

Dear Friends:-

Whatever may be the outward circumstances of our lives, may the New Year bring us every inward blessing, and precious opportunities for fruitful service.

Miss Mary M. Haskell writes from Sofia about the funeral service of Miss Elizabeth Clarke. The Bulgarian Evangelical Church asked the privilege of paying all the expenses of it; and there was a very large attendance. Among those present were representatives from the Ministry of Education, the Swiss Legation, and the Protestant Orphanage; also from four organizations which Miss Clarke herself had founded, - the Kindergarten Foundation, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and the Good Templars' Lodge. There were beautiful addresses, after which kindergartners carried the casket from the church to the hearse.

Word has also come by mail regarding the funeral of Dr. William W. Peet, in a letter from Miss Cecelia J. Berg, who formerly worked in the Treasury Department at the Bible House, under Dr. Peet. She was present at the service, on September 10th, at Downers Grove, a western suburb of Chicago, where his remains were interred beside those of his parents in the family plot. Dr. Peet's son, William H. Peet was present, also some cousins. The service was in charge of Rev. Albert J. Pitman of the First Congregational Church.

Rev. and Mrs. B. Frank Stoltzfus, of Sofia, are now installed in a three-room apartment in the buildings of Aleppo College; and Mr. Stoltzfus is very busy with a program of classes and other activities in the College. Mrs. Stoltzfus goes in by bus each day to the Girls' School down in the city, where she has a schedule of twenty-five classes per week. Their son Benjamin is attending the Community School at Beirut.

The four new members of the Robert College teaching staff who had so long been expected from America, finally arrived last week, to the joy of everyone there. They are: Dr. Laurens Seelye, formerly a tutor in Beirut University, and later for some years President of St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y.; Mr. George Williams, son of Mr. Maynard Owen Williams of the National Geographic Magazine, who spent part of his childhood in this city; also Mr. Biggs and Mr. Muhlhausen. Mr. Biggs teaches civil engineering, Dr. Seelye is to have the philosophy and psychology, and the other two teach English.

Miss Caroline L. Steele, only sister of Mrs. Charles T. Riggs, passed away suddenly of heart trouble in the night of January 3 to 4, at Middlebury, Vt., at the age of seventy-five. For many years a teacher in Philadelphia, she had lately been at the head of the Community House in Middlebury. She was known to many of our readers, having been several times in Turkey, and being a niece of the late Mrs. Henry S. Barnum of Stamboul.

This being the Universal Week of Prayer, daily evening services are being held jointly at the Gedik Pasha Church, and are well attended.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, January 15, 1943

Dear Friends:-

Mr. Burton Y. Barry, who from 1928 till 1934 was in Istanbul as American Vice-Consul, and has since been located at various other Near Eastern points, has arrived here as Consul, and will take charge today of the Consulate-General in succession to Mr. Honaker, who is returning to Washington. Mr. Honaker plans to leave here on Monday next. The best wishes of the American community go with him.

Mr. Daniel Brewster, son of our colleagues Mr. and Mrs. J. Riggs Brewster of Athens, has come to Stamboul to be connected with the Consulate-General here. He tells us his parents are now living with a brother at Scranton, Penn.

BORN:- At the American Hospital on Saturday last, January 9th to Mr. and Mrs. John Orr, of Robert College, a son, George Alan. Everything goes well.

Miss Agnes Fenenga of Aleppo spent most of her Christmas vacation on a trip to Beirut, Tyre, Sidon, Brummana, and other points.

The latest word from Professor Michaelides, formerly of the Near East School of Theology, comes in the Beirut News Letter, which says:- "Prof. Michaelides is teaching classes at Oberlin College in place of Dr. Horton, who is on sick leave in Florida; he has also been teaching in three local training schools in Cleveland and preaching on Sundays, in addition to his own college work."

Miss Marion Sheldon, formerly of Scutari, writes that the Board is keeping her occupied with making out indices of bound volumes of papers connected with the Near East Mission, which gives her congenial employment suited to her strength.

We have received in a belated letter from Miss Cecelia Berg a list of the Near East personnel who were present at Chautauqua last August, and it makes quite a long catalogue of worthies. It includes Dr. Edgar J. Fisher and Dr. Sydney Fisher, both formerly of Robert College, as on the Faculty at Chautauqua; and attending there, Mrs. Elizabeth Scipio Fisher, Mrs. L. A. Scipio, Mrs. Harold Scott, David Scott, Mrs. Helen E. Scott, Dr. and Mrs. George E. White, Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Marden, Dr. and Mrs. Clarke of Sofia, Miss Morley, Miss Noyes, and Miss Anna B. Jones. Miss Jones gave a tea for members of the Near East Mission. Of course Miss Berg herself was there, and she says "It was good to see all of them".

Work on the new revision of Redhouse's English-Turkish Dictionary goes on slowly but steadily. The manuscript of the first half of the entire work is now just about ready; but it is not planned to publish any part until the whole is ready.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, February 5, 1943

Dear Friends:-

Word has been received of the death recently of Rev. Mr. Coburn, father of Mr. John Coburn, who married Ruth Barnum, and who is assistant rector of a church in New York City. The father has long been at the head of a boys' school in Danbury, Conn.

A letter from Rev. H. H. Riggs of Beirut, dated at Auburn-dale, Mass., December 31st, states that all his visas for the return trip to Beirut had been secured, and he was awaiting word regarding transportation so as to start back to resume work there.

Mrs. J. Kingsley Birge writes from Bristol, Conn., that Kingsley had thus far made seventy talks on behalf of the Board since arriving in America. Several times they have gone together for week-end visits to churches.

She also speaks of the good pastoral work done at West Medford, Massachusetts, by Rev. Henry F. Smith, son of the late Rev. and Mrs. John F. Smith of Merzifon, who has been pastor there for the past thirty years. Mr. Smith's two sisters both served as missionaries of our Mission, the elder, Mrs. H. K. Wingate, for many years at Talas, and the younger, Miss Bertha, for only two years and a half till her death at Merzifon.

Mrs. Birge also speaks of having seen Mrs. Emma R. Hubbard, formerly of Sivas, at her home in White Plains, N. Y. Mrs. Hubbard is now ninety-two years old, - "but a more vigorous woman both physically and mentally it would be hard to find." One of Mrs. Hubbard's eight children is Rev. Hugh W. Hubbard, D. D., of North China Mission.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nilson at Talas had the happiest surprise possible, last Sunday evening, when the radio gave them a program of songs by the girls of the Beirut Community School, which came through beautifully clear; and after the singers each introduced herself, and in her own voice Sylvia Nilson spoke to them right out of the air.

For those interested in beginning Turkish, Mr. Herman H. Kreider has prepared "First Lessons in Modern Turkish", in the form of 105 mimeographed pages in manila binder. The price, at the Robert College Bookstore, is five liras Turkish, postpaid to any address in Turkey, Ltq.5.25. The Book is a result of several years' experience in teaching beginners the language.

The recent visit of Hon. Winston Churchill and President Ismet Inönü at Adana has done much to strengthen the friendly relations between Turkey and England. It is the topic of general conversation all over the country.

We are assured that every effort is being made to increase the output of the Zonguldak-Eregli coal mines so as to supply all the needs of the countryside.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, February 19, 1943

Dear Friends:-

Miss Alice Lindsley, of Scutari, is teaching this year in a High School at Chino, near Claremont, California. We regret to learn that her mother died recently after a very brief illness.

Miss Stella N. Loughridge, formerly of Talas and Scutari, is at last accounts planning to go to Claremont, Calif., to live with Mrs. L. C. Sewny.

Fred Shepard, eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Shepard, was graduated from Yale University just before Christmas; and on February 10th went to Camp Devens to join his unit in the army. Presumably Cyril Nute of Talas graduated from Yale at the same time.

The Turkish daily Tan states that Sami Uralli, formerly of the Galata Saray Athletic Club of this city, and now a student at Cambridge University, was on the Cambridge crew this year, - the first time a Turk has secured this coveted position.

The latest issue of the News Bulletin of the Near East Christian Council contains word of the retirement of two veterans from positions they had long occupied with distinction. Dr. John R. Mott has retired from the Chairmanship of the International Missionary Council; and his place has been taken by Bishop James C. Baker. With the close of the year 1942, Dr. A. L. Warnshuis retired from the Secretaryship of the International Missionary Council; and a special committee has appointed in his place Rev. John W. Decker, D. D., Dr. Decker has been a Baptist missionary in China, and more recently a Foreign Secretary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society; he has also served as Chairman of the East Asia Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference.

A recent delayed letter from Miss Olive Greene reports that after starting from here August 20th, she arrived at her sister's home in Montclair, N. J., on Labor Day. Some speed for an Oriental.

Ambassador and Mrs. Steinhardt are spending some time at the Embassy building in this city. On Lincoln's Birthday, last week Friday, some three hundred or so fellow-citizens met there for an afternoon of tea, dancing and bridge, with movies from America. Quite a sum was realized for the benefit of the American Hospital. Invitations are now out for a reception at the Embassy on Washington's Birthday.

One of the directors of the Reader's Digest is reported to be on his way out to Turkey to make arrangements for the publication of an edition of the Digest in Turkish. Spanish, Portuguese, and Swedish editions are already being issued; and another in Arabic is also under contemplation.

Word has been received that Dr. G. D. Ussher, formerly of Van, fell recently on the ice and broke his arm; but that he was getting on well in his recovery.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, March 5, 1943

Dear Friends:-

The news has come by cable of the passing to her reward of Miss Isabel Francis Dodd, for many years connected with the Home School for Girls at Scutari, and then with its successor, the American College for Girls, on February 26th at her home in Montclair, New Jersey, where she lived with her sister Mrs. Hettie Dodd Carter. Miss Dodd was born in Smyrna, Turkey, February 3rd, 1857, and was thus seventy-six years old. She was the youngest child of Rev. and Mrs. Edward M. Dodd, of our Mission, and after graduating at the Western Female Seminary, afterwards Western College for Women, at Oxford, Ohio, she came out in 1882 to teach in Scutari, and remained in this work for forty-five years, becoming a professor in the Girls' College and going with it to its new site in Arnautkeuy. While the College became independent of the Board and was managed by its own Trustees, Miss Dodd still regarded herself as an active missionary of the Board and her name remained on their rolls until 1911, while she frequently served on the Committee ad Interim or the Publication Committee until 1909. Her Alma Mater gave her the degree of Litt.D. In the summer of 1927 she finally retired to America, and since then has been living with her sister. Her warm love and interest in each member of the Turkey staff was shown by her eagerness to meet every incoming steamer bringing any of them home, and to bid farewell to each party leaving New York for Turkey. The graduates of Home School and College all had a warm spot in their hearts for her, and she corresponded with many of them. Her contribution to the life of the institution was most valuable; she took an especial interest in caring for and enlarging its Museum, and in her teaching of art.

BORN:- On February 27th, to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Fowle (eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther R. Fowle), a daughter, Ellen Lewis. Congratulations to parents and grandparents!

By an unfortunate delay, the news was not given in our last edition of the birth also of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Begler, of Pittsburgh, Penn., on December 30th, named Garth. Mrs. Begler is Frances Dewey, of Gaziantep, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Dewey and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Greene, all of whom are open to congratulations. Dr. Dewey's daughter Elizabeth has gone from Denver to Pittsburgh to be with her sister, and stay with her and baby Garth while the father is in military service which was temporarily deferred.

We are sorry to learn by a letter from Mr. Nilson that Dr. William L. Nute is quite ill at Talas with pleurisy. He seems to be under good medical care.

The lecture given by Professor Ulliyatt, of the British Council, a short time ago at the Eminönü Halk Evi, is being repeated at Robert College today. It is on the Waters of the Bosphorus, on which Mr. Ulliyatt has been making careful studies of late.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

Rev. and Mrs. Philip H. Ward have been appointed missionaries to the Near East Mission, with the expectation that they will be assigned to the staff of the Near East School of Theology at Beirut. Mr. Ward is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Edwin St. John Ward, formerly of our Mission and then of the Beirut University Hospital; he was educated at Deerfield Academy, Amherst, and Union Seminary; he has been for two years assistant minister at the First Church in New London, Conn., and two years pastor in Collinsville, Conn. Mrs. Ward is a trained nurse, graduate of Barnard College and the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, and is at present serving at the Hartford, Conn. Hospital as a staff nurse. It is hoped they may sail in the spring or early summer, and before that Mr. Ward will take some further studies at Hartford Seminary. Quite possibly Mrs. Ward may take at least temporarily some work in the Beirut University Hospital on her arrival. This appointment provides a replacement for the position vacated by Prof. Michaelides some time ago.

By an unfortunate error Miss Dodd's age was given in our last week's issue as seventy-six instead of eighty-six. The year of her birth was correct, -1857.

BORN:- on January 21st, to Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Gardiner (Eleanor Barnum) a son, Richard Barnum. We are informed that Mrs. Harry Barnum has gone out to California to be with her daughter Helen, Mrs. Ramsauer.

BORN:- on Tuesday, March 9th, at Smyrna, to Mr. and Mrs. John Seager (Elizabeth Leslie) a daughter, Barbara Ann; weight, eleven pounds.

A letter received early in January by Rev. Ernest W. Riggs in America from Mrs. John Henry House in New York stated that she had had word that her son Charles House, of Thessaloniki Agricultural Institute, has been interned in a camp near Strassburg, but that no word has come as to where his wife is. This is probably connected with the evacuation of the civilian population from Thessaloniki.

Dr. and Mrs. George E. White, who have been staying with their daughter Margaret in Omaha, have moved to Auburndale, Mass., and are in a boarding house near the Home. Miss Margaret White has been transferred to St. Paul, Minn., just at the turn of the year.

Mrs. Ernest W. Riggs left Auburndale on Jan. 24th for Palm Beach, Florida, taking with her John Gell, her nephew, who has not succeeded in throwing off a persistent cough. Her address is given as c/o Miss Nellie Starr, 156 Worth Avenue, Palm Beach, Fla.

The students of the Scutari Academy are giving three performances of the operetta "Snow-white" this week, with a strong cast.

A letter from Mrs. J. K. Birge from Bristol, Conn., tells of the death, on December 30th, of the husband of Dr. Birge's sister, who herself was so ill at the time that she could not be told of her husband's going. Dr. Birge is in charge of the family affairs, for the present. The letter also states that Bill Birge is now in active service in the navy. Mrs. Birge speaks of seeing recently Dr. and Mrs. Robert Fox, Miss Fosdick, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. W. L. Wright, and others from Stamboul.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, March 29, 1943.

Dear Friends:-

A letter has been received from Miss A. M. } Burgess, whom many of our readers will remember as having been had of the Friends' Mission at Kum Kapu for many years. Miss Burgess is now at No. 31, Wheeler Road, Cooke Town, Bangalore, India. She is over eighty years of age; and since her escape from Greece, nearly three years ago, has been quite ill much of the time, and now spends a lot of her time in bed. But she writes cheerfully and sends greetings to her friends.

Dr. William L. Nute is in Stamboul at the American Hospital, recuperating after his attack of pleurisy in Talas.

On Saturday, March 20th, the American College for Girls at Arnaoutkeuy celebrated its Charter Day as usual. The chief speaker was Dr. Laurens Seelye of Robert College, who spoke of the progress of education for women.

The Annual Founder's Day celebration at Robert College came on Tuesday last, March 23rd, when the chief address was delivered by Dr. Post, who gave some reminiscences of some of the early leaders of the College. The usual alumni dinner was omitted, owing to difficulties of transportation as well as of food provision.

Dr. Alford Carleton writes March 3rd of the newest venture of Aleppo College, - the Night School. This was opened February 1st, in the building already used for the Elementary School (incidentally, this building was formerly the Banco di Roma building), for the double purpose of extending the services of the College in answer to an insistent demand of young merchants and clerks in the city, and of providing supplementary income for some of the College teachers outside of hours; and it seems to have proved more successful even than was anticipated. It has had a steady enrollment of over a hundred, with no slackening or irregular attendance. The students are mostly in their twenties, and mainly young merchants. There are six organized classes, three of which are entirely of beginners; and the first month has been most encouraging, in every way.

Miss Gladys Perry, now of Smyrna School, paid a very short visit to her friends at Scutari Academy, two weeks ago.

Mr. Bonnal, French teacher at Tarsus College, is up here in Stamboul for a brief stay during their spring vacation.

President Ismet Inönü passed through Stamboul a few days ago, on his way from Ankara to take a brief rest at Yalova, going on from here on the yacht "Savarona."

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, April 9, 1943.

Dear Friends:

We are glad to learn that Miss Ilse C. Pohl, formerly of Smyrna, has so far recovered her health as to be able to leave the Sanitarium where she spent most of last year, and is now living in a private home near Pomona, California, located in a beautiful orange grove, and is able to go to Dr. Case Reed's church, and to attend women's meetings there.

Mr. Woolworth writes us that in connection with the visit of the Minister of Education to Adana on the occasion of the İnönü footraces, on Sunday, March 28th, the Minister took occasion to visit Tarsus on Wednesday the 31st, his first aim apparently being to see the Orta School which is in dire need of a new building. He also went to see the Tarsus dam, or "baraj", which was rather recently constructed. He took this opportunity of visiting our College also. He went through most of the school and took some time in visiting with the pupils who were at lunch. The pupils were much pleased with his friendly interest. With him were the Governor of the province, the mayor of Tarsus, and the heads of the provincial and city education departments and a number of other officials.

BORN:- on February 3rd, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Ramsaur (Helen Barnum), formerly of Robert College, a son, John Barnum. Further particulars as to color of eyes etc. have not yet arrived.

M. Bonnal, French teacher at Tarsus College, and his mother, who is French teacher at Talas School, were in Stamboul for a few days the past week, and were present at the death of M. Bonnal's sister and for her funeral. They started back today.

The date for the spring meeting of the Board of Managers of Aleppo College has been fixed for May 11 - 12. A two-day meeting seems necessary for accomplishing all the business that will come up. The Board of Managers of the Near East School of Theology was to have met on April 10th; but a wire just received states that this meeting has been postponed.

In addition to the set of postage stamps now coming out at the Turkish Post Office with the portrait of President İsmet İnönü, another and more elaborate set has just appeared, consisting of twenty values, from a quarter-piastre up to two liras, with a wide variety of views and portraits on them, all very beautifully executed. The entire series costs 523 piastres at the post office.

The President of the Republic is still resting at Yalova: and this week the Prime Minister, Mr. Saradjoglou, has been there visiting him.

Miss Harriette Steele, formerly of Sofia College, has gone to the Scutari Academy to help out in the teaching, probably for the rest of the school year.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, April 28, 1943.

Dear Friends:

We must apologize for the long delay since our last, which was the issue of April 9th.

The Union Church of Pera held a series of Holy Week services, on the first four afternoons of the week at five o'clock; then on Good Friday there was a rendering of Stainer's "Crucifixion" by a chorus of about twenty voices, conducted by the organist, Mr. Kavafian; and these led up to the Easter morning service, conducted by the undersigned, when more than a hundred persons were present. This was followed by the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Dr. Wm. L. Nute, who is regaining his strength in our city, has heard, albeit in a roundabout way, of the engagement of his son Bill, now studying medicine at Johns Hopkins, to Miss Mary Rogers, who from 1936 till 1939 was teaching at the American College for Girls at Arnaoutkeuy. Apparently their wedding day was to be today, -which by an interesting coincidence is the wedding-anniversary also of his parents.

Eight teams in the Kayseri-Talas region are carrying on a volley-ball tournament at present. On April 10th the American School six went to Kayseri and met the Ticaret Lisesi team, winning the match by 2 to 1. They were even more encouraged by hearing themselves called "a good bunch of sports," and that "the best sportsmen in our factories got their start in Talas."

Rev. Hovhannes K. Krikorian, who was preacher and editor for many years in this city from 1902 till his departure for America, and had previously been a professor in Central Turkey College, Aintab, died at Washington, D.C., December 14th last, aged nearly eighty-nine. He had been ill for two weeks with double pneumonia. For the past two years he had not been about very much because of trouble in his feet; but with his keen and active mind he was an inspiration and his words a blessing to all who came to see him. At his funeral, besides the local Armenian pastor, there were present also Rev. Mr. Rejebyan, Moderator of the Armenian Evangelical Churches of America, and Mr. Benjilian, recently of the Near East School of Theology; all three of these young men had been very much inspired by Mr. Krikorian. The two sons, Yervant and Albert, and the daughter, Ephronia (Manoukian) were all present. While in Stamboul, Mr. Krikorian was at first editor of the Turkish Avedaper, and later of the Turkish weekly "Rahnuma"; also he helped organize and was the first pastor of the Emmanuel Church.

Rev. Ernest W. Riggs went in mid-February to Palm Beach, Fla., to see his wife and John Gell; the latter is progressing well towards health in that warm climate. Mr. Riggs spoke five mornings the last week in February over the radio in the morning devotional hour sponsored by the Ministers' Association of Palm Beach, and spoke twice each Sunday in churches. The first week in March he was to address the Palm Beach Round Table, at the Everglades Club, - a very high-toned organization. The last previous speaker there had been Ambassador Grew, our friend, but recently from Japan.

Miss Ruth Woodsmall, well known to many of our readers, returned in September last from six months spent in South America, and left in December for England, where presumably she still is.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, May 7, 1943

Dear Friends:

The engagement has been announced of Miss Gladys Perry, who is this year teaching at Smyrna Girls' School but who has been located at Scutari Academy, and Mr. Ian Campbell, teacher in the English High School for Boys at Nishantash, Stamboul. While felicitations are undoubtedly in order, the members of the Mission feel keen regret that they seem likely to lose the services of our fellow-member. We understand that arrangements are being made for a June wedding, in Smyrna.

The American Hospital at Stamboul suffered a great loss last week in the death of one of their nurses, trained in the Hospital, who died after a very brief and severe case of pneumonia.

The winter around Boston was very severe and the roads frequently icy; and some of our friends from Greece were evidently out of practice for such conditions. Dr. Parmelee suffered a broken wrist, and Miss Pinneo a broken arm. Both are however reported as well on the way to recovery.

Dr. and Mrs. George E. White, formerly of Anatolia College, who had gone to Auburndale, Mass. with the expectation of settling down there, have returned to Grinnell, Iowa, largely because of business matters in connection with the death of his sister there.

Letters from India tell us that at the end of January Miss Emily MacCallum went to Bombay for an operation on both eyes for cataract. This was successfully performed by the distinguished eye specialist, Dr. Djamshidji Duggan. After her stay in the hospital there, Miss MacCallum went to the home of Mr. Ross Thomas for a few weeks, while waiting to be fitted with new glasses. She has been practically without the use of her eyes for a year and a half, and is delighted to be able to use them again.

Tarsus College has recently played the Mersin and Tarsus Orta schools in volley-ball and football, and on May 1st played the Adana Ticaret Lisesi. The College won the volley-ball, 2 - 1, and the Ticaret Lisesi won the football by the same score.

Tarsus College was honored on April 28th by the visit of Ambassador and Mrs. Steinhardt and their daughter and Mr. Kelly. The party was making a tour of southern Anatolia. Fortunately all of the American staff were at the school at the time of the visit, and so all enjoyed the exchange of information and opinion.

In a letter written March 2nd, Dr. MacCallum says:- "The visit of the Turkish journalists to India has been highly appreciated by the Indians. They have made an excellent impression everywhere they went. Great efforts were made by different political parties, but they were prepared, and never committed themselves in their replies by any indiscretion. One of the best answers they gave to some Indian Moslems who asked them if they were first Moslems and then Turks; they answered at once and emphatically:- First of all Turks! Religion was a personal matter in which every person was free to choose for himself; but it could not be regarded rightly as having anything to do with politics.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, May 14, 1943

Dear Friends:

The Beirut News Letter informs us that Rev. B. F. Stoltzfus has accepted an invitation from the American University of Beirut to teach in that institution for the coming year, 1943-44; and he and Mrs. Stoltzfus will move there from Aleppo. We presume this means that Benny will live at home while attending the Community School.

Mrs. Leslie left Stamboul on Monday, May 10th, for a visit of a fortnight or so in Smyrna where she will make the acquaintance of her third granddaughter.

Field Day at the Scutari Academy was very successful. It included a number of well-executed gymnastic drills, some races and jumping contests, a volley-ball game, several interpretative dances to classic music, and some good singing. There was a large attendance. The Field Day at the American College for Girls came the same day.

We have good word from two directions regarding friends in captivity. One has come to Mrs. Tubini of Robert College through the British Foreign Office, to the effect that her daughter Rosemary, Mrs. Wm. Parquette, and Mr. Parquette are safe and well in a concentration camp in Manila, P.I. This is her first word since the fall of the Philippine Islands.

The other comes in a card direct from Mrs. Charles House, of Thessaloniki Agricultural School, dated March 31st from somewhere in the German possessions:- "The number of letters and cards we can write is limited, but I am able to write Mother once a month and to Charlie every week. Our food is ample, and we have weekly Red Cross food parcels, so do not need anything. This convent is beautiful and in very beautiful peaceful country. We are able to go out for walks through the country almost every day. We are very crowded, twenty-eight in our room. But we manage all right." Mr. House, we may add, is in a different concentration camp some distance away.

A letter has come from Dr. J. K. Birge, dated April 13th; it tells of an interesting new method of teaching the speaking of languages, which is now being tried out in several American Universities. He and Mrs. Birge were just starting out for Washington, D.C., where he hoped to look into this new system. They were to spend a week or so with their son Bob and his wife at Arlington. Bob has been made the head of his division in the Bureau of Economic Warfare at Washington. Mrs. Birge is apparently carrying on quite a full schedule of speaking appointments, mainly in New England.

Dr. W. L. Nute started back from Stamboul to his home in Talas yesterday morning by train.

We learn that the New York Office of the Colleges expects to send out to the American College for Girls this summer at least three teachers, two of them former teachers, - Miss Caroline Gurney, and Miss Ina Tezar, and Mrs. Laurens Seelye. We also hear that Miss Alice Lindsley has applied for her passport with the hope of returning to Scutari School. May they all succeed in overcoming transportation difficulties!

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, May 28, 1943.

Dear Friends:

A cable from Boston reports that Mr. Henry H. Riggs is "proceeding slowly," which we understand means that he is coming out by a slow route, though far be it from us to divulge what that route may be!

Mrs. Leslie returned to Stamboul, Monday last, from her visit to her daughter and three granddaughters in Smyrna. She reports all well there, and preparations being pushed for the great wedding.

In a recent letter from Washington, D.C., Mr. Charles E. Estes, Jr., reports to his father that when he came to check in for his new work in the Bureau of Naval Research, he found out that one of his bosses was born in Bebek; and further investigation showed that it was Mr. Alden Hoover Ryan, son of our old colleague Arthur Ryan, from 1912 till 1920 missionary in this city, and then for four years Agent of the American Bible Society before he returned to America.

Our sympathy goes out to Mr. Raymond Pearson, formerly tutor in Talas School and now in the Engineering Faculty of Robert College, who has just heard by cable of the death of his father.

The musical and dramatic world in Ankara is being given an unprecedented and unexpected treat just now, with a series of plays and operatic performances at the fine new theatre of the People's Party. The season lasts for five weeks, ending up according to the advertised dates, on June 18th. It comprises three classic comedies, - Moliere's "Les Precieuses Ridicules," Goldoni's "The Mistress of the Inn," and Lessing's "Minna Von Barnhelm;" also three tragedies, - Sophocles's "Oedipus Rex," Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," and Sophocles's "Antigone." The four operas are: Mozart's "Bastien and Bastienne," Beethoven's "Fidelio," Puccini's "Madame Butterfly," and Smetana's "The Bartered Bride." Such a series of two performances per week might well be the pride of any European stage.

We regret to learn through a recent letter from Mrs. E. D. Marden that Mrs. Hemphill, ninety-seven-year-old sister of Dr. Peet, has become blind, and was just waiting to go to an institution for the blind in Omaha, Nebraska.

The last issue of the Beirut News Letter tells of the Biennial Meeting of the United Missionary Council convening at Beirut the first of this month for a session of four or five days, with a most encouraging attendance from both Northern and Southern sections.

It also tells of the death, in America, of Dr. Harry G. Dorman, father of the Dean of Aleppo College. He was sixty-seven years old, and had been connected with the Medical Department of Beirut University for forty years.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, June 11, 1943.

Dear Friends:

A letter from Boston dated April 21 tells of the securing of Mr. Theodore W. Chandler, Jr., as tutor for three years in the Talas Boys' School. He is graduating this month from Oberlin, and it is hoped his passport and transportation may be arranged so that he will be on the field by September.

Word has also come that Mr. and Mrs. Philip Ward, whose appointment to Beirut has already been reported, have secured passage together with the three ladies for the American College and three others for Beirut; so that all expect to arrive during the summer or early fall.

Boston also records the recent deaths there of two ladies who have long been connected with the Board's Treasury office, - Miss Lent, who joined the staff in 1920, and Miss Hiltz, who has been with them since 1911. This is a great loss to the Board.

Mr. Ezra Young left Stamboul on Tuesday last on a fortnight's trip to Angora.

Mr. Willard Whitman, who has been teaching at Robert College four years, the past year as Principal of Theodoros Hall, left on Monday for Cairo, to enter the armed forces. His place will be hard to fill. Attendants at the Union Church will long remember his helpful sermons there.

Mr. John Burns, of Tarsus College, was successfully operated on, on Monday last, at the American Hospital here, for appendicitis.

Mr. Dimitri Kikis, a young man who has long been known to some of our circle, and who formerly served in the Boys' Department of the Y.M.C.A., has joined the staff of the Treasury Department at the Bible House.

Miss Belle Harley, of Thessaloniki Girls' School, now at home in Rhode Island, is busy taking care of her mother, whose mind has failed greatly.

Memorial Day this year saw the revival of the ceremonies at the Ferikeuy Cemetery, which were started long ago by Admiral Bristol and Consul-General Ravndal and which have been neglected for some years. About sixty Americans gathered on Sunday morning, May 30th, and the address was given by Mr. Earle, of the Embassy staff, and prayer was offered by Mr. Ezra Young. The graves were strewn with an abundance of flowers.

Miss Dorothy Blatter has gone down to Smyrna, to be present at the wedding of Miss Gladys Perry and Mr. Ian Campbell, when she will act as maid of honor.

Mr. Foley, of the Friends' Mission in Syria, who has been a great help to the Aleppo College staff this past year, especially with his music, will be greatly missed after this, as he has been instructed by his Board to give his full time to the cultivation of music in both Palestine and Syria.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, June 18, 1943.

Dear Friends:

The annual Commencement season is over, in this city; and the three American institutions had the field on three successive days of last week. The American College for Girls led off on Thursday, with a very successful afternoon. There were twenty-three graduates; and the main address of the day was by Admiral Mustafa Ertogrul, father of one of the graduating class.

The Robert College Commencement was held on Friday, when a record-breaking number received diplomas. Fourteen were graduated from the College Department, and fifty-seven from the three branches of the Engineering course. The speaker of the day was Bay Hüseyin Cahit Yalçın, Deputy for Istanbul. The occasion was made notable by the unveiling of a portrait of Dean L.A. Scipio, of the Engineering Department, who now retires and is returning to America to rejoin his family. The painting was by the noted artist Bay Sami Boyar; and it was presented by the graduates of that Department, and unveiled by the oldest alumnus of the Engineering School. Quite an ovation was given to Professor Scipio on this occasion. In the evening, more than two hundred men attended the Alumni Dinner, in Social Hall; and at that time special tributes were paid both to Dr. Scipio and to Professor Kunick, who is retiring from the professorship of German after more than forty years of faithful and efficient service. Both in the speeches by alumni and colleagues and in the resolutions read which had been adopted by the Faculty, the highest praise was voiced, and deep regrets at the departure of these two honored professors. Mr. Kunick came to the College in 1902, and Dr. Scipio ten years later.

On Saturday came the graduation exercises of the American Academy at Scutari, when twenty-three girls took their diplomas. Two others who were prevented by sickness from completing their tasks, will probably receive their diplomas in the fall. There was an unusually large attendance, in perfect weather. The chief speaker was Dr. Kazım İsmail Gürkan, Professor in the Istanbul University.

Mrs. W. L. Nute has come from Talas to Stamboul for some dentistry, and will be remaining here as one of the Talas delegates to the Annual Meeting.

Dr. Dewey writes from Gaziantep that his daughter Elizabeth was married on March 30th to Mr. Robert Williams of Pittsburgh; but that she still intended to join the W.A.A.C. on April 15th.

The Beirut News Letter informs us of the death, in West Hartford, Conn., of Dr. Harold C. Jaquith, who was managing director of the Near East Relief from 1920 till 1929, and later the Executive Officer of the Near East Foundation, and had been in Stamboul more than once. For a time he was President of Illinois College, and later Provost of his alma mater, Trinity College, Hartford.

The same Letter states that Archbishop Karekin Hovsepianz of New York has accepted the appointment of the Gregorian Church as the Catholicos of Cilicia, with residence at Antilyas, near Beirut. He is 75 years old.

Also that the Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises of the Near East School of Theology were taking place on Sunday, June 6th, the Principal, Dr. W. G. Greenslade, giving the address.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:

The Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission is due to open at 10 a.m. on Monday next, June 28th, in the Scutari School. Delegates have begun to arrive, the first being Mrs. Nute and Dr. and Mrs. Dewey. The full list as far as known is as follows:- Adana-Tarsus, Mrs. Haas, Mr. Woolworth, Mr. Maynard; Aleppo, Dr. and Mrs. Carleton with possibly Miss Norton; Gaziantep, Dr. and Mrs. Dewey; Talas, Mrs. Nute, Miss Eddy, Mr. Nilson; Smyrna, Miss Parsons, Miss Woodward, Mr. Blake; and from Stamboul, Mrs. Leslie and Mr. Fowle ex-officio, also Miss Fletcher, Miss Lucas, Mr. Riggs. There will probably be others present also from various places. The chairman of the meeting is Mr. Blake; and the preacher is Dr. Dewey.

The event uppermost in the minds of people here today is the earthquake centering at Adabazar, which wrecked a large part of that town on Sunday last. This was felt throughout a wide region; but most of the damage was at Adabazar and Hendek, with Bolu and Geyve also suffering. The numbers killed were at first grossly exaggerated, but have now been officially estimated at about 360, with perhaps twice that injured, many of whom were brought to Stamboul for hospitalization. We are informed that the buildings formerly occupied by the Girls' High School, and which have since been used for a Turkish school, stand intact; but about a thousand buildings are said to have been totally wrecked.

Miss Mary Ingle of Scutari has left for a summer in Haifa, Palestine, helping out in the canteen work of Rev. Mr. Kerr.

Professor L. A. Scipio of Robert College left Monday last on his return to America. Many friends went clear to Haydar Pasha railroad station to give him a good send-off. He will be much missed. Professor John Bliss takes his place as Dean of the Engineering School.

Rev. Ernest W. Riggs reports from America on April 28th that during the last twelve months he has spoken 176 times to some 22,000 people in 20 States in 66 different towns and cities, not counting nine addresses over the air. He seems to flourish on this sort of a vacation.

The Rev. Mr. Buxton, Bishop of Gibraltar, has been making a visit here and in Angora this past week, having come from Malta by air.

Archdeacon Oakley, of the Crimean Memorial Church, has resigned his charge here, and with Mrs. Oakley is retiring shortly to England. His successor has not yet been announced.

A wire has come today from Jerusalem announcing the marriage there of Miss Flora Manwell, of the Stamboul American Hospital, and Mr. John Stene, of Robert College, formerly of Tarsus College. The wedding is supposed to have taken place yesterday, which was also the date set for the wedding in Smyrna of Miss Gladys Perry and Mr. Gordon Campbell.

Mr. Lyman MacCallum is expecting to go from here about the end of July to Beirut, to remain for a few months.

The engagement has been announced of Mr. J. Raymond Pearson, of Robert College, formerly of Talas School, to Miss Agnes Heilbronn, of Bebek. They hope to be married shortly.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:

Owing to the busy days of Annual Meeting, this issue had to be delayed. Though briefer than some recent meetings, this one was full of difficult adjustments of personnel because of the reduced staff with which the Mission is attempting to carry on. Arrangements were finally made for the continuation of all branches of our effort, although several of the decisions were subject to contingencies which cannot be fully forecast. However, just at the close of the meeting and before the delegates had scattered, a cable from the Board in Boston brought the cheering word that quite a group of workers were merely waiting for necessary transportation arrangements to come out and join us. This includes Miss Jessie Martin, Miss Alice Lindsley, Mr. Chandler, and others.

The delegates present were in the main those listed in our last number, only that Miss Dwight came in place of Miss Eddy from Talas, and from Smyrna Miss Ward and M. Beguin also appeared; while Miss Norton did not come from Aleppo. Most propitious weather prevailed, with bright skies and no great heat; so that work was not a burden. Two afternoons of the week saw outdoor games, and on another we had the pleasure of welcoming at the tea hour Consul-General Berry, with Messrs. Fraleigh, Arnold, Davis Cummings and Gordon, together with Lawyer Hamit Bey. One evening was devoted to fun and frolic, with an "operetta" composed, staged, and performed by our own caste. Beginning on Monday morning, the sessions lasted till Saturday noon; and the sermon and Communion were on Sunday afternoon, July 4th. The delegates are beginning to scatter now to their homes or for summer holidays elsewhere.

Dr. and Mrs. Shepard have received a cable message from their daughter Alice, announcing her engagement to Mr. Otis Cary, son and grandson of American Board missionaries in Japan. Congratulations are due all around.

Mrs. Paul Nilson and her four children left Talas June 25th on their way to Baghdad and Basra, hoping to find accommodations on some steamer going to America. After they had left, a message came from the American Consulate at Baghdad stating that on or about July 5th there would probably be accommodations available; so that Mr. Nilson has good hope that they did not have long to wait in those superheated regions.

After seeing his family off, Mr. Nilson made use of the new and superior traveling facilities, to reach Stamboul the next day. For there is now a plane service between Van and Angora three days per week, when a De Haviland five-seater makes the trip leaving Van at 8 a.m. and flying via Elaziz to Kayseri, which it leaves at 12:30, reaching Angora in time to connect with the daily service of the 12-seater De Haviland plane reaching Yeshil-Keuy at 5:15 p.m.; so that by six o'clock Saturday evening Mr. Nilson was at the Scutari School. Ye old-time missionaries, just think of taking breakfast in Van and supper the same evening at Scutari!

President Wright of Robert College left last week for Egypt and the United States, hoping to find some new teachers for the College.

A shocking tragedy took place at the lower end of the Tunnel on Tuesday last, when the belt broke, and the car from Pera smashed into the lower station, killing several persons and injuring more. Dr. Carleton of Aleppo and Prof. and Mrs. MacNeal of Robert College providentially missed the doomed car by about one minute.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, July 23, 1943.

Dear Friends:

A letter from Rev. Henry H. Riggs dated New York May 14 says he was sailing that same day, on his return to Beirut; but up to the hour of writing he had not yet learned the name of his steamer nor the name of the Company. Mrs. Riggs remains, for the present at least, in Auburndale, where Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Riggs also are. Mr. Riggs states that Mr. W. A. Stoltzfus of Beirut was starting the same day from New York; and from the Beirut News Letter we learn that he was sailing for Valparaiso, planning to cross the Andes to the east coast of South America, and then to find his way across to Africa and up the east coast. It will be interesting to learn which one of them gets there first!

The same News Letter tells us that Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bell, of the Bible Societies' agency in Beirut, expect to leave for America during August, as Mr. Bell is retiring after fourteen years in Bible Society service in Cairo and Beirut. We are therefore permitted to announce that Mr. Lyman MacCallum, whose going to Beirut we announced as imminent four weeks ago, and who actually left on July 19th, goes there to become Acting Director of the Agency. His many friends in Stamboul are earnestly hoping this may be a very temporary arrangement, so that he may come back to his real post soon.

Our two bridal couples have both returned to Stamboul, - Mr. and Mrs. Ian Gordon Campbell (Gladys Perry) from Smyrna, and Mr. and Mrs. John Stene (Flora Manwell) from Jerusalem. The Campbells were married by Rev. E. C. Blake, and the Stenes by Rev. W. Clark Kerr. Mrs. Campbell will continue to teach in the Scutari Academy, and Mrs. Stene will continue to act as Head of the Nursing Department at the American Hospital, while their husbands go on teaching.

Dr. and Mrs. Shepard, Dr. and Mrs. Dewey, Mr. Fowle and Prof. Scott went up a week ago for a camping holiday on Ulu Dag. So far they have apparently had ideal weather.

Mr. John Burns, who has completed his three years of teaching at Tarsus College, has secured a position to teach at Robert College, and is already on the ground.

By vote of the Church Committee, the Union Church of Pera is taking a summer recess, and there are to be no services at the Dutch Chapel until September 5th.

Most of the delegates to the Annual Meeting of a month ago have returned to their stations. Miss Woodward starts the day after tomorrow on her way to Smyrna.

A letter from the ladies of the Methodist Mission at Lovetch, Bulgaria, states that they have been informed by the Government that they will be allowed to teach in their school again this year as they were last. While it is fortunate for them to be thus favored, it is a disappointment to the Near East Mission that they are unable to help out in its time of need.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:

Dr. and Mrs. A.W. Dewey returned on Wednesday from their trip to Ulu Dag, and have left again on their return to Gaziantep. They report a fine outing at the camp on the mountain.

Miss Edith L. Douglass, of Sofia, who has been teaching at the Smyrna Girls' School this year, is spending a part of her summer vacation at Scutari.

A letter from Miss Mary Ingle tells of her comfortable journey down to Haifa, and of her interesting but very taxing work as assistant to Rev. W. C. Kerr in the Hostel for British troops there.

"Dr. Ruth A. Parmelee completed her course of study in the School of Public Health of Harvard University, and on May 27th received the degree of Master of Public Sanitation. Almost immediately after that she went to Oberlin College to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Science. The Board is honored in Dr. Parmelee's honor, and we know that you of the Mission will feel the same way." --Letter of the ABCFM June 3rd.

On her return to the Near East, Dr. Parmelee will be loaned to the Near East Foundation for a term of three years, and expects to work first in Syria and at the earliest opportunity to go across to Greece and work there.

Mr. John Richard Lepke, a graduate of Bucknell University in 1941, who has had two years of theological training at Yale Divinity School, has been engaged by the Board for a three year term of service in Tarsus College. During his studies at Yale he has had considerable experience in Boys' Club work under the YMCA. He has secured his permission to come out, and is awaiting transportation, along with Mr. Chandler for Talas.

Through Mr. Nilson we learn that Mrs. Nilson and the four children were in Basra July 10th, hoping to leave by the next transport steamer. They spent three days in Aleppo on their way to Irak, and had a chance to swim in the new College swimming-pool. Then they spent six days at Baghdad before going on to Basra.

Mr. Nilson also writes of his interesting trip back to Talas by way of Zonguldak and its coal mines, and Karabük and its steel factories. The father of one of the Talas students is in charge of the food supplies for the Zonguldak coal-workers, where he feeds about 27,000 men a day.

The financial report of the first eight months of the Board's fiscal year shows an increase in gifts from churches of over \$17,000; but this is more than balanced by loss in other lines, resulting in a net loss of over \$24,000 for the eight months.

All the American and British schools in this city seem to show a capacity attendance for the coming year, in spite of the large increase in boarding and tuition charges. Our Scutari Academy is turning away many applicants for boarding pupils.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:

Apologies are due to all our subscribers for the three weeks' interval since it was possible to issue our last bulletin.

Heavy news reaches us this morning in a wire from Rev. James H. Nicol at Beirut, reporting that Rev. Henry Harrison Riggs died Tuesday morning the 17th, in Jerusalem, after a day in the hospital there. Further details are anxiously awaited. The last word received from him was of a message sent from Cristobal. Canal Zone, while he was on his way from New York to Beirut. How he reached Jerusalem is not yet known. Mrs. Annie Riggs and the two daughters are supposably in or near Auburndale, Mass.

Henry Harrison Riggs was born March 2nd, 1875, in Sivas. He went to America for his education, graduating at Carleton College in 1896 and at Auburn Seminary in 1902. Coming out as a missionary to Caesarea, he was elected President of Euphrates College in 1903 and removed to Harpout. The next year he returned to America and married Annie C. Tracy, who came back with him, but died the following year, August 23, 1905. Two years later he married Emma M. Barnum, who died of typhus April 17, 1917 at Harpout. In 1910 he had resigned the presidency of the College, and thenceforward gave himself up to touring and evangelistic work. He was one of the first missionaries to return to Turkey after the first war, sailing in January, 1919, and going to Harpout. In May, 1920 he married Annie M. Denison; and in November of that year they were expelled from Harpout. After three years in Stamboul, they went to Beirut, which has been their home ever since. In 1936 he was appointed Executive Secretary of the Near East Christian Council, and was very active in promoting its interests until he went to America on furlough in the summer of 1940.

Mrs. Block, who had gone to Beirut for a visit and rest and treatment has returned to Talas and taken up her work. Miss Fletcher and Miss Lucas, after a summer vacation in Jerusalem, have come back again much refreshed to Scutari Academy.

Miss Theda Bell Phelps, of the Gaziantep Hospital, left there August 3rd for a vacation trip, going to Mersin and Gözne.

Dr. and Mrs. Shepard and their camping companions returned last Saturday from Ulu Dagh, brown and refreshed. The party included L. R. Fowle, Mr. Stratton of Robert College, Miss Wright of the Girls' College, and Miss Clary of the Service Center.

A letter from Dr. J. K. Birge dated July 1st tells of a visit to Indiana University to look into the experiment in oral teaching of Turkish, being done there; and states that he was expecting to take charge of a similar piece of work at Princeton, moving down there with the family in about a week from that; the course was to have thirty to forty men in it, and was to continue for nine months; Dr. Birge was to have the help of two Turkish students in the teaching. He now speaks of starting back to Stamboul "as soon after April 1st as possible."

Cards are out for the wedding of Mr. John Raymond Pearson and Miss Agnes Heilbronn on Tuesday, August 24th, at Albert Long Hall, Robert College.

Apparently we were in error in stating in our last issue that Mr. Lepke for Tarsus and Mr. Chandler for Talas had their permissions to leave America and were merely awaiting transportation. Word has since come that their passports have been declined; and steps are being taken to overcome this difficulty.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:

Mrs. Philip Ward arrived in Beirut last week, having flown from America to Egypt in company with Miss Tezar, who has reached the American College for Girls at Arnaoutkeuy for another term of teaching there. Mr. Ward is reported as following his wife, but by a longer route; she is to be acting as a nurse at the A.U.B. Hospitals, and he will be connected with the N.E.S.T. at Beirut. There is also word from the Board at Boston that Miss Lindsley and Miss Martin will be here soon, nothing being stated as to route. We still await word of permission for our men teachers for Talas and Tarsus.

Letters from Boston tell of the marriage of Miss Mary D. Uline, of the American Board, in June, to Mr. Dunlap, a Scotchman who has been living at the Bellevue Hotel in Boston, and is engaged in writing. For the present Mrs. Dunlap is to keep on with her work at the Board Offices; but after the war Mr. Dunlap expects to take her back with him to Scotland. Miss Uline was a missionary of the Eastern Turkey Mission from 1910 till 1915, first in Erzroum and then in Bitlis, since which time she has been in the Home Department of the Board in Boston. She was graduated in Oberlin in 1906.

The wedding of Mr. John Raymond Pearson and Miss Agnes Heilbronn took place on Tuesday, August 24th, at Albert Long Hall, Robert College, Rev. C. T. Riggs officiating. Professor Estes presided at the organ, and a violoncello solo by the brother of the bride preceded the ceremony. Both bride and groom were all in white, and everything including decorations and wedding procession was lovely. A large reception followed, at Kennedy Lodge. After a brief absence Mr. and Mrs. Pearson will be residing at Robert College.

A recent letter from Dr. Ernest Pye tells something about his four sons and what they are now doing. Huburt has closed some years with the Macy Company, and is in the Navy. For more than two years Edward has been training cadets in Engine for the Air Service. Willard is on an assignment in Petroleum Chemistry, and was demonstrating results at "headquarters" in April. Donald is on a similar assignment in Chemical Warfare at Stanford, and, incidentally, has qualified for Ph.D., as did Willard in June, 1942.

Dr. Ruth Parmelee is also reported from Boston as "proceeding soon" for her work first in Syria and later on in Greece, with the Near East Foundation.

Miss Edith Douglass of Sofia, after a short stay in Scutari, has gone to visit friends in Angora before returning to Smyrna School.

Word has been received from Montevideo, Uruguay, that Professor L. A. Scipio of Robert College and party had reached that point on their way to the United States. Presumably they are at home long before this.

The Beirut News Letter tells of the birth of a granddaughter to Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Maynard, now of Beirut, in Chicago on May 7th, their son Robert being the happy father.

By the courtesy of His Excellency the Minister of the Netherlands Government, a garden party was held in aid of the Union Evangelical Church of Pera, in the gardens of the Netherlands Legation on Friday last, which was well attended.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:

Letters received the past week as well as personal messages received from Jerusalem give more information concerning the last days of Rev. Henry H. Riggs. It appears that he landed in New Zealand Sunday, June 20th; and had a very strenuous time securing passage from there to Australia, which caused somewhat of a nervous strain. In Melbourne, he had an attack of some former heart trouble, but got over it easily. He landed in Egypt presumably about the 14th of August, and went right on in a terribly crowded train on a very hot day to Jerusalem, reaching there extremely tired, on the morning of August 16th. Going to the hospitable home of Rev. Eric F. F. Bishop, of the Newman School of Missions, he rested a while, but had a more severe heart attack, and was finally taken to a hospital by ambulance, in the middle of the night. Everything possible was done for him; but at about 10 a.m. on August 17th, he passed away, of what the doctor diagnosed as coronary thrombosis.

The funeral was held on the 18th, at St. Andrews' Scotch Church, with Rev. S. H. Semple in charge, assisted by Rev. E. F. F. Bishop, and with Rev. G. L. B. Sloan at the organ. The lesson was read by Mr. L. Pinkerton, the American Consul-General, and Mr. Blatchford of the Y.M.C.A. Interment was at the Mt. Zion Cemetery, the grave being right near that of Mrs. Howard S. Bliss. This service was conducted by Rev. G. L. B. Sloan, Chairman of the Near East Christian Council. It is a comfort to know that he passed away among friends, so many of whom had come to know him through the Christian Council. Miss Constance Padwick was among those present; also Professor Hewitt of Robert College.

Miss Mary Ingle, of Thessaloniki, but now of Scutari, returned here last week from a very busy time at Haifa where she was assisting Rev. W. Clark Kerr in his canteen work.

Mr. and Mrs. George DeForest White, now of Cyprus, made a brief visit in Beirut and the Lebanon on their way down to Cairo, where they went to report to the British Government regarding some most interesting social service experiments they have recently been carrying on for the employees of the Copper Company where they have been working for several years. This involves the making and use of vegetable dyes for cotton goods.

Miss Theda Bell Phelps returned to Gaziantep on August 28th from her recent vacation in Gözne.

President Alford Carleton writes from Aleppo on August 27th that they are looking forward to a very full attendance at Aleppo College; and that, contrary to expectation, the doubling of the fees for tuition does not seem to have reduced the number of day students in prospect. Dr. Carleton himself was planning to go to Jerusalem on a ten-days' trip, starting September 4, and returning September 14.

M. Maurice Beguin, who has been teaching at Smyrna, is transferring this week to Talas where he will help in the Boys' School this coming year. At last accounts it seemed likely that Lincoln Blake will be going there with him, to spend the winter studying there. John Blake is to be attending the English High School in Pera, and living with the Gordon-Campbell family.

Miss Mabel E. Long left Scutari on Tuesday last on her way to Smyrna, to teach in the Girls' School there.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pearson are having a grand time in Talas, where he is showing her the haunts of his tutorhood. They are expected back at Robert College next week.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:

A cable from New York dated yesterday announced the safe arrival there of Professor Scipio and Miss Lafontaine who went with him. They left Stamboul June 21st.

News has also come of the safe arrival in the United States of Miss Harriette Steele, of Sofia College. Miss Steele secured a place on an American steamer from Alexandria, but did so only by signing on as a stewardess, since it was not a passenger steamer.

Letters just received from America indicate that a group of friends of our late colleague Dr. W.W. Peet, among whom are Miss Cecelia Berg, who worked with him in the Treasury Department of our Mission for several years, and Miss Anna B. Jones, formerly of Stamboul Station, have taken steps to raise a sum of at least \$2,000, as a Peet Memorial Fund, to be held by the American Board in Boston, the income of which is intended to be used as a Peet Scholarship in some one of the American Board's schools in this country. Any persons desiring to share in such a tribute to Dr. Peet may send their contributions, large or small, properly indicated, to H.B. Belcher, Treasurer of the Board in Boston, or to L.R. Fowle, Treasurer of the Mission in Stamboul who will accept such funds for transmission to the American Board.

Schools and colleges are opening this week for the new year of studies. The Scutari Academy opened on Wednesday, with capacity attendance; and today, Thursday, the two American Colleges have begun, each with a very large number enrolled.

Scutari Academy still awaits with eagerness the coming of Miss Martin and Miss Lindsley, to fill out the teaching corps. Robert College has learned by cable that four new instructors for the Engineering Department have started from America, and that two instructors in English will shortly be leaving, to help fill the eleven vacancies from last year. The American College for Girls is still waiting for word of the starting from America of Miss Gurney, returning for another period of service, and of Mrs. Laurens Seelye.

Professor Laurens Seelye has returned from a summer in Beirut where he was seeing some books through the press; he will be the preacher this coming Sunday at the Dutch Chapel service.

A recent letter from Mrs. Helen E. Scott, now in Newton Centre, Mass., speaks of Miss Marion Sheldon as "a regular worker at the Red Cross meeting in her church, - always on hand, they say."

The Pera-Galata Tunnel has at length been opened again for use, after being closed for repairs since the first week of July. Last week the city woke up to a different sort of accident, the Kara-key Bridge across the Golden Horn having been put out of commission when a steamer that was being towed through the draw broke its hawser and banged into the pontoon next the draw, causing damage that took several days to repair.

The Beirut News Letter tells us that Professor Huntington Bliss, of Sofia College, has joined Mr. Archie Crawford, brother of Forrest Crawford, formerly of Robert College, in the Office of Strategic Services at Cairo. Mr. S.B.L. Penrose, Jr., of the Near East Colleges Office in New York, is also in the same office.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, October 8, 1943.

Dear Friends:

Mr. Lyman MacCallum has found comfortable quarters in the home of Prof. and Mrs. Harrison A. Maynard, at Beirut. He has given us reason to hope that we may have a brief visit from him in Stamboul sometime about the end of this month.

Dr. and Mrs. Frederick W. MacCallum have moved from Satara to Wai, some twenty miles distant from the former, so as to be nearer to Dr. Hume. However, Miss Emily MacCallum and Miss Glennie remain at Satara.

Sixty-five boarders have already registered at the Talas School, with a total attendance of seventy. Another group of guests of another sort are eight Englishmen who have come to occupy the rooms above the former Talas clinic, and are boarding with Dr. and Mrs. Nute. Some of these men have been helping the students learn the fine points of football.

The Beirut News Letter tells us that Professor H. A. Maynard was on crutches, the middle of September, the result of a fall from a terrace in his garden, which injured his knee. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maynard have returned to Tarsus after several weeks spent with his parents this summer.

A cable from Boston informs us that Miss Martin and Miss Lindsley for the Scutari Academy, and Dr. Ruth Parmelee of Athens have set out on their return journey, coming by the long way around, but that most regrettably Messrs. Chandler for Talas and Lepke for Tarsus have been refused permission to leave the country. We also learn that word has arrived of the starting from America of Mrs. Laurens Seelye, on her way to the American College for Girls, Arnaoutokey.

Letters just received show that Rev. Henry H. Riggs, who went from New York to New Zealand by an English steamer, continued from Wellington, N.Z., to Port Suez by an American steamer, touching at Melbourne, Australia, and Aden, Arabia. From Cairo the story has been told of how he went in extremely hot weather to Jerusalem, where he so unexpectedly closed his life. Miss Constance Padwick writes of his "sudden transition from our beloved and queer Jerusalem below to the Jerusalem that is above. Hardly a transition in that sense perhaps, for there he already lived..... The graveyard is just outside the southwest corner of the city wall. Standing up at that airy corner one sees not the Hinnom Valley which is too sharply below, but the winding of the Kedron Valley through the wilderness of Judea. It was yesterday as wide, sunny and breezy as the fresh spirit of that really magnanimous man."

Attendance figures at the Scutari Academy thus far show a total of 344 girls, of whom 137 are boarders. One's admiration for the compressing powers of the management increase as one thinks of the buildings.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Riggs Brewster, of Athens, have taken work for this coming year at a school in Alabama, where both of them will be teaching.

Word has been received of the recent death in England of the energetic and well-beloved Secretary of the Bible Lands Missions Aid Society, Rev. S. W. Gentle-Cackett, who has often been to visit our Mission. We have not yet heard who will be his successor.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, October 15, 1943

Dear Friends:

Our deep sympathy goes out to Rev. and Mrs. Harrison A. Maynard of Beirut, as we learn of the death of Mrs. Maynard's mother, on September 18th, just three days after her 86th birthday. Her home was in Topeka, Kansas.

Mrs. Laurens Seelye and Miss Caroline Gurney arrived at the American College for Girls on Tuesday last, October 12, coming from Egypt after an air trip from the United States. They received a most hearty welcome, and their coming greatly strengthens the staff. Dr. and Mrs. Seelye are living in Barton Hall for the year, while Dr. Seelye teaches in both Colleges.

Rev. and Mrs. Ernest W. Riggs are again busy with speaking, after a happy family reunion at Mountain Rest, Mass., for part of the summer. With them for longer or shorter periods at that resort were Dean and Mrs. Compton, Miss Belle Harley, and Miss Katherine McElroy. At last accounts Mrs. Cleaveland, whom many of our number will remember in her lovely management of Mountain Rest, was lying at her daughter's home in Goshen very, very weak, and not expected to live long.

Mrs. Riggs was to speak on behalf of the Board in New York State the first half of October, President Riggs was to spend the months of October and November in the Middle West, having lecturing appointments in Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. Mrs. Riggs was to be speaking in that same area from the middle of October till the end of November.

The school where Mr. and Mrs. Riggs Brewster are teaching is a High School, Thorsby Institute, at Thorsby, Alabama. Mr. Brewster teaches Economics and general history, while Mrs. Brewster teaches Civics and American history.

Five new nurses graduated at the American Hospital on Sept. 25th, and have all found work in the Hospital itself. Invitations are now out for the Annual Business Meeting at the American Hospital on Saturday of next week, October 23rd, at 16:30, to be followed by a Community Tea at 17:00 o'clock.

Rather unusually good time was made by a letter written by the late Henry H. Riggs to his wife and sent by V-mail on August 13th, the day before he expected to reach Cairo; it arrived in Auburndale, Mass. on August 24th, or in just thirteen days, or six days after news of his passing away, at Jerusalem.

Mr. Ezra Young of the Stamboul Dershane is in daily expectation of news from his wife as to when she will arrive here, coming from America to join him.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Your subscription has been paid up to

Bible House, Stamboul, October 22, 1943.

Dear Friends:

A cable from Boston announces the safe arrival of Mrs. Paul Nilson and her four children in America on October 7th. They sailed from Basra about the end of July, so that it took them less than three months.

The same cable dated October 15, contains the happy news of the birth of Daniel Miner Rogers, Jr., adding that "all are well". This will be particularly welcome word to the Nute family.

Miss Lucie Borel, formerly of Adana (1899-1923), writes October 8th from Auvornier, Neuchatel, Switzerland, sending her affectionate greetings to all her friends in the Mission, and saying: "I care for them as tenderly as I ever did in former years. Miss Borel is well and busy; she is on the "Samaritan Corps" of the town, and is also doing some translating."

In a letter dated August 8th, Miss Marion E. Sheldon, formerly of Scutari and earlier of Adabazar, reports having had visits in Auburndale from Dr. Ruth Parmelee and her sister Isabel (Mrs. Brockway), also from Miss Martin and Miss Lindsley a short time before they were expecting to sail, and from Miss Isabelle Harley. Miss Sheldon was about to go up to Thetford, Vt., for a visit with the Fowle family.

A recent letter from Mr. James Fowle to his father here tells of visiting the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Clark, well-known to many of our readers as long residents of Adana, and now living in Tucson, Arizona. They were delighted to see someone from Turkey, and inquired particularly for their many friends in Adana and Tarsus Station.

In another letter, Jim speaks of seeing Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Nice and their baby in their home in Cambridge, Mass.. Some sections of a report by Mr. Van Nice regarding his studies in the former mosque of St. Sophia have come out already in a technical magazine; and the whole will shortly be published in book form.

Our schools are doing the best they can with record attendance and insufficient teaching force. Talas now has seventy-five students; Tarsus has 178 at last accounts. The Scutari Academy has begun enrolling students for next year already, out of their long waiting-list.

A very appreciative write-up appeared in yesterday's daily "Vatan" of an interview with Mrs. Kate Chambers Seelye, who was born in Erzroum, complimenting her on her remarkably fine use of the Turkish language.

The former Khedive of Egypt, Abbas Hilmi Pasha, who is, we are informed, the uncle of the present King Faroukh, arrived in Stamboul on Wednesday of this week, coming from Geneva, and is expecting to spend the winter here.

Eight or ten cases of the Aleppo button are reported in this city. This is the first time we have heard of so many here.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, October 28, 1943

Dear Friends:

A letter of September 1 from Miss Elizabeth Trowbridge states that she and Dr. Caroline Hamilton are comfortably settled at No. 25 Tibbits Avenue, White Plains, N.Y. She also says that Mrs. Albert W. Hubbard, formerly of Sivas, who at 92 years of age lives in the same town, has been failing very much lately, and is very feeble.

Mrs. Louise Clark Bingham, formerly of Aintab (1919-1923), whose husband died on the steamer while returning from Ceylon to America, has been living in White Plains, N.Y., with her sisters; but has accepted a Red Cross position at Jacksonville, Fla.

A letter from Dr. F. W. MacCallum at Wai, India, dated September 10, says that he and Mrs. MacCallum went over the day before to Satara, twenty miles away, "to be with my sister Emily to help in the celebration of her 85th birthday anniversary. She is surprisingly well, her sight is perfectly restored so that she reads and writes easily, walks, sews, knits, etc. Her heart is set on getting back to Greece, where she expects to spend the remainder of her days."

The Beirut News Letter tells of the arrival in Beirut, on September 28th, of Rev. Philip Ward, with Prof. J. A. Brown and others, after a long voyage from the United States. Mrs. Ward reached Beirut about the middle of August, coming by air. The Near East School of Religion was glad to have Mr. Ward there in time for the opening registration, tea, and convocation service which took place Saturday, October 9.

Dr. J. K. Birge writes from Princeton, N.J., September 2, of being very busy and very happy with the thirty-two students in his course in the rapid study of Turkish; he also states that a new group of thirty-nine were expected to begin work on October 1st, each group to spend nine months in the study.

Miss Harriette Steele, formerly of Sofia, whose arrival in America we have already mentioned, crossed the ocean with Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Bennett and Mr. Thomas Dickey, of Robert College. As soon as she reached Newton Centre, Mass., she received an offer of a position in Dana Hall, Wellesley, Mass., to teach Latin, which was exactly what she wanted.

Rev. Carl Compton, Dean of Anatolia College, has been appointed by the Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation Operations of which ex-Governor Lehman is Director, and expects to leave shortly for the Near East, where his familiarity with the situation will doubtless be of great assistance.

Dr. Dan Dorman and Mrs. Dorothy Merrill Dorman with their little John, live in Bethesda, near Washington, D.C., where Dan has his work in the new Naval Medical Center.

We "go to press" a day early because of the holiday tomorrow in celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the proclamation of the Turkish Republic. It had been intended to have special celebrations for this occasion, but owing to the war it has been decided to postpone these until the twenty-fifth anniversary, and be very moderate at this time.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, November 5, 1943.

No. 941

Dear Friends:

Mr. Lyman MacCallum arrived here on Tuesday last, coming from Beirut by way of Bagdad, where he spent about two weeks in arranging the affairs of the Bible Societies' depot and work there. Mr. MacCallum expects to be here until after New Year's Day. He is to preach at the Dutch Chapel service on Sunday Nov. 14th.

Mr. Ezra Young has had a cable from his wife giving word that she has started in this direction: she is believed to be coming by way of South America and South Africa and Cairo. With her are coming two new teachers for Robert College, Messrs. Bond and Avery.

Mrs. E. C. Flake of Smyrna is making a visit to Talas, where her son Lincoln is having a siege of Malta fever.

In connection with the twentieth anniversary of the Turkish Republic, the Post Office Department has issued a set of seven stamps, printed in this city.

A Sumatran young man, Alfian Helmi by name, a graduate of the Stamboul University, has been engaged to teach English in the Talas School. Today he is being married to a young Turkish lady, and they will shortly be joining Mr. Nilson's staff, to make it still more international in character.

Word comes from Dr. Dewey that Mrs. T.C. Greene of Aintab is in the hospital there, in a very grave condition and not expected to live long.

Richardson Fowle, the youngest of the Luther Fowle family, has entered Deerfield Academy this fall, following in the footsteps of his brothers and many other boys from the Near East.

The records of the American Hospital of Stamboul show that for the first nine months of 1943, as compared with the corresponding period of 1942, there has been a surprising increase of business. In-patients numbered 1552, as compared with 1200; out-patients, 4144 as compared with 2973; and the number of babies born in the maternity wards rose from 232 to 430. Best of all, Dr. Shepard seems to flourish under this un-precedented load of work.

Last Sunday the first of the Vesper Organ recitals at Robert College was given by Professor Estes, assisted by Miss Lilly Szekely in the last number, a violin concerto by Fuchs. The hall was crowded to capacity.

Dr. George Huntington writes that Mrs. Theron Damon and her daughter Mrs. Caroline Palmer and her small Peter have gone to be with Professor Ellsworth Huntington this winter, at No. 38 Kildeer Road, Hamden, Connecticut.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, November 12, 1943.

Dear Friends

After many months of suffering, Mrs. T. C. Greene of Gaziantep was at last released on Tuesday, November 2nd, in the American Hospital, where she had been for about ten days. Her funeral was held from the Dewey home, the service being conducted by Dr. Isely. Interment was in the American plot in the City Cemetery. Mr. Greene is thus left behind at the age of ninety years with his son-in-law, Dr. Dewey. He and Mrs. Greene, - whose maiden name was Mary Alice Whitney, came to Gaziantep in September, 1931, making the trip from America with Miss Penenga and others; they came to be with their daughter, Mrs. Dewey, who passed away in September 1940.

A letter from Rev. Ernest Pye, D.D., formerly of the School of Religion in Athens, dated Winter Park, Florida, August 5, tells of his four sons and their present activities. For the past two and a half years Edward has been training cadets at the Ryan Aircraft Field, Tucson, Arizona; Donald is teaching Warfare Chemistry at Leland Stanford University; Hubert is a Lieutenant in the Navy; and Willard is on special assignment from the War Department. Hubert and Willard are both well above six feet, following in the lead of their father; while Edward and Donald are just under six feet.

The first particulars have just been received from the Bible Lands Missions' Aid Society in regard to the death of their highly esteemed Secretary, Rev. S. W. Gentle-Cackett. He passed away on July 9th, having been ill since the beginning of December, 1942. He was in his 73rd year and had been Secretary of the Society for over forty years.

At the Assembly of the Near East School of Theology at Beirut on October 28th, in Hoskins Chapel, two papers prepared by Rev. C. H. Riggs during his last voyage were read. It was very fitting to have this material presented as a last message from one who had often spoken in that same place to a similar congregation.

Some time ago the radio gave us the word that a Swedish passenger plane from Britain to Sweden had been shot down, and that among the dead was an American clergyman. It now turns out that this was Rev. Theodore C. Hume, of our Marathi Mission family, who since 1940 had been serving as pastor of the Claremont, California, Congregational Church from which he had but recently resigned. In 1937 he took a very active part in the work of the Oxford Conference.

A cable has been received from Miss Martin and Miss Lindsley from Durban, Natal, indicating their arrival there, and that connections from there seem to be slow and indefinite. Possibly they may take the air route as far as Cairo.

Another cable has come, this time from Buenos Ayres, from Mrs. Ezra Young, who with Messrs. Bond and Avery for Robert College seems to be there awaiting a steamer for South Africa.

The renovated Egyptian Bazaar, formerly known as the Spice Bazaar, was formally opened by the Municipality some time ago but was immediately closed again for lack of occupants. It would seem that the rent charges have been fixed at figures beyond the ability of dealers in these days.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:

Word has just been received of the passing to her reward of Miss Mary West Riggs, at Claremont, California, on September 25th. This follows a brave struggle of more than eight years with a heart trouble which left her weak and liable to later attacks. The end was very peaceful and sudden, when she seemed to be getting better after some weeks in bed.

Mary Riggs was born December 14, 1873, at Sivas, Turkey, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Edward Riggs. She studied at Elmira College, and was graduated in 1897. After a few years' teaching in New York State schools, she came out as a missionary of the Women's Board of Missions in 1902, to Adabazar, where she was associated with Miss Farnham, Miss Kinney and others in the Girls' School for three years with eminent success. She then transferred to Harpout, where she taught in Euphrates College till 1916, in close association with her two brothers, Henry and Ernest, who were successively presidents of the College. When war conditions compelled the evacuation of Harpout, she went back to America, and was eager to come back by the first opportunity early in 1919, with the Near East Relief workers. In that capacity she continued in Harpout till December 1920; and in 1921 she joined Miss Kinney in reopening at Scutari the school which had been closed at Adabazar, and taught in this until 1925. She then felt it her duty to go to America to be with her aged mother and she kept house for her and an aunt, Miss Dwight, till her mother's death in 1932, and then for the aunt until she too died, in March of 1941, after which she moved out to Claremont, California, to be near her sister, Mrs. D. K. Getchell. In 1935, Miss Riggs was brought low with an attack of coronary thrombosis from which she took many months to recover. She had never been quite her old self since that; and for the last few weeks of her life she was in the Infirmary of the Pilgrim Place community. The end came very quietly and peacefully, and just as she was expecting to be allowed to go back to her cottage. Miss Riggs endeared herself to her pupils and her fellow-teachers in each school where she taught; and she was an excellent teacher. At the funeral, Rev. Cass A. Reed, D.D., and Dr. Jesse K. Marden had parts.

Ambassador Steinhardt has returned to Angora after a leave of absence in America, during which he was much of the time in Washington.

Mrs. L. A. Shepard expects to leave here on Sunday for a Thanksgiving vacation in Smyrna. Miss Phoebe Clary goes with her.

The Beirut News Letter reports a letter from Prof. George Michaelides, who is on the faculty of Schauffler College, Cleveland, Ohio, and who tells of a bewildering array of teaching activities, including two of Dr. Walter Horton's courses at Oberlin, a course on International Affairs at Western Reserve, Modern European History to a group of Air Cadets at the Y.M.C.A. College, besides full work at Schauffler and preaching on Sundays.

Mr. Nilson has reminded us in his inimitable way of the veritable "League of Nations" now seen in the Talas school faculty. With Mrs. Block, born in London and married in Boston; Mrs. Therese Bonnal, from Paris, a Catholic with a sister in Syria a nun; M. Maurice Beguin, a Swiss with teaching experience in Teheran and Izmir; Mr. Alfian Helmi, a Sumatran Moslem who studied in Dutch schools there, Arab schools in Egypt, and the Turkish University of Stamboul, and has a Turkish wife; Miss Dwight, third generation missionary, born in Turke, but a pure American; and Mr. Paul himself, "100% Swede by blood and 100% American by birth, and perhaps 50% Turk by this time,"-they are certainly an interesting conglomeration!

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:

Mrs. Shepard and Miss Clary returned to Stamboul on Monday from their visit in Smyrna, having had fine trips both ways. They were there for the Thanksgiving gathering at the School, where twenty people sat down to dinner and a good time.

While they were in Smyrna, Lt. Howard Reed, U.S.N., made a surprise visit to his birthplace, staying just a few days. He is the son of President and Mrs. Cass Arthur Reed, now of Pomona, California.

Mr. Lawrence Brown has returned to Smyrna from a visit to America. He was married in August to Miss Erma Carl, who from 1939 to 1942 was teaching at the Smyrna Girls' School; but she was unable to secure permission to come back with him, and is trying to do so later on.

The October Missionary Herald tells of the death, at White Plains, N.Y., on September 5, of Mrs. Emma R. Spencer Hubbard, formerly of Sivas. Mrs. Hubbard was mentioned in our issue of five weeks ago as failing rapidly. She was born at Corning, N.Y., April 9, 1851, and was married in 1873 to Rev. Albert W. Hubbard, and sailed with him for Turkey that year, reaching Sivas November 5, 1873. With the exception of two furloughs, they continued there until 1899, when Mr. Hubbard died there. Mrs. Hubbard was left with eight children. She remained in Sivas till 1902, when she went to make a home for them in America. For forty years she has lived in White Plains, where she was a valued member of the local church and kept up a keen interest in mission work. Seven of her children survive her, including Rev. Hugh Hubbard of the North China Mission, now a prisoner of war at his post.

Mrs. Luther Fowle spent this summer at the family home in Thetford, Vt., with her daughter Joy and Richardson. Miss Sheldon and Mrs. Eula B. Lee were each with her for two weeks in August. Mrs. Lee seems to be fully recovered from the fall which for a time affected her spine.

The Beirut News Letter states that Miss Elizabeth Webb had a fall a few days before November 17, at her home, dislocating her shoulder, together with a slight fracture. She was resting quietly while continuing her active interest in church and mission activities and plans.

The engagement has been announced of Charles E. Estes, Jr., now of the Naval Reserve Laboratories in Washington, and Miss Vera Hilgeman of South Dakota. The wedding will probably take place in February. Congratulations to the happy pair, and to Professor Estes of Robert College.

Miss Olive Greene has written her colleagues at Smyrna that she has three fine young ladies rounded up for teaching positions at the Smyrna School; but for the present no women not already connected with institutions abroad are being given permissions to leave the States.

The terrible earthquake of last Saturday in northern Anatolia in which about 4000 people were killed, has done great damage in the Merzifon area, and that city, with practically all the outstations of the former Merzifon field suffered badly. In Merzifon some 175 persons were killed, and 1170 or so houses completely wrecked; while the outstations suffering most severely were Chorum, Vezir Keupru, Samsoun, Amasia, Herek (Erbaa), Fatsa, and Bafra.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, December 17, 1943.

Dear Friends:

Word has come that Mrs. Erma Carl Brown, on her way to join her husband in Smyrna, and who is expecting to teach again in our school there on her arrival, has joined Mrs. Ezra Young at Buenos Ayres, and it seems possible they may already have left there on the next stage of their journey.

Mrs. Leslie left this morning on her way to Smyrna to spend Christmas with her daughter and family there.

Word has come of the recent death at Montclair, N.J., of Mrs. Hettie Dodd Carter, elder sister of the late Miss Isabel F. Dodd, and grandmother of Mrs. Edith Carter Bennett, both formerly of this city. Mrs. Carter was the eldest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Edward M. Dodd, missionaries of our Board to Merzifon, and was born in Smyrna.

A letter from Mrs. Henry H. Riggs, dated Auburndale, October 18, tells of the memorial service held for her late husband on September 26, at the Auburndale Home, when Dr. John Merrill, Miss Emerson and Dr. Goodsell took part, after which Dr. Mark Ward and Miss Isabelle Harley told of the life and work of Miss Mary Riggs, who had just passed away the previous day in California. Mrs. Riggs says that Ruth, who graduated from Oberlin in June, had had a ten weeks' Junior Engineering course at Northeastern University, Boston, and had been accepted by the Chance Vought Aircrafts Company and was to take a course in Aircrafts Engineering at New York University, under the Guggenheim Foundation preparatory to working in the Company's plant in Connecticut.

Rev. and Mrs. Philip Ward, of the N.E.S.T., have accepted an invitation from Dr. and Mrs. Carleton to spend Christmas-tide with them at Aleppo.

Miss Silliman of Aleppo is spending some time in Beirut, under the care of Dr. Baylor, and is reported as much better, and about to undertake a light schedule of teaching work locally.

Mr. William Watson, an American from Ram Allah, Palestine, who joined the staff of Aleppo College this fall, had a painful experience while out walking not long ago with his wife not far from the College. He was attacked by persons unknown, and while he resisted successfully, he received several wounds which obliged him to go to the hospital for a short time. We are thus informed by the Beirut News Letter.

The Scutari School is having its winter vacation now, to include Kurban Bayram and Christmas Day. The Stamboul Station had a most delightful Christmas prayer-meeting at the school yesterday; and among other guests present was Canon Hutchinson, newly arrived successor to Canon Oakley as Rector of the Crimean Memorial Church, who closed the service with the benediction.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:

May "Peace on Earth, Goodwill Toward Men" bring all of us a thrill of happiness in the promise of a better world, and a new resolve to do our part in bringing in the glad day of its fulfillment!

Here are some facts regarding the schools of this region. The Talas Boys' School has a total enrolment this year of 71, of whom 65 are boarders. All but seven are Turks. Mr. Nilson says:- "I think we have a fine educational machine, running smoothly."

Tarsus College has a total of 176 students this year, 61 boarders and 95 dayscholars. Of these, fifty-three are in the three Lise classes, eighty-nine in the three Orta classes, and thirty-four in the preparatory class. There were many more applications than could be accepted. This year for the first time Talas graduates entered the course.

Last year the teacher of Orta Turkish and civics was the wife of the Kaymakam; but because of her husband's transfer to another post, she is not available. In her place has come Bay Raşit Erman, a graduate of the Istanbul University with some years of experience. Mrs. Haas has been a great help in the teaching of English and science.

In the Izmir Girls' School there are 263 students, as over against a very crowded school of 256 last year. Owing to lack of accommodations, only 26 are boarders. Five graduates of the school are among the teachers; and one former pupil is acting as secretary. From outside have been borrowed Miss Long from Athens and Miss Douglass from Sofia. As M. Beguin was borrowed for Talas, his place in the French courses is taken by a Russian lady with degrees from the Sorbonne.

The Near East School of Theology at Beirut has this year twenty-one students, of whom six are special students and one a part-time student. Four are women. All are from Syria or Palestine except one who is from Cyprus. There is some possibility of some students from Persia in a year or two. The School is rejoicing over the arrival of Mr. Ward, who is stated to be almost too willing to take on any duty that may be suggested. "It is hard to know how we could get along without his help."

Aleppo College has a total of 548 students, as compared to 492 last year and 442 the year before. Eighty-three are boarders. 68% are Christians, 31% Moslems, and 1% Jews. It is interesting to note that while two years ago 49.5% of the academic budget was paid by cash fees, and last year 61.9%, this year the proportion has reached 90.3% by the largest cash tuition fees ever received.

The Aleppo Girls' School has 367 pupils, of whom 70 are boys in the kindergarten and in grades 1 - 6. Of the total, 81 are Moslems, 22 Jews, 98 Protestants, and the rest of various Eastern churches.

In Scutari Academy there are 340 enrolled, including 94 in the three Lise classes, 149 in the three Orta classes, and 97 in the special and introductory English classes.

Beirut University has an enrollment of 2226, which is about fifty more than last year. Of these 638 are in the various University departments, 1534 in the International College, and 54 in the Institute of Music.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, December 31, 1943.

Dear Friends:

A glad New Year, full of blessings, to each one of our readers! May God keep us from all real harm and help us to help others.

There seems to be good reason to believe that Frederick Shepard, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Shepard, and David Scott, son of Prof. and Mrs. Harold Scott, will shortly arrive in this city, in connection with the American Embassy.

We learn that E. B. Watson, Jr., son of Prof. and Mrs. Bradlee Watson, formerly of Robert College, is a member of the ski troops on Kiska Island, in the Aleutians.

Three new instructors have arrived at Robert College, - Messrs. Harris, Boyd, and Avery, all coming from the United States.

After a pleasant Christmas vacation with her daughter and family at Smyrna, Mrs. Leslie got back to her post on Monday evening.

In a cable dated December 16th, Mr. Albert Staub informed the American College for Girls that Dr. William Adams Brown, President of the Board of Trustees of the College since 1929, has just died. Dr. Brown was 78 years old, and had been a professor in Union Theological Seminary, New York, since 1895.

According to the New York Times, the results of the first radio poll taken in the Holy Land have just been issued by the Palestinian Government. This "Gallup" inquiry was organized and carried out by Prof. Stuart Dodd of the A.U.B., Beirut, son of our late colleague Dr. W. S. Dodd. It was designed to elicit a representative cross-section view of Arab and Jewish views on foreign and local broadcast programs; and it indicated that news and music were the preferred items.

Mr. Robert Moore, nephew of Professor Laurence Moore of Sofia and Robert College, is stationed now at Angora in the American Embassy.

The pupils, staff and workers of Tarsus College have collected among themselves the generous sum of Ltq. 165. for the earthquake sufferers.

At the recent bazaar held by the Union Evangelical Church of Pera, more than 970 liras were realized for the church.

Yesterday's "Republique" published a list furnished by the Chamber of Commerce of this city, giving comparative prices of food stuffs here for 1938 and 1943. Among others these are revealed:-

Bread, 10 piastres, 28 3/4 piastres	Olive oil, 52 and 262
Mutton, 45 1/2 and 182 1/2	Sugar, 28 and 230
Fish, 10 and 50	Potatoes, 8 and 33 3/4
Dry Beans, 18 1/2 and 88 1/2	Milk, 15 and 55
Chick peas, 17 1/2 and 101	Coffee, 120 1/2 and 600
Butter, 100 and 435	Soap, 34 3/4 and 165

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs