment of 268 as compared with a total of 272 for the whole of last year. Of these 113 are boarders, 8 more than last year. There are 115 Armenians, 90 Turks, 13 Greeks, 7 Hebrew and one each Persian, Albanian and Syrian. It seems curious that Geneva should have such difficulty in bringing the nations together when Miss Kinney is able to gather them under her wing with such ease. Would not some kind friend whisper to the American Ambassador, Mr Grew, who arrived via the Lloyd Triestino on Sunday, that Miss Kinney be proposed for the next president of the League of Nations, provided that she can be spared from Scutari....which of course she can't.

This years new American teachers at Scutari are the Misses Mead, Nash and Brackett, whose records have already been given in previous issues of our informative weekly.

Then our special reporter called on Miss Putney of Gedik Pasha School he caught her in the act of preening herself over the number of applications which had been refused for lack of accomodation. As it is, those pupils who are lucky enough to find themselves on the right side of the doors can only be accomodated by practising Emerson's(?) dictum about making two scholars grow where only one grew before. In an early issue our readers are promised the exact figures of attendance. Gedik Pasha is happy to have secured the services of Miss Gladys Lucas, (small, but oh, my!) for another year, and of Miss Evelyn Whitelegge, who will be remembered as a distinguished visitor in Constantinople two years ago, as well as of Miss S. E. Woodward, who also hails from the British Isles,

The American Collegiate Institute in Smyrna is looking forward to the arrival of Miss Ruth C. Hitchings who will occupy Miss Ruth Crockets seat at the family board. Miss Hitchings sails from Boston on the "Edison" together with a large group who are turning their faces to the land flowing with yoghort and backlava.

Bachelor days will soon be over again for Mr Walter Wiley, who was expecting to take up his new duties in Aintab about the tenth of Sept. Mrs Walter and Benjamin Lincoln W. were to sail from New York on the 17th. Accompanying them is Miss Jeanette Honiss, recently appointed to Turkey.

Mrs Bobb and Miss Hallet took a notion to see Broussa the other day and skipped off in company with Miss Lucille Day. They returned a few days later, still cheerful. Miss Horah Ward of the Broussa staff blew in on the 14th from the cloudbursts and snowstorms of a characteristic English summer and departed quietly for Broussa two days later.

Mr Eli Stolzhus, one of the well known shepherds of the Presbyt. Mission in Beirut, was observed leading a flock of four young tutors through Constantinople towards the sheepfold of the American University, Beirut. They leave on the 22nd.

"I'LL tell you another about her brother,
And now my story is done"----

Yours Truly
The Office Boy.

Constantinople, September 27th. 1927.

No. 151.

Dear Friends:

After last week's journalistic outrage and subsequent disciplinary measures visited on the editorial staff the latter have unanimously decided to issue an occasional Sedate Number. This is No 1.

ARRIVALS ON THE FIELD.

To Mr and Mrs Benjamin Stolzfus, Samokov, a son, Benjamin Frank. 9/5/27

To Mr and Mrs C. C. Compton, Salonica, a son. 8/29/27

And from California Mrs Christie cables, " Mary and daughter very well." Congratulations, Daddy Nate! 9/21/27

Dr Lewis T. Reed, pastor of the Flatbrush Congregational Church, of Brooklyn N.Y. and formerly a tutor at Robert College, accompanied by Mrs Reed, who is better remembered here as Isabelle Dwight, are staying at the home of Mrs C. T. Riggs. They will later visit Mrs Adelaide Dwight in Persus.

Missionaries will be missionaries, to be sure, but was it quite the thing for "Sandy" (Miss Edith Sanderson) to swathe herself in Turkish village costume and take her place in the line up at Dr Clark's Telas clinic, complaining of an assortment of ailments that would do credit to a patent medicine advertisement? Previous to this escapade Miss Sanderson, accompanied by one of the recent Broussa graduates, Miss Kameron Riga, had spent a fortnight visiting in the homes of Broussa pupils at Afion, Kutahia, Eski-Shehir and Angora. Under-nourishment was not one of their hardships on this trip. Miss Sanderson returns to Broussa to-day.

What would the Near East do without Pomona College, California? With the arrival in Smyrna of Mr Ralph Allee, joining the staff of the International College, there are no less than six Pomona graduates on the staff of International. These include the distinguished President himself together with Messrs Woodruff, Rand, Boyer and Mills, the latter the new College Bursar. Miss Clara Bissel of the Constantinople Y.W.C.A. and Louis Crosby, who has recently arrived at the Sofia Schools, also bear the Pomona hallmark.

Miss Habel Pihl of the Smyrna A.C.I. who was in Constantinople from Thursday to Saturday last week was not really playing hooky. She was merely giving the dentist a chance to look down in the mouth.

The insistent dustclouds reported from the Central States are possibly the result of Mr Isely's attempt to visit all his relatives and friends in five weeks. A conference in Chicago and several weeks speaking trip in Iowa will put him in trim to take courses at Wichita University together with Mrs Isely. This, dear friends, is what Missionaries consider a rest.

Mrs Cass Arthur Reed and her three children, after spending seven weeks with Dr and Mrs MacLachlan in Kingston, Ont. have gone on to California for the winter. En route they had the pleasure of a day with the Maynards in Kansas. Dr and Mrs MacLachlan will follow later. Canada has agreed wonderfully with the Doctor, who can now take a three mile jaunt and feel all the better for it.

Adana generously loaned two of its best to Constantinople when it sent Miss Olive Haus to Constantinople Women's College and Miss H. Hotson to the Language School. They arrived here the 21st. Thank you, Adana.

On Sept. 11 Mrs C. W. Lawrence left Smyrna for Florence where her Arthur had suffered a relapse that necessitated a second operation on the 17th. Latest reports indicate a favorable result.

Mr Paul Penningroth of Columbia and Union and Mrs Penningroth arrived last week and are at the Bible House.

Miss Blakely of Herash and Dr Hamilton and Miss Trowbridge of Ghazi Aintab have returned to their stations after a holiday spent in Biskinta in the Lebanon. To top off with they took several days in Baalbek and Aleppo.

Once again,
The Office Boy.

No. 152.

Dear Friends:

The opening of what promises to be a brilliant social season was fired on Friday Sept. 30th when the Scutari Girls' School was en fête in honor of the three new members of the staff, the Misses Nash, Brackett and Mead. The attendance was as select as it was numerous. "Dear Friends" is happy to give herewith a complete list of the guests together with some notes on the prevailing fall fashions. (Bother! I've lost the list. --- T.C.B.)

Miss Lucille Foreman of Aleppo is rejoicing over a Boston cable, announcing the appointment of Miss Sara Wallace Wells to teach this year and during the furlough of Miss Norton.

ARRIVALS IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

Miss Fanny G. Noyes from Merzifoun en route for America and a year of furlough. She will leave on the 6th and stop over in Athens.

Miss Cora P. Clairry arrived October 2nd joining the staff of the local Y.W.C.A. Will spend this year in Language School work.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Perry on October 2nd after a month's holiday in Italy, shared impartially between the lures of the Lido and the asceticism of Assisi.

Rev. J. Kingsley Birge to take charge of the Publication Department. Accompanied by Mrs. Birge and the four Birgelets; Robert, King, Jr., Billy and Anna.

Miss E. Jeanette Odell for the Language School.

Miss Harriet Yarrow - - - - -

Mr. and Mrs. Harold T. Pence - - - - -

OTHER ARRIVALS

Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Riggs and family, Beirut.

Mr. and Mrs. Max F. Daskam, International College, Smyrna.

Miss Olive Green, Smyrna.

Miss Ruth C. Hitchings, Smyrna.

Dr. Ruth A. Parmalee, Athens.

~~XXXXXXX~~ On October 3rd Mr. and Mrs. Paul Penningroth left for Adana where they will give a year to educational work in the American School for Girls and to the encouraging playground work which is developing in that city.

The same day witnessed the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Herman H. Kreider to make the grand tour of Anatolia -- Angora, Talas, Adana, Tarsus, Aleppo and other points. They will be gone for a month.

After an enviable record of over twenty years of Christian service to the sick of that region, the Marash hospital of the Deutscher Hilfsbund is about to pass into the hands of the railway construction company for the use of its employees. We have no information as to whether Schwester Paula Schaefer, to whose energy and ability the institution has owed so much of its success, will continue in Marash or not.

The Compton heir (see last week's issue) is named William Robert. Allah ba'ishlasin!

The primeval Ontario forests seemed to be the proper meeting place when the Clan MacCallum gathered to greet their Chieftain and her husband on their arrival from Turkey. These Scottish Chiefs are now settled at 74 Walmer Road, Toronto, Ont. which will be their official address for the remainder of the winter. Please note.

Mr. E. C. Partridge has been indulging in a bout of malaria. May it have passed.

Miss Susan Orvis returned to her duties in Adana on September 26th, after spending the summer in Scutari.

And yet again

The Office Boy.

Constantinople. October 11, 1927

No. 153.

Dear Friends:-

"A little make-up now and then

Is relished by the best of us--" I should say ladies.

This couplet is apropos of the new coat of color-wash which has made the interior of the Bible House look as fresh as on the day it was born. A large room in the interior of the rear building has been made over into a gymnasium where Turkish lessons are forgotten now and then by the energetic language students.

With the arrival of Miss Sarah Corning and Miss Margaret. A. Smith on September 12th, and Miss Helen Wells and her mother and Mr C. T. Riggs on September 14th, the forces of Herzifoun station were temporarily more than doubled. Miss Corning came as trained nurse, to make it possible for Miss Noyes to take her overdue furlough and the latter started for America on September 23rd. The other three ladies are connected with the Girls School under the principalship of Miss Pohl. The strain of overwork last year has made it necessary for Miss Chinden as housekeeper to go a bit slow this year, lest she be forced to lay aside all her duties for a rest. There is hope that a music teacher from Germany may join the staff in the very near future. Within ten days of its opening the school had received more than twice the number of boarders it had last year---forty two boarders and over twenty day scholars.

From Broussa Miss Jillson writes: "We can report all very well, in fine spirits and glad to be at work again. We have stretched our quarters for boarding pupils until they couldnt be stretched any more, then we turned our teachers sitting room into a bedroom for two. We have not as many day pupils as we had last year, probably because of the opening of a new Turkish Middle School for boys and girls. We are looking for our music teacher, Miss Wood, who will arrive from England at the end of the month, accompanied, we hope, by an English matron-nurse."

Miss Jeanette Honiss arrived by the overland route on October 6th. In a few days she will proceed to Adana to relieve Miss Bury who goes to the Hospital at Chazi Mintab.

Mr Alford Carlton will be at home to his friends during this semester at Hosmer Hall, Hartford Seminary Foundation, Hartford, Conn. During the second semester Mr Carlton expects to travel extensively for the Student Volunteer Movement.

One of the last official acts of the Rev. J. Kingsley Birge before leaving America was to tie the knot for Mr Samuel. P. Caldwell and Miss Louise Ilcox. Mr Caldwell is a young engineer and, needless to say, the son of Prof. and Mrs S. L. Caldwell of International College, Smyrna. The bride is the sister of one of his Yale classmates.

Mrs Esther Ferguson, affectionately known as "Ma Ferguson," who assisted in the American School in Broussa in 1926 and spent the last year in Y.W.C.A. work in this city is visiting Italy and France. The date of her departure for U.S. America is indefinite.

ATTENTION STATION SECRETARIES. Next time you are trying to scramble up a docket for the station meeting would it be possible to enter the item "Two best station yarns----for News Notes." This sheet, which is trying to be funny at all costs, could be enriched by some charming tales out of the rich fund of missionary experience and adventure in Turkey. No matter if everybody in your station knows them. Others don't, and good laughs arent so easily come by these days.

Yours truly

The office Boy.

Constantinople. October 18, 1927

No. 154.

Dear Friends:

Caroline Sanborne Adkins, wife of the Rev. L. J. Adkins of Adana died very suddenly on October 11th in the American Hospital at Adana. Mrs Adkins had been staying on at their mountain camp with her little daughter. When she began to feel indisposed, Mr Adkins went up and brought her down to the hospital where she passed away within twenty four hours. It is not only the Turkey Mission that is saddened by the loss of one who was a dear friend to so many. The number of Turkish friends who had known and loved Mr and Mrs Adkins and who came to express their sorrow was truly surprising, even to the other members of Adana station.

For certain reasons it seemed best to bring Mrs Adkins' body to Constantinople for interment. En route the car containing the casket was attached to another train, so that Mrs C. Haas and Sally Ann Adkins arrived in Constantinople on thursday evening, while Mr Adkins reached the city twenty four hours later. Interment took place at Perikouy Protestant Cemetary at 10.30 on Saturday the 15th. The beautiful service was conducted by the Rev. E. T. Perry, the Rev. F. F. Goodsell assisting.

As soon as arrangements can be completed Mr Adkins will take Sally Ann to her relatives in the United States, going by way of England.

Miss Martha Miesse of Kiel, Germany, the music teacher for our Herzifoun School, reached Constantinople on the 11th and sailed two days later for Samsoun. Trains now run from Samsoun to Kevza, eighteen miles from Samsoun Herzifoun. This road is not planned to touch Herzifoun, but will ultimately come within eleven miles of the city.

Mr Donald P. Blaisdell and Mrs Blaisdell (Dorothea Chambers) are back in Constantinople, where Mr Blaisdell is making studies in preparation for writing his Ph. D. thesis.

BRILLIANT AFFAIR AT SMYRNA. On Friday October 7th the American staff of the American Collegiate Institute at Smyrna entertained the combined faculties, both native and foreign, of Geuz Tepe and International College. Despite the two and a half inches of rain that fell during the performance it was a most brilliant affair. Details are omitted in deference to Scutari.

These Geuz Tepe leaders of the Smyrna social swirl are glad to have under their roof Miss Alice Carr of the N.E.R. Miss Carr is helping to organise the visiting nurses work and baby clinic for Mr Jennings and his committee.

YOUNG STUDENTS SUCCESS. Congratulations are being showered on Miss Hiemeyer and Miss Thatcher, two of this years Language students who piloted Dr Boster and four ladies to Eyoub and back on the strength of Turkish acquired on less than three weeks study. The boatman is said still to be wrestling with several new and involved Turkish expressions.

The Boys High School at Erenkeuy is away to an especially gratifying start under the experienced principalship of Dr. J. P. MacNaughton. They have about 140 students of whom 84 are boarders.

Dr. Lorrin A. Shepard had the good fortune to be permitted to attend the Turkish National Medical Congress held in the Hall of the Grand National Assembly at Angora. Following these meetings Dr Shepard planned to visit Adana and Antab.

Mrs F. W. MacCallum is spending a few weeks with her sister at Arcadia Sanatorium, Manor, California. Dr MacCallum is doing light housework at the apartment, 74 Walmer Road, Toronto. A modest diet of nuts and fruit not only promotes health but reduces dish-washing drudgery to a semi-weekly ordeal.

Very truly yours
The Office Boy.

Constantinople. October 25, 1927.

No. 155.

Dear Friends:

We are happy to be the first to deny the persistent rumour that Mr H. H. Kreider had been swallowed by an irate police commissar while Mrs Kreider had taken to "shalvars" and "yoghourt". On the contrary they have been heard from in Talas, Adana and Aleppo and are expected back before long.

Rev. Paul Wilson is forming the habit of meeting 2.30 a.m. trains on which Constantinople friends ain't. He claims that it gives a good start on the days work. "Around Argaeus in Forty Courses" is promised for early publication if village hospitality does not bring him to a dyspeptic grave. In other words he and the Ford have been exhibiting the marvellous stereopticon in the villages that skirt Argaeus and have been treated to the best the delighted villagers can furnish.

Dr. Lorrin Shepard, Colonel Smith and Mr Belin of the Embassy breezed into Talas on the 15th and out again the next day. They expected to see Adana the 17th, Marash the 18th, Aintab the 19th and Aleppo the 20th. Such is the rate that people can dash about in the new Turkey. Under old conditions this trip could hardly have been done in less than a fortnight.

Meanwhile, railway building goes on in new directions. The Belgians are reported to have completed 45 kilometers on the Cesarea-Sivas line. The whole distance is about 200 kilometers.

TEACHER VACANT. - Canadian teacher, specialist in physical education and History, amiable disposition, youngish and a consolation to the eyes, recommended by Mrs F. W. MacCallum (seconded by the O.B.) could probably be persuaded to undertake term work in Turkey if offered a definite post. Orders accepted now by Mrs MacCallum for 1928 autumn delivery.

Hearty congratulations to Dr Lorrin Shepard, newly elected Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. If Lorrin were less modest he could now appropriate the title M.C.A. - Master Cutters Association.

President Cass Arthur Reed of International College passed through Constantinople on the 17th. He is going to the United States on matters connected with college finance. In his absence Mr Lee Vrooman will occupy the presidential sofa.

Mrs C. Haas returned to Adana on the 22nd after spending ten days in Constantinople.

Mrs Wilson Powle returned on the same day from Beirut and Aleppo.

Final returns from this autumn's most interesting event in California show that Miss Mary Carmelite Nute made her debut on September 21st as the world's perfect baby, at last. Tarsus station is making discreet enquiries as to the possibility of securing a radio outfit that will "pick up" California, where broadcasting is taking place nightly. Some fathers don't seem to know when they are well off.

The film "Ben Hur" is again showing in Constantinople to crowded houses. One cannot but be impressed by the educative influence which such an attractive presentation of Jesus' birth and acts must exert on people who are only indirectly and vaguely acquainted with the Scriptures. Turkish cinema magazines are discussing that other religious film "The King of Kings" which is almost certain to be presented here in due course.

The Turkish weekly "Resmli Juma'a" (Friday Pictorial) has been suppressed for attacking the Koran and the Moslem faith in the name of free thought. These articles have been appearing weekly since the inception of the magazine in July and have grown steadily more violent in tone. They were not worthy of serious consideration, being concerned with such matters as whether God spoke Hebrew or Arabic and whether the Koran existed before the world or was invented by Mohammed. Yet they were a curious indication of the deep change that is going on in this country.

Very truly yours

The Office Boy.

Constantinople, November 1, 1927

No. 156.

Dear Friends:

All respectable magazines now commence with a list of questions, the answers to which are to be found on page so-and-so. As "Dear Friends" is nothing if not respectable we bow to the prevailing fashion and propound the following skull-crackers. Answers to all these questions will be found on page one of this issue.

How many students are attending American Mission Schools in Turkey? Why was Mr Vrooman saddened to find the pages still uncut? Why did the entire population of Turkey spend a day in the lock-up? Why did the census taker criticise the Y.W.C.A.? Why is Dr Gates sailing stormy seas? What have the Getchells been up to? Why did the Kreiders sleep on the floor at Haider Pasha? Who accompanied Dr Lorrin Shepard?

The following attendance was reported in the Schools of the Mission on October 10th.

American Day School for Boys and Girls, Gedik Pasha, Stamboul	259
" Lycee for Girls, Broussa - - - - -	130
" School for Girls, Adana - - - - -	170
" Collegiate Institute for Girls, Smyrna - - - - -	85
" School for Girls, Scutari - - - - -	286
" Collegiate Institute for Boys, Chifte Haouz, Stamboul	150
" College, Tarsus (Boys) - - - - -	100
" School for Girls, Merzifoun - - - - -	65
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At the same date there were in International College, Smyrna, 276 students.

Prof. Lee Vrooman of Smyrna calls the attention of the members of the mission to the fact that the fifth volume of Gibb's "History of Turkish Poetry" deals with modern Turkish literature in such a way as to throw a great deal of light upon present tendencies of thought and life, as well as upon the developments of the last fifty years. This volume is in the Mission Library and ought to be in constant use.

On Friday Turkey enjoyed (?) the first real census of its History. A Belgian expert directed operations and the Belgian system was followed. From five o'clock in the morning until the signal canon went off at 10.15 p.m. no one save census officials and police could stir from their homes.

Turkish Census taker (recording Y.W.C.A. Personnel House) "What, all these ladies and not one gentleman?

Miss B.... "Not one, effendim".

Census taker (gallantly) "Is it possible that there are no more young gentlemen in America?

President and Mrs Caleb F. Gates left this week for America. Dr Gates will be occupied in America for some months in connection with the financial campaign of the Near East Colleges.

Mr and Mrs D. K. Getchell have recently returned to Salonica after a stay of a couple of months in a South German Sanatorium. We hope they are feeling in the pink.

Mrs Angus Swan, daughter of Mr Lawrence Binns and sister of Mrs Rowntree died at her home in Bebek on October 30th. Interment took place in Haider Pasha cemetery.

Mr and Mrs H. H. Kreider returned after a month of fairly strenuous travel in the interior, reaching home on census day. Their train was stopped for some time at Eski Shehir while the census taker recorded the passengers. On their arrival at Haider Pasha the signal gun had not yet been fired and they had to camp in the station for a couple of hours until the release was sounded.

Dr Lorrin Shepard returned from Anatolia on Wednesday, accompanied by Dr. and Mrs L. T. Reed returning from Tarsus.

ASK ME ANOTHER

The Office Boy.

Constantinople, November 8, 1927

No. 157.

Dear Friends:

Dr. R. P. Wilder is spending ten days in Constantinople learning something about this corner of his wide-flung parish. Dr. Wilder is the Executive Secretary for the Christian Council for Northern Africa and Western Asia. On Sunday Dr. Wilder addressed the Christian Workers Union with regard to some of the problems that will face this Council at the Jerusalem meeting next March. Christian bodies in Japan and elsewhere are holding study courses in order to understand the decisions that will then be taken. Dr. Wilder hinted that a similar intelligent interest might well be taken by those residing within the sphere of activity of the Council.

Mrs Walter Wiley, wife of the star pinch-hitter of the Turkey Mission, arrived from America on Thursday evening, accompanied by young Lincoln Benjamin, who during his summer in America has developed into a regular go-getter. They left this morning for Aintab.

The Sunday service at Scutari School on November 6th took the form of a memorial service for the late Arthur C. Ryan, who lived on the School premises for many months and was a great help to the school during many months of difficulties and dangers. Dr. Boyd spoke of the man and his work and the school choir sang two pieces very sweetly.

Rev. James Oscar Boyd, D.D. who served for five years as Secretary of the Levant Agency (Arabic) of the American Bible Society and has been for the last two years the Secretary of the Levant Agency as well, arrived from furlough in Constantinople on November 1st. Accompanying him are Mrs Boyd and Miss Florence Boyd. The latter will probably take classes at Constantinople Woman's College.

Miss Cecelia J. Berg finds Chicago as busy as ever, although of course it is really busier. Her share in the business is to attend North Western University at Evanston where she is taking courses in the Arts department and in the Music school.

Dr. J. H. Marden writes from Athens: Mrs Marden and I returned yesterday from Salonica. You will have been informed before this reaches you of the sudden illness of Prof. Hopkins (of the American College Salonica) He developed a septic meningitis from an infected ear. We left with sad hearts because of the great blow that has come to Mrs Hopkins and the increased burden to those who are so nobly carrying on the work in the College.

Mr Leslie Adkins accompanied by Sally Anne left on Thursday per SS "Cleopatra" for Athens, from where they will sail for America.

Mrs George Huntington leaves this week for America, where she will take part in the endowment campaign for the Near East Colleges. Nine million dollars has been set as the objective for this campaign.

Do not forget the tea and sale by the ladies of the "Dutch Chapel" on Friday the 11th, beginning at two P.M. -----Advt.

LOST? STRAWED AND STOLEN; or VANITY'S RECOMPENSE. Perhaps the innocent desire for a green voile dress with filet lace should not really be classed as a vanity, even in austere missionary circles. One of the most charming of Adana's younger set sent such a voile to Miss Norton to have the lace stuck on. Miss N. then gave it to Dr. Dodd, who in turn handed ~~on~~ on in the train to one of the delegates of this year's Annual Meeting for delivery to the owner. The parcel has never reached its destination and Dr. Dodd cannot recall to whom he entrusted it. Any one able to help this damsel in dis-dress will kindly write Box J.E.M. c/o "Dear Friends".

AND BEST OF ALL. Charles T. Riggs returned on Tuesday from Merzifoun.

So Exit

The Office Boy.

Constantinople, November 15, 1927

No. 158

Dear Friends:-

The undersigned wishes to express deep gratitude to the various friends who have for the past seventeen months carried on so efficiently this weekly letter. From Treasurer Fowle to "The Office Boy" they have sacrificed time and comfort for the good of our reading and discriminating public, and deserve our hearty thanks.

Dr. R. P. Wilder and Dr. F. F. Goodsell left Constantinople on Saturday last for Adana and Tarsus. After a visit there Dr Wilder goes on to Aleppo, Beirut, Jerusalem and Cairo, while Dr Goodsell expects to be back at home next week.

An epidemic of the dengue fever (allied to influenza and very debilitating though rarely fatal) has been ravaging Beirut. Mr and Mrs H. H. Riggs have been among the victims, and a son of the late Prof. Hall has been very low with it. All are now recovering.

Wilfred M. Post M.D. who was formerly connected with our hospitals in Talas, Konia and Constantinople, was married on November 6th to Miss Ethel Hulse. They are living in East Williston, Long Island. N.Y.

Mrs Donald (Dorothea Chambers) Blaisdell, who with her husband has been staying for some weeks in Constantinople, is leaving to-day on a visit to Beirut, to see her parents, Dr and Mrs W. N. Chambers.

Mrs E. D. Marden, long of Constantinople Station, spent the summer with her daughter in Chautauqua, N.Y. and a short time ago was in Boston visiting with Miss Annie M. Barker. She was expecting to return about the end of October to Atascadero, California.

The next section of the Samsoun-Sivas Railway, extending from Havza to Amasia, is to be formally opened to passenger and freight traffic on December 1st. A delegation from the Grand National Assembly has been named to be present on that occasion.

Official returns of the population of the city of Constantinople, including the Princes Islands, give a total of 679,000, which is smaller than was anticipated. The final figures for the census of the entire country have not yet been published.

Dr and Mrs Boyd and Daughter, of the American Bible Society, have taken up their residence in Bebek, in the Artar Apartment, next to the home of Mr Middleton Edwards.

News has been received of the death of Miss Julia W. Snow Ph. D. on Oct. 25th. She was 64 years old. From 1894 to 1896 she was a Professor in the American College for Girls, Constantinople, and was well known to quite a group of Turkey workers. Since 1901 she has been connected with Smith College, being for many years Professor of Botany there.

The School of Religion in Athens has been fortunate enough to secure the full text of the 1927 Spring Lectures of the late Dean Bosworth of Oberlin. The first of these lectures has been duplicated and a copy of it has gone to each mission station. Mr Pye says:- In case there is a real desire on the part of the stations to receive copy of the remaining lectures, they could be duplicated in like fashion. There is naturally there is a small amount of expense involved and we had ~~not~~ rather not duplicate needlessly." Mr Pye would like to hear from stations or individuals that would care to receive copies of the whole series. There are eight of them, grouped around the general topic of "The Christian Religion and Human Progress."

Mouhtar Bey, Turkish Ambassador to Washington, and the members of his diplomatic staff left Constantinople yesterday by express for Paris, and are to sail from Cherbourg for New York. Ambassador Grew and the staff of the Embassy were at the station to bid him adieu.

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.

No. 159.

Dear Friends:--

Rev. Herbert M. Irwin, D.D., passed away in Old Phaleron, Greece on Thursday night Nov. 17th, after an illness of some weeks, of tuberculosis. Dr. Irwin was born in Fenelon, Ontario, Canada, Feb. 25th, 1868, and received his training in Manitoba University and Knox College. He and Mrs Irwin came out to Turkey in 1903, reaching Cesarea on Nov. 17th, and they were connected with that station till 1919. In 1924 they returned from America and went to Athens, since which time Dr. Irwin has been attending to the business end of things in Athens Station. The deep sympathy of a wide circle of friends goes out to Mrs Irwin in her bereavement, as also to the three children, two of whom, Hugh and Corinne, are in America.

Field Secretary Goodsell returned from his visit to Adana and Tarsus on Saturday evening last. He found the work in both these places doing better than for a long time. With the Nutes and Rectors in Tarsus, together with Miss Dwight and two fine American tutors and one Swiss, the boys' School is flourishing. In Adana, too, there is quite a handful of workers; and a new note was sounded by a Turkish official when in conversation he spoke of the playground work under Miss Brauer and Mr Penningroth as a fine example of "our cooperative enterprise with the Americans." The Girls School, also, is going on well.

During Mr Goodsell's stay, the Board of Managers of Tarsus School held its first full meeting in a long time, Miss Towner, Dr Haas, Dr Nute, Mr Wilson and Dr. Goodsell being all present, they also had the advantage of the presence of Mr Lyman of Harash and Miss Dwight.

From Manor, Marin County, California, Mrs F. W. MacCallum writes:-- "I plan to stay in Los Angeles till the 8th of November. From where I go to spend a day with the Paynes in Grinnell, a day with Mrs Brooks at Waterloo, then a week-end with Mrs Ryan in Oberlin, before I reach Toronto Nov. 15th. It makes a wonderful trip."

Mr Wiley of Aintab went to Fevzi Pasha Station Nov. 9th to meet Mrs Wiley and Lincoln and Miss Bury, and escort them home.

Aleppo Station has been reinforced this fall by the return of Miss Foreman from furlough, the transfer of Mr Partridge, and the coming of two young people, Mr David Julius to the boys' school, and Miss Sarah Wells to the girls' school.

Dr. Robert P. Wilder spent a very profitable day in Aleppo on his way south. He visited the various schools, the refugee camp, and the Near East League, viewed the teeming and varied population of the city from the citadel, and gave several inspiring addresses. In the afternoon a conference of representatives of all branches of evangelical work listened to talks by Dr Wilder and Mr J. H. Nicol who came from Beirut; and in the evening 400 persons gathered for an address by Dr Wilder on World Movements of Students. Never before had so many gathered in this city for an address in English, an inspiring and helpful hour.

Mr Charles C. Cowell, Professor of Health Education and Director of Athletics at Robert College, has issued a 50-page leaflet called Physical Ability Tests and Scoring Tables. These have been worked out on the basis of years of experience with Robert College students. The book may be secured from Mr Cowell, or through the Bible House, at 15 piastres plus postage.

Miss Fanny G. Hoyer of Herzifoun arrived in America the first week in November; and after a few days in the vicinity of Boston with Miss Ward, Mrs Edward Riggs and other Herzifounlis, started Nov. 9th for Cleveland, Oberlin and Colorado.

Mrs Wiley of Aintab would be glad to sell a pair of beautiful brown pumps, perfectly new, but not the right size for her; they are 7½ AAA, with three straps and low heels.

An impressive memorial service was held in Gedik Pasha Church on Friday last, in memory of Rev. Arakel Bedikian, pastor there from 1892 to 1902. The auditorium was full, and the chief addresses were by Prof. H. Alexanian of Scutari and Prof. M. Djedjizian of Robert College.

Very cordially yours
Charles T. Riggs.

No. 160.

Dear Friends:-

Today completes the winter lectures given at the School of Religion, Athens, by Professor Charles A. Dinsmore, D.D. of the Yale Divinity School Faculty, well known as an authority on Dante. The first course of lectures, on the theme: Literary Qualities and Spiritual Values of the Scriptures, was given Nov. 14-18, and the second, on The Literature of Power, was given Nov. 21-29. Each course comprised five lectures.

Mr Charles Fowle, long at the head of the Near East Relief in the Beirut area, who returned to America last Spring, has been appointed Business Manager of the Clifton Springs Sanitarium, New York. His son Richard has been under treatment at this famous resort for some time.

Rev. R. Binney Markham of Constantinople, who is now studying at Union Seminary, New York, writes that he is very busy and very enthusiastic over his work. He reminds us that the Seminary provides twenty furnished apartments for missionaries on furlough, wishing to study in the institution. Applications for these, which rent at a very moderate figure, should be made as quickly as possible to Professor Gaylord S. White, Union Seminary, New York City.

Word has been received from the Board in Boston of the appointment of Miss Elsa Feichtinger for permanent service in the American Collegiate Institute, Smyrna.

The first meeting of the Executive Council of Armenian Missions was held in New York City November 1st. Mr G. T. Pushman of Chicago was elected chairman, Rev. A. A. Bedikian of New York secretary, and Mr Frederick A. Gaskins treasurer. The Council is composed of eight members, three of whom are Americans.

Miss Helen Calder of the American Board is supposed to have reached Athens November 23rd, expecting to stay there two weeks, and then go across to Smyrna on her way to Constantinople.

Miss Woods, who was secured through the Y.W.C.A. in London, as Music teacher for the Broussa school, went on Thanksgiving Day to Broussa. She was born in Cawnpore, India, and thus has Missionary antecedents.

With Miss Woods went Dr F. F. Goodsell, to spend the Thanksgiving recess in Broussa, to the great delight of the Broussa ladies. On an exchange basis, Miss Lucille Day spent those days in Constantinople.

Professor L. Levonian of the School of Religion is spending his furlough in England, and is lecturing at Woodbroke College, and doing considerable other speaking. He has been asked to lecture at Headsworth Seminary, the leading Seminary in England of the Wesleyan Church. On Nov. 30th he is to address the Annual Meeting of the Bible Lands Missions Aid Society, London.

Mr and Mrs George S. Frazer of Halifax, Nova Scotia, the parents of Mrs Edward Perry of Constantinople, arrived in this city yesterday, coming from America to Greece on the S.S. Edison and from there here on the S.S. Andros. They expect to spend the winter with their daughter and son-in-law.

Mr Luther R. Fowle writes that he has bought a Hudson car, secured his licence, and taken his family out riding safely. He looks forward to a long trip in it during May and June, possibly as far west as Denver. Mr Fowle believes that public speaking is a fine cure for obesity. He has given forty three talks since landing, and thereby thrown off fifteen pounds and more of extra weight. He recently made a trip to Oberlin, Ohio, and saw Lincoln Goodsell and the Ryan family, among others.

Mrs Sewny and Mrs Hopkins took the night train Thanksgiving evening from Salonica for Athens. Mrs Hopkins went to visit with her friend Dr. Bates of the School of Religion, before turning her face homeward to America, to continue her studies.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

No. 161.

Dear Friends:-

The visit of Dr. Robert P. Wilder in Beirut is described as rather a jumping visit than a flying one, for he was kept on the jump every minute of his stay. He saw more variety of Christian effort than he had dreamed of, and besides learning a lot, was an inspiration and a help to all whom he met.

Since the Boys' High School in Aleppo opened in 1923, its growth is indicated in the accompanying table. For two years there were primary grades; and for the last two years there have been classes of the college grade, since one class per year has been added at the top.

	1923/4	1924/5	1925/6	1926/7	1927/8
College classes				8	24
Preparatory classes		13	26	34	46
Junior High School	53	82	102	120	138
	<u>53</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>208</u>
Primary grades	103	42			
Special students				2	3

Mrs Helen Scott, known and beloved for her work in Gedik Pasha and Scutari Schools, is conducting a party of ten to the Near East next Spring; they expect to spend two weeks in Palestine at about Easter time, and later will visit Constantinople for five days. They are due to be away from America sixty-eight days in all.

Miss Dora Jones, of Chicago, a friend of Miss Willard's, reached Constantinople on Sunday last, coming from America, and is starting on Thursday for Merzifoun, where she will spend the winter with Miss Willard.

Mrs Arthur C. Ryan and her children have moved to Oberlin, Ohio, where she may be addressed at 181 East College Street.

Letters from Athens report that Dr. Peet has been under the weather for a few days, and that he and Mrs Hemphill are making plans to return to America now, starting in a few days, instead of waiting till Spring, as they had expected to do.

Mr Wilson Fowle has gone to Smyrna on business, starting last Friday. He may be gone for some weeks.

Space limitations forbade any account of Thanksgiving celebrations last issue; nor is it our intention to go into particulars now. The reception at the Embassy by Ambassador and Mrs Grew was a very pleasant occasion. Possibly the most unusual celebration was the swimming of the Bosphorus on that day by three of the Robert College teachers.

The latter feat is not an unusual one except the chilly date in late November. But the following rich illustration of geographic accuracy in American journalism is worth copying:- "Eugene Northrop, a student at an American College in Constantinople, has written a letter home describing his swim across the Bosphorus, the strait that connects the Mediterranean Sea with the Red Sea. Young Northrop accomplished this feat at a point where the tide was exceptionally strong. The distance was one mile. He made the swim in less than twenty-seven minutes, in spite of a strong tide and wind against him." It should be added for the benefit of the uninitiated that there is no tide in the Bosphorus.

Accuracy is not the exclusive possession of either side of the ocean. The Turkish daily "Yakit" says of the American Presidential campaign:- "Mr Coolidge seems to be the one man who can unite all votes. But latest advices show that a change is taking place in public opinion, and that the name of Mr Hoover, the present Secretary of Commerce, is being pushed. If we are to believe other rumors, it is Mr Smith, candidate of the Democratic party, who is to be proposed as candidate for the presidency. However America is the country of strange events, and everything may change at the last moment."

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:-

Our active Field Secretary Dr. Goodsell left December 11th for Athens, expecting to visit Salonica also before returning home, but hoping to be with his family by Christmas Day.

Rev. Dr. Boyd, of the American Bible Society, left this morning by rail for Aleppo and Beirut in the interests of the Society; he also expects to be back by Christmas Eve.

In this connection it is fitting to announce the official appointment of Mr. F. Lyman MacCallum as Sub-Agent for Turkey for the American Bible Society. On this promotion we congratulate "The Office Boy", who has been really acting in this capacity for many months.

Mrs. Harold T. Pence, of the Language School, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the American Hospital, Pera, on Sunday last; under the skilful hand of Dr. Lorrin Shepard. She is doing as well as could be expected at this early date.

A letter from Miss Fanny G. Noyes, of Merzifoun, tells of her visit a month ago with Miss Morley, in Cleveland, Ohio, and later with more friends in Oberlin, whence she was going about December 1st to Chicago and on to her sister in Kansas, and perhaps farther west.

Dr. F. W. MacCallum is at work, even on his furlough; he has been successful in starting up a weekly service in Armenian for the large colony in Toronto, and is hoping to start similar services in Hamilton, Ont., where there is a smaller colony of about forty Armenians.

It has been decided to hold the Mid-Year Council of the Turkey Mission in Constantinople, beginning January 5th. After consultation with all the Stations, the cordial invitation of Adana for this gathering was declined on account of the extra expense involved in going there.

The annual Prayer Calendar of the Turkey Mission for the year 1928 has just appeared and is being circulated. Those wishing copies may secure them through the Publication Department at the Bible House, or through Secretary E. W. Riggs, 14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

Rev. John G. Martin, D.D., and Mrs. Martin, formerly of Aleppo, who spent the past year in New London, Conn., have moved to California, where they would be happy to see their friends. Their address is now 533 Spencer Avenue, Santa Rosa, California.

A comparative statistical report of the registration of the American University of Beirut shows a total enrollment of 1117 students as against 1178 last year, there being 64 less Moslem students than last year, and a loss in Orthodox and Gregorians, with slight increase in Latins and Protestants. The decrease is mainly in the Preparatory Department, and among the students from Syria and Mesopotamia. Seven come from Abyssinia, which was not represented last year.

The new paper currency of Turkey came into circulation the past week. The bills are all of one size, slightly smaller than the former one-lira notes. There are notes of one, five, ten, fifty, one hundred, five hundred and one thousand liras, - so we are told, though the present writer is not fortunate enough to have seen anything higher than the fifty-lira note. The designs are good, and include pictures of the building of the Grand National Assembly, of the rock fortress of Angora, of the Sakaria Valley, the White Wolf of legend, etc. The portrait of the President of the Republic appears on the fifty-lira bill, and is watermarked in the others also. The printing was done in England.

Mr. Luther Fowle writes of recent speaking trips in Rhode Island, Maine and Massachusetts, and of prospective visits in Chicago and Grand Rapids early in December. After December 17th, he was to quiet down a while, to give time for nose, throat and teeth work and general overhaul.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, December 20, 1927.

No. 163.

Dear Friends:-

Christmas is so near that you must all excuse a short letter this week. The undersigned wishes to send you from his heart the very best wishes of the season, and a prayer for a really Happy New Year. We are all busy with festivities; and perhaps some of you will have a story to tell us of an unusually spent Christmas. Keep the Family in touch with your doings.

Hardly sufficient introduction was given in the recent letter when mentioning the appointment to permanent service by the Board, of Miss Elsa Feichtinger. Those who have been connected with Smyrna Station are already somewhat acquainted. She was born in Austria, and after studying in Germany she took charge in 1923 of a greenhouse in Smyrna, and from 1924 to 1925 was in charge of children's play and gardening at the Geuz-Tepe Collegiate Institute in Smyrna. She then went to the United States, and studied in the Fitchburg, Mass., Normal School and in Wellesley College, and expects to receive the B.A. degree from the latter next June. She is a member of the Congregational Church in Fitchburg.

Miss Agnes M. Baird, of Bulgaria, sailed on December 9th from New York on the S.S. Olympic on her way via Paris to Sofia.

The presidents of all the six Near East Colleges are apparently making new friends and bushels of money in the United States at present. A gift of a million dollars for Beirut University has been announced in the course of the campaign.

The American and other foreign Schools in Turkey have been notified of the holidays ordained by the Turkish Government through its Department of Public Instruction, for observation during each year. These include October 29th and 30th anniversary of the proclamation of the Turkish Republic; April 23rd and 24th, fetes of the Grand National Assembly; July 23rd, anniversary of the Turkish revolution; August 30th, anniversary of the battle that gave the Ghazi his title; April 5th and 6th, Spring holiday for the scholars; the 12th of the Moslem month of Rebbi-ul-Evvel, fete of the National Sovereignty and day of the re-occupation of Constantinople. The winter holidays have also been set for January 1st to 8th. We are told however that these holiday rules are for primary schools only, at present. There seems to have been some doubt at first about whether schools were to be allowed to remain closed on Sundays; but we trust that there may be no change in the custom in this regard.

By next week we hope to be able to give the names of the delegates who will be in attendance at the Mid-Year Council of the Mission. Only one or two names have been received as yet, including that of Mr Lyman, of Harash.

Miss Elizabeth Hemeon, of the American Board Primary School in Sofia, Bulgaria, accompanied by Miss Congwer and Miss Reinhart, who represent, we are told, the Methodist Mission in Bulgaria, passed through Constantinople this week on their way to Cairo for their Christmas Holidays.

The Annual Yule-tide Vesper Organ recital last Sunday at Robert College gave a large number of friends a very rich and satisfying program of music. Mrs Ruthbert Binns sang a couple of Christmas selections, and M. Charles Baergher rendered three violin numbers. The rest of the numbers were pieces by Professor Estes on the organ and were heartily appreciated.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:-

Our hearts are torn with sorrow this morning by news of a collision on the Marmara, in which two of our colleagues from Broussa have apparently lost their lives. Yesterday morning Miss Nora Ward and Miss Hiller, who had come up to spend Christmas at Constantinople, and had been guests at Geuz Tepe, took the steamer "Sevinj" for Moudania on their return. They ran into a thick fog off cape Boz Bournau, and the steamer "Marmara" on its way from Moudania to Constantinople ran into the south-bound boat, which sank in a very few minutes. Of the 230 or so persons on board, about one hundred were lost and among the missing are Miss Ward and Miss Hiller. Miss Ward came from England and taught in Smyrna for one year, and this was her second year in the Broussa School. Miss Hiller was also in her third year, having come from Switzerland to the Broussa School in October 1925.

Dr. F. F. Goodsell returned yesterday from his visit to Athens and Salonica, having had quite a time getting back. The train he had expected to take from Salonica here was canceled because of snow blockades; so he took a train to Athens and came by steamer from there, but the steamer was so delayed that it arrived too late on Christmas night to be allowed to land passengers. Otherwise he reports a good trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman and Miss Blakely went from Marash to Aintab to celebrate Thanksgiving; and apparently they were so well treated there that Miss Blakely has now gone back there, this time to have some dentistry done.

Miss Mead, of the staff of the Scutari Academy for Girls, started this morning by train for Adana and Tarsus, for a brief visit, expecting to come back in company with the Adana delegate for the Mid-year Council.

The delegates to the Mid-year Council, as far as known, are:- Adana, Miss Towner; Athens, Miss Mills; Salonica, Mr. Getchell; Smyrna, Mr. Vrooman; Talas, Mr. Woolworth; Marash, Mr. Lyman; Aintab, Mr. Wiley; Aleppo, Mr. Partridge. The sessions are expected to begin Thursday, January 5th, at the Bible House.

The Inter-station conference of the Greek stations is to be held in Salonica, January 2nd and 3rd.

An unusually large and happy company gathered at the Goodsell apartment at the Bible House on Friday evening last for a Christmas celebration. Including two friends from Broussa, three from Bulgaria, Dr. Bates from Athens, Olive Haas from Adana, and Mrs. and Miss Boyd, of the American Bible Society, there were fifty three present; for Scutari, Geuz Tepe, Gedik Pasha, Stamboul, Pera and Hissar all sent full contingents. With three Shepard children, three Birges, one Leslää and one Bobb, the juvenile element was also well represented. Games and entertainments were under Miss Woodward and Mr. Lyman MacCallum; and Mrs. Goodsell's supper was greatly enjoyed. So were the Christmas carols and the distribution of intentionally very simple gifts.

Dr. J. Oscar Boyd, of the American Bible Society returned on Christmas Eve from his trip from Aleppo and Beirut, going and returning by rail.

In connection with the notice of the appearance of the new paper currency in Turkey, it should have been noted that, according to the statements in the newspapers, six months time is allowed for the exchange of the old paper money for the new, after which the old issue will not be legal tender. Attention, all ye holders!

This being the last News Letter before the New Year, we would remind our readers that postage and printing bills call for a contribution per subscription of \$1.25 for the year in the cases of those mailed abroad, and L.T. 1.25 for those mailed to points in Turkey, and the nominal sum of half a lira for those sent around Constantinople. These sums may be sent either to the Treasurer of the ABCFM, 14 Beacon Street. Boston, or to the Treasurer at the Bible House.

Miss Dorothy Evenden, who is to be matron at the Boys School at Geuz Tepe, reached Constantinople Dec. 21st. Born in this city of English parents, she has been in England for twenty years, and is a trained nurse. She now comes for a term of three years.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.