

Bible House, Stamboul, Jan.5, 1932

Dear friends:-

We trust that the dawn of the New Year has been as happy and blessed for all of you as it seems to have been here. We are in the service and keeping of One whose power and love are unlimited.

BORN:- In Bournemouth, England, on December 30th, to Mr. and Mrs. F. Lyman MacCallum, a daughter, Elizabeth Evelyn, Heartly congratulations to both parents and grandparents.

On Christmas morning, two services were held in Adana. The first was at the Protestant Church, where the sermon was preached by Hachadour Efendi Vosgerichian. Then followed a ceremony conducted by Rev. William S. Woolworth with Dr. Nute assisting, whereby Hachadour Efendi was authorized to continue as preacher in the Adana Church, and in addition to this, received new authorization to administer the sacraments during the continuance of his work there. In conclusion Hachadour Efendi, assisted by Mr. Woolworth, presided at the Lord's Supper. The service in English was held later at the Hospital, and was conducted by Dr. Haas, who took as his text: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

Mrs. and Mrs. Meyering and Mr. Mendenhall, of Tarsus, took advantage of their Christmas-New-Year's vacation and are making a trip to Syria and Palestine. Dr. Nute, Miss Shank and Miss Hallett have made a four-day trip to Namroun.

Mr. Richard B. Smith of Talas has come up to Constantinople for his holidays, and is spending two or three more days here before returning to his school work.

Miss Parsons and Miss Greene, of the A.C.I., Smyrna, took their vacation trip to Angora and Talas last week. Mr. Fowle, who was in Angora on official business, saw them there. They should be back in Smyrna tomorrow.

From Sofia American College, four people are taking a vacation in Constantinople. Mr. and Mrs. William Hall are visiting at the Robert College Infirmary (Mr. Hall was formerly connected with Robert College); Mrs. John Monedjicoff (Mary Whittle) is staying with Mrs. Manning; and Miss Jones is a guest at the MacCallum Hostel. President Black is now in America trying to secure funds for the College.

After a stay of ten days here, Mr. C. S. MacNeal of Robert College has gone back to continue his studies in Berlin, till the end of the long term.

Miss Susan Howard, a granddaughter of Gen. C. C. Howard of Civil War fame, friend of the negroes, has been appointed by the American Board for a term of three years as a teacher in the Near East Mission, in the expectation that she will be located in Athens Junior College.

The cooperative arrangement between the American Board and the Armenian Missionary Association of America has been extended for another year, namely, till July 1, 1933.

A list has been received at this office of all the books in the Near East Christian Council Educational Library, in Cairo. These books are available to borrowers in our Mission as well as in other Missions of the Near East Area. Particulars will be furnished by the undersigned on application. The catalogue may be seen at the Bible House.

Word has come from Rev. Lee Vrooman dated Dec. 20, that he was just leaving New York for Florida, to put in a month speaking as the representative of the American Board on an interdenominational Mission appeal.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

His Excellency the President of the Republic is due today in this city from Angora, but will not stay long. He is reported to be going to Yalova for a brief visit, and later to Brousa and Smyrna; and it is expected that on his return trip he will go via Adana and perhaps Ourfa.

Winter vacation having ended in some of our schools, are just beginning or have not yet begun in others. Several Robert College teachers have left already, most of them for Egypt. Constantinople College is in session for ten days or so more before their holidays.

Mrs. John Monedjicoff has returned to Sofia after a stay of only a week here. Mr. and Mrs. Hall remain a few days longer. Mrs. Hall, by the way, is a niece of Mrs. Charles Bingham of Ceylon, who, as Louise Clark, was connected from 1919 to 1923 with Aintab Hospital. Miss Jones of Sofia College is also still here.

Mr. Ira Gillet, of the Methodist Mission in Inhambane, East Africa, with Mrs. Edith Riggs Gillet, daughter of the late Rev. Charles W. Riggs of Aintab, are on their way back to America, and are passing through Palestine, Syria and a wee bit of Turkey. After visiting Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Damascus, their schedule called for brief stays in Beirut, Aleppo and Aintab, after which they may possibly see Adana, but will then go back and take steamer for Hamburg and thus on to America, cutting out the visits they had hoped to make in Constantinople and Salonica.

The Lloyd Triestino and Sitmar Italian steamship lines have come to a new agreement for their Mediterranean services; and the well known express service between here and Venice and Trieste has been modified in consequence. The regular sailings will leave from both ends on Sundays and arrive on Wednesdays, instead of leaving Thursdays and arriving Sundays as before. This service will be carried on by the three boats, Vienna, Tevere, and Stella d'Italia. In addition to this, the Vienna and the Tevere will carry on a fortnightly service, together with the Italia, going south from Constantinople on Fridays, every other week beginning January 15th, touching at Rhodes, Larnaca, Beirut, Haifa, Jaffa, Alexandria, and thence to Messina, Naples and Genoa, and returning via the same ports, except that Smyrna is also included, arriving at Constantinople Fridays and leaving Sundays, beginning with Jan. 17th. The Helouan will now be on the direct Italy-Alexandria service and will not come here.

The annual month of fasting for the Moslems, Ramazan, began on Saturday morning last. We understand that the usual awakening of the populace for the pre-dawn meal, by the drum beaten through the streets by the night watchmen, has been forbidden in Smyrna; but this ban is not in effect in Constantinople.

It is suggested that in connection with the approaching Disarmament Conference in Geneva, which begins Feb.2nd, special prayer be offered by individuals and by whatever groups may be able to so arrange, that the blessing of God may be upon this effort towards a more stable peace throughout the world.

The report of the Constantinople Station Centennial celebration held during the last Annual Meeting, has just been issued from the press, and is on sale at fifty cents per copy, abroad, or one lira to points in Turkey, post paid. This report includes the various addresses and letters read at that time, and the full text of the Pageant with seven illustrations; also a list of all members connected with this Station during the one hundred years. It makes an attractive volume of 120 pages, in cloth. Orders should be sent to Dr. MacCallum or Mr. Birge, at the Bible House.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

A great honor has come to the American Ambassador, which at the same time is a matter of deep regret to all Americans in Turkey. Mr. Crew has been appointed Ambassador to Japan, and will be leaving fairly soon. This will come as a blow to American interests here; but with the resignation of Mr.W.Cameron Forbes from the post in Tokyo, a strong man was needed to cope with the situation there.

Dr. and Mrs.Charles E.Clark of Merzifon announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth, to Mr.Charles Rusink, of Adrian, Michigan. Miss Clark was teaching last year in the Merzifon School. Our best wishes go to the happy pair.

An agreement has been reached between the Ministry of Education and the Museum authorities on the one hand and the Byzantine Institute of America on the other, for the uncovering and restoration of the ancient mosaic pictures of the mosque of St.Sophia. This work will shortly be begun under the superintendence of Mr.Whittemore, whom many of us know in connection with his work in recent years on behalf of Russian refugees. Mr.Whittemore is in Egypt for a brief stay but is expected back here in a short time.

The visit of our two lady colleagues from Smyrna to Caesarea the last of the year, as recorded in our issue of a fortnight ago, revealed an alarming state of frivolity among our associates of the latter Station. On their arrival they found nobody at home, for the entire Station had gone to a ball. They were efficiently received by Miss Pohl's servants, fed and put to bed; and the lady of the house arrived after midnight. When the representatives of a supposedly worldly city like Smyrna go into the interior for a little uplift, this is the situation they find! It will probably be necessary for an inter-station commission to go there this summer to ascertain whether it really was a New Year's Eve Charity Ball, as reported.

Prof. and Mrs.George H.Huntington of Robert College left for Egypt last Saturday, where Mrs.Huntington is recuperating from her recent attack of bronchial pneumonia.

We regret to learn that Mr.Zenop Bezdjian, formerly of the Protestant Chancery in this city, has been seriously ill. He has been living in Beirut, and went to Aleppo for a meeting of the Board of Managers of Aleppo College, where he was taken so seriously ill that for a few hours the doctors gave up all hope of his pulling through. A week ago, however he was reported as recovering.

The special committee appointed last summer to consider the future of the School of Religion and its possible amalgamation with the corresponding School of the Presbyterian Mission at Beirut, is to hold a meeting in Athens this coming week, to which Mr.H.H.Riggs comes from Beirut, Messrs. MacCallum and Birge from Constantinople, also Mr.Hawkes from Salonica.

A suggestion is being sent around, that wherever possible religious prayer programs be arranged concerning the Disarmament Conference which opens Feb.2nd at Geneva. It is hoped that many groups will take this up, perhaps one or more in each one of our Stations.

Rev. and Mrs.T.Ford Barker, whom many of our readers will remember as formerly located at Everek and Hadjin in connection with the Mennonite Mission, report themselves now at Washington, D.C. Mr. Barker's health has prevented his continuing in pastoral work, and he is for the past two years connected with the New York Life Insurance Co.

Mr.and Mrs. J.H.Kingsbury, formerly of Baghtchedjik and Constantinople, write from their Country Boarding School at Merricourt, Berlin, Conn., that they have as many pupils as last year, and are keeping their bills paid,- which is much more than many school can boast.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

A cable from Boston announces the passing of Rev. Lucius O. Lee, D.D., formerly of Marash, husband of Mrs. Lee, Senior Foreign Secretary of the Board. Dr. Lee was born in Kenosha, Wis., Jan. 12, 1845. He was connected with Marash, chiefly with the Theological Seminary, from his first arrival in 1880 till his retirement in 1909. He then taught for a time in Fisk University, but has been living for quite a while in Auburndale, Mass. His first wife died in 1885, and he married Miss Clara Hamlin, daughter of Dr. Cyrus Hamlin, who died in 1902. One daughter of this marriage is Mrs. C. E. Estes of Robert College; another daughter is in China. Later he married Miss Eula Bates of Hadjin, who survives him.

Last Friday was a memorable date in Turkish Moslem annals; for the Koran was read for the first time in a mosque service in the Turkish language; followed by a prayer, also in Turkish, in place of the sacred Arabic tongue. Hafiz Yashar Bey conducted the service, and read Sura 36, called Ya Sin, termed by Mohammed himself "the heart of the Koran." The comparatively small Yerebatan mosque, near St. Sophia, was jammed full. It had been announced that a similar reading would be given in one of the larger mosques the following Friday; but so great was the enthusiasm for the new practice, that on Sunday there were Turkish readings in three mosques, including the great Suleymaniye Mosque; and today there are to be similar readings in five different mosques, including Suleymaniye, Dolma Baghtcho, etc.

Mr. & Mrs. Ira Gillet, of Inhambane, East Africa, reached Aintab Jan. 9, to visit her cousin Miss Trowbridge, and their Oberlin friends the Iselys and Miss Honiss. The first snowstorm of the season greeted them, - the first they had seen for eight years. The Iselys, who had been through a siege of scarlet fever, were just recovering from the grippe, all five of them having been in bed at once. The grippe seems to be epidemic all over Turkey, Greece and Syria.

The Misses Gifford, Alexander and Krill of the Methodist School for Girls at Lovetch, Bulgaria, went to Egypt for their vacation, spending several days in Athens as guests of Mr. & Mrs. Rose. The first two then came on to Stamboul, to the Mission Hostel for a few days, and are leaving this evening for their post.

The entire American circle of Athens regret deeply the departure to Riga of the American Minister, Mr. Skinner. Seldom has an official representative of any nation won the esteem, admiration and deep friendship of so large a community of friends of all nationalities as have Mr. & Mrs. Skinner during the past four years. They left Athens week before last, accompanied to the train by members of the diplomatic body, the Prime Minister and Mrs. Venizelos, and hosts of friends. Sincere good wishes will follow them to their new work.

Miss Campbell and Miss Marvin of Athens Jr. College took a trip to Egypt during the Christmas vacation, flying both ways. Weather conditions were favorable, and they recommend the trip to their friends.

Miss Morley of Salonica spent the vacation with her sister, Mrs. Marden, in Athens, returning Jan. 7th. The American circle gathered at the Marden home for a Christmas Eve celebration. With invited guests they numbered 35, including seven children. Another happy gathering was held there Dec. 26th, when the pastors, teachers, Bible Women, and all the workers in the settlements met, 115 of them, for an entertainment. Kind friends remembered the children in the settlements also, and funds came to give them their usual entertainments in four localities. A thousand happy little hearts would send their thanks to the givers.

Word has come from Bishop Linton of Persia, indicating that he will visit some of our Stations during April.

The Anglo-American Luncheon planned for Thursday next has been postponed a week out of sympathy with the Kernick family, whose little son John died in the American Hospital after a gallant fight of four days?

Yours very cordially

Charles B. Riggs

Dear friends:-

During the first day of his recent visit to Adana, Esat Bey, Minister of Education, together with members of his staff, and escorted by the Adana Vali, honored our Girls' School with a visit, during which he attended the various classes which were in session. In the afternoon the teachers and staffs of the city schools, including our own, were present at a tea in honor of the Minister, who spoke about the aims of education in Turkey. Mr. Woolworth and Ahmet Bey from Tarsus were also present, and were pleased to have the Minister give some time to questioning them about Tarsus.

The annual meeting of the 2nd Evangelical Greek Church in Athens was held Jan. 6th. The reports showed that the church has been able to wipe out most of its internal indebtedness and to reduce substantially its foreign debt, which they hope to clear the following year. On Jan. 10th 300 church members and guests celebrated a similar occasion at the Kokkinia Church, Piraeus, with a happy time with addresses and music. \$500 had been raised by the church, including special gifts of private friends. A plan is under way for curtaining the windows of the chapel. A delightful feature was the number of interested and helpful young people present.

Miss Mills invited friends to a tea on Jan. 14th at the new buildings of the Athens Junior College at Ellenico, in honor of the architect Mr. Stewart Thompson and Mrs. Thompson, whose efforts have so helped the building project. This was a sort of house-warming party, as the buildings are to be occupied in the near future.

The Talas Reading Room has continued since December 1929. During this last year its activities have included the use of the 3 newspapers and 120 books daily by 20 to 50 men and boys; movies and stereopticon as often as Mr. Nilson can show pictures, to a crowd of 100-200; a few quiet games for those tired of reading; and the running of 25 volleyball games last summer by one of the students, in vacant lots. At a Committee meeting Jan. 21st, in the "Okuma Evi", as it is known, there were present the mayor of the town, the chairman of the town council, the head teacher, the head of the Halk Party, our teacher Kemal Bey, and Mr. Nilson. Many helpful suggestions were made, and there is plenty of opportunity for usefulness through this Reading Room.

Mrs. George E. White of Anatolia College came here from Salonica by rail last Thursday, for a visit with her daughter, Miss Margaret White of the Y.W.C.A.

Sailing unusually stormy seas, the special committee on the location of the School of Religion held a very successful meeting in Old Phaleron last week Monday and Tuesday, and perfected plans for the transfer of the School activities to Beirut and the beginning of amalgamation with the School for Religious Workers there. The final action on this plan must be by the two Boards in America. Mr. H. H. Riggs stopped a day in Salonica on his way back to Beirut, and four hours in Stamboul, and left for Beirut Saturday afternoon. Mr. Birge returned by steamer direct on Wednesday; but Dr. MacCallum stayed a few days with his sister, arriving yesterday.

Owing to new regulations by which a charge of one per thousand is made for cashing checks from abroad in local banks, - with a minimum of 30 piasters, - friends in America who wish to send small amounts out to Turkey are urged to send the money to Treasurer Belcher in Boston, to be credited out here in account. This applies to the \$1.25 charged for the News Notes per year, - if any of you have not yet attended to it.

Mr. Donald Webster and Pres. Cass A. Reed of International College each spent part of their enforced vacation in Stamboul. All schools in this city also have been closed because of the grippe, till Feb. 13th. Several of the American group here have had a touch of it.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Feb. 9, 1932

Dear friends:

Dr. D. Alton Davis, of the International Committee of the Y.M.C.A., is spending some days in an official visit to Constantinople.

Prof. Wilkie, of Whittier College, California, who is taking the place for this year of Mr. Lee Vrooman at International College, Smyrna was in Constantinople for part of the winter vacation, and left today on his return to Smyrna. Mrs. Wilkie passed through our city Sunday on her way to Palestine from America on the "Sinaia," and will later join Prof. Wilkie in Smyrna.

Mr. and Mrs. Carleton and little Muriel made a successful visit to Mardin from Aleppo lately, via Adana and Tarsus, and were much pleased at all they saw there. It also did our ladies in Mardin a world of good to have such a visit.

Miss Mattie B. Edgar, for over 45 years a missionary of the Reformed Presbyterian Board at Latakia, disappeared from her home there on Jan. 25th; and not a trace of her has been found since then. The police in all the region are searching, but the mystery is unsolved.

Mr. Ezra Young of Adana, after a visit to Talas during which he learned considerable from Mr. Nilson, has been giving movie shows four or five times a week, in Adana, Tarsus and Mersin, to the benefit of hundreds in each place.

Tarsus now boasts of one of the finest parks in the country. The water of the Cydnus river not only supplies plants and flowers, but makes a pool for toy boats, and provides a large swimming pool of running water. The city is also building a civic theatre. In excavating for the foundations, they discovered the remains of what may prove to be an old church, fifteen feet below the present level.

The Night of Power service in the mosque of St. Sofia was made noteworthy this year by an unprecedented crowd of at least 10,000 persons in the mosque, with several thousand others kept outside for lack of room. The chief attraction was the chanting of passages from the Koran in Turkish, after the prayers; and this service was broadcasted from receivers in the mosque to all parts of Turkey. Flashlight pictures of the scene were taken, which appeared in the next morning's papers. Nearly a thousand foreigners witnessed the ceremony from the gallery.

Dr. and Mrs. George H. Huntington of Robert College returned from Egypt yesterday after a three weeks' visit. With them came Prof. Laurence Moore who had taken a vacation trip to Crete.

The grippe has been making ravages in most parts of this country as well as adjacent lands. The American Hospital in this city was hard hit for a while, with both Dr. Shepard and Dr. Donikian laid low, as well as both Miss Rutledge and Miss Doane and several other nurses, - and Mrs. Shepard and Frederick to add good measure. All seem now on the mend.

Yesterday and today and tomorrow the Moslems are celebrating the great feast of Bayram, closing their month of fasting. In conforming to the usual custom, the weather has kindly cleared up for this, after a very cold and snowy spell.

Miss Sylvia Eddy of the Talas Hospital has come to Constantinople for optical work, and will be staying at the Hostel.

Mr. Blake writes from Merzifon enthusiastically of the warm reception in that city and in Amasia of the educational films he has shown. In Amasia, where he was invited by the State Superintendent of Schools, he exhibited five times in two days, with the aid of Hakki Bey, his electrician; and the Superintendent had a special tea for them and had them to dinner. In Merzifon he has been giving two shows each Friday, one for men and one for women; also many on other days to school children.

Yours very cordially,

Charles F. Riggs

Dear friends:-

The severe winter weather of the past week resulted in the sinking of a small Turkish steamer in the Black Sea, while another steamer ran aground. The snowfall has also been unusually deep, not only in Constantinople but in Macedonia; and trains have been delayed. The past two days have been much milder.

Mrs. George B. White, who has been visiting her daughter Miss Margaret White in this city, was to have started back last Saturday, but owing to the deep snows was persuaded to wait till this evening, when she leaves by train, returning to Salonica.

Dr. D. Alton Davis, after a visit of ten days or so, consulting with the Y.M.C.A. leaders here, left by steamer on Sunday for Athens on his return journey to Geneva.

Seventy-five or more friends gathered at Auburn Dale for the funeral services of Rev. Lucius C. Lee, D.D., on Jan. 24th, which were conducted by the pastor, Dr. Rogers, formerly a teacher in Beirut University. Dr. Barton, Dr. Goodsell, and Dr. Merrill, former associates of Lee in Turkey, spoke warmly of his remarkable work in Marash Seminary. A male quartet composed of Messrs. E.W. Riggs, E.F. Bell, F.F. Goodsell, and H.E.B. Case, sang two familiar hymns. Interment was in the missionary lot at Newton cemetery.

Mr. Herbert Porter French has been secured by the Board for a three years' term of teaching at the Talas Boys' School, and will be coming out this fall.

A beautifully printed memorial to Mrs. Carmelite Brewer Christie, formerly of Tarsus, has reached us from her daughter in Pasadena, Cal. In connection with this, we note the memorial read by Mrs. E.D. Marden, also of Pasadena, at the annual meeting of the Near East Fellowship, at Whittier, Calif., Jan. 9th, in loving appreciation of Mrs. Christie, who was a charter member of the organization. Miss Clara Bissell and Dr. L.L. Wirt gave addresses at the same meeting; and among those present was Harold Buckley, son of the late Dr. Buckley, formerly dentist in Constantinople.

Miss Orvis writes from Mardin Feb. 11th:- "We are having warm sunshine today and our deep drifts of snow are melting a bit. They tell me it has been twenty years since they have had as bad a storm as we had Sunday and Monday, with a cold wind and heavy snow. In spite of the deep drifts in the narrow streets, we have been busy making Bayram calls in the city. There is snow covering the Mesopotamian plain, a very rare thing. The flocks of sheep suffered terribly during the storm, causing much loss. Many automobiles were stalled between here and Diarbekir."

Mr. and Mrs. Alford Carleton of Aleppo took a trip of a few days the week before last to Beirut, going and returning by automobile.

Walter F. Myers, a graduate of Lehigh University and of Yale Divinity School and Graduate School of Education, and from 1921 to 1924 a tutor at Robert College, has been appointed assistant professor of Mathematics at International College, Smyrna, where on Sept. 1st he will succeed Prof. S.L. Caldwell, who retires after 34 years of service. Prof. and Mrs. Myers are expected in Smyrna during the present month, and will for the present give full time to the study of Turkish.

Mrs. Lydia A.P. Flint of International College, who left last April for a visit in America, has returned to her post in the College.

The central heating plant of the new hospital at Talas has been installed and tested, with very gratifying results. Dr. Dodd writes that they hope to move into the new building in May.

Mrs. George A. Huntington of Robert College has gone to a Y.M.C.A. Committee meeting at Geneva.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

At the last Faculty meeting at Robert College, Dr.C.F.Gates announced that his resignation of the office of President had been accepted by the Trustees, to take effect with the end of the current academic year. This brings to a close an administration of nearly thirty years, through a period of unprecedented stress and strain, during which the student body has more than doubled, and the material equipment has greatly increased. Dr.Gates is the third President Robert College has had, and all three were former missionaries of the American Board. Before coming to Robert College in 1903, Dr.Gates had had thirteen years' experience in Mardin, and nine years as President of Euphrates College in Harnout.

Our colleagues in Merzifon made good use of the Bayram custom of calling; they went out in three detachments, the gentlemen, the school ladies, and the other ladies; and together they made sixty-six calls, three of them sick calls, besides attempting nine more where the people were not at home. A pretty good record for three short winter days.

The Mardin ladies lay claim also to a good record of Bayram calls. They were hampered by a blizzard just before the holiday, so that they could not go out the first morning; nevertheless they made about 50 calls. Mardin has had nine falls of snow this winter,- an unusual fact. To the the Mesopotamian plain snow-covered is a rare occurrence.

Miss Lucille Day, formerly of Brousa, has secured a position as parish visitor and director of young people's work with the Center Church of Christ in Hartford, Conn., and is also attending Hartford School of Missions. Her address is MacKenzie Hall, Hartford.

Dr.Edward B.Haskell writes from Fordim that Dec.22nd last was the fortieth anniversary of his arrival in Bulgaria; and that of the 27 missionaries then connected with the European Turkey Mission, 19 have died, 4 are in America, two in Greece, and only and Mr.W.P.Clarke remain in Bulgaria. Dr.Haskell's father was the fourth man appointed to that Mission, and very probably his son may be the last one to leave the field.

The 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington was observed in Constantinople in several ways. The Hon. Joseph C.Grew, our Ambassador, addressed two assemblies, one at Constantinople College in the morning, the other at Robert College in the afternoon; he emphasized the fact that Washington lives in the hearts of his countrymen not only for what he did, but much more for what he was; and he spoke of the symmetrical poise of the man, his humanity, judgment, courage, and unselfishness, as outstanding characteristics. The American and Turkish flags and the portraits of the first president of each republic were displayed on the wall. At Constantinople College Miss Burns, and at Robert College Prof. Scott, read extracts from the writings of the Father of his Country; and in each place the exercises were introduced by the playing of the Turkish and American national anthems on the organ. Between five and seven, a well attended reception took place at the Embassy, where Ambassador and Mrs.Grew welcomed the American colony and the representatives of other nations.

Several arrests have been made in Latakia in connection with the discovery by the French police that Miss Edgar of the A.P.Mission there was murdered, a month ago, and her body apparently thrown in the river. The case is not yet entirely cleared up.

Dr.John W.Sutherland and daughter, of Michigan, arrived in this city yesterday, having been delayed forty-eight hours on the way from Salonica by snowdrifts. They are making a stay of perhaps six days in Constantinople, and plan to visit also Telas, Adana, Tarsus, and other points in our mission on their way to Syria and Palestine.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T.Rice

Bible House, Stamboul, March 1, 1932

Dear friends:-

The wedding of Miss Anita Grew, daughter of our Ambassador, and Mr. Robert English of the diplomatic service, took place last Saturday afternoon at the American Embassy, President C.F. Gates of Robert College officiating. It was a very intimate and limited gathering; but afterwards there was a large and brilliant reception for the newly married couple, at the Embassy, followed by a ball in the evening. The next morning Mr. and Mrs. English took the Lloyd Triestino liner "Tevere," on their way to the United States. Mr. English has been transferred from Bangkok, Siam, to Budapest, Hungary, where he will be Third Secretary in the Embassy. They will be going there after his leave of absence.

Dr. John H. Sutherland and daughter, who have been busily occupied seeing what they could of Constantinople between snowdrifts, left by train for Caesarea via Angora yesterday, after just a week here. They hope to see their friends the Nilsons, Meyerings, Heases and others on their way down to Palestine and Egypt. Dr. Sutherland was for many years Home Mission Superintendent of Michigan.

Mrs. George H. Huntington of Robert College returned last week after a successful trip to Geneva, to attend a meeting of the World's Y.W.C.A. Committee. She was also there in season to attend some sessions of the Disarmament Conference.

Mr. Luther Fowle has been in Angora on business, and returned on Friday in a hopeful state of mind.

Early in February the School of Religion had a very profitable Retreat Day, at a village not far from Old Phaleron, with devotional and testimony sessions besides recreation. Some very helpful and inspiring things were said. There seems to be a fine spirit in the School.

We regret to announce the death in Smyrna, of heart failure, on February 26th, of Lawyer Hertev Bey, father of Mustafa Hamit Bey.

Ambassador Grew went on Sunday last to Angora, to make his farewell visits there, and is expected back in a few days. He is probably leaving his post here on March 13th with his family, for Washington on the way to Tokyo.

It is a fact of special interest to our Mission that the Secretary of the Disarmament Conference to Geneva is Mr. Athanasios Agnides, a graduate of Anatolia College of the class of 1908.

For the first time in ten years or more, snow has fallen in Beirut, enough to have patches last for a whole day. The snow was heavy on the Lebanon range as to close all the roads to upper Lebanon and the trains across from Beirut did not run for several days, in spite of the fine system of snowsheds built a few years ago.

Rev. Edward T. Perry of Constantinople writes enthusiastically from Hartford, Conn., of experiences in visits during December and January to colleges and churches in Maine. He and his wife with Lee Vreeman, Fred Thompson and several others visited Bates College and the University of Maine, and held a house party at Poland Springs, with good results.

Dr. J. Oscar Boyd of the American Bible Society writes from Vienna that the figures for circulation of Scriptures for 1932 show a circulation of 9400 in Turkey, as against 3307 in 1930; that of entire Bibles being double that of the previous year, of Testaments slightly more than in 1930, and of portions, nearly treble. The entire Agency's circulation is 23% over the average of the previous five years, and 27% over last year's. Mr. Bell of Cairo reports similarly for the Egypt agency. The Depression, as Dr. Boyd points out, seems to be driving people to the Bible.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Rings

Dear friends:

A figure familiar to all of us has passed into the beyond. Mr. Joseph Unwin Streater, for more than thirty-five years book-keeper in the Treasury office at the Bible House, died yesterday morning at the American Hospital, at the ripe old age of eighty-four. He had been manifestly failing for several weeks, but kept at his work until last week. Mr. Streater was born in England Jan. 14, 1848, and came to this city to engage in business when he was a young man. In February of 1897 he began work in the Treasury Department, when Mr. Peet and Mr. Haizer were in the Department. Mrs. Frewen, of the Robert College staff, and Mr. Stock, of this city, are step-children of Mr. Streater.

The American Junior College for Girls has moved from Old Phaleron to its new home at Ellenico, and the work of the second semester was begun there on Feb. 15th. Much credit is due to the architect and builder, Mr. Stuart Thompson, of New York, for pushing the building program so that the first two units were ready for occupancy about a month before contract time. As the finishing and furnishing, and even the laying out of the grounds, was in the contract, there were little English daisies nodding and pansies smiling to welcome the School on its arrival, although the winds were blowing cold off Hymettus. The basement of the third unit is to be ready by April first. Plans are being made for a reception on the first Wednesday of March (tomorrow), when the many friends of the College will have an opportunity to call on the teachers in their new surroundings and inspect the new buildings. The new site is on the sea east of Old Phaleron.

Miss Frances Davidson, of Culter, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, arrived in Old Phaleron the middle of February, to spend the spring months with Miss Glennie and Miss McCallum.

Dr. & Mrs. Nute of Adana have available for this summer a cottage or two at Namrun, either for a family wishing to keep house, or for visitors wishing to board with the Nute family. Please address inquiries to Dr. Nute, Adana Hospital.

The Beirut News Letter records the birth of a second son to Dr. & Mrs. Stuart Dodd, his name being Bruce Cairns Dodd. The proud father is brother, as most of us know, to our Dr. Wilson Dodd of Talas.

Mr. Charles H. Sherrill of New York has been appointed Ambassador to Turkey in succession to Mr. Grew. It is not yet certain when he and his wife can arrive here. Mr. Sherrill is a Yale graduate of 1889 and was born in Washington in 1867. He received in 1918 the degree of LL.D. from New York University. With the exception of the years 1909-1911, when he served as American Minister to Argentina, he has been engaged in the practice of law in New York. He declined in 1911 the post of Ambassador to Japan because of ill health. He holds decorations from the French, Belgian and Serbian governments. During the world war he held the rank of Brigadier General in the American army, and was in charge of the draft. He was American 100-yard champion in his college course, and won seven intercollegiate championships.

Miss Clarahan, Principal of the Preparatory Department at Constantinople College, is in the American Hospital recovering from an operation last week for appendicitis.

We are glad to learn that Miss Gladys Lucas, who from 1925 to 1928 was teaching at Gedik Pasha, has received regular appointment as a missionary. She is expecting to return to Gedik Pasha this fall.

Miss Helen R. Haight, a nurse of ten years' experience, nine of them in the Packer Hospital at Sayre, Penn., has been secured as nurse for the Near East Mission, in the expectation that she will succeed Miss Paige at Talas Hospital, next summer.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

A large and representative group of the American Colony met on Friday last at the Tokatlian Hotel at a luncheon given in honor of Ambassador and Mrs. Grew and Miss Elsie Grew, who were leaving two days later. Just about one hundred fifty sat down to the tables. Consul Charles E. Allen acted as chairman; and after the coffee he called on one after another in a happy and facetious way to express their sentiments on the occasion of the departure of our beloved Ambassador. Miss Burns of Constantinople College, Dr. Gates of Robert College, Dr. Shepard of the American Hospital, Mr. Fowle of the American Mission, and Mr. Stem, representing the business fraternity, made excellent speeches, full of the deepest sentiment of affection, and sparkling with good humor and apt quotations. Following these, the Ambassador gave a response, in which he expressed the genuine sorrow of Mrs. Grew and himself at leaving the associations and friendships of the past five years, and their appreciation of the warm sentiments of the community as expressed by its representatives. When he had sat down, Dr. Huntington, on behalf of the entire community, presented the Ambassador and Mrs. Grew with a beautiful silver tray, of Smyrna workmanship, on which was inscribed a suitable dedication to our departing friends. Mr. Grew could not keep his feelings concealed as, in a few deeply grateful words he accepted this as a token of the abiding love of the Americans of Constantinople. Everyone was much touched as one by one went up to bid farewell to the family before quitting the room.

On Sunday morning the Ambassador and Mrs. Grew and their daughter sailed on board the S.S. "Italia" of the Lloyd Triestino Express service, for Venice, on their way to Washington. Many officials of the Turkish Government, several ambassadors and other representatives of the foreign embassies, as well as quite a group from the American colony, went to the steamer to bid them a bon voyage. They sailed shortly after ten o'clock, and are due in Venice tomorrow. After a very brief stay in Washington, they are due to go on for Tokyo. The warmest good wishes of their many friends here go with them to their new and difficult post.

Miss Dorothy Merrill, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John E. Merrill of Aleppo, has been elected President of the Sophomore class of Connecticut College, New London, Conn.

Miss Helen Barnum, daughter of Professor and Mrs. Barnum of Robert College, underwent a successful operation yesterday for mastoiditis at the American Hospital, the operation being by the celebrated specialist Dr. Taptas. She is making favorable progress.

The annual celebration of Founders' Day at Robert College on March 23rd will include the following events:- Founders' Day exercises in Albert Long Hall at 2 p.m., a Gymnastic exhibition in the Gymnasium at 3:15, and at 7:30 the Alumni Dinner in the Social Hall.

The Charter Day Exercises at Constantinople College will take place on Sunday afternoon, March 20th, at 3 o'clock, and will include addresses by Dr. Marion Talbot, Miss Belkis Ziyaeddin, and Miss Sophie Moissides.

The funeral of Mr. J. U. Streater of the Bible House Treasury Staff was held last Tuesday, which was a very rainy day. Father Pollard Rector of the Crimean Memorial Church, conducted the services, both at the Church, and later at the Haydar Pasha cemetery, where his body was buried by the side of that of his wife.

Rev. and Mrs. Leslie J. Adkins of the Aleppo Station have moved from there to Antioch, with the consent of their colleagues, in the belief that this will prove a fine centre for their work. Antioch is two hours' automobile ride from Aleppo westward, and was occupied as a Station of the American Board from 1857 to 1872.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:

Through the courtesy of the Westinghouse Radio Station, the American Board is broadcasting messages to its missionaries on March 30 and April 20, and hopes to reach its representatives in the Near East and Bulgaria Missions as well as elsewhere at that time. The hours for broadcasting are 11:45 p.m. to 12:15 a.m., which means that in Constantinople the messages may be heard between 6:45 and 7:15 a.m. on March 31st and April 21st. We trust many will be able to tune in and listen then. Messages from relatives and friends have been asked for, to be sent out from Boston from the following Stations:-

WBZ	303 metres	990kc	25000 watts
WIAZ	31.35 metres	9570kc	5000 watts

A Rural Life Conference was held last week in Salonica by the workers and representatives of the Near East Foundation. There were present among others, Messrs Acheson and Archer of the home office; Dr. and Mrs. Haskell of Pordim School, Bulgaria; Miss Slack of the Aleppo District, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Adams and Miss Martha Parrot of Salonica. The sessions were at the Farm School of Dr. and Mrs. House.

Mr. Abraham Underhill and his daughter, of Ossining, N.Y., relatives of Miss Edith Parsons of the A.C.I., Smyrna, are spending two weeks in the Smyrna region, adding the sites of the Seven Churches to the already long list of interesting places they have visited on their many world trips. They are delightful people. Mr. Underhill, at eighty, has the enthusiasm and energy of youth, and asks why no one ever told him about Pergamos and its ruins.

Dr. Ralph Adams Cram, the well-known architect and writer, with his wife and daughter, spent ten days or so in Constantinople, leaving yesterday for Paris. He spoke most interestingly before the American Luncheon Club and later at the home of Dr. G.H. Huntington, on the place of art and especially of architecture as an expression of the best in the character of any age.

Professor and Mrs. Harold Tryon, of Union Theological Seminary, New York, were recently guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baker of the Stamboul Y.M.C.A. Ten days ago they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hawkes at Salonica, and Dr. Tryon preached at the Sunday evening service at Anatolia College. After a trip through Greece they were to return to New York.

During their visit, the Anatolia College Orchestra and Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Hawkes, gave a very delightful concert. The improvement in all kinds of music among the students of Anatolia College since Mrs. Hawkes arrived has been remarkable.

President and Mrs. Bayard Dodge of Beirut University reached here yesterday and left today on their way back to Beirut, to arrive there before Easter. Dr. Dodge has been making a hurried trip to America, and secured the continued help of the Rockefeller Foundation for the work of the Medical Department. Mrs. Dodge went to Italy to meet her husband on his return and they are passing through here by rail, stopping with his sister, Mrs. George H. Huntington.

Mr. Stoyanoff, a Bulgarian violinist of growing fame, has been spending some time in our city, and has given recitals in Robert and Constantinople Colleges, the Scutari Academy, and Gedik Pasha School, to the delight of all who could hear him.

As successor to Dr. Edwin St. J. Ward as Dean of the Medical School at Beirut University, Dr. George H. Miller, Professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Iowa, has been appointed and will take charge of his work in Beirut next October.

Mr. Porter French, whose appointment for the Talas Boys' School we chronicled a month ago, is the son of a Presbyterian minister in Missouri and is a graduate of Maryville College, Tennessee, where he was captain of the swimming team. He is also fond of music.

Yours very cordially,

Dear friends:-

Word has been received of the death on February 16th from pneumonia of Mr. Ninas, formerly in charge of the Forge Department at the Robert College Engineering School. He was at his farm in Arkansas; and his son Paul arrived there from the West Indies just too late for the funeral.

The new Barnum-Riggs Memorial building at the Beirut Camp was used for the first time on Sunday, March 20th, when it was packed to the doors, with many people left outside. Not less than 1500 persons were there. The Palm Sunday service was in charge of Rev. Henry H. Riggs, who preached in Turkish and spoke to the children in Armenian. The building is a fine one. The auditorium is 16 X 20 metres. The formal dedication will be held later, after a few details have been finished, on the inside.

A letter from America reports an interesting Odyssey in prospect for next month, when Dr. Mary Mills Patrick, Miss I.F. Dodd and Miss Wallace are starting off from New York by steamer via the Panama Canal for a visit to ~~the~~ California, traveling tourist third. One can imagine the delight of our many California friends at seeing these wanderers from the East.

During the process of canalization that has cut up the streets of old Stamboul so vexingly for quite a while, a shaft down to a new sewer was being sunk back of the Bible House property, when it suddenly went into an old cistern, near the Mission Hostel, dating back to the sixth or eighth century of our era. This little Byzantine gem was well known to the Americans at the Bible House, but has not been widely advertised, although it is mentioned in H.G. Dwight's book on Constantinople, Old and New. The discovery was immediately reported to the authorities of the National Museum, and got into the local papers as a new find.

Permission has been secured by the University of Cincinnati to undertake excavations on the site of ancient Troy, at Hissarlik, near the Dardanelles. Prof. Blegen and his associates have now gone to Angora to see about final arrangements, and on their return they expect to begin work early next month at the site. Dr. Dörpfeld, who was in charge of the last excavation work done there, in 1895, is to return and cooperate with them.

Persons acquainted with the Bible House in recent years will remember the one-eyed hamal, Yeranos, often dubbed "Cyclors", who carried trunks and boxes when desired. He was found dead in his bed one morning last week, carried off apparently by heart failure. He was a very trustworthy man.

Easter Sunday morning was radiant in its sunshine and beauty, sandwiched in as it was between two snowstorms; on Good Friday the whole vicinity of this city was under two or three inches of snow, and yesterday it snowed all day although it was too warm to let the snow settle. Despite the storm, there was a good attendance at Good Friday services, and at the Vesper Music at Robert College when Dr. Fisher and Prof. Estes rendered selections from Wagner's Parsifal on organ and piano.

Among the recent additions to the Mission Library we would note the following:-

- Helping People Grow, by D.J. Fleming, 1931
- Albert Schweitzer, the Man and his Work, by J.D. Regeister, 1931
- The Beloved Physician (W.S. Dodd, M.D.) by E.M. Dodd, 1931
- Procession of the Gods, by Gaius Glenn Atkins, 1930
- Livingstone, by A.J. Campbell, 1930
- The Recovery of Worship, by G.W. Fiske, 1931
- Theism and the Modern Mood, by W.M. Horton, 1930
- New Studies in Mystical Religion, by R.M. Jones, 1928
- Jesus and the Gospel of Love, by C.S. Raven, 1931
- The Kingdom of God in the New Testament, by E.F. Scott, 1931
- The Growth of the Idea of God, by Shailer Mathews, 1931
- The Mysticism of Paul the Apostle, by Albert Schweitzer, 1931

Yours very cordially,



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Bible House, Stamboul, April 5, 1932

Dear friends:

A newspaper clipping from Lyons, N.Y., gives the word of the death of Rev. Luther A. Ostrander, D.D., at his winter residence in St. Petersburg, Florida, on March 15th, aged 89 years. Dr. Ostrander was in Constantinople about 1869 to 1872 as tutor in Robert College, and married the sister of the late Dr. Robert Thomson of our Bulgarian Mission. He was pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Lyons, N.Y., from 1882 to 1918. His son, the late Rev. Leroy F. Ostrander, was well known to many of us either as a tutor in Robert College or later as Principal of the Samokov Boys' School. Two other sons survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Carleton of Aleppo went to Baalbek for the annual Boys' Conference, toward the end of March, taking little Muriel with them. Mrs. Carleton and Muriel were compelled by the cold weather to abandon Baalbek for Beirut, leaving Mr. Carleton to finish his work there and join them a day or two later.

The Misses Margaret and Mary Steen, of Philadelphia, both former teachers in the Hissar children's school, together with Miss Marion Hendrickson, whose father is Professor of Latin at Yale, arrived in Constantinople from Italy last Wednesday, and are spending ten days or two weeks in Hissar, as guest of the Riggs and Scott families.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Riggs and their daughters and Miss Jillson took a most interesting trip during the Easter holidays, going by car through Sidon, Zarephath, Tyre, Haifa, Nazareth, Cana, Tiberias, Capernaum, Nain, Jezrael, Megiddo, and back to Beirut. They report the excavations at Megiddo as intensely interesting, and furnishing startling confirmation of the historical accuracy of the Books of Kings. The city built by Solomon (I Kings 9:15) has been unearthed, and his favorite method of building a wall, - "three rows of hewed stone and a row of cedar beams," (I Kings 6:36) appears here also.

The March copy of the "Maine-in-Turkey News" put out by the friends in International College, Smyrna, reports the placing in service on the Aydin Railroad of several American automobiles with heavy iron wheels, adapted for the Smyrna suburban service, especially to Sedikeuy.

Dr. Paul Monroe, of Teachers College, Columbia, N.Y., has been elected President of the Board of Trustees of International College, Smyrna, succeeding Dr. Edward T. Eaton, President Emeritus of Beloit College. Dr. Monroe is at present in Iraq, as head of a commission studying the educational system of that country.

Word has come from America of the rough treatment received by Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gillet, of Inhambane, East Africa, on their arrival in New York. Our friends in Beirut, Aleppo and Aintab will remember these friends who passed through that part of our Mission on their way west. In New York they were run down by an automobile, and Mr. Gillet had three ribs broken, and Mrs. (Edith Riggs) Gillet sustained a fractured skull. On March 22nd, Mr. Gillet was reported as out of the hospital, but his wife was to stay in three weeks longer.

Miss Rutherford of the Stamboul Y.W.C.A. staff, left town yesterday for America, summoned there by news of the failing health of her father. She expects to come back after a short stay, to finish out her term of service.

The new Turkish translation of the Book of Psalms is in press, and should be issued in a few weeks, by the two Bible Societies.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:

The Annual Meeting of the Bulgaria Mission will be held in Sofia beginning on Thursday, April 28th, at 9 a.m.

The Rev. G.F.Graham-Brown, since 1925 the Principal of Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, has been appointed Bishop of Jerusalem in succession to the late Bishop MacInnes. Bishop Graham-Brown was born in Kan-su, China, the son of a missionary of the China Inland Mission, and is a graduate of Cambridge. He has visited Jerusalem twice with his students, once in 1927 and again in 1929. On the latter occasion he was of great assistance during the riots.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson F.Fowle and their children left Constantinople last Saturday for a four-months' trip to America. On their return they will be located in Smyrna, in connection with the Standard Oil Company.

Professor and Mrs. Scipio ~~ma~~ of Robert College have left for a somewhat extended vacation visit to Egypt.

After a stay of about ten days in this city, the Misses Margaret and Mary Steen left yesterday by rail for Beirut, where they plan to make visits with various friends for about a month, seeing something of Syria and Palestine during that time before returning to Italy and America.

On April 9, the Ministry of Finance issued a general instruction to tax offices, pointing out that a) since the American schools in various Vilayets of Turkey serve the cause of Public Instruction, and b) since they are operated for the purpose of gain, and c) on condition that they do not rent or hire their buildings, - they should be free from the normal property taxes provided for by the Buildings Law of 1931.

This action grows out of a joint presentation of the case by the Independent Colleges and the American Board schools to the Ministry of Finance. The recognition of the service to public instruction of these schools is based upon the statement to this effect, officially made by the Ministry of Public Instruction to the Ministry of Finance. The financial condition is met by the examination by the Ministry of Finance of the receipts and expenditures of the institutions for some years past, indicating that they operate at a loss, and that their central offices in America forward funds to meet their deficit. As to the rental of property, this point will be examined in each case, and is intended to prevent this tax immunity from resulting in private gain of property owners.

This decision, following as it does the favorable decision of the highest tribunal in Turkey in the Gifts Tax case in 1930, is a renewed mark of the confidence and appreciation which the higher Turkish authorities maintain toward the American educational efforts in Turkey. It is the more marked, coming at this time of acute financial measures to meet present and future budgets. It should encourage all institutions in the country in carrying forward their work in fuller cooperation with the forward-looking people in the new Turkey, for the well-being of all the youth of the land.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Monroe, after their trip to Iraq, came this week by way of Smyrna to Constantinople, on their way back to New York. Dr. Monroe has consented to speak at the American Luncheon Club on Thursday next.

The St. Andrae Bible School, at St. Ruprecht, near Villach, Austria, will be open this summer as usual from July 1st to Sept. 10th to missionaries and Christian workers, at the remarkably low rate of seven schillings or the equivalent of one dollar per day including room and board. Several of our readers already know from experience of this beautiful location, on Lake Cossach, amid fine mountains and forests. Those interested may write to the Matron, Miss Wenger, at the School as above. Special terms for children under 11.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Rivers

Bible House, Stamboul, April 19, 1932

Dear friends:-

A most unfortunate error crept into our last week's sheet. By a blunder in copying, we were made to say that immunity from property taxes had been granted the American schools in Turkey because "they are operated for the purpose of gain." Like the celebrated clause in the "Naughty Bible," the all-important word not got left out. We trust nobody was thus misled; for the paragraph told of the schools operating at a loss, so that funds from America were required to meet their deficit. The original phrase stated that the schools "are not operated for the purpose of gain."

Mrs. Lorrin A. Shepard and the two other children left here last Wednesday for Adana, where Frederick was to make a short visit while his mother and sister Alice went on to Aintab for a brief stay. With them went Mr. H. H. Kreider, or, on his way to Aleppo for a visit of a month or so. Mr. Theron Damon was also of the party.

Bishop J. H. Linton of Persia, who has been making stops at Beirut, Aleppo, Aintab, Adana and Smyrna on his way from Persia to England, is expected in Constantinople tomorrow. He will speak at the Station prayer meeting on Thursday afternoon, at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Kreider, and will also address a meeting of the Christian Workers' Union at the same place on Friday morning. His plan is to leave Friday evening by train for Paris and London.

At Beirut, Bishop Linton was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Riggs; and his addresses and conversations were extremely stimulating and helpful. He preached on Sunday, April 3rd, at the Barnum-Riggs Memorial building to over a thousand persons, being translated into Turkish; and later preached again at the Anglo-American service; and in the evening spent an hour and a half telling the Mission group about work in Persia. Monday morning he addressed the Conference of Armenian and American workers which was in session.

From Beirut Bishop Linton went in company with Mr. Isely for a day in Antioch, and another day in Aleppo, in both of which places our colleagues valued highly the brief visits of the Bishop. Then they went on to Aintab.

About a dozen friends, including the three Americans, went over from Marash to Aintab to be present during the Bishop's visit there. His words and testimony and sermons were extremely helpful to all. Miss Dewey of Mardin was also present there.

For the Annual Conference of missionaries and representatives of the Armenian Churches, held at Beirut March 30th to April 4th, Mr. and Mrs. Carleton, Mr. Adkins and Miss Norton and Miss Silliman went from Aleppo. One of the hardest matters before the Conference was the general policy to be pursued in absorbing the drastic cut in their budget.

Among those who have come to our city for dental, optical and other purposes during the week are Mrs. Wilson Dodd and Helen Dodd, and Mrs. Block, from Talas; Miss Colmyer from Merzifon, and Mrs. Maynard from Smyrna. On the other hand, quite a few from the American circle here have gone off to Brousa, and elsewhere, on Bayram vacation trips.

The date for the opening of the Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission has been tentatively set for June 25th, Saturday, at 10 a.m. If this does not prove impossible for the various Stations, it will be considered definite. It will meet at the Academy in Scutari.

Mr. Ted Gannaway and family, of Angora, of the American Friends of Turkey, are in town on their way to America for a six months' leave of absence.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, April 26, 1932

Dear friends:

Miss Lucille Foreman, of Aleppo, passed through our city on her way to England for an abbreviated furlough. She arrived Saturday and left by the same steamer Sunday morning for Venice, going thence by rail to Paris and London. She expects to return to her post after about six months.

Miss Ethel Putney returned on Friday from attending the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Near East Christian Council, at Alexandria, Egypt.

The visit of Bishop Linton of Persia to Constantinople was all too short, but was a great blessing to those who could get in touch with him. In addition to the meetings which he addressed on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, he held conferences with smaller groups twice, and officiated at service once at the Crimean Memorial Church. His testimony to the work of Christ in Persia was thrilling. He left by train Friday evening, and is to spend the coming year in England in work among the churches.

Mrs. Maynard, the last of the vacation visitors to Constantinople, leaves today for Smyrna. Mrs. Shepard with Alice and Frederick is expected back from Aintab and Adana today.

The engagement is announced of Miss Dorothy Barker and Mr. David J. Julius, both formerly of Aleppo, and both now studying at Harts. The best wishes of the News Notes are extended.

Mr. Tobin, formerly athletic director at the local Y.M.C.A., and Mrs. Tobin are in town, spending a few days on their return from China to the United States.

A prospectus has reached us of the beautiful rest resort at Schloss Greng, on Lake Morat, not far from Neuchatel, Switzerland. It is under the care of Herr Fröhlich, brother of Mrs. E. B. Haskell of Bulgaria; The guests are mostly ministers, professors and Christian workers; and the chateau and park are delightful. Pension rates are only 7 to 8.50 francs per day, and less for children. Further particulars will be gladly furnished by Mrs. Haskell (Pordim, near Plevna, Bulgaria) or Herr Fröhlich (Schloss Greng, Morat, Switzerland.)

Among other measures unfortunately found necessary by the Board to meet the financial shortage this year, it has been decided that Miss Adelaide Dwight and Mr. & Mrs. Perry extend their furloughs for another year in America; and Mr. Porter French will not be sent out to the Talas school.

The death is reported recently in Philadelphia of Dr. Herant B. Matteossian, son of the late Dr. Baronig Matteossian of Constantinople. Dr. Herant was well known here as a dentist before the world war, and had been practicing in Philadelphia since then.

A most interesting discovery has just been made in this vicinity. A party of students of natural history was out near the head of the Kutchuk Chekmeje gulf, when they happened on some prehistoric remains, which turned out to include almost the entire skeleton of a mastodon, and considerable remains of fifteen other varieties of prehistoric creatures. This is considered the most important find of recent years in any part of Europe. The discoveries will be set up in the Natural History Museum in Stamboul; and further investigations are to be made.

After the interruption of the Bayram holidays and the National Assembly Day, the schools are again able to settle down to work for their last term of the year. This week is being celebrated as Children's Week throughout the city, but this does not interfere with schools.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

BORN:- To Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Radcliff of Robert College, at the American Hospital, Nishantash, on Friday, April 29th, a son, Peter Edward, Jr., weight, 5 3/4 lbs. All goes well.

Dr. Marion Talbot, who has been Acting President of Constantinople College during the current school year, left for America on Saturday last, going by rail to Cherbourg. Dr. Talbot expects to attend the meeting of the Board of Trustees; but she will not be returning here.

During the past three months the School of Religion at Old Phaleron has had a rich feast in lectures. Three were by Rev. R. R. Raymer, Visar of the Anglican Church in Athens, deep in spiritual suggestions and practical for Christian workers. One each were by visitors from abroad:- Miss Eleanor H. Johnson of the Hartford Seminary Foundation, on Sin: A Psychological Point of View; and Dr. Harry F. Ward, of Union Seminary, on Religion in a Changing World. The most delightful and interesting was that of Mrs. R. S. Rose, on The Lepers and Criminals of India. Those by Dr. Norman White, Director of the Public Health Commission to Greece, Professor Flakides of the Greek National Observatory, and Dr. Hill, formerly Director of the American School for Classical Studies at Athens, were full of information. Others were by Dr. Marden and Mr. Rose; Dr. Marden stressed the importance of cooperation between the clerical and medical professions in matters of health.

Two receptions were given early in April at the Junior College for Girls at Ellenico, one in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Sterling and Mr. and Mrs. Simpkins, who after completing their work in the buildings there, are busy in connection with the putting up of a house for the archaeologists at Troy (Hissarlik), and will later take up the building project of the new Hospital at Manisa, near Smyrna. The other was the monthly "At Home", when a goodly number of friends of the College called to see the buildings and grounds and congratulate Dr. Mills and the Faculty on the new home for the College.

Owing to the continued ill health of Mrs. Bobb in Texas, the remaining household furniture of the Bobbs at Merzifon is offered for sale. This includes an oak diningroom set, - table and 8 chairs and a buffet, - two dressers, two beds with mattresses, various tables, chairs, etc. Those interested may secure full list either from the undersigned or from Miss Noyes, Merzifon.

The Sophomore class of Anatolia College, together with other friends, took a trip to Athens during their Easter recess. Several teachers accompanied them. President White also went to Athens, to meet a group of former students and graduates, both from Turkey and from more recent years at Salonica. The Misses Nollen went to Olympia.

A large party from Athens and Salonica, including the students of the School of Religion in a body, were to go to Crete for a visit of three days. This was made possible by a gift from friends interested.

Miss Sheldon and Miss Swan of Scutari Academy spent a week in Old Phaleron, during their vacation, visiting points of interest in and near Athens. Miss Sheldon's many former friends were delighted to see her again.

We are asked to announce that two apartments will be available for use for the summer, at Talas, in the building which the Hospital is vacating. These are free of rent, but with a nominal charge for water, electricity and watchman. Essential furnishings, other than linen and blankets, will be furnished. For further information, please write Dr. Wilson Dodd, Talas.

The last vesper Organ Recital of the year at Robert College was given Sunday afternoon by Prof. Estes, assisted by Herr Karl Schrickel violinist. This will be Professor Estes's last for some time, as he will be absent on leave this coming year, in America.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, May 10, 1932

Dear friends:-

BORN:- At the American Hospital, Nishantash, on Monday, May 9th, to Mr. and Mrs. Caleb F. Gates, Jr., of Robert College, a son, Caleb F. III. Our congratulations to parents and grandparents.

Dr. Sarton, Research Professor at Harvard on the History of the Sciences, and Editor of "The Isis," and Mrs. Sarton are spending a week at the MacCallum home, on their way back from Beirut to America.

Another guest of Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum is Miss Davidson, friend of Miss Glennie of the American Junior College at Ellenico, Greece. She is expecting to accompany Miss Glennie back to Scotland this summer.

Miss Helen Barnum, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Barnum of Robert College, is making a good recovery from an appendicitis operation at the American Hospital. What with her previous experience in the same place, she is becoming well acquainted there.

The Robert College community has had an unusual opportunity to study royalty, during the past week. Queen Marie, Dowager Queen of Roumania, and her daughter, Queen Marie of Jugo-Slavia, have both been guests at the Huntington home; and the flags of the two countries have flown over the house. They are leaving by the Express train this afternoon for Belgrade.

The various Stations of our Mission are giving deep thought to the best course ~~to~~ to follow in view of the heavy cuts in appropriations from the American Board and from the Executive Council for the coming year. Word from Boston informs us that a saving of \$19,000 in the expenses of our Mission is imperative; and from the Executive Council in New York comes news of a reduction in their work from \$26,400 to \$18,300. The possibility of an earlier Annual Meeting is being envisaged, in order to deal promptly with the serious situation.

Rev. J. Oscar Boyd, D.D., of the Vienna Agency of the American Bible Society, has left Vienna for a visit to Greece and Turkey; he will arrive in Constantinople from Salonica about three weeks from this date.

The American Board is sending out a third radio broadcast to missionaries on May 18th, at 10:45 p.m., which will correspond to 5:45 a.m. on May 19th at Constantinople. Please note the change in hour, - one hour earlier than the time for the March and April broadcasts. It is probable that a stronger current will be used this time, since the previous attempt was not successful owing to the weakness of the short-wave-length.

The local Y.M.C.A. is just now conducting its annual Membership Drive, with twelve teams out scouring the city. All sorts and conditions of men are cooperating in this laudable effort, which is to be brought to a conclusion Saturday noon.

The Armenian dailies of this city announce the death in Egypt recently of Mr. Arakel Geuzubeuyukian, for many years a resident of Constantinople and the lawyer in charge of the legal matters of the Mission.

Word has come that Professor and Mrs. William S. Murray, formerly connected with the Preparatory Department of Constantinople College, are planning a visit to this city this Spring, and are expected in less than a month.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, May 17, 1932

Dear friends:-

We are requested to state that a telegraphic circular from the Department of State dated May 11, 1932, prescribes that, in accordance with an Act of Congress, passport fees be collected as follows:-

Application fee	\$1.00 (hitherto \$1.00)
Fee for issuance	\$9.00 (hitherto \$5.00)
Fee for renewal	\$5.00 (hitherto \$2.00)

A passport is valid for two years and, upon the payment of the \$5.00 fee, may be renewed once for an additional period of two years.

No passport shall be valid beyond four years from the date of its issuance, except that a passport already renewed beyond the four year limit remains valid, or may be made valid without payment of an additional fee, until the expiration of six years from the date of issuance.

All American citizens are requested to take notice.

International College, Smyrna, is losing this year some of its staff of many years' standing. Professor and Mrs. Samuel L. Caldwell are retiring at the end of June, and will take up their residence at Laguna Beach, California. They have been associated with the College since 1898, and were appointed full missionaries of the American Board in 1903. It is also expected that Mrs. Caleb W. Lawrence and her children will leave Smyrna in June, without the expectation of returning; and Professor Lawrence, who will go to America with his family will return in September for nine months' work, and in June next will formally retire from the service of the Board and the College. Mr. Lawrence came out to Smyrna as a tutor in 1896, and in 1904 was married there. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence received their missionary appointment in 1920.

In spite of the urgency of some of the matters to be decided by the Mission at its next Annual Meeting, and although the future of some schools is in the balance, it has been decided unwise to try to have an early meeting toward the end of this month; and the date originally suggested for the opening of the Meeting, June 25th, has been confirmed by the Committee ad Interim at its ~~xxx~~ last meeting. The gathering will be at the Scutari Academy.

Three lady doctors from mission work in India are in Constantinople on their way from India to England, Scotland and Canada, - Drs. Wilson, Balfour, and Oliver; they leave this afternoon by train after a few days at the Mission Hostel.

The Mission Hostel is entertaining also Dr. and Mrs. Rutter, who are on their way out from England to join the staff of the Friends' Mission at Brummana, near Beirut, where he is to be in charge of medical work. They go tomorrow by steamer.

Mr. Charles S. MacNeal, of Robert College, returned to our city last Saturday, after spending most of the year in Berlin and Vienna.

The annual spring campaign of the local Y.M.C.A. was held last week, resulting in the securing of a little less than three-quarters of the amount they had aimed to find. A supplementary effort is being made, which it is hoped will bring them nearer their goal. For a season of such unprecedented financial strain, the results obtained are quite creditable.

Miss Alice Caldwell, daughter of our Smyrna colleagues, is in Stamboul for a short visit. She is a pianist of unusual attainments, and there will probably be opportunities to listen to her while she is here.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Dr. Paul Monroe of Columbia University has sent word of his acceptance of the post offered to him by the Trustees of the two institutions, of Chancellor of Robert College and Constantinople College. Our friends in the two Colleges are rejoiced that he has accepted. He will be here probably to begin his duties with the opening of the fall term. This step in unifying the administrative offices of the two takes the place of finding a new President for each.

Three recitals have been given during the week by Miss Alice Caldwell; the first at Robert College, where she gave the entire program alone; the second at the Turkish Conservatory of Music, and for this, Mrs. Rosalind MacLachlan Reed came up from Smyrna to help her with the second Piano in two concertos; and the third was at the home of Mrs. Middleton Edwards in Bebek, where Mrs. Reed again assisted. Miss Caldwell is an artist of no mean ability; and those who were privileged to listen to her were delighted with her interpretations of the great piano compositions.

Miss Hotson and Miss Shank have recently returned to Adana from a two weeks' trip to Syria and Palestine. Miss Elma French of Mersin has also gone back from an extended trip to Syria. Miss French is being transferred from Mersin to Idlib, Syria.

The 56th Annual Meeting of the Bulgaria Mission was held in Sofia April 28th to May 2nd, with Rev. W. C. Cooper as Moderator, Miss Douglass as Secretary. Rev. W. F. Clarke was asked to continue as Secretary-Treasurer of the Mission as long as he remains on the field. He and Mrs. Clarke and Miss E. C. Clarke will become Missionaries Emeritus on July 1st. The property of the Board at Philippopolis is to be presented to the Evangelical Church Council; the Gladstone Street property in Sofia is to be sold, and the proceeds used for completing the Community Centre. The Haskells are to remain in Pordim, the Holways at the Samokov Bible School, Mrs. Woodruff, Miss Baird and Miss Douglas at the Community Centre.

The Samokov Evangelical Bible School in its first year has 16 students, 8 men and 8 women, of whom 4 men and one woman are in the three year theological course, the rest in the two-year course. The term closes on June 10th.

The two Turkish sports magazines, "Olympiat" and "Turk Spor" gave pictures and good write-ups to the Field Day at the Breenkey A. C. I. Before a crowd of several hundred people the annual track meet was carried through in the best organized and smoothest fashion that it ever has been done. Three queens lent pleasure and dignity to the occasion, and distributed the prizes. One record was broken and three equalled. The major credit for the success of the meet goes to Nejati Bey of Adana, a last year's graduate who is now a law student in the University and directs the school athletics. This is a fitting climax to a year of athletics in which among other events two tie football games with Robert College and one with Galata Saray Lycee crowned our successes. "This team plays a cleaner game than our American teams do;" - so says Jim Nichols.

The Robert College Herald announces a special issue which will be an illustrated record of Dr. Gates's life, from his early years through his missionary work in Mardin and Harpout, and as President of Robert College for 29 years. This issue will be available either through the Treasurer, Mr. Fowle, or through the undersigned, at fifty piastres a copy.

The new American Ambassador, Gen. Charles H. Sherrill, who arrived here ten days ago and went right on the next day to Angora, presented his credentials on Friday last to President Mustafa Kemal Pasha, and was most cordially received. He is expected back in this city soon. Mrs. Sherrill has just arrived from America.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, May 31, 1932

Dear friends:-

The second annual College Day at Tarsus was held May 13th. The program included exhibitions from the various clubs, such as chess, health, hiking and camping, cross-country, travel, French, gardening, drama, which have just finished a very successful ten-weeks' program. The Halk Firkasi Band furnished the music during the afternoon and evening programs. In spite of a very rainy day, a large crowd was present, including nearly all the city officials. A football game between the School and the city Port Club was won by the former, 4-2, after a well-played game.

A poster contest was held at Tarsus College the same day, May 13, open to all American schools in Turkey, with five of the nine participating. Talas Boys' School won first prize, International College second, and Tarsus third. Dr. Remzi Bey, City Physician of Adana; Dr. Hassan Tahsin Bey, Tarsus School Inspector, and Sezai Bey, Superintendent of Tarsus schools, were the judges.

The Bible House staff was honored on Wednesday last by a visit from Gen. Sherrill, the new Ambassador, and Mrs. Sherrill. They had just been visiting the American Hospital; and in fact they have taken pains to look in on the various American interests, including the Y.M. and Y.W.C.A., the two Colleges, etc., in these very first days of their residence here. Everyone deeply appreciates this kindly, friendly interest.

On May 22nd occurred the Dedication Service of the new American Hospital at Talas. It was held in the new building, and attended by the members of the Mission circle; Mr. Woolworth of Tarsus and Dr. Frederick D. Greene, formerly of Van, were also present, and together with the Hospital staff and others of the Station, took part in the service. It was expected that the Hospital would move into its new quarters during the week.

On May 17th, Misses Elizabeth and Mary Webb went by train from Beirut to Aleppo, the first stage of a trip of three months among the mission stations of Turkey. With travel conditions so improved over the old days, such a tour is as nothing to these young septuagenarians of ours!

Mrs. H. R. Meyering with her little Ralph, Miss Stone, and May Emily Nilson went through Constantinople last week on their way to America, going on from here by steamer transshipping at Marseilles.

The usual Memorial Day exercises of the American Colony were held at the Ferikeuy Cemetery yesterday afternoon. Consul Allen presided, and General Sherrill, the new Ambassador, gave the address, and Pres. Gates offered prayer. Flowers in great profusion were strewed on the graves. After these exercises, Consul and Mrs. Allen gave a reception at the Consulate-General, where the colony had an opportunity to meet the Ambassador and Mrs. Sherrill and their son.

Professor and Mrs. William S. Murray formerly connected with the Preparatory Department of Constantinople College, arrived in this city yesterday, to be present at the graduation of the last class with which they had been acquainted at Arnaoutkeuy. They have for some time been making their home in Florida.

Rev. J. Oscar Boyd, Ph.D., of the American Bible Society, reached Stamboul this morning for a stay of about three weeks, before returning to his headquarters in Vienna.

Mrs. Cass A. Reed of Smyrna, who has been making a stay of about ten days in this city, is leaving this evening on her return to International College.

FOR SALE:- American "Regent" piano in good condition, at a fair price. Those interested please either write or call up the Treasury Department of the Bible House (Tel. 24544).

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Rev. Frederick D. Greene, son of the late Dr. Joseph K. Greene and father of Philips F. Greene, M.D., both formerly of our Mission, is spending two or three weeks in Constantinople after a leisurely trip through Anatolia. Mr. Greene was born in Brousa, and came here from there by way of the ancient Nicaea (Iznik). He was a missionary of our Board in Van from 1890 to 1894, and has recently been engaged in various promotional enterprises in America. He came to this country after a visit to his doctor son in Changsha, China.

Professor Loutfy Levonian, of the School of Religion, is having an interesting period of study and fellowship at the Selly Oak Colleges, Birmingham. While there he is giving a course of four lectures on the four Mondays in June, on The Presentation of the Gospel to Moslems.

Miss Isabelle Harley has completed her course of study at Columbia University, and is now at her home in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. She expects to sail on her return to Constantinople on August 3rd.

On May 24th there was a meeting at the Congregational House, Boston, of representatives of the First Century Christian Fellowship, at which Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vrooman and Mr. & Mrs. Edward Perry were present, together with others from Scotland and Holland. They are holding several meetings in Boston, and are planning for a more extensive campaign in different parts of America covering a period of several months.

Miss Caroline L. Steele, sister of Mrs. Charles T. Riggs, and her uncle, Mr. George M. Randle, arrived from America on the S.S. "Exilona" yesterday, for a visit of several weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Riggs, at Hissar.

Arrangements are being perfected for the Annual Meeting of the Mission, which is to be at the American Academy, Scutari, beginning Saturday, June 25th, in the morning. The list of delegates is now complete, and consists, aside from ex-officio delegates, of the following:-

ADANA: Miss Towner, Miss Brauer, Mr. Woolworth, Dr. Haas
 AINTAB: Mrs. Dewey, Mrs. Pence, Miss Phelps
 ALEPPO: Mr. Carleton, Miss Silliman, Miss Norton
 ATHENS: Miss Lond, Dr. and Mrs. Marden, Mr. Brewster
 BEIRUT: Mr. H. H. Riggs
 CAESAREA: Miss Pohl, Mr. and Mrs. Nilson
 CONSTANTINOPLE: Miss Woodward, Mrs. Shepard, Mrs. Fowle, Mr. Markham
 MARASH: Mr. Lyman
 MARDIN: Miss Orvis
 MERZIFON: Miss Noyes, Miss Odell, Mr. Blake
 SALONICA: Miss Morley, Dr. White, Mr. Getchell
 SMYRNA: Miss Greene, Miss Hinman, Mr. Partridge

Dr. Marden will be the chairman; Dr. White is the Preacher.

Announcement was made some weeks ago that all foreigners resident in Turkey as well as Turkish citizens were required by the Turkish Government to make declaration by May 30th of all funds in foreign currencies held by them, either locally or in foreign banks. Subsequent explanations have shown that this does not apply to savings accounts or time deposits, but only to checking accounts; and that the funds to be declared are only those which represent moneys earned inside of Turkey.

Will subscribers desiring to have the News Notes sent to their summer addresses, or those wishing a change of address, please send us word in good season, so that they may not fail to receive any copies.

A day of retreat and spiritual preparation in connection with the Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, June 26th, under the leadership of Dr. Haas. This is open not only to delegates but to other friends as well; and this date is announced instead of that previously given because of the Gedik Pasha Commencement which comes June 24th.

Very cordially yours,
 Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Prof. and Mrs. Donald Webster of International College are in town for a brief stay, for the sake of Mrs. Webster's health.

Dr. W.L. Nute of Adana Hospital has also been in this city a few days, and is leaving on his return to his post soon.

Mr. Luther Fowle has gone to Merzifon to deliver the Commencement address at the closing exercises of the Girls' School there.

On the evening of June 10th, a dinner in honor of President and Mrs. Gates was given by the College Community of Robert College, in the Social Hall. Nearly 150 persons were present. Dr. Huntington was toastmaster, and speeches were made in very happy vein by Mrs. Harold Scott, Mr. Mihran Djedjizian, Dr. Constantinou, Mr. Popoff, Hussein Bey, Selim Bey, Prof. Scipio, and Prof. Audetat. The retiring President was presented with a fine tray in silver, and also with an unusually beautiful Turkish ewer and basin in gilded brass. His response was also very fine. The whole affair was of the intimate family sort which well represented the unity of the Robert College community, and their deep appreciation of the work of Dr. Gates during these twenty-nine years.

The graduation exercises of the School of Nursing of the American Hospital at Constantinople, were held on Friday, June 3rd, in the lovely garden of the Nurses' Home, in Nishantash. This was the first such graduation for two years, as the course has been lengthened to three years. Nine young ladies graduated. Dr. Shepard and the American Ambassador made addresses, and the diplomas were handed to the graduates by Mrs. Sherrill. Tea was served to all the guests later. There have been twenty-four nurses altogether in training this year. Several of the graduates will be added to the staff of the Hospital, while the rest will either go to other hospitals or engage in private nursing.

Mr. Theodore D. Frost, who has completed his three years of teaching at the American Collegiate Institute, Erenkeuy, left last Saturday on his return to his home in Madison, Wis. He will probably attend a theological seminary next year.

Every pupil in both Preparatory and College classes at our Aleppo College has been taking an active part this year in one or more sports, as a purely voluntary activity, as we are told in a letter of May 28th. Two interscholastic meets were held the past month, the first for all secondary schools in Aleppo, the second for all the primary schools; and in the inter-class championship Field Day, keen competition was shown for class honors.

One hundred thirty guests and students sat down to the Alumni Banquet of the A.C.I., Erenkeuy, at 12:30 on Friday, June 10. This banquet is prepared and served by the Junior Class, and is another indication of the fine spirit of cooperation and willingness the boys gain from their school. A full program of toasts had been arranged, including talks by alumni, the graduating class, and the Juniors, as well as by Mr. T.D. Frost, retiring tutor. The final toast was by Dr. W.S. Murray, former Principal of A.C.I. Preparatory Department, who brought the greetings of Dr. J.P. McNaughton, whom he had recently seen in America. The Commencement Exercises took place at 4:30, at which time 19 of the 22 Seniors received their diplomas. The speakers of the day were: Ismail Hakkı Bey, former Rector of the University, whose son is in the school; Dr. L.A. Shepard, and Ambassador Sherrill. The graduates felt especially honored to be the first students in Turkey to be addressed by the new American Ambassador.

Mrs. William S. Dodd, who since last July has been visiting her children in Talas and in Beirut, left Beirut by American Export steamer on Monday of last week on her return to America.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, June 22, 1932

Dear friends:-

The closing exercises of the Adana Girls' School were most impressive, and were highly enjoyed by about 400 of the leading citizens of Adana and vicinity. There were seven graduates, who gave essays; and there were vocal, piano and violin solos and duets, as well as a tableau. The success has given new courage to all teachers and students.

At the Commencement of the School of Religion at Old Phaleron, President George E. White of Anatolia College gave the Baccalaureate sermon on May 29th, and Rev. R. Richmond Raymer, Chaplain of the British Legation, gave the Commencement Address on June 3rd. The Class Day Exercises were on June 2nd. Two graduates took the diploma in Religious Education, and one in Social Service. This is the last Commencement of the School at Old Phaleron. During the summer it is expected that the School will move to Beirut, to merge with the School for Religious Workers there.

The graduating exercises at the American Academy, Scutari, under the leadership of Miss Loughridge, were carried out very nicely. Nakiye Hanum gave an address in Turkish, and Ambassador Sherrill and Dr. George H. Huntington each gave addresses in English. There were twenty graduates.

The sixty-ninth Annual Commencement exercises at Robert College occurred on June 17th, when four young men received the degree of B.A., and twenty-four that of B.S. There were no graduates this year from the Engineering Department, since this is being lengthened to a five years course. Muheddin Bey, Vali of Stamboul, and Ambassador Sherrill were on the platform; and the Ambassador gave the chief address. President Gates also spoke, especially to the students, this being the close of his twenty-nine years of administration. At the end of the program, Dr. Huntington on behalf of the Faculty, presented to Dr. Gates two memorials, one from the Board of Trustees, and the other from the Faculty. The latter was beautifully engrossed by one of the students, assisted by one of the teachers, and handsomely bound.

The Commencement exercises of Constantinople College, on June 20th were attended by a very large number of friends, including quite a number of professors from the Turkish University; but the Professor who was to have given the Turkish address was in Angora and unable to be present. Dean Burns presided, and Ambassador Sherrill made a felicitous address. There were twenty-eight graduates to receive diplomas.

Mr. E. M. Hedden of the Stamboul Y.M.C.A. has just received word from America that it has been necessary to end his services for lack of funds. Mr. Hedden and family will soon be leaving us; and a host of friends are saddened at the thought of losing them from our circle. Just what he will do next year is not yet clear.

A very lovely wedding took place in Robert College Chapel yesterday, June 21st, when Miss Sarah R. Riggs and Mr. Charles S. MacNeal were married by the bride's father assisted by Rev. George H. Huntington, D.D.. Miss Dorothy Post was Maid of Honor, Mr. Ivan Diakoff was Best Man, and Miss Helen Barnum and Miss Effie Post were bridesmaids. The bride wore a gown of white Brousa satin, and a historic veil fastened on with orange blossoms. The hall was most tastefully decorated in white and green. The children of the Community School formed the aisle with ivy chains. Professor Estes was at the organ, and the procession marched in to the Chorale from the Meistersingers; while the Mendelssohn wedding march came at the close of the service. Among those present were the bride's aunt, Miss Caroline Steele; her uncle, Mr. George Randle; and Mrs. Charles M. Swift and Miss Mollie Leavitt, all of whom came from America for the occasion; also Rev. Henry H. Riggs, and Mr. and Mrs. Dana K. Getchell, uncles and aunt of the bride, from Beirut and Salonica; and a host of other friends. A large reception at the home of the bride's parents followed.

Yours very cordially,

Charles# T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, July 12, 1932

Dear friends:-

The Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission, lasting from Saturday June 25, to Thursday, July 7, must be the excuse of the non-appearance of the News Notes for the past two weeks. We trust this double dose now will cure any complaints arising from this irregularity.

The Meeting was held in ideal conditions of weather; no heat wave interfered with the comfort of the delegates; and the nights were cool and quiet, with breeze enough during the days to keep everybody contented. But of far more significance was the spiritual atmosphere that pervaded all sessions and all the days. Seldom if ever has the Divine presence been more felt; and the Morning Watch and the daily devotional period and the various extra-curriculum gatherings were suffused with deep prayer-spirit. One result of this was a remarkable unanimity of feeling and judgment on practically every topic; another was a feeling of triumphant uplift, in spite of the necessity of financial reductions and the closing up of some of the work.

Outstanding features of the meeting were the arranging of a reduction of \$19,000 in the budget for work in the Turkey Area, by certain readjustments in salaries, and by the suspension of the A.C.I. at Erenkeuy, and the closing of the Adana Girls' School, with the transfer of some of the girls, with Miss Towner and Miss Martin, to Tarsus, to finish their course with the St. Paul's Institute there. This latter move may result in the adoption of a co-educational program for Tarsus as a permanency. The work of the Publication Dept. is also cut down drastically, but with enough of a leeway to ensure continuity of part of its program. The Reading Room in Stamboul is taken off the Board's budget, and will be continued for a short time with other funds. Mr. and Mrs. Markham are to join the staff of Aleppo College; and it is expected that when President and Mrs. Merrill are able to return, Mr. Carleton and family will move to Mardin. Thus a substitute, more agreeable to the Mission, has been found for the proposal of the Board, that Merzifon Station and the Tarsus School should be closed up.

As usual, the Fourth of July caused a break in the routine of Annual Meeting. An excursion by motor launch to the grounds of the A.C.I. Erenkeuy was a most enjoyable celebration; there was a baseball game there, and all who so desired had a swim in the Marmora; and a delightful luncheon was served out under the trees. This beautiful property will still be the property of the Board, even after the close of the school; but who knows whether it will again be usable for such purposes? In the latter part of the afternoon, most of the delegates joined other Americans at a reception given by Ambassador and Mrs. Sherrill at the Embassy in Pera.

On Sunday, July 3rd, came the Annual Sermon and Communion Service, in the Scutari Chapel, Dr. George E. White, who gave the sermon in 1894, preached from the incident in John 21:1-14. Dr. F.W. MacCallum as Pastor of the Mission Church, baptized little Loretta Marie Kreider, and together with Rev. J.K. Lyman of Marash, administered the Lord's Supper. A double quartet, the members of which were delegates from six different Stations, rendered music.

The Meeting was glad to welcome as guests Dr. J. Milton Vance, Dean of Men from Wooster University, Ohio, with Mrs. Vance, who are on their way to Allahabad, India; and also Prof. Boyce, Vice-President of the American College at Teheran, Persia, with Mrs. Boyce, on their way to America; also Mrs. Fred Field Goodsell, wife of the Executive Vice-President of the Board who is on her way to visit her daughter, Mrs. Blake, at Merzifon, and starts tomorrow for Samsoun. A very pleasant tea was given in her honor by Mrs. MacCallum at the Mission Hostel at the Bible House last Friday afternoon. With Mrs. Goodsell from America came Mrs. Curtis, mother of Mrs. Luther Fowle, for a visit with her daughter.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:

Miss Elizabeth M. Trowbridge and Dr. Caroline F. Hamilton, of Aintab, arrived here June 27th, being met at the railroad station by a large number of friends. These veterans, now on their way to America, came out to Aintab in 1891 and 1892 respectively, and have thus been associated there for forty years in beautiful comradeship in service. They sailed the Sunday, July 3rd, for Venice, on their way to England, and will cross the ocean later on in the summer. The whole Mission bids them Godspeed as they leave the active work on this side.

On the same steamer sailed also Miss Ellen W. Catlin, of Gedik Pasha, who is also retiring for the present from the Mission work and returning to America. She came out in 1908 from Vermont, and worked in Harpout until the War, since which she has been connected with the School in Gedik Pasha. On June 16th the members of Constantinople Station presented to Miss Catlin a painting in token of their appreciation of her faithful and effective service through all these years.

With these friends there went also for vacation trips Miss Cold of Marash, Miss Hagopian of Scutari School, Miss Gurney of Constantinople College, and the Wilsey and Richards families of Robert College.

Miss Margaret Landes, Ph.D., of Constantinople College, died of cancer at the American Hospital, Nishantash, on June 28th, after a long illness. The funeral was held at the Ferikeuy cemetery the next day, and was very largely attended. Her sister, Miss Evangeline Landes, arrived from America in time to be with her before the end came. Dr. Landes will be greatly missed at the College.

Little Helen Levonian, one of the twin children of Prof. & Mrs. Lou tfy Levonian of the School of Religion, died of typhoid fever in Old Phaleron June 15th. Her father was in England at the time, and reached Old Phaleron June 26th. The family will soon be moving to Beirut to take up work in the Joint School for Religious Workers there. Prof. Michaelides will also go from Old Phaleron to this same joint work in Beirut.

Rev. and Mrs. Richard S. Rose left Athens June 13th for an extended trip through Egypt, Ceylon and India, where they will spend a month or more before going on through Burma, Japan, perhaps China, on the way to California where they expect to spend the coming winter. The best wishes of their many friends go with them on their long journey.

Ex-President and Mrs. Gates of Robert College left on Sunday, June 26th, for Europe and America. With them left the Estes and Creighton families, also on their way to America.

Among those who have left on their furloughs recently have been Miss Loughridge of Scutari, Miss Parsons of Smyrna, and Miss Honiss of Aintab. Miss Nina E. Rise of Athens left there June 6th on her furlough, only to learn on her arrival in New York of the death of her mother. She has gone on to be with her aged father in Claremont, California.

Miss Dorothy Goodenough of Athens Junior College, and Miss Florence Swan of Scutari Academy, left last month for America on the expiration of their terms of service, and will be much missed next year.

Hubert Pye, son of Dr. & Mrs. Ernest Pye, graduated at Grinnell College this June. At the first annual Student Conference on Disarmament and International Relations, held at Grinnell, Hubert was Chairman of the Executive Committee in charge. Edward, Willard and Donald have been in school in Oberlin, the Pye headquarters.

Miss Marjory E. Hostetter, formerly of Merzifon School, was married on June 28th at Douglas, Nebraska, to Mr. Clarence G. Noyce. They will be living at 1040 Anderson Avenue. New York City.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Nearly all of the Annual Meeting guests have left our city, either returning to their stations or going off for summer vacations to other resorts besides our own. Mrs. Pence of Aintab with her little Jimmy are staying on for a while, as is also Miss Orvis of Mardin. Dr. and Mrs. Marden of Old Phaleron are returning there tomorrow.

Mrs. Fred Field Goodsell left for Samsoun and Merzifon last week, in company with Mr. E. C. Blake, Miss Noyes, Miss Odell, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nilson, the last two going via Merzifon to return to Talas. We trust the wife of our Vice President will keep the calendar straight on this voyage, and avoid the repetition of her mortification on the ocean trip.

The Misses Dorothy and Effie Post left Stamboul on Saturday last for America, going via Piraeus and Crete, Italy and France. Dr. and Mrs. Post will follow them this week and be with them a while in Europe.

Among recent visitors to Constantinople have been Rev. Walter H. Reynolds and son from Liberty, Ind.

Miss Mary I. Ward of Merzifon has come on to this city for dentistry, arriving here after the Annual Meeting was over.

Rev. and Mrs. William C. Cooper of Philippopolis passed through here last week, on their way to visit Palestine and Egypt during this pleasant summer weather! May fortune favor the brave.

Quite a party of our friends made a pilgrimage to Iznik, the ancient Nicaea, last week, going by way of Brousa, and returning by way of Yalova. Among them were Dr. and Mrs. Marden of Old Phaleron, Miss Marvin of Athens Junior College, Mrs. Pence of Aintab, Miss Lindsley of Scutari, and Mr. and Mrs. Birge of Hissar. Miss Orvis went as far as Brousa. The magnificent situation of Nicaea on its lake, and the ruins of the old city, proved most interesting. But the motor trip across country from Brousa is hardly the acme of comfort.

Mr. James S. Clark, formerly of Tarsus School, received his Master's degree in History from Harvard University last month; and his sister Ruth, formerly of the Merzifon School, received her Master's degree from Michigan State College. Congratulations are due to both, and to their parents in Merzifon.

Miss Lucille Day, formerly of Brousa, who is now at Pacific Palisades, California, expects to sail from Los Angeles Sept. 5th for Japan on a Japanese steamer; and after spending about a month in Japan and China, go on to Bowker Hall, Byculla, Bombay, India, where she is to be stationed.

The President of the Republic has left the Capital, Angora, and is spending the summer at Yalova, near the Gulf of Nicomedia; it is expected that he will be at Constantinople part of the time as well.

Mrs. Lyman MacCallum and her baby Elizabeth Evelyn arrived from England by the Italian Steamer "Pilsna" yesterday afternoon. The husband and father had to go around via Vienna for some business with Dr. Boyd, and is expected about five days later.

With Mrs. MacCallum came also Mrs. S. Kitsou, of the Publication Department, who has been spending the year in the Selly Oak Colleges, Birmingham, England, studying. She will resume her work at the Bible House.

With profound sorrow we pass on to you word of a tragic accident resulting in the instantaneous death of Mr. James Nichols, who fell from a precipice at Burudjuk on Sunday July 17th at noon.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Rev. Lee Vrooman arrived yesterday from America after his year of furlough, having stopped at Geneva for a few days on his way. He left for Smyrna by today's steamer. Mrs. Vrooman was detained a while in America for some medical care, but is expected to follow shortly.

Mr. F. Lyman MacCallum, agent of the American Bible Society, returned on Saturday last from his year in England. He spent a few days with Dr. Boyd in Vienna, and a few hours in Sofia also, en route here; it was these business interviews that prevented his coming by the shorter route with his wife and daughter, and not unwillingness to assume paternal responsibility.

A letter from Dr. Haas from Burujuk gives the first details about the sad accident recorded in our last issue, resulting in the death of Jim Nichols. On Sunday morning, July 17th, Nichols and Dick Smith climbed to the top of the mountain above Burujuk, in the Taurus range near the Cilician Gates, a peak not easy for beginners. In coming down again, they attempted a different route; and just above a yawning precipice, Nichols stepped on some loose stones, and slipping, fell over the cliff. Mr. Smith returned at top speed to give word; and a party went right off to recover the body; but it was not until Monday at nearly noon that it was located, some 500 feet up the almost straight cliff, and about 300 feet below the point where he fell. Death had been instantaneous, undoubtedly. With the greatest difficulty, and at imminent risk to the members of the party, the body was secured and brought back to Burujuk. The burial was on Wednesday, the 20th, at Burujuk, amid the silences of those grand mountains, with Dr. Haas and Mr. Young in charge, and with Miss Hotson, Misses Mary and Elizabeth Webb, Mr. Smith and other friends present.

Dr. Haas writes of Mr. Nichols:- "In the one week he was here, he adjusted himself to the camp in a splendid way, and was becoming most interested in all its work. He joined in all the activities with enthusiasm, and was developing a passionate enthusiasm in the study of Turkish." The Burujuk mountain Solarium for feeble children is 5000 feet above sea level, where about 25 children are cared for during the hot summer months, by the staff of our Adana Hospital.

On Sunday, July 24th, a service in memory of Mr. Nichols was held in the Robert College Social Hall, conducted by Mr. Birge, which was largely attended. To the testimonials there given to Jim's character and worth, we are privileged to add the following from Mr. R. F. Markham with whom he worked for the past year in the A.C.I., Erenkeuy:-

"I would like to have the wider Mission circle know some more of the fine traits that Mr. Nichols showed to those of us who knew him in the intimacies of daily school life. Jim came to us last September, having already had a year's teaching experience in America. The maturity this gave him, early became evident in his management of the boys and in his attack on his work. We soon began to develop confidence in him. As the year wore on his analytic nature raised important questions which at times greatly disturbed him with doubts and misgivings; but his sincerity and frankness in freely discussing with us his questionings, confirmed our early ~~xxx~~ confidence in him. During the last two or three months of his life, he revealed how significant had been his development during his year in Turkey. His friendship meant more and more to us as the year came to its close.

"Jim had a very contagious laugh. His sense of humor kept him above minor details, and helped to give him that poise which made him respected and liked by students and teachers. His pitching in to help the undernourished children whom Dr. Haas has brought up to his camp in the Taurus mountains is what we would have expected of him, because he had shown that same spirit many times in the school with us. His going is a personal loss to us all."

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, August 2, 1932

Dear friends:-

Miss Delpha Davis, who from 1911 to 1916 was connected with the Bulgaria Mission and located with Miss Matthews at the Monastir Girls' School, came to Constantinople last Tuesday, after a visit to Salonica and Sofia, seeing some of her former associates of that Mission and renewing old ties. She left on Saturday, on her way back to America, She now lives in Arizona.

Our friend Mr. Frederick D. Greene, who went from here after the Annual Meeting to Russia, writes most enthusiastically from Moscow of his visits in Odessa, Kieff and Moscow. He is returning from there direct to America, not coming back this way.

Miss Theda B. Phelps of Aintab returned to Constantinople on Saturday last from England, after attending the Keswick Convention in company with Dr. Hamilton and Miss Elizabeth Trowbridge. It was a strong and helpful conference, with four thousand in attendance.

Miss Trowbridge and Dr. Hamilton sailed from Liverpool on July 23rd on the Cunarder "Laconia", due in New York yesterday.

Messrs. Simpson and Maxwell, of the Friends' School at Ramallah, Palestine, were at the Mission Hospital for a few days last week on their way to Europe for a holiday.

Among other guests recently in Stamboul were also Mrs. Giles and Miss Marion Giles of Northampton, Mass., Mrs. Giles being associated with Mrs. Cleaveland in the management of Mountain Rest. These friends left on Saturday for America.

Dr. and Mrs. Post of Robert College have left for a trip in Italy and France. The Barnum family have also gone, Prof. Barnum to see his family on their way to America for a probable absence of two years, he himself returning for another year at Robert College before his furlough.

Word has come that Miss Isabelle Harley, sails tomorrow from America on her return to Scutari Academy; she is expected here about the 20th. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wiley and children, and Miss Helen Haight, the new nurse for the Talas Hospital, are booked to sail from New York on Sept. 10th on the American Export Line steamer, for Constantinople.

Of our Beirut colleagues, Dr. and Mrs. Chambers and the Riggs family are spending the summer at Shemlan, in the Lebanon, and Miss Jillson, together with the Adkins family from Antioch, are at Aley, near by.

The Nicol family of Beirut is having a glorious reunion this summer, also at Shemlan. Besides Margaret and Edward who are at home anyway, Miss Katherine is spending her college vacation there, and Miss Barbara has come out as a missionary nurse; Miss Elizabeth, who taught in Tripoli last year, is to be teaching in Beirut the coming year; and last but not least, their daughter Mary with her husband, Prof. Frederick Erdman and their two children are there for the summer from Robert College.

One of our associates in an interior station recommends "The Preacher and Prayer," by E.M. Bounds, as a book most helpful to get one in a mood for prayer. A dollar edition can be had for sixty cents plus postage, providing at least six copies are ordered. Send names to the Publication Department, Bible House.

Miss Phelps, returning to Aintab, and Miss Orvis, returning to Mardin, expect to start out tomorrow by train for the east and south.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, August 9, 1932

Dear friends:-

Owing to the fact that the Wiley children have developed whooping-cough, the sailing of the family may very likely be somewhat delayed. Instead of starting Sept. 10th, as announced last week, they will probably leave about the first of October. However, on Sept. 10th it is expected that Miss Adelaide Dwight will be sailing, along with Miss Haight, both on their way to Caesarea and Talas.

The Fowle and Shepard families from Constantinople have gone to their summer camp on Mount Olympus, above Brousa. The spot they chose this year is somewhat more sheltered from the public road than where they have previously been, yet not too far off for convenience.

Mrs. E.T. Leslie of the Treasury Department, and her daughter Elizabeth have gone to Varna, Bulgaria, for an outing; the swimming beach there is quite noted, and it is a favorite resort of the Bulgarians. Mrs. Scipio and her Elizabeth from Robert College are also there.

In the annual beauty contest for the women of the world, held this year at Ostend, Belgium, the Turkish representative, Keriman Halis Hanum, won from the representatives of 28 other countries. Thus in a new and unexpected way Turkey is put on the map.

The annual Davis Cup tennis tournament was again won by France, whose players defeated those of the United States 3 matches to 2. It took 65 games to decide the doubles contest, and in the whole series 241 games were played. France has won each year since 1927.

In returning from their outing at Cham Koria to their home at Anatolia College, Mr. and Mrs. Getchell flew from Sofia to Salonica by airplane, in about an hour and a half, and enjoyed the experience.

The Dollar Line steamer "President Johnson" sailed into our harbor on Friday last, with a party of about 350 tourists on board who made good use of the short time given them to see the city. It is a rare thing to see such a large American steamer here.

By action of the Prudential Committee, Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Fye have definitely been authorized to delay their return to the Near East until the summer of 1933.

Miss Caroline L. Steele and Mr. George M. Randle, who have been visiting the Riggs family at Hissar for the past two months, sailed yesterday for Marseilles on their way back via Cherbourg to America.

Rev. and Mrs. Edward Perry, who are detained in America for the coming year, partly by the financial straits of the Board and partly for the sake of their health, will be staying as during the past year, at 16 Atwood Street, Hartford, Conn.

While Stamboul has not until today seen a real rain since June, in many parts of Anatolia heavy rains have fallen during the past few days. A regular torrent did a good deal of damage at Urzerum, and a severe hailstorm is recorded in Angora.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, August 16, 1932

Dear Friends:-

BORN:- On August 10th, to Rev. and Mrs. E.C. Blake, at Merzifon, a son, Lincoln Carlisle. Mother and boy are reported doing finely.

Professor and Mrs. Levenian and children arrived in Beirut August 1st, and are staying at the Friends' Mission at Brummana while they look for a home in Beirut.

President and Mrs. G.E. White of Anatolia College went back ten days ago to Salonica, after a vacation trip to Bled, Jugoslavia, and Cortina, Italy. Miss Margaret White, of the Stamboul Y.W.C.A., was with them, until their roads parted as she came back to her work here.

Miss Marvin of Athens Junior College, returned to Old Thessalon, leaving here last Sunday. Miss Campbell, who was with her, will spend a while longer here, recuperating after her operation in the American Hospital.

Mr. Lyle J. Shelmidine, of Tarsus School, is in Constantinople for a while, studying in the German Archaeological Society Library.

Mrs. Edith Laird arrived last Friday from Beirut, and is spending a couple of weeks with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. McCallum, in Soutari, before proceeding to America, where she goes on her furlough from the Beirut University Library.

Rev. Lee Vrooman is in town for about a week longer, and is expecting Mrs. Vrooman to arrive from America on Sunday next, by Lloyd Triestino Express, to go back with him to Smyrna.

Miss Hinman of Smyrna and Miss Morley of Salonica have returned from a fine visit in Merzifon; and Miss Morley left yesterday and Miss Hinman leaves today, returning to their schools.

Mrs. Cass A. Reed and her son Lechlan arrived yesterday from Smyrna, and went right on in the evening by train, for England. Lechlan is on his way to America, to enter Phillips Andover Academy, and expects to cross the ocean with the Markham on the "Mauretania" sailing Sept. 3rd.

Our hearts go out in deep sympathy with President Reed of International College, who has just heard of the unexpected death of his mother, at Whittier, California, at the age of 51. We would similarly express our sympathy with Mr. H.T. Baker, of the Y.M.C.A., in the death of his father.

Dr. Wilson F. Dadd and his little Bobby have gone from Tarsus to Merzifon for a bit of a vacation. Their visit is being much appreciated.

The Misses Elizabeth and Mary Webb were reported at Mardin on August 8th, at the end of their three months among the southern stations of our Mission, and planning to return to Syria this week.

Miss Kathryn N. Adams is spending the first two weeks of August on Mt. Desert Island, Maine, with a sister; and in September she plans to visit Bedford, Virginia, to be with two other sisters for a time, returning to Walpole, Mass., before the winter.

Miss Mary A. Hall, formerly of Constantinople College, has been in Orlando, Florida, all winter, and has found the climate fine in getting rid of neuritis. When last heard from, she was visiting the Chambers family in Canada.

Yours very cordially
Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

Another of the saints of earth has passed on to the other side. A cable from Boston announces the death, on August 18th, of Mrs. Edward Riggs, at the age of eighty-four years, one month and one day. Sarah Hingsdale Dwight was born in Constantinople, July 27, 1848, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. H.G.O. Dwight. Going to America in 1860, after the death of her mother, she was there married in 1869 to Rev. Edward Riggs, who had been a childhood companion of hers. They came out to Sivas as missionaries, reaching there in October, 1869. They were there till 1876, and four of their children were born there. Mr. Riggs was then called to teach in the Theological Seminary at Merzifon; and from that time till his death in 1913, he was connected with that work. From the start Mrs. Riggs was closely identified with the work among women in the city, and built herself into their lives in a wonderful way. She was also constantly working for the students, especially during 1894 to 1899, as Mother of the Boys' Home of Anatolia College. She took her full share in touring the outstations of the region with her husband, although most of the time fully occupied with family cares, bringing up a family of seven children, and having charge of the school studies of her own and the other missionary children. In 1913, during a year's stay in Smyrna, Dr. Riggs was taken from earth; and Mrs. Riggs went back to Merzifon and remained there till 1915, when she returned to America, worn out by the difficult experiences of war time. Since that date she has made her home near Boston, with her sister, Miss C.P. Dwight. Mrs. Riggs had been quite feeble for several weeks, and was finally taken to the Newton Hospital July 20th, where at first she seemed to rally; but it was not for long. The funeral services were set for last Saturday. Of her seven children, six became missionaries in this Mission:- Mrs. D.K. Gotchell is at Salonica; Rev. H.H. Riggs at Beirut, and the undersigned here; Miss Mary Riggs, for years connected with Adabazar, Harput and Souteri, has since 1925 been caring for her mother in America; Mr. Theodore D. Riggs, after serving in Merzifon and Salonica, passed away in America in 1925; Rev. Ernest W. Riggs served as President of Euphrates College, Harput, from 1910 till he was elected Secretary of the Board in Boston. Her youngest, Mrs. G.C. Barnard of Denver, has been very active in the missionary and other interests of her local church.

Thus passes another link with the pioneers of our Mission. As a girl, Miss Dwight was intimately associated with the Goodells, Schaufflers, Hamlins, Riggses, Everetts, and others of Constantinople Station; in Sivas as Mrs. Riggs she was associated with the Hubbards and Wests; and in Merzifon with the Smith, Herrick, Tracy families, and others,- the Leonards, Miss Fitcher, Miss Washburn, etc.

Miss Isabelle Harley returned to Souteri on Sunday after her year of furlough in America. With her came also Mrs. Vrooman, re-joining her husband here. Mrs. Yarrow, Miss Harriet Yarrow, and Miss Odell also returned from summer vacations in England and on the Continent.

Rev. J. R. Brewster writes of a very interesting trip to the shrine of the Virgin at Tenos Is., ten days ago, with Prof. Wicks, slides and about 20,000 others, including many Armenians. They saw many miracles performed by the "Panagia", but heard of many. Much superstition still prevails in Greece.

Miss Elizabeth Trowbridge and Miss Dr. Hamilton landed in Boston the first week in August, and spent a while in that region seeing the historic sites under the guidance of Mrs. Ernest Riggs.

Miss Campbell of Athens Jr. College starts today by English steamer for a week or so in Smyrna on her way back to Greece.

Mrs. Leslie and Elizabeth have returned from their trip to Varna.

Yours very cordially
Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

The four ~~hundred~~^{hundred}th number! This reminds us that it is in fact more than eight years that this little sheet has been going; for a few weeks have been issueless, owing to vacations, etc. It was begun in July, 1924. We are grateful for the cooperation which has made its continuance possible and has so greatly contributed to its value.

Yesterday was Victory Day for Turkey, and the holiday was very generally observed with parades, decorations, illuminations and speeches. Your humble servitor took a well-earned (?) holiday, which explains why this valued sheet did not appear till today.

Ambassador Sherrill is starting today for a brief trip to America. Mrs. Sherrill, we are informed, will remain in France during his absence. They expect to be back at their post by October.

Miss Elizabeth Leslie, daughter of Mrs. E.T. Leslie, and Miss Rutherford of the Y.W.C.A. Staff, left last Saturday by Messageries steamer for Naples, expecting to take the Lloyd Sabaudo liner Augustus across the ocean.

On the same steamer went Mrs. Edith Laird of Beirut, going via Marseilles and England to Canada and the United States, on a year's furlough from the Beirut University Library.

President Cass A. Reed of International College came here on Saturday last; and he and Mr. Vreeman have gone to Angora on college business, while Mrs. Vreeman remains in Gedik Pasha.

Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Clerk of Merzifon passed through here last week on their way to visit the Partridge family in Smyrna. They made record time coming here, - left Merzifon Thursday morning and reached here via Samsoun Saturday morning.

Mr. Ezra Young of Adana, who has been helping at the Burtjek Camp for children, is here for a couple of weeks' vacation.

People are now returning by handfuls from their summer trips, for their work. Prof. Barnum and the Fisher and Wilsey families have come back to Robert College; Miss Yonker and others to Constantinople College. The Fowle and Shepard families came back from the Mt. Olympus Camp yesterday and today. Mr. Greef is also back from his summer vacation.

On the other hand, Dr. and Mrs. F.W. MacCallum are about to start out on a brief visit to Merzifon and Talaş, leaving in a few days by steamer for Samsoun.

Miss Arlene Hallett is spending a few days here after a fine summer in Marash and the Harqun region, and expects to leave next week for Salonica, to teach in the Girls' School there for a year, now that the Adana Girls' School is closed.

Miss Ackerly of Adana, who went to America during the summer, is sailing Sept. 6th on her way back to Adana, hoping to teach in the Turkish School for Girls which is negotiating for the use of the American School buildings. Further word about this project will be given when a decision is reached.

Miss Helen Post has been having a good time this summer, reading in the Reading Room of the British Museum. She is expected back at Gedik Pasha very soon.

Yours very cordially
Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

Mr. J.A. Nichols, father of our late associate James H. Nichols, asks us to extend to the various friends who have sent messages of sympathy to Mrs. Nichols and himself, their deep and sincere appreciation of such thoughtfulness. His address is 20-22 Clogg Building Takime, Washington.

The funeral of Mrs. Edward Riggs was held in Melrose, Mass., August 20th, in the church she attended. The pastor, Mr. Bonner, came up from his vacation at Oak Bluffs especially for it, and conducted the simple service very helpfully. Some favorite hymns of Mrs. Riggs were played on the organ, and a large number of beautiful and appropriate Scripture passages followed. Dr. J.L. Barton offered prayer with deep feeling. Among those present, in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Riggs and Miss Mary Riggs, were the sister, Miss C.P. Dwight, Miss Adelaide Dwight, Miss Ada Griswold, Mrs. Della Dwight Lewis, Rev. & Mrs. E.T. Reed, Dr. H.S. Jellison, and from the Board Rooms, Miss Emerson, Miss Uline, Dr. Boll, Dr. Eddy, Dr. Mark Ward and his brother Earle Ward, Dr. Fairfield, Mr. Case; also Miss Kate Lamson and Dr. Barton. Four of the church deacons were there, and many other friends. The interment was in the Wyoming Cemetery, next to the grave of Mr. Theodore D. Riggs.

Mr. Harry Meyering of Tarsus returned last week from his vacation trip in Germany, Austria and elsewhere, and is spending a little time here before returning to Tarsus.

On the Lloyd Triestine steamer arriving Sunday evening too late for disembarking, came Miss Gladys Lucas, returning permanently to Gedik Pasha after an absence of four years in England. She receives a hearty welcome back to the Mission work. With her was Miss Helen Post, also Mrs. Helen Scott of Soutari and her mother, Mrs. Brown; Mr. Finney Markham, returning after seeing his family off for America; Miss Gold of Morash, Miss Mitchell and Miss Ruggles, and several of the Robert College staff. Prof. & Mrs. Huntington got back the next day.

The Beirut News Letter reports Dr. W. Nesbitt Chambers as confined to his bed the last week of August.

A Book Exhibition took place four days last week in the grounds of the Turkish University in Stamboul. It occupied a score of booths out under the trees, and consisted of exhibits of the output of various publishing houses in the city in recent years, all of course in the new alphabet. Future exhibitions may be more extensive and better arranged; but at all events, this first attempt was a brave start, and worth the making.

We are permitted to announce the engagement of Miss Helen Reed Post of Gedik Pasha, and Mr. Gordon Ross, of Missouri, a graduate of Union Seminary and an instructor in Berea College, Kentucky.

Miss Jane Hepler, who returned to America this summer at the completion of her service in the Community School of Robert College, was married on her arrival in New York, to Mr. Roy T. Congdon, August 10th. They will live in Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. Asa Jennings has returned from America on his way to Angora, bringing with him Miss Beryl Fowler, a kindergartner, who has come by request of the Turkish Government to organize a model school at Angora.

The Dewey and Isely families returned August 30th to Amet from their summering place near Izmir Creek; and the Pence family about the same time from the village of Burj. In the latter place there was much sickness due to the unusual shortage of water and the myriads of flies; and the family suffered with others.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Dr. Paul Monroe, the new Chancellor of Robert College and of Constantinople College, accompanied by Mrs. Monroe and Miss Monroe, arrived by Simplon Express on Sunday morning. They will reside in Kennedy Lodge. It is hardly necessary to introduce Dr. Monroe to our News Notes family; but a few outstanding facts may not be out of place. He was born in 1869, in Indiana, and took his undergraduate course at Franklin College, Ind. He holds the degrees of Ph.D. from Chicago University and LL.D. from his alma mater. Since graduation he has taught most of the time in Teachers College, Columbia Univ.; he has also been a lecturer in the Univ. of California and at Yale. He has been at various times Trustee of Shantung Christian University, of Peking Union Medical College, and of International College, Myrna. He has also acted as Educational Expert for the Chinese Government, and for that of Iraq, and was U.S. Commissioner on the Philippine School system. He is the author of many books on educational topics, and editor of several encyclopaedias and educational texts.

Miss Katharine O. Fletcher has returned to Souteri, after a pleasant summer in Ober-ammergau. Miss Yarrew has come back to Godik Pasha School, with her mother, and her sister-in-law and baby.

Mr. R. Bonsall Smith and Mr. John P. Allison started last Saturday for Caesarea and Telsa, where school work starts soon.

Miss Edith Cold of Marash and Mr. Harry Mayering of Tarsus leave Stambul today by Taurus Express for their posts.

A very interesting international Balkan tennis tournament has just been finished in Constantinople, Bulgaria, Greece, Roumania and Turkey participating. Some highly creditable playing was seen. The championship in both singles and doubles finally went to Greece; Roumania was second in the singles, and Turkey in the doubles.

Miss Grisell M. McLaren, formerly of Van, with her little Katharine, went across this summer from Auburndale, Mass., to Santa Cruz, California, by bus all the way, taking over a month to do it and stopping to visit friends or see sights as they chose. They are now settling down in Claremont, Calif., where they will be next-door neighbors to Dr. Peet and Mrs. Hemphill.

Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Clarke of Bulgaria have been spending a fine summer at Cham Koria, where both their sons have been with them, as well as a nephew of Mr. Clarke and a niece of Mrs. Clarke; and Mr. Clarke's sister also joined them September 3rd. This will probably be their last summer in Bulgaria.

Miss Towner and Miss Martin of Adana returned last week from a trip to Beirut where they went for dental and optical work. Arrangements have now been completed for the co-operative lycee for girls which is to be in the buildings of the American School; it is to be under the management of a group of Adana Turks, and Miss Towner and Miss Martin are retained in the internal management, to live with the girls and teach. Their salaries are assumed by the Turkish board of control. This takes the place of the arrangement made by Annual Meeting for a co-educational lycee beginning at Tarsus. Miss Ackerly is returning from America to help in the school also.

Miss Dorothy Blatter and Miss Gladys Perry of Merzifon arrived here yesterday, returning from a wonderful summer spent in Europe, Asia, and Africa. They went nearly everywhere, but spent more time in Paris than anywhere else.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Many of our associates have obtained copies of the 1932 Annual Meeting photograph. If there are any others who desire copies, they may order from Mr. Kreider, at a charge of ten cents each, plus postage.

The engagement is announced of Miss Evelyn Yonker, of Constantinople College, and Mr. George Adams, who was for the past three years a teacher at Robert College.

Dr. & Mrs. C.E. Clark are back in this city after a delightful visit with Mr. & Mrs. Partridge in Smyrna. Frances Partridge came back with them to resume her studies at Constantinople College. Dr. & Mrs. Clark expect to start back tomorrow for Merzifon.

Messrs May and Scöley of Anatolia College, with Mr. Meyer the architect, climbed Mt. Olympus, - the real Olympus, home of the gods, two weeks ago. They report the climb not difficult, but freezing cold weather at the summit.

Miss Harriet A. Hellatt reached her new post at Salonica September 9th; and that same afternoon the American group was invited to the Girls' School to meet her at a pleasant social gathering.

President and Mrs. White of Anatolia College recently made a visit to Rev. and Mrs. P.B. Kennedy at their Mission in Korce, Albania. The railroad takes one as far as Florina, whence they went by automobile over the mountains. Our former associates the Kennedys would greatly appreciate other such visits to their interesting school.

Prof. Caleb W. Lawrence arrived in Smyrna Sept. 13, after accompanying Mrs. Lawrence and their three children to America in June. The Lawrences have purchased a splendid old colonial place on Leonard St., East Norton, Mass., within easy reach of Providence, R.I., where the 3 older Lawrence boys are established. Prof. Lawrence will retire next June, after 37 years of service in International College.

Ali Kemal Bey, International 1926, M.A. N.Y. University 1929, left Smyrna Sept. 14th to study for a year at the Yale Institute of Human Relations as a Rockefeller Social Science Fellow. His wife, who was Vedide Baha, Constantinople College 1927, and the small son Aydin, remain in Smyrna.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Myers, of the International College staff, have been spending part of their vacation in this city, and visiting Robert College, where Mr. Myers used to teach.

Mr. Wilson F. Fowle, with his wife and son, have got back from America to his work with the Standard Oil Company in this city.

Mr. Tuysizian, Librarian of Robert College, has returned with his family from a year in America, where he studied the methods of American College and University Libraries.

Mr. Lyman MacCallum left last week to attend a colportage conference in Bulgaria, after which he expects to visit Salonica also, returning here about the end of September.

The report of the Daily Vacation Bible Schools carried on the past summer by the members of the School of Religion in and near Athens and Salonica, shows a total of seven such schools in operation, for six weeks each, under nine of the students, with a total of 1100 pupils, 569 boys and 564 girls, and with 37 teachers in all.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Sept. 27, 1932

Dear friends:-

General Douglas MacArthur, Chief of Staff of the United States army, arrived here Sunday last, and went right on by night train to Angora, where there had been arranged a grand military review in his honor yesterday. He is due to return to Constantinople today; and the American Embassy has invited all Americans to a reception this afternoon to meet the General. He was Commander of the Rainbow Division at the close of the great war.

Rev. R. Finney Markham has gone via Beirut to Aleppo, to begin his work in Aleppo College.

Miss Elizabeth M. Trowbridge and Dr. Caroline F. Hamilton have been making a visit to a lovely resort in the highlands of Tennessee; and a little later they expect to make their home in ~~Wilmington~~ South Hadley, Mass.

Miss Edith T. Parsons of Smyrna is spending her furlough with a brother in Burlingame, Calif., right near San Francisco. She writes of planning to attend the Annual Meeting of the Women's Board of the Pacific in San Francisco, Sept. 7th, together with Miss Nina E. Rice of Athens. Miss Lucille Day apparently just missed that meeting; for she was to sail from Los Angeles Sept. 5th for Japan on her way to her new post at Byculla, Bombay, India.

Mr. Herbert Langdon, Pomona 1932, and Mr. Frank Philpott, U. of Florida 1932, are new American tutors at International College, Smyrna. Omer Refik Bey, an Engineering graduate of Robert College and an M.A. of U. of Cincinnati, is another new member of the staff; and Nevzat Jemal Bey, M.A. Cornell 1932, returns to his work this month.

Schools and colleges have re-opened during the past few weeks, in general with a reduced attendance, but with fine spirit and energy. We hope in a few weeks to give facts as to numbers of students.

Miss F. Elma French, of the R.P. Mission in Mersin, has been transferred by her Board to Idlib, Syria, southwest of Aleppo. She expects to go there early in October.

M. Blaser of Neuchatel, the new teacher of French for Aleppo College, is in town on his way to his post. He expects to go on by rail in a few days.

Mrs. Fred Field Goodsell returned last week from her stay with her daughter and family in Merzifon, coming by way of Teles and Angora. She is leaving next Monday for Boston, going by Italian boat to Naples, there to take the Dollar Liner President Monroe. Needless to add her visit at Merzifon was heartily appreciated by the whole circle there.

Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum also returned last week from their tour to Merzifon, Teles and Angora. Mrs. MacCallum had never before had the opportunity of seeing these two Stations of ours; and both she and Dr. MacCallum made the acquaintance of Angora for the first time.

Yesterday afternoon there was opened a Linguistic Congress of Turkish scholars at Dolma Baghtche Palace, in the presence of the President of the Republic. Its purpose is, to take steps for the purifying of the language from foreign elements, and the adoption of words of purely Turkish origin in their place. The sittings are open only by ticket. Quite a number of Americans were present as observers. The Congress is sitting again this afternoon.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, October 4, 1932

Dear friends:-

Mrs. Fred F. Goodsell of Boston sailed from Constantinople yesterday, on the Italian steamer "Praga" for Naples, expecting there to take the Dollar Line across the ocean, as already indicated, to Boston. Her summer's visit has been a great pleasure to all her friends, both in Merzifon and Talas and here.

Miss Ackerly of Adana arrived in Mersin Sept. 25th from America. She is spending a few days in Namroun before going to Adana.

On August 7th, Miss Sarah Stone, formerly of Adana, was married to Mr. Le Roy W. Foote, of Prospect Place, New Milford, Conn. Mrs. Foote writes of speaking this summer in various churches in New Milford and Danbury, and of showing the Board's set of films on Turkey.

Mrs. Harry Meyering expects to sail today from New York for Beirut on the American Export Line, on her return to Tarsus. Her departure was delayed two weeks because of Ralph's illness.

The Red Crescent Society together with the local Tarsus government has furnished tanks and food for the unfortunate people who lost their homes in the disastrous fire of Sept. 15th there. The Mission property was not endangered, but five families took refuge in Stickler Hall. The city government is specifying that fire-proof buildings be built in place of those that burned.

Miss Olive Greene writes that up to a week ago the Collegiate Institute at Smyrna had only five boarders; but that there were about 115 day students, and that they would probably get up to last year's total enrolment. Mr. and Mrs. Partridge are occupying Miss Parsons's rooms at the School during her furlough.

Indications are that the enrolment at the Tarsus College will be about the same as last year. Some of the former students from the Brenksay School have enrolled there.

Mrs. Harry T. Baker of the Y.M.C.A. force in Stamboul returned last week from her trip to America. It was hard for her that her first news on arrival was of the death of a brother in America.

Mr. Lyman MacCallum returned Friday last from his trip to Bulgaria and Greece.

Severe earthquake shocks in the region of Salonica beginning Sept. 26 and 27, and continuing with lessening violence, occasioned some damage in that city, in cracked walls, etc., but the worst results were in the Chalcidice Peninsula, where over 300 lives are reported lost. One result of the panic in the city was a large migration to Larissa, Athens, and other points. Very many are sleeping in the open air, among them the Hawkes family. The girls at the School are camping in the study hall and in the lower rooms of the School. Some villages near Mt. Athos were totally destroyed.

Mr. Blake writes from Merzifon:- "After a summer of playground work and a steady stream of visitors, both American and Turkish, we are settling down to our regular jobs with the coming of Dr. and Mrs. Clark and our teachers."

Mrs. A. W. Dewey of Aintab took her daughter Frances a few weeks to Beirut to attend the Community School this coming year. Elizabeth Dewey accompanied them for the trip.

Yours very cordially,
Charles W. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Oct. 11, 1932

Dear friends:-

The union of the School for Religious Workers at Beirut and the School of Religion formerly at Old Phaleron, has taken place; and by action of the new Board of Managers, the name has been changed to The Near East School of Theology. The first meeting of the Board, at which this action was taken, was held in Beirut Sept. 26th; all members were present except Mr. Brewster, and by special vote Mr. Levonian acted as his proxy. Rev. W. G. Greenleese is Principal, and Prof. Levonian Dean. The School of Theology opened its doors on Oct. 5th, with thirty-two students, two of whom are women. Twenty-two are in the boarding department. Professors ~~Evangelical and~~ ~~disseminated~~ from the School in Greece, have joined the staff. ~~Professor~~ Michaelides has left his wife and son in Greece for the present.

Mrs. G. H. Huntington of Robert College left last Saturday evening for Geneva, to attend a meeting of the World's Committee of the Y. W. C. A.

The American Export liner "Excelsior" on which are coming Mr. Wiley and family of Marash and Miss Dwight and Miss Haight of Tales, has been much delayed, by some mishap, at Malta; and the party is now expecting to arrive in Constantinople on the twentieth of the month.

Mrs. Dana K. Gatchell arrived here this morning by train from Salonica, for a rest and change of air. She reports slight earthquakes as still frequent.

Mr. J. R. Fowle has gone to Angora, in connection with the business of leasing the Adana Girls' School building for use by a Turkish Girls' Lycee.

The Community School in Beirut is apparently very popular. We are told there will be 75 children in it this fall. From our Mission, Frances Dewey has gone there in addition to Ruth and Helen Riggs.

The Girls' School at Merzifon has resumed work with a good spirit. Up to last Thursday, there were 35 students, twenty of whom are boarders, and a possible six or eight others coming.

The Annual Meeting of the American Board takes place next week Tuesday to Thursday, in Montclair, N.J. Among the speakers will be Dr. John E. Merrill of Aleppo College. It is planned to have in this connection a Communion service at the Bible House on Thursday afternoon, October 20th.

Some of the new books recently added to the Mission Library:
 The Christian College in India; Report of Commission. London, 1931
 The Makers of Civilisation in Race and History, by J.A. Waddall. London, 1929
 The Legacy of Islam, by Sir Thomas Arnold. Oxford, 1931
 Modern Greece, 1800 - 1931, by John Mavrogordato. London, 1931
 Seen and Heard in a Punjab Village, by Miriam Young. London, 1931
 Florence Nightingale, 1820 - 1856, by I.B.O'Malley. London, 1931
 Jonathan Edwards, by Arthur C. McGiffert, Jr. New York, 1932 /1931
 Beyond the Sublime Porte: The Grand Seraglio, by Barnette Miller. New Haven
 Early Spread of Christianity in Central Asia, by A. Mingene. London, 1925
 Behind Mud Walls, in India, by C.V. and W.H. Wiser. New York, 1930
 Justinian, by G. P. Baker. New York, 1931
 Pathways to the Reality of God, by Rufus M. Jones. New York, 1932
 The Bible: An American Translation, by Smith and Goodspeed. Chicago, 1931
 The Christian Mission in Rural India, by K.J. Butterfield. New York, 1930
 The Rural Mission of the Church in Eastern Asia, by the same. N.Y. 1931
 The Partition of Turkey: A Diplomatic History, 1913-1923, by H.F. Howard, 1921
 Children and Movies, by A.M. Mitchell. Chicago, 1929.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

This afternoon at 2:30 the Annual Meeting of the American Board opens at Montclair, N.J., with a devotional service led by Pres. Potter, followed by business and by addresses from Treasurer Belcher, Dr. Ashley Leavitt, Dr. Kepler of Shanghai, and Prof. Istif of India. The Lord's Supper will be administered by Dr. Jay T. Stocking. In the evening, the annual sermon will be given, by Dr. Wilfred A. Rowell, of Hinsdale, Ill. The sessions continue till Thursday noon.

In connection with the above meeting, there will be a Communion service held at the Bible House Chapel on Thursday afternoon of this week, at four o'clock, to which all friends are invited.

Mrs. Harry Meyering and her son Ralph, who were to have left America two weeks ago, were again detained, and are due to be sailing today from New York for Beirut on their return to Tarsus.

Mrs. Lillian C. Sewny of Anatolia College is to sail from New York Nov. 9th on the S.S. "Berengaria" for Cherbourg, coming thence by rail to Salonica.

Dr. Fred Field Goodsell has been taking a swing around the Western circle, visiting Minneapolis and spending two weeks in Washington and Oregon, ending up with a trip to San Francisco, the last of September. He writes:- "I would like to extend my warm greetings to all my Near East friends through the columns (?) of the weekly letter." We gladly pass this message on.

President and Mrs. George L. White of Anatolia College are leaving Salonica today for America, expecting to be gone several months in the interests of the College.

On Thursday, Oct. 6th, Miss Susan W. Orvis arrived in Beirut from Mardin, and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Riggs. After seeing quite a lot of old friends there, she was to sail on the American Export S.S. "Eschorda" last week Tuesday for America.

Miss Colmyer writes that it was not an uncommon event to meet children on the streets of Merzifon this summer who asked: "Bugün Kolej var mı?" (Is there College today?) One might infer from such a query that a summer school was in session; but the name "College" is a hang-over from other years; and now the children use it for the playground. Mr. Blake was in charge of the playground on boys' days, and Miss Colmyer on girls' days; and the children had a very happy summer. During the two and a half months a total of 2774 children made use of it, making a daily average of 71. Swimming, apparatus use, ball games, and hand-work for the girls, were among the features. Forty-six girls made dolls for themselves out of old stockings.

There will be a concert of chamber music given by Dr. Ritter's quartet, at the Arslanli Konak, Bebek, on Saturday evening of this week, at 8:45. Invitations may be secured through Mrs. Leslie or Mrs. Birge.

The long-delayed S.S. "Excelsior" arrived in our harbor this morning, bringing Mr. Wiley and family of Marsh, Miss Adelaide Wright and Miss Haight of Texas, and Miss Alice Morrow of Constantinople College. They left America Sept. 10th, and have thus been nearly six weeks on the way.

Prof. L.C. Martin, formerly of the Erenkoy A.C.I., and Mrs. Martin are now at Portland, Oregon, where he is teaching in the Department of Philosophy and Psychology at Reed College.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wiley and their three children started out on Saturday last for their destination of Marash, stopping off a day in Adana, and going to the station of El-oghlu, on the branch from Fevzi Pasha to Malatia, that being the nearest station to Marash. This branch, by the way, is running trains through to Malatia now.

Another new railroad which is actually in operation, and the formal opening of which is to take place on Republic Day, Saturday of this week, is the road from Samsoun to Sivas via Amasia. The Construction Company has been running passenger trains already by special arrangement; but it is now officially to be opened to the public. It will now be possible to go from Samsoun via Sivas and Caesarea to Angora and Constantinople, all the way by rail.

Another new ^{convenience} thing is the putting into service of electric cars on the Adana-Tarsus-Mersin railroad. These generate their own power by Diesel engines; and they are found to run faster, and with cheaper fares, than the steam trains used to do. This road also is now the property of the Government.

Miss Dwight and Miss Haight left on Saturday evening last by train for Caesarea, via Angora, and are presumably in Tula before this. Miss Haight will be spending half of her time in language study and half in working in the Hospital.

The next day, Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gannaway and their little girl left on their return to Angora after a six months' stay in America. With them went Mr. Jennings, after a rest in Constantinople.

The new contract for the use of the Adana Girls' School building and equipment by the Turkish Lycee for Girls, was signed during the recent visit of Mr. Fowle to Adana. The school is to open about November 1st; and the teaching staff has not yet been announced, but there is the prospect of a very large attendance. The Central Educational Department is managing the school, the Adana Educational Society cooperating this year by paying the rent. If all goes well for this year, the Central Department will probably assume the rent item also, beginning next summer.

Miss Lillian C. Janny has changed her date of sailing from New York on her return to Anatolia College, and plans to go on the S.S. "Aquitania" Nov. 4, instead of five days later as announced.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of the Pers (Aynali Cheshme) Armenian Protestant Church is being observed this week Friday with appropriate services. The church was renovated last year.

The new translation of the Book of Psalms in Turkish has been issued from the press, and is on sale at twelve and one-half piastres, in strong paper covers in colors. A limited number will also be on sale in cloth binding, at about twenty-five piastres.

The Misses Cruddas, English missionaries from India, arrived at the Mission Hostel last evening, having come overland from Baghdad via Aleppo and Adana. They are on their way to England.

After spending the summer in the Dolma Baghtche Palace, the President, Ghazi Mustafa Kemal, left Stamboul Saturday for Angora, where the Grand National Assembly will convene next week Tuesday.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Nov. 1, 1932

Dear friends:-

BORN:- at the American Hospital, Beirut, on October 25th, to Rev. and Mrs. Leslie J. Adkins, a son, Ross Winthrop; weight, 8 lbs. 10 oz. Heartly congratulations to the parents and the two sisters.

The American Ambassador, Dr. Charles H. Sherrill, arrived in Constantinople on his return from America on Thursday last; and on Friday he went to Angora, to be present at the celebration of Republic Day, October 29th. This being the tenth anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic, special emphasis was given to the day. About 1,500 representatives of the various Scout organizations, from Stamboul, Smyrne, Brousa, Sivas, and elsewhere, took part in a great parade at the Capital.

A large number of people connected with the two Colleges took advantage of the national holiday, for a trip to Brousa, despite the south wind and its billows on the Marmora. The Robert College football team also went to Brousa, and won a hard-fought game from the Brousa Lycee, 3 to 2.

Dr. and Mrs. C.M. Clark of Merzifon announce the marriage of their daughter Ruth, to Mr. Charles E. Ruesink, of Adrian, Mich., on September 24th, in the chapel of People's Church, East Lansing, Mich. Miss Clark was teaching at Merzifon in 1930-1931.

Herr F. Schuchardt, representing the Deutscher Hilfsbund, is in town for a few days. Schwester Herold has come up from Marash to meet him; and they expect to start tomorrow for Marash.

Miss Charlotte F. Grant, whom many of us will remember as a nurse in Merzifon and Aintab before the war, died October 18th in Auburndale, Mass., after several months' illness at the home of her brother. She was seventy-one years old, and had lived most of the time since her retirement, at Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Our old friend Miss A.M. Burgess, formerly of Keum Kapou, Stamboul, is now in England being treated for a persistent and painful attack of neuritis. She is making progress, and hopes to get back to Athens after a while, where she has been carrying on industrial relief.

The far-famed Kurdish sesquicentarian, Zoro Agha, returned to Stamboul yesterday, after a prolonged stay in England. He was given a royal welcome by his friends.

Miss Carolyn D. Anley, formerly of the Home Department of the American Board, arrived in town this morning, coming from a short stay in Switzerland. She expects to spend perhaps six weeks in this country, visiting probably Angora, Adana, and possibly other points, taking moving pictures of student life, with the purpose of exhibiting them in schools in America, as a method of furthering international goodwill.

Quite an agitation is going on in the local press in favor of a change from the compulsory Friday holiday. Two alternatives are mentioned:-either a shift of the compulsory closing from Friday to Sunday, or else the suspension of the compulsory feature of the holiday, making it optional except for Government offices.

The Grand National Assembly opens its sessions this afternoon at two o'clock; and it is expected that the Ghazi will make an important address regarding foreign relations and the economic situation. The diplomatic corps are to be present; also the Persian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Firoughi Khan.

In connection with the Presidential election of next Tuesday, there will be a grand American political rally on Saturday evening of this week, at Robert College, with speeches in favor of the three principal candidates, and a show vote which will doubtless prearrange the official election of three days later.

Yours very cordially
Charles E. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, Nov. 8, 1932

Dear friends:-

This is the big day in the United States; and at present writing the chances seem to favor Gov. Roosevelt for the Presidency. The radio will probably bring us the results early tomorrow morning. Meanwhile the results of the grand combined rally of last Saturday night at Robert College will be interesting. Americans from many parts of the city listened to impassioned harangues on behalf of the three main candidates, interspersed with plenty of heckling, campaign singing, etc. When the vote was finally counted, it stood:- Hoover, 34; Thomas, 21; Roosevelt, 12. Previous to this, the Community School had also cast its vote, with the following result:- Hoover, 9; Thomas, 7; Roosevelt, 3.

Our sympathy goes out to Mr. J. Riggs Brewster of Athens, who has just heard of the passing of his father, on Oct. 19th, at Montrose, Penn. Mr. Brewster went on an extended evangelistic trip during the last week in October and the first week in November, to Melonios, Serres and Xanthi.

Miss Margaret White, of the Stamboul Y.W.C.A. staff, has gone on a visit to Angora, Caesarea, Talaş, Adana and Tarsus; she is expected back here during the latter part of this week.

News has come from Rev. Manassah G. Papazian of Fresno, Calif., of the sudden death of his son Robert, on Sept. 22nd. He was 31 years of age, and was born in Aintab.

During the past year, Mr. R. B. Smith and Kemal Bey of the Talaş Boys' School completed eight small Turkish trades books, which the commercial class typewrote and hektographed; and these are now in use in the School. These are the first books of their kind in Turkish, suitable for Orta trades education.

By the way, our Dick Smith seems to have all the records for climbing Mt. Argeus. He has made four trips to the top this year; and his record of seventeen hours from Talaş to the top and back again, is not likely to be soon equalled.

In the last eighteen months, Mr. Paul Nilson has given 1203 shows with his small movie apparatus, in towns and villages near Talaş, traveling about 5,000 kilometres to do this. Last month the new Minister of Public Instruction, Reshit Galip Bey, sent orders to the local Superintendent of Education to assist Mr. Nilson in such trips. About two weeks ago Mr. Nilson, with a teacher appointed by this official, visited Gasi, 25 kilometres from Talaş, and on the evening of Republic Day showed pictures to about 400 people, out under the stars.

While the removal of the School of Religion from Athens to Beirut has seemed to some of our number, especially those working in Greece, like a backward step, it is good to hear from those connected with the united School in Beirut warm appreciation of the benefits of the move. A recent letter from the School of Theology says:- "From our standpoint in Syria, the merger means nothing but gain. We are profiting immensely from the larger and more cosmopolitan group of students and from the contribution of the members of the Athens faculty. The students who have come from Athens have fitted into their new environment most admirably. Many things are strange to them, but they seem to have a feeling that the traditions and work of the Athens School are to be carried on here in Beirut, and they are helping without exception to that end. I cannot speak highly enough of the way in which Prof. Levonian and Prof. Michaelides have taken hold of things here. They have both thrown themselves enthusiastically into the task of making our work run as smoothly and as harmoniously as possible from the very beginning."

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends,

Mr. and Mrs. Alford Carleton and little Muriel went down from Aleppo to Beirut for shopping etc. Nov. 4th to 6th, in preparation for removing to Marâsh. Their plan is to leave Aleppo in about two days from now. Mr. Markham will be in charge of the College, but Mr. Carleton will return for a while to assist later on. It is expected that Dr. and Mrs. Merrill will be returning to Aleppo in March.

Mr. Harry Meyering of Tarsus went to Beirut to meet his wife and son, who were due there Nov. 7th on the American Export steamer.

Rev. and Mrs. Richard S. Rose, formerly of the School of Religion at Athens, who had been expecting to spend the winter in California, found on arriving in India that there was a place there for them, and they have joyfully settled down there instead. Mr. Rose has joined the staff of the American School in Kodaikanal, South India, while Mrs. Rose is preparing educational literature adapted to Indian needs.

Miss Emily McCallum, accompanied by Miss Glennie, the Librarian of Athens Junior College, has returned to her new apartment in Old Phaleron, after spending two months in Italy and France.

Miss Annie E. Pinneo recently held her first at home in her new cottage on the Athens Junior College campus at Ellenico.

Three of the American teachers in the International College at Smyrna are teaching part time in Turkish Government schools at the request of the Angora authorities, - Mr. and Mrs. Webster, and Mr. Robert Maynard.

An interesting reason has come to light why more girls do not go on from the primary grades into an Orta school. The reply comes from Merzifon, that if the girls are too highly educated, their families fear that no one will want to marry them! In view of this attitude, the addition of five new day pupils in the Merzifon Girls School, making 17 day pupils in place of 12, is a real gain this year.

In spite of hard times, and of the fact that the Junior College for Girls at Athens has been obliged to increase its fees this fall, the enrollment is a little higher than it was last year. There are 187 registered, of whom 141 are Greeks, 42 Armenians, 2 Russians, and 2 Jews. Fifteen students come from eight of the Greek Islands.

The American College in Sofia also shows an increased attendance this year, with 222 girls and 232 boys, the largest enrollment in the history of the College.

The total enrollment in Beirut University shows an increase over the figures of the last three years, with a total of 1420. The Schools of Medicine, Pharmacy and Dentistry all have enlarged attendance. There is a notable increase in the professional schools of students from Irak, Persia, Palestine and Egypt.

Letters have come telling of the Board's Annual Meeting at Montclair as a very good one. At the Near East group meeting, there were present among others Dr. Goodrich, Dr. and Mrs. Merrill, Miss Brauer, Miss Honis, Mrs. Sowmy, Dr. Meliaughten, and Dr. Caleb Gatos.

It is hardly necessary to record here the results of the American Presidential election; but as it was mentioned last week, we may complete our subject by saying that in the biggest landslide of recent years, Roosevelt received 472 electoral votes to 59 for Hoover. The popular majorities are not yet completely reported.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Rev. E. C. Blake, arrived in Town yesterday morning from Marzifon, after a very stormy passage on the Black Sea from Samsoun. He has come to see what can be done about the heavy taxes on unused Board property in that Station.

Dr. D. Alton Davis, of the World's Y.M.C.A., has come to Constantinople for his semi-occasional official visit. His friends are glad to see him, but wish he would stay longer.

Miss Marianne Mills, a young Englishwoman connected with the Girls' Work of the Y.W.C.A., who is now visiting the Associations in Bulgaria, is expected here next week, and is going on from here to Syria.

Mrs. Lillian C. Sewny, Matron at Anatolia College, returned to Salonica a week ago, after her six months' leave of absence in America.

Dr. and Mrs. G. E. White reached New York the last of October, after a stormy trip across the Pond. They spent the week-end of Nov. 5-7 with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Riggs in Melrose, Mass.; the Melrose Church has adopted Dr. and Mrs. White as their missionaries.

Miss Orvis has also arrived in the United States, landing at Boston. Her future plans have not yet been announced.

A letter has been received from Rev. Theodore A. Baldwin, formerly of Brouse, one of our oldest retired missionaries, who is now living at 332 Lawn Ridge Road, Orange, N.J. If spared till next September, Mr. Baldwin will celebrate his ninetieth birthday.

The opening Convocation of the Near East School of ~~Reformation~~ Theology was held Nov. 11th in the Anglo-American Church, Beirut, and was well attended. There were very good speeches by ten speakers, including representatives of the Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem, the Palestine Church Council, the Syrian and Armenian Protestant Churches, Beirut University, and the Dean of the Gregorian Antelias School, who pronounced the benediction. The spirit of the whole occasion seemed to match the fine spirit which has been shown by everybody in connection with this union of the two schools.

A series of talks on Health has been planned by Dr. Shepard, to which members of the American Community and any of their English-speaking friends will be welcome. By the generous courtesy of the Ambassador and Mrs. Sherrill, these health lectures are to be given at the Embassy, and the first one is announced for Thursday, December 1st, from 5:15 to 6 o'clock. It is hoped there will be a goodly attendance.

The Beirut News Letter gives interesting details of the activities of the students and faculty of the School of Theology. During the week ending Sunday, Nov. 13th, the students conducted 3 prayer-meetings and 4 worship services, made 8 calls and visits, taught 4 Bible classes and 7 Sunday school classes, superintended 6 Sunday schools, led 2 Teacher Training classes, helped in or supervised 6 Christian Endeavor societies, led 8 recreation groups, taught 12 hours in day or night school, delivered 1 stereopticon lecture, and participated in 3 Discussion Meetings. They spent 54 hours in the field, not including travel time, and reached 1356 persons. The Faculty, not including pastors of churches, preached 4 sermons, delivered 2 addresses, taught 2 Sunday school classes, superintended 1 Sunday school, conducted 1 communion service, and made 9 calls and visits. It is splendid to think of so many activities going on in Beirut and vicinity!

Yours very cordially
Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

Below are the statistics for the current year of attendance at the American schools and colleges in the Near East, as far as obtained:

Schools in Turkey	Total	Ill. grades	Orta grades	Lise grades	Boarders	Daysch.	Girls	Boys
Cadik Pasha	191	68	125		0	191	113	78
Merzifon	41		41		24	17	41	
Soutari Acad.	197	14	125	58	80	117	197	
Sayma A.C.I.	122		94	28	10	112	122	
Talas	47		47		13	34		47
Others	59	9	24	26	41	18		59
	<u>657</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>454</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>489</u>	<u>473</u>	<u>184</u>

In Greece & Syria	Total	Prepar. School	High School	Special Board.	Daysch.	Girls	Boys
Aleppo	92	38	49	5	0	92	
Beirut	120	55	65		25	95	10
Salonica	123		123		37	86	
	<u>335</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>237</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>273</u>	<u>10</u>

Colleges	Total	Prepar. School	High S. College	Other Board. Schools	Daysch.	Girls	Boys
Aleppo	118	23	63	32	26	92	118
Anatolia	182		130	52	66	116	182
Athens C.	345	158	187		86	259	345
Athens Jr.	167	65	106	16	56	131	187
Beirut Univ.	420	243	245	527	405	?	104
Internat'l	227		130	97	100	127	227
Const'ple	291		159	152	97	194	291
Robert	579		303	116	160	242	337
Sofia	454		165	289		454	0
	<u>3803</u>	<u>489</u>	<u>1468</u>	<u>1281</u>	<u>565</u>	<u>1127</u>	<u>1256</u>
S. of Theol.	32				32	29	3
Grand Tot.	<u>4827</u>	<u>673</u>	<u>2159</u>	<u>1393</u>	<u>597</u>	<u>1156</u>	<u>1259</u>

Beirut Univ. - Medicine, 125; Nursing, 64; Pharmacy, 38; Dentistry, 16; Music, 16; French School, 146#. Lebanese, 627; Palestinians, 236; Syrians, 123; Iraklis, 114; Egyptians, 55; U.S.A., 47; Persians, 41; & 30 other nationalities.

The 32 in the Sch. of Theology includes 2 students registered at Beirut Univ., & 1 not regularly enrolled. 12 are from the Athens Sch., 10 from Beirut, and 10 new students.

In Robert College, 128 are in the Engineering Dept., and 32 in the Industrial Dept. 15 other students registered but have withdrawn.

Of the 34 day pupils in Talas School, 15 are in the Yati Yurdu, in charge of Miss Dwight, trying "simple living and high thinking."

The work done in the last year of the Turkish Lise course is of first-year College grade. Standards in Mission schools have risen greatly in the last few years.

President Cass A. Reed of International College came here on Thanksgiving Day, and left the next day on his way to America on a visit. He was to spend a week or so in England on the way. On the same train with him was Dr. D.A. Davis of the YMCA, on his way to Sofia, his next stop.

After a stay of six weeks for her health, Mrs. Dana K. Getchell left this city Saturday evening, much improved, on her way back to home and husband in Salonica.

The Beirut News Letter tells of the death by accident on Oct. 24 in Mt. Vernon, N.Y., of Miss Margaret Doolittle, Principal until 1930 of the Tripoli (Syria) Girls' School, a member of the Syria Mission since 1919.

Mardin had a wonderful Thanksgiving Day. On Nov. 18, the Huto and Carleton families and Miss Ackerly all reached there together, more than trebling the working strength of the Station.

Yours very cordially, Charles E. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

The editor wishes to send to all subscribers in America his warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas. Since all but a very few on our mailing list are personal friends, a greeting of this sort is personal in a very true sense, even though not quite individual; for the weekly sheet has always seemed to him like a personal letter.

Dr. and Mrs. John E. Merrill of Aleppo, now of 85 Sherman St., Hartford, Conn., announce the engagement of their daughter Margaret to Mr. Alfred Harris Coons, of Ellenville, N.Y., a student in the Hartford Theological Seminary. It is probable that Margaret will return to Aleppo with her parents this winter, - but not for very long.

Referring to the educational tables in our last issue, the absence of the two schools at Adana and Erenkuy is regretted; but in spite of this loss, the total attendance is nearly equal to last year. The only schools that show larger attendance are Telas, Athens Jr. College, Beirut Univ., Sofia, and the United School of Theology. The 132 students in Anatolia College include 128 Greeks, 43 Armenians, 6 Jews, 3 Albanians, 1 American, 1 Russian. Of the 123 in Salonica Girls School, 86 are Greeks, 22 Jews, 11 Armenians, 3 Albanians, 1 Serbian. Of the 227 in International 220 are of Turkish citizenship, of whom 215 are Moslems. Of the 1420 in Beirut Univ., 458 are Moslems, 138 Jews, 70 Druses, 734 Christians.

Taking advantage of the Armistice Day vacation, Mr. R.F. Markham, Mr. Couser, M. Blazer, French teacher at Aleppo, and a tutor in the Presbyterian School took a rapid glance at most of northern Syria, taking in the Crusaders' Castle at Homs, one of the finest and best preserved of its kind; the ruins at Palmyra, said by some to surpass those at Rome; Deir-Zor and the Euphrates River; and lastly the ruins of Dura, near Salahie, - a total trip of 1200 ~~miles~~ kilometres. The first part of the way they were accompanied by three of the ladies of the Station of Aleppo, who turned back from Palmyra.

The American colony of Smyrna enjoyed a delightful Thanksgiving gathering at International College. At the invitation of Dr. & Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Flint, the staffs of the two schools as well as most of the Americans living in Smyrna, sat down to a sumptuous dinner, and also had two one-act plays and some music. The gathering was in the nature of a farewell to the retiring Consul, Mr. Bursley, and his wife, and also a welcome to the new Consul, Mr. George, and to Vice-Consul and Mrs. Christiani, who have just arrived.

The new Director of Athletics at International College, Mr. Philpott, introduced an innovation by holding a fall track meet. Though the competition of a football game at which Miss Universe was an added attraction, and of a series of horse-races, and also a raw day, kept the attendance down, it was an interesting meet and a good preparation for the annual Spring meet.

We regret to announce the death of Dr. Abdullah Jevdet Bey, editor of the monthly "Idjtihad" and long a warm friend of the Americans in this city, and an active member of the Civic Welfare League, organized here after the armistice.

Miss Lillian C. Brauer of Adana reached America on furlough the last week in September; and after visiting various friends in New England and attending the Board meeting in Montclair, she is living in Boston with her mother for the winter, and intends to study social service methods in the huge laboratory of Boston City, after Christmas.

At the Pordim, Bulgaria, Folk-School, the men's winter course of five months began Monday, Nov. 14. Every one of the 14 available places for men boarders was taken in advance. Extension work in surrounding villages goes on steadily. Dr. & Mrs. Haskell have their son Oliver with them this year as book-keeper and secretary.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

The second of Dr. L. A. Shepard's series of health talks will be given at the American Embassy on Thursday, Dec. 15th, at 5:15 p. . His topic is: Serums, Vaccines, and Inoculations. All interested friends who understand English are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. George DeForest White, of Anatolia College, are here on a visit from Salonica, as guests of their sister, Miss Margaret White, and will remain for a week or so more.

The Misses Ethel and Constance Moffat, sisters of Mrs. L. A. Shepard, arrived from America on the S.S. "Exilone" last Wednesday. They plan to stay with their sister until next April.

Young Robert Sage Woolworth, of Tarsus, who - Inshallah! - will reach the ripe age of three in a couple of weeks or so, still limps a little on his fractured leg, but the limp is rapidly disappearing. It was what is called a green-stick fracture; and the manner thereof is described by a (non-medical) associate by saying that a flower-box fell on his head and cracked the leg.

Mr. Asa K. Jennings, representative in Angora of the Friends of Turkey, was helped on to a steamer a week ago on his way to Greece, to trans-ship there for New York. The condition of the "Admiral" is such as to make us wonder whether he will be able again to come out here; but we trust his recovery may once more be as remarkable as it has at other times.

Dr. and Mrs. F.W. MacCallum left our city last Thursday by the Lloyd Triestino Express boat for Piraeus, intending to spend about a week with their sister Miss Emily MacCallum in Old Phaleron.

The Bible Societies have brought out an edition of the new Turkish translation of the Psalms in very attractive cloth binding, with picture cover, that sells for 30 piastres. This would make an excellent New Years gift to some Turkish friend, we would remind our readers.

Miss Towner is very fully and happily occupied teaching English twenty-eight hours a week in the Turkish Lycee for Girls which occupies our Adana Girls School buildings. Even though she has 95 beginners in one class, and though another one is composed of fifteen beginners together with ten who are studying Silas Marner, still she feels that real progress is being made. Meanwhile Miss Martin is carrying a full teaching schedule at Tarsus College.

The funeral of Archibald Taylor, boatswain of the American Export Liner "Excelsior," was conducted a short while ago in Smyrna by Mr. Maynard. He died after a month in the Italian Hospital there. The body was laid away in the British cemetery; and among those present were the captain, officers, crew, and passengers of the S.S. "Emerch" which happened to be in the harbor.

Through the kindness of Mr. Lyman MacCallum there have been deposited in the Mission Library as a loan library the following, to be circulated on just the same conditions as the books of the regular library, as long as they remain deposited here. The example of this loan is commended to the thoughtful consideration of others.

American Relations with Turkey; by Leland J. Gordon. 1932
 The Life and Adventures of Arminius Vambery; by himself. 1863
 Christ in Islam; by Rev. James Robson. 1929
 Watching the Cross; by J.D. Jones, D.D. 1926 1932
 A Guide to the Islamic Pottery of the Near East. British Museum,
 The Sultan and His Subjects; by R. Davey. 1907
 Forty-four Turkish Fairy-Tales; Tr. by Dr. Ignaz Kunos. 1920
 A Merry Mountaineer: -Clifford Harris of Persia; by R.W. Howard. 1931
 Mustafa Kemal: Between Europe and Asia; by D. von Mises. 1931.

Yours very cordially, Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Dec. 20, 1932

Dear friends:-

A cable from Boston announces the death of Mrs. Charles E. Estes of Robert College, at Auburndale, Mass., on Sunday last. Prof. and Mrs. Estes and their two children left on furlough last summer, and were living with Mrs. L.O. Lee. This painful news will deeply affect a large number of our friends. Our deepest sympathy goes out to all the family. Caroline Margaret Lee was born Sept. 1, 1890, in Marash, daughter of Rev. Lucius O. and Mrs. Clara Hamlin Lee; and was married June 19, 1915, to Prof. Estes at Robert College. She underwent a serious operation for cancer a year ago last March; and while the cable gave no particulars, it is possible there was a recurrence of the malady.

One of the veteran Christian workers of this country has gone to his rest. Pastor Jurjus Hudaya, for sixty-six years pastor of the Evangelical Church at Mardin, died Dec. 4th, aged ninety-two years. He had been quite feeble during the past year, and finally an operation was necessary, which he underwent Dec. 1st at the military hospital, but he was too weak to recover. The funeral was held on the 6th, and was conducted by Pastor Amseh of Midyat, who came over with some of his flock the forty-odd miles from the east for this last rite. It was a beautiful service, after which the body was borne tenderly down the hill to the grave with singing, and a brief service at the grave in the beautiful sunshine closed the ceremony.

Pastor Jurjus was born in 1840 in Mardin. A stone-cutter in his youth, he became interested in evangelical truth and was a favorite pupil of Rev. W.F. Williams, with whom he went to Harpout when the theological course was opened there. As a mark of esteem for the young man, Mr. Williams gave him his own watch, on graduation. (It still keeps good time and the pastor showed it with pride to the hospital attendants just before his death.) He was sent to Mardin as evangelist in 1863, and ordained on the day the church was organized, in 1867. From that day to this, he has been the active and faithful and capable leader of this church.

Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum returned Sunday evening by Lloyd Triestino steamer from their short trip to Old Phaleron, Greece. They report all our friends well, in the Athens region.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. White are leaving today on their way back to their work in Anstolis College, Salonica.

The Saturday after Thanksgiving, Mr. & Mrs. Ernest W. Riggs were given a surprise party at their home in Melrose, Mass., when there dropped in on them the Fairfield, Ward, Case, Clark and Belcher couples and Miss Emerson and Mrs. Lee; and they all had ice-cream together, and the guests presented them with some books as a memento.

The Samsoun-Sivas railway line, which has been unofficially running some trains already, was officially opened to traffic last week; and the first through train from Samsoun to Mersin, - from the Black Sea to the White Sea (so the Turks call the Mediterranean), - was run, via Sivas, Caesarea, Angora, Eski Shehir, Konia, and Tarsus. On its arrival at Mersin, it was met by a large crowd, with a band and great enthusiasm. This linking up of the Black Sea coast with the main line of railroad traffic through the country, is an event of high importance for the transportation system.

The two American aviators, Messrs. Irwin and Stewart, who have come to help install the commercial air-line between Stamboul and Angora, are busy now training the Turkish pilots for this commercial work, and it is expected that the line will start service next month. Later it will be extended to other cities through Anatolia, as far as Erzurum. The planes are American, equipped with the latest safety appliances.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, Dec. 27, 1932

Dear friends:-

A regrettable omission was made in our list of American schools in the Near East, in our failure to include the Folk School at Pordim, Bulgaria, under Dr. and Mrs. Haskell. The total number of boarders there this year is 46, or ten more than any previous year; and the enrollment of young women is 32, or just double that of the first year, 1929-1930. We realize also that there are other American schools in the Near East which ought to have been mentioned.

Rev. and Mrs. James K. Lyman of Marash made a visit last week and the week before to Aleppo and Beirut.

During a five-day trip to Aleppo, Dec. 15-20, Rev. H. H. Riggs showed his lantern pictures of the life of Christ five times, in the various churches and schools, besides preaching three times on the Sunday, and meeting with various committees.

Prof. George Michaelides of the Beirut School of Theology has gone up to Athens to spend the Christmas vacation with his wife and son in Elleniko.

On Dec. 22nd it was exactly forty-one years since Rev. H. C. Haskell, D.D., of Samokov, met his son, Rev. Edward B. Haskell and his bride, coming from America via Constantinople, at the Banya-Kostenets railroad station with a sleigh to escort them up to Samokov, where the happy mother was awaiting them.

On Jan. 28th next, it will be exactly one hundred years since Rev. Jones King of Athens met Rev. and Mrs. Elias Riggs at the harbor of Piraeus, then called Port Leon, with horses, to escort them up to Athens after a journey of ninety days from Boston, via Malta.

Prof. Melche, the Swiss specialist who has been called here by the Turkish Government to make suggestions looking to the improvement of courses in the Turkish University, has been investigating the curriculum of the Faculty of Theology. His main suggestion there is, that for a modern Faculty of Theology to confine itself to Moslem theology alone is surprising. According to the reports received, this has resulted in a decision by the University authorities, that in the future the theology of other religions also will be taught in the Turkish University.

Mr. Raymond B. Fosdick of New York has come to this city to spend the Christmas vacation with his sister who is teaching in Constantinople College. He also expects to visit some of the near-by points of interest.

The American Hospital in Stamboul is closing its year with an indebtedness of about Ltq. 10,400. However, in the campaign for funds which is now on, the American and other friends in this city have already contributed approximately Ltq. 3,400; and it is hoped that the net result of the effort may be an even break.

Dr. and Mrs. J.O. Boyd, of the Vienna office of the American Bible Society, are spending their furlough at 38 Alexander St., Princeton New Jersey; and Dr. Boyd is spending considerable time in a comparative study of certain recent translations of the Bible in the interests of accuracy and uniformity.

The American Bible Society recently sent a representative to the earthquake region in the Chelcidice Peninsula, in Greece, to see that any persons who lost their copies of the Scriptures in that disaster might have a chance to replace them.

The undersigned would take this opportunity to extend to all readers best wishes for a truly Happy and ~~Peace~~ New Year.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs