

Bible House, Stamboul, January 3, 1928.

No. 165.

Dear Friends:-

May the new date, 1928, be a harbinger of great blessings to all of you, far and near! If the year that is gone has been a hard one, may the coming year make you forget that in its richness of happiness. If 1927 was good to you, may the New Year be still better.

The arrival of Miss Helen Calder, Secretary in the Home Department of the American Board, should have been recorded in the letter of last week. She arrived at Constantinople from Smyrna on Saturday, Dec. 24th, and is staying here till after the Mid-year Council.

Nostone has been left unturned in the effort to secure every possible bit of information as to the victims of the collision recorded last week. Miss Jillson and Dr. Ascham from Brousse took a motor-boat from Moudania to the scene of the disaster, and cruised along the coast, but with only negative results. Dr. and Mrs. Goodsell went down to Brousse last week, stopping in Moudania also; but they were unable to add much to the knowledge of the events. Just as the ill-fated steamer sank, the boilers seem to have exploded; and it is possible that this prevented some from saving themselves. The visit of the Goodsells was a great comfort to our Brousse ladies.

Constantinople seems to have proved quite an attraction to vacationers, at this season. Mr. Crosby from Samokov School, and Messrs. Allee, Venten and Boyer from the International College, Smyrna, are here; also Mr and Mrs. Daskam and Miss Hitchings from Smyrna. A few days before they arrived, Miss Pihl of the American Collegiate Institute, came up from Smyrna with her father, who ~~was~~ continued on his way from here back to America.

Christmas seems to have been well celebrated in Caesarea. Besides the gathering of the Mission circle itself, they had an international gathering, with American, German, Belgian and French friends all together, with a real live Santa, and the showing of stereopticon pictures of the life of Christ. Other gatherings followed for Turkish friends, and for the local church Sunday School.

Miss Edy of Talas Hospital has gone to Tarsus to spend the holidays with Miss Dwight there.

The delegates to the Mid-year Council have begun to arrive; Mr. Trooman from Smyrna is on the ground. Word comes from Miss Binden, the Hergifoun delegate, that she is waiting in Samsoun for the steamer that had not yet arrived, for this city. Several others are expected tomorrow. All is set for the opening of the meeting on Thursday morning at 8:45.

The American Luncheon Club of Constantinople had the pleasure last Thursday of listening to Dr. H. H. Van der Osten, who has been conducting excavations under the auspices of Chicago University, in the Hittite region east of Angora, and who told of the work he has been doing. In the spring he hopes to be here again, and may then be able to tell of further achievements.

Mr. William H. Hall, who has been teaching at Robert College since the fall of 1925, has been compelled by persistent ill health to give up trying to finish out his third year, and has returned to the United States.

The Treasury Department desires us to call the attention of all concerned to the fact that the telegraphic and cable address of the Bible House is PEEF STAMBOUL. It is unnecessary even to add the word Constantinople, for the city is now officially known as Stamboul. Many persons have wasted their hard-earned substance by putting in "American Bible House", which is also unnecessary. If the message is for another person than the Treasury the name may be inserted, as: PEEF GOODSSELL STAMBOUL, etc. We are also asked to say that complications regarding taxation have been caused by the fact that the Bible House has been called so often "American Han" because there is a special tax for Hans, as a species of hotel. It would be better to stick to the name BIBLE HOUSE, in describing this building on letters, etc. But do not use unnecessary words on telegrams.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

No. 166.

Dear Friends:-

Thursday, Friday and Saturday last were busy days at the Bible House; and, owing to the tireless efficiency of the various committees that thrashed over the problems before presenting recommendations, every decision was unanimous, and there was no need for a fourth day. Many of the delegates attended the Communion service of the Emmanuel Church on Sunday morning; and in the afternoon all gathered for a couple of hours of intercession and of discussion of one of the leaflets issued preparatory to the Jerusalem meeting of the International Missionary Council.

The full list of delegates follows:- Adana, Miss Towner; Aintab, Mr Wiley; Aleppo, Mr Partridge; Athens, Miss Mills; Beirut, Mr H.H. Riggs; Cesarea, Mr Woolworth; Harash, Mr Lyman; Merzifoun, Miss Zbinden; Salonica, Mr Getchell; Smyrna, Mr Vrooman; and all members of the Committee ad Interim; Fraternal delegate from the Bulgaria Mission, Miss Margaret Haskell. It was a great pleasure to have with us also Miss Calder, Secretary in the Home Department of the American Board. Several others of Constantinople Station and of the Language School attended one or more sessions.

The Interstation Conference in Greece referred to the Mid-Year Council the matter of the Salonica Girls' School; and it was decided that if it proved in any way possible to continue that school in Salonica, it should be done; but that failing that, the best solution was to unite it with the Junior College at Old Phaleron, securing in that case a permanent location for the united institution somewhere in Athens.

Regarding the two stations in Syria, the Council voted that they ought to be integral parts of this Mission, but without disturbing the existing relations with the Cilicia Union of churches and with the Syrian Mission of the Presbyterian Board. It is hoped that the Board in Boston will ratify this decision.

To make the work of the Publication Committee more effective, corresponding members from each station in Turkey were added to it. Dr J.E. Merrill was added to the Educational Council. The possibility of reinforcing Hardin was talked over, but there seemed to be no basis for action.

It was decided to hold the Annual Meeting at the Academy for Girls, Scutari, beginning on June 28th next.

The Council welcomed Ambassador Grew, who came over one day and addressed the meeting, and replied in an intimate way to a number of questions. His genuine interest in the work the Mission is doing, and his desire to be of service as far as he could, were captivating.

Problems of personnel were uppermost among the issues before the meeting; and while we shall not try to give all results in detail, the members of the Language School were assigned as follows:- Mr and Mrs Pence to Aintab; Mr and Mrs Bobb to Merzifoun; Miss Hallett to Adana; Miss Odell to Scutari, and Miss Yarrow to Gedik Pasha. Mr and Mrs Woolworth are to remove from Cesarea to Tarsus this summer, and Mr Woolworth becomes the Principal of the Tarsus Institute in September.

Word has been received of the death in America of Miss Ellen Stone, who was from 1878 to 1902 a missionary of the European Turkey Mission in Samokov, Philippopolis and Salonica, and whose capture by brigands in 1901 caused such a stir both here and in America. She was in her 82nd year.

Mrs Hopkins of Salonica, who has continued there at work since the death of her husband, left just after Christmas going to Vienna where she was to meet friends and go on with them to America.

Dr. E.B. Haskell of Bulgaria led the Round Table on the Balkans at the Pacific Institute of International Relations, held a month ago at Riverside, California.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, January 17, 1928.

No. 167.

Dear Friends:-

According to figures published by the Department of Public Instruction, the number of students attending all schools in Constantinople excluding the University, is 70,007. Of these, 27,189 are attending non-Turkish schools. This comprises 7242 in Greek schools, 7068 in French, 4987 in Armenian, 3200 in Jewish, 1778 in American, 1285 in Italian, 540 in British, 380 in Austrian, 304 in Bulgarian, 250 in German, 120 in Persian, and 35 in Serbian schools. In the Turkish higher schools for girls are 3508 students; in the higher schools for boys, 4179; in the mixed middle schools, 986. In Turkish private schools of higher grade, are 2132, and in private schools of lower grade, 1440.

Mr Walter Wiley, who has been detained on business since the Mid-year Council, left Constantinople today on his return to his station in Aintab.

After the Mid-year Council, a meeting of the Board of Managers of the American High School in Aleppo, descendant of Central Turkey College, was held at Aleppo; and Messrs Lyman of Marash and H. H. Riggs of Beirut were present, as members of that Board.

Rev. Dr. Boyd, of the American Bible Society, went a week ago to Athens, and from there to Salonica, on the Society's business. He is expected back in Constantinople about the end of this week.

Miss Marion Mosser, formerly of Gedik Pasha, is taking courses in the University of Indiana, and doing extension work in the rural schools in the vicinity of Indianapolis.

Mr Crosby of Samokov has returned from a vacation visit to Smyrna, on his return to his post.

The local dailies publish a circular sent to all the schools by the Minister of Public Instruction, Nedjati Bey, stating that the pupils ought not to take notes during classes; first because they lose time by so doing, and second because they use up a great quantity of paper and of pencils, articles not manufactured in this country, and whose importation causes a part of Turkey's national wealth to flow to other countries. The professors should follow the books; and if they think it necessary to give their pupils supplementary information, they should hand them manifolded notes. If any professors are not satisfied with the existing textbooks, they are free to write others, and have them sent to the Department of Public Instruction.

Miss Emma Zbinden of Merzifoun, who was the delegate from that station to the Mid-year Council, leaves here tomorrow on her furlough. She goes first to the Tropengenesungsheim Sanitarium, at Tubingen, Germany.

The receipts of the Galata bridge for the month of December last are announced as Ltr. 43,996.73 aside from the tickets sold through the trolley company, which amounted to Ltr. 11,093.73 additional. The charges are one piastre per foot-passenger, two for a porter carrying a load, ten and fifteen piastres respectively for the smaller and larger automobiles, and corresponding amounts for other sorts of transport.

The well-known Bulgarian pianist, Mr Stoyanoff, a graduate of Robert College and now Professor in the Bulgarian Conservatory of Music at Sofia, gave two well attended and much appreciated concerts at Robert College on the last two Saturdays, while spending a vacation in this city.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:-

Our sympathy goes out to Rev. Harrison A. Maynard, of Smyrna, now at home in Topeka, Kansas, in the sudden death of his father on December 17th. This follows rather closely on the passing of his mother also, last April. In spite of this, at the Christmas family reunion of the Maynard family there were twenty present, young and old.

We are permitted to quote from a recent letter of Mr Maynard dated Jan. 1, 1928. 1322 Lane Street, Topeka, Kansas. "I am the only member of the family not being educated. From the youngest of the four boys up to Mrs Maynard, all are enrolled in an institution of learning, grade school, high school or college. Mrs Maynard is taking art and literature at Washburn College, where our oldest boy, Robert, is also enrolled as a Freshman.....More than half of the time since our arrival in Topeka I have been absent from home. As we are a 'project' of Kansas, I have had the rare privilege of touring the state, visiting our churches.. It was like a constant home-coming, for everywhere the people were the people of my own home State, and what is more, I found a friend or near friend in every place but one which I visited. I have been profoundly impressed with the hard unselfish work which the pastors and the few leaders of the churches are doing. I am humbled by it. There are heroes here, as well as a few, more or less, on the mission field.

Rev. and Mrs F. F. Goodsell left Constantinople last Sunday night by train for Angora. They expect to be back by about the end of the week. Miss Helen Calder was expecting to go with them, but by a mistake about her papers she was delayed, so left a day later, to catch up with them at the capital.

Mention should have been made last week of a very pleasant occasion on Saturday, January 14th, when a group of friends met in the Goodsell apartment to celebrate the eightieth birthday of Mr J. U. Streater, of the Treasury staff. After more than thirty years connection with the work of the Bible House, our genial friend is still faithfully at his post every day.

Miss Marion Talbot, LL.D. Dean of Women at the University of Chicago, is expected to arrive here Thursday or Friday of this week, to take up the duties of Acting President of Constantinople College, which Dr Schauffler is laying down, and carry on till the return of President Kathryn Adams. Dr Schauffler will stay on probably through the month of February,

Mr Paul Nilson was recently invited to attend the public lecture at the Tâlas Normal School, on Democracy, and to show his slides on American History. The room was crowded with boys, teachers and villagers; and after the Turkish Professor had lectured on the history of self-government, Paul spoke to an eagerly listening audience about the history of 150 years of experience in America. His pictures were much appreciated. After the lecture he was invited to teach English to the teachers, and to give talks on American education. Hows this for an open door?

The local papers have been much stirred up over an investigation by the educational authorities of the situation in the Broussa Girls' School. Some of the Students have openly avowed their belief in Christ; and the papers have accused our teachers there of illegal propaganda. Many errors have crept into the newspaper reports; one states that "the school is connected with Mr Goodsell's protestant Bible House institution," while another gives the name of the director as Miss Chilsam. It is too early to give yet the results of this investigation.

An aeroplane factory is in course of erection near Cesarea. The director has expressed the hope that the factory can soon begin production, and states that it will be able to produce 250 planes a year when in full swing.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

No. 169.

Dear Friends:-

Dr and Mrs Goodsell and Miss Helen Calder returned the latter part of the week from their trip to Angora; and on Saturday Miss Calder left by rail for her longer trip across country to visit Adana, Tarsus, Aleppo and Beirut, on her way to the Council Meeting at Jerusalem.

Through sleepers from Haider Pasha to Tripoli in Syria have begun running on the Anatolian Railway, three times per week. There is a plan on foot to construct a railroad along the coast from Tripoli through Beirut to Haifa, connecting with the road from there south to Jerusalem and eventually to Egypt.

A new recruit for the Missionary force of Tarsus arrived last Tuesday, January 24th, in the form of Mary Barbara Penningroth, who is reported to be in good health and a joy to her parents.

Rev. Ernest W. Riggs is starting from America in three weeks sailing on the S.S. "Mauretania" to Piraeus, where he is due March 8th or 9th; and after visits in Salonica, Athens and perhaps Syra, he goes to Jerusalem for the International Missionary Council meeting to be held March 24 to April 8th. Our Secretary then plans to take in Aleppo, Aintab, Adana and Tarsus on his way to Constantinople. Further plans and exact dates will be arranged later.

Dr. John R. Mott is expected to make a visit to Constantinople between April 21st and 24th, after attending the Jerusalem Council meeting.

The tourist steamer "Adriatic" spent twenty four hours in the harbour of Constantinople last week; but as it was from Thursday evening to Friday evening, the tourists must have had a vision of a pretty tightly closed up city. Other steamers are due soon. The Turkish press states that during the year 1926, 48,000 tourists visited the city, and in 1927 this figure was increased to 70,000; and that for the current year 1928, as many as 150,000 are expected. How rich the city will be, after this record year.

As has been intimated, courses of lectures are being arranged through the Department of Public Instruction, to be given to the public in various advantageously situated schools of the city, in the evenings, on topics of general interest. Lists of subjects are provided by the central authorities; and lectures may be arranged on any of these subjects. In one of the schools here, the first lecture is to be on the Ghazi Pasha; the second subject has been announced as the poet Namik Kemal Bey.

Mr Harold T. Penck of the Language School has been visiting the International College, Smyrna, with especial view to studying what they are doing in the agricultural line, and seeing how far their experience may be of service to him in his work next year at Aintab along that line. Our Smyrna friends are proud of the butter from their Holstein cows.

The International College football team defeated the Normal School and the Smyrna Lycee in the first two rounds for the championship of Smyrna. These are said to be two of the best teams in the district.

The January number of the "Maine-in-Turkey News Letter", from Smyrna, has just arrived; it is devoted to the antiquities to be found on the International College Farm, and is very instructive.

Miss Elmquist, of Denmark, who has been secured as matron for the Broussa School, has arrived in Constantinople. Simultaneously comes word that the school has been closed, so she is not going there immediately.

Barton's Life of Lincoln, "The Great Good Man" is being translated into Turkish. It is expected that E. D. Martin's "The Meaning of a Liberal Education" will also be translated into the same language.

Yours very cordially.

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul. February 6, 1928

Dear Friends:-

The alleged conversion of four Moslem Turkish girls to Protestantism in the American Girls School at Broussa has been given great prominence in the Turkish press and has caused a good deal of uneasiness in the public mind. As a result of the investigation made in the school by Turkish educational authorities the school was closed on January 31st by order of the Minister of Public Instruction. All the pupils were removed within two hours, some being taken to the Broussa Middle School and some to the Boys' Lycee. The class rooms and study hall were sealed by police officials. Miss Jillson and her associates, although tired from the long strain of overwork and tension, are well and are remaining quietly in the residential part of the school. It has not yet been decided what steps will be taken towards attempting to secure the re-opening of the school. The kindergarten department, in another part of the city, of which Miss L. Day is principal, was closed four days later.

Some interesting things have come to light in the course of the heated press campaign in connection with these conversions. The papers repeatedly stated that the offence did not consist in converting Moslems to Christianity. Any one over the age of eighteen and not a pupil is free to choose any religious profession or none, as may seem right to him. The offence consisted in what the Turks regarded as religious propagandizing of pupils by their teachers. The fact that two of these pupils were minors, under eighteen, aggravated the matter.

In its statement announcing the closing of the Broussa school the Ministry of Public Instruction blamed Turkish parents for sending their children to foreign schools when just as good Turkish schools were available. From non-official circles, however, a strong demand is being made for the establishment of at least two schools, one in Angora and one in Constantinople, which shall be comparable in equipment and in quality of instruction (especially in languages) to the best foreign schools.

Mr H. H. Kreider went down to Broussa on Friday to accompany Miss Elmquist who came to Turkey expecting to act as matron in the school. Mr Kreider is expected back in Constantinople today.

Mr J. M. Birge is attempting to make possible a two-day inter-mission conference on Evangelization and Literature early in March. The Delegates to the Jerusalem Conference would benefit greatly by the holding of such a gathering. It is too soon to know whether it would be possible to arrange this little gathering in the time that remains.

Rev. Charles T. Riggs left yesterday for Athens where he will give a six weeks course on Christian religion in the Modern World to the students in the School of Religion.

On January 13th, 1928, the board of managers took action to adopt the name "Aleppo College" for the Boys High School which has been continuing the work of the Central Turkey College. The support of medical work, as well as of Educational work, will constitute a recognized activity of the Board of Trustees. The Azariah Smith Memorial Hospital at Aintab will be conducted, for the time being, as at present, by the American Board.

The "Nor Avedaper" is now printing editions of 800, eight pages in Armenian and eight in Armeno-Turkish. But the demand seems to be for two compete papers, one in each language. The annual charge is two mejidihs for twenty six numbers and its place of issue is, of course, the Aleppo College

Yours very cordially

F. Lyman MacCallum.

Bible House, Stamboul, February 14, 1928.

No. 171.

Dear Friends:-

Yesterday a prolonged Valentine Party was held quite unexpectedly at Gedik Pasha School. Ever since the Broussa cauldron began to boil somewhat dry the slogan of certain newspapers has been "On to Gedik Pasha". An inspector made his rounds some weeks ago and gave the school a moral bill of health. But it seems that last week an anonymous letter was received by the Constantinople educational authorities, as a result of which yesterday's very rigorous investigation took place. Quite a number of pupils were called on to give evidence before the inspectors. The findings are not known yet, but today's papers suggest that the letter was the work of some discontented pupil and that the charges were without foundation.

At one o'clock yesterday the Misses Jillson, Sanderson and Day faced their trial in the Broussa court on the charge of having conducted religious propaganda in the school. Alâ Haidar Bey, one of the best known Stamboul lawyers, appeared in their defence. Mr Perry was also present as were correspondents of foreign papers. Various students appeared and witnessed to the effect that they were forbidden to play games on Sunday, that the only songs that were taught them were hymns, and that the teachers gave them phonograph records of these hymns and that no girls except the supposed converts were presented to visitors. The note-book belonging to Kamiran Hanum was exhibited. The lawyer for the defence asked one of the teachers in the witness box if Miss Jillson had been aware of what was going on, to which witness responded that Miss Jillson could not have failed to know about the matter since she read the Bible with Miss Day. Miss Jillson protested against this assertion. In turn Kamiran Hanum came to the bar (one of the "converts") and took the oath without the customary use of the Koran. She denied the charges amid bursts of laughter from the audience. Miss Day also came forward and protested against the accusation. Further proceedings are postponed until March 5th. The above is taken from the report of the special correspondent of the "Milliet." No direct word has come as yet from those concerned.

Writing the day before the trial Miss Lucille Day says "We will know you and the whole mission will be remembering us in prayer tomorrow. (it is our day on the prayer calendar). We are hopeful and happy.

The Mission in general and Soutari School in particular suffered a great loss in the departure of Miss Lucy I Mead for America on the 9th. Miss Mead has been in rather poor health and Dr. Shepard decided that she stands in need of an immediate and very serious operation. She proceeded by Orient Express to Cherbourg where she will catch the "Olympic" and reach New York in about two weeks from the time she left Constantinople. The very warmest wishes of the Mission go with her. Miss Mead came to Soutari in the Autumn, coming by way of India from her regular field in China.

Congratulations to Dr. W. W. Peet on his 77th birthday!!

Dr. F. W. MacCallum is spending this month in New York, where his address is 130 Claremont Ave.

Word has been received of the death in America of the eminent Professor Talcott Williams, head of the School of Journalism in Columbia and an active member of the Boards of both Constantinople Womens College and the American Bible Society. He was a brother of Mrs Nesbitt Chambers, of Beirut.

Miss Helen Calder has discovered several new things about roads, having dared the sixty mile trip between Aintab and Marash at the most impassable season. If she were a member of the Girl Reserves Miss Calder would now be entitled to the Aviation Badge, as she spent most of the time in the air, between bumps.

Yours very truly

F. Lyman MacCallum.

Bible House, Stamboul, February 21, 1928

No. 172.

Dear Friends:-

The Turkish invasion of the U.S.A. was rather notably exemplified at a recent harem-scare-'em gathering held in Chicago-the-Bad. Roger Matteson, "Al" Carleton, Ilhamy Bey (Physical Director of the Stamboul branch Y.M.C.A.) and a Turkish friend from the Purdue University brandished the moustachios. The shrill cries were furnished by Miss Cecelia Berg, Miss Marion Nosser and Mr Matteson's sister. A pleasant time, etc. Miss Berg's address is No. 7011 Ridge Boulevard, Chicago.

With the barometer veering around towards "Fair" it might be well to call the roll of the Mission Schools in Turkey and see what happened during the recent squalls.

Adana Girls School. Newspaper criticism and considerable excitement and tension. Weekly going home day of boarders altered from Sunday to Friday.

Broussa. School closed. Court trial of the Misses Jillson, Day and Sanderson to be resumed on March 5th.

Constantinople, Cedik Pasha. Following the investigation reported last week, Miss Ethel Putney was informed that the school had come through the investigation most satisfactorily and she was warmly congratulated.

Merzifoun Girls School. An inspector stayed six days in the School and made many suggestions regarding the internal management of the institution. Some of these were acceptable and some must be made the basis of study and adjustment. The authorities have for the time being, forbidden the school to conduct any work above the primary grades. At the same time they have asked that the school submit a program for classes of a vocational nature in higher grades.

Smyrna, American Collegiate Institute. On Tuesday January 31st, by order of the Department of Public Instruction, Miss Parsons was temporarily relieved of her position as Principal, pending an official investigation. This was carried on in a thorough but very fair and sympathetic manner, and at its close she was reinstated as the examination had proved satisfactory. The incident may be regarded as closed. The school has nearly ninety pupils.

While we do not believe in the power of the Evil Eye we take the precaution of not mentioning the names of the schools which passed quietly through this period of difficulty.

Word has been received of the unexpected death of Dr. William S. Dodd, formerly of Cesarea and Konia. Heartfailure was the cause.

From Mrs R. N. Trudeau (Rachel North) comes the news of the death of her husband, last November. Her address is Minitonas, Manitoba, Canada.

The Treasury Department has been requested by Miss Lucy Mead to offer for sale her CORONA typewriter. It is in very good condition. There is also available a good sun helmet of large size, suitable for a lady with unbobbed hair.

Dr. C. F. Gates, President of Robert College, returned this week from the United States where he has spent several months in the interests of the Near East Colleges.

Dr. Ruth Parmalee is recuperating in the home of Dr. Marden, Old Phaleron, from the effects of her recent operation for ear trouble.

The Athens station gathered at the home of Dr. Peet and Mrs Hemphill on the 14th to do honour to Dr Peet's seventy-seventh birthday. Dr Peet is expecting to remain in Athens till about the middle of March when he and Mrs Hemphill will take a steamer direct to the United States. Dr Peet is feeling better than for some time past.

Yours very truly

F. Lyman MacCallum.

Bible House, Stamboul. February 28, 1928.

No. 173.

Dear Friends:-

Word reached the Bible House on Sunday that the Ministry of Education at Ankara had signified its willingness to grant permits for the opening of a Vocational School at Merzifoun and a school of the regular sort at Sivas. These proposals are being carefully studied.

Ambassador and Mrs Grew were at home to the American community on the occasion of Washington's birthday last Thursday.

After a weeks rest at the American Hospital, Miss J. Jillson returned to Broussa on Friday.

Dr William S. Dodd, whose sudden death was briefly reported last week, was the brother of Dr Isabel F. Dodd and the father of Dr Wilson Dodd of Beirut. He was the son of the Rev. Edward M. Dodd, one of the pioneer missionaries of the American Board who died in Anatolia in 1865. The late Dr Dodd conducted medical work in Cesarea from 1886 to 1910 and in Konia from 1911 to 1924.

A lively and prolonged taste of Siberian winter has, as the Turks say, "stepped on" Constantinople for more than a week past. The streets are full of snow, the upper reaches of the Golden Horn have frozen over for the first time in years and the price of wood and charcoal is steadily mounting.

Mr and Mrs E. Perry and Miss L. Day who arrived from Broussa yesterday had spent over two days over a journey that ordinarily takes eight hours. Their boat put out from Mudania several times but was repeatedly driven back by the boisterous weather. Lying in port in a small Turkish steamer with the thermometer sulking around zero Fahrenheit is reported to be not altogether restful.

On Sunday Dr. and Mrs Goodsell had the pleasure of a visit from the Rev. Quincey Blakely and Mrs Blakely of Farmington, Conn., who were passengers on the "Carinthia". Mr Blakely is a brother of Ellen M. Blakely of Marash.

A telegram has reported the safe arrival in Merzifoun of the Rev. Paul Nilson, after a difficult winter trip from Cesarea. The only means of travel is the native cart of "araba." If this sort of winter is to become habitual interior missionaries will doubtless be provided with motor sleds.

"It may interest you to know," writes Dr. Peet from Athens, "that the Armenian Patriarch at Jerusalem has had prayers in the church (Sourp Agop) for my recovery----- as also did the Archbishop here. The same was also done in the Russian Church, by the Archimandrite at Piraeus. How kind many of my friends are.

The Camp Church at Aleppo, entirely on its own motion, has sent a letter to the station committee to say that, beginning with this year, the church will try to pay two gold liras more each month on the salaries of its two pastors, the Rev. G. M. Ketenjian and Mr Aram Haddadian. This will mean an increase of about one hundred dollars for the year.

Miss Mary Gleason who was in Constantinople as secretary to Mr Goodsell and Admiral Bristol has received appointment of office secretary to Prof. E. R. Seligman of Columbia University, responsible editor of a great work "The Encyclopedia of Social Sciences." This work will require several years to complete and will enlist the co-operation of thousands of Scientists.

What with the new wing of the Adana Hospital nearing completion and the Adana School enjoying electrical lights through the kindly ministrations of a new motor--- not to mention the fact that the Emine (Prefect of Education) publicly upheld the school during the recent hysterical press attack ----- it sounds as though the millenium were rapidly approaching the Cilician Plains.

Yours very truly

F. Lyman MacCallum.

Bible House, Stamboul. March 6, 1928.

No. 174

Dear Friends:-

Dr. H. P. Schauffler, who has been acting as Head of Constantinople Woman's College during the absence of Miss Katherine Adams, on furlough in America, leaves today for Genoa. He will join his family there and spend some months in Europe before returning to the United States. Dr. Talbot will direct the affairs of the college until Miss Adams' return.

Recently the Rev. Paul Nilson of Talas was able to borrow a home-made radio set from a German engineer and set it up in his home. Each evening for a week groups of listeners came in to hear, in amazement, the music coming from the air. As they listen they look at pictures in the National Geographic, the London Illustrated and other papers. Stamboul, Moscow, London and Sweden came in quite clearly as a rule. When Mr Nilson succeeds in clearing his own splendid Rockford set from the grasp of the Stamboul Customs where it has lain for many months, these evenings will become a regular feature of missionary work. Fancy the astonishment of some of the pioneer missionaries of that distant station if they could join the crowd in front of the loud speaker.

Miss Ilse Pohl of Merzifoun had the misfortune to miss a turning in the dark and fall down a flight of stairs. Fortunately there were no bones broken, but she was very badly shaken up and was still in bed at the last writing.

Prof. Loutfi Levenian, of the School of Religion at Athens, has been studying and lecturing at Woodbrooke College, in England. His book "The Moslem Mentality and the presentation of Christianity," is being published by Allen and Unwin and is expected to appear in April or May. Professor Levenian expects to sail this week for America where he is due to deliver lectures at Oberlin, Yale and Hartford Theological Seminaries. In July he hopes to take in The World Sunday School Convention at Los Angeles, after which he will return to Athens.

Miss Margaret Hinman of the Syrna American Collegiate Institute arrived in Constantinople yesterday for a brief glimpse of her brother and his family who are passengers on the tourist ship "Empress of Scotland".

On Thursday last, at the Constantinople "Turk Ojak" Professor Chekib Bey gave an address on "Religious Liberty in the Laic State," a subject which has been very much to the fore since the Broussa affair. In order to make clear the spirit of "holy idealism" which was exhibited by the Hebrew prophets in their fight against frigid legalism ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ the lecturer opened his Turkish Bible and read quite extensively from the books of Joel, Amos, Isaiah and Habakuk. Then after touching rather lightly on the Prophet Jesus he passed on to Paul, from whose Epistles he read half a dozen passages. He then showed very briefly, the same spirit exhibited in the Koran. The speaker reached the conclusion that if religion meant Clerical government then Turkey and every other modern state was utterly and purposefully irreligious. But if religion meant that holy and patriotic idealism exhibited by the true prophets of all ages, then there was not merely a place for religion in the life of a nation but it was absolutely essential for the welfare of a modern state.

The second session of the trial of the Misses Jillson, Sanderson and Day for infraction of the law regarding religious propaganda in schools took place yesterday afternoon in the Broussa court (Souh Mahkemesi). According to the newspaper reports the time was largely occupied with the hearing of witnesses on both sides. The ladies presented their defence. The trial was postponed till April 2nd.

The American School of Oriental Research announces a summer session of one month, beginning July 2nd, 1928. Three weeks will be spent at the American School at Jerusalem with excursions to surrounding points of interest. The last week will be devoted to a trip in Northern Palestine and Syria. Tuition for the session is Lstg 5-0-0 and board will cost about two and a half dollars per day.

The Rev. Paul Nilson expects to sail from Samsoun for Constantinople on the tenth of March.

Yours very truly,

F. Lyman MacCallum.

No. 175.

Bible House, Stamboul. March 13, 1928.

Dear Friends:-

An intermission group met in the Bible House from the 10th to the 13th under the Chairmanship of Mr J. K. Birge to consider the subject of Literature and Evangelization for Moslems. Mrs F. G. Reeves of the Methodist Mission, Lovetch, Mr Max Hoppe of the Deutsche Hulfsbund, Rustchuk, and the Rev. T. T. Holway of the American Board Mission in Philippopolis were the delegates from Bulgaria. It is hoped that a strengthening of the work of the organizations represented will result from this exchange of experiences and ideas.

Dr. Goodsell announces that a SUMMER LANGUAGE COURSE will be held in Talas from July 9 to August 13, approximately. Instruction will be mostly individual by experienced teachers from the Language School, but there will be lectures, Bible study and inspirational hours as well. Board will be one dollar per day and the cost of lessons will be kept at a minimum.

"Say, where can a fellow get a good square meal?" With this signal of distress the Rev. Paul Nilson of Talas announced his arrival in Constantinople today, coming from Merzifoun via Samsoun after several days of tossing on the deep Black Sea. It is believed that Mr Nilson did not break his Ramazan fast at sunset and before dawn each day.

The Annual Meeting of the American Board Mission in Bulgaria takes place in Samokov on April 12th.

Mrs Helen Scott, who three weeks ago was gazing on the snow-drifts of Anne Arbor, Michigan, is teaching at Gedik Pasha, having arrived in Constantinople on Sunday. Mrs Scott is the mother of Prof. George Scott of Robert College and taught in Gedik Pasha during 1926-7.

The Jerusalem meeting of the International Missionary Council takes place from March 24th to April 8th. The delegates from this area will all leave during the next few days. Miss Ruth Woodsmall of the Y.W.C.A. and Dr. F. F. Goodsell go by the "Adriatic" on Friday evening. Miss Ethel Putney of Gedik Pasha goes by train on Monday. Mrs George Huntington is expected today from America and will go on to Jerusalem almost immediately.

Dr. Henry L. Bates, an Oberlin graduate, who for thirty years has been connected with Pacific University, Oregon, till his resignation last June has been rendering very valuable service this year in the School of Religion at Athens. His presence and instruction have been of great help.

Mr Flyd Black, President of the Sofia American School, is back at his post after three months of strenuous campaigning in the United States in the interests of the Near East Colleges.

Rev. J. Oscar Boyd, D.D., Secretary of the Levant Agency of the American Bible Society in Constantinople left ~~today~~ for Vienna today on business. It is planned to start the printing and binding of the Scriptures for this Agency in that center of the printing trade.

Friends who expect to be met on their arrival at Constantinople are gently reminded that it is an act of kindness to inform this office as accurately, lucidly, explicitly and categorically as may be possible as to the steamer or train they expect to arrive by and the hour it is due. An employee of the Bible House recently spent the better part of three days meeting incoming boats in search of the person who had wired, "ARRIVE TUESDAY MERT."

The playground at Adana conducted by Miss Brauer and Mr Penningroth is undoubtedly the liveliest spot in that city. Whenever activities are in progress there is a mine of interested spectators outside the fence. They see one group swinging, another playing volley ball, others sliding and pole vaulting, while in another corner the carpenters are completing the shelter house which will contain a reading room. One would like to imagine their descriptions of these wonders when the onlookers return to their villages and homes.

Yours very truly

F. Lyman MacCallum.

No. 176.

Dear Friends:-

Last night was "Kadir Gecessi" (the Night of Power) the high point in the Month of Ramazan. There was the usual excited descent of foreigners in to the streets of Stamboul, especially in the vicinity of St. Sophia. One will not soon forget a picture of four frantic German women running, two and two, down the Divan Yol, charging through a group of worshippers at the door of a small mosque, discovering their mistake and going whooping off across the square till they were lost in the solemn shadow of St. Sophia. This year, as last, there was no access to the galleries of the mosque, the sightseers being huddled in a space at the rear. Because of the cold, snowy evening the mosque was noticeably less crowded than usual.

Most of the American Schools will have four days holiday this week for the Turkish Bairam festival.

Miss Pohl of Herzifoun, whom we last left in bed suffering from the results of a rather bad fall, recovered quickly and is her usual self.

Miss Edith Sanderson, late of Brousa, came to this city on Saturday and is staying with Mrs Goodsell, Miss Lucille Day and Miss Karen Elmquist also of Brousa, are assisting Mr Birge in the Publication Department.

Mr Charles Riggs returned yesterday from Athens where he has been lecturing in the School of Religion for the past six weeks.

Mr Edward T. Perry received a column of gratuitous publicity in Sunday's "Son Saat" under the caption "Are they Trying to Force Christianity into the University as Well?" The young man to whom the article is attributed is a medical student and friend of Mr Perry's who is being sued by a graduate of Brousa School for slander, he having stated that she, also, was a convert to Christianity. The young man denies that he had anything to do with the preparation or the insertion of the article in question.

The Rev. Ernest Riggs, Associate Secretary of the A.B.C.F.M. is expected in Constantinople on the 28th of April and will be open for speaking engagements.

Among the new appointees to the Turkey Mission are the following: Miss Bertha D. Colmyer who has been teaching Home Economics at the Hope Farm School for the past four years. She will be in the Language School this Autumn.

Miss Alice P. Lindsley, engaged for a three year term of service as Home Economics teacher at Scutari. Miss Lindsley has evidently discovered the way of making the best of both worlds, for in addition to her Home Economics training she possesses a Master's degree in Religious Education.

Mr Harry R. Meyering and his fiancée, Miss Fern I. Awrey who are being thought of for Tarsus Station. Mr Meyering has taught Manual Training in an Indian Mission and has been principal of two High Schools in Michigan. He has been successful not only in teaching but in preaching. Miss Awrey is a registered nurse and has her Bachelors degree in Religious Education from Hartford.

The Rev. Paul Nilson has at last heard the call of home and left last evening for Telas.

Mr E. L. Ives, Secretary of the Embassy, and Mr Charles Allen, Consul, have gone to the United States on leave of absence.

Miss Ethel Putney and Mrs Huntington left yesterday by train for Jerusalem, where they will attend the Jerusalem Conference as delegates.

The Publication Department has become interested in the publication of "Bizim Mejmoue" (Our Magazine) an excellent childrens magazine which had discontinued publication for financial reasons. It sells at five piasters and the members of the mission, especially those in schools, are requested to do what they can to increase the circulation of this magazine, which has the full approval of the educational authorities. Translations of the best English Children's classics, suitably illustrated, will begin to appear in the near future.

Finally yours,

F. Lyman MacCallum.

No. 177.

Dear Friends:-

Dr. W. W. Peet and Mrs Hemphill are expecting to start for America from Athens on April 10th, going on the tourist steamer "Belgenland". At last accounts, Mrs Hemphill was about recovered from the severe cold that for a brief period laid her low.

Dr. and Mrs George E. White were reported as leaving America in March, with the intention of spending a month in Switzerland, recuperating from the strenuous financial campaign, and expecting to reach Salonica about the first of May.

From Adana and Tarsus come vacation echoes of interest. Miss Martin, Miss Van Cleft and Mr Hazen took a ten days trip to Aleppo, Jerablus, Bealbeck, Palmyra and Damascus during the Bairam recess. Bad roads between Oula Kishla and Cesarea made Miss Dwight give up her longed-for visit to Talas. Miss Loughridge and Miss Orvis spent a few days with Miss French at Mersin.

That Switzerland of Cilicia, Hamroun, attracted Dr. Hute, Dr. Rector, and a party of nine students, to enjoy there a round of winter sports. We shall no doubt hear of the breaking of ski and bob-sled records. The unfortunates who could not go there patronized the Adana Cinema, with myriads of others, to see "Ben Hur" and "Les Miserables".

All the Adana group were invited to Tarsus the week before, to attend the Field Meet arranged by the boys of the College. It was a good entertainment and many were present to cheer the winning team.

Dr. Suzaallo, former President of the University of Washington, has been spending some days in Constantinople, and has addressed the students and teachers at Constantinople College, Robert College and the American Luncheon Club, to the great profit of each group. He is connected to the Carnegie Foundation at present.

Our deep sympathy goes out to Mr Hawkes of Salonica, in the recent death of his mother in America; also to Miss Watton of the same station, who shortly before had word likewise of the death of her mother.

Two well-known personalities of a former generation passed away last week, within a few days of each other: Mr Samuel Haroutounian, who was long connected with the Publication Department of our Mission as a translator, and lately as a printer; and Mr George Triandaphyllides, who taught a while in the High School at Marsovan which preceded Anatolia College, and was later for many years in the Pera Office of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Another man who recently went to his reward, at the age of 82, was Missag Kodjabashian, whose father was one of the pillars of the church in Broussa in its earliest days.

The Congregationalist informs us of the death, on Feb. 22. at Guilford, Conn., of Miss Florence Elizabeth Griswold, who was from 1891 to 1898 a Missionary of the Board, first at Broussa till 1895, and then at Smyrna. Since her retirement from Turkey she has been a teacher in South Manchester, Conn., Providence, R.I., and Bridgewater, Mass.

Dr. and Mrs F. W. MacCallum returned recently to their apartment in Toronto to find that it had been visited by burglars. The whole place was in the utmost confusion; but when things were put to rights, only a small sum of money was found to be missing.

After a winter of unusual severity in the Constantinople region, the past four or five days have given signs of real spring weather, although trees and bushes are not yet in blossom as they generally are by the end of March. In Athens also, as doubtless in most of our other stations, the long-continued cold was well nigh unprecedented. Snow covered the streets of Athens at one time for four successive mornings. Your humble servant was mighty glad of a Connecticut winter overcoat, all through his six weeks in that "semi-tropical" city.

Yours truly

Charles T. Riggs.

No. 178.

Dear Friends:-

Miss Anna B. Jones is on a trip to Athens, Corfu and Salonica and Miss Lucas, also of Gedik Pasha, has gone in the opposite direction, - though not from antipathy, - to visit Aleppo and points in between. Several others are off on vacation trips. Mr Swartz and Miss Bugbee of Salonica are soon expected in Constantinople.

Rev. Leslie J. Adams, of Adana, has accepted the position of Assistant Minister to the Old South Church of Boston, and entered on his duties as such on March 6th. The following day an informal reception was given for him at the Church. Rev. Russell H. Stafford, D.D., is the pastor.

Mrs. D. L. Getchell, who had gone to Athens for a visit with her two brothers, from Boston and Constantinople, returned to Salonica March 22nd.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Rev. Reuben H. Markham in the sudden and tragic loss of his mother. She had come out from America to see the family, and landed in Piraeus March 8th, where her son met her. After a couple of days at Old Phaleron with the friends at the School of Religion they went on by rail. Just after the train arrived in Bulgarian territory, Mrs. Markham expired. Further particulars have not yet reached us.

The Near East Relief and a large circle of friends grieve over the passing of Dave Hoagland, who was for a time a tutor in the Tarsus School, and was connected with N.E.R. work in several places, latterly in the Syra Orphanage. Dr. Harden was hurriedly summoned by telegram to come to him in Syra, March 9th, and did everything possible to save him; but a neglected boil and a run-down system cost him his life. He was one of the most devoted and capable workers in the Near East, with great promise of continued usefulness.

On January 28th, Pomona College, California, conferred on Dr. Cass Arthur Reed, President of International College, Smyrna, the honorary degree of D.D. Dr. Reed is still busily engaged in the joint financial campaign of the Near East Colleges.

Rev. Dr. Weatherhead, Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Free Church of Scotland, is spending a few days in Constantinople, having come from the meeting of the International Missionary Council in Jerusalem. He is inspecting the work of the Scotch Mission in this city. He will address a meeting of the Constantinople Christian Workers' Union tomorrow afternoon.

The Spring Track Meet of Tarsus College was held on Friday, March 23rd, the teachers of the Adana Girls' School were among the spectators. Several school records were broken, and the meet was only decided at the final event of the day.

Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Clarke, of Philippopolis, are leaving Bulgaria on their furlough a little early, probably this week, because of Mrs. Clarke's health. They expect to stop in Switzerland on their way to America.

A severe earthquake shook Smyrna and vicinity early last Saturday morning, causing the destruction of forty or more buildings and serious injury to 400 others, and involving the death of apparently 36 persons. A telegram has come from Mr. Wrooman, at International College, saying: "No one injured either school, some damage college buildings." Other lighter shocks have followed. Many inhabitants are living in tents.

The third sitting in the trial at Drousa of the American ladies of the Girls' School took place yesterday. The papers tell us that considerable more evidence was heard, and that the next session was fixed for April 11th.

International College has won the football championship of Smyrna. Robert College has won the basket-ball championship of Constantinople.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

No. 179.

Bible House, Stamboul. April 10, 1928

Dear Friends:-

A letter from America dated March 18th says: "Miss Mead has come finely through her operation, and it is hoped so successfully that there will be no return of her trouble." We join in devout thanks!

Among these delegates to Jerusalem who are expected to come through Constantinople on their way back are four who are due here on Thursday next, - Rev. Hilton Stauffer, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America; Mr Fay Campbell, General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. at Yale University; Mr Jesse Wilson, General Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement. They are expected to be in this city from Thursday to Sunday noon. On April 17th or 18th, Dr and Mrs John R. Mott are due to arrive by steamer from Alexandria; and on the 18th Dr. F. F. Goodsell returns by train from Aleppo. Mrs G. H. Huntington is to reach home on the 14th.

Dr. and Mrs George I. Richards of Fall River, Mass., spent most of last week in Constantinople. Dr. Richards will be remembered by many as the efficient head of the medical unit of the Near East Relief in its early days in this country; and Mrs Richards was Miss Maclean, one of the nurses in that same big leviathan party of 1919, who worked with Miss Cushman in her orphanage on the Bosphorus. They reached here Sunday April 1st, and visited schools and colleges in between their sight-seeing; and on Saturday morning they left for Vienna, on their return to America.

Rear Admiral Burrage, U.S.N., on the U.S. Cruiser "Detroit", recently visited the harbors of Athens and Salonica. A reception was tendered him and his staff in Athens by Minister Skinner, and a similar one in Salonica by the Consul-General; at each one the local colony of Americans had the opportunity of meeting the representatives of their country.

Mr Lee Vrooman of International College, Smyrna, writes:- "On Saturday morning, March 31st, at 2.30, there was a violent earthquake shock which woke us all up, and lasted apparently from fifteen to twenty seconds. There was no serious damage to our three main buildings, though the plaster has cracked, the chimneys have twisted off, and there are slight injuries to the roof, and a number of minor wall cracks. (Note:- Would that all heroes were gifted with the sense of humor to make out damage such as that as of no moment!- Ed). The Ferguson and Rahmi Bey Houses and the laundry are rather badly damaged. We estimate our damage at between 2,000 and 3,000 dollars..... Thirty miles up country, near Torballi, a junction on the Aidin Railroad, 1600 houses were destroyed.

Mr and Mrs J. Kingsley Birge spent several days of the past week in Brousa, being present at the session of the trial reported last issue. They returned home Saturday last.

Another sitting of the Brousa School Trial is due to be held tomorrow. It seems probable that the prosecution will complete its case at that time.

Prof. Phaedon Koukoules, Ph.D., lectured on March 27th before the School of Religion, Old Phaleron, on "Theodoule", the Nun", a portrayal of the daily life in Byzantium in the 4th and 5th centuries of our era.

We are very glad to learn that the appointment of the Hon. Mr Grew as Ambassador to Turkey has been confirmed by the United States Senate. This somewhat tardy ratification of the status quo as an acknowledgement of the wisdom of President Coolidge's selection.

Mr J. Pierpoint Morgan, the Millionaire, has arrived in the Bosphorus in his yacht "Corsair." We understand this has nothing to do with the financial campaign of the Near Eastern Colleges.

The Address of the Bible Lands Missions Aid Society has been changed from 358 Strand, to 76 Strand, London W.C.2.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul. April 17, 1928.

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Dear Friends:-

Our old friend Mr D. Alton Davis, General Secretary for Europe of the International Y.M.C.A., gave Constantinople another brief visit this past week; he pictured in a most interesting way the success of the Y.M.C.A. in Poland during the past few years.

Mrs Bertram V. D. Post of Robert College is making a fine recovery at the American Hospital after a serious operation performed last week by Dr. Lorin A. Shepard. She expects to be at home again next week.

On thursday last, Mrs J. Riggs Browster of Salonica arrived at the American Hospital here, and underwent an operation of less extent to relieve foot trouble. She is doing very well and anticipates a speedy return to her home.

Her Majesty the Queen Dowager of Roumania, with Princess Ileana, arrived in Constantinople on Saturday last after a visit to Cyprus, and they are guests of Prof. and Mrs G. H. Huntington of Robert College for four or five days. Mr and Mrs Huntington and Mr and Mrs Damon were entertained at the Roumanian palace some years ago.

Miss Bugbee and Mr Swartz, of Salonica, have been spending some vacation days in Constantinople; they return towards the end of the week.

Word has just come from Mr G. I. Johnstone, of Montrose, California, of the passing of his wife, who was Miss Inez Lied, of Marash. She died on March 21st and was laid to rest in Forest Lawn Memorial Park. Miss Lied came out to Marash in 1919, and went the following year to the Language School, but poor health compelled her to return to America in 1921. In 1925 she was married and has made her home in California.

Sir William M Ramsay, the well-known archaeologist and Biblical scholar, lectured at the School of Religion, Old Phaleron, on April 5th, and was entertained there over night going on for England the next day. Many friends were there to hear him.

Dr. and Mrs Wilson F. Dodd and Family expect to leave Boirut for America May 29th by S.S. "Byron", touching at Piraeus June 1st, and reaching New York June 17th. After visiting friends in New York and New Jersey during the summer, they will live with Mrs W. S. Dodd in Bloomfield N.J. while Dr Wilson studies in New York.

Dr. James C. Boyd of the American Bible Society returned last from his visit Vienna, and is now planning to remove thither with his family after a few weeks, and make that the centre for the printing work of the Society for the Near Eastern District. The local office continues in charge of Mr Lyman MacCallum.

Mrs D. K. Gutchell plans to spend a few weeks in Tübingen, Germany, where Miss Zbinden is, before going on with Mr Gutchell on their furlough to America. She leaves Salonica about May 2nd.

Our Field Secretary, Dr. F. F. Goodsell, and Miss Helen Calder of the American Board arrived from the Jerusalem Council meeting last evening by steamer. Miss Calder is on her way home, expecting to reach Boston before the end of June.

Dr. and Mrs John R. Mott are looked for tomorrow, for a few days' conference with the Y.M.C.A. representatives here, on their return from Jerusalem. They leave again Sunday.

Dr. W. B. Millar, formerly connected with the Near East Relief, is here for a few days with a party of friends, also passing through as an aftermath of the Jerusalem gathering.

The prosecution closed its case at the session of the Brousa court on Wednesday last. It was decided after due investigation that Silas Marnier was not in any sense an attempt at propaganda, as its use as a textbook had been alleged to be. The next sitting is set for April 25th, when the defense will be heard.

Yours very cordially
Charles T. Riggs.

No. 181.

Dear Friends:-

The Annual conference of the missionaries of our Syria stations with the representatives of the Evangelical Union was held during the week ending Thursday April 19th, at Aleppo. Among others present who addressed the Conference were Dr. Robert El Spear, of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, and our own Secretary Ernest W. Riggs. Simultaneously with these sessions there were held a Christian Endeavor convention of the eight Endeavor Societies in Aleppo. At the Saturday session there were present quite a group of delegates from the ends of the earth returning from Jerusalem, who had a few hours off at Aleppo between trains; and three from South America, one from Mexico, and one from China spoke.

Mr and Mrs J. K. Birge of Constantinople have gone to Smyrna for a brief visit.

Miss Sadie Watton and Miss Elizabeth Eastman of the Salonica Girls' School, and Mr Lincoln Hale of the Salonica Agricultural Institute, spent some days last week in this city as a part of their vacation. Together with Mr Swartz and Miss Bugbee, they left on the return rail journey on Sunday last.

The Queen-Dowager of Roumania and the Princess Ileana both addressed the students of Robert College on Wednesday last at the Assembly hour, bringing them the greetings of their country and speaking of the loving relations as between the countries which should be the outcome of such visits. On Thursday the royal party left on their return to Bucharest.

Dr. and Mrs John R. Mott came to Constantinople last Wednesday on their way from Jerusalem to Europe, and were guests of Dr. and Mrs Goodsell for four days. On Thursday the usual Station Meeting was enlarged to include several other persons, and Dr. Mott made a brief address after leading a discussion on the present situation. Friday was spent by Dr. Mott in prolonged and valuable conference with the Y.M.C.A. leaders of the city.

We are requested to call attention to the fact that the St. Andree Bible School, at St. Ruprecht, near Villach, in Austria, is open as a summer home, especially for missionaries and Christian workers from July 1st to September 10th. Mr and Mrs Brewster of Salonica, who were there last summer, highly recommend it. One of the advantages is that the prices are very moderate; one can live there at an expense of about one dollar a day for food and lodging. For further particulars, address the Matron, Miss Wenger, at the above address.

"To let, for summer season; furnished house on seashore at Makrikeuy (Bakirkeuy) with six rooms, beautiful view, on the Marmora, thirty minutes from Sirkedji station. Apply to E.D.S. Papazian, Bible House."- Advt.

Mr Lyman MacCallum has heard the persuasive call of his "Memleket" and has gone to Marash for a stay of some weeks, traveling over familiar regions with Mr James K. Lyman. He may possibly also touch at Cyprus before returning to his post in Constantinople, in May.

Rev. Paul Nilson writes from Talas:- "I'm having a busy week with my slides and radio. Last week I gave two shows in the schools here; last night I showed the pictures to the Zinjirdere boys, and have two more shows this week. Several teachers with their classes have come in the evening to hear the radio. I was surprised to see how much interest was shown in the Making Tool set of pictures.

Earthquakes seem to be rather epidemic in this region. Since the Smyrna damage was done, many more shocks have been felt there, though of less violence. When it was the turn of Bulgaria, and the region between Philippopolis and Stara Zagora was badly shaken, with loss of life and of property. And now comes the news of a severe quake in Greece, centering at Corinth, which town is stated to be in ruins. Our information so far is through the newspapers, no particulars having come from our friends in Greece or Bulgaria.

Yours very cordially
Charles T. Riggs.

No. 182.

Dear Friends:-

Uppermost in all our minds today is the sentence imposed on all three of our lady associates in Brousa, of a fine of three liras each, and imprisonments of three days each, on the ground of their having violated the regulations about propaganda. The case has been appealed to the higher court, since there seems to be evidence of injustice. Pending the appeal, the sentence cannot be carried out.

From the earthquake regions come the following:- Mr Holway writes from Philippopolis: "Mission property uninjured here. Our Church at Papazki is destroyed (150,000 leva); that in Kumatovo damaged about 50,000 leva; the Pazarjik Church is damaged somewhat. A number of our friends have had their homes damaged beyond repair. All about 4 or 5 tobacco warehouses &c. are seriously damaged, meaning that some 9,000 workers, already without work since Nov., will have practically no money and very little if any paying work." Mr Gatchell writes from Salonica: "Nature continues its peculiar pranks. Corinth seems to be a mass of ruins, and several surrounding villages, and the quakes still continue in that region. Up here in Macedonia, recent floods have destroyed crops and villages over a large section. There is much distress among those who have suffered."

Miss Tenenga writes from Hardin that she has just got back, April 20th, from a successful trip to Diarbekir, the first time in two years she has been allowed to visit there.

Treasurer L. R. Fowle went off to Chicago on business from Auburndale for the first week in April.

Miss Fanny G. Noyes, of Herzifoun, now on furlough, was on March 27th appointed a regular missionary of the Board, after 14 years of service in its Turkey Mission. We wish to felicitate the Mission on this well-merited recognition of one of its members.

Miss Hallett, Miss Odell and Miss Yarrow of the Language School returned in time for the opening of the new term of the school, after a very successful trip in Greece, having visited several places in the Peloponnesus besides Athens, Delphi etc. They felt the earthquake while at Olympia, but report that the Corinth canal was not closed or damaged. They steamed through it the day following the quake.

Miss Sarah S. Lyon, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Department of the American Y.W.C.A., spent a few days of the past week in Constantinople, on her way back from Jerusalem, and left for England.

Secretary Ernest W. Riggs, after visiting Aintab, Marash, Adana and Tarsus on his way from Aleppo, arrived in Constantinople last Saturday. On Sunday he spoke in the morning at Robert College, in the afternoon in Armenian at the Pera Evangelical Church at a Union service, and in the Evening at the Soutari American Academy. He plans to leave for Philippopolis and Samokov and Sofia on Friday, returning probably to Constantinople in about four weeks.

Mr and Mrs H. H. Kreider, of the Treasury department, and Miss Anna B. Jones of Gedik Pasha left on Thursday last by steamer for Samseun, en route for Herzifoun, to help out in the short-handed condition of the station there until about Annual Meeting time. This will enable Miss Willard and probably Miss Pohl to get away on much-needed vacations.

Dr. and Mrs W. Stanley G. Mylrea, of the Reformed Church Mission at Koweit, Arabia, reached Constantinople yesterday on their way to America and are spending a few days as the guests of Dr. and Mrs Shepard at the American Hospital.

Mr and Mrs Birge returned on Sunday from their visit to Smyrna, Mr Birge's old station. They returned via Bandurna, as the steamer they had expected to take met with an accident in entering Smyrna Harbour.

Rev. and Mrs G. Robinson Lees, of the Bible Lands Mission Aid Society, passed through Constantinople last week on a tour of the Mediterranean basin, and spent a day seeing the sights of the city.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:-

Secretary Ernest W. Riggs left according to program on Friday last for Philippopolis, despite the havoc and confusion caused there by the recent earthquake. After a visit there he expects to go on to Sofia and Samokov, and is due back in this city May 26th.

Mr and Mrs James M. Speer, of New York, are spending a few days in Constantinople on their return from Jerusalem to America. They stopped off at Cesarea and Talas on their way hither; and Mrs Speers, who was Nellie Dodd, daughter of our late associate Dr. William S. Dodd, had the time of her young life enacting again the scenes of her childhood, and seeing old friends of her parents, and hearing testimonials to her father's skill which warmed the cockles of her heart. Incidentally, not enough time has elapsed since she left the country for her to unlearn her fluent Turkish.

Miss Willard and her friend Miss Lora Jones were supposedly starting today from Merzifoun on their jaunt across Asia Minor, according to word brought by our friend Mr Theron Damon, who has just returned from visits to Talas, Sivas, Merzifoun and elsewhere. The ladies expected to go to Boghaz-keuy, Cesarea, Adana, Tarsus and Aleppo, perhaps farther.

Miss Edith Sanderson and Miss Jessie Woods of Broussa sailed from Constantinople on Thursday last for Venice by Lloyd Triestino boat, and will spend a short time in Italy before going on. Miss Sanderson desires to express through the News Notes her deep appreciation of the cordial and heartening words, thoughts and prayers of the many friends who have gone with her through this recent trying time; and while she cannot at least immediately write each one separately, asks them to accept this word in grateful acknowledgement.

Mrs J. Riggs Brewster of Salonica, and Dr. and Mrs Ramsay of Iowa, left on Sunday last by Russian steamer for Salonica. Mrs Brewster has been much benefited by her stay in this city under Dr. Shepard's care.

Dr. and Mrs W. S. G. Mylrea of Koweit, Arabia, left on Monday for America, going by rail to the Danube, and by river boat to Passau, and down the Rhine by another steamer, and sailing from Rotterdam.

Rev. and Mrs W. P. Clarke, of Bulgaria, got away from Philippopolis only two days before the earthquake, on their furlough trip to America.

Among recent visitors to Constantinople who had come up from the great Council meeting in Jerusalem, have been several of international note. Mr David Yui, of China, Messrs Ralla Ram and Ahmed Shah of India, Dr. C. S. McFarland, Secretary of the Federal Council of Churches of America, Mr A. R. Hammond of Burma, and others.

Miss Laura L. Ward, of the American Board Foochow Mission at Lionghoh, China, reached Constantinople last Tuesday, coming across Asia Minor by rail, also from the Jerusalem gathering. She is the sister of the various Wards of Merzifoun, Harpout, Beirut and India, and grand-daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs Edwin E. Bliss of Constantinople. For the first time she is having the chance to see the places where her mother grew up and her grand-parents worked for so long a time. She is on her way across Europe and to America.

Rev. S. W. Gentle-Cacket and another representative of the Bible Lands Missions Aid Society are visiting Bulgaria in May, and Greece in June, in the interests of that society, and will be giving the first week in June to Constantinople, in between these other two countries.

A bill has been elaborated and will ~~be~~ shortly be put before the Grand National Assembly at Angora, for the adoption of the system of Numerical figures used in the rest of the world.. Apparently this will be adopted before the change to the Latin alphabet, which is also in the air but has not yet been sanctioned officially.

Yours very cordially
Charles T. Riggs.

No. 184.

Dear Friends:-

The sympathy of the whole Mission is extended to Ambassador and Mrs Grew as the news comes of the passing away of Mrs Grew's father, Mr Thomas Sargent Perry, formerly a Professor in Harvard University.

A great sorrow has come to Miss Theda Phelps, of Aintab, in the loss within a month of a sister, who died in March, and another sister and the husband of the latter, who both died early in April, all three from pneumonia. Our whole circle will unite in deepest sympathy with Miss Phelps.

An old friend of several of our readers, Miss Augusta Guthart, went through Constantinople last week on the S.S. Providence, on her return from America via Beirut to her station in the Lutheran Mission at Saouch Bulak, Persia.

Rev and Mrs Everett C. Blake, of California, have been appointed as full Missionaries of the Board, and Resignated to Turkey. They will be in the Language School this next year, where Mrs Blake, who is better known to most of us as Lynda Goodsell, will have to obey her dad once more. No one will have a more cordial welcome to Turkey than these two friends.

The Annual Meeting of the Bulgaria Mission is to be held in Samokoy, beginning May 18th. Secretary Ernest Riggs is expected to attend.

Mrs Paul E. Nilson of Talas has been spending the first week in May with the friends in Tarsus and Adana, having with her her daughter May.

The aeroplane factory in Cesarea has just been closed, on account of financial difficulties. Twelve buildings had been begun, and were employing 75 German workmen and 200 Turkish; these are now thrown out of work.

Mr Woolworth of Cesarea-Talas writes a note of explanation concerning the rates to be charged during the summer school session at Talas:- My expectation is that provided a fair number of people come, expenses will be somewhat less than a dollar a day. I shall plan carefully and expenses just as low as possible. Only the actual cost will be charged." Another person who spent one summer in Talas advises everyone to provide himself with a small mesh mosquito net for his bed, to insure complete immunity from mosquitoes and sand flies. This does not mean that these pests are numerous, but that it is best to go prepared for such possibilities.

Miss Jeannie L. Jillson of Brousa arrived in Constantinople, to join Miss Lucille Day and go with her to Europe on a visit. The teachers' residence in Brousa will be available for a large part of the summer for some mission family or small group of persons, who might like to spend all or part of the summer there. Inquiries may be addressed to F. F. Goodsell, D.D., Bible House, Stamboul B.O. Box 142.

Rev. Ernest W. Riggs was given a fair sample of Bulgarian activity on his arrival in Philippopolis; for there were six earthquake shocks in the 24 hours following. He gives some interesting details of the situation:- The first of the 101 shocks which took place during the 24 hours following 9 p.m. on April 18th was the worst. With 13,800 homes completely destroyed (in the district), and with 295,000 out of a total population of 515,000 sleeping in temporary shelters out of doors, it is almost unbelievable that only 103 persons were killed. Of these only 25 were killed in Philippopolis; 6,000 homes in the city are uninhabitable. The Bulgarian government are giving bread to 24,000 people now and running some soup kitchens. Jugo-Slavia subscribed 7,000,000 leva in aid, and Italy 7,300,000.

The United Missionary Council of Syria held a meeting in Beirut May 2-4, attended by 22 delegates from the Syria section, representing ten societies, and two from Palestine, which section held its meeting in Palestine. Next meeting time the meeting will be a joint one, for which considerable grist was prepared at this gathering.

Yours very cordially
Charles F. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul. April 22, 1928.

No. 185.

Dear Friends:-

Many have been the comers and goers during the past week, for the spring fever, or spring housecleaning, or something like that, has apparently got under the skin of some of our own people. To begin with the Office Boy, Mr Lyman MacCallum returned to his desk at the Bible House on Saturday, after a most interesting trip through parts of the Marash region in company with Mr James E. Lyman. They visited Albustan, Yarpouz, Leitoun, and other points. The journey back here was also good.

Mrs H. H. Krädder and Miss Ilse C. Pohl arrived here from Merzifoun yesterday afternoon, having being held up a week or more in Samsoun by the fact that the previous week's steamer was crowded so full that they could not secure even single berths. Miss Pohl is spending a few days at the American Hospital before proceeding to Europe and possibly to America. Mrs Kreider hopes that her husband may be able to return home in about a month.

Miss J. L. Jillson and Miss Lucille Day of Brousa left Constantinople last thursday, for a vacation trip in the Dolomites, going via Venice. They hope to be back for Annual Meeting.

Mrs W. S. Woolworth, of Cesarea, arrived here yesterday, having come via Angora and Brousa. She has come for needed dentistry, and expects to go back very soon. She spent Sunday with the Shepard family in the Girls' School residence in Brousa, and reports them as having a beautifully restful vacation there.

Circumstances beyond their control have delayed Miss C. R. Willard and her friend Miss Dora Jones at Merzifoun, so that they started only yesterday on their journey to Cesarea. They are expecting to reach Constantinople this coming Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs Robert P. Wilder and their daughter came by rail from Aleppo to this city last week, on their way to Europe after the Jerusalem Council meeting. They have been guests at the Huntington home.

Professor and Mrs W. E. Hocking, of Harvard University, arrived here Thursday last, and Prof. Hocking gave a most inspiring address at the morning service on Sunday at Robert College.

Prof. and Mrs Thomas W. Graham, of Oberlin, came yesterday, and are guests at the Goodsell home. Dr. Graham is Dean at the Theological School at Oberlin, and has just been giving a course of lectures at the School of Religion in Old Phaleron, Greece.

We regret to state that Miss Catlin of Gedik Pasha is ill with pneumonia. Fortunately it seems to be a light case.

Mrs Herbert M. Irwin of the Athens Station left Old Phaleron on May 17th for Canada. Her address will be 59 Donald St, Winnipeg, Manitoba. We all hope that some day Mrs Irwin may be able to return to the work she love so well.

It is a great pleasure to announce that the \$ 15,000 which was to be raised in America for the American Hospital in Constantinople, has been secured and a little more. This is entirely aside from the \$5,000 gift from Mr J. Pierpoint Morgan when he was recently in these waters.

Dr. Caroline Hamilton, Miss Elizabeth Trowbridge and Miss Theda Phelps expect to leave Aintab June 21st for Constantinople. They will attend the Annual Meeting before going on elsewhere.

Mr Nilson writes from Talas:- "The two elementary schools in Talas have already closed. Last week the Lycee, Girls' Orta, and Normal School had a fine athletic exhibition in the park in Cesarea. It was well directed by Nouri Bey, a student of Selim Sirri Bey."

Yours very cordially
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House. Stamboul May 29, 1928.

No. 186.

Dear Friends:-

The most joyful news of the week past is the telegram that has come from our friend Dr. Billy Nute, stating that his permit to practice medicine has been granted him by the Turkish authorities. All our circle will join in hearty congratulations to Dr. Nute on this sudden turn for the better in the condition of his patient spirit. This word also shows a very friendly attitude on the part of the authorities, for which we are devoutly thankful.

Rev. Ernest T. Riggs returned this morning from his trip through ~~xxx~~ Bulgaria, coming from Bourgas via Philippopolis. He has visited many very interesting parts of that country, including Bansko, where he was entertained in the very house where the money was paid over for the ransom of Miss Ellen Stone and Mrs. Esilka, in 1903.

Dr. and Mrs. F. W. MacCallum are for a second time grand-parents. A son, Henry Reid, Jr., was born to Prof. and Mrs. Reid MacCallum on that very lucky day, Friday, the 13th of April, at Toronto. The happy father is Assistant Professor of Philosophy in the University of Toronto.

Miss C. R. Willard of Herzifoun, accompanied by her friend Miss Dora Jones, arrived in Constantinople on Sunday, coming from Cesarea by way of Angora. They would have been a day earlier, but were held up by the extremely heavy traffic following the closing day of the Grand National Assembly, when so many Deputies were coming to Constantinople for the Bairam holidays. By waiting a day, they were able to secure at least seats if not sleeper berths; and they also escaped the tremendous windstorm that swept Constantinople on Saturday, at sixty miles an hour, just at the hour when the train arrived.

Miss Hazel Hotson, of the Adana Hospital Staff, who has been taking her year of study at the Language School, left last week on her return to her station, and is presumably there before this.

The day before she left for America, Mrs. J. M. Irwin of Athens Station received word of the death of her aged father, Dr. Duval of Winnipeg. This was a sad blow, for she had hoped to see him very shortly.

Dr. James A. Boyd of the American Bible Society is expecting to leave with his wife and daughter on Thursday next for Vienna, their new home, going through Greece on the way.

In accordance with the practice of the other Herzifoun schools, the American School there is having examinations only for the fifth grade, and the other classes have begun their summer vacation from this week.

Rev. E. W. Gentle-Cacket, of the Bible Lands Mission Aid Society, is expected in Constantinople tomorrow with two friends, coming from Athens.

The law adopting the European system of numerals instead of that hithert used by the Turks, passed the Grand National Assembly last week; it provides that in all Government departments the European numerals will be used on and after June first; also that the system shall be progressively adopted in all school and business houses, until it shall be universal in 1930.

According to recently published statistics, the number of students in the secondary schools of this country has grown from 2455 in 1922-4 to 10433 in the current year; and that of students in the lycees from 2677 to 7386 during the same period.

Constantinople is gay with hunting these days, owing to the presence of the King and Queen of Afghanistan, who have been visiting the Ghazi in Angora, and are in this city now till Friday, when the Russian fleet will escort them to Batoum on their return journey to Afghanistan.

Yours very cordially
Charles T. Riggs.

No. 187.

Dear Friends:-

We have been enjoying during the past week a visit from Rev. S. W. Gentle-Cacket, of the Bible Lands Missions Aid Society, who has been traveling in the interests of the Society in Jugo Slavia and Greece, and arrived here last ~~Thursday~~ Wednesday in company with Messrs. Pascoe and Emmet of the same organization. Mr Gentle-Cacket preached at the morning service of the Emmanuel Church on Sunday; and the party visited various schools and other places of interest. They left yesterday, going to visit the earthquake regions of Bulgaria on their way home.

The usual exercises of Memorial Day had to be postponed this year on account of rain, in Constantinople. Torrents fell last Wednesday morning; and the service was held on Friday June 1st, instead. The American Colony was well represented at Ferikeuy cemetery at 10 a.m. Ambassador Grew presided, and spoke of the meaning of the day to the Americans of Turkey. The address of the day was given by Dr. Henry P. Schauffler, who has returned to Constantinople College until after the Commencement exercises. Dr. F. F. Goodsell offered prayer, and the graves of all the Americans were suitably decorated with the flowers brought by the ladies and children. President Gates closed the exercises with a prayer and the benediction.

During the whole program, a fleet of airplanes was circling around overhead, a dozen or more of them, in squadrons of three. This was not directly in celebration of the American holiday, but was connected with the military review being held at that hour at Shishli, in honour of the King and Queen of Afghanistan, this being the last day of their visit to Constantinople. They left that afternoon, escorted by the Turkish fleet to the mouth of the Bosphorus, and by the Russian fleet all the way to Batoum.

Word had been recieved this past week by cable of the death in California of Professor Charles Anderson, for thirty years or more professor and treasurer at Robert College. He has been of late a great sufferer from rheumatic troubles, and his daughter Sarah has been caring for him.

The annual conference for new missionaries was held in Boston closing today, June 5th. Not more than fifteen candidates were expected to be in attendance this year.

The dates of sailing of several of our missionaries on their return journey from America has been announced. Mrs Block sails June 19th for Plymouth; Miss Feichtinger the next day for Bremen; President C.A. Reed and family starts on July 18th from Quebec to Cherbourg; Rev. A. F. Markham and family on July 21st from New York for Cherbourg; and Dr. and Mrs E. B. Haskell sail from New York August 4th. returning to Bulgaria.

Secretary Ernest W. Riggs spent three or four days in Brousa last week with Dr. Shepard and family. On Sunday he was back in this city, and preached both at the Cedil Pasha Church and at the Emmanuel Church at the Bible House. He plans to leave this Thursday on a trip to Merzifoun. Cesarea and Angora, returning in time for the Annual Meeting.

Rev. George A. Ford, D.D. of the Presbyterean Mission in Sidon, Syria passed away in that city on May 18th, after a brief illness. He was born in Aleppo, May 30th, 1851, of missionary parents, and has been principal of the Gerard Institute, Sidon, and a professor in Beirut University.

An interesting feature of the past week in Constantinople has been the visit of Sadhu John Nelson Christananda, an Indian evangelist of much power and sweetness. Coming almost unheralded after a visit to Bulgaria, he has preached so acceptably in the Evangelical churches of the city that he was persuaded to make a longer stay than he intended, and thus reached larger numbers in extra meetings. He has gone on to Salonica, and is on his way back to India after a considerable absence.

Yours very cordially
Charles T. Riggs.

No. 188.

Dear Friends:-

Word has come from Miss Edith Sanderson of Brousa, that she has joined up with Miss Calder and Miss Kelsey in England, and is seeing London. Whatever thrills this implies, they are exoeeting to sail for the United States on Saturday next, June 16th, and that gives a bigger thrill.

Rev. J. Kingsley Birge returned on Saturday last from Neuchatel, Switzerland, leaving Mrs Birge in a very nice and comfortable rest cure there for a few weeks.

News has come of the death in New York of Rev. William I. Haveh, D.D., for many years Secretary of the American Bible Sociey, and weal known in that capacity to many of us.

Miss Willard and Miss Jones from Merzifoun sailed last week Thursday for Italy, hoping to get a good rest among the hills there, and Miss Willard plans to get back to Constantinople about the middle of July while her friend returnd to America.

The Commencement exercises of the School of Religion at Old Phaleron took place May 27th to June 1st. The Baccalaureate Sermon was given at the American College for Girls on May 27th; and at the close of the examinations, Class Day exercises were held May 31st, and the graduating exercises proper on June 1st. The American Minister to Greece, Mr Robert P. Skinner, made an excellent address; and the graduation address was given by Prof. Henry I. Bates, of Pacific University, Oregon, who crowned his year's work at the school by his masterly treatment of the theme: "The Value of a Man." Two graduate students were given certificates in Theology, and two were graduated with diplomas, one in religious education, and one in social service. Thus closed a very successful year.

Secretary Ernest W. Riggs left Constantinople last Thursday on a trip to Merzifoun, Talas and Angora; and a wire from Merzifoun reports his arrival there. He expected to visit Sivas also on his way.

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Delegates coming ~~xxxx~~ the Annual Meeting, and to the Retreat to be held two days previous to it, will be glad to learn that the trolley line up the Scutari hill has actually begun operation. It runs from the steamer landing to within easy walking distance of the American Academy, and continues on beyond towards Chamlidja. There is a dream in the minds of its promoters that some day it will be extended to Kadikeuy via Haidar-Pasha.

Mrs W. S. Woolworth of Cesarea, who has been in the clutches of the dentist in Constantinople for some time, returned to her post last week, in time to allow William Sage to come here for Annual Meeting.

A Conference of some importance is being held by the Y.W.C.A. of the world, at Budapest; and Miss Woodsmall, Mrs T. J. Damon and Mrs W. G. M. Edwards have gone as delegates from Constantinople. Miss Ruth Woodsmall, however, will nat return, for she has closed her period of service here, and has accepted a position.

The round of local Commencement exercises in the American Institutions of Constantinople was begun last Friday, with a very successful afternoon at the School for Boys at Geuz Tepe. A representative of the Turkish Ministry of Public Instruction spoke, and Ambassador J. C. Grew gave the main address of the day, which will lang remain in the mind of the graduates. Dr. MacNaughton gave diplomas to five young men at the completion of the course. A well planned and trained pageant called "Summer Days" was given by the students under the direction of Mr Paul Denkinge.

Mrs Bracket, mother of Miss Mary Bracket of Scutari, has arrived to join her daughter on the homeward journey. With her came Mrs Newell, sister of Mr Birge, to visit her brother.

Yours very cordially
Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:-

Miss Agnes Penenga of Hardin arrived in Constantinople Saturday last, this being her first visit in nine years. She expects to stay until after Annual Meeting, and then return to her post, as she has secured permission to return.

Born:- On June 13th, at the American Hospital, Constantinople, to Mr and Mrs Harold Pence, a son, James Monroe. The youngster and both his parents are reported as doing very well, thank you. He is named after the fifth President of the United States, - a good while after.

By a new ruling of the Custom House authorities, as published in the local press, household goods of foreigners coming into Turkey are henceforth to be admitted free of duty; and the sums heretofore deposited as duty on such household effects are returnable to the persons concerned.

Professor Henry L. Bates, who has been teaching the past year in the School of Religion at Old Phaleron, left there on Monday, June 4th, for England, where he will join the Sherwood Eddy tour to several points in Europe, and will sail for America early in September. His fine, strong contribution to the life and work of the School has been deeply appreciated and will long be remembered.

Dr. and Mrs F. W. MacCallum have moved to Kingston, Ontario, where their address is 531 Brock St., until the middle of August. They expect to sail from Boston August 19th on the S.S. Byron, and reach Constantinople about September 10th. A warm welcome awaits them.

During a recent visit to Philadelphia, Dr. MacCallum saw our old friends, known of yore as Betty Lewis and Mary Em. Fidler. The latter is reported to be the possessor of one of the most beautiful and progressive babies ever seen.

Several persons lately connected with the Schools in Constantinople have recently left on their terms of service expiration. Miss Bertha Cold sailed on Sunday last, going via Italy and England to America. Messrs Ferguson, Denkinger and Hughes of the A.C.I. Erenkeuy, left two days earlier. Miss Sylvia Whitelegge, of the Gedik Pasha School, left for England also on Friday last.

The exodus from the Colleges will leave those institutions hardly recognizable. President and Mrs Gates left last week for England, where their son Caleb is to be married soon. Dr. and Mrs Post, also of Robert College, have gone to Italy, expecting to stay some time at Venice and then go to the mountains before coming back in the fall. The Commencement Exercises of the Colleges were held yesterday and today but accounts of them will have to wait till next week.

Dr. Shepard and family are back after a delightful vacation rest at the Brousa School, during which Dr. Shepard climbed to the top of Mt. Olympus.

President and Mrs White of the American College, Salonica, sailed on June 6th from America, and were expected in Salonica about June 15th.

Word has come of the appointment of several workers to be connected to our Mission. Miss Mary Elizabeth Arnold has been secured for one year for the American College, Salonica. Miss Margory Ellen Hostetter goes for three years to the Girls' School at Herzifoun. Mr Fred Harold Thompson is to give three years at the Boys' School at Geuz Tepe, Constantinople. Mr James Stanford Clark comes for three years to the Boys' School at Tarsus.

Miss Mary G. Webb, left Adana for Beirut on June 11th, not expecting to return. She goes to spend the summer at Shweir, Mt. Lebanon, with her sister Miss Elizabeth Webb, and with Miss Orvis; and then will return to Beirut to live with her sister.

Yours very cordially
Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:-

The Commencement Exercises of the Scutari and Gedik Pasha Schools were carried out very successfully, as were those of the two American Colleges. The graduating class at Constantinople College was the largest on record, 47 young ladies taking diplomas. Dr. Henry P. Schouffler delivered the address, and a few days later flew by the Italian seaplane to Brindisi. With him went as far as Athens, Miss Dorothy Post and Mr Martin Hardin of Robert College and Mr Maynard Owen Williams. Thirty-one young men graduated from Robert College, ten of them from the Engineering Department. Dr. and Mrs. Gates had already left town, going to attend the wedding of their son Caleb in England; and Vice-president George H. Huntington gave out the diplomas. Ambassador Crow has been good enough to give an Address at each of the five American Commencements,-- and they have been good addresses.

Miss J. L. Jillson returned on Saturday from a short vacation to Vienna, just in time to attend the fortieth wedding anniversary dinner of her sister and her husband, Dr. and Mrs MacNaughton. Miss Day of Broussa will remain at Vienna till August.

Dr. W. L. Rute of Adana has arrived here; he expects his family to join him this August, returning from America.

Miss Hertha Niese, who has so acceptably taught music in Merzifoun the past year, has come to Constantinople on her return to Germany.

Dr. Caroline Hamilton and Miss Elizabeth Trowbridge of Aintab, and Miss Harriet Norton and Miss Mary Cashmore of Aleppo, after a few days in Constantinople, are leaving by steamer for Venice on Thursday next, the two former on their way to England and for extended trips in Europe on furlough.

Dr. and Mrs George B. White, of Salonica College, returned from America just in time for Dr. White to preach the baccalaureate sermon to the class of ten at the College, who took their diplomas the next day, June 18th. Dr. White has come on with Mr Hawkes as delegates to Annual Meeting. A most happy addition to the events of that week in Salonica was the cabled news of a gift of \$200,000.00 to Anatolia College from the Hall Fund.

Rev. J. K. Birge hastened over to Salonica last week, just in time to perform the ceremony at the marriage of Miss Sadie Watton and Mr Lincoln Hale of the Agricultural School, on Saturday. The happy couple have started on a trip to Italy, it is said. Mr Birge hurried back for the Annual Meeting, arriving here today.

Secretary E. W. Riggs returned last Friday from his trip to Merzifoun, Sivas, Cesarea and Angora, and is attending the Retreat and the Annual Meeting before returning to America.

By error it was stated last week that Miss Fenenga had not been here in nine years. She was here for a brief visit in 1924. We would also correct a misstatement about Miss Ruth Woodsmall of the Y. W. C. A. She is not permanently leaving but has left for a year, having secured a travelling fellowship under the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Foundation for special study. On the other hand we are sorry to learn that Miss Clara Bissell, who has been with the Y.W.C.A. in Constantinople for some time, is leaving this summer without the expectation of returning. Our best wishes go with her,

Mr Herman H. Kreider, our Assistant Treasurer, came back to his office and work on Monday, after an absence of two months in Merzifoun, where he got the treasury work into splendid shape.

Rev. and Mrs Paul Bobb and Little Donald left last Wednesday for their station in Merzifoun. The Exercises of the Language School closed just before that, with the giving of certificates to the students of the year.

The Retreat, under the leadership of Dr. Robert B. Wilder, is in progress at Scutari School; and on Thursday afternoon, the Annual Meeting begins there. The next issue of this bulletin will be at the close of the Meeting.

Yours very cordially
Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:-

The Annual Meeting of the Turkey Mission was held in Soutari Academy June 28 - July 5, and has been characterized by old addicts as the best they ever attended. Certainly it was the largest in point of attendance. The delegates were:-Adana, Miss Brauer, Miss Martin, Miss Webl, Dr. Nute; Aintab, Mr. & Mrs. Wiley; Aleppo, Miss Foreman, Dr. Merrill; Athens, Miss Gordon, Dr. Parmelee, Mr. Pye; Beirut: Mr. & Mrs. H.H. Riggs; Caesarea: Miss Dwight, Messrs. Nilson and Woolworth; Constantinople: Miss Catlin, Miss Harley, Miss Jillson, Mrs. Leslie, Mr. Perry, Dr. Shepard, G.T. Riggs; Harash: Miss Blakely, Mrs. Lyman; Harbin: Miss Fenenga; Herzifoun: Miss Wells; Salonica: Mr. Hawkes, Dr. White, Smyrna: Miss Greene, Miss Parsons, Mr. & Mrs. Vrooman. Fraternal delegate from Bulgaria, Mr. H.B. King. In addition there were present for at least a part of the meeting, Mrs. Wells of Herzifoun, Miss Borel of Adana, Miss Hinman, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fowler of Smyrna, and Lincoln Wiley of Aintab and Helen Riggs of Beirut. Dr. Robert P. Wilder was able to stay till Tuesday evening, and conducted the devotional services till then most acceptably. Secretary Ernest W. Riggs was present till Wednesday evening, and his wisdom and experience helped the meeting often. () Miss Phelps of Aintab.

Among other friends present at some sessions were Professor and Mrs. W.W. Rockwell of Union Seminary. Dr. Rockwell also preached an inspiring sermon at the Sunday morning service at Robert College.

A large part of two days was devoted to the discussion of some fundamental policies of the Mission, - topics brought up in connection with the Brown incident. These discussions were among the most vital parts of the whole gathering. Quite helpful also were the conferences on educational methods, held on the first and second days of the meeting, under the lead of Mr. Vrooman.

The long and thorough work done by committees in thrashing out the long list of topics before presentation to the meeting, contributed essentially to the right disposal of many otherwise troublesome questions, in a short space of time.

Among the topics urged for further study by the members of the Mission were a statement of our purpose as missionaries in this country; to be worked out in each station and then collated as far as may be; also a more exhaustive study of the essential nature of Islam, and of what Christianity has to offer to it; also the kind of educational institutions that will best carry out our purpose here at this time.

The wisdom and extent of the work conducted by the Publication Department, and its cooperative activities with leading Turkish writers and publishers, drew forth praise from the gathering as a whole. There is much to be expected from the movement to establish and conduct a family magazine in Turkish, that shall embody the finest material that can be secured, and be managed and published by Turks.

From several points came reports of the good done through the showing of stereopticon pictures, accompanied by comment, and of the open doors resulting from this form of approach. The next development along this line will no doubt be the use of the cinema, as films suitable for the people are secured.

An impressive part of the exercises was the reading of the long list of members and former members of the mission circle who have been called to their reward during the year, - eleven persons, of whom five were in active service within the Mission, and one engaged at the time in Near East Relief work, the other five having retired. Seldom have there been so many deaths in a twelve-month.

Suitable action was taken regarding the retirement from active service of two of our senior members, Miss Emily McCallum and Miss Mary Webb. Their wise counsel and active cooperation will be missed from the Mission.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

No. 192.

Dear Friends:-

With the close of the Annual Meeting, most of our friends from other stations have left again, some for vacation trips, others to return to work. They have swept off in their train a large number from Constantinople itself, till the place seems deserted.

Dr. Goodsell has gone with quite a party to Talas, there to conduct a summer school for language study. This gives an opportunity to several for a freer acquaintance with Turkish, who had never the advantages of the Language School, - a comparatively modern institution. We hope to have a fuller report of this undertaking at a later time.

Rev. J.K. Birge has gone to rejoin his wife in Neuchatel, Switzerland for a few weeks vacation.

Mr and Mrs Edward T. Perry have left for America with Mrs Perry's parents, Mr and Mrs Frazer, who have been visiting the Perrys for some months. Mr and Mrs Perry expect to be back at their post in the fall.

Mrs Emily Block of Tarsus returned to Constantinople after a furlough in America. She has gone on to Talas for a brief stay on her way to Tarsus.

Rev. and Mrs Theodore A. Elmer, formerly of Herzifoun, who have been in the Caucasus with the Near East Relief since 1920, arrived in Constantinople from Tiflis on Tuesday last, and left again on the same steamer on Thursday, on their way to America on a visit. They have been in America only one month in the past eight years; their eldest daughter, Pearl, they expect to see in England en route; the younger daughter, Enid, is a nurse in Cleveland, O., and Hugh is a student in Oberlin.

Miss Sarah Wells and Mr David Julius of Aleppo station passed through Constantinople this week, on their way to Europe for a summer in Italy and Austria.

President and Mrs Cass Arthur Reed of International College are making headquarters till July 18th at Kingston, Ont. with Mr and Mrs McLachlan, and hope to be back in Smyrna in August.

The Commencement season has brought degrees to various Near East friends including the following:- Dr. James L. Barton, LL.D. (his third) from Grinnell; President Bayard Dodge of Beirut, D.D., Princeton; Rev. W.G. Greenslade of Beirut, D.D., Whitman; President Kathryn Newell Adams, Constantinople College, L.H.D., Wheaton; Clarence R. Johnson, formerly sociology professor, Robert College, Ph.D., Univ. of Southern Calif; Rev. R. Finney Markham, Constantinople, M.A. Columbia; Miss Sarah R. Riggs, Constantinople, M.A., Yale; Miss Elsa Feichtinger, Smyrna (who returns to the Language School B.A., Wellesley; Miss Sophia Michaelidou, of Girls' College, Athens, B.A. Elmira.

The wedding of Ian McLachlan, youngest son of Dr. and Mrs Alexander McLachlan, and Miss Sybil Spencer, a fellow graduate of Queens University, was celebrated at Ottawa on June 16th, and was the occasion of the reunion of quite a group of Near Easterners, including the Reeds of Smyrna, Mr and Mrs Grant McLachlan and Mrs and Mrs C. Radomar, formerly of Smyrna and Salonica. Mr and Mrs Ian McLachlan will reside at Walkerville, Ont.

The staff of the International College will be augmented this year by Mr and Mrs McFarlane, Mr and Mrs White, who will be at the Language School, and by Messrs. Leon Loufbourow, Darsie Anderson, and Perry Avery, graduates of Pomona, on term appointment. Mr McFarlane, a tutor at Smyrna 1923-6, has been doing graduate work and coaching lacrosse at the Univ. of Penn. His fiancée is Miss Helen Smith, an unusually successful teacher in the Washington, D.C., public schools. Mr White is a B.S. in agriculture from Kansas Agricultural College, and an M.A. of Boston Univ. Mrs White is a graduate of Washington Univ.

~~Miss Mary G. Webb 1884-1886 for Beirut~~ Mr Taylor, First Secretary of the American Embassy has gone to Harpout officially to close up the Consulate at that point, where there has been no resident Consul for many years.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House. Stamboul. July 19. 1928.

No. 193.

Dear Friends:-

Miss Clara C. Richmond and Miss Ilse C. Pohl are leaving Constantinople on Friday for America, sailing by the new Fabre Line Steamer "Alesia", which is making its first trip from this port. Miss Richmond and Miss Pohl are going on furlough, in search of complete restoration to health again.

Miss Charlotte R. Willard, who has been having a vacation trip with her friend Miss Dora Jones in Europe, and is charmed with the delights of Amras, in the Tyrol, has returned to Constantinople and is leaving this evening by train for Caesarea on her way back to Herzifoun.

The American Junior College for Girls, Old Phaleron, closed its year successfully with the graduation of seventeen young women twelve from the High School department and five from the Junior College department. The faculty has scattered; Miss MacCallum leaving for Canada via England and Scotland; Miss Pinneo will spend the summer in England; Miss Gordon has gone with friends to Talas; Miss Clark spends her vacation in America. Miss Mills braves the heat of Athens, except during August, when she expects to go to Ionnine and to Albania.

Miss Sylvia T. Eddy of the American Hospital in Talas, has come to Constantinople for a vacation, and with Miss Adelaide S. Dwight is spending a fortnight on the island of Antigone.

Miss Doris Roberts, a graduate of Colby College, Maine, '26, has been appointed for a three years term at the Salonica Girls' School. She will probably sail by the steamer "Byron," in the large party that starts August 19th.

Miss Edith Sanderson of Broussa reached American June 24th with Miss Calder and Miss Kelsey. She has been staying in Auburndale, Mass., during most of July, after which she will probably go out to her home in Calif.

Dr. Cass Arthur Reed and family were due to sail July 13th from Montreal on the "Express of Scotland" for Cherbourg on their way back to International College, Smyrna. Rev. R. F. Harkham and family were to sail July 16th on the "Borengalia" from New York for Cherbourg, on their return to Constantinople. Miss Sarah R. Riggs is due to sail on the "Asia" from New York July 20th for Constantinople, to resume her work in the Community School at Hissar.

Dr. Goodsell reports a very successful beginning of the summer language course at Talas, with twelve students, three teachers, and five observers. It is expected, he states, that at least five others will join them ere long but he neglects to explain whether as students, as teachers or as mere observers. It would certainly be worth observing, anyhow. He adds that the teachers find it hard to keep ahead of the students! The thirst for learning is terrible. The climate of Talas is proving ideal, and the arrangements provided by the Wilsons and Woolworths are above all criticism.

Miss Mary T. Kinney of Scutari is spending a part of her vacation with Mrs Manning of Robert College at her summer home in Chan Koria, Bulgaria.

Miss Theda B. Phelps of Aintab and Miss Stella H. Loughridge of Adana are staying for a time at the Scutari School.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House. Stamboul. July 24, 1928

No. 194.

Dear Friends:-

The date reminds us that the initial copy of this little venture in neighbourliness appeared just four years ago, July 26th 1924. Comparatively few weeks have passed without the sending out of a letter, and we wish to express our gratitude and obligation to all who have kept us informed of events to chronicle. We hope still more will feel like this sort of cooperation.

The date further reminds us that just twenty years ago yesterday, the revolutionary officers in Macedonia struck the first blow of the long struggle for Turkish freedom, and brought in the constitution. The country celebrated the event yesterday; and today it is celebrating the signing of the Lausanne Treaty, five years ago.

Mr and Mrs W. P. Clarke of Philippopolis have been spending three months in Switzerland, where Mrs Clarke has been under the doctor's care for the benefit of her right eye.

Miss Edith Douglas and Miss Elizabeth Hemeon of Samokov have gone to Vienna for a few weeks holiday. Mr Reuben H. Markham and family are to go this week to St. Andrae, by Villach, where the Bible School as a summer resort has been patronized also by the Estes family of Robert College and Miss Elsie Van Zandt.

Rev. T. T. Holway writes from Sofia:- "Our summer School for workers, in Samokov, began yesterday and continues until next tuesday week, July 31. Mr Lee Wrooman of Smyrna and Mr Gentle-Cacket of London are among the speakers, and went over from here this morning. I am to give one address there next week, and Miss A. M. Baird also.

Dr. and Mrs E. B. Haskell are booked to sail in the Tourist Third Class steamer "Minnekahda" of the Atlantic Transport Line, from New York August 4th. They will probably reach Sofia in early September, and make their headquarters there for the coming winter. Address: Rue Beltscheff, No. 21.

Dr. and Mrs E. B. Haskell have given much of their time and strength while on furlough to raising funds to start a "folk school" on the model of those in Denmark, in a Bulgarian village. They were at the beginning of July within 1500 dollars of their 20,000 dollars goal for buildings, and they confidently hope to secure the remainder before sailing.

Just before leaving Claremont, Calif., Dr. and Mrs E. B. Haskell united by letter with the Claremont Church, and their two children on confession of the faith; and they were tendered a reception in the Guildhall as representatives of that church, whose appointment gift is to be used towards the support of their work in Bulgaria.

Mrs William L. Nute and her three children were due to leave Pasadena, Calif., July 14th, and sail from New York for Chergourg August 4th on the S.S. "Leviathan." After a few days spent in Switzerland, they expect to arrive in Constantinople August 16th, on their way to Adana.

A letter from Secretary Ernest W. Riggs from Paris, written July 18th, the day before he was to sail on the "Homer", tells of the transfer to Paris from Marseilles of Mr Ghazarossian, hitherto Minister to the Armenian Evangelical Church in Marseilles, who has now begun work among the 20,000 Armenians of Paris, where there is no such organization.

Mr and Mrs Dana K. Getchell of Salonica arrived in New York on July 10th, after a prosperous voyage from Bremen. They are to spend the month of August at Mountain Rest, Mass., with Mrs Edward Riggs and Miss Mary W. Riggs.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:-

The request for an opportunity to study Turkish under supervised direction during summer vacations has frequently been expressed by various members of the Mission. In 1925 the first summer session of the Language School was held at Roumeli Hissar, with an attendance of 12. The results of that session were decidedly encouraging. This year Talas was chosen for a location and Cesarea station has made excellent provision for living and school needs, and the place has proved suitable for recreation as well as study,

Of the group of 14 students, 7 are short term workers and 7 permanent missionaries, indicating that there is a double demand for opportunity for study, on the part of those not granted a year of study at the beginning of their service, and on the part of the permanent workers who very commendably wish to carry their earlier studies forward.

The school includes:- Director, Rev. F.F. Goodsell, D.D.; Instructors: Nadir and Sadreddin Beys; Students: The Misses Brauer (Adana), Hinman and Parsons (Smyrna), Ovenden and Woodward (Constantinople), Mrs Wiley (Aintab), Mr and Mrs Nilson (Talas), Mr and Mrs Rector (Tarsus) and Messrs Jones (Adana), MacCallum (Constantinople), Partridge (Aleppo), and Zwahlen (Tarsus). Other friends who are spending longer or shorter periods in the quiet and calmness of this beauty spot are, till now, the Misses Blakely (Marash), Billings (Angora), Catlin and Elmquist (Constantinople), Willard (Mezzifoun), Gordon (Athens), Mrs Block (Tarsus), and Mr Wiley (Aintab).

Even the most heroic penmen of the police headquarters grow wan when Mr Woolworth comes in with a fresh stock of travel and residence permits to be lengthily recorded.

The schedule is to run the Language School from July 10th to August 16th. The students seem to have taken as their motto the well-known adage, "All work and no play makes ~~hay~~ while the sun shines." The instruction is necessarily largely individual, and the three teachers are able to give as much time as the students can use. The absolute beginners form a "Bou ne sir?" squad; and in newspaper reading there is a group. On Mondays Nadir Bey conducts a story hour and prize contest for the whole school. On Wednesdays the more heroic of rash students launch onto the Turkish sea in a daring attempt to keep afloat for fifteen minutes, their efforts subsequently receiving the just condemnation of the instructors. During the remainder of the working days the classroom windows give forth the harsh cries of teachers urging on their pupils, and from under dormitory windows one hears the constant low moan of students trying to memorize word-lists.

Yet after tea hour the tennis and volley-ball courts come to life, and walks are taken among the hills. One Friday morning was devoted to the ascent of Ali Dag; and the next Friday saw two car-loads on an excursion to the world-famous Valley of the Troglodytes. There are good prospects before the session ends there will be an attempt to scale Mount Argæus.

Miss Catlin and Mrs Wiley have both had the misfortune to be laid up for a few days, but thanks to Dr. Clarke's care, are around again. The only other complaints have resulted from lingering too long in the apricot orchard. In every case, prompt administration of a soda mint has succeeded in saving the patients life.

(from our special correspondent)

We regret to record the death, early in July, of Prof. Walter Booth Adams M.D., Professor Emeritus of Pharmacology, Therapeutics and Dermatology at the American University at Beirut. Dr. Adams had been partially paralyzed for a long time past, but the end came suddenly.

Dr. C. E. Clark of Talas has come to Constantinople, to meet his son James, who is due here from America August 11th, on his way to teach in Tarsus College.

Dr. and Mrs McNaughton left last week for Villach, Austria, where Mrs R. F. Markham and her children will also be, while Mr Markham comes on here to take charge of affairs at the Geuz-Tepe school during August.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs.

No. 196.

Dear Friends:-

Consul-General G. Bie Ravndal, who was from 1910 to 1925 Consul-General at Constantinople, having been before that in the corresponding official post at Beirut since 1898, with the exception of one year at Dawson City, and who has for the past three years been Consul-General at Zurich, has now been transferred to Hamburg, in the same capacity. Our congratulations on this promotion in the service.

Rev. R. Finney Markham returned to Constantinople two days ago, after a very satisfying furlough year in study at Columbia University and Union Seminary. Mrs Markham and the little girls are staying for a while with Dr and Mrs MacNaughton at Villach, Austria, before coming on to this city.

Rev. R.C. Macanna, Pastor on the Union Church of Pera, with Mrs Macanna and their two children, are occupying the MacNaughton house at Geuz-Tepe for the month of August, after which it will be used by the school. Dr. and Mrs MacNaughton are moving to a house not far away.

After spending a short time at Geuz-Tepe, Constantinople, Mr and Mrs Lee Irooman left last Friday returning to Smyrna to make ready for the re-opening of International College.

Miss Adelaide Dwight and Miss Sylvia Eddy, of Talas, who have been here since the Annual Meeting and have spent the last two weeks very comfortably in the island of Antigone, left on Thursday last for Talas.

Dr. Ruth A. Parmalee, of the American Women's Hospital at Kokkinia, Piraeus, Greece, who has been staying at the American Academy, Scutari, since the Annual Meeting, left by Lloyd Triestino steamer on Thursday morning on her return. Dr. Graff and Miss Phillips, formerly of the Near East Relief, who have lately been connected also with the same work at Kokkinia, are in Constantinople and Broussa on a brief stay, and expect to spend the rest of the summer in Russia, and return to America via Japan.

BORN:- to Professor and Mrs Jervie M. Fulmer of Robert College, a son, Glenn Elton, on Friday, August 6th. Weight 9 lbs.

Miss A.B. Jones of Gedik Pasha and Miss Lucie Borel of Adana have been spending some time at the School at Geuz-Tepe and enjoying the swimming. Mrs Wells and Miss Helen Wells of Merzifoun recently joined them, after a stay at the Y.W.C.A. camp near by.

Miss Billings formerly of the N.E.A., and later a representative of our Government at Angora, has returned from a trip to Talas and Merzifoun, and is staying for a while at the Tokatlilan Hotel, Therapia. She is writing a book on conditions in Turkey.

A group of ten students from Dartmouth and another of similar size from Simmons College, are both visiting Constantinople at present. The Turk Odjak tendered them a reception last evening at its headquarters in Stamboul. The tour is under the auspices of the International Student Union.

It has been found best to split into two parties the large party that was booked to sail from New York on the "Byron" August 18th. The following are now booked on the Fabre Line S.S. Alesia sailing from New York August 16th for Salonica and Constantinople:- Mr Luther Fowle and family; Mr Merrill N. Isely and family; Mr Raymond F. White and family; Miss Alice P. Lindsley, Miss Bertha D. Collmeyer, Miss Marion Sheldon and Mr Fred H. Thompson, all for Constantinople; and Miss Doris Roberts, Messrs Harold Graves and Marion Hine, for Salonica. On the "Byron" on August 18th are to sail Dr. and Mrs MacCallum; Mr and Mrs Meyering and Miss Dorothy Barker for Constantinople; Mr Maynard and family; Messrs Leon Loufbourow, Darsie Anderson and Perry Avery for Smyrna, and Prof. Loutfi Devonian for the School of Religion, Athens. Mr and Mrs Archie MacFarlane sail August 20th on "The Lambs", American Export Line, for Constantinople.

Yours very cordially.
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House: Stamboul. August 14. 1928.

No. 192.

Dear Friends:-

Word has come of the release from her suffering of Mrs Henriette Ann Lorraine Hamlin Washburn, in Boston, on Friday last, in the eighty-ninth year of her life. She was born in this city Dec 5, 1839, and was married here on April 15, 1859, to Rev. George Washburn, who was then and until 1868 a missionary of the American Board. During the presidency of Dr. Washburn at Robert College, Mrs Washburn did so much for the well-being of the students, that in grateful memory of this the Social Hall has been dedicated to her memory. She spoke five or six languages fluently and was a personal friend to a very large circle of all nationalities. Since the passing of her husband, she had made her home with her son, Dr. George H. Washburn, in Boston. Till the last, she kept up her active interest in people and events in the Near East.

Mr and Mrs George DeForest White, long connected with the Near East Orphanage at Syra, Greece, have been appointed regular missionaries of the American Board, and are stationed at Salonica in the American College. Since their arrival there on July 20th, Mr White has taken up the Treasury work of the College.

Miss Liena L. Lietzau of Salonica is spending a month or so in Czechoslovakia, doing some teaching in a private family. She expects to be back in Salonica about the first of September.

The Compton family from Salonica, and the Marden, Marsh and Sakellariou families of Athens have been having a delightful summer stay in Vienna. The Comptons are expected back at their post by the end of this week.

Rev. J. Riggs Brewster of Salonica, who went to America this summer, was due to sail August 11th on his return, reaching Villach, Austria, about the 20th to be there with his family about a fortnight before bringing them back to Salonica.

Miss Belle Harley of Scutari has gone to Beirut for a visit with friends in the Lebanon Mountains before the opening of the school term.

On Sunday last the S.S. "Asia" arrived in Constantinople, bringing back to this country James Clark, son of Dr. and Mrs Clark of Talas, who goes to Tarsus to teach. His father met him here, and they are going to Talas via Broussa. Also Miss Sarah R. Riggs, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles T. Riggs, returning as Principal of the Community School of Robert College. Mr William E. Hawkes of Salonica came from that city by the same steamer, for a brief stay in Constantinople. There were on board also Mr and Mrs Frederick Erdman, who go on to Beirut to visit their respective parents (Mrs Erdman was Mary Nichol) and return to teach in the engineering department of Robert College. Miss Elsie Bristol, formerly of Talas, and Mr and Mrs Murphy, parents of Mr Murphy of the H.E.R., and Mrs Sewny of Salonica College, were fellow passengers, on their way to visit Beirut and vicinity. Rev. Elmer, Chaplain of Colgate University, and his family are also taking the trip.

A fine new monument of the Republic was inaugurated last Wednesday at the Taksim, in Pera, this city. It consists of a rectangular canopy of brown and green stone, with two bronze groups designed by P. Canonica, an Italian sculptor, on two sides, and a bronze standard bearer on each of the other two sides. In one group the Ghazi Pasha appears as a military leader in the struggle for liberty; in the other, he is in the foreground, flanked by Ismet Pasha, the Prime Minister, and Fevzi Pasha, the Chief of Staff, and behind them a group symbolic of the present peaceful progress of the Republic.

Having absorbed all that the Summer Language School in Talas could give him, Mr Lyman MacCallum is back again on his office stool in the Bible Society rooms.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs.

No. 198.

Dear Friends:-

Mrs Laird of Beirut, sister of Mr Lyman MacCallum, is visiting him here, and expects to remain till their parents, now presumably on the ocean, arrive here.

Many of the absentees on summer vacations are returning to their posts. Miss Kinney has come back from Bulgaria, and Miss Catlin from Talas. And on Saturday Dr Goodsell, Miss Ovenden, Miss Woodward and Miss Elmquist arrived from their summer language session; also Miss Alice Gordon of Athens. Miss Parsons and Miss Hinman of Smyrna had already passed through Constantinople and returned to Smyrna from the same institution of Higher Learning.

On Thursday last there occurred one of the happiest reunions of recent years. Mrs Nute and her three children arrived from America, having made the trip ~~viam~~ Cherbourg in twelve days from New York, including a day or more stop-over in Switzerland. Dr. Nute was on hand to meet them, having come up from Adana; and he found his eleven-months-old daughter, whom he had never seen, most fascinating. The rejoicing family started on their way to Adana this morning.

Miss Helen Wells and her mother have gone to Vienna on a brief trip to meet relatives there, and possibly to bring them back here with them.

One of the features of the Summer Language School in Talas was that seven of the gentlemen of the party climbed to the top of Mt. Argaeus, 13,100 ft. high, the highest peak within Asia Minor. They suffered nothing worse than burned noses and necks, and rather tired feet.

Miss Caroline Gilliman, who for eight years has served faithfully with the N.E.R. in the Caucasus, has returned to the mission work, and she arrived from Leninakan on Friday last. After getting some necessary dentistry done here, she will go on to Aleppo via Beirut, to be associated with Miss Foreman in the Girls' School.

The new Turkish alphabet is being adapted quite rapidly, through the personal influence of the Ghazi himself and the energetic members of the Department of Public Instruction. It is announced that the primary schools of Constantinople will not reopen till the middle of October, to give the teachers a chance to learn the new system, so as to teach it in all the schools. Many Turkish daily papers have begun printing sample paragraphs in the Latin characters, so as to familiarise their readers with the Latin characters; and fliers are being sold in the streets giving the new system as now officially taught.

It may be briefly described as follows:- most of the letters are pronounced as might be expected:- a as in father; e as in met; i as in ravine; o as in colt; u as in rude; also ö and ü as they are in German; the sound of short u, as in the Turkish ushuk, light, q is represented by i with its dot; y is always a consonant; other consonants that are peculiar are: c, representing djim, and pronounced like j in English; ç representing chim, pronounced like ch in child; g is always hard, as in go; but it has a short mark over it when nearly elided, as in the word eyrenmok, which is now spelled ögrenmak; ş is used for sh; and j is always like z in azure, or like zh. A caret over a vowel indicates that it is lengthened in pronunciation. The hyphen is used between certain words and their enclitic particles, but the system is too complicated to describe here.

New typewriters will have to be constructed, with the diacritic marks included which are necessary for writing this new alphabet; but this will not be difficult; and the system in general is scientifically phonetic and in most ways quite satisfactory.

No text books in the new system have yet appeared from the press; but they are in preparation. We shall have more to say about them later.

Mr O. S. Heizer, for many years associated with Dr. Peet in the treasury office, is passing through Constantinople on leave of absence with Mrs Heizer to America. He has been promoted from his consular post at Jerusalem, to an unknown destination.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

No. 199.

Dear Friends:-

We are most happy to announce the birth, on Sunday last, August 26th, at the American Hospital, Pera, of Maynard Lincoln Kreider, son and heir to our genial Assistant Treasurer. He weighed 7 lbs., and both he and his mother are doing just finely.

Miss Harriet Varrow of Gedik Pasha and Mrs Laird of Beirut have gone to Merzifoun on a brief visit, hoping to return to Constantinople in plenty of time to greet Mrs Laird's parents, Dr. and Mrs MacCallum on their arrival from America next week.

Dr. W. W. Peet writes from Pilgrim Place, Claremont, Calif., that he and his sister are enjoying good company at that centre. Mrs Marsh and her daughter Anna, of Bulgaria, are there, likewise Mr Jarkin and family, formerly of Mardin; Miss Nellie Battlett, formerly of Smyrna, and just at the time he wrote, Mrs Marden of Gedik Pasha was also there. The Franklin Warner cottage is going up right close at hand also.

Mrs Finney Markham and children rejoined her husband at Geuz-Tepe this week, after a brief stay in Austria, coming thence by rail. Dr and Mrs MacNaughton had taken the longer way round, and are expected to reach home tomorrow, arriving by Lloyd Triestino slow steamer from Venice.

Rev. William Hawkes of Salonica has been undergoing some surgical treatment at the American Hospital, Pera, and hopes to be able in a few days to go to the Y.M.C.A. camp at Suadie, on the Marmora, to recuperate before going to Salonica for the opening of the fall term.

The Merrill family and Miss Foreman of Aleppo have found a most ideal camping spot in the Amanus Mountains, 3000 feet above the Gulf of Alexandretta, where they have lots of outdoors, good air and water, and complete rest. It has been a fine tonic for them.

One has to look for changes on the Bosphorus every morning, these days. The Shirket steamers are rapidly adopting the European Numbers on their funnels, and are putting Latin characters in their time-tables; and the steamers to Haidar Pasha and the Islands are having their names in Arabic letters obliterated, and the Latin characters substituted very fast. The Post Office now bears the legend Posta Ve Telgiraf, - the undotted i standing for the apparently necessary u sound between consonants. And everywhere (even in Dolma Baghtche palace!) one sees groups of people or individuals studying away most diligently on the new alphabet.

Miss Caroline Silliman, who has been staying at Scutari for a while on her way from the Caucasus, is starting for Aleppo via Beirut tomorrow. She will probably stay a few days in Aleih with friends.

Dr. Graff and Miss Phillips, formerly of the Near East Relief, left Constantinople yesterday by Russian steamer for Batoum; they expect to go eventually to America via Persia, India and Japan.

Mr James Young Gates, of Southwestern University '28, Georgetown, Texas, has been engaged as tutor for Anatolia College, Salonica. He will sail shortly for that point.

The statement in our issue of two weeks ago that Mr and Mrs George D. White had been appointed as missionaries of the Board, was an error. A later letter from Boston has corrected this. Their papers were approved, and their engagement for service in Salonica ratified.

A slight misunderstanding in the Post Office may have caused our patrons to pay excess postage last week. This has now been cleared up, and we ask everyone to be lenient with us for being late this week.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs.

No. 200

Dear Friends:-

Dr. Lorrin A. Shepard left Constantinople yesterday morning on a hurry call from Dr. Nute of Adana, who with his family is spending some weeks at Hamroun. The trouble is with the little one-year-old girl, and we trust we may have reassuring word after Dr. Shepard reaches there.

The MacCallum reunion, which took place in Kingston, Ont., the second week in August, brought together Dr. and Mrs. F. W. MacCallum of Cons/ple, Miss Emily MacCallum of Athens, Mrs. T. B. Scott, formerly of Ceylon and more recently of the Auburndale Home. In addition to these well-known missionaries, there were present a brother and two sisters of Dr. MacCallum. It is something over forty-five years since these had last been all together. Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum are expected back in Constantinople tomorrow. They will again occupy the apartment at the Bible House.

Mrs. Lydia A. Flint, of International College, has been having a fine rest and visit at Chateau Gaillard, Germigny l'Exempt, Cher, France. She is now presumably back in Smyrna, having sailed from Trieste August 6th, due yesterday in Smyrna.

Miss Minnie B. Mills of Athens Girls' College has been spending a month in Epirus and Albania, and was last heard from in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Phineas B. Kennedy, at the School in Kortcha, Albania. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy were away at the time, the former in America raising additional funds for the mission work in Albania, the latter on a vacation trip. Miss Mills writes that she sees great opportunities among the people of Albania.

The Boys' High School at Aleppo begins its year's work on October 1st. It follows the Syrian State program of secondary instruction in Arabic and French, and gives a full course also in English, and in Armenian for Armenian-speaking students. The tuition charges are from L. S. 25 in the lower forms to L.S.40 in the College classes. For board in the Hostel, L.S.125 is charged for the year of forty weeks.

Miss Helen Wells and her mother, of Merzifoun, have returned from a successful trip to Vienna and vicinity. They expect to go back to Merzifoun with Miss Mary Ward and Miss Hostetter, who are due this afternoon from America.

A further word of explanation is due our circle of friends who have been called on to pay extra postage on several numbers of this weekly sheet. The postoffice authorities were not acquainted with such a duplicating machine as we use, and were under the impression that each copy was typewritten, and therefore ought to pay letter postage. Apparently the sealing up was done at the post office. Explanations and illustrations have now made things quite clear, and we hope there will be no more such difficulty.

Miss Olive Greene and Miss Feichtinger, the latter returning from America, have joined forces in Austria, and are due here Sept. 10th via Constanza, on their way to Smyrna.

The Court of Appeals having quashed the verdict of the lower court at Brousa in the case of our colleagues there, a re-trial is to take place in Brousa on Sept. 17th. The grounds for the annulling of the verdict are: 1) The court neglected to provide an official interpreter for the American ladies. 2) The testimony of some of the witnesses for the prosecution is unacceptable. 3) The court in its verdict ignored certain important arguments for the defence.

A building has been secured for a Language School hostel at No. 62, Fuad Pasha Djaddesi, within two blocks of the Bible House; it has eleven rooms and will accommodate all who require it.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

No. 201.
Dear Friends:-

Bible House. Stamboul. September 11, 1926.

The great fall influx has proven a windfall, or something better, to the working forces in the Near East. Such an incoming tide has rarely blessed this part of the world. Parties every day, and sometimes more than one a day, have kept a perpetual smile on the faces of the welcoming delegations. And the end is not yet.

Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum arrived last Wednesday, with Mr and Mrs. Meyering for the Language School, coming from Athens by the Iphedivial steamer. With these as far as Piraeus were Mr and Mrs H. A. Maynard of Smyrna with their two younger boys, Edward and John, the two older, Robert and Richard, having stayed in America for school; also Messrs. Loufbourou, Anderson and Avery for the International College, Smyrna; and these all went across the Aegean from Piraeus. Miss Dorothy Barker was also in the party, going on by the same steamer to Beirut on her way to Aleppo.

Prof. Loutfi Devonian came with the above party, returning to his family and his work in Old Phaleron, Greece. He arrived to find most of the family amongst the victims of the dengue fever, which has made such wholesale ravages in Athens and throughout Greece. There were reported to be 300,000 cases at the capital at one time, and probably half a million have had it there. Fortunately the mortality is not high.

The next day came another big party, headed by Mr and Mrs Luther R. Fowle and their four children, returning after their year of furlough to their home in Tassar; and with them were Mr and Mrs Isely of Aintab and their two children; Mr and Mrs Raymond White for the Language School and their child; Miss Marion Sheldon, who from 1886 to 1889 was in Adabazaar with Miss Farnham and who now comes out to spend a year aiding Miss Kinney in the Scutari School; Miss Lindsley and Miss Colmyer for the Language School. With them as far as Salonica were Messrs. Graves and Hine, and Miss Dorothy Roberts for Salonica.

Miss Mary Ward and Miss Marjory Hostetter for Merzifoun arrived Thursday last, coming from Trieste by Lloyd Triestino, the former after a year's furlough in America. On the same steamer as far as Smyrna were President C. A. Reed and family and Mrs. Flint, of International College, and Messrs. Hand and Boyer, new instructors there; also as far as Constantinople Messrs. Theodore Ward and Herrick of Robert College. Miss Ward and Miss Hostetter are going on by the first steamer to Samsoun on their way to Merzifoun, whither Miss Helen Wells and her mother have preceded them. The Girls' School there opens Sept. 15.

Miss Harriet Yarrow and Miss Edith Laird returned from Merzifoun last week, coming via Angora and making the whole trip in about thirty-six hours, breaking the Olympic record. Mrs. Laird expects to return towards the end of the week to Beirut to resume her work in the University Library, having had a short visit with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum.

Dr. Shepard is back from his hurry call to Hamroun; he found it necessary to operate on Billy Nute for appendicitis, and left the Nute family happier because aside from that the baby was better from her dysenter.

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Birge have returned from their summer in Switzerland and Mrs. Birge is greatly improved in health. They are now a reunited family, except for Robert, who returns soon from Bulgaria. With them returned also Miss Nash of Scutari, who had been to Syria and Egypt and then into Europe for her vacation.

Our old friend Mr E. O. Jacob, after some years of service with the Y.M.C.A. at Krakow, is finishing out a year of furlough, study and financial campaigning in America, and has accepted the invitation to General Secretaryship of the Y.M.C.A. at Athens, Greece. He expects to go there in January and Mrs. Jacob and the hopeful young Philip will follow him later.

Miss Iive Green and Miss Elsa Feichtinger arrived yesterday from Vienna via Constanza, and go on to-morrow for Smyrna, the latter to return for the Language School after a short visit there.

Yours very cordially,

Charles P. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

Our friends in Athens are having a pretty hard time with the dengue fever, which has attacked some eighty per cent. of the whole population. For a time there were reported to be something like twenty to thirty deaths daily; but last reports state that the disease is abating. Miss Rice was ill first among our associates, and Dr. and Mrs. Marden have been laid low with it. The whole Levonian family are also sufferers.

Among recent arrivals in Constantinople have been Miss Harley of Scutari, after a good visit in the Lebanon; Mr. Thompson, a new teacher for the Gouz Tape School; President Kathryn Adams of Constantinople College; Professor and Mrs. Huntington of Robert College; Mr. and Mrs. Blake for the Language School, and others.

Rev. William E. Hawkes returned last week Tuesday from his hospital experience in the city to his Salonica home; and two days later Miss Mary Ward and Miss Hostetter left Constantinople for Merzifoun, having been detained here longer than they had expected for lack of a steamer for Samsoun.

Miss Annie E. Gordon has returned to Old Phaleron, Greece, from our city. Miss Minnie B. Mills returned there also about the same time, after a trip to Albania. She was in Tirana, the capital, when Ahmed Zogu I. was proclaimed King. She also visited Argyrocastro, Korthha, Durazzo, and other places, and was impressed with the great need of the Albanian people for sympathetic aid from Christian missionaries.

On Monday, Sept. 17th, Messrs. Isely and Pence, with their families, started off on the rail journey towards Aintab. What rejoicing there will be in Aintab on their arrival; and what a joy it will be to them to reach their destination!

Mrs. Lindbergh, mother of the American aviation hero, is on her way from America to Constantinople, and will be teaching this year in Constantinople College. With her comes Miss Morrow, sister of Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow, who will also teach in Constantinople College.

By error in our last issue, Miss Sheldon, who has joined the staff at Scutari Academy, was credited with only three years' work in Adabazar. She was there from 1886 to 1899.

The opening of all schools in Turkey has been delayed this fall by necessary preparations connected with the change of alphabet. The text books are being rapidly printed for use, and the teachers are being trained in the new method of writing, so as to be able to conduct classes. The earliest date set by the Government for the opening of schools is October 1st, and the Turkish primary schools are not to open till the middle of next month. Meanwhile the new alphabet is being increasingly used in the daily newspapers, where headlines and leading articles appear in Latin letters, either with or without a transliteration into the Arabic characters. All over the country, government employees and other adults are making heroic efforts to grasp and master the new system. When did any other nation undertake so gigantic a reform in its method of writing?

After spending a delightful summer in the Dolma Baghtche Palace on the Bosphorus, President Ghazi Mustafa Kemal left Constantinople Friday afternoon on the S.S. "Izmir" for Samsoun, stopping a few hours at Sinope on the way. Both at Sinope and at Samsoun he was enthusiastically received by the populace. Everywhere he goes, one of his first questions is how the new alphabet is being introduced and applied. The President is leaving Samsoun today for Sivas, Caesarea, and Angora.

The re-hearing of the Breusa School case took place yesterday.
Yours very cordially, Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

It is time that we revised our mailing list; for we fear some errors may have crept into it other than the few already detected. Will all who receive this News Sheet cooperate with us by notifying us of any mistakes or needed modifications, changes of address, etc? In case you may know of others who desire to have their names added to the list, kindly let us know of these as well.

Mr. Crowther, of Toronto, Canada, and Mrs. (Frances MacCallum) Crowther have donated another grandchild, - a second, - to Dr. and Mrs. F. W. MacCallum of our city, - Richard Fitzgerald Crowther, born on September 3rd, 1928, - Chok Yasha!

Miss Annie M. Barker of Gedik Pasha, Miss Diantha Dewey of Mardin, and Miss Fanny G. Noyes of Merzifoun are due in Constantinople from New York on the steamer "Sinaia" on October 10th. Miss Mabel Emerson, who comes on the same steamer, is to stop off for a while in Greece on her way, arriving here by way of Smyrna. Miss Ruth Seabury is expecting to join Miss Emerson here, after visiting the stations in Bulgaria, and together they go on through Anatolia.

Miss Arline Hallett and Miss Stella Loughridge left Constantinople for their post in Adana on September 24th. Mr. David Julius of Aleppo returned a week ago from a summer in Austria with Prof. Estes and family of Robert College, and went on by rail for Aleppo on September 23rd.

Mrs. H. M. Irwin with her two daughters, Corinne and Genevieve, had a very happy motor trip last month with a brother and sister of hers, from Winnipeg to Minneapolis and Northfield, Minn. Chicago, Toledo, Detroit, Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids, Duluth, and home again, visiting Dorothy Wingate and her husband and baby, and Mr. and Mrs. Wingate, and seeing Henry Wingate at Ann Arbor. Early in September Mrs. Irwin and the girls went for a delightful visit with the family of Rev. S. D. Gordon (Ralph Connor) in Ontario.

Rev. and Mrs. John C. Martin, of Aleppo, have moved to Pilgrim Place, Claremont, California, where they are near neighbors to Dr. Peet and Mrs. Hemphill, and to Mr. Larkin, late of Mardin, and Miss Hollie Bartlett late of Smyrna.

President and Mrs. Gates of Robert College are expected to reach Constantinople on Sunday next, returning from a summer in Switzerland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Martin, formerly connected with our Samokov Boys' School, Bulgaria, have come to Constantinople to teach in the Geuz Tepo School for this year.

The Language School hostel has been opened, and the students ate their first meal there yesterday. With the arrival of Miss Moniss today and Miss Feichtinger Friday, all members will be present except Miss Noyes, who, as noted above, will be here in about two weeks. The School opens on Saturday.

The Merzifoun School opened on Saturday, September 15th, classes meeting regularly on Monday. Many girls were absent, owing to the confusion caused by most Turkish schools beginning late; but most absentees were expected in the course of the next week.

All our associates in Athens Station seem to have recovered from the dengue fever except Mr. Pye who at last accounts was having a second attack.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:

This is too good to be true! A newspaper ordinarily so accurate as the Paris edition of the N.Y. Herald gives us the following:-

"On November 1st, 1929, everyone in Turkey must stop talking and writing Turkish and start writing and talking the new language of the country, - Hungarian Latin The Turks under the modernizing hand of Mustafa Kemal, adopted a new language because their mother tongue is useless for telegraphing and too slow for commercial transactions. It was decided to adopt a modern script, and the country was given until November 1st, 1929, to learn the new symbols. The newspapers, after teaching the land the new language, are expected to abandon their left-hand openers for the American right-hand opening newspapers." A diligent search of the Encyclopaedia Britannica fails to divulge what the "Hungarian Latin" language is.

As a matter of fact, two or three periodicals have already appeared in Turkish with the entire paper printed in the newly adopted alphabet; and beginning with yesterday, October 1st, all the official departments are using the new characters in their correspondence with the government ministries. The speed with which the new alphabet is being adopted is bewildering, as well as most encouraging.

The Language School opened its sessions last Saturday with very little display but very much earnestness. The new class consists of Mr and Mrs E. C. Blake, Mr and Mrs A. H. Macfarlane, Mr and Mrs H. R. Meyering, Mr and Mrs R. F. White, Miss B. D. Colmyer, Miss E. Feichtinger, Miss L. J. Honiss, together with Mrs. Rowe and Miss Lowry of the Y. M. C. A. Miss Fanny G. Noyes of Merzifoun is expected in about a week, to join the school for six months' language study. Several second-year students are making use of the facilities of the school as well.

From Athens comes the following note: - "At present, of our station members only Mr. Pye and Mr. Marsh are on the sick list. They are convalescing but still weak. We hope to open primary schools October 1st and other schools October 15, though it will be uphill work at first, with many absent or not very well. This sickness has meant great economic loss."

Mrs. Rector and James Clark, who have been spending some weeks in Talas left for Tarsus September 24th. Mr. Woolworth is already there, but Mrs. Woolworth and Dorothy are in Talas for a few weeks longer before joining him.

Mr. Henry H. Riggs of Beirut, in company with Mr. DeJong, of the Reformed Board Mission at Kuwait, Arabia, climbed Mount Sannin, 8,482 feet high, in the Lebanon range, the middle of September, getting a fine view from the top, the weather being perfect. Mr. Riggs had previously negotiated Keniseh, 6,700 feet, earlier in the summer.

Rev. and Mrs. Edward T. Perry returned to Constantinople on Saturday last, having made a record trip from New York of nine and one-half days, by the "Berengaria" and by rail from Cherbourg.

The financial year of the Board has closed with a balance of \$11,000 on the right side. This neat sum is being applied to the debt from the previous year.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Rose, of the Marathi Mission, who are on furlough in America, will spend the two years following this furlough year in service in the School of Religion at Athens.

Miss Sara Corning of Merzifoun made a brief visit to Harpout this past month, being gone from Merzifoun just ten days.

Mrs. H. M. Irwin's winter address is 59 Donald St., Winnipeg ix, Manitoba; and she writes that if any of the Near East friends come through a hearty welcome awaits them.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:

BORN:- at noon on September 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Nilson at Talas, Turkey, a daughter, Elaine Sylvia, weight, eight pounds. All goes well, and there is great rejoicing.

Miss Dwight and Mr. Nilson, while waiting with what patience they can muster for the long-expected permission for their own school, are teaching in the local Turkish school. Books have been given to the teachers and students free of charge. Many have dropped out of these classes during the four weeks (for the school was allowed to open the first of September) but the ones remaining seem to be sticklers.

Rev. and Mrs. William P. Clarke of Bulgaria have been in Switzerland five months this summer; and in September Mrs. Clarke underwent operations on both her eyes, performed by her brother, a skilled physician, Dr. Freulich, which were as successful as could be expected. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke have at length sailed for America, going on the United States Lines S.S. "Republie", October 5th, due in Boston October 15th. Our best wishes go with them there.

Miss Theda B. Phelps, of Aintab, who has been spending the summer in Scutari, is making arrangements to leave for her furlough by the Fabre Line steamer "Alesia" sailing from Constantinople for New York, October 17th, and expects to return to Aintab next August. By the same steamer go Professor and Mrs. William S. Murray, lately of the Preparatory Department of Constantinople College, returning to America.

Last Saturday Dr. Lorin Shepard was called on to operate rather unexpectedly on his little daughter Alice, for appendicitis, at the American Hospital. The operation was a success, and the little maiden is getting along well.

Dr. Caroline Hamilton of Aintab, now taking a vacation in Europe, was at last accounts in Chexbres, Switzerland.

Professor Zenop Bezzian, who for ten years past has been at the head of the Protestant Chancery in Constantinople, has resigned from that position and is starting this week for Beirut, where he and Mrs. Bezzian will reside with their children. He will be sadly missed in this city.

The International College, Smyrna, opened the year October 1, and the registration has already passed the total for last year of 280, of whom about 160 are boarders. The staff has been increased by the coming of Miss Elizabeth Ann Eastman, for the past two years on the staff of the Salonica Girls' School, and of Messrs. Darsie Anderson, Perry Avery, and Leon Loofbourov, all 1927 graduates of Pomona College, which has furnished so many men to International, and which now has eight alumni on the staff. Mr. A. M. Macfarlane, a former tutor, with Mrs. Macfarlane, and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. White are at the Language School in preparation for work at International next year.

Prof. and Mrs. S. L. Caldwell of International College are on furlough, and early in September were in Florida, on route from New Haven, Conn., to Ontario, California, in a '35 1914 Cadillac, which Prof. Caldwell reports draws a crowd at every filling station, but makes the grades well.

The American Collegiate Institute, for Girls, Smyrna, reports an excellent opening. The American staff remains the same as last year; Misses Parsons, Greene, Hinman, Pihl, and Hitchings. Miss Feightinger a former teacher, is at the Language School preparing to return next year to Smyrna.

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

Miss Orvis sends us the following notes from Adana:-

At the Station Meeting on October 3rd, we were glad to welcome Mrs. Nute to Adana, and Mrs. Block back to the work in Tarsus; also to greet Miss Hallett, Mr. Woolworth, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Jones as new members of the Adana-Tarsus group.

Mr. Jones, the new play-ground leader, being the first one to celebrate a birthday occasion, had a party in his honor, given Friday evening, October 5th. This was arranged by the new Committee on Recreation one of the standing Committees of the Station.

Mrs. Woolworth with her small daughter is expected to arrive in Tarsus about October 9th, a fall of snow on the Taurus Mountains having brought a grateful fall of temperature on the Cilician plain.

Miss Lucie Borel is recovering from an accident caused by her horse falling while she was out for a ride a week earlier. Her ankle was badly sprained. At present she is hearing her classes recite in her room on the balcony, as she is still unable to walk.

At the Mission House, where Dr. Nute and family are settling into their home, a fire broke out about midnight, October 5th, and it required a battle for an hour to put it out. Drawing water with a rope and pail, and carrying it up three flights of stairs to the room was a primitive method, but it proved efficient. A defective chimney was found to be the cause of the fire.

Mr and Mrs Penningroth, who were members of the Adana circle last year, are to be in Beirut the coming year. Mr Penningroth is to teach in the University in the department of Ethics. They spent the summer in the Lebanon, at Shimlan.

Mrs. Nute spoke in Turkish at the Protestant service, October 7th. This service is held regularly every Sunday in the church which in former years was used by the Chaldean congregation. Two years ago the Government gave this building to be used by the Protestant congregation. Mrs. Nute also led the English Service Sunday evening, which was held at the Hospital.

The absence of the Haas family is keenly felt by the Station. But we are glad to hear that they are all very comfortably located near the State University at Ann Arbor, Mich.

The schools at Adana and Tarsus opened officially October 6th. Informal classes had been in progress during the week. The new alphabet for the Turkish language was the center of interest on the part of all.

During the first days of October heavy winds and a high temperature had prevailed; but on Friday evening, October 5th, within a hour it became so cold that shawls and sweaters were in demand. Since then the weather has been delightful. We can all boost for the Adana climate when it is like this!

Miss Barker, Miss Noyes, and Miss Dewey arrived in Constantinople last Wednesday as expected; and Miss Dewey is trying to secure her permit to go to Mardin; Miss Noyes has settled down into the Language School for half a year, and Miss Barker is resuming work in Gedik Pasha School.

Miss Redgrave, Hon. Sec. of the Friends of Armenia, passed through Constantinople last week, with Miss Patterson of the same society, on their way to Aleppo via Beirut. Miss Patterson will have charge of a hostel for xx rescued girls at Aleppo.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:

Last week we sent out with this News Sheet the first lesson in a series of Turkish lessons furnished by courtesy of the Language School. The first four numbers of this series will be furnished to all our mailing list; but later numbers will be sent only to those expressing the desire to receive such. * Please note that persons not directly connected with the Mission are charged a fee of twenty-five cents per lesson for the course, to cover costs in part: - those inside of Turkey, Greece and Syria, twenty-five piasters. And if you desire to receive the subsequent copies, kindly send word immediately to the Editor.

The Press Bureau has given instruction that on and after November 1st, all Turkish newspapers must appear in the new alphabet. This is in anticipation of legislation which is expected on the reassembling of the National Assembly which meets November 1st. The progress already made in the acquisition of the new system through the country is little short of phenomenal.

Dr Walter Wright, of Princeton, has come to Constantinople for language study, with Mrs. Wright, and has taken up work in connection with the Mission Language School. Dr. Wright was formerly on the Staff of Beirut University and is now making a study of Turkish History.

Professor and Mrs. George H. Huntington of Robert College left for America shortly after the return of President and Mrs. Gates from their summer vacation. Prof. Huntington will be engaged in the financial campaign of the Near East Colleges, in the West, and Mrs. Huntington in the East, for most of the academic year.

Miss Mabel E. Emerson and Miss Ruth A. Seabury, of the American Board Foreign and Home Department respectively, arrived in Constantinople on Friday last, having joined forces in Athens, where they had three days' visit, and having then spent three more days in Smyrna. Miss Seabury goes with Mrs. Godsell today to Brousa for a couple of days, and next week Tuesday they start out on their tour of the Anatolia stations. Going in by way of Angora, they call first at Merzi foun, then via Yozgat to Caesarea and Talas, then down to Adana and Tarsus, and so on, visiting Harash, Aintab, Aleppo and Beirut, on their way through to India. Miss Seabury improves her first opportunity to see a little also of Palestine in passing. After visiting the stations in the India and Ceylon Missions, they will separate, Miss Emerson going to our three Missions in Africa and thence back to America, while Miss Seabury goes to the Philippines, China, and Japan, and back via San Francisco.

When Miss Emerson ended her brief visit in Salonica, she was escorted to the train by Mr. Compton and placed on board, but never became conscious until she actually stepped out of the train in Athens that the train she came in on was the one in which Miss Seabury also was arriving, after her visits in Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria. Their meeting on the platform is said to have been dramatic.

Mrs. E. B. Haskell is expecting to go from Bulgaria to Denmark towards the end of this month, to meet Dr. Haskell on his way back from America, that they may both personally study the working of the Danish Folk Schools, returning to Sofia early in November.

The glad word has come by wire that Mr. Nilson has at last received the permit to open the school in Talas, for which we have so long been waiting. Urgent word has been relayed to Boston, asking for a tutor for this school, in accordance with the previous request of the Mission. Mr. Nilson and Miss Dwight are on the ground to begin the work.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:

Rev. Henry H. Riggs, who has been accorded permission to go to Harpout to see about the renting of the Mesireh hospital building to the Turkish Department of Health, is expected in Constantinople tomorrow, on his way thither via Caesarea and Sivas.

Dr. Hadden writes from Old Phaleron: "The new Greek law makes it imperative for visitors to have a full visa in order to come ashore in Piraeus, Miss Phelps had to pay \$11.00 last Sunday. I mention this because it may interest friends from Constantinople who may be planning to sail via Piraeus." A word to most of the wise is sufficient.

Dr. Fred Field Secretary Goodsell, anxious to interpret anew his double initial on the line of the "Fast Flying Virginian", flew from Constantinople to Athens yesterday. A wire has been received telling of his arrival. He had a full Greek visa, so apparently was in no danger of difficulty on the score.

Miss Mabel Emerson and Miss Ruth Seabury left Constantinople by train yesterday for Angora, and go thence to Merzifoun. Spending next Sunday and Monday there, they leave Tuesday for Talas, and have two days there. Then they go via Ulu Kushla to Adana, November 9th, and after visiting there and in Tarsus, ~~Marching~~ march on several parasangs to Marash, where they separate, Miss Seabury making a more hasty trip to Aintab and Aleppo, and leaving time to see something of Syria and Palestine before going on to India, Ceylon, China and Japan; while Miss Emerson follows on through Aintab, Aleppo and Beirut, and then goes down the East Coast of Africa to visit our Zulu and Rhodesia Missions, and across the Dark Continent to the West Africa Mission, and thus back to Boston about the end of June. The best wishes of the Mission go with each on her journeys.

We are asked to explain further the notice in the last week's issue regarding the Turkish Correspondence Course, that the fee for non-Mission members includes not only copies of the lessons, but also correspondence instruction if desired. This will be handled by Dr. Goodsell.

The glad word has come that our mission schools in both Tarsus and Adana have received recognition by the Department of Education as being of Orta and Lycee grade.

Yesterday's holiday in celebration of the proclamation of the Turkish Republic, was an ideal one from the weather standpoint, and it gave several of our numbers a chance for excursions to the Islands, or to the Polish Farm, or other resorts. In fact, Constantinople has furnished its population with pretty nearly ideal weather all through October. We understand that nearly the same thing might be said of other points in Turkey.

Mr. J. Riggs Brewster of Salonica writes, December 19th: "There is still much dengue fever here, over 100 cases being reported daily to the Department of Health, which means that many more are not reported."

Mrs. Lorrin A. Shepard starts from Constantinople tomorrow for a visit to Aintab. Later on she is expecting a visit from her parents, who will probably spend Christmas here with the Shopards.

November first is the date set for the reopening of the Grand National Assembly at Angora. November sixth, - one week from today - is the date of the great ballet-boxing match between Hoover and Smith, over on the other side of the Pond.

Yours very cordially, C.T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:-

Although this is the great Day in America, we are taking no straw vote, nor expressing any partisan feelings; for we have theoretically no political bias. But this bit from our friend Mrs. Etta D. Marden, now of Route 1, Box 278, Atascadero, Calif., is worth passing on: - "If Mr. Smith is elected - which he won't be - you may expect me on the first boat."

Speaking of her visit with Dr. Peet and Mrs. Hemphill, Mrs. Marden says:- "Dr. Peet is taking a n active part in the life in Claremont; being sought for many functions. He looks just as he did of old, and takes long walks daily. Mrs. Hemphill is a rea-l wonder, having all the care of the home, other than the dinner which they take with others at the central dining room."

President White of Anatolia College, with Mrs. White, left Salonica October 29th for a visit to America in connection with College business.

The Smyrna schools celebrated the Republic with two days' vacation. Mrs. Reed and Miss Eastman of International College and Miss Pihl and Miss Hitchings of the A.C.I. with five of the young instructors went to Sardis and Pergamos by automobile.

Mrs. Lorrin A. Shepard of the American Hospital left Constantinople last Wednesday for a two weeks' absence on a trip to Aintab. The Shepard children are recovered from their whooping-cough.

Miss Jeannette Honiss of the Language School is at the American Hospita l, making a good recovery after an operation for appendicitis.

The American Collegiate Institute at Smyrna is trying to improve social relations with the girls and their families in out-of-school hours, toward which end two all-day picnics have already been held with groups of girls, one to Ephesus, and one to the source of the Boudja water supply. The combined faculties, Turkish and American, in both schools had a tea on October 26th, and small teas are planned for the girls and their mothers.

A large party from Smyrna, including Prof. and Mrs. Lawrence, went last Friday to Ephesus, where considerable archaeological work in several different parts of the ancient town is going on, Prof. Adolph Deismann, the eminent German Theologian, being at present there.

Dr. Fred Field Goodsell came back yesterday from his brief trip to Athens. He enjoyed very much his air trip thither, but ~~was~~ decided to make the return journey by stea-mer instead.

The American Hospita l of Constantinople has just moved from the former German Hospital at the Taksim to No. 91 Teshvikiye Jaddosi, Nishan-tash. This location is also in Pera, but a little farther out, beyond Harbie. It has occupied a new apartment building, which is more compact and more easily heated than the former place. It has eleven private rooms, twelve beds in semi-private rooms, twenty-four beds in adult wards, eight beds in children's wards, and a nursery for fourteen infants, making a total capacity of 69 patients. Dr. Shepard is very busy with operations and clinics but is glad to see private patients any day except Fridays and Sundays, between 1:30 and 3:30 PM. We understand that the Germans are to make extensive repairs and alterations, and then open the big hospital building again under German auspices.

Rev. Henry H. Riggs arrived from Beirut in Constantinople last Wednesday evening, and the next day secured his residence paper and the necessary travel permit, and left that evening by train for Angora, on his way to Harpoot. He goes to see to turning over the Hospital building to the Turkish Department of Health for a hospital; and expects to be there a fortnight or so before returning to Beirut.

Y-ours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, November 13, 1928

Dear Friends:

President and Mrs. George E. White of Anatolia College, who left Salonica October 29th, sailed from Cherbourg for New York on the SS "Seviathan". Mr. and Mrs. George DeForest White have moved from the village of Aksakli to the new Shop building on the new College campus, which they will occupy till the house "Pilgrim Lodge" is finished. The walls of the latter are up to the second story now. Their new quarters were the scene of a jolly Hallowe'en party in costume. All agreed that the Whites were royal entertainers.

A Mr. Boys is now at the Agricultural Institute in Salonica for the purpose of closing out the work of the Friends in and around Salonica. Mr. and Mrs. Charles House are on a visit in the United States, and Mr. Lincoln Hale is in charge at the Farm School.

There is at the Bible House, all crated, ready for shipment, a lady's bicycle, belonging to Miss Lucille Day, which is for sale. Any persons interested are invited to correspond about it with Miss Day, of American School for Girls, Salonica.

The total budget of expenses as presented to the Grand National Assembly at Angora for the year 1929 is Ltq. 220,297,208. The main items of this budget are the following:

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| Army | Ltq. 55,817,510 | Marine | Ltq. 6,476,082 |
| Public Debt | 38,015,714 | Justice | 5,943,662 |
| Public Works | 36,617,638 | Posts and Telegraphs | 5,758,795 |
| Finances | 13,979,504 | Interior | 5,612,741 |
| Gondarmerie | 11,560,477 | Customs | 5,257,375 |
| Education | 8,164,325 | Military Manufactures | 5,101,336 |
| Economy | 7,273,167 | General Security | 5,021,648 |

The A.C.I., Smyrna, has a number of textbooks they cannot use, but which are mostly new and all in good condition. Anyone interested in securing them for use elsewhere should correspond with Miss Parsons, P.O. Box 111, Smyrna. They are good standard text books, as follows:

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| Tarr & McMurray, New Geography Book II | 12 copies |
| Frye Atwood, New Geography Book II | 3 " |
| "Our World Yesterday & Today"- Robinson, Smith & Br. | 8 " |
| "Hist. of Europe, Ancient & Mediaeval"- Robinson & Br. | 5 " |
| Art Literature Reader, No. III | 11 " |
| "Evangeline" Riverside Press | 5 " |
| "Ancient Mariner" MacMillan Pocket Classics | 8 " |
| "Vision of Sir Launfal" " " " | 4 " |

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We want to call special attention to the November number of the Missionary Herald, which is a Medical Number, and contains an appreciative sketch of our former colleague in Harpout, Dr. Mark Ward, and interesting articles by Dr. Cyril Haas of Adana, Dr. Lorrin A. Shepard of Constantinople, Dr. George L. Richards, formerly of the N.E.R. in Turkey, Miss Agnes Baird of Sofia, Rev. Paul Nilson of Talas, and others.

Last Friday a party of ~~thirteen~~ fifteen, including six from the Language School, three Fowles, Lyman MacCallum, Dr. Shepard, Mr. Martin of Geuz Tepe, Mr. Hedden of the Y.M.C.A. and two Williams College globe-trotters, Messrs. Brown and Gaskell, went deck passage to Moudania and by motor-bus to Brousa. They were wonderfully put up by Miss Jillson; and early the next morning a sturdy bus lifted them over the excellent road to the last plateau of Mt. Olympus, from which they gained the summit in 1 1/4 hours. They encountered a little new-fallen snow. Atmospheric conditions were good, though the distant view was hazy. After forty minutes at the summit, the party returned to Brousa in a little over four hours on foot, amid a almost audible creaking of unsophisticated knee joints and leg muscles.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Nov. 20, 1928

Dear friends:

Letters from Rev. Henry H. Riggs tell of his busy days in Mezire, getting the Hospital ready to turn over to the Turkish Department of Health. He found things at the Hospital in better shape than he had expected, and was able to recover some personal effects. The buildings are essentially sound, though unoccupied for six years. Everyone from the Vali down had been most courteous, and most of his old friends were positively gushing. He was staying in Dr. Atkinson's former house, but expected to go up to Harpout as soon as the sale of old furniture etc. was over, which was to take place a week ago yesterday.

One paragraph in his letter is worth quoting:- "All along the way I was impressed with the real progressiveness in evidence. The whole nation is going to school to learn its letters, and they are succeeding. Mehmed Effendi was as proud as Punch to write me a note in the new letters. It is, by the way, a great convenience to me to be able to write my own letters. Here I see more evidence of backwardness, but there is a wideawake group of men, mostly young, who are set on overcoming the handicap. Some of these young men seem so earnest and hopeful, - it is a situation that grows daily more appealing to me. I just long to be back here, to just settle down and have our home here, and throw in our lot with these people who are so eager for better things.

Miss Edith Sanderson is evidently busy. She has recently visited University of Vermont, Middlebury, Mt. Holyoke, Hartford, University of Maine, Colby College, Bates College, Farmington State Normal School, Brown University, and is soon to speak also at Wellesley, Smith and Vassar. One student asked her if she were traveling for the same Company as Miss Ruby Phillips and Miss Holton were from!

Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Clarke of Philippopolis arrived in Boston October 15, and will probably reside in Auburndale.

The Talas American School opened November 15th with 26 boys and 2 girls enrolled, of whom four are boarders. The day was full of lessons and other things, and at its close they enjoyed a radio concert with music from Constantinople, Moscow, Berlin, Warsaw, and Vienna, as well as selections by Mrs. Nilson on the school organ.

Dr. Caroline F. Hamilton returned to Constantinople on Sunday by Orient Express, after about four months in Europe and Northern Africa. She expects to go on to Aintab this week.

A Turkish "Practical School" for teaching typewriting with the new Turkish alphabet has just graduated its first class of young ladies. In their final test they attained the speed of 100 letters per minute, we are assured by the local dailies; and the Director of the School is stated to be certain that very soon these girls will equal the "world record of 120 letters per minute." We fear our worthy Director has confused letters with words!

Several typewriter firms have put out new machines for the Turkish alphabet; which sell at the same prices asked for the ordinary machines. A complete set of types for the extra parts necessary for the Turkish alphabet can be adjusted to any ordinary machine like the Royal or Underwood, for about Ltq. 17.00.

Football has been greatly stimulated among the students of the American Collegiate Institute, Erenkeuy, since the arrival of Mr. F.H. Thomson. The first match, on Friday November 9th, against the English High School for Boys, resulted in a victory for the American School by two goals to one. The second, on November 16th, was against the Robert College Freshmen; and again the school was victorious by one goal to nothing. Both teams showed careful training.

Mrs. L. A. Shepard returned from her trip to Aintab on Saturday last, to her home in Bebek. Her mother and sister sailed three days ago on the "Alesia" with Miss Edith Cold for Constantinople. Miss Cold is going back to her post in Marash.

Yours very cordially,

C. T. Riggs

Dear friends:

Miss Emerson has completed her visits to the various Mission stations in Turkey, and was last heard from at Aleppo, on her way south. She has received a hearty welcome everywhere, and the interior stations have been especially glad to have her see what is going on at each point.

Rev. Henry H. Riggs completed the job last week for which he had gone to Harpout, and turned over the Mezireh Hospital buildings to the Turkish Department of Health, and left Friday for home, returning via Mardin to Beirut. He speaks warmly of the uniformly courteous cordiality of all the higher officials and of the welcome he received from all his old friends.

The contrast has been made as between the Constantinople Director of the Ministry of Health and Social Well-being, acting on behalf of the Angora Ministry, and Luther R. Fowle, Treasurer, acting on behalf of the Mission; and it is for a term of five years from November 10th, 1928.

Thanksgiving Day preparations are being actively pushed, and the Day bids fair to be observed as enthusiastically by Americans in Turkey as by those in the Homeland. Mrs. MacCallum and Miss Diantha Dewey are hoping to go to Brousa to spend the day with Miss Jillson, our valient representative there.

The American Bible Society is getting on well with a new translation of the Psalms into a Turkish suited to the present state of the language; and is also preparing a version of the Gospel of Luke into simple Turkish, both of which will of course be printed in the new alphabet.

Aside from this, the American Bible Society in collaboration with the British and Foreign Bible Society is preparing an edition of the Book of Proverbs in Turkish in which the Arabic and the Latin characters appear on opposite pages. This will be issued within about a month in attractive form. After the end of December, no printing of Turkish with the Arabic alphabet is to be allowed by the Turkish Government.

Snow is reported to have fallen in the Sivas and Erzurum regions and in some places so much as to block the roads.

In other places a widespread storm has been raging for some days past. Around Angora there has been considerable damage to telegraphic lines of communication. In Constantinople, the ferry-boat service was badly interfered with by the high south winds; but so far we have not heard of any serious shipping accidents.

Volley-ball seems to have usurped the place of basket ball in the affections of the students of Robert College this year. Volley-ball is also in daily evidence in the Mission Language School. Some exciting matches have taken place between teams representing the Language School and the Bible House staff, with varying results. Both sides it is understood claim the championship, but the season is not yet over.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:

Here is a table of the attendance at the various American institutions in the Near East for the current academic year:

I. In Turkey:

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| Adana Girls' School | 98 |
| Ccons/ple, Scutari Girls' | 305 |
| Erenkeuy Boys' | 138(a) |
| Gedik Pasha mixed | 259 |
| Merzifoun Girls' School | 50(b) |
| Smyrna, International Col. | 295(c) |
| Am. Collegiate Inst. | 103(d) |
| Talas Boys' School | 24 |
| Tarsus Boys' School | 72(e) |
| | <u>1344</u> |

II. In Greece:

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Athens Junior College | |
| for Girls | 149 |
| School of Reli. | 20 |
| Salonica, Anatolia Col. | 211(f) |
| Girls' Sch. | <u>90(g)</u> |

III. In Syria:

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|----------------------|---------------|
| Aleppo College | 188(h) |
| Girls' School | |
| Beirut Girls' School | <u>145(i)</u> |
| | <u>803</u> |

IV. Other Institutions:

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Robert College | 707(k) |
| Ccons/ple College | 421(l) |
| Total in Turkey | <u>2472</u> |
| | <u>2697</u> |
| Total in Amer. Insts. | <u>5169</u> |

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|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Athens College | 250 |
| American University, Beirut | 1281 (m) |
| American School, Sofia | 363 (n) |
| Total in other countries | <u>2697</u> |

- (a) Boarders 81; day students 57
 (b) " 35; " " 15
 Armen. 8; Jew 1; Turk 41
 (c) Boarders 158; day students 137
 Turk 272; Jew 14; Chr. 9
 (d) Turk 94; Jew 6; Eng. 2; Bulg. 1
 (e) Boarders 52; day students 20
 (f) College 67; Preparatory 144
 Greeks 137; Armenians 67;
 Albanians 3; scattering 4.
 (g) Greeks 81; Armenians 7; Jews 2
 (h) Junior High 103; prep. 66
 College 19 (Fresh. & Soph.)
 Armenian 181; Assyrian 4;
 other 3.

- (i) Boarders 34; day students 111
 Additional, primary & kinder. 60
 (j) Aleppo Girls' School no report
 (k) College 129; Academy 447
 Engineer 90; Industr. 41
 22 nationalities.
 (l) College 235; Prep. 186
 Turkish citizens 334; Greek 16;
 Bulgarian 25; American 11.
 (m) Medicine 88; Nursing 52; Pharm. 18
 Dentistry 27; Arts & Sciences 615
 Prep. 309; Elementary 172.
 (n) Boys' Dept. 170; Girls' Dept. 193

We are reminded by Mrs. C. E. Allen of the American Consulate that the time for the Twelfth Annual Red Cross Roll Call has arrived. Mr. Kreider of the Mission Treasury is prepared to deliver receipts and membership pins to anyone who turns in a contribution to the Treasury, or authorizes a charge of to his or her account.

News has just been received of the death of Mr. Charles F. Ranney in America. Mr. Ranney sailed from the United States December 31st, 1913, arriving in Constantinople January 24th, 1914, and went to Aintab to act as treasurer and business agent for that station. On October 10, 1917, he reached New York, going via Beirut, Constantinople and Switzerland. He sailed again in February 1919, and spent a year as assistant to Dr. Peet in the Treasury office in Constantinople. Shortly after his return to America, he was married on July 15, 1920 to Miss Emma Nickerson, who survives him.

Are any of our readers blessed with a serviceable but unwanted harmonium (organ)? The Armenian Church at Yedi Koule, Constantinople, would like to secure one, and is willing to pay reasonable transportation charges. Kindly address replies to Mr. Lyman MacCallum, Bible House.

Miss Lillian C. Brauer of Adana is spending a few days in Constantinople, having arrived two days ago.

Mr. Luther Fowle left by train Saturday evening for Angora, expecting to be gone about a week on business.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

The engagement is announced of Miss Edith Sanderson, formerly of Brousa, and Rev. Leslie J. Adkins, formerly of Adana, both now in America on furlough. Mr. Adkins has been acting as assistant pastor of the Old South Church, Boston. They expect to be married this coming summer and we sincerely trust we may see them back again in our Mission in the fall. The best wishes of all our constituency will follow these two members of our circle.

Miss Edith Cold of Marash, arrived on the "Alesia" of the Fabre Line from America Sunday, and is stopping in Scutari. Mrs. Shepard's mother and sister did not come on this steamer, as indicated three weeks ago in our sheet, but are expected shortly on one of the American Export Line steamers. Just before leaving Boston, Miss Cold received word of the death of her mother, aged 79 years, with whom Miss Bertha Cold was living.

Mr. Luther Fowle returned last Thursday from Angora after an interesting visit there, having noted many changes and improvements in the Capital since his last visit. He was unable to accomplish all that he went for, but made progress along some lines.

BORN:- To Rev. and Mrs. Merrill N. Isley at Aintab, yesterday, a daughter, Caroline; weight 8 lbs. Mother and daughter are both reported as doing well. So apparently is the father, though he neglected to say so.

The total attendance at the Aleppo College for the past six years has been as follows:- 1923-53; 1924-95; 1925-128; 1926-163; 1927-211; 1928-185. The falling off this year is mainly in the Junior High School department, where the number in attendance last year was 138 and this year 98. Steps are being taken to raise the standard of the work done in the Arabic language, and build up a strong department in Arabic.

Little Eleanor Jean Markham will have to hop on one foot through all the storms of winter unless somebody finds the odd brown storm rubber, or arctic, which was missing in a recent box arrived from America. Also a mothproof bag for coats was missing. If anyone has trace of such articles, please communicate with Mrs. Markham, at Erenkeuy.

The Regional Conference for the Greek Area of our Mission is scheduled to be held on December 27th to 29th, in Athens. The Committee ad Interim will probably set the date at its meeting this week for the corresponding one for the Turkey Area, which is to be held at ~~Akkuxx~~ Adana.

A benefit dance was held last Saturday evening ~~at~~ for the American Hospital Funds, at the home of Mr. King. At the initiative of our Ambassador, Mr. Grew, pledges were there made for its support to a total of \$1,100.00 to which the Ambassador added \$1,000.00.

The World Acquaintance Travel Bureau has asked Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Staub of the Near East Colleges to go out as the directors of a party to the Mediterranean, leaving New York on February 16 next. It is expected that the party will consist of about fifty members. They plan to be present at the dedicatory ceremonies of the new buildings at Athens College; and in both Greece and Turkey and Egypt they expect to meet with representative citizens of those countries. They will also be present in April at the dedication of the new buildings of the American Schools in Sofia, and possibly the party may visit other Balkan countries in addition to Bulgaria. A conference of the presidents of the Near East Colleges is to be held in Sofia in April, and probably Dr. Paul Monroe will also be present.

Mr. Henry E. Riggs spent the last Sunday of November in Mardin with Miss Penonga, preaching to good audiences morning and afternoon. He reached Beirut Tuesday, in time to spend a glad Thanksgiving with his family.

Yours very cordially,

C. E. Riggs

Dear Friends:

Arrangements are being perfected for the midwinter Regional Conference of the Turkey Area of our Mission, which is to be assembling on the evening of Saturday, January 5th, at Adana. The celebration of the liberation of the city of Adana comes on that day, and a big parade and other features will mark the earlier part of the day. The Field Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Recording Secretary of the Mission are to attend and one delegate from each Station in Turkey.

Word has just been received of the death in America of Mrs. Harris Graham, widow of Dr. Graham, for many years Professor in Beirut University. As Miss Ella T. Bray, she came out from America in 1885, and on her arrival in Constantinople was married to Dr. Graham, whose very happy acquaintance she had formed on the trip over. They went to Aintab and were located there for five years, then going to the Syrian Protestant College. Since Dr. Graham's death, she has been living in America.

Another recent death is that of Rev. John W. Nicely, D.D. formerly instructor and acting treasurer of the Syrian Protestant College for several years. He has been a pastor in Chicago, and more lately in Muncie, Ind.

Dr and Mrs Edgar V. Moffat, parents of Mrs. Lorrin A. Shepard of this city, and her two sisters, Miss Ethel and Miss Constance Moffat, arrived here yesterday on the American Export Liner "Exarch," after a fine voyage from New York.

Misses Kinney, Nash and Lindsley, of the American Academy for Girls, Scutari, are planning to visit Adana on their winter vacation; and the Macfarlane and White families are setting their faces toward Smyrna, during the corresponding period.

Professor Hocking of Harvard has agreed to write a series of articles which will shortly appear in the Turkish periodical "Ijtihad".

On Thursday of this week there will be held a joint Anglo-American Luncheon, at the British Sports Club, where perhaps sixty or so men will unite around the festive board in international goodwill. It is hoped that representative speakers will help to enliven the occasion.

Rev. Henry H. Riggs has been elected pastor of the Anglo-American Church in Beirut, in succession to Rev. J.H. Nicol, who declined re-election.

On Friday last there was given a concert at Robert College by the united choruses of the Scutari and Gedik Pasha schools, the Pera and Stamboul branches of the Y.W.C.A. and Robert College, together with the Robert College orchestra. There was a solo by ~~an~~ a Turkish student of the College, and some of the choruses sang separately as well, while the orchestra rendered two Schubert selections with gratifying success. The hall was packed with a capacity crowd, and scores were turned away, unable to secure admission. The music showed the careful work of those who have been training these ~~musical~~ bodies; for they had but one joint rehearsal.

For reasons which are perhaps obvious, the issue of next week may be delayed a day, and we take this opportunity of wishing our readers one and all a Merry Christmas.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Constantinople Station had a large and happy Christmas gathering at the Goodsell home, over the Bible House, on Friday last from five to nine. Big and little, with several guests from outside, there were some sixty-five persons there; and the juvenilo portion of the community was delightfully in evidence. Games in the Language School gymnasium, a delicious repast served at several small tables, the distribution of gifts by a worthy representative of Santa Claus, - one gift to each, and no more, and the singing of Christmas carols with some vocal solos by Mrs. Markham, and then family prayers to end up with, made an occasion to be remembered.

Our friend Paul Nilson writes from Talas that the trades class for his twenty-seven boys under Herr Schloip is getting under way. The School is ordering a whole set of woodwork and ironwork machines from Germany. Paul himself has been engaged as teacher of English in the Turkish High School in Caesarea, giving five lessons per week. He says the radio is working well; and that every Thursday night he invites in Talas friends to listen, as concerts come through from Constantinople, Moscow, Tiflis, Krakow, Warsaw, Vienna, Praha, Berlin, and sometimes elsewhere. Not long ago they listened to a lecture from Sweden.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Owen Williams at the American Hospital, Constantinople, on December 23rd. All goes well.

The Greece Area Regional Conference today and tomorrow and the next day will have to get along without Dr. Goodsell; for our Field Secretary has succumbed just at the wrong time to an attack of influenza, which, though not very severe, prevents his thinking of going to Athens. Influenza has prevailed quite generally throughout this city recently.

Word has come from Boston that the wedding of Miss Edith Sanderson and Rev. Leslie J. Adkins was to take place December 21st. It is therefore in order for us to wish the blissful couple all Christmas and New Year's happiness, and every blessing from now on. We trust that 1929 will see them back in the Turkey Mission once more.

With the New Year there will come into more general use the new Turkish alphabet. All books in Turkish must henceforth be in these characters only; and all banks, commercial houses, and other societies or establishments must use the new alphabet in all formalities and book-keeping.

Many popular courses for the study of the new alphabet have been opened in various parts of the city; and still others will be opened on January 1st. The Municipality has ordered that all Turkish citizens between the ages of 16 and 40 who do not know how to read and write the new characters shall be obliged to attend those schools for two months; and all who do not know the old system either, shall attend for four months. Those who claim exemption because they already know the new alphabet, must pass an examination and receive certificate accordingly. We understand that in so far as is possible, similar courses are being instituted all through the country, with the expectation that in a short time there will be no more illiteracy in the whole of Turkey, unless it be in persons over forty years of age.

The joint Anglo-American Luncheon held at the British Sports Club last Thursday was even more of a success than had been anticipated. Just about one hundred sat down at the U-shaped table, Professor Tubini, the Chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce, presiding. Felicitous addresses were made by Mr. Douglas Watson of the Telephone Company, and Dr. Lorrin Shepard of the American Hospital. It is hoped that there may be other such gatherings in future.

A tinge of sadness was over this joint dinner because of the news just received of the sudden death of Mr. James Gathoral, formerly of Bebek, on December 17th, from injuries received by the collapse of the wall of a burned building he was inspecting for insurance purposes. He was a highly honored member of the British community of Constantinople for many years. He leaves a wife and three children, in England.

Yours very cordially,

Charles Riggs