

Dear Friends:

With this number, a new series of News Notes begins. Whether it continues to the 1000th number with which Mr. Riggs closed his series or even to a much less exalted number, will depend on the desire of its readers and the co-operation of those who may be asked from time to time to be its editors. We trust you will continue to be generous in sending in news items for this sheet.

This afternoon we expect the arrival by the Taurus Express of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman MacCallum and daughter Elizabeth. The two latter arrived in Beirut on June 1st after a direct trip from America to Port-Said.

Five students, four in Theology and one in Religious Education received the diplomas of the Near East School of Theology on June 3rd, after the Baccalaureate Sermon by Prof. Levonian at the Anglo-American Church.

The speaker at the Commencement exercises at the American College for Girls, Arnautkby, which took place on Thursday, June 14th, was Halide Edip Adivar. At the Robert College Commencement on Friday, June 15th, when sixty-one students graduated, Dr. Adnan Adivar gave the address.

On Saturday, June 16th, Dr. Süheyl Ünver, Prof. of Medical History in the Medical Faculty of Istanbul University, gave the address at the Commencement exercises at the Scutari School when fourteen girls in the Senior class received their diplomas. On the same day Aleppo College held its Commencement and also the American Collegiate Institute for Girls in Izmir.

To Prof. and Mrs. F. S. Erdman of Ithaca, New York, was born on May 27th their fifth child, Constance Rebecca.

Lieutenant Talcott W. Seelye of the U.S. Persia Gulf Command at Sultan Abad has been spending some time here with his parents, Prof. and Mrs. Laurens Seelye. He left by plane on the 19th for Beirut and Palestine, accompanied by his mother.

Mrs. Seelye has gone to visit friends in Beirut and to attend the Y.W.C.A. Conference of the Near East Federation which is to be held shortly at Ramallah, Palestine. Various international leaders will be present at this Conference. Mrs. Seelye and Miss Araxie Rever who leaves here on Tuesday next, will represent the Istanbul Service Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill N. Isely arrived in Mardin on the 6th and have been spending about ten days there visiting Miss Dewey. They have returned to Gaziantep this week.

Mr. Gordon Avery, Mr. Homer Wilkins and Mr. Jels Forchhammer of Robert College left for Izmir on the direct boat yesterday. They will attend Miss Tuttle's wedding and take trips to some of the Seven Churches.

Mr. Huntington Damon is rejoicing in the arrival of his wife and children in Ankara. It is hoped that they will be able to spend part of the summer in Istanbul.

Very truly yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Bible House, Stamboul, June 29, 1945.

Dear Friends:

On the afternoon of June 16th, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Thomson at Roumeli Hissar was the scene of a very pretty wedding when their daughter Margaret was united in marriage to Mr. John Melvin Biggs of the Engineering Department of Robert College. The bride was given away by her father in the impressive ceremony conducted by Rev. Charles T. Riggs. This was witnessed by a large number of guests from the Community and city and took place in the large living-room which was tastefully decorated. The bride was attended by Miss June Bell of the British Consulate. The best man was Mr. Gordon Avery. Following the ceremony and congratulations to the bride and groom, the guests adjourned to the garden and pine grove adjacent where refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Biggs left shortly afterward for a brief stay at Yalova. On very short notice they left last Friday, the 22nd, for America on one of the American boats passing through this harbor.

A second wedding of interest to many though the bride had made only a brief stay with us, was that of Miss Carol C. Tuttle of the American Girls' School in Izmir, who passed thru here last November on her way from America. The service which united Miss Tuttle in marriage to Major John Christian of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps on Saturday afternoon, June 23rd, was read by Canon Hutchinson from Istanbul at St. John's Church in Izmir. Miss Joan Reed attended the bride and the best man was Sir Charles Morrison. After the ceremony, a reception was held at the British Consulate next door. The bride and groom stayed a few days at Lica, and then came by plane to Istanbul where they are spending a few days at the Islands. Major and Mrs. Christian expect to leave for England in July.

Mrs. Bernard Tubini has had news this week of the safe arrival in America of her daughter Rosemary and her husband William Parquette who had been interned in the Philippines since Pearl Harbor. Also the news that a son has been born to her daughter Jocelyn, wife of Mr. James Pond.

Last Sunday morning occurred the death in her apartment at Robert College of Mrs. Olivia Thomson, after a few weeks' illness. Mrs. Thomson had been a Matron at the College for many years and was thus known by many succeeding groups of students, Staff and Faculty members. She will be greatly missed at the College. Her daughter, Mrs. Harold Scott, and sister, Mrs. Middleton Edwards, are those who remain of her immediate family. Services held at the Robert College auditorium on Tuesday afternoon, were conducted by Rev. C.T. Riggs and interment took place at the Crimea Memorial Cemetery at Haydar Pasha.

As anticipated in the June 8th number, the enlarged meeting of the Committee ad Interim took place on Wednesday, June 27th, the sessions being held in one of the Scutari school-rooms and lasting till noon to-day. Added to the delegates previously mentioned, Mrs. Maynard and Mrs. Nilson were also present. The usual annual reports were given, the financial items were mostly routine. Personnel for the coming year was the main problem. A cable received during the meeting from the American Board in Boston announced the appointment of Robert King as a tutor for Tarsus College. Wednesday evening Consul Troutman and Mr. and Mrs. Guinn of the Consulate joined the group at supper out-doors in the wisteria arbor. Thursday afternoon a special tea was served in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Riggs who expect to leave shortly for America. Copies of "Güzel Sanatlar" were presented to them as a parting gift. A session in which those from our school desired to discuss educational problems, is continuing this afternoon.

During the above meeting, information reached us that Mrs. Haas, Misses Douglass and Towner were safe in Athens. They had left Izmir on June 21st but their boat had struck a mine. No further details are known at present.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Bible House, Istanbul, July 6, 1945.

Dear Friends:

Travellers to America who have recently left this port include Prof. Laurens Seelye and Miss Ina Tezar who left on June 22nd with Mr. and Mrs. Biggs.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Raymond Pearson and small daughter, Carol, left on June 28th. Their address will be 181 Vermont Ave., Providence, R.I.

Yesterday at noon Mr. Charles T. Riggs received word that they might leave last evening. A number of friends gathered at the Yolcu Salonu in the late afternoon to say farewell and Godspeed to him and Mrs. Riggs and also to Mrs. Alma Woodruff who is going for a year of furlough. Their boat is the good ship Morris Hillquit.

Miss Charlotte B. Reid returned on Monday, the 2nd, from a short visit to Izmir where she attended Miss Tuttle's wedding and joined with a group of young people in a trip to Ephesus and Priene.

Miss Joan A. Reed arrived from Izmir yesterday with a group of girls for the Service Centre Girls' Camp at Cadde Bostan. Miss Reed will remain there as a counsellor for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Maynard who have been in our city for some time attending the Mission meeting and looking after dental work, returned to Tarsus this morning on the Konia Postasi.

We learn that Mr. and Mrs. John Stene (nee' Flora Manwell) are in Texas where Mr. Stene is training men at Camp Hood and Mrs. Stene is busy training Ingrid.

After some delay in getting his exit visa, Mr. Maurice Beguin left Izmir a few days ago for America to attend Hartford Seminary.

The American Community were invited to The Office of War Information on July 4th at 12 noon to attend a special performance of "All That Money Can Buy", the famous screen version of "The Devil and Daniel Webster" by Stephen Vincent Benet. Consul Troutman spoke a few words of welcome and introduced Pres. Black of Robert College who gave a short address on the subject of "Liberty". He quoted particular sections from the Declaration of Independence and from the Constitution which guaranteed various aspects of personal liberty to Americans. The Film which followed was particularly fitting for the celebration of our National Holiday. In the late afternoon a baseball game was played at Robert College.

A twelve day Conference for the training of camp leaders for Kizilay (Red Crescent) summer camps, held at Yilanlı Yali, Bebek, ended on June 27th. Young men and women from Ankara, Izmir, Tekirdag, Izmit and Adana participated in the Conference. Dr. Remzi Gönenc, Gen'l. Sec'y of the Red Crescent, and Bay Cemil Uybadin, President of the Junior Red Crescent, were special guests of the Conference. Bay İlhamî Polater was the Director. Many friends in this community acted as leaders. Among them Dr. Post, Miss Lindsley, Mr. Kreider, Mr. Gordon. Several outings, a special cinema at the O.W.I. and games on the Robert College campus were features of the Conference. The leaders who were in training are now at work in their respective camps.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

President Floyd H. Black left for America last Sunday, June 8th, on one of the Victory boats which had been anchored in the Golden Horn for some days undergoing repairs from mine damage.

The Four Military Engineers who have been teaching at Robert College also left last Sunday by special plane.

Victory boats make the trip to America from here in twelve to fourteen days. This has been confirmed by the cable received recently by the Duncan Thomsons announcing the arrival in New York of their daughter Margaret and her husband Melvin Biggs on July 6th after leaving here June 22nd.

Rev. Philip Ward returned to Beirut last Monday, the 9th, after attending the Mission Meeting in June and spending some further days in sight-seeing. Mr. Ward preached at the Union Church service last Sunday.

On her way back to Izmir, Miss Olive Greene left Friday morning to spend some days at Susurluk with the Roy MacDonalds who are in charge of the Borocite Mines there.

The direct passenger boats between here and Izmir are crowded and booked far in advance. Therefore Mrs. John E. Seager and children came from Izmir by plane last Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Seager arriving this morning via the Bandirma route. They will occupy the Mission(Fowle) House in Roumeli Hissar for a few weeks.

On Sunday last, a direct air service between Ankara and Paris via Marseilles, Tunis, Tripoli, Cairo, and Damascus was established by the arrival of a French plane bringing mail and diplomatic travellers. The return trip was made the following day. For the present, the service is to be fortnightly, and ordinary civilian travellers are not accepted as passengers. Later this restriction is to be lifted, and the service will be weekly, with a stop at Istanbul en route. The route will then probably be via Athens and Italy.

The papers announce that in a few days a 12-hour service from Istanbul to London will be inaugurated. The plane will touch at Athens and Bari, and the fare will be 900 Turkish liras (\$500.)

The Turkish Sumer Bank has 17 factories and about 30,000 workers. Questions of Health, Food, Housing, Entertainment, Education, Sports are in charge of a Chairman of Social Welfare. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nilson accompanied this Chairman to Gemlik and Brusa (July 6-10th) and in 5 days gave 7 movie shows (using the O.W.I. educational films), in the Gemlik Rayon factory and the Brusa Wool Factory. The American films are in excellent Turkish and aroused much interest, not only in American life, but in the use of the 16 mm. sound-movie as a valuable educational force. Mr. and Mrs. Nilson expect to return to Kayseri on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Curt Mulhousen are leaving on Saturday for Ankara and Kayseri where Mr. Mulhousen will continue this project of showing American Educational films.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Bible House, Istanbul, July 24, 1945.

Dear Friends:

Misses Helen Burnham and Jean Cummings who arrived in Beirut last fall to teach in the American Community School, reached Istanbul last Friday to spend some of their vacation sight-seeing and visiting at the Girls' College.

Mrs. Sophie Huri of the Mission Publication Department left for Athens on the Friday sailing of the s/s Mersin to visit her son and daughter, and to attend the wedding of the latter.

A letter from Miss Long from Athens tells of her surprise at finding Mrs. Haas, Misses Douglass and Towner at a hotel where they were staying awaiting further transportation to America. These ladies left Izmir on June 21st on one of the American boats which ran into a mine after they were twenty-four hours out. The ship was set a-fire, and they were taken off in life boats. However the fire was soon extinguished, and the boat proceeded to Athens. The ladies, however, spent two nights at a simple home on a Greek island and were taken to Piraeus on a sub-chaser. The ladies suffered no damage to themselves nor to their possessions, but the explosion had proved fatal to several seamen, and others had bad burns. These latter were taken to the hospital still housed on our campus at Ellenico.

Miss Long reports that the Girls' College has two years of college work already in operation with about ninety students in this department. A total of about 400 students were enrolled this last spring, all of whom have been studying in two rented buildings. In the "Gymnasium" Department there were two shifts, morning and afternoon. The number of applicants for next year is so large that larger buildings are being sought. The ladies hope that their own campus and buildings may be returned to them for use by next January. Dr. McElroy hoped to spend her vacation in England this summer.

Miss Louise Smith of Wellesley is spending her sabbatical year at Pierce College, and it has just been reported to us from Boston that Miss Hazel E. Barnes has been approved and engaged for a three-year term for Pierce College, Athens. Miss Barnes is a graduate from Wilson College, Chambersburg, Penn., and has received her Ph.D. degree from Yale. Her interest is in the Classics and she has been an instructor in Greek and Latin at the Girls' College at the University of N.C. for two years, and an associate professor of Classics and Philosophy, at Queens College, Charlotte, N.C.

Miss Kieliszek, a graduate of Massachusetts State Teachers' College, with several years' of teaching experience, has been appointed for a three-year term to one of our schools in the Near East Mission. It is yet to be decided just where she will be assigned.

A cable dated July 22nd from Washington, D.C. announces the safe arrival in America of Maurice Beguin formerly of our Izmir and Talas Schools.

Word was received here recently of the death of Pampish Prapion Gureghian in Merzifun. "Pampish Prapion", as she was widely known, had nearly reached the age of 100 years, and had lived a very active life up to within the last one or two years. She had taught for many years in the Merzifun Girls' School. Later, since the Great War, in the absence of a regular pastor, she had been the leader in religious services for the remaining Armenian Community, and had looked after, and ministered to, the needs of many elderly women who were without relatives and family ties there. The large number of her former pupils who are living in different parts of the world remember her with great respect and affection.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

Due to scanty rains during the spring and summer in this vicinity, there have been several forest fires recently on the Asiatic side of the Bosphorus. On Sunday afternoon a fire on the European side concerned a number of those in the College Community. This was started in the grass in the cemetery below Robert College and near the old road which leads up from the quay. The fire swept up the hill and two cypress trees were soon ablaze. A burning fragment from one of these lodged on the window-sill of the more northerly of the two houses with towers which are situated somewhat below the College wall. The occupants of these houses being gone, the fire on the window-sill could not be put out before it had rapidly gone between the walls. Soon the whole house burst into flame. Efforts made by the Fire Department from Bebek and the fire boat from Istinye prevented other houses in the vicinity from taking fire, but great anxiety was felt by the occupants of all of these houses and of those below on the quay, since there was a fairly strong wind blowing.

Word has been received from Miss Hinman concerning her numerous trips and travels on her way from Boston to the West coast and back to Lewiston, Idaho where she has settled down in an apartment at 928, 10th street in the same building with her sister. She has had numerous speaking engagements and is looking forward to attending the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Forest Grove church in Oregon which will be held this fall. This had been her home church since her childhood.

Mary I. Ward writes from 119 Wood End, Newton Highlands, Mass., where she is making her home. She has also been visiting with the Edwin St. John Wards at Templeton, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Dorman announce the birth of their daughter Eleanor Whitney Dorman on July 5th. in the Beirut American Hospital. Mother and daughter were getting on splendidly.

Dr. Don Webster has returned from America and is spending several days in Istanbul before returning to Ankara. He expects to be back in Istanbul later in the summer. Mr. Richard Gnade from the American Embassy in Ankara is in the city for a few weeks' vacation. Miss Marion E. Nosser is another visitor here from the capital.

Miss Joan A. Reed left for Izmir Monday morning after spending several weeks here visiting friends and acting as counsellor at the Service Center Camp for Girls on the Marmora. Miss Reed is expecting to leave shortly for Greece to visit her parents Dr. and Mrs. Cass A. Reed. Dr. Reed reached Athens early in June, and is at present acting as Finance Officer in the Greek UNNRA Head Quarters. Mrs. Reed is in charge of Displaced Persons in the Peloponnesus with head quarters at Patras. Their son, Howard A. Reed, Lt. USNR, who had been in and about Athens since last fall, left on a trip to Washington in late June, but will return again shortly. Dr. Reed reports the birth of his first grand-child in Minneapolis on June 16th, William Sweatt Reed, son of Lieutenant Arthur Lachlan Reed, USNR. William and his mother hope to join Lieutenant Lachlan in Martinique shortly where he is U.S. Naval Liaison Officer.

News has just reached us of the marriage on March 28th of Cyril H. Nute, son of Dr. and Mrs. William L. Nute, to Miss Margaret Shaffer of Troy, Penn. The civil ceremony was performed near Langley Air Field in Virginia, but later the religious service was conducted in the parents' home by her father who is a pastor of the Disciples of Christ Church. Margaret was a nurse who had returned from overseas service in England. Shortly after their marriage, Cyril, who is a radar technician, was ordered to the Lincoln Army Air Field in Nebraska.

Maryly Nute graduated from Northfield Seminary this *spring*, and expects to enter the Freshman class at Swarthmore this fall, if plans do not work out for her coming to Turkey to spend an intervening year.

Sincerely yours,
Hester T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

Miss Edith F. Parsons who has been staying at the American Colony, Jerusalem, for several months awaiting an opportunity to secure transportation to America, was expecting to leave there for Egypt in time to sail in August. Presumably this sailing was to be via the Gripsholm which was to arrive at an Egyptian port about the middle of August. Word recently received from America shows that on account of repairs this steamer is not leaving America until August 24th, which delays the arrival of teachers and personnel for American institutions in the Near East until into September.

Among those expected for the Near East Mission are the following:

For Izmir Girls' School: Miss Eleanor Gants, Miss Kieliszek,
Miss Margaret Blemker.

For Talas Boys' School: Miss Angie Crew, Mr. Yoshio Fukuyama.

For Tarsus College: Miss Harriet Yarrow, Mr. Robert King,
Mr. Joseph Steward.

For Scutari American Academy: Miss Ruth Shinn, Miss Angeline Ducas.

Mr. William S. Woolworth, Jr. and Dr. Albert Carleton and family who have been waiting in Izmir about two weeks for passage to America from that port, are expecting to be able to leave on August 11th.

Miss Mildred Parker, American Secretary at the Beirut Y, or Girls' Service Center, is spending her vacation in Istanbul which she is visiting for the first time.

Mr. Huntington Damon has brought his family down from Ankara to spend some weeks in the Damon home at Robert College.

Miss Saisie Hibbard from the Gaziantep American Hospital has spent a month here in Istanbul attending the June Mission meeting, sight-seeing and studying Turkish. She left on the 2nd for Ankara accompanied by Miss Charlotte B. Reid and Mr. Robert Avery who are taking a trip into the Interior. After some sight-seeing in Ankara, they expect to visit the troglodite region at Urgup on their way south.

A letter received here from Miss Mary Ingle describes her activities during her furlough year in America. Miss Ingle spent four months in speaking engagements in Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Wisconsin, Illinois and California. She became accustomed to all kinds of transportation (and lack of it) in her travels. She expects to visit her family in England this summer on her way back to Greece.

Dr. and Mrs. F. W. MacCallum and Miss Emily MacCallum are spending some weeks in the Lebanon at Brumana. We hope to welcome them here in Istanbul in the autumn.

Miss Elizabeth P. MacCallum, their daughter, attended the San Francisco Conference as one of the technical advisers on Middle East affairs on the Canadian Delegation. At the close of the conference she returned by air to Ottawa, where she is on the secretarial staff of the Canadian Prime Minister.

A letter from Athens reports that MacCallum Hall was damaged during the late war by a direct hit from a bomb, which pierced the building from roof to basement, but failed to explode, so that the building still stands. The school library, situated in Hill House, was looted by refugees who were installed there for a time.

Miss Evelyn Woodward, now on furlough in England, is living at Little Benhams, Horsham, Sussex.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

Mrs. Wm. Nute and Mrs. Merrill N. Isely spent a few days in Tarsus last week on their way to Namrun where they are spending their real vacation.

Dr. Charles R. Watson of the American University in Cairo is on his way to America and while his ship stopped in Mersine for a couple of days he spent August 8th in Tarsus at the American College with the Maypards.

According to a cable from J. Raymond Pearson dated August 4th, his family had reached America after five weeks and two days en route. One week had been spent in Bodrum near Izmir where cargo was being loaded.

A cable dated August 9th from Boston announces the arrival of Misses Douglass, Towner, Mrs. Haas, Mrs. Woodruff and Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Riggs. The three first named had left Izmir June 22nd but had been delayed some time in Athens because of damage to their boat.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Riggs Brewster were expecting to spend the month of July at Ventnor, N.J. and then to return to Boston until they sail with the group of those returning to the Mission in September. This group includes Miss Blatter, the Deweys, Birges, Howles. Mrs. Carl Compton and Mrs. Ernest Riggs are also awaiting an opportunity of joining their husbands in Greece.

Mr. Dan Brewster arrived in Washington from England in the latter part of May to take the oral examinations for those desiring to enter the Foreign Service of the United States. He had taken the written examinations in March.

We learn from the Beirut News letter: that Miss Anna Davies, formerly a nurse in our Mission Hospital at Adana and more recently working in Beirut for the Friends of Armenia, is on her way to England on furlough. That Mrs. Edith Laird, Librarian at the American University, and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. W. MacCallum, had spent some time in July in the University hospital recovering from an attack of pneumonia. She is now with her parents at Brummana.

Dr. and Mrs. Howard Hannaford of the Presbyterian Mission in Japan where he was head of the English Department in Tokyo American College, arrived in Syria and Aleppo early in May. Dr. Hannaford will assist in Aleppo College this coming school year in the absence of Dr. Carleton, and it is hoped that Mrs. Hannaford will be able to take some classes in the Aleppo American High School for Girls of which Miss Silliman is principal.

Dr. Enoch F. Bell, who recently retired from the Editorship of the Missionary Herald died suddenly on June 10th. Dr. Bell had been at the Clifton Sanitarium in February returning home in April. He passed away at Clifton Springs, where he had again returned, though his condition appeared to be improving. A Memorial Service was held at the Mt. Vernon Church, Boston, following the Prudential Committee Meeting on June 12.

Double and triple headlines today in all the papers announced the final surrender of Japan and the end of the Second and (Inshallah!) Last World War. The Banks are closed, but the flags which had been hoisted several days earlier on the first premature announcement of Japan's surrender, did not reappear until noon today.

The papers announce that the Commission on Foreign Affairs has discussed and accepted the World Security Agreement of the United Nations. As soon as the Grand National Assembly has voted on this question, it will take a lengthy recess.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Bible House, Istanbul, August 21, 1945.

Dear Friends:

Miss Marion E. Nosser returned last night to Ankara after a stay of several weeks here in Istanbul, the guest of the ~~Misses~~ Brown who are connected with the British Embassy.

Miss Mildred Parker of Beirut is returning home today via the new passenger route which has opened up, whereby steamers leaving here on the 21st of each month stop at Izmir, Beirut, Egypt, including intermediate points, and return here via Piraeus.

There is another boat service to Egypt whereby passengers leaving on the 7th of the month go directly to Greece, then to Egypt, Beirut and back along the Turkish coast.

Mr. M. Bonnall, who taught French at Tarsus College for a number of years, has resigned, and is spending some time in this city.

The Near East Committee Conference, which took place in Boston on June 12th, at first gave the members an uneasy feeling as to who could be left at work on the field. There were present the Birges, Brewsters, Deweys, Fowles, Shepards, Lymans, Mrs. Ernest Riggs, Mrs. Woolworth, Mrs. Lee, Miss Mary Ward, Miss Dorothy Blatter, Miss Isabelle Harley and Mr. Jack Blake.

On Sunday, the 19th, "Ashiyane" (Green Nest) the home of the famous poet, Tefvik Fikret, standing in a commanding position on the slope immediately below Hamlin Hall, was opened as a Fikret Museum by the Governor of Istanbul and the Minister of Public Instruction. The date corresponded with the thirtieth anniversary of the poet's death. In this green retreat, Fikret, who was one of the leaders in what was known as the New Literary Movement, wrote many of his famous works while he was a distinguished member of the teaching staff of Robert College and the Woman's College.

After a very trying voyage of 23 days on a ship carrying 4000 passengers, Miss Catherine Glennie, formerly of the Ellenico School, arrived in England. Since there were no porters in Liverpool, she had to part there temporarily from her baggage, but when she reached her sister's home in Aberdeen and found herself between flannel sheets and hot water bottles, she felt that it had all been worth while. Miss Glennie was evacuated with the MacCallums to India in 1941, and has been living there with Miss Emily at the American Board station in Satara.

Writing on July 11, from the family home at 52A Burnt Ash Hill, Lee, London S.22, Miss Mary Ingle tells of her voyage eastwards on the S.S. "Mariposa." This was the first regular peace-time sailing open to civilians, and the event was blazoned all over the front pages of the Boston dailies. Miss Ingle hopes to be in Salonica in time for the opening of school.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

Letters written en route to America by Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Riggs to their daughter and friends here, report a slow but easy journey that far. Their ship had stopped at various ports in the Mediterranean including Marseilles. There the party were obliged to say good-bye to their friendly captain and crew as new orders were to take their ship off its direct route to America. The Riggs party trans-shipped to another boat which was to make several stops in Africa on its way to some North Atlantic port. In Marseilles, as they landed, their boat was berthed right next to the ship on which were the Ray Pearson family, who had left Istanbul earlier on their way to America.

Dr. Cyril H. Haas of the American Clinic in Adana is spending some time in this city attending to dental work.

Misses Jean Cummings and Helen Burnham of the Community School in Beirut left here August 30th for a visit in Izmir on their way back to Beirut. Miss Margaret McNaughton of the Beirut University Hospital, who has also been spending her vacation here, went to Izmir by last Sunday's boat to spend a few days before proceeding back to her work.

President Alford Carleton of Aleppo College with Mrs. Carleton and three daughters and Mr. William Sage Woolworth, Jr., Principal of Tarsus College, after waiting for over a month in Izmir for expected opportunities to return to America by Victory ships, arrived here on August 24th to arrange passage on the Turkish steamer for Alexandria. They left on the "Güneysu" on September 4th with the expectation of making connection either in Alexandria or Haifa with the Gripsholm which is due to take on passengers for America from these places this month.

The Izmir Fair is being held again this year, and many are taking advantage of this to do some sight-seeing in that city. Miss Adelaide Dwight of Talas left on yesterday's boat for a visit at the American Girls' School there after spending two weeks in this city. She was accompanied as far as Ankara by Miss Sylvia T. Eddy who remained there to visit friends for a week or two.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Maynard of Tarsus College have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Nilson in Talas but have now returned again to Tarsus.

Prof. and Mrs. Ralph Harlow of Smith College are to spend their sabbatical year 1945-46 in service at Pierce Junior College in Athens, with such incidental relief work as may be possible in connection with their teaching program.

On July 14th and 15th a number of the personnel of the Near East Mission met in the Luther Fowle home on Thetford Hill, Vermont for a conference about the work here. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Fowle there were present Dr. and Mrs. Goodsell, Lynda Blake, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Birge, Lorrin Shepard and Miss Emerson. Mr. Harry Meyering, who was teaching in the summer school of New York University, spent July 15th with the group there.

A cable from America announces that Miss Angie G. Crew for the Talas School will arrive by freighter, as will also later, Mr. Fukuyama for Talas and Mr. Steward for Tarsus. Misses Shinn and Kieliszek for Izmir or Scutari schools together with Miss Yarrow and Mr. King for Tarsus are now en route on the Gripsholm.

On Sunday, September 16th, there is to be a special service at the Dutch Chapel to give thanks for Victory. Combined with this will be a Harvest Home festival to which friends are asked to send the contributions of fruits, flowers and vegetables, which will be received at the Chapel on Saturday the 15th throughout the day.

Miss Caroline Silliman who spent July in Istanbul went on to continue her vacation at Shemlan after a brief interval of eight days spent in Aleppo.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Bible House, Istanbul, September 18, 1945

Dear Friends:

Summer classes at the Girls' Service Centre ended with August 31st and the Men's Dersane held closing exercises on September 6th. The Staffs of both institutions are having their vacations during the month of September. Mr. Ezra Young is spending part of his vacation at Büyük Ada. The Girls' Camp had a crowded season.

Miss Phoebe Clary left by plane on Tuesday, September 11th, for Ankara and Jerusalem. She was due to take passage on the 16th from Haifa on the Gripsholm for America on her long over-due furlough. It is nine years since she was home last, the war having prevented her going at the regular time. During these years aside from directing the work of the Service Centre, Miss Clary has been active as a member of the Board of Managers of the American Hospital here, as local U.S.O. representative and has assisted in various forms of relief to war prisoners, refugees and orphans.

Mrs. Cuthbert E. Binns accompanied Miss Clary and will spend some time in Washington, D.C. visiting her daughter Cynthia whose husband Mr. William Baxter is connected with the State Department.

Registrations for the Scutari School closed some time ago but applications still pour in. All the places for 1946-47 in the boarding department are reserved ahead, with some reservations made for the following year. There have been more than twice the number turned down for this year than could be accommodated. This is approximately the situation in all the American institutions.

Dr. Cyril H. Haas left for Adana on the 13th after several weeks' stay in the city attending to dental work.

Mrs. John E. Seager and three small daughters who have been spending two months in Roumeli-Hisser, left on the direct boat for Izmir on Saturday. During the fair season, extra direct steamers have been leaving Istanbul for Izmir on Saturdays.

Mr. T. Angus Swan of Bebek is enjoying a visit from his son Ralph, who is home on a two months' leave from the British army. Ralph left home ten years ago for England to finish his education and subsequently graduated from London University as a civil engineer with a brilliant record. He went to Rhodesia, South Africa, to follow this line of work. When the war came, he became a Bombardier of a Tank Division of the 8th Army and went thru the North African campaign to Tunis and then thru the Italian campaign up to the deadlock at Bologna. He was transferred later to patrol duty on the Italian side of the Swiss Alps, and from there obtained his furlough leave. Ralph expects to return to South Africa shortly to resume his engineering work.

Edward Maynard, youngest son of Mr. Harrison A. Maynard, has left his exciting life on the Atlantic for the Naval School of Oriental Languages at Stillwater, Oklahoma, where he is having a year's intense study of Japanese.

Istanbul has had a week-end guest in the person of Abdulillah, Regent of Irak, who arrived here Saturday morning last on His Majesty's Cruiser "Ajax" which was accompanied by two destroyers of the Royal Navy. The Regent has gone on to Ankara where he was met by President İnönü who had sent his special train to convey him thither. Much interest here has been centred on the "Ajax" which played such a heroic part in the sinking of the Graf Spee in the Battle of the River Platte. The Turkish cruiser "Yavous" and two destroyers are at anchor off Dolmabahçe with these units of the British Navy which are due to leave to-morrow.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

Mr. F. Lyman MacCallum left for Beirut on Thursday last, where he will remain several weeks before returning here again. Elizabeth is entering the English High School for Girls this month and with the scarcity of teachers, Mrs. MacCallum is taking some English classes this semester. Dr. and Mrs. F. W. MacCallum expect to accompany Lyman on his return here. They will all make their home at the Bible House Apartment.

Classes began at the Scutari on the 19th, and at the Colleges on the Bosphorus on Thursday the 20th.

By Friday's Taurus express Dr. Laurens Seelye, Miss Ina Tezar, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Thomas returned from America to their teaching duties. With them came Prof. and Mrs. Miller, formerly of La Fayette College, Miss Slater and Miss Boyer. Prof. Miller will teach Mathematics in the Engineering Department at Robert College and the two ladies will teach at the Girls' College. Mrs. Thomas (Ethel Nichols) is taking some classes at Robert College.

The new nurse at Robert College who will have charge of the Infirmary is Miss Sophie Mihailova who has been connected with the American Hospital here for a number of years. Miss Mary O'Neill retired from this position in June and was able to leave for England on August 11th by plane to Cairo and England. Miss O'Neill, who has been with the College since 1924, will be greatly missed in the College circle. She came out from England to this city in the early years after 1900 as maternity nurse for the private practice of Dr. McClean who was the Director and Surgeon of the British Marine Hospital. Miss O'Neill was very skilful and resourceful in her profession and always calm and cheerful. Under her administration the College Infirmary was very ably run. She was most generous in giving away flowers and plants/

Miss Angie Crew arrived in Talas on the 20th after waiting some days in Alexandria and three days in Iskenderoun. She had travelled by freight boat from America together with Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Brown and baby who were returning to their home in Izmir.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Clark, formerly of Adana where Dr. Clark was in charge of the Government cotton experiment Station, give their present and correct address as Rue 5, Box 102, North Campbell Avenue, Tucson, Arizona.

Letters from Mrs. Alma Woodruff and Mr. Charles T. Riggs describe their arrival on August 7th at a freight pier in Jersey City. Mrs. Woodruff went directly to Hartford to spend some time with her brother. Mr. and Mrs. Riggs are settled comfortably in an Apartment at 18 South Pleasant Street. Their address is Post Box 332, Middlebury, Vermont. Miss Harriette Steele has an Apartment not far from them.

On August 18th, they had a surprise visit from Mr. and Mrs. Luther Fowle, Joy and Richie and Mrs. Harriet Gulick who had motored from Thetford, Vermont, to celebrate the lifting of restrictions on gasoline.

Mr. and Mrs. George White who have been in Cyprus during the war landed in New York in August.

Mrs. Alice Riggs arrived in Athens on the Gripsholm to join her husband President Ernest Riggs of Anatolia College. Their eldest son Lorrin is to be Assistant Prof. of Psychology at Brown University this year and Margaret has received her M.A. in Psychology and is studying for Ph. D. at Radcliffe. This summer she was psychometrist at the Northampton (Mass.) State Hospital for the Insane.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

President Riggs writes that Anatolia College will open in September. Up to this time there has been a continuing school of about 400 pupils which was initiated by the staff and which operated all during the war and during this summer. The summer school continued until August 15th with about 150 in attendance. About \$15000 has been spent this summer to restore the buildings and equipment of the College. This includes the erection of a new and temporary class-room building for the Girls' School. The upper Campus will then have class-room accommodation for about 600 boys and girls, about 150 of whom will not be received until January when an incoming class is received. Places cannot be provided for the great number of applications which have been received.

On August 2nd, the old Girls' School building in Thessaloniki on Allatini Street was completely destroyed by fire, except for a new wing which housed the Study Hall. The fire which occurred at mid-day was accidental and began in the roof. There was no movable property belonging to the School in the building at the time. The new building on the College Campus for the girls, had been planned and started before the fire occurred, as it did not seem possible to re-occupy the old building.

Miss Mary Ingle is the newly appointed Dean of the Girls' Department and is expected in Thessaloniki this month, together with Miss Alice Gwinn, formerly of the Japan Mission.

Mr. Carl Compton who has been Director of UNRRA in Thessaloniki, expected to have a short furlough in America this fall before taking up his duties as Dean of Anatolia College.

Miss Harriet Yarrow and Mr. Robert King arrived in Tarsus on Monday morning the 24th, just in time for the opening of School last week. It will be remembered that Miss Yarrow came to Turkey to teach in the Gedik Pasha American School and when it was closed, she was transferred to the Izmir Girls' School. For a number of years Miss Yarrow has been in America and we are glad she is again able to return to one of our Schools.

Prof. Frank Hewitt, Prof. Charles Estes together with two new tutors, Messrs. Lane and Reade arrived a week ago today on the Taurus express for their work at Robert College. At the same time Misses Burr, Jackson and Martin arrived to teach at the Girls' College.

A recent cable from Boston states that Dr. and Mrs. Albert W. Dewey for Gaziantep, Prof. and Mrs. Ralph Harlow for Athens Junior College, Miss Dorothy Blatter, together with Miss Angeline Ducas and Miss Eleanor Gants, two new appointees, are scheduled to sail from America on the Gripsholm on October 16th.

It was hoped that Mr. and Mrs. J. Riggs Brewster for Athens, Dr. and Mrs. Birge, Mr. and Mrs. Luther R. Fowle for Istanbul, Miss Margaret R. Blemker for Izmir and Mr. and Mrs. Oltaman for Aleppo would also be able to come by this sailing of the Gripsholm. It is rumored that this boat will touch at Athens and Izmir.

Miss Margaret R. Blemker is a graduate of Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio and took her M.A. from Syracuse University.

Mr. Joseph E. Stewart who is now on the way to teach in Tarsus, is a graduate of the University of Alabama with an M.A. from Columbia University.

Mr. Dan Brewster is now a career Vice-Consul and is at present stationed in Washington working on material connected with his work in London and Germany last spring.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

Among those who travelled on the Gripsholm arriving in Greece in September, were Mr. and Mrs. Charles House returning to Thessaloniki to take up again the activities of the American Farm School. Prior to their departure to America surprise "showers" were given to Mr. and Mrs. House to help them replace the household equipment in their own home in Thessaloniki which had been destroyed or moved during the occupation. Also, many boxes of shoes and clothing for the Farm School Staff were collected by friends in America and sent with the Houses. The British Military forces which had been living at the Farm after the departure of the Germans, had withdrawn this summer. Such repairs as were possible were then immediately undertaken by the Staff.

These workers were also conducting two distinct projects in co-operation with the Army, UNRRA and others. One was a Scout Training Camp where about 200 children were being trained as scout leaders, to combat the influence of the war years on children who had become used to seeing and hearing terrible things. The second project carried on in some barracks left by the Germans, was to build up 180 undernourished children. The Scouts have a patrol at the Camp looking after these children and the Society of Friends, the Swiss Red Cross, the International Red Cross, together with UNRRA, were cooperating in this project.

Mr. Yoshio Fukuyama arrived in Talas last week after a trip by freight boat from America. With him came Mr. Joseph E. Stewart for Tarsus College.

The Talas School has a registration of 95 boys of whom 90 are boarders and 5 day-scholars.

President Floyd H. Black arrived back from America and Cairo on the Taurus express on October 2nd.

Dr. Katharine McElroy spent some weeks in England in August and September and arrived back in Athens about the middle of September.

Mrs. Sofi Huri who spent August and September in Athens with her son and daughter, returned on the Turkish steamer, Aksu, last Sunday. A special feature of her stay there was the wedding of her daughter, Valentine, on August 15th.

By the same Turkish steamer on October 7th arrived Mrs. V. D. Tompkins and Mrs. Lanckton (Katharine Nicols) and children, after a long wait in Athens where they disembarked from the Gripsholm on September 13th. Mrs. Tompkins and Mrs. Lanckton are joining their husbands of the Socony-Vacuum Company.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Huntington Damon at the American Hospital here last Friday, October 5th.

Last Sunday, World Wide Communion Sunday was observed at the Union Church in the Dutch Chapel and by a united service of the local Protestant Churches at the Aynalığeme, Protestant Armenian Church. At the Dutch Chapel the Sermon and Communion Service were conducted by Mr. Ezra Young.

We learn from the Beirut News Letter that Mrs. Henry H. Riggs has accepted an appointment to be in charge of the Missionary Home at Auburndale, Mass.

On the 4th of October a copy of the Beirut News Letter #516 was received here. On finding that the first item dealt with the sailing of the "Excalibur" from Beirut, the date of the News Letter was hastily sought and found to be that of June 26th, 1940. Thus this letter had been over five years on the way from Beirut, as the envelope also bore the 1940 post-mark.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

A letter from Mr. Charles T. Riggs tells of his and Mrs. Riggs being in Boston to attend the annual fall Missionary Conference which has usually been held at the Walker Home in Auburndale. This year the Home was so full, and so many desired to attend, that it was not possible to hold the Meeting there as usual. The sessions of September 15th. and 16th. were held in the Guild Hall of Old South Church, Copley Square. "Over one hundred were present at the opening session, and all sessions were well attended. The program included discussions on the effects of the War on American Board work; the meaning of the San Francisco United Nations Conference for Missionary work around the world; and next steps in Mission work, both short-range and long-range. The Near East Mission was represented by Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Dewey, Mrs. W. S. Woolworth, Mrs. L. O. Lee, Mrs. H. H. Riggs, Mrs. Carl Compton, Miss Belle Harley, Mrs. A. S. Woodruff, Miss K. O. Fletcher, Miss Mary I. Ward, Miss Edith L. Douglass, Miss H. Norton, Mr. L. R. Fowle, Mr. Riggs Brewster, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Riggs, in addition to Dr. F. F. Goodsell, Dr. Mark Ward and Mrs. Mary Uline Lunlap. Among the speakers were Mrs. Woolworth, Messrs. Fowle and Riggs. The tone of all sessions was fine and helpful." The final re-consecration service Sunday morning, (September 16th) was to be in charge of Dr. Goodsell.

The engagement is announced of Helen Riggs, younger daughter of Mrs. Henry H. Riggs, now a senior at Middlebury College, to Mr. George Rice, who has been an instructor at Middlebury for the past three years.

The Executive Committee of the Presbyterian Mission in Syria has appointed Miss Barbara Hauenstein to the Girls' High School in Aleppo for the present year. Miss Hauenstein is a permanent worker who has been studying in the Language School in Jerusalem.

Dr. Lorrin A. Shepard arrived in Istanbul last Tuesday evening, October 16th., coming from America by plane all the way. He remained over Monday night in Ankara. Mrs. Shepard and Constance are not expected until next February.

Our Mission circles were relieved to learn through a cable from Boston that the "Gripsholm", due to sail on the 16th, was not held up by the dock strikes, but was able to sail on the scheduled date. In addition to those mentioned in the previous cable as due to sail on that date, we find that we have the new names of "Nute", "Theophillis" for Anatolia College, and also Miss Ingles, a nurse for Istanbul hospital. We assume that the name "Nute" refers to Maryly Nute coming to join her parents for the year. Arrangements are in progress to charter the Turkish steamer "Mersin" to bring from Piraeus here the whole group of passengers destined for Turkey. These include thirteen for our Mission and Istanbul hospital, three men for Robert College, four or five persons connected with the Standard Oil Co. Undoubtedly there are also others who will be glad to avail themselves of this opportunity for quick transit to Turkey. The Postal steamer "Aksu" leaves Piraeus a day too early to make connection with the "Gripsholm".

Daylight-saving time which has been in effect for three years or more was discontinued with the night of Sunday, October 14th. Thus we are becoming accustomed again to lighter mornings but darker evenings, and many shops are now closing much earlier than the required seven o'clock hour.

The third census in Turkey was taken on Sunday the 21st, at which time everyone was required to remain at home until the counting was completed. At 4 o'clock the gun sounded releasing people from this restriction. No figures have yet been given for Istanbul, but Adana is reported as having 100,000 population, Izmir 220,000, and Ankara 230,000.

Dr. and Mrs. F. W. MacCallum and Mr. Lyman MacCallum arrived Sunday on the Turkish steamer from Beirut, and due to the census were delayed a number of hours on the boat at the quay until the release signal was sounded. MacCallums will make their home at the Bible House Apartment.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

The population of Istanbul according to the Census of October 21st, is 896,384. The municipal area in which this population resides includes Beyoglu (Pera), Istanbul, Kadiköy, Beşiktaş, Scutari, Eyub, Beykoz, Sariyer and the Islands. A comparison with the figures of the previous censuses is a little difficult, because these figures are always for the province of Istanbul, which includes the surrounding villages that fall outside the municipal boundaries. In 1935 the population was 741,168 and in 1940 it was 789,346.

Mr. George A. Catt returned on October 5th to his work in the Botanical Department of the University in Istanbul from a visit to England this summer. He expects to complete his contract here in December and return home again.

Miss Olive Greene of the Izmir Girls' School spent the Bayram holidays at the end of October in Susurluk, the guest of Mrs. Roy MacDonald.

Mr. Herman H. Kreider left by plane October 31st for Egypt from whence he expects to sail for America on the return trip of the "Gripsholm."

This steamer "Gripsholm" which sailed from America on October 16th has been delayed in Naples on account of engine trouble. Eighty-six of its passengers proceeded to Piraeus by the British steamship "Mottoroa" and twenty-six by the American steamer "Alexander S. Clay." The steamer "Mersin" which left here last Wednesday, has been waiting in Piraeus for the passengers for Turkey which arrived there Sunday and yesterday. It is hoped that the "Mersin" will be able to leave there today and arrive here on Thursday.

Mrs. J. Gardner Bennett gives as her address. Mabel Smyth Building, Honolulu 53, Hawaii. Prof. Bennett is teaching at the University of Hawaii and she is managing editor of the Hawaiian Medical Journal, being at the same time Executive Secretary of the Hawaii Territorial Medical Association and also holds the same Office in the Honolulu County Medical Society.

Dr. Shepard gives us the following news of the members of his family: Alice, whose husband Otis Cary is in Japan, graduated last June from the Yale Medical School and is now an interne at the New Haven Hospital. Fred, who is aide-de-camp to General Arthur White of the 75th Infantry Division at Chalons-sur-Marne, France, expects to be discharged from the Army in time to spend Christmas in America. He hopes to come to Istanbul for a visit early in the year when Mrs. Shepard returns. Bob, who is in the Army, is still at Oak Ridge, Tennessee where he is connected with the Atomic Bomb Production organization. Barclay, is a Midshipman at the Maine Maritime Academy at Castine, Me.. Constance is in School and expects to accompany her mother to Istanbul in February.

Miss Annie M. Barker is still in the American Hospital here recovering from the effects of a fall which she suffered about a month ago.

On Thursday, October 25th, a special mass was celebrated at the Orthodox Patriarchate to mark the re-union of the Greek and Bulgarian Orthodox churches, which have been separated for the past seventy-three years. Stefan, the Bulgarian Exarch, had come from Sofia for this ceremony, and after receiving presents from the Patriarch, kissed his hand and expressed the joy of the Bulgarian Holy Synod and people at being again within the communion of the Greek Orthodox Church.

Sincerely yours,
Elvest T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

The long awaited group of our associates returning from furlough arrived on Friday the 9th by the Turkish steamer S.S. "Mersin" from Piraeus and included Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Birge and Dorothy, Miss Dorothy Blatter, Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Dewey, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Fowle. With these were Miss Angeline Ducas for the Girls' School at Scutari, Miss Margaret Blemker and Miss Eleanor Gants for the Girls' School in Izmir, Miss Maryly Nute en route to Talas to visit her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Nute and Miss Thelma Ingles, nurse for the American Hospital in Istanbul.

Miss Blemker and Miss Gants left on the Sunday steamer for Izmir where they arrived Monday afternoon. Dr. and Mrs. Dewey with Miss Nute left yesterday by Taurus express for Gaziantep.

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. James Barton on October 19th, after a long illness. On the same day Miss Marion Sheldon fell in her room at Barton house at Auburndale and broke her hip. She was taken to the Newton Hospital where her friends are hoping she will make speedy recovery.

News reached here a few days ago that cards were out for the marriage of Mrs. Edward B. Haskell, formerly of our Bulgaria Mission, and Rev. George Marsh, formerly teacher at the School of Religion in Athens which was to take place on October 20th at Porter Hall, Claremont, California, the officiating clergyman being Rev. Dr. Steiner.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Binns and their two children who have been visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Cuthbert J. Binns in Bebek for several months, returned recently to their home in Haifa.

Major Harold J. Seager was in the city last week visiting his aunt, Mrs. Middleton Edwards and other relatives and friends. He is on leave from his post in Beirut in the British Army and is on his way to England where he expects to be demobilized. His brother, Captain Ewart Seager from Ankara and John Seager from Izmir joined him here for a reunion and visit.

Letters have recently been received from those who this summer returned to America. Mrs. Haas has been spending some time in Boston. Miss Towner also spent a month there and is now visiting her old home in Kansas. In December she will go to California to be with her sister.

Miss Edith F. Parsons has spent some time in New York and the East, but expected to go soon to the West coast where her address is 1240 Drake Avenue, Burlingame, California.

Mrs. Alma S. Woodruff after spending some time in New England including Middlebury, Vermont, where she visited Miss Harriette Steele, expected to be in Alexandria, Virginia with her son Dean's family. Her address is 3223 Valle Drive.

Miss Edith Douglass has visited also in the East with the Reuben Markhams, Boston, in several of the New England States, and she reached Michigan in the middle of October. She expected to spend Thanksgiving with her sister in Shreveport, La.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Pible House, Istanbul, November 28, 1945

Dear Friends:

The Annual Meeting of the Istanbul American Hospital was held on November 17th., and marked the twenty-fifth year of this institution's service, the Hospital having been opened in a wooden building in Charsh¹ Kapi on May 20, 1920. On this occasion, the name of the Hospital was changed to "The Admiral Bristol Hospital" in honor of the High Commissioner of the United States who led the Community in this project, and whose efforts for it later in America resulted in obtaining Endowment and the new building.

An oil portrait of the Admiral was unveiled in the Hospital entrance on this occasion; and addresses were made by Bay Rauf Orbay, former Prime Minister and one of Admiral Bristol's many Turkish friends; by Ambassador Wilson, by Dr. Shepard and by Mr. Fowle. Many Turkish friends of the Admiral were present, and the President of the Republic through his Secretary, sent a letter of greetings and best wishes, expressing the hope that the institution would continue in the lines of broad human service, on which the Admiral had so happily started it.

Miss Sylvia T. Eddy went to Gaziantep a week ago to attend the Medical Conference to be held there over the week end of the 17th and 18th, after the arrival of Dr. and Mrs. Albert W. Dewey and before the departure from Gaziantep to Talas of Dr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Nute.

We learn from the Beirut News Letter that Miss Agnes Fenenga has opened a new home at 1018 Court Merrill, Mitchell, S. Dak., the enjoyment of which is frequently interrupted because of speaking trips. She was to have a series of meetings in Illinois this Autumn.

We also learn that several Scandinavian Mission Boards have together purchased an airplane for use in carrying Missionaries back and forth to the various fields. The first trip was to be made this month to India. One of the Danish enterprises in Syria has now been able to receive a remittance from its Mission Board in Denmark, which gives promise that communications are again being established between the Danish Boards and their missionaries, from which they have been separated for so long.

Mr. Lyman MacCallum left yesterday on the Turkish steamer "Güneysu" for Athens, where he will spend some time visiting his Agency there. He hopes to be able to return by Christmas time.

Miss Luella M. Dunning was expecting to leave Izmir on Friday the 23rd, and to spend a little time in Ankara and Talas on her way to Aleppo, where she will arrive the 28th to take up work at the Aleppo Girls' School for the rest of this school year.

Dr. Katheryn Adams writes from her home at 105 Plimpton Street, Walpole, Mass., concerning her continued interest in Turkey. She is busy with home duties, speaking at Women's Clubs and Church groups on the work in Turkey, and she quite often sees friends from the Near East.

Since our last issue, we have learned that Mrs. James L. Barton passed away on October 19. She had been in a critical condition for some weeks.

We regret to hear that on October 19th Miss Marion E. Sheldon suffered a fall in her room in Barton House, Auburndale, and had to be taken to the Newton Hospital. We trust she is making a speedy recovery and will soon be able to return to her home.

Dr. Frederick MacCallum passed away peacefully in sleep early this morning.

Sincerely yours,

Elves+ a T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

Services for Dr. F. W. MacCallum were held last week at the Bible House apartment on Thursday, November 29th, and at the Feriköy Chapel the following afternoon. At the Thursday gathering, which was attended by a group of intimate friends, worship was led by Dr. J. K. Birge, assisted by Canon Hutchinson. Dr. Birge emphasized the two qualities of gentleness and strength which so characterized this loved associate. To the public service, conducted by Mr. Ezra P. Young on Friday, came friends and acquaintances of many nationalities to do honor to one who had been for more than fifty years a wise counsellor and a deep inspiration to them.

Dr. Frederick William MacCallum was born in Canada in 1863, and studied Theology at McGill University and at Yale. He married Henrietta M. Reid in 1890, the year that they sailed for missionary service in Turkey. They were located at Erzurum for four years, then were transferred to Marash in the Central Turkey Mission where Dr. MacCallum taught in the Theological Seminary until 1911. At that time, they were transferred to Istanbul where he took charge of the Publication Department of the Mission. During the Great War he left Turkey, going by way of Switzerland and Sweden to the Caucasus where he was engaged for two years in relief work. He then spent four years in America in Relief administration and returned to the Publication Department in 1919, where he served till his retirement in 1937. During this time many changes came about in Turkey in the early days of the Republic. During the last seven years of his services in the Publication Department he gave much time to the translation of the Bible into modern Turkish on behalf of the Bible Societies. After a furlough period in America, Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum returned to Greece to spend retirement years with his sister, Miss Emily MacCallum. They were evacuated to Egypt and India when Greece was over-run by the Germans and only last Spring returned to Beirut, and in October came to Istanbul.

It is hard to put into words what Dr. MacCallum has meant to all who knew him. His saintly life has left its mark on many hearts among both Christians and Moslems.

A gathering was held on December 1st. at the U.S.I.S. (OWI) in Istanbul, to mark the 25th. year of service of Bay İlhamî Polater to the youth of Turkey through his association formerly with the YMCA and in recent years with the Dershane directed by Ezra Young. Addresses were made by Turkish and American friends, to which Bay İlhamî responded most happily; and a beautiful silver dish, suitably inscribed, was presented to him by his many friends. Several films were then shown, and after refreshments, the party ended amid congratulations and best wishes to the guest of honor.

A dinner, attended by all of the American personnel and workers of the Gaziantep Hospital was given on November 19th as a farewell honor to Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Nute who were returning to Talas, and as a welcome to Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Dewey who had just arrived from their furlough in America.

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Nute and Maryly left on November 26th en route to Talas from Gaziantep where they have spent the last eighteen months in the absence of Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Dewey. They stopped off to visit friends in Adana and Tarsus and were expected to arrive in Talas on December 6.

Miss Sylvia T. Eddy arrived back in Talas on November 22nd, from the Medical Conference in Gaziantep which she had just attended. Miss Dwight and Miss Eddy entertained their Mission group at Thanksgiving dinner on November 29th.

Sincerely yours,

Elveta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

An Athens letter reaching us in 12 days has just been received, reporting that Riggs Brewster has now taken up the tasks of Treasurer and Secretary of Athens Station. The upper floor of the house at 65 Aphrodite Street, Old Phaleron, formerly occupied by the Brewsters, has now been vacated, and will shortly be occupied by Brewsters and Harlows. Just now, they are in process of collecting the Brewster Furniture that was distributed to friends on their departure.

Dr. Puzant Donikian, formerly associated with the Mission Hospital in Merzifon, and for the past twenty-five years on the Staff of the American Hospital in this city, is leaving this week with his family, for the United States. He is the last survivor of the original staff of this Hospital.

Lyman MacCallum is expected to return from Athens on Dec. 21st. thus spending Christmas and Miss Elizabeth's birthday with his family for the first time since 1939.

Word has been received of the death on November 14, 1945, in Denver, of Winifred Riggs, widow of Theodore D. Riggs, formerly members of the Near East Mission. She carried on her teaching in the Denver Public Schools until last June; and had completed with remarkable courage and devotion the up-bringing of their five children, all of whom were with her when she fell asleep. The eldest son and two daughters are all doctors; and the youngest son was given special leave from the armed forces in Germany to go to her. Burial was to be beside her husband, in Melrose, Mass.; and the Rev. Charlest T. Riggs was to conduct the service.

President Ernest Riggs of Anatolia College, Thessaloniki, reports that a year's work at the College ends on December 5th., and the new year's study starts on January 10th., with hope of crowding it into the period ending June 21st., thus clearing the way to a more normal academic year, starting in September 1946. In the five classes of this fall there were enrolled 268 boys and 166 girls. 150 new boys and girls enter the preparatory class in January. 92 boys and 49 girls are in the boarding department. All of the Anatolia College buildings survived the war, and although many problems crowd our associates there, still they find much for which to be profoundly thankful, and they bend to their tasks.

Miss Caroline Isely, who left for America in 1941, has completed her High School course, and is now a Freshman at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

Paul Nilson of Talas hopes to start for his long delayed furlough in America early in January, leaving Mrs. Nilson and associates in charge of the School. He hopes to return in the summer, bringing some of his daughters with him. Meanwhile he is continuing his showing of Educational Films to many groups in the Kayseri region. On December 8th. 300 children saw and heard Toscanini in the big Textile Factory dining-room; while in the evening 400 men enjoyed for three hours Toscanini, Pipe-line, Prelude, and Boys Club films. The show scheduled for 300 soldiers of the School for Mechanics on December 10th. is the 150th. given by Mr. Nilson since April.

Mrs. Leslie is enjoying a well-earned visit with her daughter's family in Izmir, and after sharing in their Christmas festivities, expects to return on December 28th.

Sincerely yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Permission for the reconstruction of Barton Hall, at the Scutari School, has been obtained, and plans for rebuilding part of the building are now being pushed. Barton Hall was destroyed by fire in 1905, but was so soundly built that the walls are now ready for a new load of roof and internal construction. Clearly this is "repair", not "new construction".

The American Girls' School at Izmir is having a week's vacation beginning with December 26th, and lasting through New Year's. Miss Joan Reed and Miss Eleanor Gants are spending their vacation in Ankara.

Miss Angie Crew of Talas was expected to spend her Christmas vacation at the Girls' School in Izmir, and Dr. and Mrs. Howard Hanaford from Aleppo College were to be guests of our Mission Associates in Tarsus during Christmas week.

The American Academy at Scutari is taking its long vacation beginning with December 22nd and lasting until January 7.

Mr. George A. Catt has finished his contract with the Botanical Department of the University in Istanbul, and is leaving tomorrow for England where he will be associated with the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios at Elstree, England, in charge of gardens and property.

Miss Lucie Borel writes from her home at 132 Auvernier, Neuchâtel, that she keeps busy with her housekeeping and translation work connected with the coming of the new Era. She sends her greetings particularly to her former associates in Tarsus and Adana.

Mr. Charles Riggs has just completed a set of six lectures at a Church School for Christian Living not far from Middlebury, and he was to be one of the speakers at the Annual Forefathers' Day Supper on December 21st. This is a community affair celebrating the anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrim Forefathers at Plymouth.

Born, on September 19th., in Washington, D.C., a daughter Prudence, to Mr. and Mrs. William Baxter (Cynthia Binns of Istanbul). Mrs. Cuthbert Binns reached Washington in October, to visit her daughter and family.

On December 12th, a son, Cyril Thomas Nute, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Nute. Cyril Jr. is a husky baby weighing 7 lbs. 11 ounces.

The News Letter for October from the American Farm School of Thessaloniki, Greece, tells of the arrival in Saloniki on September 22nd of Mr. and Mrs. Charles House. It had been just two years and ten months from the time they had been taken to internment camps in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. House brought back many boxes of clothing and supplies. They are busy with preparations for opening school after five years of enforced closing. Many visitors had come to welcome back the loved leaders of this farm project.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie