

Dear Friends:-

After a brief visit in Stamboul with friends old and new, Miss Harriet Yarrow and Miss Florence Parsons left on their return to Smyrna on Sunday evening by steamer. The sea having calmed down to some extent, they probably had an uneventful voyage.

Bay Nejmi Ayas, of Smyrna, of whose appointment to the Talas Boys' School we spoke last week, has arrived and is at work, and pleases our circle there very much.

Mrs. Tacy A. Wilkinson Atkinson, widow of Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, who was connected with Harpout Station from 1901 till his death in 1915, passed away December 11th, in Philadelphia. Mrs. Atkinson was born in Salem, Nebraska, July 3, 1870, and studied in Pacific University. She remained on in Harpout till the summer of 1917, and then lived in Northfield, Mass., till her three children were grown. After her son Henry was married, she lived with them in New Jersey until his death, nearly four years, and then moved to Philadelphia. The interment was in New Jersey.

The New York Times of Dec. 19 tells a thrilling story of the achievements of a group of Americans and other foreigners in Nanking throughout the Japanese siege of the city. They formed a Safety Zone Committee, among whose members was Mr. Charles H. Riggs of our American Board Mission, grandson of Dr. Elias Riggs of Constantinople; they secured from both Japanese and Chinese the promise to respect this safety zone in the city, with the result that through heroic efforts all through the constant season of terror, over 100,000 non-combatants were able to live in comparative safety. During the several days' interval between the flight of the Chinese mayor and city council, and the entrance of the Japanese forces, this committee was the only civil agency of law and order in the city. Another very busy foreign committee was that caring for the war-wounded, and was headed up by an American Episcopal missionary.

For the above piece of news we are indebted to Mrs. Hettie Dodd, sister of Miss Isabel F. Dodd, whose parents were missionaries of the Western Turkey Mission from 1840 to 1865, and who now lives in Montclair, N.J.

Mr. Laurence S. Moore of the American College, Sofia, arrived in Stamboul December 31st, and is staying for his winter vacation at Robert College.

Dr. G. Walter Fiske, who has been sharing in the teaching at the Near East School of Theology, Beirut, has gone with Mrs. Fiske to Egypt, where they will spend the winter. -Beirut News Letter.

Dr. Niessen, Professor of Surgery in the Medical Faculty of Stamboul University, and Dr. Hazim, Professor-Docent, have been appointed to represent the University at the coming International Congress of Surgery at Washington, D.C., and are shortly leaving for America.

Rev. Ezra P. Young, formerly of Adana Social Center, is minister of the Community Congregational Church of Little Falls, N.J. but is residing at 49 Grove St., New York City.

Yours very cordially,
Charles P. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

After our last issue was printed, the telegram came announcing the passing away of Miss Mary G. Webb, at Beirut, on that day. She was at the American University Hospital, where she had been taken the day before. It has been evident for some months that she was failing fast, and the end was not unexpected. Miss Webb was born Nov. 21, 1855, and had thus recently passed her eighty-second birthday. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her sister, Miss Elizabeth Webb, with whom during her whole life she has been so intimately associated, and with whom she has lived for nearly ten years in so-called retirement in Beirut.

It was in 1890 that Miss Mary Webb joined her younger sister in the mission work at Adana, where the latter had already been for four years. Together they built up the girls' school there, and superintended a number of other schools in the surrounding country. After the great war the two sisters were among the first big party to return to Turkey, and took their full share in the reconstruction work in Adana; and later Miss Mary Webb carried on religious work among hospital patients. In 1928 she retired from service and went to live with her sister in Beirut, still helping as she was able in the girls' school there.

Rev. and Mrs. William L. Hawkes are at present living at 108 East College Street, Oberlin, Ohio, and Mr. Hawkes is studying history and political science.

Aleppo College is rejoicing in a gift from Dr. Altounian of the entire cost of a dormitory cottage in connection with their new plan for housing the students in such cottages.

Dr. and Mrs. Rogers, who have been spending some time on a visit to the Nutes in Talas, passed through Stamboul last week on their return to America, going by steamer to Brindisi and by rail to Cherbourg.

The Beirut News Letter tells of a visit there of Dr. Cheesman A. Herrick, President Emeritus of Gerard Collège, Philadelphia, on a trip to various Mission stations in Asia. He is a member of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

We regret to hear of a painful accident to Mrs. W. Nesbitt Chambers, at Canton, N.Y., where she is living with her daughter, Mrs. Seelye. On the day after her eighty-seventh birthday, Dec. 3rd, she fell and broke her hip. At last accounts she was in a nursing home.

Two bills introduced in the Grand National Assembly within the past week, one to restrict the further immigration of Jews into this country, and the other to compel the use of Turkish in public conversation by all Turkish citizens, have both been rejected as unnecessary.

Dr. Lorrin Shepard and his sistern-in-law, Miss Constance Moffatt, have gone on a brief visit to Gaziantep, stopping on the way at Talas, Adana, and Angora. They expect to be back by next Saturday.

Miss Mary M. Haskell, who has been at work in Pordim, Bulgaria, had an attack of double pneumonia last month, but at last accounts had been brought to the Community House in Sofia, and with good medical care and the devotion of the ladies at the House, was making a good recovery.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

The funeral of Miss Mary G. Webb at Beirut on Wednesday, Jan. 5th, was at the Anglo-American Church, and was a grateful tribute on the part of a large company of friends to her sweet spirit and calm faith. Interment was at the Furn-es-Shebak cemetery.

Dr. Lorrin Shepard and Miss Moffatt got back as per schedule on Saturday evening from their trip to Gaziantep.

The winter vacations of the American schools here are now giving opportunities for various visits to interesting places. Dr. and Mrs. B.V.D. Post of Robert College have gone to Switzerland to see their son Davis. Several persons have gone to Bulgaria, and some to Syria, Palestine and farther afield, and some to Greece.

At the annual Union Communion service held in Beirut on the second Sunday in January, about seven hundred persons were present, including Syrians, Armenians, Americans, French, Germans and English, and in addition some black men from Madagascar, who are serving in the French army in Syria. The service was conducted in six languages.

Dr. Cheesman A. Herriek, of Philadelphia, who has been visiting various mission institutions in Syria, was due to start for Athens today according to the Beirut News Letter.

The Post Office authorities announce the issue in the near future of a new series of postage stamps for this country, depicting various phases of the Turkish Revolution.

Preparations are rapidly going on for the fitting celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of Robert College. There will be special exercises in connection with Founders' Day, March 23rd, and Commencement in June will be another special day. Ex-President C.E. Bates is expecting to be present for both these occasions, in response to the invitation of the college. In between, he will probably make visits in Angora, Athens, Sofia, and other places, and meet a large number of his graduates.

Our friend Mr. Vincent Tompkins, of the Standard Oil Co. staff in Stamboul, has started off for a four months' absence, on a trip to Nigeria on company business. He goes by way of England.

The building of the new law courts, or Palace of Justice, for Stamboul is expected to begin in the spring. This is to be erected on the site of the present central prison, on the Hippodrome square. The old and inadequate prison building is to be replaced; but the site for the new building has not yet been definitely chosen. One of the points under consideration is at Fodj Kule; and it has this advantage in its favor, that some Ltg. 300,000 worth of material purchased for a central prison before the war have been deposited for the past twenty-five years in that district, so that they will be close at hand, - or what is left of them will be.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Higgs

Bible House, Stamboul, Jan. 25, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

A very distinct shock of earthquake woke people up this morning shortly after two, along the Bosphorus; but so far as heard from no material damage resulted.

Athens and the whole of Greece seem to be having unusual cold just now. This morning's local papers speak of renewed snowfall in various places, and a severe storm raging on the Gulf of Corinth.

Miss Mills writes:- "We have been very crowded this autumn (in Pierce College, Elleniko), and shall enjoy expanding a little into the new dormitory and the basement of Pierce Hall which is almost ready for us. It has been rather distressing to have Pierce Hall go up so slowly, but there seems little one can do about it."

The former Khedive of Egypt, Abbas Hilmi Pasha, who used to be a frequent visitor to Constantinople, and still owns a palace on the Asiatic shore, is in the city for a few days, and is being received today by President Atatürk, who is passing a brief vacation at Yalova.

A letter received a short time ago from Dr. and Mrs. Phillips F. Greene, whom many will remember when they were in the Language School here in 1921-22, told of their life and activities in Changsha, China, in connection with the Yale Univ. Medical work there, and the effects of the war on that work, which was still continuing.

Miss Grisell V. McLaren, formerly of our Mission, writes from 2214 Denington Drive, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that her adopted daughter Katharine is now a senior at Northfield School, Mass., and seems to be making good. How these youngsters do grow. Miss McLaren is living with a sister, since leaving California in 1936.

Dr. D. Alton Davis, of the International Y.M.C.A., is expected here next week, coming from Thessaloniki; but his stay seems destined to be very short.

A Christmas letter from Mr. E. C. Stevens, formerly of the Y.M.C.A. staff in this city, tells of their family life at Balboa, Canal Zone, where he is now in charge of the Y.M.C.A. work; he says it is uniformly warm there, day and night, and rather damp, as they have an annual rainfall of 130 inches.

According to the Beirut News letter, the growing menace of drinking, gambling, and social vice in Beirut and throughout Syria is attracting the concern of the Committee on Social and Moral Welfare of the United Missionary Council of Syria and Palestine, which arranged two meetings for women to be held today, Jan. 25th, in Beirut, to discuss the position of church women in this matter.

Rev. and Mrs. Edward S. Treat send a belated announcement of the arrival of a son, Edward Paige, born Nov. 6, 1937, and now weighing ten pounds, an increase of over two pounds in two months. They are working, as previously announced, in Wayneka, Oklahoma.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, February 2, 1938

Dear Friends:-

Dr. and Mrs. D. Alton Davis, of the International Y.M.C.A. at Geneva, are here on a brief visit, and will speak to the Stamboul Station group after the business meeting on Thursday next. They have come here from visits in Athens and Thessaloniki.

In Aleppo College this year, there are, in the primary school a total of 90 pupils, of whom 23 are girls; in the High School there are a total of 91, one of whom is a girl; and in the two College classes there are fourteen, making a total enrollment in all departments of 195. Of these, 180 are of Syrian nationality, the rest scattering. 88 are Protestants, 30 Sunni Moslems, 23 Gregorian Armenians, 13 Greek Orthodox, 12 Syrian Orthodox, 9 Jews, the rest scattering.

Miss Dora Shank is making a good recovery at the American Hospital, after a severe operation performed by Dr. Shepard.

The group of Robert College students, under the direction of Mr. MacGregor and Mr. Audetat, who went during the winter vacation to Athens, report a glorious time and a most cordial reception, even though they lost all four basket-ball games, all of which were close. The games were with Athens University, a mixed team from all the schools, and two strong athletic clubs, - probably the strongest four teams in the city. Some of the party went on as far as Delphi, enjoying the trip hugely.

Professor George P. Michaelides, of the Near East School of Theology at Beirut, who is this year studying in America, has received an invitation from Smith College to teach there for the coming academic year during the leave of absence of Professor Ralph Harlow. The matter has not yet been decided.

The student who shot and killed a professor in the Turkish school at Mersin, about four months ago, has been condemned to fifteen years imprisonment, instead of to capital punishment, on account of his youth.

Another slight shock of earthquake was registered in this city last Wednesday; but there were comparatively few persons who noticed it at all.

The fortnightly vesper devotional service held at the residence of Mrs. Charles Edwards, on the Bebek quay near the Robert College entrance, comes this Sunday, at five o'clock. This is inserted as a reminder to all who are interested.

Our co-workers of the Syria Presbyterian Mission in their annual statistics for 1937 show a total of 37 regular missionaries, 283 Syrian associate workers, 3803 communicant members, 2784 average attendance at Sunday Schools, 5128 pupils in day schools, 1640 hospital patients and 3387 patients at clinics, and 38,561,614 pages printed at the Press.
-Beirut News Letter.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Feb. 8, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

Dr. and Mrs. D. Alton Davis bravely faced the strong north wind on Saturday last when they steamed out into the Black Sea on their way to Bucharest via Constanza. After about a week in Rumania they were expecting to go on to Bulgaria and Jugoslavia before returning to Rome, where they will turn affairs over to the new Y.M.C.A. Secretary and then go back to Geneva.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles House were in town for a brief stay last week, on their way back from visiting friends at Angora. They left Thursday for Thessaloniki.

Miss Owers, of the International Y.W.C.A., on her way back to England from a trip to Russia, spent a few days in Stamboul this past week.

Professor and Mrs. George H. Huntington have engaged passage on a tourist steamer sailing from New York April 2nd, and with transshipment in Piraeus, they expect to reach Stamboul about the middle of April. A warm welcome awaits them here. Dr. Huntington has profited greatly from his months at Warm Springs this winter.

The Mission Library has received a presentation copy of "The Bektashi Order of Dervishes," by John Kingsley Birge, Ph.D., this being an enlargement of his thesis presented in connection with securing the doctorate. It treats fully of the history, doctrines and beliefs, and rites and practices of the Order, and is finely printed by Luzac & Co., London, and beautifully illustrated; and nearly half of the illustrations are by our friend Mr. H. H. Kreider.

Professor Henry Norris Russell, of the Astronomy Department of Princeton University, is expecting to make a visit to Thessaloniki this spring, to visit friends in the Farm School and in Anatolia College. His daughter is the wife of Mr. Gardner of the Farm School.

Two recent musical events at Robert College gave a great pleasure to many friends. One was the Chamber Music concert on Saturday evening, when Messrs. Ferdi Von Statzer at the piano, Lioco Amar on his violin, and Ritter with the 'cello rendered selections from Beethoven, Brahms, and Cesar Franck. The other was yesterday afternoon, when Prof. Charles S. MacNeal and Mr. Wilfred Mansfield gave a two-piano program from Bach, Mozart, and Brahms.

An interesting but perplexing situation has arisen in Syria with regard to the currency and prices, due to the fall of the French franc. Syrian pounds were tied to the franc; so that the Syrian pound has gone down about 50%; but still the essential money unit of Syria and Lebanon is the Turkish gold lira, and this has commanded a premium. So that prices of food stuffs, labor, and all local products have simultaneously gone up nearly 100%. Thus the American dollar, reduced as it is to about 60% of its normal value, actually buys less after the reduction of the franc than it did before.

After a brief visit to Brousa, during which he formally opened a new merino factory, President Atatürk has come to Stamboul to have a short rest before returning to the Capital.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

Dr. Wilson F. Dodd and Miss Mary Sue Avery were married on January 28th, at Berea, Kentucky. Our felicitations to Dr. and Mrs. Dodd. He will continue his work in the hospital of Berea College.

Dr. C. Frank Gates, with his son Moore, expect to arrive in Constantinople March 17th, after crossing the ocean in the "Berengaria." Dr. Gates will be present and take part in the 75th anniversary exercises at Robert College on Founders' Day, March 23rd; and after that he is planning several visits, in Sofia, Athens, parts of Anatolia, and Palestine, before Commencement Day at the Colleges, which he also hopes to attend. It is hoped that a larger number than usual of the alumni of Robert College may be present on Founders' Day this year.

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. J.K. Birge who has just received news of the death of her father, Mr. Phillips, aged seventy-five.

A letter from the pastor of the Calvary Armenian Congregational Church of San Francisco tells us that the church was giving a dinner in honor of Dr. and Mrs. F. W. MacCallum, and that Dr. MacCallum was to be their guest preacher on February 6th. There are in San Francisco about 2000 Armenians.

The Kurban Bayram vacation of four days is now over, and all schools resumed their work today. The fine weather that came for this festival still continues.

Last Wednesday evening the Turkish passenger steamer "Akau" was caught in a blinding snowstorm and a high wind just east of Sincop harbor, on the Black Sea coasts. The captain tried to make the harbor, but was driven on a rocky point of the shore, and quite a leak developed in the bow, flooding the No. 1 hold. The steamer backed off, but seeing the risk of sinking, the captain drove her on to a sandy beach, and all the 100 passengers were taken off. Efforts are being made to put the ship in condition to tow her to this city for repairs.

According to the Turkish educational statistics of the year 1937, as furnished us by Mr. Paul Nilson, the summary of attendance for the school year 1935-36 in Turkish schools is as follows:-

	Schools	Teachers		Students
		Women	Men	
Elementary (ilk)	8,275	4,953	9,996	630,100
Middle (orta)	118	644	1,759	52,496
High School (lise)	65	188	841	13,876
Normal (ögretmen)	13	92	156	2,805
Trades (ertik ve teknik)	36	199	388	3,772
University and higher	16	90	653	7,478
	6,523	6,086	13,791	770,527

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Feb. 22, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

He is still "First in the Hearts of his Countrymen," although perhaps few in this country will remember to observe the Day.

Mr. E. C. Blake from Merzifon and Mr. W. S. Woolworth from Tarsus met last week at Angora, to see the Educational Authorities on some matters connected with the Merzifon Girls' School.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana K. Gatchell, formerly of Merzifon and Salonica, write of their plan to spend a month or so at Washington, D. C., to visit relatives and friends there. They expected to go there about the end of last week, from Brockline, Mass.

Mr. Norman Hampton, of Providence, R. I., has been secured by the Board for a three-year term of teaching at Talas school. He is a graduate in civil engineering of Rhode Island State College, and is a member of the Providence Engineering Society and of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and is a personal friend of Mr. and Mrs. David J. Julius, formerly of Aleppo.

Dr. Lorrin Shepard has been invited by the British engineers in charge of the Karabük steel manufacturing project, to go over there to advise with them about health measures to be undertaken there.

Dr. Fred Field Goodsell and Miss Ruth Seabury of the American Board staff have been elected as delegates to the meeting of the International Missionary Council, to be held in Madras, India, Dec. 13 to 30; also two members of the Prudential Committee, Dr. Douglas Horton and Dr. Russell H. Stafford. Dr. Goodsell and Miss Seabury are making plans to visit work of the Board as far as feasible on their way to India.

Dr. Frank Buchman of the Oxford Group Movement, arrived in town this morning with a number of friends, on the Cunard tourist steamer "Letitia." A meeting has been arranged for them at the Union Church Manse for this afternoon at five o'clock. The steamer goes out again this evening.

Mr. Merrill N. Isely of Aintab has been appointed to replace Mr. Luther Fowle at the meeting of the Board of Managers of the Near East School of Theology to be held in Beirut next month, and has accepted the appointment.

The Beirut News Letter tells us of a Gospel Quartet from Asbury College, Kentucky, which is traveling in the Near East, and is expected at Beirut the end of this week for a series of singing engagements extending into March.

The American Board reports a decrease in receipts from all sources for the first five months of the fiscal year, of \$5,684. The Presbyterian Board reports a decrease also, for the first nine months, of \$1,894.

According to the latest report, the pontoons and the iron superstructure of the new Atatürk bridge over the Golden Horn will be put in place by December of this year, and the bridge be ready for opening by July of 1932.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, March 1, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

The annual dance for the benefit of the American Hospital was held on Saturday evening last, at the American Embassy, and a larger number of friends than usual was present. All voted it a great success.

President Atatürk has returned to Angora after a stay of about three weeks in our city. He was at the Capital in time to greet the delegates to the Conference of the Balkan Entente.

Miss Tullo, missionary in the Central Provinces, India, has been spending a few days with Miss Parker at the Bible House, and is leaving today for England.

The last news from the Fowles is that Mrs. Fowles was in the Massachusetts General Hospital and had had her fifth operation. May this mean better general health henceforward!

The engagement is announced of Miss Cynthia Binns, of the Robert College Community School, and Mr. William Baxter, former tutor in Robert College and now teaching in the Hun School, Princeton, N. J.

Dr. Frank H.D. Buchanan and party met a large group of friends at the Union Church Manse last Tuesday in a very pleasant way. On the same tourist steamer were also Principal D.S. Cairns, and the well-known author Mr. H.V. Morton.

On Friday of this week, March 4th, the Christian Workers' Union will hold a service at the Bible House Apartment in connection with the Women's Day of Prayer. Mrs. J. K. Lyman will be in charge, and all friends are invited. Tea will be served at 4:30, and the meeting at five.

Miss Dora Jones, who spent a year in Athens some four years ago, has joined the MacCallum sisters at Old Phaleron again, coming this time from a trip in India.

Mr. Herman K. Kreider expects to start on Friday next for a visit of a fortnight or so to Thessaloniki and Athens. He will be accompanied by his son Maynard.

Rev. H. H. Riggs, Secretary of the Near East Christian Council, is starting from Beirut presumably today for a trip of about a month to the Sudan, making his headquarters at Khartoum during that time.

Rev. Alford Carleton, Ph.D.; President of Aleppo College, has been appointed as preacher for the Annual Meeting of the Mission this summer, and has accepted.

We cannot refrain from sharing with our readers the account of a funeral service recently conducted by our friend Rev. W.C. Kerr. The German Pastor being out of town, Mr. Kerr was called upon to conduct the funeral of a German. All went well until, at the close of the committal service at the grave, the minister lifted his hand to pronounce the benediction. Instantly out shot the right arm of every German in the company, as with one accord all joined in "Heil Hitler!" The astonished pastor controlled himself and went on with the benediction.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

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Bible House, Stamboul, March 8, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

As announced, Dr. F.E. Goodsell is planning to attend the International Missionary Council meeting in Madras, India, in December; but that is not all. He expects to leave the United States July 22nd, and go west, visiting Japan in August, China in September, the Philippines in October, going to Ceylon via the East Indies in November, be in South India, including Madras, in December, and later visit other points in India, coming to the Near East in February, and reaching America again by about March 1, 1939.

The plans of Dr. and Mrs. George H. Huntington have taken quite definite shape now, and they expect to sail, together with Miss Elsie Van Zandt and Miss Inedien, on the Conte di Savoia April 1st, on its Mediterranean cruise; they are to have two days in Athens with their friends, and come on by Rumanian steamer, arriving here in just two weeks. A very hearty welcome awaits them.

Mr. H.H. Kreider and his son Maynard left as planned, on Friday last by steamer for Piraeus and Thessaloniki; they will first spend a week or so in the latter city, and then go to Athens.

Congratulations are due to Grandpa and Grandma Haas, of the American Clinic at Adana, on the birth of a child to their son Hector, recently, - we have not ascertained the date.

From several places in Anatolia comes word of unusual cold. On February 27th, Tarsus saw the almost unprecedented record of 3 to 4 degrees below zero, Centigrade; while in Gaziantep, last Wednesday they had a big snowstorm, which was, however, followed the next day by a thaw.

The celebration of the 75th anniversary of educational activity at Robert College, this spring, coincides with the 50th anniversary of the observance of Founders' Day, March 23rd. On that date, quite a program is to be carried out, including probably basketball and football games in the morning, the Founders' Day exercises at two in the afternoon, in Albert Long Hall; at three, a Gymnastic exhibition in the Gymnasium; tea, and a reception in the lounge of Henriette Washburn Hall at 4:50; and in the evening, the annual Alumni Dinner at 7:30, and at 9:15 a presentation of the Gilbert and Sullivan operette, "Patience," under the direction of Professor Estes. The presence of ex-President C.F. Gates and his son Moore, who are expected in about a week, will add another pleasant feature to the occasion.

Latest word from the R.B. Smith family at Bellows Falls, Vt., was to the effect that Dick was recovering from an attack of the mumps; and that Freddie was growing up into a fine strong boy.

Next month, Dr. Albert D. Mead, lately Vice-President of Brown University, Providence, R.I., with Mrs. Mead, is expected to make a visit in this city, on their way around the world, a trip that has already taken them a year or so, traveling westward.

After an absence of about four weeks for some hospital treatment, Mr. Lynn MacCallum is again at his desk as usual, in the Bible Society rooms.

Yours very cordially,
Charles E. Ricks

Bible House, Stamboul, March 15, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

BORN:- At the American Hospital, Nishantash, on March 8th, a daughter, Virginia, to Mr. and Mrs. John Bliss of Robert College. Mother and child are making fine progress.

We would correct an error in a recent issue, in regard to the receipts of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions for the first nine months of its fiscal year. Instead of showing a deficit of \$1894.33, that amount is an increase over all, since the receipts for the regular budget show an increase of \$26,078, more than making up for certain decreases from other sources.

Many of our readers will wish to express their sympathy with the family, on the death of Mrs. Louise Edwards, of Bebek, who passed away suddenly and peacefully on Sunday evening last, at her home in Yilanli Konak, aged eighty-four years. The funeral was held this morning at Haydar Pasha, and was very largely attended. She leaves two sons, both happen to be in England; and two daughters, Mrs. H.W. Stock, and Mrs. Cuthbert Binns, both of Bebek.

Mr. Paul Nilson writes from Talaş, March 7th:- "Yesterday the Chief of the Antimalaria Campaign Committee, Dr. Refet, called; and when I asked him what had been done in the last few months, since he opened the station in Kayseri, he said that in the last three months they have made 30,000 examinations for malaria, distributed 75 kilos of quinine free, given out to children 12,000 quinine pills; and that since last summer, 100 hectares of swamp-land has been dried up and irrigated. He has been very kind to us, and three times came to examine our boys, and gave them quinine."

The expectation is that Dr. C.F. Gates and his son Moore will arrive the day after tomorrow, unless delayed by the necessity of changing their transatlantic sailing, due to an accident to the "Berengaria."

A down-town center for Anatolia College, and especially for the alumni, in Thessaloniki, has proved unexpectedly attractive to the alumni and former students of both College and Girls' School; and even the former students of Robert College and International College have expressed the wish to share in the benefits of this English-speaking center.

Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Birge have received cable word of a serious accident to their second son, Kingsley, a student at Dartmouth College, who was injured in an automobile accident, and one vertebra was broken. He is, however, making good progress toward recovery, with no complications, at the College hospital, and there is every reason to hope for a complete recovery.

Mrs. Luther Fowle is reported as having left the Hospital in Boston at the end of February, and she was staying at the Goodsell home in Brookline to recuperate.

Dr. Lorrin Shepard came back Sunday morning from his trip to Karabük, the site chosen for the new steel plant of the Turkish Government, where he had been called to advise about measures against malaria.

We grieve to learn that the accident to Miss Elizabeth Webb did involve a broken leg after all, so she is in for a lengthened hospital experience.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, March 22, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

Miss Marion E. Sheldon, who is returning to the Near East, is booked to sail on the S.S. "Conte di Savoia", from New York April 2, for Piraeus, - the same boat with Dr. and Mrs. Huntington and Miss Van Zandt. We shall therefore expect her in Stamboul April 15th. She will probably be living in Hissar.

The "Athinaika Nea", an Athens evening paper, contains a most appreciative article in its March 8th number, commending the parent-teacher gatherings held by Orlinda Childs Pierce College, for their beneficial effects on both students and parents.

BORN:- On Friday, March 18th, at Merzifon, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Blake. All goes well, except that we have not yet learned the name of the young lady.

Dr. C.F. Gates and his son Mr. Moore Gates arrived in Stamboul on Saturday last, and are spending some time at Robert College. Ex-President Gates was given a rousing reception by the students on Saturday at the College Assembly, when he pleased them very much by responding both in English and in Turkish.

The annual observance of Charter Day at the American College for Girls took place on Sunday afternoon last. President Wright presided; and the speakers were Miss Munire Karajalarli, '35, who spoke in Turkish, and Mrs. Blaskoff, '19, who spoke in English. Several very fine selections on the piano were rendered by Mrs. Daneff, '19, a concert artist of wide fame in Bulgaria. The occasion was largely attended.

We would express our sympathy with Miss Arousiag Papazian of the Treasury Office at the Bible House, on the death of her father. The funeral is being held today.

Miss Dorothy Blatter, formerly of Merzifon, is reported at greatly enjoying her work at the Northwestern Settlement, Chicago.

Tomorrow is Founders' Day at Robert College; and quite a program has been prepared for its celebration. The chief attraction this year is the presence of Ex-President Gates. It happens also to be the fiftieth anniversary of the celebration of Founders' Day, and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Engineering Department.

In connection with the above, there was held yesterday the ceremony of the unveiling of a bronze tablet in the Robert College Library in memory of the well-known Turkish poet, Tevfik Fikret Bey, who was for several years professor of Turkish at the College up to the time of his death in 1915. The tablet bears a very good profile of the poet.

Mr. Kreider and his son Maynard returned on Sunday from their trip in Greece, by the brand-new Russian steamer "Svanetia," built at Helsingfors for the Russian Odessa-Istanbul-Piraeus-Haifa service, making the trip from Piraeus here in exactly twenty-four hours. The steamer is very comfortable and clean, with 25 thirdclass cabins of four berths and a sofa each; the fare with food for this trip is Ltq. 13.60. On their way to Thessaloniki the Kreiders had two days each way in Athens.

Yours very sincerely,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, March 29, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

The exercises of Founders' Day at Robert College, which commemorated the 75th anniversary of the opening of the College, as well as the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Founders' Day, were held with great success last Wednesday, as announced. The chief event was the gathering at two o'clock in the Auditorium of Albert Long Hall, which was filled to capacity by alumni, students and friends. President Wright introduced the speakers, and also read telegrams of congratulation from many parts, including those from Dr. H. C. Coffin, President of the Board of Trustees, and from Mr. P. M. Mateef, '69, of Sofia, the oldest living alumnus. The first speaker was Bay Bülent Gönensay, '24, who spoke both in Turkish and in English; he was followed by Mr. Washington, of the American Embassy, in the absence of the Ambassador; and then ex-President Gates made a strong and telling address, out of his rich experience. The college chorus contributed some well-rendered songs.

The Gymnastic Exhibition in the gymnasium was somewhat delayed by the necessity of making accommodations for a record-breaking attendance which filled every corner. The Leaders' Corps and the small boys all did well. The prizes were distributed by Dr. Gates. The Alumni Banquet followed, also held in the gymnasium which was quite transformed. Two hundred alumni and friends sat down to a bountiful repast, this being the largest such gathering ever held at the College. Several of the alumni spoke after dinner, and messages were read from still others. Later in the evening, the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta of "Patience" was given in the Henrietta Washburn auditorium, under the direction of Prof. Estes, the hall being crowded. It was eminently successful, the stars of the cast being Mr. and Mrs. Smith-Lyte, Mr. Jones, Miss Tomboulion, and Herr Larsen. The operetta was repeated on Saturday afternoon before another large assembly, and was equally well received.

Mrs. Edith MacCallum Laird passed through here last week on her return from America to her post in Beirut University.

Mr. Charles S. Bell, of the Bible Society, spent a couple of days here on his way back from a trip to Greece and Bulgaria, last week, leaving on Monday morning to return to Beirut.

Rev. Henry H. Riggs, Executive Secretary of the Near East Christian Council, but still a missionary of our Mission, has been having a most interesting trip in Egypt and the Sudan, going as far as Salars, Ahri an' Heiban, in the vicinity of El-ubeid. His expectation was to get back to Beirut about the end of this week. One of his privileges was to preach in the Coptic Church at Khartoum.

The name of the latest arrival at Merzifon Station is Miss Jacklyn MacCallum Blake. She is said to be adapting herself well to her surroundings.

Work has been begun on building a second story on the dining-hall at Anatolia College, Thessaloniki. It will be ready for use before September next.

The Austrians resident in Stamboul will have a chance to cast their vote in the plebiscite to be taken on April 10th; the voting is to take place on a German steamer in the harbor here.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

No. 687

Bible House, Stamboul, April 6, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

BORN:- On Thursday last, March 31, at the American Hospital, to Professor and Mrs. Collins of Robert College, a son, Gyfford Davidson, Junior. All goes well and everybody is happy.

We are grateful to learn of the continued and steady improvement of Kingsley Birge, after the accident mentioned in a late issue. He is now in the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston.

Letters from Rev. H.H. Riggs tell of most interesting visits among the mission stations in the Sudan established by the Sudan United Mission, the American United Presbyterian Mission, and the Church Missionary Society. These are located not only in the vicinity of Khartoum, but 150 to 200 miles west and southwest of railhead at El Oheid, 24 hours run by rail from Khartoum; and are out among the half-savage Nuba Mountain pagans, in their primitive nudity and superstition. On the way back, he stopped also at Wad Medani, on the Blue Nile, and at Khartoum North, which he had not visited on his outward trip, and also at Atbara, on the way to Wadi Halfa. He says:- "My impression of this country has been that both physically and spiritually it is a rather arid country. But the missionaries are going at their task with fine spirit, and there is very little opposition or persecution; and the government is tackling the other side of the job in quite as fine a spirit, and is doing a good job for which, on the whole, the people are grateful."

It is good to learn, through the Beirut News Letter that Miss Elizabeth Webb has been able to return from the hospital to her home, after her accident a month or more ago.

Miss Conyers Baker, formerly office secretary for the Near East Christian Council at Beirut, has been making visits in Egypt and Syria on her return from a protracted trip; she is now on her way to London to undertake her new duties in the office of the International Missionary Council.

Dr. Albert D. Mead, Vice-President emeritus of Brown University, with Mrs. Mead, are spending a few days in our city, seeing the sights and visiting with their friends the Riggs family. They leave the end of the week for America, completing a world tour of nearly a year and a half.

A luxurious American yacht, the "Savarona," has been purchased for the use of President Atatürk, taking the place of the "Ertoghrul" which was constructed long ago for Sultan Abdul Hamid. It is in European waters and is expected shortly in the Bosphorus.

The Economical Council of the Balkan Entente is assembling for their meeting to be held at Yildiz Palace beginning Thursday of this week. It is expected that the delegates will make excursions also to Yalova and Büyük Ada (Prinkipo).

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

After a very brief visit at the American College for Girls, Arnsoutkeuy, Miss Alice Morrow left last Wednesday morning for Greece, to take there the American Export steamer for America.

Herr Friedlieb, who has come from Yugoslavia to become the assistant to Mr. C.S. Bell in the Bible Society agency at Beirut, spent some days here on his way, leaving by train on Friday for Beirut.

Miss Constance Moffatt, who has been staying with her sister, Mrs. Lorrin Shepard at Babek since last December, left on Friday evening by train on her return to America, via Paris.

Ex-President C.F. Gates and his son Moore started out by train on Monday morning for Beirut, with the idea of stopping off for a day or so in Angora on the way. From Beirut they expect to sail for Greece and visit friends in Athens and Thessaloniki, and probably fly from there to Sofia, where the Robert College graduates and former students and teachers are preparing a great reception for them. They plan to get back here in good time for the Robert College Commencement exercises.

Among recent visitors to our city are Dr. and Mrs. William T. Ellis, of Swarthmore, Penn., who came yesterday after seeing something of Egypt and Palestine, and are leaving tomorrow for the United States.

Mr. Theron J. Damon is on his way from America to join his wife and daughter here, and is expected in a day or two, after a stop in Sofia to see friends there.

Dr. Ralph C. Hutchison, who was for some time connected with the Post-War Emergency Work of the A.M.C.A. in Turkey, and was later Dean of the Presbyterian College in Teheran, Persia (Iran), is now President of Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Penn.

Dr. Ruth A. Parmelee, who is cooperating with the A.W.H. in Athens, has moved from Old Phaleron into the city of Athens to live; her new address is: Care of Children's Hospital, "St. Sophia," Ghoudi District, Athens, Greece.

A very enjoyable performance was given last Saturday evening by the Hiccar Players in the Social Hall of Robert College, the play being Eugene O'Neill's "Ah Wilderness." Dr. and Mrs. Birge took the characters of Mr. and Mrs. Miller, while Robert Shepard was the small son. All the parts were well taken.

Miss Theda Bell Phelps left Gaziantep last Thursday, on her way to America on furlough. Making some stops on the way, she is expected here in a day or two, and is to sail from Piraeus April 22nd by the American Export line for New York.

The Archbishop of York, Dr. Temple, is to be in Athens over Easter Sunday, and will preach in St. Paul's English Church on that day. The church is celebrating its 75th birthday at this time. The Archbishop is traveling on to Cairo, where he will consecrate the new Pro-Cathedral in that city.

A group of Americans representing commercial and industrial interests is visiting Angora and other points in Turkey, with a view to closer commercial relations between the two countries. They have been in Caesarea, and are reported to be going also to Smyrna, Brousa, Adana, and other points on their study of local conditions and needs.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Rice

Bible House, Stamboul, April 19, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

Last Friday quite a party arrived in our city from the United States, via Naples and Piraeus. They included Dr. and Mrs. H. Huntington, Miss Elsie Van Zandt, Miss Inedjian, the Wiles family, and Miss Marion Sheldon. Miss Sheldon went right over to the Scutari School, where she is staying for the present. The Huntington party went to their home in Robert College. During their stay in Athens, a reception for Dr. & Mrs. Huntington was given by the former Robert College students and teachers, by arrangement of President Homer Davis of Athens College, when over forty greeted their old friends. All the party are well, and everybody is happy.

On the same day Mr. Theron Damon also arrived, by train from Vienna, having left America also on the same day with the other party, by a different steamer.

Dr. and Mrs. Birge with their daughter Anne left Stamboul on Thursday last, for a visit in Smyrna, after which they will be joined in Angora by several others who leave tomorrow, and go on a trip to Talas, Sivas, Amasia, and Merzifon.

President and Mrs. Wright have gone for a vacation trip to Greece, hoping to visit several of the Greek islands. Other parties have been arranged for this spring vacation to go as far as Palmyra, Jerusalem, and nearer points.

Word has come to us that Mr. and Mrs. Fowle and son Richardson are hoping to sail from America on their return to their home on the Bosphorus, probably on May 7th.

We regret to learn from the Beirut News Letter of the passing of Dr. Robert P. Wilder, about three weeks ago, in Norway, of pneumonia. Mrs. Wilder and their daughter Dorothy were with him at the time. Dr. Wilder will be remembered by most of us as the Executive Secretary of the Near East Christian Council for six years; and also as the founder and for many years the traveling secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement. He was also the founder of the British Student Volunteer Union. He would have been seventy-five years old this coming August.

President Bayard Dodge has returned to Beirut University after a short visit in America. He and his sister Mrs. Huntington were both present to celebrate their mother's eightieth birthday.

Rev. and Mrs. P.B. Kennedy have retired from active responsibility in the Albanian Evangelical Mission, but are returning to Kortcha, Albania, in July, after a year's furlough in America.

Special services of Easter Week and especially of Easter Sunday were very largely attended and good in the various churches of this city. The Greek Orthodox Easter will be celebrated this coming Sunday.

Ex-President Gates has been detained in Angora owing to illness; and Miss O'Neill of the Robert College infirmary went there to care for him. He will apparently have to give up his visit to Beirut and return here instead.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, April 26, 1938

Dear Friends:-

There must be very few now living who remember the career of the late Rev. Edmund M. Vittum, D.D., as a tutor in Robert College, back in the "seventies. A native of New Hampshire, and a graduate of Dartmouth, he served from 1878 till 1881 on the Bosphorus. After studying at Yale Divinity School, he had several pastorates, the most fruitful of which was at Grinnell, Iowa, where he passed away last January. He was for two years President of Fargo College, N.D. The undersigned remembers a visit of his to Merzifon in 1880 or 1881.

We have received a copy of a beautiful tribute to the memory of Miss Mary Webb, written by one of her Adams graduates for a memorial service held in Beirut on Feb. 13th. Miss Elizabeth Webb, after four weeks in the hospital following the breaking of her leg, is at home; but the cast must stay on three months.

Miss Theda Bell Phelps spent from the 21st to the 23rd in Old Phaleron, Greece and then took the American Export S.S. "Exochorda" for New York, sharing a cabin with Mrs. Douglass, who has been with our Mission friends in Old Phaleron for some time.

The cruising steamer "Hellas" is in the Bosphorus today with a large body of tourists, including President and Mrs. Wright, and others from Robert College; also Mr. Herbert Lansdale, of the Y.M.C.A. in Athens. They are making a cruise among the Aegean Islands.

The Very Rev. Dr. Temple, Archbishop of York, was present on Easter Sunday, April 17th, at the centenary exercises of the Church of St. Paul, in Athens, and gave a very fine Easter sermon. Quite a number of Americans were present; and the church was crowded to the doors with English people, with many seated in the church yard, listening to the service through amplifiers. In the afternoon a reception was held for the Archbishop and Mrs. Temple at the British Legation. From there the Archbishop went to Cairo, where he was due for the consecration of the Cathedral Church of All Saints, yesterday. Bishop Graham-Crown was also expected to be present.

Miss Morley and Mrs. Sewny have been at Old Phaleron for their Easter vacation. Mrs. Sewny is saying her farewells before she goes to America, this summer.

The severe earthquakes of this past week, centering in the region of Kir Shehir, between Angora and Caesarea, still keen on, with ominous subterranean rumblings. The loss of life has probably been less than two hundred, mostly due to the falling walls of village houses. The number of ruined homes is very large. The Government, through the Red Crescent Society and other workers, is doing all it can for the sufferers. Several of the schools were felt at Caesarea also, and to some extent at Stamboul, even.

Dr. Gates and his son Moore and Miss O'Neill returned from Angora yesterday to Robert College. Dr. Gates is much improved in health.

Professor and Mrs. James Cummings, of Gordon College, Rawalpindi, N.W.P. India, with their two children, also Miss Hall and Miss Lindquist of the same station, after spending several days with Miss Barker at the Bible House, have gone on their way to America, on furlough.

Mrs. L.O. Lee and Mrs. MacGregor of Robert College have started on a vacation trip which is to take them as far as Jerusalem.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, May 3, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

The glad news has reached us that the campaign for the building fund of the American Hospital in Stamboul has come to a successful issue. Just at the last there remained a sum of about five thousand dollars to secure, when a modest donor came forward with a check for the amount needed. All our readers will join in congratulating the Hospital on this happy result.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Fowle and their son Richardson were due to sail from Boston on April 30th by the S.S. "Scythia" for Liverpool, coming across Europe by train, and they are expected in Stamboul about two weeks from now. They hope to have a brief visit with Farnsworth in England on the way.

Mrs. L.O. Lee and Mrs. MacGregor returned on Saturday from a trip to Jerusalem and Bethlehem, tired but happy.

President and Mrs. Riggs of Anatolia College took a pleasant excursion during the Easter holiday to Pella, Edessa, Nisousa, and Verria, west of Thessaloniki. They are greatly enjoying a visit from their adopted daughter Mariam and a friend from America. Another visitor who has given them pleasure has been Dr. Henry Norris Russell, Professor of Astronomy at Princeton, who was there over Easter.

Miss Harriette Steele, of the American College at Sofia, who has been spending some weeks in the Red Cross Hospital in Sofia, has recovered sufficiently so that she is taking the Italian steamer "Rex," tomorrow from Genoa for New York, returning home to recuperate.

Miss A.M. Parker and Mrs. G.L. Manning left Stamboul on Friday last for a ten days' trip to Athens, to visit friends there.

Dr. and Mrs. Birge and party, including Miss Grace Phillips, Miss Rogers, Dr. & Mrs. Potts and Mr. McCreery, returned Sunday evening from an interesting journey through Anatolia, during which they visited Smyrna, Angora, Talas, Sivas, Merzifon, and Tarsus, seeing our mission colleagues at the various Stations, and visiting the troglodyte region as well.

This party ran into unusual floods due to excessive rains in the region between Kayseri and Talas. There have also been disastrous floods recently in Smyrna and vicinity, interfering with railroad traffic to some extent.

A quartet of Turkish cavalymen, in an international tournament at Rome, carried off first honors and were presented with the gold cup offered by Premier Mussolini, over the teams of Germany, Ireland, Italy and Rumania.

Prof. L.A. Scipio of Robert College has made perhaps the longest journey during the spring vacation, going as far as Baghdad. He is expected back tomorrow.

Miss Helen Wells, formerly of Merzifon, is teaching at Calumet, Mich., and her mother is living at Kalamazoo, not far away.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, May 10, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

Dr. Thomas Whittemore, who is in charge of the uncovering of the mosaics in St. Sophia, has returned for another season of work, and has begun his activities.

Dr. Wilson Dodd writes appreciatively of a recent visit at Berea, Ky., from Dr. and Mrs. F. F. Goodsell of Boston.

The wedding is announced of Wilfred McIlvaine Post, Jr., son of our old friend Dr. W.M. Post, formerly of Talas and Konia, to Jane Harriett Bartlett, at East Williston, Long Island, on Saturday, April 23rd.

Among recent acquisitions of the Near East Mission Library are the following volumes:-

The Ahmadiya Movement and its Western Propaganda. By J.T. Addison, 1929.
 The Bektashi Order of Dervishes. By J.K. Birge, Ph.D., 1937.
 From U-Boat to Pulpit. By Martin Niemöller. 1937.
 The Bible and its Literary Associations. By Margaret B. Cook, 1937.
 Germany's New Religion. The German Faith Movement. By W. Hauer, 1937.
 What Has Christianity to Say? By F.R. Barry, 1938.
 Prelude to Peace. A View of International Relations. By H.A. Atkinson, 1937.
 Under Seven Congo Kings. By R.H. Carson-Graham, 1931.
 God and the Common Life. By Robert L. Calhoun, 1935.
 Paul of Tarsus. By T.R. Glover. "Torch Library" edition, 1938.
 The Makers of the New Testament. By R.L. Pelly, 1938.
 The Gospels in the Making. By Alan Richardson, 1938.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Clark, of Merzifon, are expected in Stamboul tomorrow, on their way to America on furlough, and are due to leave here on Saturday.

Miss Rachel Snow arrived here from Europe last week, and expects to spend a month or more with the Birge family in Hissar.

The girls of the Scutari Academy are giving a Turkish play there on Saturday of this week, - "Prensler Turandot".

Work is being pushed on the widening of the Emin Eunu Square, in front of the Yeni Djami, at the Stamboul end of the Bridge; the building at the left, Valide Han, is being torn down. The completion of the work will have to wait, we are told, until next year.

The beautiful yacht, "Sea Cloud", belonging to the American Ambassador at Moscow, spent some ten days or so in the Bosphorus, and left last week for the Black Sea, presumably to Odessa.

In conformity with a decision of last year by the United Missionary Council of Syria and Palestine, very satisfactory arrangements were made at a meeting of the various interested bodies, two weeks ago, with regard to the missionary occupation of the Jezireh, the region in the northeastern part of Syria. The inter-mission and inter-church cooperation thus shown is most encouraging. Five or six societies divide up the work.

Yours very cordially,
 Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, May 17, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Clark of Merzifon came through our city as forecast in last week's issue, having three days here and going on by the French steamer last Saturday, en route for the United States.

Dr. and Mrs. Fox of Robert College left also last week for America, called thither in haste because of illness in the family.

Rev. R. Finney Markham, late of Aleppo College, who has been studying this year at Teachers College, Columbia, has accepted the position of head of the Department of Education at Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas, his Alma Mater, and expects to begin work there this fall.

A letter from Boston gives us the disquieting word that Dr. James P. McNaughton, former Principal of the Erenkeuy Boys' School, is in critical condition at the Clifton Springs, N.Y., Sanitarium, with a form of paralysis of the throat, and that the doctors do not hold out much hope of improvement. Mrs. McNaughton is with him.

The date has been set for the opening of the Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission, on the morning of Saturday, June 25th, at the Scutari Academy.

The annual campaign of the Y.M.C.A. in this city has begun, and as our French friends put it, "beats its full," with good prospect of success in reaching the proposed goal.

Miss Barker and Mrs. Manning returned last week from their visit to Athens, pleased and greatly benefited by the trip.

After a stay of about two months in Florida, during which time they saw our old friends Dr. and Mrs. Pye, Mr. and Mrs. D.K. Getchell are expecting to start north again next week, returning to Brookline, Mass.

The steamer "Trak," the first of several units being constructed in Germany for the Turkish merchant fleet, arrived in the Bosphorus yesterday. She is a small steamer which will make the run between Stamboul and Mudania, and is to make her first trip Sunday. Travelers to Trousa will benefit by a swifter passage hereafter as far as Mudania.

The Beirut News Letter tells of the anxiety of our missionary friends at Deir-az-Zor over flood conditions on the Euphrates, week before last. The water overflowed the road in front of their hospital to a depth of fourteen or fifteen inches, blocking traffic for a time, but the only real inconvenience was from 18 inches of water in all cellars.

A recent letter from Dr. W.W. Peet, from Chattanooga, Tenn., says:- "I have just received my gold medal badge of membership in the National Institute of Social Sciences. This Society performs for America what the Legion of honor does for France, and Knighthood does for Britain. Our country does not, as most countries do, issue tokens of distinction to its citizens in view of their services to the cause of humanity, or in social and scientific lines. This function is performed by the Institute. Dr. Gates was confirmed as a member of the Institute along with myself." This is indeed a high honor to two of our fellow-Turkeyites.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, May 24, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

Dr. C. F. Gates has modified his plans, and is not staying here for the Robert College Commencement as his friends had fondly hoped. He and his son Moore will be leaving in about a week for Sofia, where he will visit with the former students and teachers of Robert College, and expects to be present at the Commencement of Sofia American College. He plans to spend some time in Pontresina, Switzerland, before going back to America.

Word has come of the death, on April 23rd, of Paul C. Lybver, M.D., whom many of our readers will remember as the brother of Professor Albert H. Lybver of Robert College, when he was a student here from 1903 to 1906. Since then he has attained gratifying renown as a physician, and had been for the past eleven years connected with the St. Lawrence State Hospital at Ogdensburg, N.Y. He leaves a wife and daughter.

The fiftieth wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. James P. McNaughton, formerly of Smyrna and Constantinople, comes on June 26th. Any who wish to send them a word of greeting at this time may address it to 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. It will also be Mrs. McNaughton's 82nd birthday. The daughters, Mrs. Hester, Mrs. Markham, with her family, and Miss Janet McNaughton, together with Miss J.L. Jillson will form quite a family reunion.

Rev. R. Finney Markham has received this year his Doctorate of Philosophy from Teachers College, Columbia, where he took his master's degree in 1928. Congratulations to Dr. Markham, and to Washburn College whose faculty he joins.

Miss Eleanor Barnum, second daughter of Prof. and Mrs. H. , Barnum of Robert College, has been secured to take over the work of Miss Wright of the American College for Girls this next year, while Miss Wright is on leave.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Near East Christian Council in Shimlan, ten days ago, the delegates to the Madras Missionary Council meeting was increased to sixteen regular and six extra delegates; and the name of Dr. J.K. Birge of our Mission has been consequently added to the list.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Fowle and their son Richardson arrived in Stamboul last Wednesday, from America via England and Venice, and were warmly welcomed by their friends here. The next day Stamboul Station had a joint supper of welcome for them at the home of the Birges, when 31 adults and ten children sat down, the children outdoors and the others indoors, - a very happy occasion.

On Saturday evening, May 14th, Tarsus College gave its annual play, presenting the "Mavi Yildirim" (Blue Lightning) of Aka Gündüz. The audience of about 500 people filled the hall to capacity.

Rev. H.H. Riggs, as Executive Secretary of the Near East Christian Council, plans to leave Beirut June 7th for Athens and Thessaloniki, where he will be present at the Commencement exercises of Anatolia College; then he goes on to Bulgaria and Rumania for brief visits before coming to Stamboul for the Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, May 31, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

By a most unfortunate telescoping of two separate items in our last issue, an entirely wrong impression was given. Miss Eleanor Barnum is to teach, not in the American College for Girls, but in the Community School of Robert College, the coming year. Miss Wright, the Head of the Chemistry Department in the Girls' College, is being replaced by Dr. Louise Jenison Peet, who comes here from Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa. She is the wife of Mr. William H. Peet, son of our former treasurer, Dr. W. H. Peet; and she taught in the Girls' College for a short time previous to the war. She will be accompanied by her son Hartwell.

The dedication of the new building at the Orlinda Childs Pierce College at Elleniko, the main administration building, took place two weeks ago with a very impressive ceremony, in the presence of a large assembly. The Hellenic Minister of Public Instruction was present, as well as the Metropolitan of Athens, and the American Minister to Greece, each one of whom made an address.

Mr. and Mrs. T.A. Elmer, formerly of Merzifon, are now living at Clearwater, Florida, with their daughter Pearl and their married daughter Enid with her husband, Mr. McNutt and three children; and in the very next house are their son Hugh and his wife and two children.

Mr. McGregor, who has been Head of the Physical Education Department and Master of Hamlin Hall at Robert College, with Mrs. McGregor, is leaving after this next month, to take up work in the Y.M.C.A. at Baltimore, Md. His place in physical training will be taken by Mr. Martin Rogers, of Oberlin, O.; and Mrs. Rogers, who accompanies him, is taking up a schedule of work with the local Service Center of the Y.M.C.A. in Stamboul.

Mrs. F.W. MacCallum, writing from Pilgrim Place, Claremont, California, May 11, says: "At Los Angeles Saturday noon we were at a luncheon of the Near East Fellowship, at which about sixty people were present. Amongst those whom we knew were Dr. Cass A. Reed, toastmaster, Mrs. A.D. Marden, Miss Fohl, Matilda Haigazn Engelhardt and her husband, Mr. Bailey of Tarsus, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Ashjian, Mrs. Jean Christie Ley, Miss Clara Bissell, Mrs. Kate Ainslee Hopkins, Mrs. J. Wylie Brown, Dr. and Mrs. J.C. Martin, and Miss Loughridge's sister." Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum are by this time settled at Toronto, Canada.

Dr. and Mrs. John E. Merrill, formerly of Aleppo, after spending some time with their daughter Margaret and her husband Mr. Coons, in New Paltz, N.Y., have gone to Brooklyn, N.Y., where they live at 2117 Foster Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Coons are to be a fourth year at New Paltz; and Miss Dorothy Merrill has been asked to continue another year at the Friends' Academy in Locust valley.

The Commencement exercises of the Near East School of Theology will be held in the American Mission Church in Beirut on Wednesday evening, June 15, at eight o'clock. The Baccalaureate service will take place at the same church on the Sunday before, at 11 a.m.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riess

Bible House, Stamboul, June 7, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

Ambassador MacMurray, who has been gone for just a year, spending a large part of his time in the Philippine Islands and in Washington, returned last week, and has gone to Angora for a time.

Miss Olive Greene of Smyrna arrived in Stamboul last Thursday morning, and left that same evening, going on by train for Bremen, with a short stop in Linz with the parents of Mrs. Elsa Feichtinger Keene, and expecting to catch a steamer that would bring her to Wellesley in time for Commencement exercises at her alma mater. She has the three months of summer in America.

Dr. C.F. Gates and his son Moore left our city last Wednesday for Sofia. Just before leaving he gave the students at Robert College a most excellent talk, at the Assembly period, which they will all long remember. His visit here has been a very happy one.

On Friday last, quite a party left by the Italian steamer for Venice; it included Mrs. B.V.D. Post of Robert College, the father, mother and sister of Mr. Gnade, the brothers of Mrs. and Mrs. MacGregor, and Miss Grace Phillips and Miss Rachel Snow from the Birge household. All go to America except Mrs. Post, whose husband joins her shortly in Switzerland on a visit to their son, for a few weeks.

Pastor Rohatchek, from Bratislav, Czechoslovakia, the translator of the Bible into the Slovak language, left here last week Wednesday for Syria and Palestine, for study preparatory to writing a book.

The long-expected new yacht for President Atatürk arrived in the Bosphorus from Germany last week. It is the former American yacht "Savarona," which was purchased from Mrs. Cadwalader, and is stated to be the latest word in marine pleasure-comfort. Atatürk has made several short excursions in her already; for he has arrived for his annual summer vacation. The papers state that the name is to be changed to "Güneşdil", - or Sun-Language.

The delegation of the American Board to the meeting of the International Missionary Council at Madras, India, in December next, includes the following members:- Rev. Fred Field Goodsell, D.D., Executive Vice-President; Rev. Russel H. Stafford, Chairman of the Prudential Committee; Mrs. Robert L. Bowen, Vice-President; Rev. Douglas Horton, member of the Prudential Committee, and Miss Ruth Seabury, Secretary in the Home Department. These five are not expecting to travel out there in a body, but by various routes and schedules; and some at least will take in the Near East Mission either coming or going. Further facts will be published later on.

In addition to this deputation, President Rockwell Harmon Potter, D.D., of the Board, and Mrs. Potter, are planning to leave America during this month, and join the Odyssey Cruise of the steamer "Marco Polo," leaving Venice early in July. This ship is due to spend about two days in the Bosphorus, and returns to Venice about the middle of August. Dr. and Mrs. Potter plan to spend a month or so traveling in Europe, and then come here about September 20th, spend ten days or two weeks in Turkey and go to Beirut where he is to deliver a course of lectures for about a fortnight at the Near East School of Theology, visiting Palestine and Egypt after that before they go back to the United States.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, June 14, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

The Commencement season for American institutions in this city was more concentrated than usual, by an unfortunate class of dates, the exercises of the Girls' College and the Scutari Academy being at the same day and hour. First of all came the turn of Robert College, on Friday last, the 10th, when twenty young men received degrees in the Arts and Sciences Department, and thirty in the Engineering Department. Albert Long Hall was well filled. The addresses of the day were by Bay Abidin Dayer, one of the Directors of the daily paper Cumhuriyet, and Ambassador John Van Antwerp MacMurray, and President Wright. The usual prizes and honors were distributed, and the degrees conferred, - nineteen B.A., one B.S., thirteen B.Sc. in Civil Engineering, and nine each in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering. This was the Commencement of the 75th year of Robert College.

The American College for Girls celebrated its 48th Commencement the next day, Saturday, when ten young ladies received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and three that of Bachelor of Science. Bay Refik Ahmet Sevengil, a Member of the City Council, and Ambassador MacMurray, as well as President Wright delivered addresses.

On the same day, the American Academy at Scutari graduated a class of twenty-two girls, and addresses were made by Bay Ahmet Halit Yasaroglu, and by Miss Jessie Martin, the Principal. Three of the graduating class read essays; and the School Chorus rendered two songs in Turkish and two in English. The finest of weather favored all these graduating days.

It had been hoped that ex-President Gates would be present at the 75th Anniversary Commencement of Robert College; but, as announced, he had gone to Sofia. There he was given a grand dinner by the Robert College Alumni, many Bulgarian dignitaries being present to honour him. He was also received in private audience by King Boris, who gave him a Bulgarian decoration. He was invited to address the Bulgarian Academy, but felt unable to respond to this invitation.

Mr. John Raymond Pearson, of Providence, R.I., a graduate of Rhode Island College and a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, has been engaged for a three-year term of service with the Talas Boys' School, and was to sail June 7th on the S.S. Excalibur for Beirut, going via Mersin from there to Talas.

Miss Kathryn L. Howard of the Class of 1936 at Mt. Holyoke College, has been engaged for a three-year term of service at the Orlinda Childs Pearce College at Elleniko. For the past two years she has been teaching at Wheaton College, Norton, Mass., and she has done some work toward a Master's degree at Northwestern University.

Miss Esther M. Peck, a graduate of Grinnell College in 1937, has been secured by Anatolia College to teach in the Girls' Department during the furloughs of Miss Ingle and Miss Harley. Miss Peck has done graduate work at Johns Hopkins University. She and Miss Howard will probably sail early in September.

The closing exercises of the Near East School of Theology are to take place tomorrow evening, at the American Mission Church in Beirut. The Baccalaureate Service was held last Sunday.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, June 22, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

Miss Harriet Yarrow of the Smyrna Girls' School, is in Stamboul with a group of girls for sightseeing, and will shortly return to Smyrna, not waiting for the Annual Meeting.

Miss Jeannette Odell, Miss Eleanor De Remer, and Miss Ruth Skentelbury of Merzifon arrived last week from there, and are spending some time in this city. Miss Odell goes on to America later.

We have received the 1938 Catalogue of the Near East School of Theology, very attractively printed at Beirut. The new term of the School will open October 12th next.

The King of Rumania reached the Bosphorus in his private yacht, the "Luceafarul", on Saturday last, since when the King has been visiting various points of interest in the city. On Sunday he dined with President Atatürk, very informally, as two yachtsmen together, on board the President's new yacht, "Savarona", and later had a long personal interview with him in the Dolma Baghtche Palace.

Rev. Henry H. Riggs has been having a busy time in Greece and is now somewhere in Bulgaria, having flown from Thessaloniki to Sofia last Friday. On Sunday, June 12, he preached the Baccalaureate Sermon at Anatolia College, for the boys and girls together; and gave the Commencement address at the Girls' School on Thursday. Incidentally also, he got the College telescope into working order.

Mrs. Emily Block of Talas is expected here on Saturday, for a vacation; but her further plans are not yet certain.

The Executive Council of Armenian Missions has made for the coming year appropriations for its various centers on the same basis as for the past year. In connection with their Annual Meeting, the first week in May, a missionary rally was held in the Armenian Evangelical Church in New York, with addresses and musical numbers besides devotional exercises.

The West Medford, Mass., Congregational Church has been celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Henry F. Smith, son of the late Rev. John F. Smith of Marsovan, and brother of Mrs. Henry K. Wingate, formerly of Talas. Among the speakers were Dr. Enoch F. Bell, of the American Board, and Dr. Ashley D. Leavitt of Brookline.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Finney Markham and children are spending a part of their summer vacation at Mountain Rest, Mass., and Elizabeth Dewey of Aintab is also there, after a year at Berea College.

The Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission convenes this week Saturday, at 10 a.m., at the Scutari Academy. Miss Parsons of Smyrna is Chairman. The Annual Sermon, by Rev. Alford Carleton, Ph.D., and the celebration of the Lord's Supper are set for Sunday afternoon, July 3rd, at 4:30.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

The Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission opened Saturday morning, June 25th, and closed yesterday, occupying eight working days besides the two Sundays. The strenuous occupations of the past week account for the failure of this weekly to appear last week at all. It was a time of close and happy fellowship and of much exchange of experiences and impressions, and resulted in better understanding of mutual problems. While not peculiarly notable, it was a helpful and valuable gathering.

The various stations were thus represented:-

Adana-Tarsus,	Mrs. Haas, Mr. Woolworth
Aleppo,	Dr. and Mrs. Carleton
Athens,	Dr. Mills, Dr. Parmelee
Beirut,	Mr. H.H. Riggs
Gaziantep,	Mr. Isely
Merzifon,	Miss Ward, Mr. Blake
Smyrna,	Miss Parsons, Miss Woodward
Sofia,	Mr. Stoltzfus
Stamboul,	Mrs. Fowle, Mrs. Kreider, Miss Martin, Mr. Lyman,
Talas,	Miss Dwight, Mrs. Nilson, Dr. Nute,
Thessaloniki,	Mr. E.W. Riggs,
Ex-Officio,	Messrs. Fowle, Kreider, Birge, C.T. Riggs.

Miss Parsons was chairman, - the first time that a woman has occupied this post. Dr. Carleton preached the annual sermon, and with Dr. Birge, pastor of the Mission church, officiated at the Lord's Supper. The daily devotional half-hour was stimulating, the general topic being The Mind of Paul. To add to the social aspect of the meeting, there were sixteen of the children of the Mission present; and one evening these gave the gathering a pleasant program of many sorts. Other entertainments also helped to prevent too serious a strain.

The most difficult matter on the docket was the schedule of reductions in the work of the Mission, as laid down by the Board. After much discussion, it was not found possible to offer any workable alternative, and the entire program of savings was reluctantly accepted, only that a last appeal was made to the Board to prevent the closing of an entire Station by allowing the use of some new funds.

The meeting was glad to welcome one day to tea the Ambassador and Mrs. MacMurray with their daughter, also Consul and Mrs. Latimer. On another afternoon the whole gathering went by special conveyance to the home of Dr. and Mrs. George H. Huntington for a most pleasant tea in their lovely garden. The day of adjournment being the Fourth of July, the entire company were invited by the American Ambassador to a reception at the summer residence in Bostanji, in the afternoon.

On Saturday last, during the early part of the afternoon session, there was a rather sharp earthquake, which shook the building for about ten seconds; but the debate which was going on was not interrupted at all. This shock was felt all over the city, but did no serious damage here or elsewhere. The epicenter was supposed to be in the region between Brousa and Gemlek; but no damage is reported from anywhere.

Aside from the delegates, there were present from outside our city, at one or more sessions, Mrs. Block of Talas, Miss Odell and Miss Skentelbury of Merzifon, Mrs. Dewey of Gaziantep, Mr. Orr of Aleppo College. Miss Yarrow, who was in the city shortly before, was unable to remain for the meeting itself, but returned to Smyrna.

There was an unusual number of persons, big or little, who at one time or another were prevented from attending by minor illnesses. And this in spite of the tireless and bountiful provision for health and comfort made by the ladies of the Scutari Academy, and the famous air and water of the place. We understand all are on the road to health.

Mrs. Lillian Sewny, who for the last dozen years has been Matron at Anatolia College, left Thessaloniki June 23rd for America, going via Hamburg to New York, and expecting to go on thence by steamer through the Panama Canal, to California, to join Miss Rice at Claremont. The College will sadly miss her efficient work and cooperation.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. White, Miss Ingle, and Mr. Stephens of Thessaloniki left there June 22nd for brief absences in the United States. The Whites were hoping to be present the end of July at a family reunion in New York.

Mr. Compton and family, Miss Morley and Miss Harley, of Thessaloniki, and Mrs. Marden of Athens, are planning a trip of a month to Ochrida, Greece, for a holiday. They were to start about today. Messrs. Riley and Martin of Anatolia College have gone on a visit to Norway and Sweden for the summer.

Mr. William Baxter, formerly a teacher in Robert College, and now connected with the Hun School at Princeton, N.J., has arrived in Stamboul, coming here to claim Miss Cynthia Binns of Bebek, teacher in the Community School at Robert College, for his bride and carry her to America.

Miss Jean Honiss of Gaziantep arrived here yesterday, and she and Mrs. Dewey plan to spend about a week here, and then perhaps go on to the island of Rhodes for a visit.

Mr. B.F. Stoltzfus, of Sofia, has gone to Syria for a visit with his brother, who is connected with Aleppo College.

The report of the Adana Clinic which Dr. Haas and his nurses are carrying on, shows a total of 24,957 attendances during the past year, of whom 9,873 persons came for a paid examination; the rest of the total being made up of return treatments varying from five days to six weeks.

The Orlinda Childs Pierce College at Elleniko, Greece, loses two of its American staff this summer, Miss Mabel Long going for a year of furlough only, and Miss Kershner retiring at the completion of her three year term of service.

Mr. Thompson, the architect for the new American Hospital building to be erected in Nishantash, is expected by the end of this month; and Dr. Shepard hopes that building operations may begin shortly after his arrival.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, July 12, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

Miss Ethel Putney left by train last night for Europe and eventually the United States, going on furlough for a year. The following ladies are also on their way on furlough, or will be very shortly: Miss Hinman from Smyrna, Miss Long from Athens, Miss Douglass from Sofia, Miss Silliman from Aleppo. Mrs. Leslie is due on furlough as well, but is not starting till September, after her daughter's wedding.

Dr. and Mrs. Shepard and family were delighted yesterday morning by the arrival from America of Frederick and Alice, to spend their vacations with the family. There is talk of having a part of it on Mt. Olympus, now known as Ulu Dag.

Donald Pye, youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Pye, formerly of Merzifon and Athens, and now a student at Oberlin College, was among the Sophomores on the honor list this spring, as he had been on the Freshman honor list last year. The home of the Pyes is in Winter Park, Florida.

We regret to announce the sudden death of Mr. C.D. Campbell, till recently Manager of the Near Eastern Branch of the Socony-Vacuum Oil Company in this city. His death took place at the Quaker Club, in the Adirondacks, and the funeral was fixed for today at his home in Plainfield, N.J. In recent months Mr. Campbell had given generously of his time and strength as Chairman of the Building Committee in New York for the erection and equipment of the new American Hospital of Stamboul, for which he signed the building contract on June 8th last. To Mrs. Campbell, formerly a teacher in the Women's College, Harassutkou, and to her children, those of our Mission circle who knew them will extend their deep sympathy.

Professor and Mrs. Harold Scott of Robert College have gone to America for the summer, with their son David. President Wright is also in America, as is Professor Hewitt. Mrs. Turini, who went to Montreal for the wedding of her daughter Nettie to Dr. Robert Miner, formerly a teacher in Robert College, is expected back in a few days with Professor Turini who went to England to meet her.

Among the actions of the Annual Meeting of the Mission was the election of Dr. J.K. Birge as Mission Secretary, in succession to the undersigned, who was first elected in 1910, in place of Dr. J.K. Greene, and with the exception of furlough periods and the like, has served in that capacity ever since.

Miss Ottora M. Horne, who has for many years been teaching in the American School for Girls, Beirut, is leaving in about two weeks for America. With her goes Miss Ruth Riggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Riggs, to enter Newton High School, Mass.

The hot weather in this city of late has been inducing large crowds to frequent the seashore resorts. It is estimated that last Sunday there were 70,000 persons at Floria Beach alone.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, July 19, 1938

Dear Friends:-

Unfortunately there crept into the Minutes of the late Annual Meeting of the Mission a couple of rather serious errors, which it is possibly easiest to counteract by calling attention to them here. In the first place, ~~among~~ the officials elected for the coming year, the name of Mr. H.H. Kreider as Assistant Treasurer was omitted. His name as well as that of Mrs. Leslie ought to have appeared as assistant treasurers. And secondly, in speaking of the estimated cost of a new building for the Smyrna A.C.I., this was stated to be approximately \$3,00, whereas if attention is paid to the ensuing statement, it will be plain that what should have been printed was \$23,000 instead. Will those interested in these facts kindly make the corrections indicated?

Miss Grace Towner of Tarsus is booked to sail from New York on her return from furlough on August 30th, by the American Export steamer "Excambion," to Beirut, and will proceed thence to her post.

Miss Kathryn Howard, a new teacher for the Orlinda Childs Pierce College at Elleniko, and Miss Esther W. Peck, who joins the staff of Anatolia Girls' School at Thessalonika, are booked to sail from New York for Naples September 3rd, on the "Comte di Savoia," going on from Brindisi to Piraeus Sept. 11th by an Italian liner.

Mr. John Raymond Pearson, the new teacher for the Talas Boys' School landed at Beirut where Mr. Nilson met him and took him to Talas, where he has plunged into the study of Turkish in preparation for his school work.

Our hearts go out in sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. John Bliss of Robert College, in the death of their infant daughter, Virginia, last Sunday, aged five months.

Mrs. Block, and Mrs. Nilson with her children, left this city on Monday returning to Talas.

Mr. Kreider and family left last week for a month's holiday in Bulgaria, going first to Cham Koria, where they seem to be delightfully located. Later on they plan to spend a while at Varna on the seashore.

The wedding of Miss Cynthia Binns of Bebek and Mr. William Baxter, formerly of Robert College, took place on Monday, July 18, at the Crimean Memorial Church in Pera, the Reverend Canon Oakley officiating. Gladiolas were the prevailing flowers. A large reception at the home of the bride's parents followed.

Today Dr. L.A. Shepard and his sons Frederick and Robert go on ahead by way of Yalova, and tomorrow the Shepard and MacCallum families join them for the summer camp on Ulu Dash, formerly known as Keshish Dash, and in English as Mt. Olympus. Dr. Shepard returns soon to work over plans for the new Hospital building with his architect when the latter arrives from America.

The name of Prof. Charles E. Estes should have been included in the list of those who have gone to America for the holidays.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, July 30, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

Word has come of the passing on of our friend and colleague Rev. James P. MacNaughton, D.D., at the Clifton Springs Sanitarium, N.Y., where he had been under treatment for some weeks. The end came peacefully on July 11th, and the burial was on July 13th in the Jillson plot at Providence, R.I. Mrs. MacNaughton went from there with her sister Miss Jillson to Montreat, N.C., their old summering place where they have so many friends. Mrs. Markham has been with her parents at Clifton Springs.

Dr. McNaughton was born in Dominionville, Ontario, Jan. 22, 1861, and was graduated at Queens University in 1884, and Union Seminary in 1887. He went out that year to Smyrna, and was married the following June to Miss Rebecca G. Jillson. They remained as missionaries in Smyrna until 1911, when they were transferred to Brousa. The following year, however, it seemed best to ask them to go to take charge of the Bithynia High School at Baghtchedjik, on the withdrawal of Dr. Robert Chambers on account of ill-health. It was from this post that, shortly after the outbreak of the World War, Dr. McNaughton, a British subject, was deported to Angora. He was allowed to leave the country, and returned to America. In the ensuing years he was active in raising money for relief purposes. In 1919, he returned with Mrs. McNaughton to Constantinople, and was here as Principal of the Erenkeuy High School until 1930, when they retired and settled in Swarthmore, Penn. For several years now they have been spending their winters in Florida and their summers in Montreat, N.C. Dr. McNaughton did a great work in this country, faithfully and well.

Mr. Kreider and family returned yesterday from a vacation trip to Cham Koria and Varna, Bulgaria.

Mr. Thomson, the architect for the new American Hospital building in Nishantash, arrived from America a few days ago. Dr. Shepard came down from Ulu Dagh to meet him and consult with him. Work is expected to begin immediately on the foundations.

The Misses Ruth and Elizabeth Harlow, daughters of our former colleagues Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Harlow, arrived in this city on Monday last, and are staying with the Birre family until September. Miss Ruth Harlow is to be teaching in the Orlanda Childs Pierce College, Elleniko, for the coming year, while her sister will study there. In the meanwhile their parents are on leave of absence from Smith College, and are taking a trip around the world, going to New Zealand and on west. Some time later we hope to see them here and in Athens.

The efforts of the Mission to arrange for keeping open the Merzifon School have proved in vain; and final word has come from the Board that this school has to be closed in carrying out the retrenchment program of the Board. This will mean that eventually the Blake family will go to Tarsus, Miss Ward to Smyrna, and Miss Lucas to Scutari, while Miss De Remer returns to America.

Early in November there will take place in Sofia a Constituent Assembly of the Evangelical Churches of the entire country which have been connected with the Methodist and Congregational missions, forming one united church. This is the consummation of plans which have been maturing for a long while, and is a happy eventuation.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, August 6, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

President Rockwell Harmon Potter, D.D., of the American Board, with Mrs. Potter, was in the harbor for a few hours this past week, in the "Odyssey" cruise, on the S.S. "Marco Polo", and had a chance to see a little of the city. They will come back in a few weeks for a more extended visit.

The engagement is announced of Miss Elizabeth Scipio, daughter of Professor and Mrs. Lynn A. Scipio of Robert College, and Dr. Sidney Fisher, of the faculty of Ohio State University, formerly a teacher in Robert College. They plan to be married next month.

Ground was actually broken for the foundations of the new American Hospital of Stamboul, on Wednesday last, and work is being pushed on this project. The architect is Mr. W. Stuart Thompson, of New York, and the building superintendent is Mr. Lyman Kidd, also of New York.

Dr. Shepard went back to the camp on Ulu Dagh, starting this morning; and with him the Fowle family, going up there for a brief stay. Camping conditions are reported to be as nearly ideal as could be hoped.

The Nute family and Mrs. Haas and some of the Adana nurses have gone up to Namrun for a summering; and the Woolworth family are enjoying the cool breezes of Gbzne.

By a new law which went into effect July 16th, 1938, foreigners residing in Turkey must report within the month ending August 16th, to the police authorities any real estate or immovable properties which may be recorded in their name in Turkey. Attention is called to this regulation, so that no inconvenience may be experienced by any such owners of real property.

Mr. Barnett, General Secretary of the International Y.M.C.A., who has had twenty-six years of Y.M.C.A. experience in China, is making a brief visit to this city; and addressed a small gathering a few evenings ago at the home of Mrs. L.O. Lee, on present conditions in China.

Mrs. W.L. Wright, Jr., of Robert College, left yesterday for a vacation trip in Europe, expecting to meet her husband on his return from the United States and come back together.

Dr. and Mrs. Bertram Post of Robert College are expected back here from Switzerland next Monday, bringing their son Davis with them.

President E.W. Riggs of Anatolia College has joined his family and the Compton family and Miss Morley and Mrs. Marden at camp on the shores of Lake Ochrid, in Jugo-Slavia. They are living at the house of the Mayor of Ochrid.

Preliminary steps have been taken by representatives of the Greek and Bulgarian governments, looking toward the entering of Bulgaria into the Balkan Entente. This highly desirable step seems now assured.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

A tower clock is being installed over the entrance to Albert Long Hall, Robert College, its two faces toward the campus and toward Hamlin Hall. This is a memorial for the late Mrs. Charles R. Edwards, a gift from her children, and is approximately placed over the building where she worshipped for many years. It is expected that it will be all in place before the opening of the new College term. The clock is being constructed by a Turkish clockmaker of this city.

Professor and Mrs. C.S. MacNeal returned this morning from a visit to Paris and northern France.

Mr. John K. Stene has been secured as a teacher for Tarsus College. He is the son of a professor in the Rhode Island State College, from which he graduated this June with a B.S. in mechanical engineering. Mr. Stene will probably be sailing August 30th on the same steamer with Miss Towner of Tarsus and Miss Norton of Aleppo.

In addition to the expected visit from Dr. and Mrs. R.H. Potter of which we have already spoken, our Mission has in prospect several other visits from members of the Board's deputation to the big Madras meeting in December. Some will come to our region on their way out to India, others on their return trip. One of these is Dr. Russell H. Stafford, of Boston, who plans to visit Thessaloniki November 18-20, and Athens for the following three days, but will not have time to come to Turkey or Syria.

Another is Miss Ruth Seabury, of Boston, who arrives in Greece September 30th, and expects to visit Athens and Thessaloniki, and then come to Stamboul and see at least some of the points in Anatolia before sailing from Port Said October 24th.

A third is Mrs. (Rev.) Hilda L. Ives, President of the New England Town and Country Church Commission, who follows nearly the same route with Miss Seabury, reaching Piraeus September 19 and spending a month or so in Greece and Turkey, probably going to Talas and Aintab among other places, and joining Miss Seabury for the voyage to India.

Dr. Douglas Horton and Dr. Fred Field Goodsell are making their plans to go around the other way, taking in the Near East on their return after the Madras Conference. Details will therefore have to be reserved till later. We are also without specifications about Mrs. Robert L. Bowen, of California, a Vice-President of the Board, who hopes to be here perhaps in November.

Mrs. Helen Street Ranney, for many years Secretary of the W.B.M.P., and later in Chicago, is planning to reach Athens September 1st, and Stamboul Sept. 20th, and from here on join Dr. and Mrs. Potter to India.

Cards are out for the wedding of Miss Elizabeth L. Leslie, of the Service Center in Stamboul, daughter of Mrs. F.P. Leslie of the Bible House, and Mr. John Evelyn Seager, son of the late Mr. Walter Seager, on Tuesday evening, September 6th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fowle, in Hissar.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, August 20, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

Dr. David S. Margoliouth, sometime Laudian Professor of Arabic at the University of Oxford, and author of "Lines of Defence of the Biblical Revelation;" of the book on "Mohammed and the Rise of Islam," in the Heroes of the Nations series, and of many other books, is making a visit of a few weeks here, in connection with the examination of an Arabic document in the Top Kapu Saray Library. For a man of eighty and over, he is remarkably active. Mrs. Margoliouth is co-author with Rev. F.N. Heazell of the book "Kurds and Christians", published twenty-five years ago.

As the result of negotiations begun several months ago, the Mission's legal adviser has just succeeded in obtaining a very important certificate (Belge, in present-day Turkish), the lack of which has, up to the present time, made it impossible to complete the sale formalities at Gedik Pasha and Trebizond. This document certifies to the fact that certain members of the Mission residing in Stamboul are authorized to act in property matters as accredited representatives of the American Board. The above information is furnished us by Mr. Kreider.

Mr. Paul Nilson of Talas is reported as much better, though still stiff. Dr. Wm. L. Nute is back at work after his vacation in the mountains, but he has had a bout with malaria, and so is having to take things as nearly easy as his crowded clinic's make it possible for him to do, for a few days.

Miss Belle Harley, whose name was unaccountably omitted from the list of those summering at Lake Ochrida, in Jugoslavia, is still there with President E.W. Riggs and family, enjoying the swimming and the breezes and the delicious lake trout. Miss Morley and Mrs. Marden left the day after Mr. Riggs arrived, and the Compton family left August 9th. The Riggses and Miss Harley remain until next Monday.

The newly constructed building for the Armenian Sanatorium near Ain Zehalta has just been completed. This takes the place of the old Mameltain Sanatorium, which has done such fine service for the past fifteen years. "The new building is a wonderfully fine one for the purpose," writes Rev. H.H. Riggs, - with room for 64 beds. And the location is one of the finest that you could imagine, on a ridge overlooking the Ain Zehalta valley, nearly 4000 feet above the sea. Just below the building is a young pine forest, and across the valley are the ancient cedar groves, above Ain Zehalta and Barouk. We went to the dedication ceremony, August 12th, as the Sanatorium is to move into its new quarters this week. There was a lot of good feeling and enthusiasm expressed. This institution grew out of the work of relief days after the war, but has been carried on to these many years as a purely Armenian project; and most of the money, both for the current expenses all this time, and for this new building, has been given by Armenians all over the world."

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, August 27, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

Interesting particulars have come from Dr. Wilson Dodd in connection with the death of Mr. Campbell, referred to in our issue of July 12. The name of the Club was wrongly given as Quaker Club; it should have been Crater Club. It seems that Mr. Campbell and his ten-year-old son were fishing in Lake Champlain in shallow water, when Mr. Campbell had a stroke and fell out of the boat. His little son was able to stand up in the water and hold his father's head out, or he would have drowned. Then he dragged his father out on to the beach, and went for help. Really quite a remarkable stunt for a small boy!

Dr. and Mrs. Dodd have been having a fine summer vacation. After two weeks of study in New York City, they went to the family camp in the Adirondacks, and came back to Beres by way of Niagara Falls and Canada.

Professor and Mrs. Eliopoulos, of Athens College, have been spending a brief time in Constantinople, it being Mrs. Eliopoulos's first visit to this city.

We are glad to hear of steady improvement in the case of Mrs. F.W. MacCallum, who had the misfortune several weeks ago of falling down stairs and breaking her collarbone. The bandages have now been removed, and she is getting the use of the arm again.

The golden wedding of Dr. and Mrs. G.E. White (postponed one year) was celebrated most successfully in New York city, all their children being present. Shortly after that, Dr. and Mrs. White went to Boston, where the Anatolia College alumni and former students got together to the number of about thirty, to honor the Whites, and at the same time to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Getchell, who are shortly moving out to California. This supper and gathering were held in the rooms of the International Association, on Beacon Street, and it was a very pleasant occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman MacCallum and Elizabeth are back again after a fine holiday up at the Olympus Camp. The other campers are expected back today.

By the way, the public press has just discovered our genial Doctor and his haunts, as the following excerpt from the République will show:- (Heading: An American has established an isolated camp on Ulu Dagh) "M. the Doctor Schipert (sic), chief doctor of the American Hospital of Stamboul, has established on Mount Ulu Dagh, at the pine-forest of Sariolan, at an altitude of 1800 metres, a camp for himself and his family, comprising 18 persons. He comes each year, for the past nine years, to take a rest-cure of a month, forbidding even the sending of his private letters, so that he may not be troubled."

After a very nice vacation at Shemlan in the Lebanon, Miss Martin and Miss Perry of Scutari started back last week, and Miss Martin arrived in Scutari yesterday. Miss Perry has gone to Merzifon, to be there a short time before coming back.

The Beirut News Letter reports a letter from Prof. George Michailides of the School of Theology, from California, telling of his speaking and teaching engagements in Cleveland, Grinnell College, at young people's Camps in California and in Oklahoma. To date he has travelled 7500 miles, and spoken 68 times.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Sept. 3, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

A cable has been received from Pasadena, California, announcing the marriage of Professor Laurence S. Moore, of Sofia College, and Miss Sara Whittin Anderson, daughter of the late Professor and Mrs. Charles Anderson of Robert College, and granddaughter of Cyrus Hamlin. The date is supposed to have been last Saturday. Prof. and Mrs. Moore will come back to Sofia next month for the opening of the College term. Our sincere congratulations!

BORN:- To Prof. and Mrs. W. Gordon Ross (Helen Post) a son, William Post Ross, born at the Nassau Hospital, Mineola, L.I., August 9, weight, 7 lbs. 7½ oz. All goes well with both mother and baby.

Dr. Cyril H. Haas arrived last evening in this city from Adana for some needed dentistry.

Miss Ethel Putney, of the Scutari School, on her way to her furlough in America, has been having a grand time in the Highlands of Scotland, and visiting friends in Aberdeen and Edinburgh, and is now presumably with Miss Gladys Lucas in Buchhurst Hill, Essex, near London.

Mr. John Whiting Scott, of Tarsus College, has arrived from a summer in Europe and is spending a few days in Stamboul, seeing the sights before going on to Smyrna and Angora, on his way back.

The Shepard and Fowle families came down from Mt. Ulu Dagh last Saturday, browned and healthy, having had an ideal summer the Camp. Dr. Shepard has resumed his work at the Hospital, and for the new building the excavation is nearly completed, and foundation work will shortly begin.

Rev. W. Clark Kerr has returned from his summer's vacation in Scotland and England, and last Sunday resumed his services in the Union Church, Pera.

Professor L. A. Scipio of Robert College started yesterday for a short vacation in Europe, expecting to join Mrs. Scipio there and to bring her back here. The wedding of Miss Elizabeth Scipio and Dr. Sidney Fisher was presumably held today, in America. They, too, are planning to come to Europe for a brief trip.

Miss Elizabeth Webb, whose painful accident was mentioned in our issue of March 15th, is now in Shimlan, Mt. Lebanon, for the summer, and is reported as quite spry in walking about the house, sometimes with no cane at all, though not very strong.

Miss Eleanor Barnum, who will teach in the Community School at Robert College this year, arrived from America a week ago, and is with her parents, Professor and Mrs. H. E. Barnum.

According to unofficial figures, the average temperature in Stamboul during July and August was the hottest known here for at least twenty years past; and the first day of September broke all records for the whole summer, with readings from 97 to 100 degrees in various parts of the city.

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Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:-

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. James Oscar Boyd, whose brief residence here a dozen years ago, when her husband was connected with the American Bible Society agency here, many of our readers will recall. Mrs. Boyd passed away on August 6th, at the Presbyterian Hospital, New York City, after an illness of two months, at the age of 61. She leaves, beside her husband, two daughters and a son.

The wedding of Miss Elizabeth Leslie and Mr. John Seager took place under ideal conditions at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fowle in Rumeli Hisar on Tuesday, September 6th, in the evening. Dr. Birge officiated, with Prof. MacNeal at the piano; Miss Helen Barnum was maid of honor and Mr. Victor Binns best man, and Loretta Kreider flower-girl. Over a hundred guests were present, and refreshments were served in the garden and in the house after the ceremony.

Miss Grace Towner of Tarsus, Miss Harriet Norton of Aleppo and Mr. John K. Stone, the new Tarsus science teacher, are booked to sail from New York on the American Export liner "Excambion," for Beirut, on August 30th. Mrs. Alma S. Woodruff of Sofia is to sail from Boston on August 14th for Italy on the S.S. "Saturnia," going thence to Bulgaria by rail.

Mrs. Elvesta T. Leslie started yesterday morning by Italian steamer to Italy on her way to America for her well-earned furlough.

The Armenian young people of Beirut have just held a C.E. Conference at Shweir, in the Lebanon, with a fine spirit of earnestness and consecration. Their enrollment limit was sixty, but more had to be refused for lack of accommodation. One morning Rev. H. H. Riggs conducted a Bible Study hour at this gathering.

Dr. C. H. Haas started back today for Adana after completing his needed dentistry.

The preliminary enrollment in the American schools seems very encouraging. At Scutari, there have been over fifty new students already registered, thirty-five of them boarders. At Robert College the registration has reached one hundred new students, or more than double what it was at the corresponding date last year. A large proportion of these are preparatory boarders for Theodoros Hall, which is again to be open after being closed several years.

Word has come from Mr. P. E. Nilson that the Government has confirmed their promise to send to the Talas School fifty more students, in addition to maintaining those they had there last year.

The fifth Inter-Balkan Medical Congress was held this week at Yildiz Palace, being attended by about 120 delegates, coming from Jugoslavia, Roumania and Greece as well as Turkey. The sessions were interesting and valuable, special attention being given to the control of malaria.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Sept. 17, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

Miss Gladys Perry, who has been making a short visit in Merzifon after her return from Syria, has returned to Scutari. Miss Lindsley, who had been to Merzifon earlier, is also back, so that the staff of the Scutari Academy is now complete.

Miss Gladys Lucas, who has been in England on furlough during the past year, came back to her former position in Scutari Academy a week ago, and has received a hearty welcome.

Nearly every member of the staffs of the two American Colleges is now on hand; a few will be coming in within the next few days. President and Mrs. Wright came back last Wednesday, to the joy of their two little boys. Among the new-comers are Mrs. W.H. Peet, -nee Louise Jenison, - and her son Hartwell; she will teach in place of Miss Wright this year at the Girls' College, as already announced, and he will be a student in Robert College. Also Mr. and Mrs. Rogers; he takes the place of Mr. MacGregor in charge of the gymnastics at Robert College, and is a brother of Miss Mary Rogers of the Girls' College. We hope to give a full list next week of the new members of the two staffs.

President Dodge of Beirut University writes that they expect a large enrolment there, as many students wish to get out of Palestine, and others fear to study in Europe.

The American College for Girls, at Arnaoutkeuy, has begun refusing applicants for boarding places in the Preparatory Department; and the total registration of new students is about four times what it was last year.

The registration at Pierce College, Elleniko, already fills the school to capacity. The Smyrna School is refusing all further applications, and has forty registered for the entering class.

At Scutari Academy there will apparently be ninety boarders, and a total of more than two hundred is indicated already.

The pathetic word comes from Merzifon that twenty applications have come in for admission to our defunct school there, - more than had applied for many years!

The Misses Ruth and Elizabeth Harlow, who have been staying with their uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. Birge, for several weeks, left a couple of days ago for Athens and Elleniko, where the former will be teaching and the latter studying, this coming year.

Mr. H.H. Kreider has gone to Smyrna for a brief visit in connection with the business of the Treasury Department.

The work of Professor Baxter in the excavations back of the Mosque of Sultan Ahmed, at the mosaic pavement, has been held up by a misunderstanding regarding the payment for expropriations necessary for the extension of the area of excavation.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riess.

No. 711

Bible House, Stamboul, Sept. 24, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

Mrs. Helen Street Ranney arrived in this city on Wednesday after good visits in Thessaloniki and Athens. She is the guest of Mrs. L.O. Lee, and had expected to make a stay of a week or so. But she is to join up here with Dr. and Mrs. Potter, and make the journey through Syria and Palestine with them.

Dr. and Mrs. Rockwell Harmon Potter reached our town on Thursday, coming back after an interesting trip through the Central European countries. Their plans are a bit hurried, as they wish to cover considerable ground before turning their faces homeward. Dr. Potter is the Dean of Hartford Seminary, in addition to being the President of the American Board; and he must needs be back for his duties there. They expect to start out from here early Monday morning, going via Angora to Talas, then on to Adana and Tarsus, and then to Gaziantep, making a stop of a day or two at each; and then cross the border to Aleppo, going on to Beirut where Dr. Potter is to deliver a course of lectures at the Near East School of Theology, before going on, through Palestine if possible, otherwise by sea, to Egypt for a brief visit. Dr. Potter is expected to preach at one of the local Evangelical churches Sunday morning and visit the Gedik Pasha Sunday School in the afternoon.

Anatolia College was expecting to open its doors two days ago; but a recent decree of the Greek Government fixes the date for opening of all schools as October 1st, so they still wait, and so do the one hundred new students who have been enrolled. Meanwhile it gives a little extra time in which to put the last touches on the new dormitory building which is already completed enough to have the students move in. The play-room in the attic is all that remains in process.

Mr. Stephens of the teaching staff of Anatolia College, with his bride, arrived in Thessaloniki September 15th. Miss Esther Peck, the new teacher for the Girls' Department, has also arrived from America.

The total enrollment at the Scutari Academy at present is 210, an increase of forty over last year. Of these, 103 are ~~boys~~ ^{boarders}. Of the total, 92 are new pupils, including 19 from Merzifon School. In the special class are 68, with a waiting list of nearly twenty girls.

Mr. Kreider has returned to his post; and for the present will devote about half his time to the Treasury work and half to the Hospital building enterprise.

The Managers and physician of the American Hospital are at home to their friends this afternoon, in connection with the graduation exercises of the Nurses' Training Class. There will also be a ceremony connected with the beginning of the foundation of the new Hospital building.

The two American Colleges opened their new terms on Wednesday of this week, with their full staffs on hand. It is too early yet to give figures about registrations; but each is much larger than last year. The new tower clock at Robert College was completed and in working order before the opening of the College, and is a welcome addition to the College campus.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Oct. 1, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

Two new babies are announced this week in our wider circle:- a daughter, Carolyn Louise, to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy W. Foote (Miss Sarah Stone), on July 21st, at the Waterbury, Conn., Hospital; and a son, Fred Field Goodsell II., to Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln S. Goodsell, on August 28th. In both cases the parties concerned are reported as doing well, and everybody happy.

Last Saturday afternoon occurred the graduating exercises at the American Nurses' Training School in Nishantash, five young ladies securing their diplomas. Addresses were delivered by Dr. Aziz Fikret Derlen, Dr. Lorrin A. Shepard, and Ambassador Mackmurray; and in spite of the rain, there was a capacity attendance.

Miss Olive Greene passed through here last Saturday, on her return from Central Europe, going on to her work in Smyrna.

Miss Eleanor de Remer arrived this week from a summer in Ordou, on the Black Sea coast, stopping at Merzifon on her way here.

Professor and Mrs. L.A. Scipio have returned to Robert College, she from America, and he from meeting her in Europe.

This fall the new members of the teaching staff at the Girls' College are as follows:- Dr. Louise Jenison Peet, who is substituting for Miss Wright during the latter's leave, as previously announced; Miss Anna Minerva King, from Iowa State College, as instructor in Physics; Miss Katharine Etz, formerly Research Librarian with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., as Librarian; Miss Fannie B. Sibley, as Physical Director, she having served similarly in the English High School for Girls in this city last year; and Bayan Behire Refik Ayten, till now head of the Mathematics at Scutari Academy, as professor of Mathematics.

At Robert College there are the following new members of the staff:- Professor Eugene Wiseman, of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y., in Civil Engineering, in exchange with Prof. Sheiry for this year; Mr. Martin H. Rogers, of Oberlin College and New York University, in charge of Physical Education; Professor Andre Rivier, of the University of Neuchatel, Professor of French in place of Prof. Audetat who has gone to a post in the University of Neuchatel; Mr. Richard Muther, of Mass. Inst. of Technology, and Mr. James B. Pond of Yale University, assistants in the Engineering School; Mr. William Parquette, of Harvard University, in Mathematics; Mr. Robert L. Allen, of Hamilton College, son of Rev. Cady Allen of Persia, in English and Mathematics; Messrs. Ernest E. Ramsaur, Jr., of the University of California, John Nettleton, of Princeton University, Clyde J. Hanna, of Oberlin College, and Selim Shabo Avral, of Robert College, in English.

Miss Towner and Mr. Stene arrived in Tarsus September 23rd coming from America via Beirut. Classes at the College began last Tuesday. Registrations for the preparatory or entering class were completed early in September. Applicants during this month have had to be turned away.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

No.713

Bible House, Stamboul, October 8, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

Our attention this past week has been about evenly divided between the international relations situation in Europe, and the terrible tornado or hurricane in New England. Details of the latter are just beginning to come in by mail, indicating the worst 100-mile breeze in the history of New England. As for the strain of avoiding war in central Europe, Turkey has been one of the quietest spots, with no apparent thought of any possible involvement in any trouble.

Mrs. Ives and Miss Ruth Seabury arrived by Simplon Express this morning, after a short visit in Greece.

A few fortunate listeners-in were rewarded a few days since by hearing the broadcast of a song recital in New York by Mrs. Lewis Owen (Nimet Vahid), followed by greetings to all Turkey friends, of the Standard Oil Company and others, by Mr. Owen. They expect to be back in Stamboul in about a fortnight.

Work is progressing merrily on the concrete foundations for the new American Hospital in Nishantash.

Thursday of this week was the anniversary of the return of the Turkish army into Stamboul after the armistice, fifteen years ago; and it was celebrated as a holiday. But the big time will be on the 28th to 30th, when the fifteenth anniversary of the establishment of the Turkish Republic will be celebrated all over the country.

Work is being pushed on the demolition of the houses and shops between Emin Eunu Square and the Yeni Valide Mosque; and it is hoped that the entire facade will be open to view by the Fifteenth Anniversary holiday. But the reconstruction involved cannot be completed until early in 1939.

Owing to delays in the registration of students for the Turkish University in this city, the institution will not open its doors for lectures or classes until October 15th, instead of a week ago as announced.

It is announced that the old kitchens connected with the Mosque of Sultan Süleyman, where free meals to the poor used to be served, is to be repaired and used as a museum for ancient inscriptions.

The new law has gone into effect in Stamboul, forbidding all bargaining in the markets. The workings of this unexpected law are being watched with great interest.

Mrs. Lillian C. Sewny, on reaching America, went around by way of the Panama Canal to California, where she is to live with her old associate Miss Rice; but before settling down there, she immediately went to Boston by rail for a short visit.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, October 15, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

The Scutari Academy has now 221 enrolled, and is going full speed. To help out in the abundance of class-work, Miss Margaret Levesley, a graduate of Oxford University, has been secured to give instruction in English and sports.

Anatolia College reports a present attendance of 86 boarders and 119 dayscholars, but expects more, although this is an increase of more than a third over last year. At the Girls' School they have 170 all told, and may also increase owing to lack of accommodations in the State schools.

Miss Ruth Seabury, Mrs. Ives, and Mrs. Lord made but a short visit here and have gone on south and east, making for India via Syria. They are visiting several of our Near East Stations on the way.

The Board's Conference with missionaries was held in Auburn-dale, Mass., September 16-18, and was of a deep spiritual tone. The Near East Mission representatives included Miss Douglass, Mr. & Mrs. Hawkes, Miss Silliman, Mrs. Sewny, and Mr. and Mrs. G.D. White.

Mrs. Leslie just escaped the terrible hurricane on her way toward New York, and has gone on to her home in Michigan. To date we have not heard of any injury to any of our Near East people in that disaster; but at Northfield Seminary one of them came near it. Miss Margaret Riggs was in the dining-hall of Gould Hall while the girls were all at dinner, and the chimney crashed through the roof, killing two girls and badly injuring some others. She herself was not scratched.

Professor Lutfi Levonian of the School of Theology, Beirut left there last week Monday on his way via Damascus to Baghdad, and expecting to spend some time in Iran and then visit several points in India before reaching the Madras Conference. Later, he will go to England to spend the rest of the year lecturing and studying at the Selly Oak College.
-Beirut News Letter.

Aleppo College seems to flourish also. The registration by Oct. 3rd was reported at 219, or 30% larger than a year before. This includes 19 Freshmen, as against 7 last year. The Beirut News Letter tells us that the first days of the term were saddened by the death of a valued teacher, Mr. Bezdjian.

Miss Eleanor De Remer is going to the Smyrna Girls' School to help out until Miss Mary Ward can complete her work at Merzifon and reach there in accord with the resolution of Annual Meeting.

Dr. Shepard and Dr. Nute of our medical staff are expecting to attend the biennial Turkish Medical Conference at Angora next week, which was postponed from last year in order to have it coincide with the fifteenth anniversary of the Republic. Mr. Fowle is also leaving tomorrow for Angora on Mission business.

1939 Periodical Order blanks have been sent to all Stations; those who have not sent in their orders to the Treasury Department are asked to do so at once, these orders being due in Boston on November 1st.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, October 22, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

By an oversight, no mention was made last week of the death and funeral of Professor Abraham Der Hagopian, of Robert College. He passed away at the Bulgarian Hospital in this city, two weeks ago yesterday, after a long illness. A graduate of Robert College in the class of 1877, he was connected with the teaching staff from that time on, and latterly as Professor. He was a most valuable member of the College, and highly respected and deeply loved by the students as well as by his colleagues of the teaching staff. The funeral was at the Gregorian Church of the Holy Trinity in Pera, which was full. The Patriarch paid a high tribute to Prof. Hagopian; and after the service, two other addresses were made in the courtyard, one by Prof. H.H. Barnum for the College Faculty, and another by an Armenian graduate on behalf of the pupils of Professor Hagopian.

Dr. and Mrs. F.W. MacCallum are reported to have left New York October 19th on the "Queen Mary" due in Cherbourg Oct. 24th; they are to re-embark at Marseilles on the 26th, coming here to Stamboul for a brief visit, and then going to spend the winter with Miss Emily McCallum in old Phaleron, Greece.

Dr. Shepard has returned from his attendance at the Turkish Medical Conference at Angora, which was quite successful. A congress of Turkish women doctors was also held there simultaneously. Yesterday morning Mr. Fowle also returned from his trip to Angora.

The latest figures for enrollment at Anatolia College give 207 for the College and 159 for the Girls' School. There is a total staff of 51 teachers and office workers.

Dr. Alexander MacLachlan, President Emeritus of International College, Smyrna, hale and hearty, celebrated his 80th birthday on Sept. 17th at Kingston, Ontario. The three sons, Bruce from Montreal, Grant from the Ministry of Labor in Ottawa, and Ian, who heads the MacLachlan Lumber Company in Kingston, shared in the celebration, as did Rosalind's two sons, Arthur Lachlan and Howard, on their way east to Yale from a three weeks' visit with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Cass Arthur Reed, in California. Arthur is a Senior and Howard a Freshman at Yale, the latter having spent last year as an Andover scholarship student at Wellington College, England. Dr. and Mrs. MacLachlan plan to spend the coming winter in California.

Among the Freshmen at Scripps College, Claremont, Calif., are two granddaughters of our old associates Dr. and Mrs. McNaughton, - Miss Virginia Hester, daughter of Chaplain Hester, U.S.N., and Mrs. Margaret McNaughton Hester; and Miss Lamson, daughter of Dr. Lamson of Seattle and his wife Takouhi Tashjian Lamson. Mrs. Reed, a schoolmate of their mothers in the Smyrna A.C.I., is instructing one of the French classes at Scripps this term. Two former International College Swiss tutors, Max Vaucher and Henri Pilliod, teaching now in California, are working for their graduate degrees at Claremont Colleges.

Word from California tells of the visit of Dr. George P. Michaelides as the American Board representative to the summer conferences, and of Dr. and Mrs. S. Ralph Harlow, on their world tour. The Reeds, Humestons, Caldwells, Moremens, and Miss Pohl were among old Smyrna fellow-workers visited in Southern California.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Oct. 29, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

Mrs. Ernest W. Riggs and her little Sunny came in from Thessaloniki Monday morning last, the latter coming for an operation for appendicitis. The operation took place Tuesday, and was eminently successful. They took advantage of the newly instituted through sleeping-car from Athens to Stamboul, and were very comfortable.

Ramazan began on Tuesday last, so that the Sheker Bayram at its close will practically coincide with our Thanksgiving Day.

Miss Ethel W. Putney reached Boston October 9th, and was met by Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum, Mrs. Goodsell, Lincoln Goodsell, Miss Mabel Emerson, and others. The voyage was good although quite rough with head-on gales.

The Presidential yacht "Savarona" has taken up its winter quarters in Bebek Bay, this week.

One of the posters being displayed in prominent place throughout the city for the fifteenth anniversary gives some interesting statistics regarding attendance at schools in this country at the beginning of the Republic and now. They are as follows:-

	<u>Ilk</u> (primary)	<u>Orta</u> (middle)	<u>Lise</u> (high)	<u>Meslek</u> (trade)	<u>University</u>
1923-24	341941	5905	1241	- - - -	2332
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Truly a gratifying showing. One may add that the term Lise is applied to schools of approximately the High School and Junior College grade. The preparatory or Academy classes in our Colleges are called Orta, while the College classes are called Lise, - the Turkish way of writing the French Lycee.

Our last week's issue had an error which puzzled several readers. The two granddaughters studying at Scripps College were not both in the same family. Miss Hester is the granddaughter of Dr. & Mrs. McNaughton, but Miss Lamson's mother, Mrs. Takouhi Tashjian Lamson, was also a Smyrna girl, daughter of the former pastor there.

Dr. and Mrs. Birge expect to start in about two weeks for the Madras Conference, going via Beirut, Baghdad and Basra, and by steamer to Bombay, and thence via Delhi to Madras. Mr. H.H. Riggs goes with them from Beirut. They will be coming back late in January.

One of the most powerful radio broadcasting stations in the world is being formally opened today at Angora. Its equipment is said to be fully equal to the best, and quite a program of world-renowned musical artists have accepted invitations to broadcast from it during the coming season.

Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum are expected to arrive in Stamboul next Wednesday from America, having sailed from Marseilles this Wednesday.

Dr. Wishart of San Francisco Seminary, and Dr. Bailey of Hartford Seminary, are visiting professors at the Near East School of Theology at Beirut this year; they and their families have arrived and are at work.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

No.717

Bible House, Stamboul, November 5, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

Stamboul friends were disappointed on Wednesday by the word that Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum have decided to spend a couple of weeks in Old Phaleron before arriving here. However, the welcome awaiting them here will be all the more hearty.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lanckton, formerly connected with Robert College, are making a brief stay in our city, having come from Beirut by rail. They are with the Standard Oil Co. now, and are to take up their residence in Athens in that connection. Mrs. Lanckton was Miss Catherine Nicol.

Two babies are announced this week, the one, a daughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. MacGregor, late of Robert College, on October 17th, named Phyllis Mae; the other, a son, the second, born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. White, formerly of Smyrna, on October 2, 1938, by the name of Wesley Raymond White. Mr. White is Educational Adviser for the C.O.C. at Beatrice, Nebr., the address being 1123 Washington Street.

Miss Sylvia Eddy has been assured by the American Board of her return to Talas, but for the present she is taking a 'six months' course of further study at the Pennsylvania Hospital, expecting to come out when that is over.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana K. Getchell reached their new home, at 535 Berkeley Avenue, Claremont, Calif., on October 13th, and seem to be happily settled there.

President and Mrs. Bayard Dodge of Beirut University arrived here Thursday and left yesterday for Sofia and the United States.

The building of two dormitory buildings on the new campus at Aleppo College has tripled the number of applicants as boarders, this fall, and the total enrolment has nearly doubled since last year, and receipts for student payments much more than doubled. Even those who opposed the union of the two schools before, seem to have been completely won over by the success of the united institution.

The Turkish Post office department has come out with two sets of new stamps, this past fortnight, one in commemoration of the fifteenth anniversary of the Republic, the other in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Latin alphabet. Each consists of six stamps, the former bearing illustrations of the progress in engineering, agriculture, manufactures, scouting, and the army, and a portrait of President Atatürk; the other set all having a picture of Atatürk teaching the new alphabet to a group. A fuller and permanent set is announced, to be issued immediately, in place of that which has been in use for several years.

The fourth session of the fifth legislature of the Grand National Assembly was duly opened on Tuesday last, the opening speech of President Atatürk being read by the Prime Minister.

It had been hoped that representatives of the Methodist and Congregational Churches of Bulgaria would hold a meeting in Sofia on Nov. 7th and 8th, to put in operation a plan of union of these two branches. Owing to some practical difficulties which have arisen, this assembly has had to be postponed. Further announcement will be made later.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

On Thursday, November 10th, at 9:05 a.m., President Atatürk passed away at Dolma Baghtche Palace, where he has been ill for a long time of cirrhosis of the liver. European specialists were called in to see him as early as February; but his condition has been growing worse gradually, and the wonder is he has lived so long. As soon as the bulletin announcing his death was issued, flags were half-masted throughout the city, and there was genuine mourning at the event throughout the city and the whole country. The body has been embalmed, and is to be lying in state in the palace for a few days, and then taken to Angora for interment, probably at his residence at Chankaya.

Mustafa Kemal, as he was known in childhood, was born in 1880 at Salonica, and his early schooling was in a hodja's care, for he was intended by his mother for a religious leader. But his own bent was rather for a military life, and he soon went to another school and made rapid progress along military lines; so that at 30 he had become an officer in the General Staff, despite a disagreement with Abdul Hamid which sent him for a time to Damascus into political exile. He took part in 1911 in the Italian war in Libya, and during the world war he rose rapidly in the Dardanelles campaign and later in Syria.

His life may be divided into two sections, the military and the political; and the transition stage was from 1919 to 1923, when he led the Turkish Independence movement in so remarkable a drama. Landing at Samsun May 19, 1919, he secured an enthusiastic following, and placed the army on a new and inspired footing for resisting the foreign powers. The Congresses of Erzurum and Sivas, of which he was a chairman, led to his going to Angora in December, 1919, at the head of his forces. Here in April, 1920 the Grand National Assembly was opened and he was elected its President. It is unnecessary to outline the progress of the campaign against the Greek army in Anatolia; but the world was astonished at the success with which, under his inspiration and leadership, by early September 1922, the remnants of the Greek troops were driven out of the Smyrna region. The title of Gazi, or Conqueror, was given him by the Grand National Assembly on Sept. 19, 1921; and on October 13, 1923, Angora became the Capital.

On Oct. 29, 1923, Kemal was elected President of the Turkish Republic, and the statesman period of his service formally began. It is noteworthy that, while he has often been called a dictator by foreigners, the difference between him and the present dictators of Europe is, that he has known how to accomplish things in a perfectly legal manner, through official action by the Grand National Assembly, instead of resorting to force or personal dictation. His leadership has thus been parliamentary and the world acknowledges with wonder the long list of his accomplishments during these fifteen years. He rescued the country from domination by the reactionary Moslem forces, by separating religion and State; the Caliphate, the Sheikh-ul-Islam the religious courts, the medresses, and the dervish orders were all abolished, and the secular power was firmly established. Time and space forbid a complete catalogue of the beneficial reforms he has carried through: of the calendar, the alphabet, the metric system, universal education, the purification of the language, the adoption of family names, as well as the reorganization of the legal system, the extension and reform of the railroad system, the starting of the University at Angora and the modernization of the one at Stamboul. But perhaps the greatest contribution of all has been in his steady cultivation of friendly relations with all the neighbors of Turkey, the establishment of the Balkan Entente, the four-power pact toward the East, and a sturdy policy of friendship with the European countries. The development of industries also has contributed largely toward economic stability. The title of Atatürk was conferred on him November 26, 1934. This corresponds very nearly to "Father of his Country." Further comment next week.

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

For the past three days, hundreds of thousands of mourning people have filed past the coffin of the late President Atatürk, in the Throne Room of Dolma Bagtche Palace, in deep silence broken only by the weeping of those who could not contain themselves. The coffin was draped in a huge silk flag, and surrounded by six tall flaming torches, and guarded by army generals; innumerable wreaths lay all around. This morning the remains were carried from there across the bridge, and embarked from the Saraglio Point on to the battle-cruiser "Yavuz" to be taken to Izmit, and thence by rail to Ankara, where a suitable tomb is to be erected as a last memorial.

Meanwhile, General Ismet Inönü has been elected by the Grand National Assembly as the second President of the Turkish Republic. As a close friend of Atatürk, and a colleague in army service, as well as the past Prime Minister, he was the logical successor. He has kept Celal Bavar as Prime Minister, and the Cabinet is much the same as before, only that Shükrü Sarafioğlu is Minister of Foreign Affairs in place of Dr. Rüşti Aras, and Dr. Refik Saydam becomes Minister of Interior, and Hilmi Ural, Minister of Justice. The new President was born Sept. 25, 1884.

During this period of mourning, things have been much upset; cinemas and theatres have been entirely closed, schools have had irregular sessions or none; and all parties, dances, and celebrations have vanished. The sorrow has been deep and genuine. Official mourning lasts a month.

Mrs. Shepard and her son Robert left yesterday morning for a trip to Aintab, his birthplace. Mrs. Ernest Riggs and Sunny left the same morning by steamer, returning to Thessaloniki.

Rev. S.W. Gentle-Cackett of the B.L.M.A.S., London, is expected today, for a short visit in Stamboul.

Pierce College, Elleniko, is full to capacity, with a total enrolment of 326, 90 of whom are boarders. This is 15 more boarders than they planned to take; so a teacher's room and a teachers' sitting-room are converted into dormitories, and even so they turned away 20 or more boarders and many day students for lack of room.

There are two new American teachers on the Staff:- Miss Ruth Harlow, Smith 1937, M.A. Columbia, 1938; and Miss Kathryn Howard, Holyoke 1936, with two years' teaching at Wheaton College. Mrs. J.A. Jones, of Seattle, Wash., sister of Dr. Mills, is spending the year there, and is making herself useful in boarding department and school. Miss Glennie is in the library again after a year's absence in Scotland.

Dr. and Mrs. F.W. MacCallum, after a couple of weeks in Old Phaleron with their sisters, have come to visit their son in Hissar, and will be staying here till after Christmas. They have received a most enthusiastic welcome from their many friends.

Rev. and Mrs. J.K. Birge left town Monday morning by train south and east, on their way to the great Conference at Madras next month.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, Nov.26,1938.

No.720.

Dear Friends:-

Thanksgiving Day coincided this year with the second day of Sheker Bayram, and so was doubly celebrated. However, since it came in the midst of the official mourning for the late President, festivities were much curtailed, and the general station celebration planned, for, at the Scutari School, was given up. Likewise, since the American Ambassador was in Angora, there was no reception at the American Embassy building in Stamboul. The Bayram celebrations also were very quiet; and we understand the children did not have as happy days as usual. Many other events that had been planned for this season have been postponed, including concerts, plays etc. The cinemas are now showing to good audiences the films of the Presidential funeral, including the lying in state at Dolma Baghtche, and the processions at Stamboul and Angora.

The remains of the late Atatürk were carried with great pomp and ceremony, as planned, from the palace, across the Galata Bridge, and to Saray Burnu, or the Seraglio Point, thence by destroyer over to the battle cruiser "Yavouz", which conveyed them to Izmit, and from there they went by train to Angora. The ceremonies there were impressive, and the body has been placed in the Ethnological Museum hall, to be kept until the mausoleum is ready.

Rev. S.W.Gentle-Cackett and Mr.Fear, of the Bible Lands Missions Aid Society, arrived in Stamboul on the morning of the Presidential funeral procession, and could not get from the railway station to the Bible House until the cortege had passed by. Mr. Gentle-Cackett preached the next morning at the Gedik Pasha Church, and on Thursday the two gentlemen left for Aleppo, Beirut, and on to Egypt and the Sudan, before returning to England.

Word comes of a serious accident to Rev. Mr.Raymer, rector of the English Church in Athens, who was knocked down and seriously injured by an automobile, but is apparently recovering.

We have also heard of Mrs. Finney Markham having undergone a serious operation for appendicitis, performed just in time to save her life, so that she was expected home again from the hospital early in November.

Mrs. J.P.McNaughton and Miss Jeannie Jillson have gone to San Diego, California, to be with Mrs. McNaughton's daughter, Mrs.J.M.Hester, at 4817 Oregon Street, for the winter.

Rev. Henry H.Riggs left Beirut on Monday, Nov.14, on his way to the Conference at Madras, making brief visits in some of the Irak Mission stations on the way, and also attending a conference at Delhi, previous to the one at Madras.

President Alford Carleton of Aleppo College has also been invited to attend the Madras Conference.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T.Riggs.

No.721

Bible House, Stamboul, December 3, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

In place of Dr. Carleton of Aleppo, who could not arrange to go to the Madras Conference, Rev. F. L. White, of the Presbyterian Mission in Syria, is on his way there,

Rev. Malcolm Van Dyke, pastor at Lansdowne, Penn., one of the Presbyterian Board Deputation to Syria, passed through Stamboul this week on his way back to America.

Mrs. L.A. Shepard and Bob returned from Gaziantep on Tuesday last, having had a fine trip despite minor inconveniences en route. They were much pleased with the Aintab Hospital and its grand work; and report our colleagues there as well and busy. On their way thither they stopped at Arsus and Adana; and on the return journey they called in at Talas where they had a good visit.

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Mr. reports a total of 110 boys in the Talas School of whom 80 are sent and paid for by the Government, most of them from villages new for the school. He says they are "worthy- steady, hardworking."

Anatolia College has been having a good and profitable visit from Rev. Russell H. Stafford, Chairman of the College Trustees, and chairman also of the Prudential Committee of the American Board. He arrived on Nov. 22nd, and put in two very full days, and giving the College authorities strong encouragement to go ahead. He was enthusiastic over the situation, buildings, student body, and staff of the institution. He and President Riggs went to Athens to see the Minister of Education, but unfortunately the latter had just resigned and was not available.

On Saturday, Nov. 26th, the Anatolia College soccer team met the Athens College team at Athens in a fine contest; the former were ahead 2 - 0 at the end of the first half; but Athens came from behind, to win out at 3 - 2.

President Wright of the American Colleges here, and Professor Huseyn Pektash, were in Angora for the funeral services of the late President Atatürk, and were greatly impressed with the dignity and solemnity of all the exercises. The British marines from H.M.S. "Malaya" made a particularly favorable impression as they marched in the ceremony; so also did the presence of General Birdwood as representing the King of England.

We spoke four weeks ago of the fact that at Aleppo College the total enrolment was nearly double that of last year, and the receipts for student payments had much more than doubled. Now comes word from Anatolia College, Thessaloniki, that the proportion of the College budget met by student payments has increased as follows:- 1933-34, 26%; 1934-36, 30%; 1936-37, 37%; 1937-38, 41%; and 1938-39, or the present year, 50%. These are certainly encouraging items.

There are still on hand a limited number of copies of our issue of Nov. 12, with a sketch of the life of President Atatürk, which we shall be glad to send to any address if desired.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Dec. 10, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

Miss Mary Ward left Herzifon the day after Thanksgiving, and went to Smyrna by rail, making a little stop at Angora on the way. Miss De Remer is also staying at Smyrna for the present, to assist in the Girls' School.

We would express our deep sympathy to Miss Dorothy Blatter at Albion, Nebraska, in the recent passing of her father, who had been far from well for some time, and succumbed to a heart attack.

After most interesting visits in Kuwait, Arabia and Amara, Irak, Rev. H.H. Riggs returned to Basra the day after Thanksgiving and found Dr. and Mrs. Birge there. The three of them, with Rev. Farid Audi of Nazareth, were to sail from Basra November 27th for India, on their way to Madras.

Mrs. D.C. Sewny of Anatolia College writes of most interesting visits along her way across the American Continent, with a number of Near East people, including Mr. and Mrs. George D. White, Mrs. Betty Lewis Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Lee Myer, Dr. & Mrs. Wilson Dodd, Mrs. Helen Post Ross, the Nollen sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Wingate, Dr. and Mrs. George E. White, Miss Gertrude Anthony and Mrs. Burt, the two latter ones of the Near East Relief. Mrs. Sewny is now happily settled at 631 Harvard Avenue, Claremont, California.

Dr. W.H. Peet writes that he is expecting his son Will to spend Christmas with him and Mrs. Herphill in Chattanooga.

The new President of the Republic, Ismet Inönü, is making his first tour of inspection, having gone this week to Kastamonu and its environs, including Tash-Köprü and Dadaş, and as announced, planning to go on to Inebolu, and by sea to Zonguldak; after examining the coal deposits there and their workings, he expects to return by way of Karabük and Filyos to Angora. The Presidential yacht "Savaron" left yesterday from the Bosphorus, to be on hand for the short sea-trip.

The new Governor-Mayor of the city of Stamboul, Dr. Lütfi Kindar, has arrived and taken up his new office. His predecessor, Mouhiddin Ustündağ, is being investigated as to his conduct in office.

One hundred years ago, on September 3, 1838, Cyrus Hamlin and Henrietta Jackson were married, in Dorset, Vermont; and on December 3, 1838, they sailed out of the port of Boston, arriving in Constantinople on February 4, 1839. That long voyage on the little bark "Eunorus", was a very different affair, on those stormy seas, in both time and comfort, from the crossings of today in the floating palace "Queen Mary", on which he might have started out a century later. It took them forty-five days of continuous sailings to make the distance between Boston and Smyrna.

Tomorrow afternoon, an organ recital in memoriam and in honor of the late President Atatürk, will be given in the Auditorium at Robert College by Professor Estes.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:-

Miss S. Evelyn Woodward of Smyrna is expected up at the Bible House on Christmas Eve, for a little visit of a few days.

The expected visit by Rev. T. C. Kerr to the factory construction works at Karabük, which had been twice postponed, once owing to the funeral of the former President, and again owing to a prospective visit to the factory by the newly elected President of the Republic, has now been indefinitely postponed, probably into the new year.

Dr. and Mrs. B. V. D. Post of Robert College, with their son Davis, have gone to Switzerland to spend the holidays.

The organ recital in memory of the late President Atatürk, given at Robert College last Sunday by Professor Estes, was very well-attended, and was impressive and much enjoyed.

Among the recent acquisitions of the Mission Library are:-

The Choice Before Us,	E. Stanley Jones,	1937
Revelation and Response	Edgar P. Dickie	1938
Resources for Living	Gaius Glenn Atkins	1938
The Church Can Save the World	S. M. Shoemaker	1938
A Working Faith for the World	Hugh Vernon White	1938
Evangelism for the World Today	John R. Mott, ed.	1938
Religious Liberty in the Near East	H. C. W. Davis	1938
Zogu the First, King of Albania	Christo A. Dako	1937
History of Expansion of Christianity, Vol. II.,		
The 1000 Years of Uncertainty	K. S. Latourette	1938
My Father: An Intimate Portrait of D. L. Moody	P. D. Moody	1938
Son to Susanna: Life of J. Wesley	G. Elsie Harrison	1938
The Validity of the Gospel Record	Ernest F. Scott	1938
Christian Message in a Non-Christian World	H. Kraemer	1938
Hearken Unto the Voice	Franz Werfel	1938
Does Civilization Need Religion?	Reinhold Niebuhr	1928
The Primitive Church	Burnett H. Streeter	1929
Christian Outlook in Modern World	C. F. D. Mearns	1929
D. L. Moody	William A. Moody	1930

Also, the fifth and last portion of the Supplement to the Encyclopaedia of Islam, completing this monumental work:

Mrs. Edith Macallum Laird, of Beirut University, is expected to arrive in Hissar on Thursday next, coming to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents and her brother and family.

At last accounts, Messrs. George-Cookett and Pear of the Bible Lands Mission Aid Society were spending a few days in the Lebanon as guests of Miss Freerson, just before leaving for Egypt.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Dec. 24, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

An anticipated in our last, Mrs. Edith MacCallum Laird arrived from Beirut on Thursday evening by train, coming to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents and her brother and his family, in Hissar.

With her on the same train was Miss Margaret L. Cowdin, assistant treasurer of the Presbyterian Mission in Persia, coming from Teheran and on her way to America on a visit. Despite all recent storms in Anatolia, the train was exactly on time.

Miss S. Evelyn Woodward of Smyrna came in by steamer on Thursday morning, to be here for part of the winter holidays. Owing to the prevalence of the grippe in that city, their school and aylothers had been ordered to take a vacation, until conditions should be improved. There is plenty of grippe in Stamboul also, but no such measure has yet been considered necessary.

Rev. and Mrs. Maronger, for the past twelve years French missionaries in Madagascar, have arrived here, with the expectation of spending perhaps a couple of months, and he is to conduct some services in French under the auspices of the Union Church of Pera, for persons not understanding English. He was here in 1931, in connection with work as chaplain among the Malagasy troops that the French had in this city, in Beirut, and elsewhere during the occupation; so that he is not altogether a stranger in this city.

Stamboul Station held its annual Christmas gathering at the Kreider residence in Rumeli Hissar, Thursday evening last, when several friends met with them for a Christmas tree, a Nativity pageant, and tea, cake, and ice-cream.

The Christmas song service of Dr. and Mrs. Huntington for the community was held last Sunday afternoon, with nearly a hundred and fifty people present. It was a joy to have the Huntington family again in their home and able to receive the community in this happy way.

Another entertainment of the past week was an old-fashioned "Singing School," conducted by Professor Barnum, before a large number of guests at the Fowle house, Tuesday evening last. Professor Estes was at the organ; and the guests were very hilarious over it.

In a letter from San Diego, California, Mrs. McNaughton extends to their friends best wishes for the New Year. She and Miss Jillson are happily settled with her daughter Mrs. Hester for the winter.

Snow is reported to have fallen in considerable quantity in the regions of Shabin Kara Hissar in Anatolia, and Rodosto (Tekirdagh) in Thrace, during the past week. None yet around Stamboul.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, Dec. 31, 1938.

Dear Friends:-

We take this opportunity to wish our many readers all a very happy and blessed New Year.

Tarsus College takes pleasure in the fact that Havri Toroslu, one of the pupils in their second class, won a place in the Book of Honor (Şeref Kitabı), which contains the winning writings in the competition arranged jointly by the Ministry of Education and the People's Party on the occasion of the Fifteenth Anniversary of the Turkish Republic.

Tarsus College is busy as usual, and in general things are going well. The new Swiss teacher, Andre Deponds, passed through Stamboul last week and is now at work in the College. The athletic program of the year has commenced, with a visit of 25 teachers and pupils from the Adana Normal School, with whom the College played football and volley-ball. Dr. and Mrs. Haas came over from Adana for Christmas day.

Rev. Henry H. Riggs writes from Moga, India, of a happy visit there with Mr. Arthur Harper, who was from 1908 to 1911 a tutor in Euphrates College, Harpout, and is now the Principal of the Training School for Village Teachers, of the United Church of North India. He and his wife are doing a remarkably fine piece of work, and in addition to their duties in that school, have both been appointed by the Punjab Government on the committee to re-draw the course of study in the government school system.

Dr. and Mrs. Sirge, on their way to Basra to take boat for India, stopped at Baghdad long enough to visit the Shiite holy cities of Kazimeyn, Kербela, and Nejef; also Hilla. They expected to see Mugheir, - Ur of the Chaldees, - also, but did not succeed. They saw also the University grade Teachers' College at Baghdad, and talked with Dr. Jemali, a Columbia Teachers College Ph.D., head of the Irak Committee on Public Instruction.

Miss Cowden, of Teheran, left Stamboul Tuesday by rail for Athens, to go on thence to America by American Export steamer, Miss Woodward of Smyrna has returned to her post.

Miss Katherine Howard, of Pierce College, Elleniko, with Miss Betty Harlow and two other students, spent the Christmas vacation in Thessaloniki; and they were among the twenty-six who sat down at a fine Christmas dinner at the home of President and Mrs. Riggs a week ago.

Mr. Herbert B. King, whom many of our readers will remember as connected from 1913 to 1918 with Samokov Station and from 1923 to 1930 with Sofia Station, is now connected as engineer with Pomona College, California, his alma mater, as superintendent of buildings and grounds.

We regret to learn of the serious illness of Dr. George E. White, at Omaha, Nebr., with an internal hemorrhage that threatened his life.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.