

Bible House, Stamboul, January 4, 1937.

Dear Friends:-

A happy and blessed New Year to each one of our circle! The wish may be a trifle late in starting, but it is none the less heartfelt and warm.

Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum left on Friday last for a visit to their sister, Miss Emily McCallum, in Old Thaleron. They plan to stay about a fortnight.

Miss Anne E. Gordon, formerly of Marash, writes from Pilgrim Place, Claremont, California, that several recent visits of former Turkey-ites to Claremont have made her happy, including the Cass Reeds, Mrs. Gardner, Miss Richter, Miss Billings, and Mrs. Kate Ainslie Hopkins. She says:-"Dr. and Mrs. MacLachlan are in Pomona for the winter with Dr. and Mrs. C.A. Reed. My dear associate Miss Blakely, President of Central Turkey College for so many years, and her sister Miss Bertha Blakely, recently retired from the faculty of Mount Holyoke College, are settled in Claremont for the winter. Miss Rice and Miss Mary Marden are also here, so there is quite a community of ex-Turks. I am planning to leave the U.S.A. by the end of March, returning to Beeton, Canada, by way of Vancouver where I shall remain until the end of May at least, so as to avoid the cold weather of eastern Canada."

Prof. and Mrs. Frederick Erdman, formerly of Robert College, are nicely settled at 122 College Ave., Ithaca, N.Y., and the two girls are in first grade and kindergarten respectively. Prof. Erdman finds his work in Cornell most interesting; he is to be doing some teaching in engineering the last half of this semester, and has been offered a position at the Cornell School of Engineering for next year.

Mrs. Richard Forsell Smith and Miss Lucia Powell have arrived from Talas, and are staying with the Kreider family for the present.

Executive Secretary Riggs of the Near East Christian Council leaves Dec. 31 for Egypt. He will attend the annual meeting of the American Mission at Assiut, and will later spend ten days in Cairo, and make a short visit to Jerusalem, returning to Beirut about Jan. 20th.

-Beirut News Letter.

The first train under Turkish management and ownership went out of Sirkedji Station on New Year's Day, both train and station being gaily decorated; and there were many ceremonies. This line, between Stamboul and the Bulgarian frontier, is the last section in the country of foreign owned and operated railroads to be thus purchased by the Turkish Government, which now owns and operates all roads throughout the land.

Mrs. Leslie, her mother Mrs. Thomas, and her daughter Miss Elizabeth Leslie, have moved in to the house in Bebek formerly occupied by the Boyd family, next to the Arslanli Konak.

The process of moving the Galata Custom-house into the Chinili Rihitim Han, on the quay, has begun; and the change will give the customs authorities much more spacious accommodations.

Word has come of the passing away, on Dec. 23rd, in Athens, of Mrs. Xenophon P. Moschou, whose husband is pastor of the Second Church of Athens, and was formerly pastor in Smyrna. She was 75 years old.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Jan. 9, 1937.

Dear friends:-

Miss Dwight writes from Talas that they have been having unprecedented cold there, beside the storm that delayed for so many hours the train on which Mrs. Smith and Miss Powell came to Stamboul, and which storm caused Dr. Nute's car to upset in a drift when he and Mrs. Nute tried to drive in to Casarea, last week. This upset did not really result in any damage to car or occupants, but was inconvenient, and they did not get into the city! The thermometer has been down to -20 centigrade, or four below zero, fahrenheit, on the mission compound for several mornings, and was reported as -29, or nine below, fahrenheit, at the meteorological station. Water-pipes were frozen, and fuel was going in quantities; but at least our missionaries were warm and comfortable.

Mrs. Block has gone from Talas to Beirut for medical advice.

Mrs. Ruth Tracy Millard, of New York, daughter of our former colleague Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Tracy of Smyrna, has a complete novel published in the December number of the "Pictorial Review". This is called "Candle Flame," and is her most ambitious effort thus far.

Speaking of weather, the local papers announce that there has been considerable of it in all parts of Anatolia lately, with heavy snows in most regions. In the high winds that have prevailed in the Bosphorus region, many slight accidents at sea have been noted, fortunately without loss of life as far as reported. A collision between the two passenger steamers "Gül Jemal" and "Bursa" off Tophane might have been much more serious.

In connection with the agitation about the future of the Sanjak of Alexandretta, it is announced that beginning with last evening, the radio station at Angora has commenced daily broadcasts in the Arabic language, with the purpose of refuting the accusations of interested parties, that Turkey was trying to stir up enmity between Turks and Arabs. The broadcasting station at Stamboul is beginning the same system of Arabic messages this evening. This is apparently the first use of the broadcast as a propagandist organ by Turkish stations.

Mrs. Clark writes from Merzifon that they had a happy Christmas there, with the Blake family back in their place again. The Kaymakam and his family celebrated Christmas Eve with the Station, and was much amused as a jolly old fat Santa came jingling into their midst. The day after Christmas, and Sunday also, was devoted largely to receiving callers; and as years go by such Bayram calls grow more pleasant as friendships deepen.

The Christmas celebration of the Gedik Pasha Sunday School, last Sunday, was marked by an unusual feature in the presence of both Gregorian and Orthodox priests, each one of whom made an appreciative address. The Greek priest is from Kadiköy, and has in his church a similar Sunday school of 250 members, so that he is deeply interested in this work. In the talk of the Armenian priest, he mentioned with deep gratitude the work and influence of Miss Jones, while she was connected with Gedik Pasha.

Miss Mary Haskell, who is now at work in Pordim, Bulgaria, writes about the Kindergarten Christmas tree festivity on December 29th, and of plans for the Community tree on January 9th (today), which was to be in the nature of a memorial to Dr. E. E. Haskell, who first introduced those peasants to Christmas trees.

The Week of Prayer meetings every evening this week at the Gedik Pasha Church have been good, and well attended. Meetings have also been held in Scutari and Pera in this connection.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

The news comes from Athens of the passing away of Rev. I. I. Longinides, for many years the pastor of the First Evangelical Greek Church of that city. His death was from heart disease, and he was over seventy years old. A temporary supply has been secured for the church, until a young man in training can return from Scotland.

Another death in the Athens region last week was that of Mr. Fairbanks, whom some will remember when he was connected with the American Embassy in Constantinople, some years ago. The funeral was conducted by Mr. Brewster. Mrs. Fairbanks proposes to remain in Old Thessalon.

The last letter from Boston reports the death also of the mother of Mrs. Alford Carleton, in Jericho, Vermont. Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Carleton in her bereavement.

Miss Elizabeth Scipio arrived from America January 7th, to spend some time with her parents at Robert College.

After a very pleasant and happy visit with their two sisters in Old Thessalon, Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum returned here this morning. The Roumanian steamer should have arrived yesterday afternoon at about four, but was delayed by a heavy storm on the Aegean, so that they only reached Scraglio Point at half-past one this morning. They report all the friends in the Athens region as well.

Mr. H. H. Kreider has gone to Angora on mission business expecting to be back early next week.

President Kamal Atatürk arrived in Stamboul from Angora last Sunday afternoon, and is staying as usual at the Dolma Baghtche Palace.

Miss Agnes Baird started from Sofia on her vacation trip December 27, going first to Athens where she spent New Year's Day; then she went on to Egypt, and has been visiting in Assiut and in Cairo.

In the course of a series of articles on the Turks of the Antioch-Alexandrette region, the Turkish daily Cumhuriyet gives the Turkish and French figures for the population, side by side, showing a striking difference between them, as follows:-

TURKISH		FRENCH	
Sunnite Turks	205,000	Sunnite Turks	86,000
Shiite Turks (whom the Syrians consider as Arabs)	35,000	Alaouites (who are Arabs, according to the French)	80,000
Armenians	25,000	Kurds & Circassians	64,000
Sunnite Arabs	10,000	Armenians	25,000
Christians & Foreigners	5,000	Sunnite Arabs	16,000
Total	280,000	Total	290,000

Owing to the wintry weather, the Taurus Express as due here the day before yesterday was fifteen hours late; and the trains from Angora and from Stamboul due that evening at Ercis had not yet reached there yesterday morning. The storm on the Black Sea was so violent that quite a number of steamers waited till this morning in Buyukdere Bay to get up courage to go out. Today, however, is much quieter and the report seems to be over.

Yours very cordially,
Charles Briggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Jan. 23, 1937.

Dear Friends:-

Mr. Kreider has been delayed by unforeseen obstacles in the transfer of properties, at Angora; and he has also visited Talas, and is expected home today, bringing with him Mr. Richard B. Smith for a visit.

We are asked to note the fact that the "Redd House" in Talas will be vacant this summer, and our Talas friends would be glad to offer it to any Mission family or group that are looking for a summer home. It is a fairly large house, with water and electric light, and sufficient furniture could be supplied by the station. Other requests for its use will doubtless come in later; but our associates would be welcome as having a sort of first claim. Please correspond early.

Miss G. F. Padwick, who has been carrying on the office of the Central Literature Committee, connected with the Near East Council, in Cairo, has transferred this to Jerusalem for the next year. Her business address will be in care of the Newman School of Mission, Thabor, Jerusalem.

-Beirut News Letter.

Announcements are out regarding the wedding of Mr. Oscar Stuart Heizer and Miss Mary Ann Hartwell, on January first, at Washington, D. C. Their address will be 308 Southbrook Court, 3400 Sixteenth Street. Many of our readers will remember Mr. Heizer, either in the Bible House Treasury office or in the American Consulate.

President Ernest W. Riggs of Anatolia College is busy with his campaign for funds, in America. He has recently visited Philadelphia and Washington in this connection; and he is getting in touch with Greek friends in the Boston vicinity, as well as with his old neighbors in Melrose, Mass.

Dr. Robert L. Wilder, formerly General Secretary of the Near East Christian Council, is spending the winter in Cairo with his daughter, Mrs. Bashatly.

The American College for girls at Arnautkeuy is happy in welcoming back Miss Morrow, who arrived this week by American Export steamer from New York, and is resuming her place in the College circle.

Mrs. Block has returned to Talas after a nice visit with the Webb sisters in Beirut.

Rev. Henry E. Riggs has come home to Beirut after his trip to Egypt and Palestine. He went to Alexandria, where he saw the Armenian pastor; Assiout, where he attended the annual meeting of the United Presbyterian Mission, being the guest of Dr. Alexander, a retired missionary 88 years old. Then he went to Cairo, and saw much of the varied mission and evangelical work there, visiting also Thebes, Sakkarah, Heliopolis, and the Merrill family. Coming by train to Jerusalem, he was a guest at the Newman School of Missions, the language school for all of Syria and Palestine; and returned to Beirut via Nazareth.

Mr. G. Howland Shaw of the American Embassy is back again after a visit to the United States; and today Ambassador MacMurray is expected here from Angora for a brief stay.

Quite a number of the staffs of the two Colleges have taken advantage of the winter vacation for trips in various directions, in spite of stormy weather; some going to Greece, Rumania, Bulgaria, etc. by steamer. Mrs. W. L. Wright has gone to Athens to meet her mother, Mrs. Peering, and escort her back here for a visit.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

A cable from Boston informs us that Dr. A.W. Dewey (and presumably his family) are sailing from America May 8th on their return to Aintab. This will be good word to our colleagues there. No hint is given as to how they are coming or when they arrive.

Another cable has been received announcing the departure on Jan. 28th of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Baker of the Y.M.C.A., on their return to Stamboul. They are coming by a quick route and expect to be here on February 8th.

A new headache for our Merzifon friends has come in the shape of a demand for Ltq. 5,000 as taxes for three years on earnings, beginning with 1934. It is not made quite clear who has been earning any income sufficient to tax in this degree.

Mr. Donald Webster, who has been carrying on studies in this country for the past four or five months, and has recently returned from a visit to Gaziantep, plans to leave on his return to America early next week.

Salonica and vicinity seem to be in the grip of an influenza epidemic, which laid its hand on quite a number of the Anatolia College students and some of the American force of the College.

The Mission house in Caesarea (Kayseri) has been rented to a Turkish physician for a one-year term, probably to be extended to two, with the prospect that he will open there a private hospital.

A considerable group of Moslem pilgrims from Turkestan, the number given in the local dailies being two hundred sixty-six, has arrived in this city, and they are quite conspicuous in their peculiar garb. They will soon be taking steamer for Jedda, in order to arrive in Mecca in time for the feast of Kurban Bayram.

The American Export liner "Exmoor" ran aground near Chesme, in the Smyrna region, last week in a dense fog; and it was only refloated after nearly a week of effort. Some damage to the hull was suffered.

Yesterday the Grand National Assembly at Angora had quite a celebration in connection with the report of the Prime Minister, Ismet Inönü, of the satisfactory settlement of the vexed question of the special status of the Alexandretta Sanjak. Believing that the majority of its inhabitants are Turks, the Turkish Assembly and people are quite elated.

The annual business meeting of the Union Church of Pera was held last evening at the Manse, and was well attended. The reports concerning attendance showed that the average for the past year was the highest in ten years past. The activities of church and ladies' organizations are quite satisfactory. The pastor, Rev. W.C. Kerr, is planning a series of weekly meetings during Lent, in cooperation with the American Mission circle. These will be held Thursday afternoons, at the Manse. In addition, there will be daily meetings during Holy Week, in the afternoons in the Dutch Chapel. It is hoped all these will be well attended.

Mrs. Baker reports that every area of the territory of the Near East Christian Council will be represented at the coming meeting in Alexandria. We have just learned that Dr. R.P. Wilder, who with Mrs. Wilder is spending the winter with their daughter in Egypt, will attend some of the sessions of the biennial meetings.

-Beirut News Letter.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Feb. 6, 1937.

Dear Friends:-

Miss Borel of Adana writes from Auvornier, Switzerland, as follows, under date of Jan. 29th:-

"There are among the missionaries of the Near East Mission quite a few who remember Miss A. Bosshardt, who spent a few years in the Girls' School as a French teacher, long before I did, and whose cheerful Hilterfingen befriended Americans stopping in the Bernese Alps on their way to the United States. Through her I first heard of the work in Turkey and the work of the missionaries there. She it was who persuaded me to go to Adana, 38 years ago. She never lost interest in Turkey and the work of the missionaries. She passed the last night after a short week in bed. She was a rare and rich personality, the soul of goodness and conscientiousness. At 78 I found her as enthusiastic and responsive, as young of heart as when first I knew her. Visiting at my house last winter, she loved the pictures of Taurus landscapes, and the things from Adana and Tarsus; and she used both Turkish and Greek with me. She kept a heart full of love for the whole Christic family. Dr. and Mrs. Nute and the Misses Webb will want to join with me in appreciation of her love for the work and for them."

Mrs. W.L. Wright of Robert College has returned from Greece, bringing with her her mother, Mrs. Fenning, for a short stay in this city. With them on the steamer were Dr. Bisbee and Miss Pond, returning to the Girls' College. They report much grippe prevalent in Athens and vicinity.

Bob Shepard had a wonderful time on Mt. Olympus, skiing and coasting with a group of German youth under the superintendence of a German professor. Weather conditions were not ideal all the time, but "a good time was had by all."

Miss Lillian Brauer, formerly of Adana, is now Director of Girls' Work at the Northwestern University Settlement, 1400 West Augusta Boulevard, Chicago; and has over 600 girls in her charge, and fifteen or more workers and helpers under her.

In a cheery letter from Warm Springs, Georgia, Dr. G.H. Huntington states that it is practically assured that Mrs. Huntington and he will be back in Hissar next October. He has received great benefit from his two winters at that famous resort. Their many friends will be delighted to learn of their plan.

Mr. Theron J. Damon has just taken up, in January, his new duties as Curator of Manuscripts, Maps and Plans at the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester, Mass. This Society is really a historical Library specializing in all things American; and the position is well suited to Mr. Damon and seems likely to prove permanent. Mr. and Mrs. Damon are living at 63 Bigelow Road, West Newton, Mass., whence he commutes to Worcester.

A service under the auspices of the Christian Workers' Union will be held in connection with the World's Day of Prayer, on Friday next, Feb. 12, at the Manse of the Dutch Chapel, at 5:30 p.m. Members and friends are invited to attend.

The Stamboul University reports this year an attendance of 1348 students, of whom 327 are women, according to the local daily "Cumhuriyet". Of these, 552 are in the medical and dental department; 358 in the law department, and 265 in the department of sciences.

Our sympathies go out to Dr. F.F. Goodsell on the death of his father, the middle of January.

Dr. Dodd writes from Aintab of deep snows, blocking the roads around there for two weeks previous to January 25th, with a prospect of their remaining blocked for some time further.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Hinge.



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Bible House, Stamboul, Feb, 13, 1937

Dear Friends:-

The arrival of Mr. & Mrs. Harry T. Baker of the Y.M.C.A. has been again postponed, unfortunately on account of an accident to Mrs. Baker; but the latest word was that they were starting from New York Feb. 10th, and expecting to reach Stamboul on the 22nd. That will add a new glory to that auspicious day.

We are glad to report good progress in the recovery of Mrs. Luther Fowle after her hospital experiences and her return to her Auburndale residence. As for Mr. Fowle himself, he went about three weeks ago to the Chicago area for about ten days, expecting to spend two weeks after that in and near Boston, after which it might seem best for him to go all the way to the West Coast.

This is the appropriate place to offer our congratulations to the family on hearing that Farnsworth Fowle has been awarded one of four Rhodes Scholarships for the New England District, which means two or three years of study in England and Scotland, following his graduation from Williams.

Weather conditions have been rather extreme in Anatolia of late. Miss Odell writes from Merzifon, five days ago: - "I had rather an interesting experience being snowbound for 36 hours in the mountains near Sivas, just in sight of Chamli Bel. A high wind blew the snow across the tracks almost as fast as the men could shovel it out. As it is a single track, the snow-plows couldn't get ahead of us. Finally three engines arrived from Sivas with food and more men. In three or four hours they cleared the track and we got on our way. The weather was as clear as a bell, and the world was just blue sky and snow." Dr. Wilson Fowle wrote on Jan. 28th from Gaziantep; "We're having some winter. Roads blocked in all directions. Vali stopped the mail truck for several days as being too dangerous. A car got stuck within a few miles of Aintab and one woman in it froze both legs and one man suffered so he died the next day. Wolves killed a soldier not far from here; and they say wolves have come to the edge of the city not far from our yard. Mail is being sent by horse. If anyone is thinking of making us a visit, please have them wire us first to see if the roads are passable."

Canon David Howard, of Naini Tal, North India, a missionary of the Anglican Church, spent several days here last week, and just before his departure for England last Monday, led prayers at noon at the Bible House. He was guest of the Bible House apartment.

Mr. D.K. Gatchell reports a visit to Washington, D.C., at the time of the inauguration of President Roosevelt; but the rain, - cats and dogs, pitchforks, etc., - prevented his seeing the President at all, though he heard the inaugural address by radio from a convenient shelter.

At the Meeting of the Constantinople Christian Workers' Union, yesterday, in connection with the Day of Prayer, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: - President C.T. Riggs; Secretary, Mr. H.T. Baker; Treasurer, Mrs. H.H. Barnum. Miss Jessie Martin had charge of the meeting.

The city of Adrianople is situated at the junction of three rivers, the Maritsa, Tunja, and Arda; and by reason of recent heavy rains all three rivers overflowed their banks. Parts of the city were submerged, and communications between the main city and the railroad station in the suburb of Karagatch were cut. But the waters have now subsided quite considerably, and normal life is being restored.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, Feb. 20, 1937.

Dear Friends:-

The word comes from Washington that Mr. Charles W. Fowle has successfully passed his examination for a place on the Government's "Social Security" program, and has been assigned to a position in Schenectady, N.Y., where he was expecting to move his family soon.

The British and Foreign Bible Society agency in this city has received notice from the city government that they must vacate their present quarters by the first of March, since the building is to be torn down. Mr. Russell has secured temporary quarters in the Credit Lyonnais building.

The above is in consequence of the adoption of a large development program on the Galata quay. The two big office buildings facing the water have been taken over by the Government, the Merkez Rihim Han, where the Standard Oil Company had its offices for many years, is to become the headquarters of the Harbor Authority, while the Chinili Rihim Han, long associated in the minds of many of us with the office of the Cunard Steamship Company, is to be the main Custom-house. The series of lower buildings between these two is to be demolished, to make way for the erection of the new Salon, or customs inspection quarters for incoming and outgoing passenger traffic. Plans for this building have been submitted and are being examined previous to the choice of one for adoption.

The coming week has been decreed a holiday for all schools, by the education authorities, in connection with the feast of Kurban Bayram. Miss Lindsay and Miss Perry of Scutari are making a visit to Smyrna during this vacation; Messrs. Hewitt, Pakin and Weinland of Robert College are on their way to Sofia, and others are scattering in various directions. The local dailies are complaining of the high price of sheep offered for this sacrifice this year.

In marked contrast to the weather reports of the past weeks, the week now closing has been largely bright and considerably warmer in our city, more like April than like February.

Miss Mills reports that the Junior College at Elleniké has had its work interrupted for a week by an epidemic of influenza, which has made the attendance of students and teachers somewhat irregular ever since the Christmas vacation, though she says that their record is much better than in some other schools.

The Near East School of Theology plans a ten-day course for pastors, the beginning of March. Special courses will be given in worship, and in the newer books in the Library, and five or six of the regular courses will be open to the pastors also. Lectures and discussions will be held every day at five o'clock on rural work, evangelism, and Bible study.
-Beirut News Letter.

It is stated in the local dailies that the Bosphorus Steamer Co. is arranging for a swimming-beach to be established at Beikoz, to take the place of the one with which so many are familiar, at Altin Kum, which has been closed because of its being within the proscribed military zone, in connection with the fortifications of the Bosphorus.

After a visit of about three weeks with her daughter, Mrs. W.L. Wright, at Robert College, Mrs. Penning has left on her return to America.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

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Bible House, Stamboul, Feb. 27, 1937.

Dear Friends:-

BORN:- at the American Hospital, Nishantash, on February 22nd, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bensall Smith, a son, Frederick Wesley; weight, 8 1/2 lbs. The urgent request of friends that he be named George Washington, was treated with smiling scorn. He is named for his two grandfathers. All goes well.

Yesterday, the happy father, Mr. Smith, and his niece, Miss Lucia Powell, left by morning train on their return to Talas. By the afternoon train for Samsoun, Miss Gladys Lucas left on her return to Merzifon, after a delightful week with her former Gedik Pasha associates.

Another Bayram holiday excursionist was Mr. Harvey Bonfrew, of Tarsus College, who took the opportunity for a visit to Egypt, via Syria and Palestine.

Mrs. James K. Lyman has been appointed as the Near East Mission representative from the Turkey area to the Near East Christian Council gathering at Alexandria; she hopes to start on Tuesday next.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Baker, of the Y.M.C.A. here, arrived on Wednesday last after their holiday in America. They are for the present the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Birge, in Hissar.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison A. Maynard, formerly of Smyrna, are now living at 33 Claremont Ave., N.Y., having courses in Union Seminary and Teachers College, Columbia. They arrived there the first of February, having driven all the way from Texas, where they had gone to visit a brother of Mr. Maynard, to New York in the month of January, and having encountered snow only in the mountains of Pennsylvania on the last day. Almost without exception they found the highways in fine condition, although there was plenty of snow and sleet in the fields.

The American Board has authorized the return to their fields of the Carleton, Dewey, Fowle and Isely families, and of Miss Fletcher, Miss Morley, and Miss Ward. We are informed that Dr. Dewey and family are expecting to arrive here May 20th, going on directly to Aintab. The plans of the rest are not yet divulged.

According to present plans, Dr. and Mrs. F.W. MacCallum expect to be leaving Stamboul about May 11th, on their way back to Canada. Shortly after that, Miss Barker and Mrs. Thomas start off for England, and Mrs. Thomas is planning to take the ocean trip to America with Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum.

The property of International College, at "Paradise," Smyrna, has been sold to the Vilayet of Izmir, for use as a training school for village teachers. The sale was completed last week by Mr. Ballardur, who has been a member of the local Board of the College, and has had charge of the property since Mr. Maynard left for America.

Dr. John K. Mott is planning to attend the Near East Christian Council meeting at Alexandria, and then make a trip to the Sudan, after which, some time in April, he expects to visit Stamboul for perhaps four days, on his way to Europe.

Miss Mabel Emerson was due to return to the Board office in Boston two days ago, after a busy month in the Middle West following the Evanston meeting.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, March 6, 1937.

Dear Friends:-

Miss Lindsley and Miss Perry returned the end of last week after a very delightful visit in Smyrna and environs. They were most favorably impressed with the Collegiate Institute there, and have the highest praise for the staff and their hospitality. They also got in trips to Elgia, Pergamos, and Ephesus, besides seeing the sights of the great city itself.

Our hearts go out in sympathy for Mrs. J. K. Lyman, who has just received the word of the passing away of her father, Rev. Mr. Hardy, after a very brief illness, at Nelson, N.H., at the age of eighty-seven.

Mrs. J. K. Lyman left Stamboul on Thursday last, going via Old Phaleron, Greece, to Alexandria and the Mission representative to the Near East Christian Council gathering which occurs March 10 - 17.

A large and enthusiastic gathering was held on January 28th in Melrose, Mass., under the auspices of Anatolia College, at which, in addition to an address by President Ernest W. Riggs, there was another address by Prof. Raphael Demos, of the Department of Philosophy at Harvard University, himself a graduate of Anatolia, and a son of the late pastor of the Evangelical Greek Church in Stamboul, Rev. S. Demetracopoulos. Several chorales were rendered by the choir of the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of New England; and the pastor of the Cathedral was also on the platform. A motion picture of student life in the College was shown, and there were folk-dances by a troupe made up of Greek boys and girls from the Cathedral School in Boston.

In connection with the Jubilee campaign for funds for Anatolia College, in the United States, Mr. Dana K. Gatchell recently made a trip to Minnesota, to elicit interest in his wide circle of friends there.

Paul Nilson sends a human-interest story of the way the new Governor of Kayseri is taking a personal interest in the welfare of the villages around that old city. He has recently visited several, taking along with him Dr. W. L. Mute to see the village sick in improvised clinics, and Mr. Nilson to take pictures of the scenes. The villagers certainly appreciate this sort of a Governor, who sits among them and eats their food, and who invites them to come to see him in his office any morning.

Miss Agnes M. Baird of Sofia, who has been having a brief vacation in Egypt, is visiting some of the southern stations of the Mission on her return, stopping at Adana, Tarsus, Talas, and taking in Angora on the way to Stamboul. She expects to reach here about the last week in this month.

A group of British engineers have gone to Angora on their way to undertake in Karabuk, not far from there, the erection and installation of a steel factory for the Turkish Government. The work is expected to take about two years to complete.

President Minnie B. Mills is hoping to get work started very soon on the erection of the new Administration Building at the Orinda Childs Pierce College, Old Phaleron. Plans have been drawn up and specifications are being submitted, to get the required permission to build.

Airplane service between Stamboul and Angora has resumed with the beginning of March. A daily plane leaves the airdrome at Yeshilkeuy at 15 o'clock, and the one from Angora leaves there at 10 o'clock, the trip each way taking an hour and fifty minutes. The ticket one way is 22 liras, a return trip ticket being 36 liras. We understand this includes life insurance! There are plans for other lines to be started from Angora to Adana, and from Yeshilkeuy to Phaleron, Greece, the latter being by sea-plane.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

Col. Charles Lindbergh and Mrs. Lindbergh are expected in Stamboul Friday or Saturday of next week, coming in their own plane. They have been on a flying trip to India via Egypt, and are making a short stop of perhaps four days here on their return to England.

The local dailies of this week have carried the announcement that the American Consulate in this city is to be moved to the American Embassy building. We are authorized to state that until now, no official instructions have been received to this effect from Washington.

Taurus College is again in full swing after its longest vacation of the year. Miss Towner visited Aleppo, Mr. Kennew traveled as far as Cairo, and Monsieur Leber saw a good bit of Palestine during the nine days' vacation.

President Walter L. Bright is expected to arrive on his return from America on the morning of March 23rd, just in time to attend the exercises of Founders' Day at Robert College. Plans have been completed for the celebration of this anniversary.

Charter Day will be observed at the American College for Girls on Saturday afternoon, March 20th, at 15 o'clock.

At the meeting of the Board of Managers of Aleppo College held last week, Messrs. Alford Carleton and William A. Stoltzfus were elected associate principals of the College. They will divide between them as they see fit the duties of presidency and Deanship.

Word has come from Mrs. E. D. Marden of the sudden passing away of Miss Ellen L. Blakely, at Pasadena, California, Feb. 21st. Miss Blakely had been living in Claremont, Calif., for a few months, and had come over to Pasadena to visit her old friend and pupil, Mrs. Samuel Rejebian, wife of the pastor of the Armenian church there. On arrival at the station, she was feeling badly, and died in a few minutes. The funeral was held at the Cilicia Congregational Church, Pasadena, and conducted by Rev. Albert P. Davis of Claremont, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Rejebian and Ashjian. Many Armenian friends and former pupils were present, as well as many Americans.

Miss Blakely was born in Rodman, N.Y., October 7, 1859, and was thus in her seventy-eighth year. After graduating at Mt. Holyoke in 1881, she taught four years, and then went out to Marash in 1885. There she spent the best forty-four years of her life, the latter part of the time as President of the College for Girls. Her influence both on pupils and on associates and friends was inspiring and strong; and her life a constant blessing. In 1929 she retired, and until last year was living with her sister Miss Bertha Blakely at South Hadley, Mass. They moved out to California together, and a sister-in-law with them. Two brothers survive, in New England.

Dr. J. E. Merrill writes that the Egyptian Evangelical Church has just been celebrating its 75th anniversary. There is a church membership of 21,000, with a community of 10,000. The churches are self-sustaining except for a small grant from the Mission. They have taken over the management of the theological seminary and of the mission paper. Missionaries still tour among the churches, but as visitors. One of them said recently that it was not right to call the native church in Egypt the child of the Mission; really the Mission was and is the step-sister of the Church. It seems that the mission was organized as such after the organization of the first native churches.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, March 20, 1937.

Dear Friends:-

The American Embassy reports this morning that Mr. and Mrs. Lindberg are reported as not having reached Baghdad by last evening; so that the question of when they will arrive here is quite unanswered yet.

Mrs. Richard B. Smith and the infant Fred Wesley left Stamboul last Thursday on their return to Talas by train.

Miss Agnes H. Baird of Sofia is expected to arrive in Stamboul on Tuesday next, coming from Angora; and her present plan is to leave for Sofia by the end of the week.

Mr. Luther Fowle is now on an extended trip to the Pacific Coast, going first to Seattle and other points in Washington, and then on through Oregon and California. He expects to be gone till the middle of May, spending some time in the Middle West on his way back to Boston.

Mr. Merrill Isely writes enthusiastically of the Rural Missions Conference he has just attended at Cornell University, where Hugh Hubbard of North China (born in Sivas, Turkey) told of what was being done in his region of China; and many others spoke about work in other places. He is coming back to Gaziantep with many new ideas and hopes. Among others at the Conference, he saw Mr. and Mrs. McDaniels, formerly at Harput, Mr. and Mrs. Erdman, formerly of Robert College, and he was a guest in the home of Prof. and Mrs. Lincoln Kelsey, formerly of Mersifon. In February and March Mr. Isely was expecting to make visits to the Carletons in Hartford, Dr. Hamilton and Miss Trowbridge in Holyoke, and to see his friend Wihat in Perkins Institute for the Blind.

Mrs. Fox, of the International Y.W.C.A. staff, from Geneva, is visiting several countries of Central Europe, and is here this week. Bayan Nabahat Karaman gave a tea in her honor on Thursday afternoon, at which many Turkish ladies were present. Mrs. Fox spoke to them about work on an international scale, especially in the line of nutrition and protection for women and children.

Professor A.H. Lybyer writes from Urbana, Ill., March 2nd, saying that they have been in good health since returning to the United States, except that Mrs. Lybyer had been having a bad cough for some weeks.

Here is the latest from Paul Nilson, dated a week ago:—"Work goes on steadily still. Dr. Nute is so rushed he has little time for rest. School is frequently visited, as for instance, this afternoon when 150 elementary school children will be here for educational movies. Saturday night programs are going well in the Okuma Evi where our boys help in the music. The new Governor Adil Bayman is a marvel at spreading goodwill and also encouraging hard work."

The ladies at the Sofia Community Center are very much rejoicing in their finished building. They write that after a foggy, damp, but not cold winter, they are at last having lovely sunshine, last week.

After a stay of several weeks in this city, President Kamal Atatürk returned last week to Ankara, where this week he has been having a visit from Mr. Antonescu, Roumanian Minister of Foreign Affairs.

It is announced that the British excavations in the region of Sultan Ahmed in the old city will be resumed next month, after being suspended during winter weather.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:-

The Beirut News Letter brings word of the passing of Dean Nickoley, of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Beirut University, on March 13th. Dr. Nickoley has been connected with the University for a long time, and acted as President in the interim between Dr. H.S. Bliss and Dr. Bayard Dodge.

Founders Day exercises at Robert College last Tuesday were highly successful. Pres. Wright, who had just returned from America the day before, presided at the gathering at two o'clock, when Professor Barnum was the main speaker, telling of the contributions of ex-President C.F. Gates during the 29 years of his administration. A fine portrait in oils, of Dr. Gates by the well-known local artist, Ali Sami Boyan, was unveiled by the artist himself, and is a worthy addition to the gallery of portraits in the Assembly Hall. Following this, there was a good gymnastic exhibition in the gymnasium. The alumni dinner in Social Hall in the evening brought together about 180 alumni and former students and teachers, in a very pleasant gathering.

The exercises of Charter Day at the Girls' College at Arnautkoy were among the best that have been held. Several of the alumnae spoke, giving the experiences of those who had gone into various callings in life.

Miss Agnes Baird of Sofia arrived here Tuesday last from Angora and points south, and left yesterday evening on her way back to her work in Sofia Community House.

Prof. and Mrs. Henry B. Leving, formerly of Robert College, announce the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Ogden, to Mr. William Gaines Sargent, on January 30th, at Grand Junction, Colorado.

The meeting of the Near East Christian Council at Fairhaven, Alexandria, was an unusually fine one. In regular attendance were about 45 persons, including, besides the 20 regular members of the Council, several people accepted on various committees; also representatives of some of the smaller missions in the area; and a representative each from the Greek Catholic, Armenian Gregorian, Coptic, and Evangelical Armenian churches, and two from the Evangelical churches of Egypt. Regular delegates were present from Algeria, Sudan, Persia, Mesopotamia, Turkey, and Bulgaria, besides Syria, Palestine and Egypt. Dr. Wilder was present for part of the sessions; and Dr. Mott was a powerful help throughout. The inaugural address of the new Executive Secretary, was so good that it is to be issued in pamphlet form to all the constituency of the Council.

Miss Morrow of the Girls' College left last Tuesday, returning to the United States via Italy.

Dr. John R. Mott is expected to arrive in Stamboul Friday next, April 2nd, to spend only two days here, on his way back to America. He will speak at a meeting under the auspices of the Christian Workers' Union, to be held at the Dutch Chapel Saturday afternoon from four to six o'clock. All members and friends are cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lindberg seem somehow to have given up their proposed visit to our city. Apparently they have gone by, though no definite word seems to be available.

Mr. Harry R. Meyering is teaching in the Teachers' College of Kansas City, Mo., in the field of social science and student teacher training. The family is living at 4531 Park Street.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, April 3, 1937.

Dear Friends:-

Mr. J. R. Lyman, delegate of the Mission to the Near East Christian Council meeting at Alexandria, has returned full of enthusiasm about the gathering. He made a short stay in Athens on the way down there, and on the return journey traveled as far as Piraeus with Rev. David Furness, delegate from the Balkan section, on his way back to Sofia.

Mrs. Donald Royce, who was known to many of us as Miss Mabel Pihl of the A. S. L. S. S. S., is the wife of a Commander in the U. S. Navy, stationed at Coronado, California; and the mother of twin daughters, Patricia and Anne, born Dec. 5th, 1935. She taught in Smyrna 1926 to 1929.

The Missionary Herald records the passing of Miss Helen E. Melvin, on Dec. 12, 1935, at Chester, N.H. Miss Melvin was connected from 1883 to 1891 with the Home School for Girls at Scutari, which in 1892 became the American College for Girls. Ill health compelled her retirement, and she never fully regained her vigor.

Dr. John R. Mott arrived yesterday in our city, with Mrs. Mott and her niece, Miss Compton; and is today addressing the Christian Workers' Union at the Church of the Holy Spirit. They leave tonight, for Italy where Dr. Mott has some appointments before sailing for America. After the Alexandria meeting, Dr. Mott had a gathering in Jerusalem with the Palestine workers; then he went to Beirut, where he addressed two large audiences at the University, and preached at the Arabic Evangelical service and spoke to the students of the Near East School of Theology; then after a short stop in Aleppo, the party came on here, stopping at Angora, where Dr. Birge met them and acted as interpreter and guide.

Miss Hinman writes from Smyrna, March 17th: "We have just finished Health Week, when we had an English nurse and two Turkish doctors speak to the girls; poster contests, and compositions we are to judge for prizes today. Our girls are just now going over big on Self-Government, both in School and Boarding Department, conduct their own study-hour, look after dormitories, keep order in the dining-room, etc. It makes it seem like a perpetual holiday to us teachers."

"The good Governor of Kayseri Paul Nilson writes about is uncle of one of our boarders. Her father and mother were here to tea with us, and so pleased to hear of Paul's glowing account. They are going there next week, and said: 'Anything you want to send to your friends we will take for you.'"

Word has come of the death of Mrs. Milo A. Jewett, widow of the former American Consul at Sivas and Trebizond. She was 85 years old. Consul Jewett died in Norway in 1921.

Co. Charles Lindbergh and Mrs. Lindbergh took a different route on the flight back to England from India, going via Rhodes and Athens, thus cutting out Stamboul altogether.

Quite a ceremony has been arranged for today in connection with the laying of the corner-stone of the new steel works at Karabuk, north of Angora, near Zafambolu. Sir Percy Lorraine, British Ambassador, and the Prime Minister, Ismet Inönü, and others will be present.

The final concert in the present series of Chamber Music evenings will be held at Robert College Saturday, April 10th, when the quartet will play pieces by Schubert, Beethoven and Dvorak.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, April 13, 1937.

Dear Friends:-

Dr. J. K. Birge has returned to our city after a brief but interesting visit to Tala. He reports all the friends there as well.

Rev. J. Oscar Boyd, D.D., of the American Bible Society arrived in Stamboul Monday morning by train, and is expecting to make a stay of a week or longer here. Mrs. Boyd is staying for the time in Dubrovnik, Jugoslavia.

The minaret of the Mosque of Sultan Selim, the top of which was torn off by the heavy wind of last August, did so much damage in the city, has at length been restored, this past week.

Rev. W. S. Woolworth went last week to Beirut for a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Near East School of Theology, taking his daughter Dorothy along with him for the visit.

The new cloth factory at Caesarea (Kayseri) is most modern in all its appointments, with all the machinery protected to avoid accidents; and with the furnaces kept as clean as the proverbial whistle, due to the automatic overhead coal feeding device. The higher officers of the factory live in neat and well-built apartments around a quadrangle, much like a college quad. Free medical service is extended to all employees and their families; and the wages paid at the factory are above the average of daily wages for the region. Thousands of young trees have been set out around the factory.

The death is announced in this morning's dailies of the well-known Turkish poet, Abdul Hak Hamid, who passed away suddenly yesterday morning at his home in Hachka, in the 86th year of his age. He was serving as Deputy for Stamboul in the Grand National Assembly.

Mrs. Conyers Baker, office secretary of the Near East Christian Council, made a visit last week to the various missions in Irak, as we are informed by the Beirut News Letter.

Furloughs have been authorized by the Board for Dr. and Mrs. Haas, Mrs. Block, Miss Fenenga, Mr. and Mrs. Hawkes, and Miss Lucas, these all to begin in May or June or July of this year. Mr. and Mrs. Brewster will also be going to America, but only for the summer. Miss Jillson, as well as Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum, will be going to America at the expiration of their terms of service as fixed by the Board. It is hoped that Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum will be returning to live in the Mission, later on.

Dr. Wilson Dodd and his children are expected to reach our city in about two weeks, on their way to America on furlough.

After quite a stay in Colorado, Miss Fanny G. Noyes, formerly of Herzifon, has gone to live at 42 North Cedar St., Oberlin, Ohio. On her way there, she visited the Merrill Isely family and Miss H.A. Hallott, in Wichita, Kansas, and the Raymond White family in St. George, Kansas.

Miss Sara Corning, also formerly of Herzifon, has changed her residence from Halifax to Chegoggin, R. R. 1, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, April 20, 1937.

Dear Friends:-

There is a steadily growing volume of travel toward Angora at this time, owing to plans for the opening of the exposition of fuel products which opens May first. Extra cars are being put on almost every train to meet the crowds who are even now going in that direction.

Mr. Charles J. Bell, who has been agent of the American Bible Society at Cairo since 1928, is reported as very dangerously ill at that city after a second operation following one for appendicitis. The latest word is somewhat more favorable; but this illness has compelled Dr. Boyd and Mr. Lyman MacCallum to undertake for the present some of the work that Mr. Bell had expected to carry on, in the European part of the territory.

Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Haas have secured passage on the S.S. "Excambion" of the American Export Lines, sailing from Beirut May 4th for New York, and due to arrive there May 26th. While in Beirut just before sailing, they will be guests of the Misses Webb.

The Mission House in Adana, more recently called the Social Service Center, has been rented to a Turkish petrol organization.

The Greek Government has decreed that from henceforth the dwellers in our northern Greece Station live in "Thessaloniki", and no abbreviations allowed. So we are informed by Mr. Hawkes, Secretary of said Station. Everyone interested please take notice. Here endeth the controversy as to Salonica, or Salonika, or Saloniki; and we return to New Testament standards, in the Greek form. See Acts 17:1.

It is of great interest to note that the general secretary of the Montreux Conference on the abrogation of the capitulations in Egypt, which has just opened, is held by Dr. Nicholas Agnides, who is a graduate of Anstolia College in Harsifon. He secured his B.A. degree in 1908, and an honorary LL.D. in 1933; he has served as assistant secretary of the Disarmament Conference, and is one of the best known personalities of the higher officials of the League of Nations.

The Miasar Players closed their present season with a performance, last Saturday evening, of St. John Ervine's play, The First Mrs. Fraser, a present-day comedy in three acts. The acting was very creditable.

The centennial of the organization of the University of Athens is just being observed in that city. A special three-drachma stamp has been issued by the Greek post-office in honor of the event.

Ground is being broken at Elleniko for the new Administration Hall of the Orinda Childs Pierce College. This building will fill a very great need. As soon as further funds are secured, MacCallum Hall will be finished also; and it is hoped this may be within the next six months.

A service of recognition and thanksgiving for the life-work of Dr. and Mrs. F. W. MacCallum was organized by the united Evangelical Armenian churches of this city, last Sunday afternoon. It was held in the Aynali Chestne Armenian church, which was crowded, nearly fifty people being compelled to stand for lack of seats. There were six short addresses, after devotional exercises; and then Dr. MacCallum made a very fitting response; and at the close he offered the benediction. A well-trained choir furnished two anthems. Among the speakers was a representative of the Armenian Patriarch, with whom Dr. MacCallum has always been on the most friendly terms. All classes of Armenians have a very warm place in their hearts for Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum, after their forty-seven years of service in Erzurum, Marash, and Constantinople.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, April 27, 1937.

Dear Friends:-

Miss Constance Farwick, of the Near East Christian Council, is at the Bible House for a few days' visit with Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum. She returns this week to Jerusalem.

Dr. Harry W. Howard, of the University of Indiana, author of the well-known book, *The Partition of Turkey*, arrived here last week, and is to be in Turkey for perhaps two or three weeks for further study.

If any of our readers have a copy of the plane accompaniment of "All Baba and the Forty Thieves," in the series "Stead's Books for the Bazaar," Mrs. E. C. Blake of Norwich would like to be informed. Efforts have been made to purchase it, but it seems to be long out of print and unavailable from booksellers.

Prof. H. Clever, of the Theology Department of the University of Montpellier, France, who is connected with the Universal Council on Life and Work, will address a meeting of the Christian Workers' Union to be held at the Union Church House, on Friday, May 14th, at four o'clock, his subject being the work of this Council. A good attendance is desired.

By the time this issue reaches its local readers, the editor and his wife and Prof. and Mrs. MacNeal expect to be in Angora for a few days' visit.

This is a time of spring vacations in many schools. From Robert College, Prof. Hewitt and Dr. Sidney Fisher have gone on a tour of the southern shores of the Black Sea. Other and larger parties are making trips to Athens and the Peloponnese, and to Broussa. Prof. Laurence Moore is expected here coming from Sofia College.

Plans are well advanced for the uniting of the work of the British and Foreign and of the American Bible Societies in the Near East. These two societies have worked here in close cooperation but independently for a century and more. Following the visit of Secretaries North and Wilkinson last September, proposals were adopted by which the former territorial division of the work between the societies would disappear, and one society would administer in each area on behalf of both. As from the first of June, 1937, the Joint Egypt Agency, consisting of Palestine, Transjordan, Egypt, the Sudan, Western Arabia, Ethiopia, Eritrea, and Somaliland, will be administered by the British Society. The Joint Levant Agency, consisting of Bulgaria, Turkey, Greece, Syria, Iraq, and Eastern Arabia, will be administered by the American Bible Society. Mr. C. S. Bell, at present secretary of the Arabic-Levant Agency, will be the Secretary of the Joint Levant Agency, with Mr. Cooper his sub-agent for Syria and Iraq, Mr. George Kladis for Greece, Mr. George Popoff for Bulgaria, and Mr. Lyman MacCallum for Turkey. Dr. J. Oscar Boyd, who left Stamboul last week for Sofia and Vienna, will return to New York in July for work at the Bible House.

Tarsus College had a busy day on Saturday, April 17th, when six teachers and a goodly number of pupils from the Adana Boys' Normal School were guests there. In the morning the two schools played volley-ball, Adana winning; and in the afternoon they played basket-ball, in which the Tarsus College team came out ahead.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, May 4, 1937.

Dear Friends:-

The wedding of Miss Catherine Nicol, formerly of the Community School in Hissar, and Mr. Arthur Lanckton, formerly instructor in Robert College, will take place according to present plans at Beirut, Syria, on June 13th next. Mr. Lanckton is coming out from America with his mother for the event.

Dr. Wilson Dodd and his three children, Helen, Bobbie and Margaret, are spending a short time in our city on their way through from Gaziantep to the United States, and expect to leave tomorrow morning by boat for Piræus, and after a short stay in Athens, and a trip through Europe, they sail across from Cherbourg.

The last stretch of College work began yesterday, with all hands back for the brief preparation for Commencement. Only about four weeks remain before the examinations.

Mr. N. M. Kreider has started off for a visit to Sivas, and will probably also stop in Harsifon and Talas on or off the way, getting back to his office well before the Annual Meeting.

The engagement is announced of Miss Nettie Tubini, daughter of Prof. Bernard Tubini of Robert College, and Mr. Robert Miner, instructor in the same College.

With the death of Mr. M. L. Rogers of Boston, Dr. John K. Browne, formerly of Harpout and now a resident of Auburndale, Mass., has become the oldest living graduate of Harvard University. He is a member of the Class of 1869, and is now 94, - or will be on the Fourth of July. He prepared for Harvard at Phillips Exeter Academy. Dr. Browne was in Harpout from 1875 till 1912, or nearly forty years. He has three sons living in Massachusetts, New York, and New Jersey, and three daughters, Mrs. Alice Browne Frame of China, and two in Massachusetts; also eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Prof. Laurence S. Moore, formerly of Robert College, and some other teachers from Sofia College, have been spending a week or so here, and are returning tomorrow, via Burgas.

Miss Anna B. Jones, formerly of Gedik Pasha, is leaving Washington, D.C., about the end of June, and will henceforth make her residence in the Auburndale Home, Massachusetts.

Dr. Doggett, for forty years President of the Y.M.C.A. Training College at Springfield, Mass., with Mrs. Doggett, have been making a week's visit in Beirut, in the course of a trip around the world. Mrs. Doggett was formerly professor of Old Testament Literature at Wellesley College, and has taught also in Mt. Holyoke and Vassar. They are expected tomorrow morning in Stamboul, to stay a very short time.

The annual Y.M.C.A. membership campaign is beginning this week, and it is hoped to conclude it by the end of next week.

An International Coal Exhibition is now going on at Angora. It includes exhibits from several European countries, in addition to a full demonstration of the science of mining, and many samples of the coal industry in Turkey, especially along the Black Sea coasts.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Higgs

Dear Friends:-

The entire Near East Mission regrets the necessity for the withdrawal from the Mission of Dr. and Mrs. Frederick W. MacCallum, who are leaving this afternoon on their way to Canada. Naturally they are somewhat wearied after the packing and the preparations for departure; but they are still in vigorous health and seem to have many years of activity before them. We all hope so. But the rules of the Board are imperative; and already for the sake of the special Bible translation work on which he has been engaged, the time of their departure has been delayed nearly four years, by special dispensation. The Mission will miss them keenly, and will be the poorer by their absence. We wish them all sorts of blessings and happiness as they return to see their friends and children and grandchildren on the other side of the pond. And we trust they may come back to the Mission after a while, to live among us.

Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum are taking the Roumanian steamer today for Piræus, and will spend about a week at Old Phaleron with their two sisters there before proceeding via Belgrade and Paris to England, and on to Canada.

Professor Harry W. Howard, of the University of Indiana, who with Mrs. Howard has returned from quite a visit in Angora, was the guest speaker at the Y.M.C.A. luncheon yesterday. On Monday Ambassador MacMurray and Dr. Bennett both spoke to a large gathering at the opening of the Y. campaign. President Wright is expected to give an address today.

Dr. Albert W. Dewey sailed supposedly on the Italian liner "Rex" on Saturday last, on his return to Cassaneta. He will connect, according to plan, at Brindisi with a Lloyd Triestino boat leaving there May 16th. Mrs. Dewey stays in America until September and comes out with Mr. and Mrs. Isely.

The new and considerably revised and improved edition of the Gospel of Matthew in Turkish, taking the place of the edition of 1930, is now in print and is available from the office of the Bible Society. A further proportion of the Arabic words has been eliminated, and there have been changes in sentence structure in conformity with the development of the language.

At a pleasant function at the Manse, last Wednesday, the Union Church congregation presented Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum with a parting gift of an engraved plate of silver, and two picture-frames containing photographs of the Church and its pastor. Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum will be very much missed in the church, where they have taken an active part for a long time.

Another very happy occasion was last Thursday afternoon when the Constantinople Station circle met for supper together, after a business session, and later staged a spectacular presentation to Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum of a joint gift from all the Stations of the Mission, of a sum of money to be used at their own discretion. Songs and costumes were largely arranged by the Deutari ladies.

Rev. R. C. Macanna, formerly pastor of the Union Church of Pera, and since then pastor of two or more churches in Scotland, is now Organizing Secretary of the Scotch Mission to the Jews, and in that capacity is expected shortly to visit Budapest. An effort is being made to get him to visit Stamboul also.

Dr. and Mrs. John E. Merrill have left Cairo, and have gone for a considerable stay to Woodbrooke College, Selly Oak, Birmingham, England.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, May 18, 1937.

Dear Friends:-

This evening Miss A.M. Barker leaves by train, accompanied by Mrs. Thomas, mother of Mrs. Leslie, on their way to England. They expect to join up with Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum at Belgrade, and go via Paris. Miss Barker plans to be back in July; and Mrs. Thomas goes on with Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum, taking the Cunarder "Franconia" June 12 for Boston.

Dr. and Mrs. C.H. Haas of Adana sailed for America on the American Export liner "Excambion" from Beirut May 5th, stopping at Athens long enough on the way to see our associates there.

Miss Agnes Fenanga of Aleppo landed in New York Sunday, April 18th, and left on Wednesday afternoon for South Dakota.

Rev. and Mrs. Theodore T. Holway, formerly of Samokov, are now settled in Duncan, Vancouver Island, British Columbia, where Mrs. Holway's mother, Mrs. Robert Thomson, is living with her oldest son. Mr. Holway writes that he is teaching a class of Japanese boys in Sunday school. Mrs. Thomson recently celebrated her eightieth birthday.

Miss Barker and Miss Rutney would like to have it understood that the Bible House Apartment is ready to receive Mission guests in the same way that the Mission Hostel has received them in the past.

The Faculty and students of the Near East School of Theology held a retreat over the first week-end of May at the Conference Center at Shwayr, Mt. Lebanon, the general subject of discussion being the Church and its needs.

-Beirut News Letter.-

Rev. and Mrs. Alford Carleton and children expect to sail from New York August 17th for Beirut on the Export Liner "Exochorda", on their way to the American College at Aleppo.

After spending a happy day at Tash Delen, on Alem Dagh, May 14th, the Scutari School recommends that spot as a most delightful place for a picnic. The 138 students and faculty members who enjoyed the outing, made the trip by bus. The day was spent in walking, playing, kodaking, and eating!

At a meeting of the Constantinople Christian Workers' Union, held last Friday, Professor H. Clavier, of the Theology Department of the University of Montpellier, gave an address, telling of the work thus far accomplished by the World Conference on Faith and Order, and by the Universal Christian Council for Life and Work. Prof. Clavier had a hard trip getting here from Aleppo, as the Taurus Express was delayed half a day by floods between Kayseri and Angora. He left the following day for Budapest.

All radios in this city worked over-time last Wednesday, and in most cases the reception was fine, tuning in on the Coronation of King George VI. in London. In connection with the event, a large and very successful garden party was held by Sir Percy and Lady Lorraine at the British Embassy in Pera, with a fine pageant of British kings and queens given by the children of the British community.

The Stamboul Y.M.C.A. had just concluded a successful sustaining membership campaign of a week, going beyond their goal in an effort which proved how many loyal friends that organization has.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, May 25, 1937.

Dear Friends:-

True to schedule, Dr. Albert W. Dewey arrived here from the United States last Wednesday, having made the trip from New York via Naples and Brindisi in eleven days. He was in town just one whole day, and left by train Friday morning for his return to Gaziantep, reaching there presumably Saturday night, just two weeks from New York. Shades of Dr. Azariah Smith! Dr. Smith left Boston July 22, 1848 and did not reach Aintab till into October.

After serving for ten years as office secretary of the N.E.C.C., and latterly as treasurer also, Mrs. Conyers Baker left Beirut a week ago today for England and Ireland, and expects later to visit Canada. Her place in Beirut is being taken by Miss Grace Liesching.

On Sunday April 18th, the gable room and roof story of Macedonia Hall, at Anatolia College, Thessaloniki, was formally opened with a parent-teacher gathering, fully four hundred persons being present. This roof story is to be named the George Hills White Hall, in memory of Dr. G.E. White's father, formerly a missionary of our Board in Marash. It comprises a gable room 30x50 feet in size, with two flanking terraces enclosed by low surrounding walls; and it is designed chiefly for literary and musical exercises, dramatics, social gatherings and the like.

Dr. Wilson Dodd writes from Paris, May 15th, that on account of the illness of Bobbie they changed their plans and went right to Paris from Basle instead of down the Rhine and through Holland. Bobbie had pretty well recovered from his fever when his father wrote, and was to join in some sightseeing.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller passed away at Ormond, Florida, yesterday morning, at the age of 98. His remains will be transported to New York for interment.

Prime Minister Ismet Inönü is making visits in Thessaloniki and Athens, and leaves the latter city tomorrow on his return to Angora.

In a summary of the work accomplished at the American Hospital in this city in the past ten years, Dr. Shepard states that fifty-four nurses have been graduated and have rendered notable service in homes and hospitals; over 2000 babies have been born in the hospital, and close to 1000 major operations performed. There have been over 40,000 visits to the Out-Patient department. Mr. Fowle is engaged in a vigorous effort just now in America to secure funds for the new building, which, if secured, will assure the hospital a fine future.

The Turkish Budget for the year 1937, which is now before the Grand National Assembly for discussion, mounts up to 231,017,000 liras, which is 18,000,000 liras more than that of the previous year. The largest figures in the budget are Ltq. 49,294,880 for the army; Ltq. 49,149,275 for the Public Debt; Ltq. 20,251,749 for the Ministry of Finance; Ltq. 15,780,108 for Public Works; Ltq. 12,222,371 for Public Instruction; Ltq. 9,246,303 for the Ministry of Justice.

Mr. Kreider was much more prompt in his return from a recent trip to Sivas and Merzifon than was expected, and has been at his office for two weeks already.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, June 1, 1937.

Dear Friends:-

Dr. Collins P. Bliss, who for the past forty years was assistant professor and full professor of Mechanical Engineering in New York University, and has now retired, arrived ten days ago with Mrs. Bliss; they are visiting their son, Mr. John Bliss, and wife, of the engineering staff of Robert College. Since coming here, Dr. Bliss has learned that he has just been elected a trustee of Robert College.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Lacy, of the China Bible House, at Shanghai, with their children, arrived in Stamboul on Friday last, on their way from China to America, and left yesterday for Belgrade, Paris, and across the ocean. He represents in Shanghai both the American and the British and Foreign Bible Societies.

Mr. and Mrs. Finney Markham and their daughters are planning after a few days in Beirut, to leave there July 1st for a short trip through Palestine; then sail from Alexandria July 16th for France, visit the Paris Exposition, and sail from Southampton August 4th on the "Queen Mary" only that Mr. Markham will stay behind for six weeks of study in the library of the British Museum.

Miss Harriet C. Norton of Aleppo is planning to sail from Beirut on July 1st by Italian liner for Naples, having as a companion Miss Ostermann, formerly of the Adams Hospital nursing staff, and now of the Action Chrétienne in Aleppo; they will travel together in Italy, and then Miss Norton goes on via Milan to Paris, sailing for New York from Southampton August 5th by the "Columbus."

Rev. H. H. Riggs reports a hailstorm at Nebk, in Northern Syria, which he describes as the worst he ever saw in his life; he measured a number of hailstones just under an inch and a half in diameter, and large quantities of stones over an inch in diameter. A promising crop of unripe fruit through that region was all wiped out by this storm.

June 23rd is the date set for the departure of both the Hawkes family from Thessaloniki and the Brewster family from Athens, on their journey to America. It is probable that Mr. and Mrs. Hawkes will be studying at Union Seminary during the coming year.

For the ensuing year, Miss Isabelle Harley has been elected as station secretary for Thessaloniki, and all correspondence should be addressed to her. President E. W. Riggs is to be the chairman of the station.

William Seamen Bainbridge, M.D., LL.D., delegate of the United States to the International Congress of Medicine and Pharmacy, about to be held in Bucharest, has been in this country during the past week. He is chief surgeon in the United States Naval Reserves. By special airplane he flew on Friday, accompanied by Dr. B. V. Post of Robert College, an old friend, to Angora, where a banquet was given in his honor; and on Saturday he flew back, and left by train Sunday evening for Bucharest.

The Ambassador and Mrs. MacMurray left here by train Sunday evening for their leave in America, and are expected back about the end of September. During his absence, Mr. Shaw will be in charge of the Embassy at Angora, and Mr. Washington in charge in Stamboul.

With the return of warmer weather, work on the mosaic of St. Sophia under Dr. Thomas Whittmore has been resumed. It is now being carried on in the semi-dome over the apse.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, June 8, 1937.

Dear Friends:-

Mr. B. Frank Stoltzfus, of the American College at Sofia, with his family is expecting to leave for America June 25th for the summer, and to return to Sofia about Sept. 15th.

Sofia College celebrated Kyril and Methodius Day on May 26th. Former graduates were all invited to spend the day on the campus, renewing old acquaintances and enjoying the student programs as well as lunch and supper. President Black returned from his visit to America about a week before that, in time to arrange the details.

Professor and Mrs. H.H. Barnum of Robert College left on Saturday last for a summer in America. Their eldest daughter, Helen, who is graduating from Middlebury College next week, expects to come back with them, to take a position in the American College for Girls for the coming year.

President Ernest W. Riggs of Anatolia College crossed the ocean the last of May, returning to his post in Thessaloniki; he presumably reached there a few days ago. The baccalaureate sermon comes next Sunday; and Commencement exercises at the Girls' School on June 15th, and at the College June 20th.

The Trustees of Anatolia College have just taken action constituting the Anatolia Girls' School as the Women's Department of Anatolia College.

Miss Grace Towner of Tarsus arrived here yesterday evening, and leaves on Friday by steamer on her way to America for her furlough. With her came M. Lebet, who for three years has been instructor in French at Tarsus College, and after a summer in Switzerland, is to take up work at Beirut University.

Miss Marion Sheldon of Scutari is leaving by Orient Express this evening, on her way to join Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum and Mrs. Thomas on the "Franconia," sailing from Liverpool Saturday next. Miss Sheldon expects to return with the Powle family in the autumn.

It can now be announced with a fair degree of certainty that Dr. S. Walter Fiske of the Graduate School of Theology at Oberlin, will be a visiting professor in Religious Education at the Near East School of Theology for the year 1937-38. Mrs. Fiske will accompany him.

-Beirut News Letter.

Mrs. Leroy P. Ostrander, widow of the former Director of the Samokov Schools, is coming to Bulgaria on a visit very soon, and is expected to spend the last three weeks of June at the Community House in Sofia.

Miss Frances Sadler, who has been in Mersifon since September, arrived in Stamboul Sunday last on her way back to America. Miss Gladys Perry of Scutari has gone to Mersifon to be there during Commencement, which comes on the 10th, day after tomorrow.

President Kemal Atatürk arrived here from Ankara on Saturday last, and is leaving this afternoon on the S.S. "Isair" for Trebizond, from which place he plans to go up to Erzurum before returning here. He was greeted most enthusiastically with decorations and illuminations, and a fleet of twenty-four airplanes circled over the harbor and city for some time.

The Grand National Assembly closes its labors for its summer recess on Friday evening, if they can dispose of necessary business by that time.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, June 15, 1937.

Dear Friends:-

President Atatürk returned on Sunday afternoon from his trip to Trebizond, and was welcomed by the first licensed woman air-pilot, Sabiha Gökçen, who is one of his adopted daughters; she flew to Kavak to meet the steamer, and performed some daring tail-apins and other stunts on the way back down the Bosphorus.

The Beirut News Letter informs us of the death of Dr. Frederick J. Bliss, brother of the late President Howard S. Bliss of Beirut University, who passed away June 3rd in America, at the age of 78. He served as Principal of the Preparatory Department of the Syrian Protestant College from 1880 to 1894, and was with the Palestine Exploration Fund in excavations in Palestine from 1887 till 1900. His two books, "The Religions of Modern Syria and Palestine", and "Reminiscences of Daniel Bliss", are in the Near East Mission Library.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Charles S. Bell, of the Arabia Levant Agency of the American Bible Society, whose illness was recorded in our April 20th issue, has made a good recovery, and is able to do some traveling. Mr. Lyman MacCallum of this city expects to go on Friday to Athens and meet him there, and together they hope to visit Thessaloniki, Sofia, and Vienna. Mr. MacCallum plans to be absent about three weeks.

Mrs. E. C. Blake, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Smith and baby, and Miss Lucia Powell are arriving by train this noon from Talas; Mrs. Blake remains for the Annual Meeting; the others go on soon on their return to America.

Dr. Alexander MacLachlan, long President of International College, Smyrna, represented his Class of 1887 at its 50th anniversary, at the Commencement exercises of Union Theological Seminary, New York, on May 18th.

Dorothy Gatchell Riggs, second daughter of Mrs. Theodore D. Riggs, formerly of Salonica Station, has just graduated from high school in Denver, ranking first in a class of over six hundred pupils. She hopes to enter college in the fall.

Commencement exercises at the two American Colleges here took place the past week, under perfect weather conditions, and with large attendance. At Robert College on Friday, forty-seven students received diplomas, twenty-four in the Arts course, one in the Science course, four in Mechanical Engineering, three in Electrical Engineering, and fifteen in Civil Engineering. Addresses were given by Professor Ibrahim Fazıl Pelin of the Stamboul University, and Mr. Julian E. Gillespie, Commercial Attaché of the American Embassy. At the American College for Girls on Saturday, twenty-two young ladies were given the degree of Bachelor of Arts, two of them with special honors. The address was by Bay Yusuf Kemal Tengirshenk, Deputy from Sinope. President Wright presided on both occasions.

Dr. and Mrs. Cass Arthur Reed write from Pomona, California, on May 26th, of the happy celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of Pilgrim Church, in 1887, and the 25th anniversary of the beautiful church edifice dedicated in 1912. The first pastor of this church is regarded also as the founder of Pomona College. Dr. Reed has been the pastor during the past year.

Quite a number of the staffs of the two American Colleges left for the summer on Friday and Saturday last. The grounds and buildings of Robert College are now being used for a military training-camp for some of the students, for a few weeks.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

We are requested to announce that the usual Fourth-of-July reception at the American Embassy will be held this year on Monday, July fifth, from five to seven-thirty. Mr. Shaw and the whole staff of the Embassy will be glad to see all Americans who may be in the city. Mr. Shaw is leaving July 10th, to take up his new duties in the State Department at Washington, as Chief of Personnel.

The graduating exercises at the Scutari Academy were held last Friday afternoon, and went off very successfully. The Turkish address was by the head of the Halk Evi of Emin Funn, Bay Agiah Sinri Levent; and the address in English by Rev. William S. Woolworth, Jr., of Tarsus College, who, with Mrs. Woolworth and their children, arrived the previous day and are at Scutari for the Annual Meeting. Ten girls took diplomas; and the school chorus sang well, under the direction of Mrs. Lyman.

President Ernest W. Riggs reached Thessaloniki on his return from the United States on June 5th.

Dr. and Mrs. George E. White left Thessaloniki Saturday, June 14th, on their way back to America, there being a possibility that they may come back after two years or so. On the same train went also Mr. and Mrs. Chesley, who have been connected with the local Y.M.C.A. for some years past, and will be very much missed.

Mrs. Helen Scott, who has been teaching in the Girls' College at Athens (Elleniko) for the past three years, arrived here last week, and is making a short visit with Professor Harold Scott and family, before going on to America.

Miss Rachel F. Shaw, who is to help in the teaching at the Girls' School at Merzifon the coming year, sailed supposedly from Boston two days ago, with Miss Grace W. Phillips, on their way here, expecting to spend some time in Austria on the way.

Miss Katharine O. Fletcher is booked to sail from New York on her return to Scutari, by the American Export steamer "Examelia" on August 25th. On September 4th, Miss Mary I. Ward sails on the Italian liner "Rex," to Naples, which should bring her here about Sept. 14th by the Lloyd Express. Mr. and Mrs. Inely and children and Mrs. A.W. Dewey and children expect to take the "Excambion" from New York on Sept. 28th for Beirut on their return to Aintab.

The Association for Turkish Historical Study held a large gathering yesterday at the Turkish University in Stamboul, in celebration of the 900th anniversary of the death of the celebrated philosopher and physician Avicenna, or Ibn Sina, the greatest of the so-called Arab philosophers. The study of Turkish origins seems to have brought out that he was in fact of Turkish blood, born in Bokhara, and died in June, 1037, near Hamadan.

A very pleasing concert of chamber music was enjoyed by a large audience at the College for Girls at Arnacutxey last Saturday evening. The sharp wind prevented the plan of having it out of doors, but the auditorium was quite comfortable, and Herr Licco Amar and his associates were fully up to their best.

Mrs. W.L. Wright of Robert College and her children left last Friday on their way to America for the summer. President Wright accompanied them as far as Italy, but will be back here in a short time.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

The Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission opened its sessions at the Scutari Academy on Friday morning last, and is deep in its business. President W.S. Woolworth, Jr., of Tarsus College, is Chairman, and the usual schedule calls for business sessions mornings and evenings, with committee meetings and consultations in the afternoons, together with recreational features. The delegates present are:-

Adana-Tarsus,	Mr. & Mrs. Woolworth
Aintab	Miss Honiss
Aleppo	Miss Silliman
Beirut	Mr. H.H. Riggs, Miss Jillson
Constantinople	Mrs. Leslie, Mrs. Lyman, Miss Loughridge
Merzifon	Mrs. Blake, Miss Lucas, Dr. Clark
Smyrna	Miss Greene, Miss Yarrow
Sofia	Miss Baird
Talas (Caesarea)	Mr. & Mrs. Nilson, Miss Dwight, Mrs. Nute
Ex-officio	Dr. Birge, Mr. Kreider, C. T. Riggs

Unfortunately it has not been possible to secure delegates from Athens, Mardin, or Thessaloniki. There are also present Mrs. Clark of Merzifon and Miss Parsons of Smyrna. The annual sermon on Sunday afternoon last was by Rev. H.H. Riggs, and was followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Devotional exercises are held daily from 10:30 to 11.

Further report can be made next week of the main doings of the meeting; it is as yet too early to make any statement. But the feeling of unity and unanimity so far exhibited bids for a fine meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Smith and baby, of Talas, left June 19th for America; they expect to land just a few days before Grandpa Goodsell leaves for a visit to England. Our friend Dick is to attend the summer school of Colorado University, at Denver; he has accepted a position for the coming school year at Bellows Falls, Vermont.

Mrs. Helen E. Scott left Stamboul on Saturday last, on her way to Warsaw, to join there the Sherwood Eddy party for travel in Poland, Scandinavia and Russia, before returning to the United States.

With Mrs. Scott as far as Warsaw went Miss Dorothy Blatter of Merzifon, and Miss Lucia Powell, both returning to America to stay.

It will be interesting to the many friends of International College to know that the buildings of the College at Paradise, Smyrna, are to be used for a school for the training of teachers for village schools.

Rev. W. Clark Kerr of the Union Church, Pera, has gone for a trip in Palestine and Egypt, from where he will go on to Scotland, returning here about the first of September.

Mr. J. Calvin Keene, formerly of International College, secured last month his Ph.D. degree in Philosophy, from Yale, and has accepted a position to teach in the philosophy department of Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y.

William R. Birge, youngest son of our colleagues here, has graduated from the Kingswood School of West Hartford, Conn., having won first place in his class, and having been one of four to be elected to the Cum Laude society. Bill goes to Princeton this fall.

Dr. Wilson F. Dodd has accepted a position as college physician at Berea College, Kentucky, and will enter on his new duties in September.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, July 6, 1937.

Dear Friends:-

The Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission closed its sessions on Saturday afternoon; and many of the delegates have scattered, although some are remaining till later in the week, doing shopping etc. While the gathering was comparatively small, it was full of good spirit and enthusiastic determination; and the decisions arrived at were in the main unanimous and hearty.

After a careful study of the essential facts, the Mission decided to continue the Talas School for at least another year, in view of the increasingly favorable attitude of the authorities, involving considerable hope of an enlarged attendance for next year. A tutor to replace Mr. Smith is being sought for.

The arrangements already made for the cooperative school for girls at Aleppo in conjunction with the Presbyterian Mission were heartily approved, and the future of this school seems bright. In the absence of Miss Norton, Miss Silliman will be in sole charge of it for a while until the return of Miss Fenenga from her short furlough.

Daily devotional periods in charge of Mr. H. H. Riggs proved a fine stimulus to deeper thinking and living. The general topic was some significant event in the life of our Lord.

Of the recreational features, outstanding were the picnic to the Tash Delen spring on Alem Dagh, and the stunt night when unexpected and highly creditable histrionic talent came forth, and musical ability too.

Miss Jeannie L. Jilson left on Friday morning, on her return to the United States. Suitable resolutions were passed regarding the retirement of Miss Jilson and Dr. & Mrs. MacCallum from the Mission.

Dr. and Mrs. Birge and their girls, and Miss Lindsley left on Sunday evening for Millstatt, Austria, where the Birge boys will be meeting them for a happy summer together.

Among recent arrivals in our city we note that of Charles and Peggy Estes, coming from America to spend the summer with their father in Hisar; also that of Miss Mary Baker, who came a week or so later, to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Baker of the YMCA, for a brief vacation before returning to her work in Berea College.

Yesterday a pleasant reception was held at the American Embassy in honor of the Fourth of July. Mr. G. Howland Shaw and all the staff of the Embassy were there to receive. The Community regrets to bid farewell to Mr. Shaw, after his twelve years at the Embassy; he leaves on Saturday of this week to take up his new duties in the State Department at Washington.

Rev. and Mrs. William P. Clarke, who retired from the Bulgaria Mission about four years ago, have returned to Sofia, and will be living there perhaps a year, among their old friends.

Miss Marlon Sheldon of Scutari arrived in Boston in time to be present for part of the Commencement exercises at her old College of Wellesley, being of the oldest class represented. After that, she went on to Ashland, Kentucky, to be with relatives for a visit.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:-

Dr. Fred Field Goodsell has gone to England as one of the American delegates to attend the two great Conferences this summer, - the World Conference on Church, Community and State, held at Oxford beginning today and lasting two weeks, and the World Conference of Faith and Order, to be held in Edinburgh August 3rd to 18th. He will also probably attend a meeting of the Ad Interim Committee of the International Missionary Council in London July 29th and 30th.

Mr. John Whitney Scott, a graduate of this year from Carleton College, has been secured for a three-year term as teacher in the Tarsus College, and will probably come out in August with Dr. and Mrs. Haas, when they return from their short furlough.

Mr. Everett W. Stephens has been engaged as a three-year teacher at Anatolia College. He is expecting to sail with Mrs. E. W. Riggs for Thessaloniki on September 1st from New York.

Rev. William W. Patton, D.D., President of the Board of Trustees of International College, is here on a short visit with Mrs. Patton and their daughter, having come by rail from Beirut where they made a longer stay. Dr. Patton is pastor of the Glen Ridge, N.J., Congregational Church, having previously held pastorates in Chicago, and in Haverhill, Mass. They are leaving tomorrow on their way home. Dr. Patton is a nephew of the late Secretary Cornelius H. Patton of the A.B.C.F.M.

Dr. and Mrs. Clark left Sunday by steamer on their way back to Merzifon. Mrs. E. C. Blake left yesterday by rail for the same destination but stopping at Angora on her way. Mr. Woolworth left on Saturday for Tarsus with his family.

An interesting party is making a brief stay here, - Mr. Hammer from Redlands, California, with his son and the latter's wife and niece. They started from California some months ago in their car, drove to New York, took an American Export ace over to Egypt, and have been driving through from there to Stamboul, undaunted by all sorts of obstacles and at times by well-nigh impassable roads, and frequently using their car for a cabin at night. They are seeing the sights of this city, and tomorrow they plan to leave for Bucharest, and around gradually to Marseilles, where they take their car on a steamer back to America.

Quite a number of the American Colony went down to Sirkeji railroad station last Saturday evening to bid farewell to our good friend Mr. Gardiner Howland Shaw of the American Embassy, as he left for America. Mr. Shaw has shown deep sympathy with all American interests in this country, and has been of real help in so many ways that he will be much missed as he returns to the State Department in Washington.

Miss Jeannette Odell from Merzifon is expected here about the end of July, on her way for a vacation trip to Greece, and probably thence to Egypt.

After her trip to Russia with the Sherwood Eddy party Mrs. Helen E. Scott plans to spend four weeks or so in England, sailing for the United States on August 20th.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, July 20, 1937.

Dear Friends:-

Mr. Lyman MacCallum returned to Stamboul last Friday morning, after an absence of four weeks, during which he had interesting visits in Athens, Thessaloniki, Sofia, Vienna, returning here via Budapest, Bucharest, Rustchuk and Sofia.

Miss Parsons left on Saturday returning to Smyrna, and taking with her Miss Jean Honiss for a short visit. Miss Greene has also returned to Smyrna.

Dr. J. Oscar Boyd definitely left Vienna with Mrs. Boyd on Saturday, July 10th, returning to the United States. The office of the American Bible Society in Vienna is now in charge of Mr. Kassapi. Dr. Boyd is to take up duties in the Bible Society library in New York and work in connection with Dr. North.

We learn from the Beirut News Letter that owing to decisions of the recent Syria Mission Meeting, Rev. W. A. Stoltzfus of Aleppo is to become Principal of the Junior College at Beirut; and his place in the Aleppo College faculty will be taken by Rev. H. G. Dorman, Jr. who will be studying this summer at the Newman School in Jerusalem.

The July number of the Missionary Herald announces two well-deserved honors to those connected with our Mission. At the Commencement exercises at Mount Holyoke College, a bronze medal for unusual services was presented to Miss Mary L. Matthews, who from 1888 till 1920 was a missionary educator in Monastir, Macedonia, exhibiting special bravery and resourcefulness during the trying years of the great war. Secondly, Rev. Alford Carleton, Co-Principal of Aleppo College, was granted the degree of Ph.D. from the Hartford Seminary Foundation, his thesis having been on the Millet System for the Government of Minorities in the Ottoman Empire. Dr. and Mrs. Carleton will be starting back for Aleppo four weeks from now, going by way of Beirut.

Miss Loughridge has gone to Thessaloniki for a short vacation visit, expecting to be back here about the first of August.

Mrs. Alma S. Woodruff of Sofia left there last week on her way to America on furlough.

Rev. Paul Nilson and family, who had been taking advantage of Suadiye camp life since the close of Annual Meeting, have now returned to Talas.

Dr. and Mrs. F. W. MacCallum have been having good visits near Boston with Dr. and Mrs. Goodsell and with Mrs. Wyman; and at last accounts they were going to Holyoke for a visit with Dr. Hamilton and Miss Trowbridge.

Plans are well on foot for the annual summer camp on Ulu Dag or Mount Olympus; after about two weeks The Shepard and MacCallum families and Mrs. Leslie, Miss Putney and Miss Greene expect to go there via Brusa, and have a month or so in the invigorating mountain air.

Three centres of work in Stamboul at present are of special interest, and we may refer again to each of them later:-the excavations on the site of the ancient "Golden Palace" near Sultan Ahmed, under Prof. Baxter; the construction of the new custom-house building in Galata, and the laying of the piers for the new Ghazi bridge across the Golden Horn at Un Kapan.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, July 27, 1937.

Dear Friends:-

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of Aleppo College held July 16th, Rev. Alford Carleton was definitely appointed President of the College, and Rev. Harry G. Dorman, Jr., Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lanckton and Mr. Lanckton's mother arrived in Stamboul Friday evening, coming by steamer from Beirut, and left Sunday evening by train going via Belgrade, Innsbruck and Paris to catch the S.S. "Manhattan" at Havre the day after tomorrow for New York. Mr. Lanckton, who has been taking a year's graduate work at Duke University, has secured a position as teacher of Mathematics in the Classical High School at Springfield, Mass.

President E.W. Riggs and Mr. Lee Riley of Anatolia College have just had a most interesting walking-trip in central Greece. Taking train and bus to Delphi, they climbed Mt. Parnassus from there, 8000 feet high, and thence traveled northwest through Karpenisi and Aghrapha, among the towering heights of the Pindus range, and back from there to Thessaloniki.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn, of Ahmednagar, India, are passing through our city, on their return from America to their post. Mr. Vaughn is the engineer of the Sam Higginbottom agricultural project at Ahmednagar; and they are going through Europe and Asia by automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Van Nice have come to spend about four months studying into the architecture of St. Sophia, in connection with the Byzantine Institute with which Dr. Whittemore is working. They are more directly under Dean Emerson of M.I.T., who is also here for a few days, helping them to start in. Dean Emerson is an uncle of Mrs. Lorrin Shepard. Mr. and Mrs. Van Nice arrived last Friday and are making their home for the time in the Bible House apartment.

A shop for the sale of Bibles and portions has been opened by the British and Foreign Bible Society, in Pera, on the Istiklal Jaddesi, right next to the Hayden Passage. This will in all probability be taken over by the joint management as part of the new amalgamation scheme for the work of the two Societies.

Miss Jeannette Odell arrived here on Saturday from Merzifon on her way for a vacation trip to Athens, where she will be the guest of the ladies at the Pierce College at Elleniko.

Mrs. Alma Woodruff of Sofia and her young son are expecting to sail from Southampton for New York on August 13th, on furlough.

With the idea of ridding the city of a real nuisance, the municipality recently offered a bounty of five piastres per head for stray cats; and literally thousands were brought in. The Society for Protection of Animals has provided a painless end for more than two thousand; and the apprehension was expressed to the civil authorities not only that pet cats were being stolen for the sake of the bounty, but that if this wholesale destruction were carried further, it might result in a corresponding plague of rats that might be serious.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

After a very satisfactory trip to England, Miss A.M. Barker returned to Stamboul yesterday morning, having made pretty nearly record time on the return trip; she left London Friday afternoon at two, and came via Paris and the Simplon Express, reaching Sirkedji Station at 8:30 Monday morning, or two days, eighteen hours and a half. She spent part of the time at London in the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Rowntree, and saw a lot of former Constantinopolitans, there and elsewhere.

Rev. Francis T. Cooke, pastor of the Bristol, Conn., Congregational Church, with Mrs. Cooke, arrived in this city yesterday morning for a stay of four or five days only. This is the church with which Dr. and Mrs. Birge are connected; and it is too bad that they are not here to enjoy this visit. They, with their two daughters and two of their sons, are enjoying the beauties and freshness of Millstatt, Carinthia.

President Wright left Robert College on Saturday for his vacation, planning to join a friend for some climbing in Switzerland and later some walking trips in England.

At last accounts Miss Sheldon of Scutari was with the Fowle family in Thetford, Vt., for a two weeks' visit. Mrs. Fowle is making steady improvement in health; and Mr. Fowle is making plans for an intensive campaign for the Hospital this fall.

Our campers on Mt. Olympus, or Ulu Dag, are settling in for a very happy month; the gentlemen of the expedition left here Thursday, and were glad they had not gone Tuesday when they learned of the heavy rain with hail there on Wednesday. The ladies and children of the Shepard and MacCallum families, with Mrs. Leslie, David Scott, Miss Putney, and Miss Greene have since joined them, the latter coming by automobile with Mrs. MacDonald from Smyrna via Susurlu.

Miss Grace Towner arrived in America July 8th, and after a few days in and around Boston, was expecting to go to New Hampshire.

Dr. Marden writes of the further reduction of their circle at Old Phaleron, after the departure of the Brewsters, by the absence of Miss McCallum, Dr. Parmelee, Mrs. Scott, Miss Pinneo, and Miss Glennie, most of them on vacation trips. Our local papers report heavy storms and rain last Friday in many parts of Greece, - as also in the region near Angora.

In connection with the annual Exposition of Home Products which opened up in Pera a week ago, there is being held a "Stamboul Festival" during the whole of the month of August, with something special every day, in the line of aquatic sports, tennis, races, theatrical performances, special cinemas, and exhibitions of various sorts; these are held at different points in the city, and the Karakeuy Bridge and the Bosphorus steamers are being illuminated at night, to help in the gala effect.

Last week completed thirteen years of issue of this weekly sheet. We are grateful for the cooperation of all our friends which has alone made this venture possible; and we shall appreciate all contributed information that will make it more worth while.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, August 10, 1937.

Dear Friends:-

Dr. and Mrs. B.V.D. Post of Robert College returned to their home last week after a trip to Switzerland, where they met his son Davis, who is staying at a lovely place near Lake Neuchatel. They also flew from Geneva to Paris and return, enjoying the experience very much.

Professor H.L.Scott has returned to his duties as Dean of Robert College, after a sea voyage around to Holland by one steamer, and return voyage by another, much benefited by the trip.

The two Japanese cruisers which are serving as training ships for cadets, arrived in the Bosphorus on Wednesday last and left on Saturday, after a considerable program of receptions, dinners, and sightseeing. They are the "Iwate" and the "Yakumo."

According to the Beirut News Letter, Professor Michaelides and family, of the School of Theology, who are spending their furlough in America, are making their headquarters at the home of Dr. and Mrs. S.R. Harlow in Northampton, Mass.

Mrs. West and Miss Margaret West left last week for a vacation in the Lebanon Mountains, going by way of Beirut.

On Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Smeed, parents of Mrs. Crawford of Robert College, left after a stay of some weeks with their daughter, and are returning to Egypt.

Miss Rhoda Orme, of the Community School at Beirut, and Miss Sturmer of the American Hospital there, spent some days here last week on their way to Russia for a summer visit. They are leaving today for Odessa, Batoum and Moscow.

Rev. Carl Compton and family are spending their summer vacation at Lake Ochrida, in Jugoslavia.

By the new educational laws of the Greek Kingdom, the class of schools to which our Girls' School in Thessaloniki has belonged for the past ten years, is done away with entirely. It therefore becomes necessary to secure for it a new permit, classifying probably as a first-class Gymnasium. The Girls' School, as has already been announced, has become a part of Anatolia College, under the same management.

The upper metal parts of the Galata (Karakeuy) bridge across the Golden Horn have been painted a harmonious shade of pea-green, and the bridge looks quite made over.

The decision having been reached that the new building for the Stamboul law courts is to be built on the present site of the old general prison, facing the Hippodrome opposite Sultan Ahmed, the prison is soon to be evacuated and torn down, the prisoners being distributed about among jails etc., in other parts of the city.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum are having the time of their young lives, visiting among children and grandchildren and other relations, in Toronto and vicinity, and expect to be so occupied for a couple of months or so, till they attend the American Board Annual Meeting at Concord, N.H. After that, they plan to go out to California, to visit Mrs. MacCallum's sister and other friends on the Coast.

President Bayard Dodge is expected here for only a single day next Friday, with his two sons, passing through from Beirut.

Miss Stella Loughridge has come back from a pleasant vacation trip to Thessaloniki, and is at Scutari now, while Miss Martin, Miss Perry and Miss Kampuros have gone up to the Taurus camp at Bûrûjek, near the Cilician Gates.

Miss Clary of the Y.W.C.A. and Miss Mary Baker started off by train last evening, the former on her way to Salzburg, to take in the music festival there, while Miss Baker goes to Paris on her way back to her position in Berea College, Ky.

Last week Professor Phelan of Carleton College passed through our city, coming in from Russia, and going off in the evening for Cairo where he is meeting his wife and where they will spend the winter. Prof. Phelan had expected to stay here a little longer; but the steamer schedule seemed to make it necessary for him to go right on by the same boat.

Brass markers have been placed on the bridge at three points, to indicate safe crossings for foot-passengers; and policemen are stationed there to see that traffic obeys the rules. But foot-passengers trying to cross the bridge at points other than these three are liable to arrest and fine. The attention of the public is called to these new rules.

A new law has been promulgated, going into effect September first, concerning residence permits. According to this decree, foreigners coming into Turkey must secure a residence permit, which costs three liras for a sojourn of from 16 days to 2 months; and from 2 months to a year, five liras; for a residence of longer than a year, eight liras, renewable every two years. Foreigners already residing in Turkey before this law becomes effective, are required to apply to the authorities within one month, that is to say, during the month of September, and secure new residence papers by paying, as aforesaid, the sum of eight liras which will entitle them to residence for the ensuing two years. It behooves all foreigners in the country to attend to this matter promptly, to avoid a system of fines.

A letter from Mr. Richard B. Smith tells of his happily beginning his summer school course in the Colorado State College at Fort Collins, Colo.

Word comes from Mr. Paul Nilson that the Ministry of Education has accepted the plan to send fifty village boys to the Talas School each for books, and providing one teacher; the boy's family pays for his food and clothing. The fifty are now being selected by the government.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

*next month, paying thirty liras apiece for their tuition and five liras

Dear Friends:-

Rev. and Mrs. Harrison A. Maynard, accompanied by Mrs. Maynard's mother, Mrs. White, are expecting to sail from New York Sept. 11th on the S.S. "Conte di Savoia" for Naples, going on thence by the "Esperia" and due to arrive in Beirut September 23rd.

Rev. Alford Carleton, Ph.D., has been spending a short time with his parents in Jefferson, Maine, but is back in Jericho, Vermont, getting things packed up, and plans to sail with Mrs. Carleton and the children on August 31st for Beirut on the S.S. "Excalibur", on their way to Aleppo. According to our latest information, this will be quite a party, including Dr. and Mrs. Haas, Miss Fenenga, and Mr. John Whiting Scott, the new tutor for Tarsus College, as well as some United Presbyterian friends.

Miss Mary W. Riggs and Mr. and Mrs. Getchell, with their aunt, Miss C. P. Dwight, are leaving their home in Newton Highlands, Mass., and are moving on August 25th to No. 59 Alton Place, Brookline, Mass. Those who would reach them by mail please note the change in address.

Ambassador J. V. MacMurray, while on his leave of absence in America, has been appointed by the President as chairman of a commission sent to the Philippines to study problems connected with the granting of independence to the Islands. For this reason he will not be back at his post here before December. Mr. MacMurray is considered an expert in Far Eastern affairs.

President Bayard Dodge of Beirut University, with his two sons David and B. D. Jr., spent one night last week at Robert College, and one day sightseeing, on their way to Athens, and on to Italy where they expect to meet Mrs. Dodge returning from America.

Mr. Renfrew has just returned to Tarsus after a trip in which he had three weeks of cycling in Czechoslovakia and one week in Austria and Hungary. He visited Thessaloniki and Athens, returning to Turkey by way of Stamboul, where he spent three days, and then stopped off at Konya to see the old tekke of the Whirling Dervishes, and later went to Urgub to see the Troglodytes. Mr. James P. McCormick, who is on his way to Teheran to teach, joined Mr. Renfrew at Vienna, and came with him to Tarsus, taking the express on August 19th for Beirut.

Two important links in the Turkey railroad system have recently been completed. The first train between Angora and the coaling port of Zonguldak on the Black Sea, arrived at the latter last week, amid great rejoicing. Trains have also begun running on the new line between Sivas and Malatia, shortening the distance between Stamboul and El Aziz (Harpout) by many hours over the former line via Fevzi Pasha. Another line is being actively pushed, extending from Sivas toward Erzroum, and will shortly be ready for opening.

Miss Shank of the American Hospital and Miss Goff of the Red Crescent Nurses' Training school started Sunday for a vacation at Burtjek.

Professor and Mrs. H. H. Barnum, Mr. and Mrs. MacGregor, and Miss Mary Rogers sail from New York Sept. 5th on the Bremen, on their return to Stamboul. Miss Helen Barnum will leave a week earlier and spend the week in England, joining the party later. Prof. Barnum has made a fine recovery after a severe operation.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

After a stay of about three months in England, first at Selly Oak and later in London, Dr. and Mrs. John E. Merrill have gone back to the United States; their present address is at New Paltz, N.Y. (P. O. Box 187), where their daughter Margaret (Mrs. Coons) is located.

The Woolworth family stopped off at Angora for two days on their way back to Tarsus after Annual Meeting; then a couple of days later, they moved up to the summer resort of Bübüdjek, in the Taurus Mts. Mr. Woolworth divides his time between Tarsus and the mountains.

In torrential rains the summer campers from Ulu Dag came down to this city last Saturday, after a very satisfactory and healthful month up near the summit. Dr. Shepard has resumed his work at the American Hospital, and Mr. MacCallum at the Bible Society office, and Mrs. Leslie at the Treasury office, while several of the rest are down at the Family Camp of the YMCA.

Word from Mr. Richard Maynard shows that he has visited Varna, Belgrade, Vienna, from there by bicycle to Paris, where he spent a week; on his return to Tarsus he was expecting to visit some place in Switzerland as well as in Germany.

President Walter L. Wright has been asked by his Trustees to go to America, instead of returning here direct from England. This will probably delay his arrival till about Sept. 22nd.

Dr. Birge and family expect to reach Athens next Monday on the way home from their summer outing in Austria, and spend a week there. Miss Emily McCallum and Dr. M. B. Mills return to Athens at the same time.

With Mrs. E. W. Riggs and the new Anatolia College teacher of English, Mr. Stephens, sailing tomorrow on the S.S. "Aquitania", is also Mr. Martin, who is to teach science in the College. They will probably spend a couple of days in Paris on the way, going on to Thessaloniki by rail.

Work at the Hospital at Gaziantep is going on at full blast, and promises to be still more so when the newly secured surgeon begins his services September first.

Dr. Ruth Parmelee and Miss Willms are just back in Athens after attending two International Congresses in the British Isles; one of Medical Women, at Edinburgh, the other of Nurses, in London. Miss Willms received the full courtesies of the Doctors' Congress, as did Dr. Parmelee at the Congress of Nurses; and both fully enjoyed the experience.

The progress of events in China, in its conflict with Japan, is raising queries in many minds as to the wisdom of going on with preparations for the holding of the meeting of the International Missionary Council at Hangchow in October of next year. Yet it would seem logical to hold to the theory that things will look quite different by that date.

Yesterday was celebrated throughout the country as the anniversary of the Turkish victory at Dumlupinar; and parades, decorations, and a special program of international Balkan folk-dancing in the evening at Beylerbey Palace, were features of the Stamboul celebration.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

We regret to announce the death, on August 28th, at Vienna, of Mr. Serafim Kassapi, long connected with the American Bible Society, first under Dr. Bowen in this city, and later for a short time in Beirut, and now for some years with Dr. Boyd in Vienna. The funeral was on the 31st just a week ago. Mr. Kassapi was sixty-eight years old, and had apparently been in good health. The end was sudden. He leaves a widow and a son, who has earned his Ph.D. in Vienna. Mr. Lyman MacCallum leaves this evening for Vienna to make the necessary arrangements regarding the affairs of the Bible Society.

Miss Eleanor I. Burns, Litt.D., Dean of the Girls' College, returned this week from her summer's vacation in the United States.

Miss Jeannette Odell arrived here Friday last on her way back from a vacation in Elleniko, Greece, with a short trip into Egypt. She is leaving today for her post in Merzifon.

Owing to ill health, Miss Snow, who was to have helped out in the teaching at the Merzifon School, has decided to return instead to America, after her summer with the Birge family in Millstatt, Austria.

Miss Alice Lindsley, who was also in Millstatt, came back last week to her work in Scutari.

A British naval force consisting of two cruisers and three destroyers has been in the Bosphorus on a courtesy visit since last Thursday. Last evening three of these units went out into the Black Sea to touch at several ports before they all leave for Alexandria.

Mrs. Thomson of Robert College returned last week from a visit in England.

Miss Helen Haight, who from 1932 to 1934 was stationed as nurse in Talas, and then went to Ceylon as nurse at Manipay, is back here for a brief visit, having come from America after a rest there of about eight months. She now plans to be married within a short time, and settle down in this city.

The Turkish Historical Association is planning to undertake some excavations in the interior court of the Top Kapu Palace grounds at Seraglio Point, with the object of finding any traces of the ancient Byzantine acropolis. We are not informed when this work will begin.

Surveying has begun for a railroad line to extend from Diyar-bekir to the Irak (Mesopotamia) frontier.

Preliminary registration at the two American Colleges seems to indicate a somewhat increased attendance for the coming year.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

Weddings have been the order of the day lately among our old friends. Among the many we may mention here that Mr. Harvey P. Hall of Robert College and Miss Barbara H. Poole were married August twenty-first at Hanover, N.H., and are expected at Robert College this week, -possibly even today. Dr. Lorrin A. Riggs, son of President and Mrs. E.W. Riggs of Anatolia College, and Miss Doris R. Robinson were married August 28th at Clinton Corners, N.Y., and will live in Burlington, Vermont, where Dr. Riggs has a position in the University of Vermont. Mr. Robert J. Greef, formerly of the Erenkeuy High School and of Talas Boys' School, and Miss Margaret Austin were married on August 29th at Charles City, Iowa, and will live in Chicago; Mr. Greef is to be teaching in a school and junior college in La Grange, Illinois. And finally, Mr. Huntington Damon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theron J. Damon, expects to be married this week Saturday to Miss Harriet Atkins, in Boston, Mass.

We regret to learn of a serious accident to Miss Fosdick of the College for Girls, who fell recently and broke both bones of the lower leg. She has been given a year's leave of absence, and Miss Dumble has been secured as a substitute teacher and is expected shortly at Arnaut-keuy.

The entire Scutari Faculty have reassembled after their various vacations. Mrs. Alexanian and Dr. Kavaljian spent June and July in Rumania. Miss Hagopian and Miss Loughridge returned in August from Greece. Miss Lindsley had a happy two months in Austria. Miss Rutney camped for a month on Ulu Dag; while Miss Martin, Miss Kamparos and Miss Perry found Bûrûjek a most delightful place to spend August.

The much-needed repairs at Scutari Academy have been completed. Now students are registering daily, so that it seems probable that the enrollment will exceed that of last year.

The registration at Tarsus College is also coming on well, and a considerably larger number of boys is expected in the incoming class, bringing the total attendance to a new height.

The Beirut News Letter announces the arrival at Beirut of Mr. Greenslade, Principal of the Near East School of Theology, with his family, after their furlough in America; also of Dr. and Mrs. Fiske of the Oberlin School of Theology, who are to assist in the Near East School this year. It appears that Dr. Fiske has family connection with our earliest missionary, Pliny Fisk, who sailed from America in 1819, and died in Beirut in 1825.

Miss Ruth Skentlebury of Clinton, Michigan, a graduate of Olivet College last June, has been secured for a three-year term at Herzifon Girls' School, and is coming out with Miss Mary Ward; they are due here tomorrow.

Professor Lynn A. Scipio returned to Robert College last week after a summer in America. Mrs. Scipio remains for the year in her home in America.

Rev. George Scherer of Beirut writes a most thrilling account of the experiences of his wife and himself at Shanghai the middle of August, during the bombardment by the Japanese, in the course of which the hotel where they were staying was struck and several people killed. The Scherers were evacuated to Hong-Kong, and were hoping to go thence via Yokohama to San Francisco.

Miss Phelps of Aintab Hospital is a recent arrival at the Taurus Mountain camp at Bûrûjek.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Dr. and Mrs. Birge, with their two daughters, and with Mrs. Birge's sister, Miss Grace Phillips, arrived from Austria last Wednesday, after a delightful vacation in Millstatt, where their sons Robert and William were with them.

Miss Helen R. Barnum, who graduated from Middlebury College in June, has arrived to take up work in the Girls' College at Arnaoutkey.

Miss Katherine C. Fletcher came in by American Export liner on Sunday morning, after her year of furlough in the United States, and is at her post again in Soutari School.

Miss Allsine D. Boggatt, of North Carolina, has arrived from America to take charge of the Robert College Community School.

The last number of the Missionary Herald tells of the death of Rev. Walter N. James, who from 1911 to 1914 was a tutor in Anatolia College, Mersin, and from 1917 to 1919 worked under the Near East Relief in the Caucasus. He had recently been pastor of the First Congregational Church in Ashtabula, Ohio.

Excavations carried on now for the third summer under the Walker Trust, in connection with the University of St. Andrews, have closed for the season. A remarkable and most beautiful mosaic pavement of the epoch of the Emperor Theodosius II., or early in the fifth century, has been partially laid bare, and the foundations of three churches of the time of Justinian have been located.

Yesterday the second Conference on Turkish History, at Dolma Bagtche, was opened under the patronage of Atatürk. It promises to be very interesting. Some twenty-eight or more foreign experts have been invited to make addresses, among about sixty on the program. The President returned here from a visit in Angora just in time for this conference. In connection with this, a historical exhibit has been arranged, dating back to the earliest times.

Tomorrow the two American Colleges open their doors for the new year. Registration seems to indicate a larger attendance than any year since 1931.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Elizabeth Leslie daughter of our Mr. Leslie, and Mr. John E. Seager, son of the late Mr. Walter Seager of Esbek.

Mr. Lyman MacCallum has returned from his trip to Vienna to wind up the affairs of the American Bible Society in that city.

A recent gathering at the home of Dr. & Mrs. C.A. Reed, at Pomona, Calif., brought together twenty or more people formerly connected with International College, to bid God-speed to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mills, who were starting for Asuncion, Paraguay, to be connected with the Colegio Internacional; and to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Don Weber, who have been living in Claremont, Calif., since returning from Turkey, but will now be at Madison, Wis., till he gets his Ph.D.

Yours very cordially
Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:-

On Wednesday last a large company of workers from America reached this city by Italian steamer. It included Miss Mary I. Ward, returning from furlough, and Miss Ruth Skentelbury, both headed for Merzifon School; President Wright and family and Prof. and Mrs. Barnum, returning from America to Robert College; Miss Williamson, Miss Dumble and Mrs. Jeffrey, additions to the staff of the Girls' College, and others. Misses Ward and Skentelbury left the next day by steamer for Samsoun, to reach Merzifon in time for the opening of the school yesterday.

A very pleasant reception was given by the staff of Robert College for the new members on Thursday afternoon in the Social Hall; it furnished a good occasion also for those returning from vacations to see each other again. There will be a similar gathering at the Girls' College at Arnaoutkeuy tomorrow afternoon, to which the members of the Mission circle are also invited.

President Alford Carleton, Ph.D., of Aleppo College, and family, Dr. and Mrs. Haas of Adana, Mr. Scott for Tarsus College, and Mr. J.B. Orr for Aleppo College, arrived in Beirut Sept. 20th by steamer. Mrs. Carleton and the children went right on to Aleppo; Dr. and Mrs. Haas were with Miss Webb a couple of days and then went on to Adana. Miss Fenenga of Aleppo was expected the next day, also from America.

The birth is announced of Daphne Irene, on Sept. 5th, to Prof. and Mrs. G.P. Michaelides of Beirut, who are now in Hartford Seminary. Our hearty congratulations!

Mrs. Ernest Riggs and the two new tutors for Anatolia College reached Thessaloniki on Sept. 14th, in good shape.

A special commemorative issue of four postage stamps, of three, six, seven and one-half, and twelve and one-half piastres respectively, has appeared in connection with the Historical Congress which closed its sessions at Dolma Bagtche Palace last Saturday.

A change has occurred in the Turkish Cabinet:- the Prime Minister, Ismet Inönü, has been given a six weeks vacation, with the expectation that he will withdraw definitely after that; and the Minister of Economy, Celal Bayar, becomes Prime Minister ad interim. For the present, the rest of the Cabinet remains unchanged.

Two days ago, there was put in service on the Bosphorus steamer line the first steamer constructed in the local shipyards, - No. 75, a white steamer of the smaller size. Coupled with this triumph of Turkish shipbuilding is the recent placing in commission of a small tank steamer, also built in the Golden Horn. The engines of both were imported.

The Turkish Government has paid down cash for the schooling of the fifty boys selected by them for training in our Talas School this year, on the basis outlined in our issue of six weeks ago; only that the number of the new students seems to have grown to sixty. Naturally the school is greatly pleased at this mark of confidence.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

With the exception of the Turkish University, which opens in two days, all schools in the country are now running. Advance word from the American schools shows a very hopeful mood everywhere. At the Smyrna Girls' School, where there was a commodation for twelve boarders, they have now made room for twenty-six, and are turning others away. At Scutari Girls' School, 170 had enrolled a few days ago, a substantial increase over last year's total; and Cham Konak, the building that has remained unused for some time, has been reopened to accomodate some of the new boarders. At Talas Boys' School, the group sent at Government expense crowds all accommodations, and new boys are still coming in. No definite word yet from Tarsus or Merzifon as to numbers. Other schools are also feeling the increasing desire for education. The English High School for Girls here is already turning away girls, being over-crowded. We understand that French schools are also full.

The Tarsus College staff is all on hand, including Mr. Scott, who reached there Sept. 25th, and the new French teacher, M. Sachs who came the same day; also Messrs. Maynard and Renfrew and all the Turkish staff.

Mrs. Nilson has gone from Talas to Beirut to take May Nilson to the Community School, and expects to be back by Friday next.

Dr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Nute, with Merrily and also Miner Rogers, M.D. and wife, arrived in Stamboul from Talas last Thursday, and are spending their vacation at the Fowle house in Hissar.

Rev. H.H. Riggs, Executive Secretary of the Near East Council, left Beirut Sept. 28th for Damascus, Baghdad and Iran, to be gone a month or so, visiting mission stations in Iran and Irak. With him went Dr. H.H. Schuler, returning from America to Teheran, and several others connected with educational and Sunday School work, going to see the work in Iran.

The Armenian Evangelical Union of Syria held a most inspiring meeting at Shimlan, Lebanon, two weeks ago. About fifty delegates were there, and a very fine spirit prevailed throughout. The main topic for consideration was "Awakening the Church;" and there was a depth and sincerity about the discussion that was most heartening.

Rev. and Mrs. Harrison A. Maynard have joined the staff of the International College portion of Beirut University.

Miss Jeannie L. Jillson reports a very happy summer with Dr. and Mrs. McNaughton at Montreat, N.C., where during August they had with them also Miss Janet McNaughton and Mrs. Markham and her daughters. Miss Jillson was expecting to be at the American Board meeting in Concord, the last of this month.

Mrs. E.T. Leslie started out yesterday morning for Gaziantep, the first stage in a visit to our Anatolian stations that will take her about a month.

Mr. F. Lyman MacCallum has gone to Athens to join Mr. C.S. Bell at a conference of Bible Society workers.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Oct. 13, 1937.

Dear Friends:-

A cable message brings word of the passing away of Mrs. G. F. Gates, on Thursday last, Oct. 7, of heart failure. It is a long time since Mrs. Gates has been in normal health, and of late she has been in a sanitarium in Brattleboro, Vt. Dr. and Mrs. Gates have made Princeton, N. J., their home since retiring to the United States in 1932. Mrs. Ellen Moore Gates was born in Chicago, Ill., October 5th, 1861, and was married on May 31, 1883, to Rev. C. Frank Gates, who had already been a missionary in Mardin for two years, and went out there with him right away. They were transferred to Harpout in 1894, when Dr. Gates became President of Euphrates College; and in 1903 they came to Constantinople, and Dr. Gates became President of Robert College. Five years ago they retired to America. Dr. Gates will probably now make his home with one of his sons.

A regrettable incident occurred at Tarsus last Saturday morning, when an angry student in the American College attacked the Director, Rev. W.S. Woolworth, and wounded him with a revolver shot, providentially not dangerously. Details are still lacking; but the boy apparently thereupon shot himself dead. This shooting followed by only two days a similar one at Mersin in which the Director of a Turkish school was killed by a student.

Mr. F. Lyman MacCallum returned last Friday from his trip to Athens; and on Sunday Mr. C.S. Bell, of the American Bible Society, who had gone from the Athens gathering to Sofia by car with Mr. George Popeff, the Sofia Bible Society agent, arrived in Stamboul by train, and is spending a few days with Mr. MacCallum, expecting to return to Sofia Thursday and go thence in his car to Vienna for a visit.

The local press informs us that the new five-lira banknotes to be issued by the Central Bank of the Republic will be given in exchange for the old ones, beginning with this week Thursday. However, the old ones are not to be withdrawn entirely from circulation for a year or two at least, according to the present arrangement.

The Argentine training-ship which for about a week lay at the Galata quay, showing its unfamiliar flag while the cadets roamed the city, left last Saturday for the Mediterranean to continue its cruise.

Professor S.M. Kraemer of the University of Chicago, with his family has arrived in this city for a prolonged stay, and is at present at the Bible House. He is an Assyriologue, and is interested now in the study of the Sumerian objects in the National Museum here.

Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Brewster returned to Athens about a week ago from their summer trip to America, and are again at work there.

After a brief stay in Gaziantep, Mrs. Leslie left two days ago for Adana and Tarsus.

Do you enjoy these News Notes? And do you believe your friend would enjoy them also? Why not send a year's subscription as a Christmas present to one or more friends? Ltq. 1.25 inside of Turkey, or \$1.25 to any address outside of Turkey, will take it there for a year. And we will gladly send to the address you indicate a suitable Christmas card stating that it is your gift.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Oct. 10, 1937.

Dear Friends:-

We are glad to report that Mr. Woolworth, whose life was attempted ten days ago, as recorded in our last issue, is making a good recovery. Letters received indicate that the student, disappointed at being not allowed to skip a class, decided on this revenge, and left a letter telling of his determination to kill both the Director and himself. One bullet out of three took effect on Mr. Woolworth, entering and leaving the body without striking any vital point. Dr. Haas was there within two hours, from Adana, and Dr. Dewey arrived from Aintab 48 hours after the tragedy. The Vali of Mersin and the Governor of Tarsus have shown great friendliness and so has the public; and the newspapers have been very sympathetic.

Miss Alice Gannick, who came out from America last month to take some moving pictures of scenes in Turkey, and who was at the Bible House for some time and later took a trip to Tarsus and other points, ending with Smyrna, has now completed her outlined job and is returning to America. She secured some very interesting pictures.

We regret to learn from the Beirut News Letter of the fatal shooting of the American Consul-General there, Mr. Theodore Marriner, a week ago today, at his residence, by a man who had been an American citizen but had returned to Syria and was trying to get back to America.

Instead of stopping at Tarsus and Adana last week, Mrs. Leslie decided to go right on to Merzifon, and back to Talas, taking in Tarsus and Adana before going to Smyrna.

Dr. Wilson Dodd writes happily of the beginning of his life in Berea College, Berea, Kentucky, - which is his address. With a very efficient Swedish housekeeper, the children are well attended to while they go to school; Margie is in the first grade, Bob in the fourth, and Helen in the ninth. He reports visit from Mrs. Dewey, and invites any other friends who happen to be in that region to stop and see them. Dr. and Mrs. Gannaway, formerly of Angora, have taken an apartment in Berea so as to put their daughter in school.

Word has come of the serious illness of Mrs. Lewis T. Reed, in New York. Mrs. Reed is the daughter of the late Dr. Henry O. Dwight of our Mission, and sister of Miss Adelaide S. Dwight of Talas, and of Harry G. Dwight, the writer. Dr. Reed was teaching in Robert College forty or more years ago, and is General Secretary of Ministerial Relief of the Congregational Churches.

The unprecedentedly long storm of the past week, which brought a rainfall in Stamboul of 724 millimetres in six days, or about 28 inches, caused much damage to marine traffic as well as on land, with the loss of several lives as ships were wrecked and rivers overflowed. It was quite widespread, and held up railroad trains both in Thrace and near Sabanja and Adabazar.

The Greek Prime Minister, Mr. Metaxas, arrived in Stamboul yesterday evening on the cruiser "Averoff", and went right on by train to Angora for a visit.

Dr. and Mrs. Nute and their daughter, together with Dr. and Mrs. Miner Rogers are starting today for Talas, after a visit here of nearly three weeks.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Oct. 26, 1937.

Dear Friends:-

Great preparations are being made for the worthy celebration of the anniversary of the Republic, on Friday next. Schools have a four-day holiday, and Lise schools are expected to take part in the big parade on that day in this city.

Dr. Morris Carter, Curator of the Jack Gardner Museum of Art in Boston, and formerly (1899-1902) a teacher in Robert College, with Mrs. Carter is visiting the city for a short stay. They were guests of honor at a tea given by President and Mrs. Wright.

Of the many extended and strenuous summer trips recorded this past summer, probably the most concentrated was that of Mr. and Mrs. George D. White of Anatolia College, with some friends. "We went up through Jugoslavia, Venice, the Dolomites, Innsbruck, across Switzerland, and on to Paris. From there we went across Luxembourg to Coblenz, Cologne, Hanover and Berlin, then north to take the ferry to Copenhagen, and up through a corner of Sweden to Oslo and then to the west coast to see the fjords of Norway. Then back down the full length of Denmark, and into Germany again, leaving the party at Hambourg to take the train home. They went on through Wales to sail from Southampton. We might have gone the rest of the way had there been more time. As it was, we had a grand trip, and covered just under 5000 miles in 30 days. All in all it was a most thrilling and exciting trip."

Sofia College is full to capacity; and it is noted that there are sixty-nine families that have two children each in the College.

The numbers of new students in the two Colleges here are encouraging. The Girl's College has 90 new girls, and Robert College has 162, - just about twice what entered last year.

Miss Ilse C. Pohl, formerly of Smyrna, Merzifon and Kayseri, is now living at 722 Alden Road, Claremont, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Isely and family, and Mrs. Dewey with the children, arrived in Beirut a week ago today, by the American Export liner "Excambion." Shortly after leaving New York, Mr. Isely developed a case of pneumonia; but the care and skill of the ship's doctor enabled him to get over it, and he went to the University Hospital on arrival in Beirut, to recuperate before proceeding to Aintab.

The raised platform trolley stop at Karakeuy has been removed from the Square, to facilitate wheeled traffic at that point; and we are informed that the same will be done in the Emin Eunk square on the Stamboul side. This problem of traffic jams has become very serious since the abolishing of the hamals, or porters. Now that loads can no longer be carried on men's backs, the humble horse is coming back into his own; and the streets are cluttering up with carts of all descriptions, including three-wheeled pushcarts.

We are glad to learn that an American tutor for the Talas Boys' School has been authorized, to fill the vacancy caused by the withdrawal of Mr. R. B. Smith. The right man is being sought.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Nov. 2, 1937.

Dear Friends:-

Word has come of the passing away of Mrs. Lewis T. Reed, in New York a week ago last Saturday, after an illness which had its beginnings some time ago. She was Isabel P. Dwight, daughter of Rev. Henry O. Dwight, and granddaughter of Rev. H.G.O. Dwight and of Rev. E.E. Bliss, all three missionaries in this city, and was born Dec. 12, 1870 in Stamboul. After graduating at Elmira College she spent some years in Stamboul during the Nineties, and then in 1899 married Rev. L.T. Reed, who had previously been a teacher in Robert College. She shared with him his duties in various pastorates in America, and in later years when he has been Secretary of the Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief. Our deep sympathy goes out to her sister, Miss A.S. Dwight, in Talas, and to the other relatives.

The Hostel for Girls, on the third floor of the Community House in Sofia, has had for the months of September and October, 11 permanent residents and 15 transients. It has now begun its second year of useful service.

In Aleppo, the United Girls' School is running smoothly. The 18 Syrian girls who were in the North Syria School for Boys are now there; and they have this year three new Jewish girls also; while in the graduating class for the first time there is a Moslem girl. The six grades of the primary school for boys, of the Syria Mission, is also being operated by Aleppo College, with 86 children in it.

Tarsus College has this year for the first time been unable to take all who applied for admission. The entering class had its full quota of 35 some time before the opening of school. The total enrolment is larger than at any time since the primary department was given up.

Scutari Academy has 62 new pupils this year; the largest number in six years. Girls come from as far away as Kars, Mardin, Antalya, Erzurum, etc.

Miss Elizabeth Dunbar, author of a Life of Talcott Williams, LL.D., is spending some time at the Bible House apartment, preparatory to projected visits to points farther East.

Edward C. Riggs, son of the late Theodore D. and Mrs. Riggs, now a Senior in medical school in Denver, Colorado, has been elected to Alpha Omega Alpha, the medical fraternity corresponding to Phi Beta Kappa, in the classical world.

The third session of the fifth Grand National Assembly, or Kuvvet-i Milliye, at Angora, was officially opened yesterday with a masterly address by President Atatürk. The first regular business session will take place on Friday. In this address Atatürk referred to the approaching opening of a new University at Angora, and expressed the belief that eventually a university would also be started at Van for the Eastern Provinces.

Mr. Merrill Isely is still in the hospital at Beirut, making a slow but satisfactory recovery after his pneumonia.

Since the Turkish postal regulations appear to require the name of the organization to appear on the address, will all our correspondents kindly put into the address of mail sent to us, the words "Care of American Board Mission", to insure its delivery?

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

The following list has been prepared with the kind cooperation of the institutions concerned, and should be correct. It gives a general view of the American schools in this area, though it does not attempt to list those in Syria under the Presbyterian Board.

IN TURKEY		Total	Orta Classes	Lise Classes	Boys	Girls	Boarders
Merzifon	Girls	46	46			46	
Scutari	Girls	176	115	61		176	70
Smyrna	Girls	110	84	26		110	25
Talas	Boys	77	77		77		50
Tarsus	Boys	86	73	13	86		36
		495	395	100	163	332	181

BALKANS-SYRIA		Total	Preparatory	College	Boys	Girls	Boarders
Anatolia College		153(a)	120	33	153		69
Aleppo College		191(a,b)	91	14	190	1	17
Aleppo Girls Sch.		82	82			82	
Pierce College		262(a)	162	100		262	62
Sofia Grade & Kind		208(c)	178		104	104	
Thessaloniki Girls		126(d)	126			126	34
		1022	679	147	447	575	182

NEAR EAST COLLEGES		Total	Prep.	College	PostGr.	Men	Women	Boarders
Amer. Coll. for Girls		267	175	92			267	143
Athens College		436	361	75		436		104
Beirut University		1543(e)	966	259	288	1479	64	230
Robert College		442(f)	227	75	140	442		170
Sofia College		484	189	259		279	205	484
		3172	1918	796	428	2636	536	1131

- (a) Anatolia, Aleppo and Pierce Colleges are virtually Junior Colleges, without the equivalent of Senior and Junior Classes.
 (b) Also operates the 6 grades of primary school, with 86 children.
 (c) 178 in 7 grades; 30 in kindergarten.
 (d) Is now the Girls' Department of Anatolia College.
 (e) In the Preparatory, known as International College, are Preparatory, 425; French Section, 331; Elementary School, 210. Graduate departments: Medicine, 126; Pharmacy, 84; Dentistry, 14; Nursing, 64; also Music Institute, 30.
 (f) Engineering School, 140.

The Near East School of Theology at Beirut has 21 students, 6 men and 15 women; 17 of them are regulars, 4 specials; they represent seven nationalities.

Among the students at Beirut University are 559 Lebanese, 279 Palestinians, 170 Syrians, 134 Iraqians, 94 Americans, and 73 Egyptians. There are 471 Sunni Moslems, 310 Greek Orthodox, 232 Protestants, and 166 Jews.

The registration at Pierce College, Elleniko, is the largest in its history; there has been a steady growth, the figures for the last ten years being 159, 167, 179, 186, 192, 218, 246, 242, 253, and 262.

Among the staff of Pierce College are six graduates of the Girls' College in Stamboul, and two graduates of Robert College; also the two engineers responsible for the construction of Pierce Hall are Robert College men.

Yours very cordially,
 Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Nov. 16, 1937.

Dear Friends:-

At the Annual Meeting of the American Board in Concord, N.H., there were present the following missionaries and former missionaries of the Near East Mission:- Mr. & Mrs. Luther R. Fowle; Rev. & Mrs. R. Finney Markham; Miss Harriet C. Norton; Dr. & Mrs. F.W. MacCallum; Miss Jeannie L. Jillson; Miss Anna B. Jones; Mr. & Mrs. Dana K. Getchell; Rev. and Mrs. P.B. Kennedy; Rev. & Mrs. L.J. Adkins; Rev. & Mrs. W.B. Wiley; Mr. & Mrs. W.E.D. Ward; Mrs. Alice Bewer Daghlilan; Miss E.W. Catlin; Miss Mad on E. Sheldon; Dr. C.D. Ussher. There were also more than 600 delegates from all over New England. The Missionary Conference on Oct. 22 was attended by about fifty missionaries, active and retired; and the general topic was The Challenge of New Opportunities, and How to Meet Them.

We regret to learn of the severe accident to Secretary Alden H. Clark, of the American Board, who was struck by an automobile while crossing Fifth Avenue, New York, on October 29th, and taken to the Bellevue Hospital unconscious. Providentially there was no fracture of the skull or other serious injury; and three days later he was removed to his father's apartment. It was hoped at last accounts that he might return to his office in four or five weeks.

Prof. Laurence S. Moore of Sofia College was in town last week, but for two days only; he came mainly to visit the Turkish Historical Exhibit in Dolma Baghtche Palace, and returned to Sofia on Monday night.

After a very interesting and mainly successful visit to the mission stations in Iran (Persia), Rev. H. H. Riggs had several days in Baghdad before he could get on from there to Beirut. Floods had washed out many bridges on the highway, besides drowning hundreds of people; and finally, in despair of any bus traffic, he took the airplane to Damascus, on Nov. 2nd, and got home from there by bus. The first bus from Damascus to Baghdad after the floods took five days to get through.

Mr. Merrill N. Isely recovered quickly after his pneumonia and was able to go on the Aintab with his family last week.

The Education Department of the Turkish Government is planning to fill out its total of fifty boys at the Talas School by sending 14 more boys there, to take the two-years course.

Dr. Walter Fiske, of the Near East School of Theology faculty, is giving two courses, one on Family and Other Social Problems; and the other, a General Introduction to Theological Studies.

In the list of attendance at schools and colleges, given last week, the number of boarders at Beirut University, given as 230, applied merely to the College and University Department and not to International College.

Mrs. Adella Langill, Secretary of the Kobe College Corporation in Chicago, who is on her way back from a year of teaching in Kobe College, Japan, spent some days here last week, and has gone on for brief visits in Merzifon and Talas, to return here Saturday.

Yours very sincerely,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Nov.23,1937.

Dear Friends:-

Mrs. Adella Langill, whose arrival in Turkey was mentioned in our last issue, made short visits in Merzifon and Talas, seeing the work of the Mission, and stopped over a day in Angora, returning here on Saturday noon. After visiting the Gedik Pasha Sunday school Sunday afternoon, she left by the evening train for France, England and the United States. She will be taking first-hand information of this work to the American Board people.

Before coming here, Mrs. Langill had good visits in Athens and Thessaloniki, speaking to the girls in Pierce College, and in the Thessaloniki Girls' School, and having a week-end trip to Niaoussa, a Macedonian village cared for by the Near East Foundation, as well as the outstation of Berea.

The American Board is selling for twenty-five cents the attractive "Near East Cookery" booklet, covering fifty recipes from our Stations. It is delightfully illustrated by Dorothy Reed's original pencil-and-ink drawings. Orders promptly placed through Mrs. Leslie, or with Mrs. Luther Fowle, Thetford, Vermont, will be sent out to your friends in America, stamps and Christmas stickers included, for the above price and charged through Mission accounts. Copies for Near East distribution are available through Mrs. Leslie, at the Bible House.

As there had been a few cases of malaria among the Anatolia College students, Dr. Foye, a research man of the Rockefeller Foundation at Thessaloniki, was called in to make a thorough investigation, as a result of which he was able to exonerate them from breeding any malaria mosquitos.

The American colony of Stamboul is being invited by the Board of Managers of the American Hospital to a Tea-Dance and Community Party, at the Nurses' Residence on the new property, the day after Thanksgiving, from five-thirty to eight-thirty.

Mrs. Theron J. Damon, with her daughter Caroline, sailed from New York on the S.S. "Washington" Nov. 17th, for France; and after a couple of months on the Continent, expects to come to Stamboul and spend the winter in Hissar.

After visiting Malatya, Diyarbakir, El Aziz, Adana and Mersin, President Atatürk has returned to Angora. At Diyarbakir he presided at the ceremonies of the beginning of the lines of railroad that are to connect the Turkish with the Iranian and Irakian railroad systems. One line will go through Siirt and Jezire, to connect south into Irak, and the other from Siirt to Bitlis and Van, and east to connect with the Iran railroads. In connection with this visit, an attempt seems to be in process to change the name of Diyarbakir to Diyarbakir, or Land of Copper.

Mr. and Mrs. Finney Markham are happily settled for the winter at 99 Claremont Avenue, New York City, and are studying, while the children attend the Lincoln School.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

The engagement is announced of Wilson F. Dodd, M.D., lately of Aintab and now serving in Berea College, Ky., and Miss Mary Avery, of Asheville, North Carolina. Miss Avery went to College at Berea, and then graduated from the John Hopkins Hospital school for nurses in 1935. Since then she has been at the Berea Hospital, and is now supervisor of the operating room there. They expect to be married this summer.

On Tuesday and Wednesday of last week there was held in Beirut the meeting of the Officers of the Near East Christian Council. Dr. J. Christy Wilson, Chairman of the Council, went there from Iran, and Bishop Gwynne of Egypt flew from Cairo to Haifa and then drove to Beirut to be present.

It seems to be settled that the 1938 meeting of the International Missionary Council, which was scheduled for Hangchow, and to which delegates from the Near East Christian Council are expecting to go, will be somewhere in India instead, but time and place are yet to be decided.

The work of uncovering the mosaics in Saint Sophia has been suspended for the winter months; and Dr. Thomas Whittemore has left for visits in Angora, Egypt, and Paris before returning to America.

Our friend Ted Altemus has also left, going via Paris to the United States.

Despite the very inclement weather, the community party at the American Hospital Nurses' Home on Friday last was a complete success, being attended by approximately one hundred friends. Dr. Shepard gave a report of the year's work and of the state of the building campaign, showing that some \$125,000 out of the needed \$200,000 had been secured, mostly in conditional pledges. The Hospital continues to be quite full of patients and all hands busy.

Mr. Michael Pastirmak, a young man from New York who was in this city and unemployed, has gone to Talas to help out temporarily in the clerical work at the School.

Dr. and Mrs. J. P. MacNaughton went down to Clearwater, Florida, the last of October, and are having glorious weather there and enjoying their stay thoroughly.

The storm of the past week, which still continues, has done damage in many places. Several sailing crafts are reported wrecked in the Black Sea, but no steamers, so far. Heavy rains in various regions have wrought disaster, notably in the regions of Konia and of Albustan, where swollen rivers have wrecked many houses and carried away livestock.

If any of our readers wish to have these News Notes sent for the coming year to their friends, and will send us the addresses, the cost per year is Ltq. 1.25 to any postal address in Turkey, and \$1.25 abroad. Here is perhaps a suggestion for an acceptable Christmas gift.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, December 7, 1937.

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Dear Friends:-

On Friday last, Miss Helen Haight, formerly of our Talas Hospital, was married to Mr. Djevad Orhan, of the Standard Oil Company. They will live in Matchka, not far from the American Hospital.

Mr. Duncan Thomson, son of our former colleague in Bulgaria, the late Rev. Robert Thomson, D.D., has come with Mrs. Thomson to be located in our city, in connection with the Standard Oil Company. Mr. Thomson has previously served more than a dozen years with this Company, in Sofia, Athens, and Beirut.

A letter from Mrs. Ernest Pye, formerly of our Mission, encloses a clipping telling of the passing away, on September 20th, of Mrs. Nellie F. Brooks, of Waterloo, Iowa. Many of our readers will remember with pleasure the stay of Mrs. Brooks in Stamboul, from 1922 to 1925, when she was helping Mr. Ryan in the American Bible Society office, and had charge of the office in the interval between his going and the arrival of Mr. Lyman MacCallum. Mrs. Brooks also helped out in the Scutari School during 1922 to 1923, in secretarial work and in the music and English teaching. When she left here, she traveled back to America via India, China and Japan; and she served as Pastor's Assistant to Rev. Dr. J.R. Morgan, of the First Congregational Church in Waterloo, where she had previously been organist. Had she lived till next March, she would have been seventy years old.

Rev. and Mrs. Edward C. Treat, formerly of Talas, have moved from Spring Valley, N.Y., to a home mission field in Waynoka, Oklahoma, where they write they find a real challenge and opportunity.

Miss Lillian C. Brauer, who has been working in the Northwestern University Settlement, has now completed her work there and is taking some course at Chicago Theological Seminary, in preparation for church work.

Miss Constance Moffat arrived in Stamboul from America on Sunday morning by train, and is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lorrin Shepard, in Bebek.

Mrs. Herbert M. Irwin writes of the birth of a baby girl to her daughter Corinne, in Montreal, on October 12th.

The latest work from Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum would indicate that they were about starting westward, and expecting to be in California by about Nov. 21st, so as to spend Thanksgiving with Mrs. MacCallum's sister.

Bayram celebrations during the past three days have been somewhat interfered with by unusually severe southwinds accompanied by heavy rains. Shipping on the Bosphorus was more or less hampered; and steamers simply could not make the trip to the Islands. A steamer going up toward the Black Sea was driven ashore and slightly damaged.

The train from Adana for Diyarbakir last Thursday was wrecked near Osmaniye, a flood having undermined part of the track and left it suspended in air. The engineer was killed and three others injured. In connection with the storms of the past week, snow has fallen in several parts of Anatolia, as well as in Bulgaria.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, December 14, 1937.

Dear Friends:-

Mrs. Theron J. Damon and her daughter Caroline arrived this morning by train from Sofia, coming from the United States. They expect to spend several months here, in Hissar.

Among those expected in Stamboul for their winter holidays are Miss Genevieve Irwin from Pierce College, Elleniko, Greece, and Prof. Laurence S. Moore from Sofia College.

Dr. F.W. MacCallum writes from 545 Leavenworth St., San Francisco, California, that he and Mrs. MacCallum are comfortably settled in a small apartment at that address for the winter. They are quite near Mrs. MacCallum's sister.

We regret to learn that Dr. Lawrence Faucett, who was in this country in 1933 and 1934, and whose textbooks on English have been used in many schools here, is now in an insane asylum in England, with a nervous breakdown.

A letter from Mr. Luther Fowle tells of a happy Thanksgiving gathering at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Farnsworth, at Thetford, Vt., at which Curtis, Jim, and Richardson were with their parents. Joy was too far away at her school to join them, and of course Farnsworth, over in Oxford, was too busy Rhodes-scholarshiping to come.

The Greek daily "Eleftheron Vima" has a very appreciative article about the Thanksgiving address delivered by the United States Minister, Hon. Wayne MacVeagh, at Pierce College, Elleniko.

The report of the Turkish Government for the first half of the fiscal year 1937 indicates receipts from taxes etc., amounting to 142,445,000 liras, or twelve million liras more than during the corresponding period of the previous year. This, as the local papers point out, indicates that the level of financial prosperity in the country is rising, for this increase has been attained without the imposition of any new tax.

We are warned against buying calendars issued in the name of the Deaf-Mutes Association of Angora, as these are unauthorized, the association having been dissolved by order of the Government.

It is announced that the second steamer under construction in the Golden Horn for the Bosphorus Steamer Company will be launched in January and will be ready for service in April.

The latest word from Rev. Henry H. Riggs was of a trip he was making in northern Syria, visiting churches and communities in Antioch, Bitias, Alexandretta, Kuruk Khan, Azez, Kessab, etc., from which he was to return early last week to Beirut.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Baker, of the Stamboul Y.M.C.A., have gone to Vienna and Budapest for a month's vacation, - well-earned.

Miss Dorothy Blatter, formerly of Merzifon, is now in Chicago, attending the American Academy of Fine Arts, of which she speaks very highly.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Dec. 21, 1937.

Dear Friends:-

Miss Ruth Barnum, youngest daughter of Prof. & Mrs. H.H. Barnum of Robert College, arrived from America via Naples last Wednesday, coming from New York in eleven days.

Mr. Merrill Isely of Gaziantep will be glad to hear from anyone in the Mission who is interested in securing pure Guernsey cows. There are some likely calves growing up out there; and Mr. Isely states that at present the records show that the maximum production of these Guernsey cows is around 22 kilos per day.

Miss Emerson writes that Dr. Alden Clark returned to the American Board office on Nov. 30th, and is spending several hours each day on duty. He has made a remarkable recovery from his accident.

The Missionary Herald brings us our first word of the passing of Miss Clarissa D. Lawrence, in Elyria, Ohio, on Oct. 31st. Miss Lawrence was appointed a missionary in 1879, and went to Smyrna, being located for the first five years at Manisa. Her work was in the School for Girls. In 1905 she returned to America, and after a furlough, withdrew from the Mission to engage in city mission work in Springfield, Mass. She was born in Salem, N.H., and was 78 years old.

Mr. Herbert Sidebotham, editor of the London Daily Telegraph, was in town last week on a visit, and was entertained at a luncheon by the local press Association, to whom he made a friendly speech; and also later on by the Governor of the city at a dinner at Tokatlian's.

The Government has issued a new set of regulations about foreigners resident in Turkey or passing through the country; but after all there appears to be nothing especially new in it. It states that the police must be careful to keep full records of the movements of such; and it mentions certain categories of foreigners, such as criminals and insane persons, beggars and those having infectious diseases.

On the occasion of a visit at Thanksgiving time by President Roosevelt to the Warm Springs, Georgia, Foundation, a reception was tendered him at which an amateur orchestra of the patients and employees performed. Dr. George H. Huntington and his violin participated in this.

Miss Marion Sheldon, of Scutari, has been making a visit in Florida with relatives, but has returned to New England for the Holiday season.

A simplified version of the famous opera of "Hansel and Gretel" was given at the American College, Arnaoutkeuy, last week, by a chorus under the direction of Prof. C.E. Estes, and was well received. It is being repeated for the benefit of the Junior Red Crescent Society.

Among recent books acquired by the Mission Library are:-

A Theology for Christian Missions, by Hugh Vernon White
The Church and its Function in Society, by W.A. Visser t'Hooft
Church and State in the Modern World; by Van Dusen, Calhoun, and others.
What is This Moslem World? by Charles R. Watson
Mecca and Beyond, by Edward M. and Rose Wilson Dodd
Worship, by Evelyn Underhill
A History of the Expansion of Christianity, Vol. I., The First Five Centuries, by Kenneth Scott Latourette,
Moslem Women Enter a New World, by Ruth F. Woodsmall.

Yours very cordially,
Charles F. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

We would offer to every reader of the News Notes our hearty good wishes for the New Year. May it be the best in our lives as yet, and may each of us be able to make an individual contribution toward this end.

Of the many happy gatherings in this city in celebration of Christmas, perhaps the largest and certainly one of the happiest was that at the Huntington home in Hissar, in response to the invitation of Mrs. Lamont, on Sunday evening last, when fifty or sixty friends joined in the oft-remembered carol and hymn singing with appropriate readings.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. T.C. Greene, at Aintab, mother of Mrs. Dewey, has passed the crisis of an attack of pneumonia, in the hospital there, and is making a good recovery. Her improvement was one big element in the joy of their Christmas season, there.

We hear that word has been received, though unofficially, of the appointment of Nejmi Bey of Smyrna as the Government's appointee for trades teaching in the Talas School, and that he is on his way thither.

The last word from Luther Fowle tells of the receipt of a gift of \$15,000 toward the \$25,000 to be raised toward the Barten Memorial Fund to match the like sum offered by the American Board. This gift is from Mr. Arthur Curtiss James.

On her way to England for a vacation, Miss Constance Radwick is stopping for some weeks in Algiers to undertake the compilation of a memorial to the late Miss Lillias Trotter, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Miss Trotter's going to Africa.

Miss Harriet Yarrow and Miss Florence Parsons, sister of Miss Edith Parsons, from Smyrna are expected in town today for a short vacation visit.

Word comes from Beirut that Miss Mary Webb has recovered from her attack of a month ago, but is not strong. She has been out of the house but twice since coming down from the Lebanon in October, both times for short automobile rides, which she has enjoyed.

We learn that Mrs. Leslie Connor Williams, whom friends in the American Colleges here will remember, is now a well known lecturer in California on literary and other subjects. Her son, a student in medicine, is doing research work, being supplied by the College with his own separate laboratory.

The big storm of last Wednesday worked havoc in many directions. Part of the lead roofing of the dome of Yeni Jami, at the Stamboul end of the Bridge, was torn off; and many small ships and larger steamers had difficult times in the harbor, being blown from their anchorages. Just east of the Black Sea entrance to the Bosphorus, the Turkish freighter "Hisar" was hurled on a rocky islet and lost, with 23 of the 25 men on board. This was a 4,500 ton wooden steamer, built in Seattle during the war. Two other Turkish steamers were driven ashore in the roadstead of Ereğli. In the Marmora, a Russian steamer was struck by a huge wave which threw four men of the crew against the woodwork, breaking bones and otherwise injuring them. They were taken to the American Hospital here on arrival, but in spite of heroic efforts of Dr. Shepard, one died soon after admission while the others are recovering.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs