

Bible House, Stamboul, Sept. 30, 1930

Dear friends:-

Somehow troubles never come singly. Three errors in our last week's issue need attention. The name of the writer of the first copy of News Notes was given as W. Goodsell; it should of course be W. Goodell, the first missionary to Constantinople. In that same paragraph are the words:- "It remains one of the facts..." which should read:- "It reminds one of the fact." And the date of the death of Mrs. Moffat should be Sept. 7, and not 17.

Mrs. Walter B. Wiley and her children, after spending the summer in Constantinople, left last Wednesday by train for Marash. On the same day went Miss Lucie Borel, for Adana, going by steamer to Mersin, at the close of her holiday in Switzerland.

Dr. W. W. Peet our former Treasurer, underwent a serious surgical operation on August 28th at the Glendale, California, Hospital; and Mrs. Hemphill, writing two weeks later, says that his progress, while exasperatingly slow from her standpoint, is apparently satisfactory to the doctors. We shall all fervently pray for his speedy and complete recovery.

Miss Elizabeth Conklin, who has been secured as a teacher for the Adana School, arrived in Constantinople from Switzerland yesterday and went right on by the afternoon train for Adana. She is accompanied by her mother. Miss Conklin has been for some years under the Dutch Reformed Mission in South India, and will help out in Adana for a year.

Miss Sylvia Eddy and Mrs. Rector and her baby arrived as expected, last week. The Mission Language School has opened and is doing full work at the old stand.

Prof. Netram, a native of Indore, India, who has been ~~taxiing~~ working in connection with Dr. E. Stanley Jones and who is now on his return to India from a visit to Canada, passed through Constantinople last Saturday and was a guest at the home of Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum.

The first airplane ever constructed in Turkey, made its initial flights Friday and Saturday last between Erenkeuy and San Stefano, or Yeshil-Keuy as it is now called. The motor of this biplane is from Germany; all other parts are of local make, and it was constructed by the Turkish aviator Vedjihi Bey, who also directed its flight.

Last week the Prime Minister, Ismet Pasha, presented to the Ghazi the resignation of himself and his Cabinet. He was immediately entrusted with the formation of a new Cabinet; and on Saturday he announced the members of this new body. It comprises the same gentlemen who formed the previous Cabinet, with the exception of four:-Essad Bey, Minister of Public Instruction; Youssouf Kemal Bey, Minister of Justice; Zekiai Bey, Minister of Public Works, and Mustafa Sheref Bey, Minister of Economy. Ismet Pasha is to explain his program before the Grand National Assembly on Thursday of this week.

Dr. Charles E. Clark of Talas and his daughter Miss Ruth Clark arrived this morning from America, having stopped a while in Europe on the way. They came in by Messageries Steamer, expecting to stay here a few days before going on.

Rev. Manasseh Papazian of Fresno, after an interesting and valuable trip through France, Greece, Syria and other places, reached the United States on his return about three weeks ago, and was in Boston on Sept. tenth.

The latest news from Dr. Pye, President of the School of Religion at Athens, is that he was going to the Mayo clinic at Rochester, Minnesota, to stay a while for observation. Dr. Marden was going there with him.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

A cable from Boston has brought us the sad news of the death of Miss Charlotte R. Willard, in Chicago, Ill., on October 1st. This is utterly unexpected, for no intimation had reached us of any illness since her return to her sister's home in Chicago. Little did we think, when Miss Willard left here for America the last of January that her life work was so nearly done.

Miss Willard was born in Fairhaven, Mass., Sept. 20, 1860 and graduated from Smith College in 1883. She came out in 1895 to Merzifon, while a teacher in Carleton College, to visit her friend Miss Martha King. Miss King was taken away by an attack of small-pox less than five months later; and Miss Willard decided to remain on for one year and help Miss Gage, who was then Principal of the Girls' Boarding School. This led to her later decision to apply for permanent appointment as a missionary of the Board. She buckled down to the study of the Turkish language, and acquired a very considerable use of that, which helped her greatly in her work. The full story of her life remains to be written. It will include that dramatic episode of 1915 when, with Miss Gage, she followed after the Armenian girls from the school who were being deported, and succeeded by remarkable diplomacy in rescuing in Sivas forty-one of the sixty-three who had been taken away; and brought them back to Merzifon. It will tell of her heroism in 1916, when the entire mission group were expelled from Merzifon by the government, in May, and by dint of patient perseverance she and three associates succeeded in getting permission to go back there ten weeks later. It will tell of her valiant labors during the last few years as the "man" of the Station, and by her consecrated persistent efforts overcoming all sorts of obstacles. She has indeed won her Crown of Life.

With the arrival of Dr. & Mrs. S. Ralph Harlow and party at Athens, Sept. 24th, Athens Station feels new life and vigor. Dr. Harlow will help in the School of Religion; and Miss Fosdick, sister of Dr. H.E. Fosdick, and Miss Mary Mason and Miss Rosamond Walden strengthen the staff of the Girls' College, which has also the services of Miss Irene Bostrom. The College opened October first with good attendance.

On August 22nd Mrs. Samuel L. Caldwell of Smyrna, who has been in America on leave, arrived in Athens, and went right on to Smyrna.

Miss Katherine Glennie, who was for a number of years connected with the Scotch Mission to the Jews in Smyrna, and has since been living in Scotland, has come out to Old Phaleron, and will live with Miss Emily McCallum, whose house will also be the home of Miss Gordon, Miss Rice, Miss Mason and Miss Walden.

Mr. Richard B. Smith and Mr. Lyle S. Shelmidine arrived here from America last Thursday. Mr. Shelmidine started on that same evening for his work in the Tarsus College, while Mr. Smith stayed a few days to make necessary purchases, and goes on this afternoon for the Talas Boys' School.

The total registration at the Sofia American College for the present year is 444, and they just happen to be exactly divided as between boys and girls. All are boarders. There are 37 regular instructors on the teaching staff. The new students' dining room in the Administration Building, seating 500, was opened September 24th. President Black and his colleagues are happy in having the whole institution together now in permanent quarters. It was no fun trying to run a part of it away off in Samokov, last year.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Quite a party of our associates arrived in Constantinople from Athens on Sunday evening by Italian steamer. Mrs. James L. Barton came without her husband, who has stopped over a few days but is expected this week. Mr. and Mrs. Awrey, parents of Mrs. H.R. Meyering, and her brother Mr. Elton Awrey, also came, and toward the end of the week Mrs. Meyering and baby Ralph are planning to escort them down to Tarsus. Mrs. Yarrow, mother of our Miss Harriet Yarrow, returned on this same boat after a trip to America; and Mr. & Mrs. J.K. Birge returned from their visit with Dr. & Mrs. S.R. Harlow in Old Phaleron. They have brought back with them Betty Harlow, aged nine, who will be in the Birge family and attend the Community School. Miss Sara Ravndal, of the Near East Relief, also came back, after a brief absence.

Miss Adelaide S. Dwight, after spending a month in rest and change here and in Brousa, left on Saturday for her post in Caesarea.

A daughter, Josephine Lydia, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. White of International College, at Smyrna on Oct. 3rd. She weighs four kilos, which means nearly nine pounds.

Miss Jessie Martin writes that the Girls' School in Adana is in full swing again, with more boarders than last year, if not more day-scholars. With some late comers the number of boarders will probably be fifty. One girl came all the way from Van, - five days' journey; and others from Tokat, the Dersim, Rhodes, Constantinople, and other places. In one case a captain moved his whole family down to Mersin in order that the daughter might come to the Adana School. Adana Station is rejoicing in the arrival of Miss Conklin and her mother.

Word has come of the death on Sept. 28th in the American Hospital Paris, of Mr. Marion C. Hine; after a long illness. Born in Paronto, Idaho, Jan. 30, 1907, the son of Rev. & Mrs. Thomas Hine, he came out in 1928 as a tutor in Anatolia College, Salonica. This summer he was travelling in Germany when he became ill, and the trouble puzzled the physicians in Munich and Paris; and all effort at cure has proved unavailing. He will be much missed in Salonica.

A most interesting and hopeful Conference of Representatives of the Balkan States has just closed its sessions in Athens. What an achievement it was, to bring together official representatives of Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Jugo-Slavia, Roumania, and Turkey, and have them actually agree on a constructive program of cooperation! Among other things, they adopted a series of 17 articles, most significant of which possibly is No. 4, - "The application of effective reforms in instruction and especially in the teaching of history in the Balkan States. Elementary and higher instruction in the Balkan Peninsula should serve the interests of peace, and have no aggressive character. The Commission asks the governments for their aid in emphasizing the points of contact and the relations between educational institutions of the Balkan countries, by passing over lightly or changing entirely the chapters in history textbooks which stir up hatred. It believes that governments can point the way in this matter."

In connection with this Conference at Athens, there was held a series of athletic contests between representatives of the six countries. In the tennis doubles, Turkey secured the championship, with a team composed of a Turk and an Armenian. Greece secured the majority of points in the games. A letter from there speaks of the wonderful spirit of harmony and friendship shown. - "The Greek and Turkish flags draped together and held in equal honor! It seemed as if the Kingdom of God had come on earth!"

The American Hospital of Constantinople is rejoicing. Last week a reception was held in honor of Miss Rutledge, the nurse who has come out to replace Miss Nelson while the latter goes on leave; and this week the purchase has been completed and the deed secured for a tract of land in Nishantash, on Said Pasha St., between the present location and the English High School for Boys. It is a walled-in garden with a very fine house which will answer well for a Nurses' Home.

Yours very cordially
Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Two weeks ago we chronicled the passing of Miss Charlotte R. Willard, on October 1st. Further facts have now reached us. It was a very short attack of angina pecto-ris which brought about her death; half an hour before she passed away she seemed in perfect health, and had several speaking appointments ahead, and was expecting to attend the Board Meeting at Madison, Wis., which opens today. Her sister, Mrs. Ucker, with whom she was living at 7333 Emerald Ave., Englewood Station, Chicago, summoned a doctor, but before he could arrive, she was gone. Mrs. E.D. Marden, who was in Chicago at the time, sends us the following:- "The funeral was held at the pretty little home where they had looked forward to quiet lives together. Dr. Rowell, pastor of the Hinsdale Church, had the service which consisted of wonderfully impressive selections from the Bible and the repeating of appropriate hymns." Mrs. Marden was called upon at a meeting of women in Hinsdale Oct. 2nd, to speak of Miss Willard's life in Turkey. The interment was at Hartford, Conn., where her parents and a brother are buried. Her doctor brother and sister came on for the service; but Mr. Wallace Willard, who was in Boston, was not well enough to go. Rev. Ernest W. Riggs had charge of the service at the grave.

A "Life Adjustment Week," patterned somewhat after the "Freshmen Week" program in American Colleges, but with a broader purpose and involving all students, is a new enterprise this year at International College, Smyrna. A series of addresses given by members of the staff, by one of the government school inspectors, and by Mr. E.T. Perry of Constantinople, are now being given. Mr. and Mrs. Perry went to Smyrna last week for it.

Dr. and Mrs. Alexander MacLachlan, now in Canada, are planning an extended visit to their old home in Smyrna, early in 1931.

Dr. Clark and his daughter Miss Ruth Clark left for Merzifon via Samsoun last Tuesday, expecting to arrive Friday.

Mr. Richard B. Smith, who had been somewhat delayed in leaving Constantinople, started for Talas finally on Thursday last, Oct. 16th.

Dr. James L. Barton arrived here by train from Athens through Salonica, on Tuesday morning last; and that afternoon some forty-seven persons, big and little, assembled at the Fowle House in Hissar, to greet Dr. and Mrs. Barton and have "high tea" with them. Dr. Barton responded to the welcome with an interesting talk about some aspects of the missionary situation in the American churches, and also about the work of the Near East Foundation with which he is now connected. Dr. Barton is surprisingly well and active; and with hardly any rest here, he expects to leave with Mrs. Barton on Thursday next for Athens, whence he will return to Albania for the official opening of the new Village School undertaken by the Foundation, near Durazzo. He plans to go after that to Syria, and probably to Aintab.

Fadil Hakki Ef., a graduate of International College, 1930, was one of 98 candidates for admission to the Mülkiye Department of the Turkish University, Constantinople, which trains young men for the higher civil appointments. Although the only candidate from a foreign school, he won the highest rank of all the candidates. As a large number of Turkish schools were represented, this is a splendid proof of the work done in the Turkish Department of International College.

Some confusion arises in Smyrna over mail addressed to the Girls' School but delivered to International College on the other side of the city. If correspondents will address mail to American Collegiate Institute, or "Amerikan Kiz Mektebi", Güztepe, Izmir, prompt delivery will be assured.

Edward M. Dodd, M.D., and Rev. Frank Bible, D.D., Secretaries of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, have been visiting Beirut and other parts of the Syria Mission, on a trip around the world to all the Missions of that Board.

Yours very cordially,
Charlest T. Riggs

Dear friends:

The south storm which has been raging in this vicinity for several days, has apparently done its worst in Smyrna, where the latest accounts state that over 1500 houses have been destroyed, leaving more than 8,000 persons homeless; and that in the wreck of this property, at least sixty-eight lives have been lost. We have no word of any damage to American property. In Constantinople, two old buildings in Galata were thrown down by the storm, and two persons, a man and a child, killed under the ruins. Violent storms are reported all the way from the Dardanelles to Zonguldak, on the Black Sea.

Mr. H.H.Kreider of the Treasury Department is on a tour through Asia Minor, having visited Merzifon, Sivas and Talas-Caesarea; he is now probably in Aintab, or Gaziantep, as it is now called, and is expecting to stop in Adana and Tarsus on his way home. He is securing good results with his movie camera, being favored with fine weather.

Among recent visitors to this city have been President Cass Reed of International College, Smyrna, and William T. Ellis, the well-known publicist. Both have gone on to Angora, to be present at the opening of the Grand National Assembly, Nov. 1st, as well as the celebration of the Feast of the Republic, Oct. 29th, tomorrow.

Angora is having its share of distinguished guests. The French Minister of Commerce, Mr. Flandin, has recently been there; and on Sunday last Prime Minister Venizelos and Mr. Mihalacopoulos, Minister of Foreign Affairs, with their wives passed through this city, going on by special train to Angora. Yesterday the Hungarian Prime Minister, Count Bethlen arrived in Constantinople in the morning and left by special train for the Capital.

Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert Bowles, widely known members of the Friends' Mission at Tokyo, Japan, have recently been visiting our work in Smyrna and Athens. Dr. Bowles gave a talk to the School of Religion Assembly a fortnight ago.

Mr. S.W.Gentle-Cackett, of the Bible Lands Missions Aid Society, has been in Athens on his annual visit, and stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Rose in their new home in Old Phaleron.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Compton and Mr. George White, of Anatolia College, Salonica, went to Old Phaleron on Oct. 12th for a few days' conference. Mr. Compton spoke on Sunday morning at the Girls' College service.

The ceremony for the transfer of the American Orphanage buildings at Syra, and the Pavilion for Tubercular Children at Athens, to the Prime Minister of Greece by the Near East Relief, took place Oct. 14th at the Zappeion Exposition Building in Athens. The Metropolitan Archbishop of Athens opened with prayer. On behalf of the N.E.R., Mr. Atcheson spoke of what the organization had stood for in the past. Dr. J.L.Barton spoke of the plans of the Near East Foundation as successor to the Near East Relief. The deeds for these properties, on which \$250,000 has been spent, were duly signed and presented by Dr. Barton to Premier Venizelos, who received them very graciously, expressing his gratitude and that of his people for what the N.E.R. has done and is doing in Greece. This ceremony was witnessed by many prominent Greeks, and quite a few Americans representing different American philanthropic and educational activities in Greece, and by a large number of former members of N.E.R. orphanages. It was concluded by the Greek and American national anthems.

President C.F.Gates of Robert College is leaving this city today on a trip to America, expecting to be back by the opening of the second semester. Mrs. Gates remains here.

The new arrangement in Beirut whereby the five lower grades of our Girls' School are under the Protestant Church Committee, is working well. The five upper grades, with 75 girls, are doing good work under the principalship of Miss Jillson.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:

Further details of the Smyrna flood have come from our friend Lee Vrooman, from whose letter we quote:- "We have a Turkish aqueduct about half way between the College and Smyrna which has stood for about four hundred years. The floods undermined it, so that it fell into the stream, which would indicate that this is the worst flood since that aqueduct was built. As far as the College is concerned, apart from some water leaking in, no damage was done to the three main buildings. Quite a number of Faculty homes and gardens were injured, and the Campus was transformed into a lake waist deep at the lower end. The Vrooman house had water a foot deep on the first floor. Smyrna has the shape of a bowl, and the water rushed down from all the surrounding mountains into the city and drowned people in all parts of the city, the grand total reaching about 200. The business district was flooded and several million dollars worth of damage has been done to supplies in warehouses and shops.

Rev. Clark Kerr, of Dundee, Scotland, arrived the past week for service as minister of the Union Church of Pera, which worships at the Dutch Chapel. Mr. Kerr has had five years of experience in Queensland. He takes the place of Rev. R.C. Macanna, who left a fortnight ago after closing up the affairs of the Scotch Mission to the Jews in Galata.

Mr. Luther Fowle took a brief trip to Angora the past week, and has returned quite encouraged by his interviews with various officials there.

The Turkish budget for the year 1931 has been submitted to the newly opened session of the Grand National Assembly. It totals some fourteen million liras less than that submitted for 1930. The chief items are as follows:

National defence	Ltq. 50,542,412	Ministry of Marine	Ltq. 2,297,240
Public Works	31,373,746	Gendarmerie	8,100,149
Public Debt	27,193,635	Public Instruction	7,692,208
Ministry of Finance	14,259,349	Ministry of Justice	7,455,264
Ministry of Economy	10,082,534	Posts and Telegrams	5,572,265

As over against these items, an estimated total of Ltq. 204,640,385 there is put the total receipts forecast of Ltq. 204,657,000 which is thus seen to balance the budget.

Miss Genevieve Lowry, who has been on the Y.W.C.A. Staff in this city for a long time, has left on her return to America.

A cheery letter from Miss Diantha L. Dewey tells of the various activities which occupy her at Mardin:-calling and receiving calls, entertaining neighbors with the radio, and helping in church and Sunday School work. She says:-"Everyone is very friendly. It has been a time of elections and uncertainty, as well as of preparing for the winter, so every one is taken up with their own affairs."

Miss Grisell McLaren, formerly of Van and Scutari, who has been living in East Northfield, Mass., for some years, is now in Auburndale, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius O. Lee, formerly of Marash. Her Hatharine is there with her.

Miss Helen Wells, formerly of Adana and Merzifon, is teaching this year in Calumet, Michigan, High School.

After a very successful visit in Angora, the Greek Prime Minister and Mrs. Venizelos, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Mrs. Michalakopoulos, left the Capital Friday evening, and arrived Monday evening in Athens. On their way through Constantinople, they visited the Ecumenical Patriarch, and saw a few sights in the city. At Angora the Treaty of friendship and arbitration and of commerce was signed, marking a new era in cordial relations between Greece and Turkey.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Miss Lowry of the Y.W.C.A. authorizes us to state that she did not get away from Constantinople, as announced in last week's issue, so far as to prevent her attending the Cafeteria supper which the Hissar Charities put on at Social Hall, Robert College, last Thursday evening. She is leaving this afternoon by Fabre Liner for New York direct. And by the way, that Cafeteria supper netted about Ltq. 240.00 for the Charities.

On the same steamer goes Mr. Nishan Condayan, who has been connected with the Bible House for over forty years, most of that time in the Publication Department where he has done excellent and most faithful service in translation, proof-reading, etc. He goes now to spend the rest of his life with his daughters in Massachusetts.

Last Thursday the American Chamber of Commerce gave a luncheon in honor of Dr. Julius Klein, Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce, who was visiting this city in connection with a trip that has taken in Vienna, Budapest, and other points. About a hundred sat down to table at Tokatliah's. Dr. Klein gave a very clear and interesting view of the economic situation in America, and the way out, though disclaiming any ability as a prophet. Mr. Gillespie accompanied Dr. Klein the next day to Angora; and they will subsequently visit Syria and Egypt.

Miss Morrow, who has been in America till her brother was elected Senator for New Jersey, is returning to Constantinople College for another period of service. Miss Miller left last Thursday to meet her in Naples, and they are expected here for Thanksgiving Day.

Two weeks ago the American School at Talas had a fine volley-ball tournament with the Caesarea Lycee and Zinjidere. Our boys went wild, says Mr. Nilson, when they defeated the Lycee lads for the first time.

Dr. and Mrs. Donovan of Newton (Mass.) Theological Seminary are in Salonica for the first semester of the year; Dr. Donovan is teaching Bible in Anatolia College and the Girls' School, while Mrs. Donovan is helping in English. Miss Webster from Grinnell is a fine addition at the Girls' School, and Mr. May from Oberlin is fitting in well at the College.

The new addition to the Salonica Girls' School has just been completed. It contains three class rooms, an office, and above these a fine study-hall-auditorium, and adds much to the efficiency of the School.

The new home for Dr. and Mrs. House, of the Salonica Farm School is nearing completion and is an interesting type of architecture. Mr. Dudley, who joined the staff of the School last year from Cornell, is a fine fellow and is doing good work.

A meeting on Religious Education is being held by the Greek Orthodox Church at Salonica. Prof. George P. Michaelides of the School of Religion at Old Phaleron, is in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Hawkes are very busy at Anatolia College in their work. Mrs. Hawkes teaches sight singing and is training the chorus, making a valuable addition to the force there.

Rev. H.H. Riggs contributes from Beirut an interesting fact as to Miss Charlotte Willard. Before she ever went to Marsovan to visit Miss King she had fully considered going into missionary work, and she had learned to read Turkish, under Prof. A.G. Sivaslian of Marsovan, who was then taking graduate work at Carleton. "And for several months before she went to Marsovan, she read the Turkish Testament with me, and I shared with her my meagre knowledge of Turkish. She told me that she had in mind the possibility of staying on there; but that in any case, as she was to be in Turkey for a year, she wanted to be able to come into some contact with the people, so must get a little Turkish. She did not finally decide, however, till after her year in Marsovan was over, and she went to Europe, and there decided to come back for permanent service. At Carleton she was a very much beloved teacher, almost revered, even in those early days."

Yours very cordially,

Charles E. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Rose of the School of Religion, Old Phaleron, are at present entertaining Mrs. Rose's cousin, Mr. Alfred Graham, and his wife, from Sydney, Australia. Mr. Graham is an architect, and on one occasion put up a church in a day, - a Saturday. It was a community affair, in which everyone gave his labor, or a substitute for the day. It was all planned carefully beforehand, and completely finished, even to electric lights and heat, by Saturday night.

Dr. Ella Houghton, a teacher in the Athens Junior College for Girls in 1926-27, has been visiting the College as she passed through Athens on her way to Egypt with friends.

Two weeks ago, in telling about the flood in Smyrna, we quoted from a Smyrna letter the figure of 200 deaths resulting. This turns out, very fortunately, to have been exaggerated. The latest accurate account sent us from the same source gives the actual figures at about one hundred.

President Cass Arthur Reed, D.D., of International College, Smyrna, has gone on a visit to America. On his way, he stopped at Athens, and gave interesting talks at the Girls' College and the School of Religion on his recent trip to Angora and his interpretation of events as seen there.

Mr. Kreider has returned to the Treasury Office after his Anatolian tour. Almost everywhere he was favored by good weather, and succeeded in taking a lot of movie pictures which may shortly make him as famous in this line as have his photographs in the Missionary Herald in that. He visited Merzifon, Sivas, Caesarea, Talas, Aintab, Marash, Adana, and Tarsus. One thing that impressed him was the security of the roads throughout the country.

The building of the Teachers College at Sivas, erected under the care of Rev. E.C. Partridge in 1913-14, was destroyed by fire last Thursday night. It was being used by the Turkish Department of Public Health as a model hospital; and the fire started apparently in the ward devoted to sick prisoners.

Word has come of the death of Mrs. Lucy Mead Wilson, Sept. 1st, at Brantford, Ontario. Miss Mead taught in the American Academy at Scutari for the year 1927-28, and endeared herself to pupils and teachers there. She had to leave early and underwent an operation for cancer on her return to America. This was apparently successful, and she was married that fall to Dr. Gilbert Wilson of Chicago. But the trouble returned with fatal result. Miss Mead has spent eleven years in our North China Mission, in educational work.

An additional consignment of livestock for our agricultural plant in Aintab is supposed to have left the United States on Nov. 5th; and Mr. Pence is expecting to come to Constantinople to give proper escort to the cows and the fowls across Anatolia.

Mr. Woolworth of Tarsus, with Mr. Awrey, father of Mrs. Mead, was starting the latter part of last week from Tarsus for Angora, on from there to Caesarea. "Hem ziyaret, hem ticaret."

The Liberal Republican Party, organized three months ago, was dissolved this week. In communicating this fact to the President of the Republic, Fethi Bey, its head, stated that it was because of the fact that President Mustafa Kemal is the President of the People's Party, and that it was not right to oppose him personally. The country thus goes back to the one-party system, and the time does not seem ripe for a second.

Athens Junior College for Girls is happy in the prospect of beginning its building program next Spring. The plan is to erect now two of the seven units of the general plan drawn up by the architect, Mr. Thompson.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Below is a table showing attendance at the various American schools and colleges in the Near East for the current year.

A.B.C.F.M. in Turkey	Totals	Lower Grades	High Sch. Grades	College	Boarders	Daysch.	Boys	Girls
Adana Girls	108		108		43	65		108
Scutari	291	190	101		129	162		291
Erenkeuy	167	72	95		88	79	167	
Gedik Pasha	258	179	79			258	115	143
Internat. Col.	308		234	74	158	150	308	
A.C.I. Smyrna	133	108	25			133		133
Talas Boys	35		35		15	20	35	
Merzifon Girls	37	25	12		32	5		37
Tarsus Boys	78		63	15	47	31	78	
TOTALS	1415	574	752	89	512	903	703	712
<u>in Greece & Syria</u>								
Athens Jr. Col	176	45	91	40	Grad. 56	120		176
Sch. of Relig.	20				20 20		16	4
Anatolia Col.	185		138	47	82	103	185	
Salonica Girls	121	26	95		42	79		121
Aleppo Col.	151		110	41	20	131	151	
Aleppo Girls	85	33	52			85		85
Beirut Girls	79		79		30	49		79
TOTALS	817	104	565	128	20 250	567	352	455
<u>Independent</u>								
Const'ple Col.	431		211	220	145	286		431
Robert Col.	732		460	105	167 363	369	732	
A.U. Beirut	1394	166	420	577	231 600	794	1327	67
Athens Col.	347		300	47	117	230	347	
Am. Col. Sofia	444	232	188		444		222	222
TOTALS	3348	397	1578	949	398 1669	1679	2628	720
Grand Totals	5580	1076	2895	1166	418 2431	3149	3683	1897

In a few cases, where unimportant subdivisions were not reported this year, figures have been supplied from last year's reports.

The method of classification in schools under Turkish law differs in some ways from that in other schools. Possibly there is not perfect uniformity in showing those of College grade, as the grades of Colleges differ. For example: All the girls in Athens Junior College are of Greek Gymnasium grade or higher; the student who comes direct from the Greek elementary school of six years studies eight years in order to take her Junior College diploma. On the books, the classification appears thus:- College, 10; High School, 91; Preparatory, 75. Of the Tarsus College students, 15 are in the 1st Grade Lycee, 63 in the second grade Lycee. In Aleppo College, the three forms above six years of elementary work are listed as Junior High School, with 69 students; the next three as Preparatory Classes, with 41; and the Freshman and Sophomore Classes supply the other 41. Of the 167 in Robert College Engineering Department, 39 are Industrials.

In Beirut University, the Graduate Students are divided as follows: Medicine, 114; Pharmacy, 23; Dentistry, 9; Nursing, 67; Music, 18. President Dodge states that the figures for the College and Professional schools are not subject to change during the remainder of the year, but that by the middle of November they were sure to re-gister totals of 490 in the secondary school and 190 in the elementary school, also some others in the Institute of Music.

The numbers at Merzifon School are small; but the geographic distribution is wide. Girls are there from Elaziz, Malatya, Constantinople, Angora, Yozgat, Ordu and Kerasun, as well as nearer points. Miss Odell writes:- "Our Armenians are leaving as rapidly as possible. Three of our last year's pupils have gone, one to the American Hospital in Stamboul, and two to France."

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Mr. H.T. Pence of Aintab is here looking for his kine and his fowle, but so far they have not hove into sight. Mr. Pence brought along his little Jimmy, to have his injured eye attended to; and that seems to have been satisfactorily done.

We would express our sympathy with Miss Elsa Feichtinger of Smyrna, who has just heard of the sudden death by accident of her father, in Linz, Austria.

Word has also come of the death of Mr. Graffam, aged father of Mrs. E.C. Partridge, in Lewiston, Maine.

Dr. Barton has been carrying on a whirlwind campaign in Syria and vicinity before going on to Port Said to take steamer home to America. He arrived in Beirut Nov. 13, and the next evening a party of sixteen sat down to dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Riggs, including besides Dr. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. T.A. Elmer, formerly of Merzifon, now of Antilias, Mr. and Mrs. Nicol of the Presbyterian Mission, Miss Jacobsen, formerly of Harpout, and others. A reception to about twenty-five more followed; and in the morning of Saturday Dr. Barton and Mr. Archer of the N.E.R. left for Aleppo, stopping at Ballbek to see the ruins. They went on to Aintab for a twenty-four hour visit, getting in a surprising amount for the short time. Dr. Barton, under the guidance of Mr. Isely, got a good impression of the work in Aintab and vicinity, and was much impressed with the hospital and its possibilities. The prospect looks promising for cooperation with the N.E.F. on farm projects. Going back to Aleppo for a single night, they returned to Beirut on the 19th and stayed till the 22nd. President and Mrs. Dodge gave a reception for Dr. Barton on the 21st, to which almost everybody was invited. All who have seen the boundless energy of Dr. Barton on this trip find it hard to realize his 75 years.

The girls of the Merzifon School defeated the girls from the fifth class in the town school at volley-ball Nov. 17th. All were happy after the game, not over the victory, but over the splendid spirit on both sides. Both teams and the teachers had tea in the reception room; and Zeki Bey, the Maarif Memuru, expressed his pleasure at the prospect of more games of both volley-ball and tennis.

On Nov. 30th a ceremony took place in memory of Miss Willard, at Merzifon, when South Hall was re-christened Willard Hall, and a portrait of Miss Willard was unveiled in the main hall of the building.

The Junior High School of Aleppo College has adopted class-room self-government, with marked success. The College classes follow the supervised study system, with two-hour periods for most of their courses.

Visitors to Aleppo College during October included Dr. Frank Bible of the Presbyterian Board of Missions; Pres. Dodge of Beirut, Dr. Mylrea of Koweit, Iraq; and Dr. Kelly of Glasgow, President of the International Christian Endeavor Union.

Dr. and Mrs. E.B. Haskell have made the best possible use of their limited equipment at Pordim, Bulgaria, Folk-School. There are two cottages for the girls to live in, a home for the director, and a small day-nursery and infirmary. It is truly a life-school; for the pupils learn by actually coping with life's problems and solving them with the help of their teachers. The first year has proven the success of the School in training leaders. When the youngest girl returned to her village, the officials asked her to tell her neighbors what she had learned. This 17-year-old girl gave a course of lectures and demonstrations in the municipal hall to the women of her village.

Dr. J.O. Boyd of the Vienna center of the American Bible Society has been making a brief stay in Constantinople, and leaves this evening for visits to Sofia, Salonica, and Athens before returning to his post. Mrs. Boyd is on a trip to America.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:

A cable from America reports the death of Rev. Dr. William E. Barton, "Safed the Sage," on Sunday Dec. 7th, after a long illness, at the Long Island Hospital, N.Y. Dr. Barton was 69 years old.

Word has also come of the death of Miss Mary Page Wright, at Iowa City, Iowa, on Nov. 2nd. Miss Wright came out to Harpout in the year 1881, and in 1884 was transferred to Marsovan to take the place of Miss Fannie E. Washburn. She remained there till 1889, when ill health compelled her return to America. In 1895 she came out once more, to take charge of the Boys' Orphanage at Marsovan, being supported by Mrs. John S. Kennedy for three years. Since then after one year in Mexico she has been living in Iowa City. She was in her 83rd year.

Tuesday morning, Dec. 3rd, the American community of Beirut was pained to learn that Prof. Alfred E. Day, Professor of Natural Sciences, has passed away. He had been failing for only four or five days; but he had been in bed with absolutely no hope of recovery for years; all that time he had kept up wonderfully and had been cheery and busy most of the time, compiling books, etc. The funeral that afternoon was one of the largest ever seen in Beirut. Professor Day's daughter is teaching in Constantinople College.

On Nov. 22nd, Dr. Clark, Miss Zbinden and Miss Colmyer went from Merzifon on the first medical visiting trip, going to five villages near by, where Dr. Clark treated 42 patients besides examining others. Everywhere they were most cordially greeted and were impressed with the friendly attitude of the people. It is hoped that many more such trips may follow. In this connection the girls in the school are making picture scrap-books and fixing up old dolls and toys for the village children, thus starting to show an interest in social service work.

The first copies of the new version of Matthew's Gospel in Turkish in the new alphabet, appeared from the press last Saturday, just in time for the observance in the local churches of Bible Sunday, and the special offering for the Bible Societies. The Gospel of Mark is now in the printers' hands, and Luke is nearly ready for setting up. A booklet of the new translation of the first thirty-four Psalms has been made up, and is being sent out to all the stations for friendly criticism as to language, etc.

Tomorrow Dr. and Mrs. S. Ralph Harlow start out from Old Phaleron for a trip of three or four weeks, with their daughter Ruth, going to Egypt and Palestine, where both Dr. and Mrs. Harlow are to be among the speakers at some conferences.

Dr. Parry, of the American Women's Hospitals, who has been working with Dr. Ruth Parmelee in the Kokinia Hospital at Piraeus, Greece, left for New York, Nov. 29th, going all the way by steamer.

Space last week was too crowded to get a word of how Thanksgiving Day was passed in the Near East. Accounts have reached us of the Day in several Stations. In Aintab there were quite elaborate programs of readings, recitations and music, both by the children and by those of larger growth. In Constantinople, the usual nine o'clock service of Thanksgiving was held at Robert College, attended by all the boarders and by the community; and the annual cross-country run and a basketball game followed; and after noon, in many homes there were festive gatherings of friendly groups. In Beirut, the Misses Webb entertained the Mission group at dinner. There was a Thanksgiving service at the University at 4115, and at 9:30 p.m. a reception at the American Consulate by Consul and Mrs. Keeley, with dancing till a late hour.

His Lordship the Bishop of Gibraltar, who was in Constantinople on a diocesan visitation, addressed a meeting of the Christian Workers' Union on Thursday last, in the crypt of the Crimean Memorial Church. His topic was the Greek Orthodox Church; with which he is very familiar. A large number gathered to hear him.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Dr. & Mrs. J.L. Barton sailed from France on the 10th by the S.S. "Lafayette" for New York, and should arrive there the 18th. Dr. Barton sends a parting message:- "To me it has been a most interesting trip over the old beaten paths, for the most part, and renewing old and cherished friendship in large part. Even the brief contacts with the work and the friends and associates of other days have been full of delight. I return to the Home Land confident that the leaven of the Gospel is working with the persistence and force of the Power of God. While the Kingdom is not coming with observation, it is advancing in new ways with persistence and certainty.

On the same day, Dec. 10th, President Gates of Robert College sailed from New York, returning to his post in this city.

Mr. Pence and his two fine heifers left last Friday by steamer for Mersin, going thence to Aintab. The five breeds of poultry are safely installed in an isolation ward at the Robert College Farm, pending removal of quarantine against chicken cholera in this region, after which they will go to their destinations in Smyrna and Merzifon.

Born:- On Dec. 14th at Talas, to Dr. and Mrs. Wilson F. Dodd a daughter, Margaret, Mother and daughter doing well.

Last Sunday nearly two hundred friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Damon in Hissar, for the twenty-third annual Christmas song service of the Huntington-Damon families. This pleasant occasion has been observed without a break each year since 1908, when it was started by the parents of Dr. Huntington and Mrs. Damon.

Dr. and Mrs. J.P. McNaughton have settled down for the winter at 132 Park Avenue, Swarthmore, Penn., and their daughter Janet, who is engaged in Social Service work in Philadelphia, makes her home with them there.

The winter trip of Dr. and Mrs. Harlow, mentioned last week, will take them to Alexandria for three days, Cairo for a week, Assiut for three or four days, and Jerusalem for a week. It is under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A., and both are making addresses at the various cities.

Mrs. Rose, Miss Gordon, and all the new members of the Girls' College staff from Athens (except Miss Virginia Carr, who goes to Constantinople) go to Egypt during the Christmas Holidays, to visit Cairo, Assouan and Luxor.

Sir John Hope-Simpson, of the Refugee Settlement Commission in Greece, gave an interesting lecture at the School of Religion Dec. 1st, on the work of that Commission. It is closing up its work now, having settled about 147,000 families in agricultural or urban homes, and their work will henceforth be carried on by the Greek Government. The Commission has built dwellings for these people; roads, hospitals, schools, and dispensaries; has drained land for agriculture, dug artesian wells, opened model farms, introduced American grape vines and Australian Canberra wheat, encouraged factories, and started farmers with carts, ploughs, and animals. One third of the 1,500,000 refugees are now making a profitable living; 1/3 are just supporting themselves, and 1/3 will need a little more help to get adjusted in town or country.

The Folk-School at Pordim, Bulgaria, in charge of Dr. & Mrs. Haskell, has just received from the Near East Foundation \$800 of emergency aid; the Bulgarian Ministry of Agriculture has presented the school library 400 Bulgarian agricultural books, and the Public Health Department has given 40 or more on Public Health; while a friend has added 23 of the books of the popular Russian author, Grigori Petroff. The School has also received from a Swedish farm, through the efforts of its Swedish dairy specialist and gardener, Mr. Emil Lennings, a gift of a set of butter-making machinery, valued at not less than \$150. The School has this year 18 women and 5 men students, as against 16 women last year. Possibly others may still enroll.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Adana and vicinity have been through the worst flood in the memory of any living there. Owing to torrential rains beginning Dec.13, on the plain and in the mountains, the Seyhun river has been overflowing its banks, and one-third of Adana city was submerged. The city hospital had to be evacuated, but before this was completed, two children, patients, were drowned, just carried away in the current. The Fellahin truck-gardeners all along the river's edge were the worst sufferers; they lost gardens, homes, and animals, and some lives. Eight persons living on a small island in the river were washed away; no available craft could reach them. It is estimated that fully 1000 persons are homeless. The Red Crescent, the Vali, and the city council have seemingly risen splendidly to the emergency. Many hundreds of people are housed in mosques, baths, etc. and the Red Crescent is said to be spending about a thousand liras per day for food for the sufferers. Dr. Remzi Bey, associate physician in the American Hospital, is also now the city health officer; and under his direction the housing is being carried on. The American hospital is full to overflowing, with a waiting-list for beds. Latest reports in Constantinople papers say the situation is improving.

Dr. George D. Hubbard, Professor of Geology at Oberlin College, has arrived in Constantinople after brief visits in Salonica and elsewhere. He will be here for about two weeks, seeing his many former pupils in these parts.

Dr. and Mrs. Donovan, who have been assisting in Anatolia College this present term, are in Constantinople for the Christmas holidays as is also Mrs. L.C.Sewny, Matron of the College. Dr. Donovan will give a course of lectures at the School of Religion, Athens, after the New Year.

The Misses Hanna and Sara Nollen, Miss Mary Hill, and Miss Elizabeth Webster, all of Salonica, will visit Egypt and Palestine during their winter vacation; and Mr. Rollo May spends his holidays in Athens.

Born:- To Rev. and Mrs. Walter B. Wiley, of Marash, on Sunday Dec.21st, a daughter, Carol; weight, eight pounds. Mother and daughter are doing well.

It has been suggested that January 1, 1931, will be a good date to begin carrying on Station and Mission correspondence in accordance with the following customary business rules:-

1. Standard size business stationery is 8½ X 11 inches. Files and folders are made for this size.
2. If you use longer sheets, leave sufficient margin so that your letters may be cut down for convenient filing.
3. If one uses small, odd-shaped sheets of paper, they tend to get lost or mislaid in Office files.

For these very sensible suggestions, we are indebted to our Treasury Office. The same rules hold good for secretarial correspondence as well.

The Miss Ethel and Constance Moffat, sisters of Mrs. Lorrin A. Shepard of this city, arrived from America yesterday, after a visit in Egypt on their way. They will remain for some time with Dr. & Mrs. Shepard.

At the Robert College Christmas Vesper service, a chorus of children trained by Mrs. L.A. Shepard, sang very sweetly ten Christmas carols. Of the group of about twenty-five, ten or eleven were children or grandchildren of missionaries, or both.

Dr. Charles C. Piper, who was for some time in charge of the American Hospital at Aintab, is now living with Mrs. Piper and their children at 63 The Green, Kew, Surrey, England.

Miss Virginia Carr, of Athens Junior College for Girls, is in Constantinople for the winter holidays.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers!

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends;

A correction of a previous item ought to be made in the interests of accuracy. In the list of attendance at the American Colleges, published last month, the 444 students of the Sofia American College were classified as 188 of High School grade, and 232 of lower grades. The Sofia American College has no students of less than High School grade. The 232 should be under College Grade. The total course of study is six years in length, beginning with the fourth class of the Bulgarian Gymnasium. The graduating age averages 21 years. The College ranks with Robert and Constantinople Colleges.

President C.F. Gates D.D. has returned from his visit in America, and taken up his duties at Robert College.

Mr. Raymond F. White has come up from International College, Smyrna, for a minor operation at the American Hospital. Mrs. White and the children are staying meanwhile at the A.C.I., Erenkeuy.

Mrs. E.D. Marden writes Dec. 9th, while on a visit with Mrs. T.D. Christie in Pasadena, that Dr. Peet was making gratifying progress toward normal health again. He was still at the Sanitarium, but was on his feet once more, and had been promised that he could go home in about ten days, in good health. We therefore presume that he had a happy Christmas at home with his sister, Mrs. Hemphill. Mrs. Christie, by the way, has a boy from Marash as her gardener.

The many friends of Maynard Owen Williams, of the National Geographic Society, will be interested in this extract from a letter from Washington, D.C.:—"Early in the year I go to Beirut as correspondent with the Haardt Trans-Asiatic Expedition, in which the National Geographic Society is cooperating. It should be a wonderful expedition:—Beirut to Peking, to Indo-China, to Beirut; about sixteen months. Eight caterpillar tractors, each with a trailer; led by the man who conquered the Sahara by motor, and drove a flock of similar cars across Africa from Morocco to Mombasa and Cape Town. Some first-rate scientists; best of photographic and sound-movie equipment. Modern Marco-Polo with scientific proof of results. I don't know when I'll get any sleep, but it's a great life. I speak to 4000 local members of the National Geographic Society on "The New Turkey," on Jan. 9th." We may add that our friend was given recently the degree of Litt.D. by Kalamazoo College.

International College students are helping sufferers from the recent floods in a practical way. They have bought building materials with money they have raised themselves, and have then gone out to start repairs on a wrecked house, leaving the owner to complete the work when they have to go back to college work.

By substituting plays by the students for the movies, International College hopes to train the boys to amuse themselves, and not to depend on outside cinema films for their amusement. The money raised as admission to these plays they have been giving to the Smyrna Memleket Hospital, instead of for the rent of films.

Mrs. Reed's monthly musical concerts at International College have become more and more popular. Last month the hall was crowded most uncomfortably. The Christmas musical program was so popular that it was put on twice, once for the students and once for Smyrna people. In this musical way the College plays a gratifying part in community life.

Miss Slack, nurse in Aleppo under the Near East Foundation, reached Constantinople today for a vacation trip, coming by rail thru Adana. Miss Slack does nursing work in the villages surrounding Aleppo.

NOTICE: All members of the Mission, Permanent and term workers, are requested to send in to the Treasury immediately their individual reactions to the Appropriation cuts or alternative 2% salary cut. Address: Mrs. Leslie.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs