

Bible House, Stamboul, Jan. 2, 1934.

Dear friends:-

A Happy New Year to each of you! May rich blessings be yours and ours, in inward peace and happiness and outward employment.

BORN:-On December 29th, at the American Hospital, Nishantash, Pera to Dr. and Mrs. Lorrin Shepard, a daughter, Constance, weight 8 1/4 lbs. All goes well. There are now three boys and two girls in the family.

The engagement is announced of Miss Feichtinger, of the American Collegiate Institute, Smyrna, to Dr. Calvin Keene, who is this year completing his three year term as tutor in the International College, Smyrna.

Miss Lucie Dorel, formerly of Adana Station, asks us to convey to all her friends in our Mission, in Turkey, Greece, and Syria, her very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. She would also acknowledge many letters sent her to Auvornier, Switzerland, where she now is.

Miss Jones, of the Sofia American College staff, passed through here last week on her way for a vacation in Syria, Palestine and Egypt.

A very pleasant reception was held yesterday at the American Embassy in Pera, when Ambassador and Mrs. Skinner extended to the American colony their best wishes for the New Year.

Dr. Parker, the American lady who has been teaching in Angora, and who has been appointed to inspect all Turkish schools and make recommendations to the Government, has been spending a few days in Stamboul during her three weeks' leave. She was joined here by her sister, who has been teaching in the Turkish Girls' School which occupies the American School buildings at Brousa.

An event of more than usual interest is to occur in the near future, in a visit to the land of their birth, of the three Farnsworth sisters, whose average age must not be far short of the allotted three score years and ten. Miss Ellen Farnsworth, Mrs. Edward Gulick (Harriet) and Mrs. William A. Little (Charlotte) are planning to come to Stamboul on the Cunard Tourist steamer "Aquitania" arriving here Feb. 21st, and remain here till the return of the same steamer on March 21st, returning thus to America. Mrs. Little, the youngest, has not been back to Turkey since she was eleven years old. One does not often hear of such remarkable energy and enterprize in a trio like this. They will make the home of their nephew Mr. Luther Fowle their abiding-place; and may very likely go also to Caesarea and Talas during that month.

The dance given for the benefit of the American Hospital in Stamboul, last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, netted for the Hospital Trustees the sum of 1335 liras.

Dr. Shepard had to miss the Christmas celebration in his own home, for he was on an emergency trip to Smyrna, where he had to operate on Miss Hall, of the American Consulate, amputating a limb to save her life. She is making progress, though the doctors at last accounts had not yet pronounced her out of danger.

President Cass A. Reed of International College arrived in our city yesterday, on a brief visit.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

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Bible House, Stamboul, Jan. 9, 1934.

Dear friends:-

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Clark, of Merzifon, are rejoicing over the news of the arrival of their first grandchild, a boy, David Charles, born to Mr. Charles A. and Mrs. (Ruth Clark) Buesink of Adrian, Mich., on December 13th, 1933.

The metric system of weights and measures went into general and official use throughout this country with the New Year. Henceforth the metre and the kilogram will replace the arshin and the oke. People have to be careful not to expect an oke when buying by the kilogram; one kilogram is 312 drams, or just over three quarters of an oke; and one oke is 1.28 kilograms.

The Hissar Players gave two presentations last week at Robert College of the famous play "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," both very well attended and highly appreciated.

The formalities connected with transfer of title for the property of the Brousa Girls' School have been completed, and the sale is accomplished, to the Türk Maarif Cemiyeti, or Education Society. The school in Brousa was begun by Miss Ursula Clarke (afterward Mrs. Marsh) in 1869; but after Miss Julia Kappleve went there, the present site was secured in 1830 and the school building put up in 1881. Later the residence building was added; and these two have now been sold. The Turkish school for girls now being conducted there is quite successful.

Miss Lucina Ackerley, who is now teaching in Angora, spent the Christmas and New Year Holiday with the Nute family at Talas.

Our friends will be interested to know that unless present calculations fail, the Night of Power, or Kadir Gedgesi, will occur on Saturday evening of this week, which, according to the Moslem reckoning, is the evening of the following day, since their day begins at sunset.

The villages around Talas and Caesarea, as well as Talas itself, are being governmentally relieved of all Armenians who were not born there. Still, after this clearing-out, there still remain in Talas by government count 122 native Armenians, big and little.

Replies have not yet come in from quite all of our Stations, but all indications point to the holding of a Mission Conference early in February for the consideration of how to arrange our greatly reduced budget.

The local dailies inform us of the appointment of a special educational commission to decide on reforms to be introduced in the methods of primary and secondary teaching throughout the country. It is proposed to adopt some of the American and English system, by having the pupils classified according to their psychological and physical abilities, rather than arbitrarily according to age, and having their instruction graded in consequence.

The Week of Prayer is being generally observed in the Evangelical churches of this city.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Higgs

Bible House, Stamboul, Jan. 17, 1934.

Dear friends:-

Word has come of the death of Mrs. Mary A. Hall, who for two different terms of service was connected with the American College for Girls in Stamboul. She passed away on New Year's Day, at the hospital in Plainfield, N.J. For some time she had not been well; she suffered greatly from arthritis, but the end came peacefully. Miss Hall was at the College for some years previous to 1908, and again from 1919 to her withdrawal on June 23rd, 1931. Many of our readers will remember not only her, but also her niece, Mrs. Julia Hall Gout, who was in Plainfield at her father's home at the time of Miss Hall's death.

Mr. Robert J. Greef, of the Talas Boys' School, is in this city for his mid-year vacation.

President Paul Monroe spent some days in Angora last week on business for the two Colleges.

The Moslem Bayram festival is being observed today, tomorrow, and the next day. All schools are having their holidays.

Mr. George Miles of Robert College is leaving in a short time on an archaeological expedition to Persia, which is to excavate at a point near Teheran. The undertaking is financed by the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Miles's work as headmaster of Anderson Hall is to be taken up in his absence by Mr. William Baxter, who was an instructor there some years ago, and is expected next week on his return from the United States.

His Excellency the President of the Turkish Republic is expected to arrive from Angora in a few days, probably on Friday.

The Hellenic Government is sending as a gift to President Mustafa Kemal, to the Premier Ismet Pasha, and to Kewfik Rushdi Bey and Kiazim Pasha, four magnificent antique vases, from the Archaeological Museum at Athens. They date from the fourth century before Christ, and will be brought over here by special messenger.

The registration at Beirut University this year is slightly lower than last year, being 1421 as compared with 1473. The French School, and the schools of Pharmacy and Dentistry, and the Institute of Music show an increase. The School of Arts and Sciences has fallen from 530 to 498, and the Elementary School from 250 to 178. The Iraqi students have increased from 114 to 129, of whom 40 are Government bursees. Geographically the distribution is wide. From the Lebanon come 618; 238 are Palestinians; 105 Syrians; 78 Egyptians (the largest number in three years); 62 from the United States; 43 Persians; and so on down, including one each from Albania, Arabia, Assyria, Bulgaria, Germany, Porto Rico, Roumania, Switzerland, and Venezuela. In religious affiliation, there are 688 non-Christians, including 405 Sunni Moslems, 146 Jews, 69 Druzes; and 733 Christians, including 261 Greek Orthodox, 228 Protestants, and 60 Gregorians.

We regret very much to learn that the Near East Foundation has decided to cease supporting the Bulgarian Folk School at Pordic, which was started by Dr. and Mrs. Edward B. Haskell and has continuously been under their charge. The present arrangement is to continue until April 1st. The Bulgarian Government has always been deeply appreciative of the work of the School, and has shown its favor in many ways. There is now a prospect that the Government may take over the School after that date.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Higgs.

Dear friends:-

The school statistics for the current school year are somewhat tardy, but we trust they will be interesting just the same. It is humbly acknowledged that they are not complete: and we trust no illwill results if some whole schools have been omitted, and if some figures prove wrong or misleading.

<u>Schools in Turkey</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Orta Grades</u>	<u>Lise Grades</u>	<u>Boarders</u>	<u>Day Scholars</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>
Merzifon	48	48		27	21	48	
Scutari	165	115	50	54	111	165	
Smyrna	105	72	33	6	99	105	
Talas	58(a)	58		15(b)	29		58
Tarsus	62(c)	30	32	40	22		62
	<u>438</u>	<u>323</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>282</u>	<u>318</u>	<u>120</u>

<u>In Greece & Syria & Bulgaria</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Prep. School</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Special Board.</u>	<u>Day Sch.</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>
Aleppo	80	49(d)	31		80	80	
Beirut	81	(e)	91		81	48	33
Salonica	118	24	92	2	30	83	118
Jordim	38	32(f)	6		38	38	
	<u>317</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>249</u>	<u>284</u>

<u>COLLEGES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Prep.</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>3. Colles</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Board.</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>
Aleppo	116	42(g)	34	40		24	92		116
Anatolia	154	26	98	28	2	48	106		154
Athens (B)	373	180	193			83	290		373
Athens Jr.(G)	216					60	156	216	
Beirut Univ.	1421	178	230	498(h)	515(i)	585	836	111	1310
Internat'l	146		62	74	10(j)	50	96		146
Robert	490	34	198	119	139(k)	166	308(l)		490
Sofia	510	21(m)	193	296		510		236	253
Cons/ple G.	271	62	75	134		81	190	271	
	<u>3597</u>	<u>543</u>	<u>1083</u>	<u>1189</u>	<u>668</u>	<u>1607</u>	<u>2074</u>	<u>834</u>	<u>2842</u>

Grand Total 4452 971 1408 1189 668 1797 2605 1436 2995

- (a) also 6 apprentices. (b) 14 boys in Yati Yurdu.
 (c) also 3 specials, part time. (d) i.e., in 2 Junior High School classes.
 (e) 29 in kindergarten & 107 in preparatory grades, under church control.
 (f) 32 First-year & 6 Second-year pupils.
 (g) Aleppo College has 2 Jr. High and 3 High School & 3 College classes.
 (h) Arts & Sciences.
 (i) French School, 202; Medicine, 123; Pharmacy, 72; Music, 50; Nursing, 48; Dentistry, 20.
 (j) Special Farm Course, boarders.
 (k) Engineers, 128; Specials, 11. (l) Dodgers, 16.
 (m) in lower schools. The Graduating class has 41 girls, 25 boys.

In reckoning the grand totals, the Orta and Lise Grades in our schools in Turkey are counted respectively as of preparatory and high school rank, although the terms are not exactly equivalent.

Figures for Athens Junior College for Girls not yet received; nor for School of Theology, Beirut. Athens enrollment was reported in November as 216, of whom 60 are boarders.

Athens and Sofia Colleges report the largest enrollment on record. Merzifon, Talas and Tarsus show larger attendance than last year; Scutari would also, had they not dropped one class, - the lowest. The entering or izhari class at Merzifon numbers 19.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Higgs.

Dear friends:-

The Week of Prayer was observed in all the evangelical churches of Athens, the meetings being well attended and with a deep interest. At Beirut, the closing meeting of the week was rather unique. It was a joint Communion service of the Anglo-American, the Arabic, and the Armenian Evangelical Churches, to which were invited the members of all the other Evangelical churches; there was an attendance of about six hundred, and six pastors conducted in six languages, - Arabic, Armenian, English, French, German, and Turkish. All the hymns were sung in all six languages at once; and the Lord's Prayer and the 23rd Psalm were recited in this form of unison. There were eight deacons. So deep was the impression made, that all united in desiring that the custom be kept up every year.

Dr. Lorrin Shepard returned from a second visit to Smyrna last Friday, bringing with him Miss Hall of the American Consulate for a period of recuperation after her operation. With him came also Mrs. Paul Monroe and Professor Tubini, who had been to Smyrna on a visit.

Miss Edith Cold, of Marash, left Stamboul this morning by steamer for Beirut, where she expects to spend some weeks visiting the Misses Webb. On the same steamer went Mrs. Edgar J. Fisher, returning to her family after seeing to the disposition of their belongings here.

Athens Station has recently enjoyed visits from Miss Morley, Mrs. Sewny, Miss Harley, and President E. W. Riggs, from Salonica. Miss Walker of Auburndale is also staying at the Brewster home for a time.

The Albanian-American Institute at Kavaje is really composed of two distinct schools:- the Boys' Farm School, with 72 students, and the Girls' School, with 63. All students are boarders, and the course in both is a High School course entirely. Mr. Joseph W. Beach is Director of both.

We have received from Dr. McNaughton, who is wintering in Florida, clippings telling of the Epiphany celebrations of the Greek Orthodox community of Tarpon Springs, Florida. Archbishop Athenagoras, head of the Greek Church in America, was present, and after the morning service, threw the cross into the water, in quite the traditional way. It was rescued by a young Greek sponge-diver named Michael Eliou, in the presence of a crowd estimated at 10,000 or over. The procession was most picturesque, with many in Greek national costume. This celebration of the baptism of our Lord has been observed thus on the west coast of Florida for the past thirty years, in virtue of the presence there of quite a sponge-diving Greek colony.

The Girls' Playground at Adana was reopened Jan. 8th, and Miss Brauer says that all the youngsters around as well as their mothers seem to be delighted. There is good hope that the Boys' playground may be started shortly, under Turkish management.

In accordance with the desire of the Mission, and at the invitation of the Department of Public Instruction, Mr. Paul Nilson has made an examination of the situation in Mardin with regard to a possible start in Trades education there. He was accompanied by Halil Bey, Director of the Trades School at Diyarbakir; and they also visited that famous walled city later. Mr. Nilson has returned to Talas, well satisfied with the visit.

Rev. William C. Cooper and family, formerly of Philipopolis, Bulgaria, have settled down in Sumner, Illinois, the town of his boyhood.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

Mrs. Block and Mrs. Wilson arrived here from Talas yesterday. Mrs. Block came for treatment for her eye, which has been troubling her for a fortnight past, and is at the American Hospital. Mrs. Wilson hopes to return in a few days to Talas.

The Beirut News Letter records the passing away of Dr. Wm. S. Nelson of Tripoli, who has been a missionary of the Presbyterian Mission there for nearly forty-six years. He has been in the hospital for the past three months. The end came early Wednesday morning, Jan. 24th. A very large company gathered for the funeral; he was buried where his wife had been 12 years ago. He was the founder of the Tripoli Boys' School; and his splendid faith and undaunted spirit will long live in the memory of all who knew him.

Miss Ruth Barnum, youngest daughter of Prof. and Mrs. H. T. Barnum of Robert College, was operated on last evening for appendicitis by Dr. Loran Shepard at the American Hospital. All goes well.

No definite date has yet been set for the anticipated meeting of our Mission, the delay being in order to receive further particulars from a Prudential Committee meeting which is to take place one week from today, in Boston.

A most astounding fact is reported by Mr. H. H. Riggs of Beirut: "Yesterday we went out for a little drive. We went to a spot where Dr. Dorman told us he had found some flints, and there we found in the face of the cliff, any amount of flint artifacts embedded in the rock. The particular interest of this deposit as distinguished from the many similar ones around here is that this one is in the rock that cannot be less than several hundred thousand years old! In the first place it is in an alluvial deposit evidently laid down on the sea bottom, but not forty feet above sea level, and in the second place it is now in the face of a cliff which has been worn away by the sea till it is now nearly vertical, and these flints are in a layer that is overlain by a hundred feet or so of further deposits of fairly firm sandstone. When you begin to reckon how long it took after the man who chipped these flints were living for the limestone on which they lived to settle till sandstone was deposited on the remains; and then how long it took to deposit a hundred feet or so of sandstone on the top of them, and finally how long it took till the then ocean floor rose to 140 feet above sea level, and you have some years to reckon with!"

The cause of international understanding and friendship was helped along during the recent vacation trip taken by the sixty Robert College students to Athens, when the Faculty and older students of the Athens Junior College for Girls entertained that group, together with a similar group of about fifteen girls from Constantinople College, and a few other friends. An excellent spirit prevailed, and one almost forgot differences of race and tongue.

The Alumnae Association of Athens Junior College gave a tea with dancing, at the College, the last Saturday of January, and cleared over \$100 toward a scholarship fund which they were trying to raise. The guests, of whom there were over 200, were a very fine group, and everything went off well. Only students of the two Colleges classes were allowed to attend.

There will be a meeting of the Christian Workers' Union on Friday, February 16th, at 10:30 a.m., at the Dutch Chapel House, in connection with the World Day of Prayer. Mrs. Mula B. Lee will speak.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Feb. 13, 1934.

Dear friends:-

Mrs. F. E. Nilson left yesterday evening by train on her return to Talas, while Mrs. Block, whom she accompanied here, remains in the American Hospital for eye treatment.

After the copies were sent out to all our Stations of the Fellowship of Prayer for the Lenten season, and the Hand Book for 1934 of the Congregational and Christian Churches, another package arrived from Boston. If therefore any of our friends desire more copies of either, please notify the undersigned, who will gladly forward them.

The sympathies of all the mission circle will go out to Miss Annie E. Gordon, of Marash and Athens, now in Beeton, Ontario, on the sudden death of her brother, George Gordon, J.P., on Jan. 11th.

A part of the headquarters of the law courts, burned out in the destruction of the former Ministry of Justice, has been installed in the second and third floors of the Central Post Office building in Stamboul. There is talk of taking over that whole building, and placing the Central Post Office somewhere else: but that is not yet settled.

The well-known Turkish poet and patriot, Djenap Shehabeddin Bey, died yesterday, aged 64 years. He, with Tawfik Fikret Bey, formerly Professor of Turkish at Robert College, stood out as the foremost poets of the new literary movement in the first decade of this century; and while he was not of the most modern school, he was distinctly western in his outlook.

In the Williams College Record of recent date is an extract from the New York Times of July 4, 1865, describing a baseball game between Williams and Princeton, - apparently the second ever played between the two colleges, for the first was in 1864. The Williams nine was victorious, to the tune of 30 - 17; but the interesting point is, that the scorer on the Princeton side was Edwards Riggs, who graduated that year from College, and was for forty-four years a missionary in Sivas and Merzifon, and was the father of the undersigned.

We would remind our readers in this city of the meeting of the Christian Workers' Union, in observation of the World Day of Prayer, on Friday next at 10:30 in the Dutch Chapel Manse, when Mrs. Lee will be the speaker.

The next Executive Committee of the Near East Christian Council will hold its meeting in Cairo, Egypt, March 22nd and 23rd. Miss Putney of our city expects to attend this meeting.

Mr. G. Bjo Ravndal, formerly Consul-General in our city, and Mrs. Ravndal are living at present at the Hotel Nordland, Munich, where they expect to stay till the middle of March.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, Feb. 20, 1934.

Dear friends:-

The many friends of Mrs. Lydia A.P. Flint will be sorry to learn of her retirement from the International College, Smyrna, where since 1925 she has occupied an important place in the administration, having had charge of the large boarding department and given instruction in household economy, after many years of activity in various forms of social and religious work, in her home city of Syracuse, N.Y., Mrs. Flint with her late husband Mr. Harry Flint, volunteered for overseas service with the Y.M.C.A., and spent some time during the war in France and England. Mr. and Mrs. Flint came to Constantinople in 1919, where Mr. Flint was associated with Dr. Peet in the Mission Treasury work, and later volunteered for the Near East Relief, in whose service he contracted typhus and died in 1923. Mrs. Flint had meantime become "Y Mother" to the thousands of American sailors in these waters, and in the Sailors' Club in Pera was the confidante of all ranks in the service. In 1924 she entered the Mission Language School, and a year later joined the College staff at Smyrna, where she has a host of friends. In 1929 she received full missionary appointment from the American Board, as a member of the Near East Mission. Although her normal time of retirement was June 1934, she was able to be relieved a few months earlier, and is taking the S.S. "Aquitania" at Athens. On Feb. 18th a farewell party was given in her honor by the Staff at Kennarden Lodge, and testimonials presented showing the large place she has filled in the work in the Near East these fifteen years. Mrs. Flint expects to reside in Syracuse.

Mr. H. Tomboulian, for many years steward at Robert College passed away suddenly on Wednesday night last, of heart failure, at his home in Koumeli Hissar, aged sixty-five. He was native of Adabazar, and before coming to Robert College some thirty years ago, had served as teacher in the Adabazar Girls' High School, and still earlier in the Bithynia High School at Baghtchedjik, where he had also organized an orchestra, being proficient in violin playing. An efficient and tireless worker, he was friendly with everybody. He had been a faithful member of the Pera Evangelical Church. He leaves behind two daughters here, and a married son in Ithaca, N.Y. Mrs. Tomboulian died several years ago.

Professor Zink, of De Pauw University, and Mrs. Willett, a graduate of the same, are making a brief stay in this city, on their way around the world during his year of leave. They come from the Far East, having spent several months in Japan, China, and India, and are now on the home stretch.

The heavy snows of the past week in Stamboul, with moderately cold weather, have been matched by severe winter conditions in many parts of Anatolia, and unusual cold in Greece. Telegraph and telephone connections with Angora were cut for several days, but have been restored.

The schedule of the tourist steamer "Aquitania" has been modified owing to delays by storm, so that she will not touch our port. Dr. Paul Monroe and Professor and Mrs. George H. Huntington are expecting to go to Piraeus by Roumanian boat starting tomorrow, to board the big liner at that point, going to America.

Miss Rachel Snow, who has been spending some ten days of so in Angora as the guest of the Somerville family, returned here last Sunday morning.

Miss Bertha Morley, principal of the Salonica Girls School, has been laid aside for some time by a bad attack of bronchitis. She barely escaped pneumonia, but was making good progress at last accounts.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Bigs.

Bible House, Stamboul, Feb. 27, 1934.

Dear friends:-

Our sympathies go out to our colleagues, Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum, in their grief at news of the death of their brother, Dr. Ernest MacCallum of Kingston, Ontario, three weeks ago, after a brief illness of pneumonia. He and his wife visited their brother and sister here, some four years ago in March, and met some of our circle then.

Word has been received from Athens that Dr. and Mrs. Huntington and Dr. Monroe of Robert College made the transfer from the "Romania" in Piraeus harbor to the "Aquitania" in the Bay of Phaleron comfortably and were nicely settled on board the latter for their ocean voyage. It is the hope and expectation of all their friends that Dr. Huntington's health will be fully restored by this visit to the United States, and that he and Mrs. Huntington will be able to return to their work here in the near future. Dr. Monroe does not expect to be gone more than a few weeks.

Mrs. Emily Block of Talas, who underwent a serious operation last week at the American Hospital, is making a good convalescence and it is hoped that the sight of one eye is unimpaired.

Miss Ellen Farnsworth, Mrs. Edward Gulick, and Mrs. William A. Little, aunts of Mr. Luther Fowle, arrived on Friday last from Greece, having come out on the "Aquitania," and are making a visit in the Fowle home. On the same steamer came also Miss Ruggles, who has been associated with Miss Mitchell in social service work among the Russian refugees in this city, and who is now rejoining Miss Mitchell here.

Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Lyman, of Union Theological Seminary are taking a trip to various Medierranean countries, and are now in Palestine. They are expecting to be in Constantinople about a week, beginning March 27th.

The friends of the Athens Junior College for Girls are rejoicing in the word that the debt on the buildings of the College at Elleniko has been cleared off. This means a new era of prosperity for the young institution.

The edict has gone forth that the law passed some time since, forbidding the use of the old lattices, or "kafes", at the windows of houses, - a sign of the harem of old, - is to be enforced, and that transgressors will be punished. A similar law forbids also the placing of Arabic mottoes on the outside of houses, to ensure good luck; but while the former provision is on the ground of health, the latter is on the ground of abolishing vain superstitions.

Dr. Lorrin Shepard has gone to Angora, for an interview with the Minister of Health as to the future of the American Hospital in Stamboul.

It has been decided that the Mission Meeting to be held in Stamboul beginning March 24th will be the Annual Meeting for 1934, with reports from all Stations and whatever business needs to be transacted at that time. Details are now being worked out.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, March 6, 1934.

Dear friends:-

Mrs. Caroline Hyde Post, wife of Dr. Bertram v.D. Post of Robert College, passed away at their home in Roumeli Hissar yesterday evening, after an illness of several weeks. She was in her fifty-ninth year. Mrs. Post was the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Oscar J. Hardin, of the Presbyterian Mission in Beirut; she graduated at Vassar, and was married in 1901 to Dr. Post. They have been connected with Robert College for the last thirty years; and Mrs. Post made a very warm place for herself in the affection of all who knew her. She was very efficient in charitable work of many sorts. She was the mother of five children, four of whom survive her. Miss Dorothy Post, the elder daughter, arrived from America about three weeks ago, where she has been teaching. Miss Effie Post is also here. Mrs. Post will be greatly missed in the community. The funeral exercises will be held tomorrow afternoon at the Robert College Chapel.

Miss Lucina Ackerley arrived from Angora on Friday last, where she has been giving private instruction in the family of Major Summerville, and left this morning for Smyrna, where she will help out in the work of the American Collegiate Institute for the rest of the term.

On the same steamer with her went Miss Rachel Snow, who is on her way to Persia via Beirut and Damascus. Her visit will take in several of the Persian cities, and is expected to last about two months.

Miss Bertha Morley of Salonica School has gone with her sister, Mrs. J.K. Marden, to Old Phaleron for a period of recuperation in the Marden home.

Several of our staff of teachers and others are attending the course of lectures now being given at the Turkish University by the Minister of Public Instruction, Hikmet Bey, on the history of the Turkish Revolution. The second lecture occurs today.

Among the delegates expected at the coming Mission Annual Meeting at Izutari, are Dr. Haas from Adana, Mr. Woolworth from Tarsus, Dr. Dewey and Mr. Isely from Aintab, Pres. Merrill and Mr. Carleton from Aleppo, Dr. Marden from Athens, Mr. H.H. Riggs from Beirut, Dr. Dodd and Mr. Nilson from Talas, Mr. Lyman from Marash, Dr. Clark and Mrs. Blake from Merzifon, and Pres. E.W. Riggs from Salonica. Very probably there will be some others coming here besides the delegates.

The something like five hundred tourists on the S. S. Empress of Australia which came in Sunday and left yesterday, had a dismal, cold rainy day to view the city, We hope for better luck to those coming in on the Letitia, due here this coming Saturday. The Staatendam is due next Monday, and the Columbus on the 17th.

Rev. R.F. Macana, former pastor of the Union Church, Pera, is now settled as pastor of the St. Davids North Church of Dundee, Scotland.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Not less than five hundred people attended the funeral of Mrs. B.V.D. Post at the Robert College Chapel last week Wednesday. It was a deserved tribute to a lovely character. The floral emblems were numerous and beautiful. A very large number also gathered at the Ferikuey Cemetery for the interment service, for which weather conditions were good.

Mr. Luther Fowle and his three aunts left last Thursday evening for a visit to Angora together, and from there the three young septuagenarians were going on to see their old haunts in Caesarea and Palas, while Mr. Fowle, in company with Mr. Woolworth from Tarsus saw the officials of the Public Instruction Department for a conference.

Mr. Lyman MacCallum went to the American Hospital, "out of a blue sky," last Thursday, and had his appendix removed. It seems to have been a case of an ounce of prevention, and the cure is proceeding rapidly.

Athens was visited by a severe snowstorm and the very low temperature of 23 Fahr., the week ending Feb. 17th. All the schools of the city were closed by Government order on Thursday and Friday. The students at the Junior College for Girls collected the sum of 750 drachmas in gifts and this was used to help some poor families.

Miss Harriet Walker left Greece for Venice March 2nd, thus completing five months' visit in the missions of the Near East. She expects to reach New York March 28th.

The World's Day of Prayer last month was observed with three different meetings in Beirut, one each in Arabic, Armenian, and English, all well attended. In Salonica it was a joint service with several languages used. In Athens, in spite of terrific weather, nearly one hundred women gathered at the First Evang. Greek Church; and small groups met in other places to observe the day in their homes.

Founders' Day was observed at the Junior College for Girls at Elleniko. Ir. Means, of Bowdoin College, gave a lecture on the History of the Olympic Games, after which vines were planted around the new grape arbor, the gift of Mrs. Crosby, and trees around the new brick seat, the gift of Dr. Mills. The various classes also presented gifts of trees, which were set out around the campus.

The week of Feb. 25 - March 3 was set aside by the Greek Orthodox Church in Greece as "Home Missions Week." The services were planned by the newly organized "Apostolic Diaconate". On Sunday a special mass was celebrated in the Athens Cathedral, the Bishop of Siatista preached, emphasizing the importance of Home Mission work in the Church. On Monday and Tuesday special preaching services were held for soldiers and sailors in barracks and stations. Lectures have been given by leading preachers in Athens. On Thursday evening, Dr. P. Trebelas, one of the leaders in the Zoe movement, spoke on the subject of "The Home Mission Movement and its Workers." He made an impassioned appeal to the bishops, the priesthood, and to men and women, to prepare themselves for spiritual tasks by coming into communion with God through a study of the Scriptures, to call only those spiritually prepared to the offices of the Church, and to carry on the work of evangelization by all methods in harmony with a spiritual interpretation of the Gospel. It was the strongest appeal for spiritual preparation in the Church that has been heard in Athens in many a year. The lecturer was several times interrupted with loud applause. He received the congratulations of many, including the Archbishop, at the close the lecture.

Miss Emily McCallum arrived in Stamboul Sunday last, from Old Phaleron, to spend some time with her brother and family here.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Figgs.

Dear friends:-

Our hopes were raised by a notice in the February Missionary Review of the World, stating that Dr. E. Stanley Jones would be returning at about this time to India by way of Turkey. Investigation however has shown that according to his present plans, Dr. Jones is now in Holland, and goes thence to Scandinavia, Russia, and Persia, via Raku and Teheran, then on via Bagdad and Basra to India. We shall therefore not be able to see him at this time.

On March 1st, the Adana Municipality opened once more the Boys' Playground which had to be closed as part of the retrenchment program of the Mission; and it is now being run by the Government. The boys are glad to have once more the opportunities of the playground.

After an interesting visit to Caesarea and Talas, Miss Ellen Farnsworth, Mrs. Gulick and Mrs. Little are expecting to board the tourist steamer "Aquitania" on Thursday of this week, on their return to America. These ladies have seen many changes in the land of their childhood, since they were last here.

The London Times of March 9 contained this extract from its issue of one hundred years ago;- March 10, 1834:-

Correspondence from Constantinople:- "I have in a former letter spoken of the establishment of Lancasterian schools for the education of the Turks. It will perhaps prove gratifying to your readers to peruse the following extract from a letter lately written by Mr. W. Goodell, Missionary of the A.E.C.F.M.... After giving a description of the Greek schools he succeeded in establishing, he adds - "These schools were repeatedly visited by Turkish Effendis, who always expressed their gratification and their desire to see the same system in operation among themselves. Achmet Pasha had encouraged them to make trial of the same system among the Turkish soldiers. Some of these Turkish officers are as fine young men as I have seen. They are very affable in conversation, and gentlemanly in their appearance, and on the subject of education they are full of fire and enthusiasm. They have pressed, and urged, and goaded us beyond measure for books, books, books."

Mr. Lyman MacCallum has returned to his office work after his recent operation at the American Hospital, and is recovering strength.

Miss Douglass, teacher in our Girls' School in Smyrna, is in the American Hospital under Dr. Shepard's care for observation and treatment.

Mrs. Mackie, mother of Mrs. Scherer of Beirut, and widow of a Scotch Missionary to the Jews who was for years pastor of the Anglo-American Congregation in Beirut, died in that city March 10th, aged 82 years. "Everything about her closing years and her peaceful translation, has left a memory of sweetness and beauty."

Miss Mary L. Varden is expecting to come on to Constantinople with her brother, Dr. J.K. Varden, at the time of Annual Meeting, and see the city. Together with most of the delegates to the meeting from other points, they expect to arrive on Friday next.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Starbowl, April 10, 1934.

Dear friends:-

Owing to pressure of business during Annual Meeting, this is the first issue since March 20th. We crave the leniency of our readers.

The Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission was held in the American Academy at Scutari, March 24th to April 3rd. This is the earliest date at which such a meeting has been held, as far as memory is a guide. The early date was considered essential because of possible complications due to the closing down of mission work, and in order to give time for necessary adjustments following the decisions of the meeting. It was also a relatively small meeting, there being only twenty-four delegates in all. These were:-

Adana,	Dr. Haas, Mr. Woolworth.
Aintab,	Dr. Dewey, Mr. Conkerson.
Aleppo,	Dr. Merrill, Mr. Cardston.
Athens,	Dr. Mills, Dr. Marden.
Beirut,	Mr. H. H. Riggs.
Caesarea,	Dr. Dodd, Mr. Niles.
Cons'ple,	Dr. MacCallum, Miss Loughridge.
Marash,	Mr. Lyman.
Mardin,	Miss Fenenga.
Merzifon,	Dr. Clark, Mrs. Blake.
Salonica,	President E. W. Riggs, Mr. Getchell.
Smyrna,	Miss Parsons, Miss Greene.
Ex-officio,	Mr. Birge, Mr. Fowle, Mr. C.T. Riggs.

Others present for part or all of the time included Mrs. Clark, Mrs. E. W. Riggs, Miss Doughlas, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mrs. Nute and her son W.L. Jr., and Miss Mary L. Marden, sister of Dr. J. K. Marden.

The great problem before the meeting was the retrenchment program demanded by the financial straits of the American Board. After much time had been spent on this difficult subject, it was decided to close up the Hospitals in Adana and Talas; also to close out the agricultural work in Aintab. It was also agreed that four of the Mission families should withdraw from the Mission; but in as much as the decisions need confirmation from Boston, we will not here record the details. In these ways the work of the entire Mission is being cut down by nearly or quite one-third. For the time, at least, it seems possible to continue all the five schools; but this may not be feasible another year.

The Mission was shocked to receive during the meeting a cable from Boston announcing the passing away of Miss Lucile Foreman, on March 28th, presumably in a Boston hospital, where she had undergone an operation a few days earlier. Miss Foreman was born in Masillon, Ohio, Feb. 23, 1868, and was connected with the Girls' School in Aintab from 1894 to 1904, and from 1909 to 1917, and from 1921 to 1932 with that at Aleppo. Her bright, sunny disposition and her tireless energy, as well as her deep spiritual nature and warm friendship made her life an inspiration to all who knew her. Two years ago this month she went to England for a brief furlough, expecting to be back in six months; but the state of her health made it necessary later to go to America, and she was unable to return. The Aleppo School loses thus its Principal, and the Mission a valued member.

Mr. Howland Shaw, of the American Embassy, addressed the meeting one afternoon, and took tea with the delegates.

(Continued in our next.)

Dr. Eugene Lyman, of Union Theological Seminary, and Mrs. Lyman, have been making a stay of two weeks in this city. Dr. Lyman preached at Robert College on Easter Sunday, and in the afternoon came to the Scutari School and both he and Mrs. Lyman spoke informally to the delegates in the evening. A light cold has detained him here beyond his expectation; but they are getting away today for Athens and beyond.

In the afternoon of Easter Day, the Annual Sermon was preached before the Mission and friends by Rev. W. S. Woolworth, Jr., from the text Phil. 4:13. At the Communion service, which was conducted by Rev. F. W. MacCallum, D. D., Pastor Emeritus, and Rev. H. H. Riggs, Pastor of the Mission Church, James Fowle, of the fourth generation of missionaries, united with the church on confession of faith. A quartet of third-generation missionaries, composed of Mr. L. R. Fowle, and Messrs. E. W., H. H., and C. T. Riggs, sang a selection; also a mixed quartet composed of Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Birge, Dr. Clark, and Mr. Riggs.

The marriage of Miss Elsa Feichtinger, of our Mission, and Mr. J. Calvin Keene, of International College, will take place at the American Collegiate Institute, Smyrna, on Friday next, April 20th.

Among other visitors recently to Constantinople have been Mrs. Webster and Miss Weber and President C. A. Reed, of International College, Miss Bagranova of Sofia College, Mr. Robert Waynard of Angora; also a group of Sofia College students who have played basketball and volleyball games with the Robert College students, as did a corresponding group of International College boys a short time earlier.

Nor must we omit entirely mention of our most famous guest, still detained here, Samuel Insull, formerly an American citizen, and again wanted in America, but trying through his lawyers to prove that he deserves British protection and recognition. The yacht on which he arrived is not the most luxurious in outward appearance, nor is it as comfortable in the Stamboul jail as he might be at a hotel. But he gets plenty of publicity, even though reporters are not allowed to see him. Apparently he will soon be leaving, in the custody of the American Vice-Consul, on his return trip, thanks to the hurry of the Grand National Assembly in passing the extradition treaty with Uncle Sam.

Miss Margaret Ann Smith, formerly of Merzifon, writes from Port Washington, B. C., that she is living with her sister on a farm on the very beautiful Pender Island, a spot whose beauty of scenery and coloring she compares favorably with that of the Bosphorus.

Mr. Evangelos Panousis, minister of the Evangelical Greek Church of Pera, has gone for a month's visit to Salonica and vicinity.

Miss Johanssen, Swedish missionary of Salonica, left there on April 1st for a vacation of six months in Sweden, expecting to return in September or October.

We regret to announce that Baron Mardiros, for forty-two years the janitor of the Bible House, died today at the American Hospital, of heart disease, from which he has been suffering for some months. He was sixty-four years old, and has been an honored and worthy successor to his father who was the previous janitor. They were a Sivas family.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, April 17, 1934.

Dear friends:-

Further word has come from America regarding the last days of Miss Foreman. Following an attack of Influenza at Christmas time, when she was in the hospital for several days, she never fully recovered; and finally on March 21st she was operated on for a recurrence of an old gall-bladder trouble. Complications set in, and after two days of coma she passed away on the 28th. Two very dear cousins were there at the time. The funeral at Auburndale on the 30th was in charge of Dr. Rogers, the pastor, and of Dr. Goodsell. The body was taken to Massillon, Ohio, her birthplace, for interment. Mr. Couser, formerly of Aleppo, was present at the funeral, the only one from Aleppo. Among others present were Dr. Mark Ward and Miss Mary Higgs.

After recuperating here for about six weeks after her operation, Mrs. Block went back to Talas with the returning Annual Meeting delegates.

Miss Fanny G. Noyes, of Merzifon, arrived in Stamboul by rail from Merzifon, via Sivas and Caesarea, on April 11th, and left the next day by the express steamer for Athens, going on a vacation trip to visit her friends in Greece.

Dr. and Mrs. Lorrin A. Shepard and their five children sailed out of the Bosphorus on the Italian steamer "Quirinale" on Thursday last, for Marseilles, expecting to take the American Export liner from there to Boston, and to arrive on the 30th. The family will go to Southport, Maine, to be with Mrs. Shepard's sister, while Dr. Shepard plunges right into an effort to secure funds for the new Hospital building here. He is planning to return in January, while the rest stay on till the summer.

Mr. Ezra Porter Young, formerly of Adana, was married on Monday, April 2nd, to Miss Jessamine Gray, at Detroit, Michigan.

Dr. D. Alton Davis, of the International Y.M.C.A., is here on a visit of inspection. He conducted the service of Sunday at Robert College, and will speak there again at the Wednesday evening prayer meeting.

Miss Parsons, Mrs. Webster, and Miss Weber of Smyrna left here on their return last Saturday. On the same day Mrs. Blake of Merzifon started back home by steamer via Samsoun. Thus all of the Annual Meeting delegates have gone back to their posts.

The annual Song-feat at Robert College took place on Friday last in the large auditorium. Choruses of young ladies from the Scutari Academy and the American College for Girls united with the Robert College singers in several numbers; and there were vocal and instrumental solos, and the Robert College orchestra played three times. The hall was filled to capacity.

Constantinople has had an unusual visit the past week, in the presence in the harbor of two Japanese cruisers, now used as training-ships. The Admiral in charge paid a visit to Angora also; and the streets of Stamboul were full for several days of Japanese naval cadets. They all sailed away yesterday for Piraeus, and will then return home.

Dr. Conrad Hoffman, Secretary of the International Commission on Christian Approach to the Jews, is expected in this city early in May, coming from Syria, on his way to the Balkan States. During the great war, Dr. Hoffman had charge of work for the prisoners of war in Germany; and he has later worked for the World's Student Christian Federation.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Higgs.

Bible House, Stamboul, April 24, 1934.

Dear friends:-

Rev. Edward E. Stearns, D.D., for many years State Superintendent of the New Hampshire Congregational Churches, and now a member of the Prudential Committee of our Board, has been spending a few days in Constantinople with Mrs. Stearns and their two daughters. They are on a trip around the world, having visited in particular Japan and South India. Many of our friends will remember Dr. Stearns's son, Rev. John F. Stearns, who was for some years teaching in Samokov, Bulgaria, and is now a pastor in Pontiac, Mich. Dr. Stearns and family left this morning by boat for Syria and Palestine.

Professor and Mrs. Frederick S. Erdman of Robert College are the happy parents of a son, Frederick Seward Junior, born April 16th. His two little sisters are also very happy.

Among recent visitors to International College, Smyrna, have been Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Sr., and her daughter Mrs. Richard Derby, and Dean and Mrs. Elbert Russell, of Duke University. Dean and Mrs. Russell are completing a world tour, and are visiting the Seven Churches.

The wedding of Miss Elsa Feichtinger, of the A. C. I., Smyrna, and Mr. J. Calvin Keene of International College, was solemnized in the school garden on Friday afternoon, April 20th, Dean Lee Vrooman officiating. Mrs. Webster sang; Mrs. Reed played the wedding march; Mr. Seylaz acted as best man, and Miss Lucina Ackerly as bridesmaid; little Josephine White was flower-girl, and Winnie Fowler held up the veil. The weather was perfect. More than a hundred guests were present at the wedding and the reception following. Mr. and Mrs. Keene plan to go in June to Europe, and to be at Yale next year.

A party of our Smyrna friends are visiting Assos during the National Assembly Bayram.

In a hotly contested game, last week, the Robert College basket-ball quintet carried off the championship of Stamboul. The game was played in the gymnasium of the Halk Evi, formerly the Y.M.C.A. Pera headquarters, where the physical program this year has been in charge of Ilhami Bey, Physical Director of the Y.

Miss Hilde Douglass, who has been helping in the Smyrna A. C. I. this year, is leaving Stamboul in a couple of days for Berlin, to visit friends there.

Dr. Wilson Dodd and family are expecting to leave Talas on or about May 15th, for Aintab, to be associated with Dr. Dewey, as decided by the Annual Meeting.

The Polish Village back of Beykos, formerly called Adam-pol, and now usually known as Polonezkeuy; has been the resort of quite a lot of Americans for the past few days; also groups of students from Robert College and the Girls' College under the guidance of teachers, have been there. It seems like a piece of another country. Nearly all the inhabitants are Poles by origin.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Figgs

Bible House, Stamboul, May 1, 1934.

Dear friends:-

Word from the Shepard family as far as Gibraltar tells of a successful journey that far, and that they were luxuriating in the palatial quarters assigned them on the American Export S.S. "Excambion." They were due to land about yesterday in Boston.

Preparations are being pushed for the Commencement exercises of Anatolia College, on June 17th. This will mark the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the College at Salonica, and also the first of the new administration. Hon. Wayne MacVeagh, United States Minister to Greece, will be the chief speaker. It is expected that the dedication of the new buildings of the College will take place in this connection.

Those of our number who are former Mt. Hermon students are interested in the announcement of the Paris N. Y. Herald, that the former Principal, Dr. Henry F. Cutler, at the age of 72, is studying at the Medical School of the University of Paris, where he looks forward to spending the next five years. Mrs. Cutler is studying French at the Alliance Francaise.

Former Ambassador C. H. Sherrill is on the Committee of Arrangements for the Fortieth Anniversary Olympic Games, which will be held in Athens, May 16th to 24th. Over thirty nations have already signified that they will participate in the games. This is the fortieth anniversary of the formation of the Olympic Committee, although the first games were not held till 1896.

Treasurer Luther Fowle left last evening for a visit in the Capital, where he will talk over certain matters with the officials.

The President of the Republic is expected today in Stamboul in company with Ismet rasha, the Prime Minister. The dailies inform us that this visit is to be a short one.

The office of the American Bible Society in Vienna has been removed to No. 8, Kohlmarkt, Vienna I, and mail for Dr. J. Oscar Boyd should henceforth be addressed there.

A recent letter from Mrs. Hemphill tells us that Dr. W.W. Feet is so much improved by his year in Chattanooga that he has given talks several times on missionary work in Turkey.

The wedding will shortly take place in the Beirut University Chapel of Miss Carolyn T. Ladd, granddaughter of Dr. Cyrus Hamlin, who is Principal of the Nursing School at A.U.B., and M. Robert Widmer, Director of the French School of the University.

The Beirut News Letter tells of the engagement of Miss Grace Dodge, daughter of President and Mrs. Dodge, to Mr. John Olmsted of New York City. They expect to be married in the autumn.

A slight earthquake was felt in this city last evening at a quarter past eight. No damage is reported.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Figgs.

Bible House, Stamboul, May 8, 1934.

Dear friends:-

The Adana Hospital is now closed, but at least for the present, Dr. Haas is having very large clinics. Last week one day he worked from six in the morning straight through until nearly four in the afternoon without time out for food. There is evidently plenty of need for this type of work, there. Dr. Haas has the help of some of his best nurses in the clinic work.

The Ministry of Health has given its consent to the request of our Aintab Hospital for permission to enlarge its plant from thirty beds to forty-nine; and this will be done shortly. Dr. Wilson Dodd and family will be starting in a few days from Talas to join the Aintab staff. Thus the Azariah Smith Memorial Hospital will again have its proper staff of two American doctors.

President Paul Monroe returned last Thursday from his trip to America, and has resumed his duties at the two Colleges here.

Mr. Fowle returned last Thursday after a busy time at Angora together with our lawyer, Hamit Bey.

Rev. Yeghia Kassouni, who has resigned from the Emmanuel Church of this city, left this morning by Italian steamer, returning to his family in Beirut.

President Cass Arthur Reed of International College has been visiting in Stamboul this past week.

We are glad to learn that the receipts of the Presbyterian Foreign Mission Board for its regular budget during February showed an increase over the corresponding month in 1933; and that the gifts from Sunday Schools for eleven months of the fiscal year show an actual increase of 30 % over the previous year. This is certainly most encouraging.

A meeting of the Constantinople Christian Workers' Union will be held this afternoon in the apartment over the Bible House, at which there will be an address by Dr. Conrad Hoffmann, of the International Missionary Council. Dr. Hoffmann comes to us from Beirut, where he addressed last Thursday the meeting of the United Missionary Council, Syria section.

Refreshing rains have at length fallen in many parts of Anatolia, thus relieving a rather dangerous situation. The Stamboul district is still without rain and very much dried up.

The steamer company running to the Islands and Yalova has bought from the Bosphorus Steamer Company two boats, Nos. 69 and 70, which begin their new service today. The Turkish Navigation Company has purchased from the Fabre Line the steamer "Tadla", on which many of us have traveled; and this will be here shortly to commence its new work, under the Turkish flag.

President Mustafa Kemal has returned to Angora after a brief visit in Stamboul and Yalova.

Among recent visitors to this city is Professor Rostovtseff, Head of the Archaeological Department at Yale University.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Figgs.

Bible House, Stamboul, May 15, 1934.

Dear friends:-

Rev. Alford Carleton reached Stamboul, yesterday evening by train, coming from Aleppo to discuss matters concerning his future work.

The ordination and installation of Rev. Ishak Hashish Bey as pastor of the Mardin Church has just taken place. Ishak Bey has been serving there since the death of the former pastor, Jurjuz Hudaya, nearly a year and a half ago. About four hundred people gathered for the service, representing all the Christian communities of the city; and the service was most impressive. The pastors of Midyat and Kerboran, Abdul Messiah Bey and Hanna Bey, gave powerful and helpful sermons. Ten new members were received into communion, and five children were baptized. It was a day of such rejoicing.

Mr. Evangelos Panousis, minister of the Stamboul Greek Evangelical Church, returned on Sunday evening from a visit of five weeks to Greece, during which time he preached to large congregations in Salonica, Serres, Berea, Katerina, and Athens, and met many old friends.

Rev. Ernest C. Partridge, formerly of Smyrna Station, and Mrs. Partridge are taking charge of the Auburndale Missionary Home during the three months' vacation of Mr. and Mrs. LeFoy.

The stay of the tourist steamer "Orontes" in our harbor this week was marred by a tragic accident yesterday whereby one of the travelers on board, an English lady, was killed when the automobile in which she was seeing Stamboul crashed into a trolley-car and was wrecked. The chauffeur was dangerously injured.

The annual sustaining membership campaign of the local Y.M.C.A. is in progress this week; it is hoped that it will be completed by Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. John C. Martin have changed their address in Claremont, California, to 202 College Avenue, a larger and more comfortable home.

President and Mrs. E. W. Riggs, Mr. Getchell, and the President of the Anatolia College Alumni Association started out last Friday by car for a trip through Western Thrace and Macedonia, taking with them a movie machine to show pictures of the life of the College. They are visiting alumni and former students, and seeking to interest prospective students as well.

The unprecedented droughts in America have perhaps been even worse; but the longed-for rain still holds off in this region. On the other hand, Salonica reports copious rains at last, after a long dry spell.

Dr. Thomas Whittemore has returned from America for another season, and is resuming his work in uncovering the mosaics of St. Sophia. When he completes the work over the outer door of the narthex, he plans to begin on the mosaics under the galleries.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Figgs

Bible House, Stamboul, May 22, 1934.

Dear friends:-

BORN:- to Rev. and Mrs. Leslie J. Adkins, at the American Hospital in Beirut, on May 7th, a boy. We have not yet learned his name.

We regret to learn from Miss Harriet A. Hallett that she is unable at present to return as had been hoped, for work in this country. Home conditions seem to make it necessary for her to remain in Kansas.

Miss Elsie J. Odell, of Merzifon, was occupied during most of April in a speaking trip through parts of the South, giving addresses in churches, schools, clubs, C.W.A. camps, etc., and in the intervals also studying methods in practical schools, - Tuskegee, Campbell Folk School, and others.

Miss Annie E. Pinneo leaves Athens on her furlough June 29, going from Patras by the Cosulich Line. Miss Mary Marden goes with her.

The Shepard family arrived in Boston the last day of April. Dr. Shepard stayed in Boston for a few days before going to New York; but Mrs. Shepard and the children went right on to Maine, to be with her sister at Southport, for the summer.

Dr. and Mrs. Elbert Russell, of Duke University, after spending two weeks at the Mission House in Old Phaleron, left for America May 11th, where he will resume his duties as Dean of the Theological Seminary of Duke. On this world tour they made a two-months stop in Japan, and came through Korea, China, Penang, India, Egypt and Palestine. Dr. Russell gave a fine address at the Mission House Sunday, May 6th.

Miss Irene Bostrom finished her work at Athens Junior College a month early, in order to sail for India May 14th, where she is to teach at the School for American and English children at Kodaikanal, where Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Rose are serving. She has been at the College three years and the best wishes of faculty and students go with her to her new work.

Mrs. William Moore of New York and two sisters reached Athens by airplane from Persia and Constantinople on May 5th, to attend the dedication of the new Museum building at Corinth, which is a gift from Mrs. Moore. A garden party was given in her honor at the School of Classical Studies in Athens, and the next day 200 to 300 guests attended the exercises at Corinth, when the Greek Prime Minister and other prominent officials, and archaeologists of several countries were present.

Miss F. G. Noyes of Merzifon, after spending two weeks with her friends in Old Phaleron, has gone on to Salonica for a similar visit there.

President Riggs and party, of Anatolia College, had a very successful motor trip last week through Berea, Kozani, Kastoria, Florina, Edessa, Nicaussa, and back to Salonica, having large crowds to see the pictures of College life and hear the story of the College. The Bishop of Kozani and the Mayor of Nicaussa were especially helpful. The presidential car made the 344 miles without a flat or a knock.

Miss Sylvia Eddy of Talas has come to Stamboul for some dental work. At the same time Dr. Nute has gone to Beirut on a similar errand. A mere matter of taste.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, May 29, 1934.

Dear friends:-

Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Birge and their two younger children left this city on Thursday last by S.S. "Helyouan" for Brindisi, going thence by rail to Naples, where they were to take the American Export liner "Exeter" on Sunday for America, on their furlough. With them went Miss Rachel Snow, who returned ten days ago from her trip to Iraq and Persia. A large number of friends went to the custom-house to see them off. They are due to land in Boston about June.

Miss Fannie G. Noyes of Merzifon arrived in Stamboul on Saturday on her return from her visits in Greece, and is expecting to leave Thursday for Samsoun and Merzifon.

Tarsus College reports two recent events. On College Day, May 8th, field events in the afternoon were marked by the breaking of eight college records. In the evening the faculty and students joined in a carnival and stunts program.

Commencement exercises at Tarsus College were held on the evening of May 24th, before an appreciative audience of over 300. There are twelve members in the graduating class. Of these, four have already come to Constantinople to enter the June baccalaureates, and others will enter in September. For other pupils, classes are continuing according to schedule, and examinations will take place the second week in June.

A son, Arthur Edward Curtis, was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. Lewis B. Burtis, at Onconta, N.Y., on May 11th. Mr. Curtis was formerly a tutor in Robert College, and will be remembered by many.

In partial carrying out of the decisions of the last Annual Meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley and children are expecting to leave Marash on their way back to America on Saturday of this week, going via Aleppo and Beirut. We are sorry for the necessity of their going.

Latest advices state also that Miss Cold has decided to retire to America; but we are not yet informed as to her plans.

The annual Field Day at Robert College last Friday was fairly well attended, and the events were well contested, although no new records were established. This week Friday occurs the annual track and field contest for the championship of Stamboul, which this year will be held on the Fener Baghche grounds.

Stamboul is enjoying the luxury today of a rainy day. With the two exceptions of a fairly good shower on April 5th, and a rainy night late in March, this is practically the first rain since the first week in March. It should do the crops and gardens much good.

Rev. J. Oscar Boyd, D. D., of the American Bible Society, is expected from Vienna today on a brief visit.

Torrential rains near Aleppo two weeks ago washed out the railroad track from the south, so that Mr. H. H. Riggs on his way thither was delayed eighteen hours in reaching the city, till the track could be repaired.

Mrs. L. O. Lee has gone to Sofia, to visit the American College, of which she was long a Trustee. She is expected back here on Saturday.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, June 5, 1934.

Dear friends:-

The annual Memorial Day exercises at the Ferikeuy Cemetery in Pera were attended by a large proportion of the American Colony of this city, last Wednesday afternoon. Ambassador and Mrs. Skinner were present, and the Ambassador gave a brief but most appropriate address. The number of American graves to be decorated with flowers is gradually increasing.

Mrs. L. O. Lee returned to Stamboul Saturday last, after a very pleasant visit to Sofia and to the American College there.

Miss Sylvia Eddy and Miss Fanny Noyes have gone back from here to their respective stations of Talas and Merzifon.

Mrs. Paul Monroe and Miss Monroe left by train for France and America on Sunday evening last. Dr. Monroe will join them later, starting right after the Robert College Commencement.

The International College at Smyrna will discontinue its work as of August 31, 1934, according to the decision of the Trustees as announced by President Reed on June 2nd. International is the out-growth of a small beginning of a boarding school in Mr. Bartlett's house in 1886 but not until Rev. Alexander MacLachlan took charge in 1891 did it attain much strength. Under his leadership its development was rapid. In 1903 the school was incorporated as a separate College, and ten years later it occupied its fine grounds and new buildings at the suburb of Paradise, later renamed Kizilchullu, where it has functioned through all the vicissitudes of wars and financial crises until now. In the past few years the endowment of the College, which is associated with the Near East College, has been greatly increased, and the career staff enlarged. The decision of the Trustees is due to the conviction that under the present circumstances satisfactory work can not be efficiently carried on. Details of liquidation are not yet decided; but it is expected that all the staff will be scattered by September, except Prof. and Mrs. Maynard, who will remain for the present in Smyrna.

Rev. Alford Carleton and family have arrived in Adana on their way from Aleppo to their new location in Talas.

Since for this summer there will be no children's camp at Bırücek, near the Cilician Gates, the various buildings will be available to any missionaries wishing to spend a vacation period in this restful, beautiful place. It can be reached by auto from Tarsus in 2 1/2 hours and from Adana in four. It is near Rozanti Station on the railroad. There are six cottages; many fine trees, running water; cooking facilities if desired. Rent of furnished cottages, 25 liras per month. For further particulars, apply to Dr. C.H. Haas, American Hospital, Adana, or to the undersigned.

Miss Mary Rowlett, of Cairo, and Baroness Henrietta Van Heekern, of Holland, have been visiting Stamboul, and left yesterday. They are active members of the Oxford Groups, and during their five days here they attended quite a number of informal group meetings. They hope to see a strong team visit Stamboul in the autumn.

Dr. J. Oscar Boyd sailed for Egypt yesterday, after a short stay here, to confer with Mr. Bell of the American Bible Society. He expects to go from there to Greece.

Work has been begun in Aintab on the wrecking of the big old College building, the material of which has been sold to local merchants. The roof and top floor of the east wing is down; and work has commenced on the middle section.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Figgs.

Dear friends:-

It is already known to our readers that in curtailing various of its activities for financial reasons, the Near East Foundation decided to cut off the Bulgarian Folk School at Pordim. The Haskells and the A.B.C.F.M. had expected, when founding the School, to pass it over to the Bulgarian people, but not for a few years yet. The Ministry of Agriculture, to which the Foundation presented the School, with \$40,000 worth of property, willingly accepted the gift, and pledged itself to continue on the lines followed heretofore. The fact that foreigners cannot direct State institutions in Bulgaria without special act of Parliament, and that Dr. Haskell is 68 years of age, and that Mrs. Haskell is in poor health, made it seem the logical moment for their retirement.

On Bulgarian Palm Sunday, April 1st, the formal passing over of the School took place in Pordim before an audience of 800. After a play written for the occasion had been presented by the pupils, a government representative pinned on Mrs. Haskell the Dames' Cross for Civic Service, and hung around Dr. Haskell's neck the Commander's Cross of the same order, in the name of Tsar Boris, while the whole audience rose and applauded. The Mayor read a protocol making the Haskells honorary citizens of Pordim and naming a street for them. The pupils tried to close the exercises with "God be with you till we meet again", but broke down weeping in the second stanza.

The actual departure of the Haskells from the village took place on April 9th, when 200 people accompanied them to the station, most of them shaking or kissing their hands with tears. They call it "the most moving sight of their lives." The State railways offered them free passes first class for any farewell visits which they might wish to make. The round of these closed on May 1st, when several bus-loads of friends waved them off from the Sofia airport, as the plane bore them away for a final glimpse of the Houses at Salonica, where they had been colleagues for twenty years. The trip took 65 minutes, instead of the usual 23 hours by rail. From Salonica they flew in 90 minutes to Tirana, Albania, which Dr. Haskell had last visited in 1912 after a trip of 5 days by train, carriage and horse. Then came an auto over the eagle heights of Montenegro to Dubrovnik (Ragusa), and the steamer among the Dalmatian Isles to Venice. Then Milan, the St. Gothard, and Mrs. Haskell's ancestral home among the glories of Glarus. Letters addressed to Friedberg, Emmenda, Canton Glarus, Switzerland, will reach them till July 15th. They sail July 20 by Cunard liner "Antonia" to Montreal, which is near "Camp Tree-tops", Lake Flacid, the summer abode of their son Douglas. About Sept. 1st they reach Claremont, California (c/o Mrs. Marsh, 808 Columbia Avenue).

The continued financial difficulties in America have compelled the Near East Foundation to considerably reduce its work in Albania as well. This involves closing up the Girls' School at Kavaje, and reducing the staff of the Boys' School. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph W. Beach are returning to America, probably in July. Mr. Ralph Allee, formerly of International College, will carry on the work at Kavaje, where his wife and baby will be joining him ⁱⁿ July.

Miss Dora F. Shank of the Adana Hospital left by steamer from Mersin on June 3rd, returning to America. Miss Shank came out as a permanent worker in 1929, and after a year in language school, has been in Adana till now. The closing of the Hospital has resulted in this step.

In connection with the possibility of summering at Bûrûjek, above Tarsus, we would add that for those who may wish to board, Miss Towner will provide board at 1 to 1.25 liras per day per person.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

During the last ten days of May, Mr. Paul Nilson gave movie programs in seven different places near Talas, with a total attendance of over 1500. Children and adults, educated and uneducated, all seem to enjoy the pictures, especially the films on Edison and on tuberculosis. Mrs. Nilson reached Stamboul this morning, and Mr. Nilson is expected here on the 24th, while Mrs. Block with the Nilson children will arrive on the 25th; and all sail on the 27th on their way to America.

The graduating entertainment of the American Collegiate Institute, Smyrna, was most successfully given on June 8th. The local press gave most hearty commendation to the whole program. A Turkish play, "Mete", and an English play, "The Prince that Was a Piper," won much applause. Nine young ladies graduated, all but one of whom have started to take the baccalaureate examinations. Miss Parsons gave an address, and the valedictory was given by Leman Asim Hanum.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Calvin Keene left Smyrna June 13th for Europe, on their way to America. Miss Olive Greene went with them the first part of the way.

Friday, June 8, was Talas School's third annual Field Meet; and several new records were hung up, the senior class coming out on top. The prizes were distributed the next evening at a party on the Nilson lawn, where speeches and songs were followed by refreshments and a good time.

Quite a party left Stamboul, Thursday last by Lloyd Express for Italy, including Miss Alice Lindsley, on her way for a year of furlough in America before returning to the Scutari Academy. By adroit manoeuvring during the hour between arrival in town by train and the sailing of the steamer, Mr. Robert Greef also made the same sailing, on his return to America after three years teaching in this country. In July he hopes to be with his parents in Eldora, Iowa.

June 2nd was the annual Field Day at Anatolia College, Salonica. Four new records were made, and the competitions were very good. An account of Commencement exercises, which were held on the 17th, will appear later.

Former Consul-General G. Bie Ravndal and Mrs. Ravndal are living at 8 Church Circle, Farnborough, Hants, England. They expect to sail on their return to America on August 9th, and will probably make their home either with Olaf in New Jersey or with Eric in Florida.

The seventy-first annual Commencement exercises of Robert College took place last Friday, in ideal weather. Forty-three students received College diplomas, either in Arts and Sciences or in Engineering. Dr. David Eugene Smith, professor Emeritus of Mathematics at Columbia, gave the graduation address in English, and Mehmet Emin Bey, Professor of Philosophy in the Turkish University, the address in Turkish. Prof. Estes and Omer Refik Bey furnished music on organ and piano.

The graduation exercises of the American College for Girls occurred on Saturday last, the copious rains of the morning having freshened up everything to the pink of perfection. Twenty-four young ladies were granted diplomas. Mr. Nilson, of the American War Claims Commission, gave an address in English, and one of the former graduates an address in Turkish; and Dean Burns also spoke to the class.

Miss S. E. Woodward of Smyrna School got in last evening, and expects to spend about ten days here on her way to England for the summer.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Higgs.

Dear friends:-

The Adkins family and the Wiley family are all in Beirut, expecting to leave shortly for America. Mr. and Mrs. Adkins and their children plan to take the American Export liner July 3rd for Marseilles, on their way to England; and probably later to America. Mr. Wiley has been under treatment in hospital at Beirut, but will apparently soon be able to travel.

The Commencement exercises of the American Academy at Scutari were held last Tuesday afternoon, before a large assembly. Fifteen girls were granted diplomas, nine in the collegiate course, four in home economics, and two in the commercial course. Selim Sirri Bey, General Inspector of Physical Education for the Ministry of Education gave an address in Turkish, and Mrs. L. O. Lee one in English. The School Chorus sang well. A reception out under the trees followed.

Miss Dorothy Blatter and Miss Gladys Perry of Merzifon, having completed their three years there, came through Constantinople this past week, leaving yesterday by steamer on their way to America. With them as far as this city came Miss Bertha Colmyer, who will leave shortly for a two years' period of study before returning to her post.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Nilson and little Paul have arrived in our city from Talas; and the other children and Mrs. Emily Block are expected today, and all together are leaving tomorrow for America. If all goes well, Mrs. Block plans to return this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Brewster and the two boys plan to leave Old Phaleron this week Saturday on their way for a visit in Palestine, before Daniel and Robert leave for their studies in America. Mr. Brewster recently made a visit in Delphi, where he had the unusual privilege of speaking in the Orthodox Church in the afternoon children's meeting, on invitation of Joachim, Bishop of Rhokis. A catechetical school is being started there by the local priest, and about seventy children were present. Bishop Joachim was for a time Bishop in Boston, Mass.

Mrs. H. M. Irwin, formerly of Talas, now connected with the church work at Winnipeg, Manitoba, is presumably now on the ocean on her way to visit her daughter Corinne, who is connected with the staff of the London Daily Express. She plans to spend four weeks in London and then go back to Canada. She writes that her younger daughter Genevieve expects to receive her M.A. degree next year.

Dr. Lorrin Shepard is very busy in New York City, working for the Stamboul Hospital; he plans to go to Maine for a vacation about the middle or end of July, at Southport where his family is.

For the work he has been doing on the new Turkish translation of the Scriptures, Dr. F. W. MacCallum has been made an honorary member for life of the American Bible Society. Congratulations on the honor!

Miss Caroline Goodsell is coming out next month, to be with her sister Mrs. Blake and teach in the school at Merzifon. She graduated this month from Wellesley.

Prof. E. W. Kemmerer, Professor of International Finance at Princeton, has arrived in this country as financial adviser to the Turkish Government. With him came Prof. Walter L. Wright, who with his wife will be remembered by many of our readers as having been here some five years ago, in the Mission Language School studying Turkish.

Word has come of the sudden death on June 9th, at Orange, N.J. of Rev. Theodore A. Baldwin, from 1867 to 1909 connected with our Mission. He was in his ninety-first year. Further notice next week.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

For some weeks work on the new buildings of Anatolia College, on the hill above Salonica, has been pushed to make ready for the dedication which took place Sunday, June 17th, Macedonia Hall, the main college building, Minnesota Hall, the dormitory, and the Dining Hall are nearing completion; and the house for Dean Compton is begun. The dedication service was in the lobby of Macedonia Hall. The Dining Room, on the first floor of the Dining Hall building, also nearly complete, was used for the Commencement exercises. The Library in Macedonia Hall was sufficiently completed so that with rugs and decorations it made a very beautiful and ample reception room.

In spite of torrents of rain, nearly 600 guests came, and had to be crowded into the Dining Room where seats had been prepared for 430. Among the guests who honored the College with their presence were the Consuls of the United States, Great Britain, Yugoslavia and Germany, the Rector of the University, and the Principals of many Greek and foreign schools, the heads of various government departments, etc. The Metropolitan Archbishop of Salonica and the American Minister from Athens were guests of honor.

His Holiness the Metropolitan conducted the Dedicatory service in Greek; and a dedicatory response in English was led by President Riggs, with a prayer in English. This happy sharing of Greek Orthodox and Evangelical, of American and Greek, in this solemn act of dedication, was beautiful.

The Commencement Address by Hon. Lincoln MacVeagh, American Minister to Greece, was a masterful presentation of "Education for Life." Certificates were awarded to 19 boys who had completed the highest class of the Junior College course; seven of them graduated with honors. One of the unique items on the program was the reading of messages from many friends in America and the Near East expressing congratulations and best wishes; so that the audience felt the bond of fellowship with friends afar.

Thirty-two girls graduated from the Salonica Girls' School on June 8th, with most successful exercises.

Prof. L. P. Dickinson, for some years connected with the Robert College Engineering Department prior to 1921, and since then head of the electrical engineering department at University of Vermont, died in Burlington, Vt., three weeks ago.

Among recent arrivals in our city are Miss A. S. Dwight, who came June 26th from Talas, and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Lyman, who reached here yesterday from Marash; also Mrs. H. A. Maynard and her son Robert, who are leaving tomorrow for Smyrna. Miss Woodward of Smyrna and Miss Lucas of Scutari School left here June 28th for a summer in England.

Mention was made last week of the passing of Rev. T. A. Baldwin, at Orange, N.J., June 9th. Mr. Baldwin was born in Orange, Sept. 1, 1843, and was thus next to Rev. J. K. Browne of Harpout the oldest living missionary of our mission. After graduating at Princeton College and Theological Seminary, he came out with Mrs. Baldwin in the summer of 1867 and was located for a time at Manisa, and for about four years as Treasurer of the Mission at Constantinople, but since 1880 at Brousa where his main work of preaching and touring was done. He used both Turkish and Armenian well. In 1909 he retired, and spent his last years in America. Mrs. Baldwin died twelve years ago. She was a splendid help to him.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Nilson and their four children, and Mrs. Block of Talas, and Miss Bertha Colmyer of Merzifon, left last Wednesday by steamer for Marseilles, to catch the Dollar Liner "President Harrison" for New York. The Nilsons hope to return after a year's furlough, and Miss Colmyer after two years, but Mrs. Block hopes to come back this fall.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, July 10, 1934.

Dear friends:-

Congratulations are due the Hawkes family in Salonica, at the birth of Mary Newgeon Hawkes, on June 27th; weight $6\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. All are very happy, as we learn from three-year-old sister Catherine.

Cards are out for the marriage on July 11th of Mr. John Sheldon Collier and Miss Elizabeth Bowen Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Butter, of Pottstown, Pa. Mr. Collier, champion hurdler of the American Colleges, will be remembered by many as a former tutor at Robert College. His parents, Prof. and Mrs. Theodore Collier, were for a short time connected with the Girls' College at Arnaoutkeuy.

Word has come of the death, late in June, of Rev. Henry S. Atkinson, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Wildwood, N.J., aged 29 years. Mr. Atkinson was born in Harpout, son of Dr. and Mrs. H.H. Atkinson, of our Mission Hospital there. He leaves a wife and two children. His mother was living with him at the time. Dr. Atkinson died in 1915 at Harpout of typhus. Of his two sisters, Alice is married and lives out west; Harriet has just completed Wheaton College.

Mr. and Mrs. Birge and family and Miss Snow reached Boston June 11th, after a good voyage across. The Birges are now in Auburndale, Mass. for the summer. The Nilson family, Mrs. Block and Miss Colmyer boarded the Dollar Liner Pres. Harrison at Marseilles July 4th for America. Dr. B.V.D. Post of Robert College left last Wednesday, to cross on the Rex to New York. Mrs. E. J. Fisher and Edgar Jr. take the same steamer, having passed through our city last week on their way from Beirut.

The three families retiring from our Mission this year, all left Beirut together, as it worked out, on July 3rd, by steamer en route for England or America;- six Adkinsons from Antioch, six Pences from Aintab, and five Wileys from Marash. A week earlier Miss Edith Cold and Miss Eleanor Oliphant left Beirut by another steamer, and without either knowing about it in advance, found themselves cabin-mates.

The baccalaureate address at Athens Junior College was given June 17th by Rev. R.R. Raymer, Vicar of St. George's Church. On Class Day, a play written by the graduating class was very much appreciated by the students. At the graduating exercises on June 22nd, Dr. Cass A. Keed gave the address on Education in a Changing World. Nine young women received their diplomas.

Miss Mabel E. Long of Athens Jr. College left June 22nd for a summer with her family in Michigan. Miss Annie E. Pinneo started on her furlough by the Vulcania June 29 from Patras. With her went Miss Mary Marden, who has spent the year with her brother in Old Phaleron. She plans to spend the summer in Chautauqua, N.Y., with her mother, Mrs. E. D. Marden. Miss Dora M. Jones, who has been with Miss Emily McCallum for the year, left for Italy July 6th, and goes via England to America, to be in California next winter. Miss Bertha Morley, who is visiting her sister in Old Phaleron, will shortly be going with Miss McCallum to St. Andrea, Austria, for the summer.

At the graduation exercises of Athens College on June 25th Daniel Brewster received his diploma from the high school department. The Brewster family left on the 30th for Palestine and Egypt.

Rev. and Mrs. T. T. Holway of Samokov spent a week at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Marden at Old Phaleron, and are visiting Mrs. Holway's brother, Mr. Duncan Thomson, at Kifissia, before returning to Bulgaria.

Prof. and Mrs. George Michailides of Beirut are spending their summer vacation in Athens.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Friends of International College, Smyrna, will be interested to learn of the movements of those connected with the teaching staff. Mr. and Mrs. J. Calvin Keene and Miss Olive Greene left Smyrna June 23, and Mr. and Mrs. Vrooman, Mr. Philpott and Miss Ackerly on June 21st, all of them expecting to attend the Oxford Group House Party at Oxford. Mr. and Mrs. Myers left June 20th, and after a summer in America they plan to be at Athens Junior College next year. Mr. and Mrs. Webster plan to stay in Smyrna until August. The White and Fowler families are leaving about now for Kansas and Glasgow respectively. Dr. Reed is still in Smyrna, but his family is in summer camp near Athens; they will probably all be at Union Seminary next year.

According to recent custom, the graduating class of Salonica Girls' School visited Athens last month in a body, the party numbering 35, including friends, and with Miss Webster and Miss Moissidou as conductors.

Miss Bertha Campbell has completed her two-year term at the Athens Junior College, and was to sail yesterday for Italy, intending to take in the Passion Play at Ober-ammergau on her way to America. The best wishes of all her friends go with her.

Mrs. Lillian C. Sewny, of Anatolia College, arrived here from Salonica last week for a short stay.

Mrs. E. T. Leslie, Miss E. W. Rutney, Mrs. Helen Scott and her mother, Mrs. Brown, left last Thursday by steamer for Samsoun on their way to Merzifon and Talas on a vacation trip.

Two American coast-guard cutters, the "Cayuga" and the "Sebago", spent five days in the Bosphorus last week, in the course of a training cruise they are taking in Mediterranean waters. The officers made a fine impression here, especially when they laid a wreath at the foot of the Liberty Monument at the Taxim.

A letter from Dr. Goodsell about the General Council at Oberlin, June 21 to 27, says:-"I want to share with you my sense of the deeper Christian fellowship to which this meeting has led many of us. The meeting has been remarkable in its attendance, - approximately 1600 delegates, - striking in its achievement of a sense of unity, and humble as it has faced the task of being a Christian in the present confused and confusing world. For hundreds of us the meetings for worship in the Old First Church, led by Boynton Merrill of West Newton, Mass., at noontime, have been the high point because of his searching challenges to Christian living. Missions and evangelism have been welded together in a new emphasis on the necessity of facing squarely the great social issues of the present hour in the spirit of Christ. How good it has been to see such vitality at the heart of our fellowship and to realize the growing unity in the determination to live creatively and to work cooperatively."

The meeting of the Evangelical Union of Armenian churches at Aleppo which closed two weeks ago, was one of the best. When the Union learned that the aid from America had suffered a further cut, it voted unanimously to undertake to lift the load itself, by raising its appropriation from \$440 to \$1100, so that the work may not be reduced. The Union also took steps toward making Aleppo College really international, by inviting the Presbyterian Synod and the Reformed Presbyterian churches to elect members to the Board of Managers.

Miss Florence Floyd, of the Foochow Mission, has accepted appointment to the Salonica Girls' School, and will begin her new duties in September.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, July 24, 1934.

Dear friends:-

Miss Hazel K. Hotson, formerly of Adana, and Mr. Roy Edgar Leathersman, were married on June 30th, at Detroit, Michigan. They will live at 2681 Burlingame Avenue, Detroit.

Miss Belle Dorman, daughter of Prof. H.G. Dorman M.D., of Beirut University, and Mr. Douglas Hugh, for three years a staffite at Beirut, were married on July 11th, the ceremony being performed by Rev. H. G. Dorman Jr., brother of the bride, at the Dorman home in Shemlan. The bride and groom will shortly be starting for China, where he has a position in Peiping University.

Mr. and Mrs. David Baker and their little daughter passed through our city last week, on their return from Baghdad to America after a five-year term as missionaries there. Mr. Baker will be remembered by many of our readers as formerly connected with Robert College.

Miss Adelaide S. Dwight started back for Talas last Friday, and on Monday Miss Fletcher, Miss Loughridge and Mrs. L. S. Sewny left for a summer trip to Bürüdjek, in the Taurus near Bozanti.

Born:-to Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Meyering, formerly of Tarsus, on July 6th at the hospital of the Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, a son, Donald Elton. Mother and baby are doing nicely. The Meyering family expect to continue at Ann Arbor another year.

Secretary Brewer Eddy is taking a trip around Europe, and sends word of his probable itinerary, which would bring him to Stamboul for August 5th and 6th, Salonica the 7th, Athens the 8th and 9th, and he expects to sail from Brindisi on the 11th or 12th for the Far East. He is now in Russia, and plans to come here via Vienna.

Mrs. Edith Laird, Librarian of Beirut University, arrived in our city last Friday and is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum, who are just now staying at the American Academy, Scutari.

If they carried out their plans, Dr. and Mrs. Edward B. Haskell of Bulgaria sailed from Liverpool July 20th for Montreal, by the Cunard S. S. Antonia. After travelling about the United States for a while, they expect to settle down in September at Claremont, Calif., where they will be with Mrs. G. D. Marsh, at 808 Columbia Avenue.

Miss Jane Van Zandt, Superintendent of Nurses at Beirut University, is here for the summer, with her sister Miss Elsie Van Zandt of Robert College.

Miss Mary I. Ward of Merzifon reached here on Sunday last, for a three weeks' stay in this city.

Mr. Blake of Merzifon and Mr. Smith of Talas started from Merzifon a week or so ago to take a walking-trip from Samsoun to Trebizond, along the Black Sea coasts, expecting to be back in about three weeks, in time to meet Miss Caroline Goodsell coming from America.

The Turkish railroads have arranged for special summer rates of travel, so that during the months of July, August and September a round-trip ticket between any two stations in Turkey can be bought for practically the one-way price, such tickets being good for thirty days and no more.

During the past ten years, an aggregate of 204,500 copies of the pamphlets by Prof. Levonian have been issued, mostly in Turkish and Persian, but also in Arabic, Bulgarian, and Urdu.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Higgs

Bible House, Stamboul, July 31, 1934.

Dear friends:-

At the invitation of President Dodge of Beirut University, Dr. Cass A. Reed and family and Prof. Donald E. Webster and family, heretofore of International College, will be connected for this coming academic year with Beirut University. They expect to be there about Sept. 25th, spending some time before that in Greece at camp.

We regret to discover that an error crept into our columns in the issue of June 12th, in regard to the work of the Near East Foundation in Albania. The statement there made that the Girls' School at Kavaje was being closed up, was not true. The Girls' School is continuing on a simpler basis, due to a larger proportionate share of Government financial cooperation. The Near East Foundation will no longer undertake the highly technical and expensive training of teachers, but will carry on a program of training in home economics, health and general sanitation in one-year courses with village extension. The Foundation has just received from the Albanian Prime Minister a letter expressing the King's satisfaction over the arrangement, and wishes for its full success.

Among the passengers on the Italian tourist steamer "Roma" which came into our harbor yesterday, is Professor Gordon Ross, of Berea College, who is the husband of Helen Post, formerly of Gedik Pasha. He is having a chance to visit with his wife's cousins, the Misses Dorothy and Effie Post of Robert College.

Miss Caroline Goodsell is expected to arrive from America on the S.S. "Examiner" on Friday of this week, on her way to Merzifon.

A recent letter from Mrs. F.F. Goodsell speaks of her seeing Miss Harriet Yarrow and Mrs. Alice Bewer Baghlian recently at Northfield, Mass; also of a visit that Dr. Goodsell had with Dr. and Mrs. MacNaughton at Montreat, N.C.

Miss Harriet Norton and Miss Caroline Silliman of Aleppo are spending a happy summer at Talas.

The railroad line from Malatia to El Aziz (Harpout) has been completed, and will shortly be officially inaugurated in the presence of Ali Bey, Minister of Public Works.

A son of Rev. George T. Scott, D.D., Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, who has been traveling in Russia, and a daughter of Dr. Scott who has been teaching in Teheran, Persia, are expected in Constantinople about August 21st, for a stop of some ten days.

Rev. James H. Nicol, Secretary of the Syria Presbyterian Mission, left Beirut last Wednesday on furlough to the United States.

Miss Agnes Fenenga has secured her passport visa, and is expecting to leave Stamboul in a few days for her new post at Aleppo.

Mr. Leon Myer, builder in charge of the new constructions at Anatolia College, Salonica, was recently married to Miss Niki Montesanto, daughter of the former Dragoman of the American Consulate at Sivas.

Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Holway spent a few days visiting at Salonica on their way back from Athens to Samokov, and flew from there to Sofia.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

Born:- On July 19th, at Auburndale, Mass., to Mr. and Mrs. J. Kingsley Birge, a daughter, Dorothy, weight, 8 lbs. 6 oz. Our heartiest congratulations on this arrival.

Miss Caroline Goodsell arrived last Friday from America, and expects to start on toward Merzifon on Thursday of this week with Miss Mary Ward. They join up at Samsoun with Messrs. Blake and Smith, on their way back from their walking trip to Trebizond.

Secretary Brewer Eddy of the Home Department at Boston, spent four days here last week, arriving on Wednesday morning and leaving Saturday evening. He came from an interesting tour through Russia with his brother Sherwood and others, and will join them again at Brindisi. His impressions of Vienna, where he was right after the assassination, were interesting. After seeing his friends here and also the historical sites, he went on for Salonica and Athens. From Brindisi he goes to Shanghai, and will take part in evangelistic meetings in China.

Mrs. Leslie returned from her Merzifon trip on Sunday morning, having had a very good visit there.

Would our readers do their best to help out? The office file of the News Notes lacks one copy, No. 422, dated Jan. 31, 1933. If anyone has kept this number, and is willing to part with it, we should be extremely grateful for it, to make our file entirely complete.

A sudden cloudburst on the night of July 31st in the region of Zingidere, brought such a torrent of water down to Talas as to destroy a considerable portion of the most populated quarter of that town. Eight houses were entirely swept away, the inhabitants barely escaping with their lives. Thirty families were left entirely destitute, as the flood not only destroyed their houses but their vineyards as well. Fifty-eight more houses have been condemned by the authorities as unfit for dwelling. Aid is being administered under the Red Crescent, our missionary representatives cooperating.

Mr. Sterling McGrath, bursar at International College, will be an instructor in English next year at the American University, Beirut. Prof. and Mrs. Raymond F. White have gone to Winfield, Kansas; and Prof. and Mrs. Fowler to England. Both men expect to spend the coming year in graduate study. Prof. Seylaz is in Switzerland, but hopes to be in the Near East again. Mr. and Mrs. Myers have gone to America for the summer, but return in the fall to the Junior College for Girls at Elleniko, where Mrs. Myers will be matron.

Mr. Charles E. Allen, of the American Consulate-General in this city, has been appointed Charge d'affaires ad interim at Addis Abeba, Abyssinia, for a term of two years, and expects to leave for his new post early in the autumn.

Miss Bernice MacKinnon, formerly secretary to the President of Robert College, was married on July 15th to Mr. Alan M. Rodgers, of Mount Kisco, N.Y., an engineer in the N.Y. Division of Highways. Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers are living in Mount Kisco.

Miss Jean Honiss of Aintab left there August 2nd for a vacation trip to Smyrna.

Our camping friends at Bürüdjek have been through experiences the past ten days. On Friday, July 27th, while everybody was away at a picnic, Miss Towner's cottage took fire and was entirely burned up, with the loss of all her possessions up there, - books, clothing and all. Two days later, Mr. Woolworth came up bringing some cream which they froze there. All eleven persons eating the ice-cream were made quite sick by it; but by the time a doctor got to them the next day, they were all better, and are getting well over it.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Rice

Bible House, Stamboul, August 14, 1934.

Dear friends:-

Miss Marion E. Sheldon of Scutari School left on Wednesday evening for a vacation trip, going first to Marseilles, and then deciding on the next point.

Miss Mary I. Ward and Miss Caroline Goodsell left here by steamer Thursday afternoon for Samsoun on their way to Merzifon. They expect to fall in with Messrs. Blake and Smith at Samsoun.

Messrs. Billy and Cyril Nute were here for a few days on their way from Talas to America, and left Thursday last for Italy for their transatlantic steamer. Billy goes to Swarthmore College, while Cyril enters Phillips Andover Academy.

Rev. and Mrs. Lee Vrooman of Smyrna are spending some time in Europe, following the Oxford Group House party; their plans for the coming year are not yet announced. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Keene are with Mrs. Keene's family in Linz, Austria, and will be sailing this month for America, to be at Yale the coming year.

The papers record the death of Rev. Herbert Adams Gibbons, Ph.D., at Grundl See, Austria, a week ago today, aged 54. Many of us will recall Mr. Gibbons either at Tarsus in 1909, or at Robert College in 1910 to 1913; and many more have read his books. He was a Knight of the Legion of Honor in France, and the family spent much time in that country, where he did much during the war. He was also a member of various learned societies in America.

Word has come of the passing away of our associate Rev. W. Nesbitt Chambers, D.D., on the morning of August 8th, at Shimlan, in the Lebanon Mts. Their daughter Mrs. Laurens Seelye arrived in Beirut only a few days earlier, and providentially was there to help at the moment. Dr. Chambers had been less comfortable than usual, for some days. The interment was at Beirut.

William Nesbitt Chambers, born Feb. 22, 1853, was of Canadian birth, a graduate of Princeton College and Theological Seminary, and came out to Erzroum as a missionary in 1879. The next year he married Miss Mary Bliss, who had joined the mission a year earlier, but who died a year later. In 1884 he married Miss Cornelia F. Williams, who survives him. They were transferred to the Central Mission in 1899 and located at Adana, where they remained till the war. During 1915 - 1919 Dr. Chambers was actively engaged in securing and forwarding relief funds to this country from the United States; and in May, 1919, they returned to Adana. In 1922 they moved to Beirut, and retired from active service. Since then they have been taking a deep interest in the activities of the Mission, though unable to take much part, through feebleness. Their younger daughter, Dorothea, is Mrs. Blaisdell.

Another recent death in Syria is that of Rev. Garabed Haroutunian, of Aleppo, formerly of Marash, who died of apoplexy while on a journey near Alexandretta. A very fine and deeply spiritual leader is gone.

Miss Agnes Fenenga left here this morning by steamer on her way for a three weeks' trip in the Holy Land before going to Aleppo, where she will be connected with the Girls' School for the coming year.

Miss Ethel Putney has returned from a very good visit in Merzifon. At Samsoun on her way back she met Messrs. Blake and Smith who reported a successful excursion to Erebizond.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Higgs.

Dear friends:-

On a recent visit to Samokov, Rev. S. W. Gentle Cackett of the Bible Lands Missions' Aid Society addressed a Conference of Bulgarian pastors and workers, on The Bible in Transit Through the Ages. About one hundred were present. Mr. Gentle-Cackett also donated to the Evangelical Bible School at Samokov a framed full-sized photographic copy of two pages of the Codex Sinaiticus, now in the British Museum.

Daniel and Robert Brewster, sons of our Old Phaleron colleagues, started August 6th on the "Roma" for America, expecting to land in New York tomorrow. Daniel goes to Phillips Andover Academy, and Robert to the Oakwood School near Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

On his way from Constantinople to Brindisi, Dr. Brewer Eddy stopped at Salonica, meeting our fellow-workers at a tea at the Compton House, on August 7th; and similarly at the Mission House in Old Phaleron two days later he met about 25 friends of the Athens Station circle. At the latter there were also present two pastors of union churches in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Messrs. Lawson and Kerr, who also spoke.

President and Mrs. Hutchins of Berea College spent a few days in Athens early this month, as guests of Dr. Lord at the American School of Classical Studies. Another recent visitor was Dr. Charles F. Sitterly, Professor of New Testament at Drew Theol. Seminary, who spent a few days at the Mission House in Old Phaleron, having just come from Palestine, where he is connected with the American School of Oriental Research, in the excavations at Bethel.

The Misses Dorothy and Effie Post and Miss Ruth Barnum of Robert College left this city last Wednesday by steamer for Naples, there to board the "Conte di Savoia" for New York. Miss Dorothy returns to her teaching in Albany, N.Y.; Miss Effie will be in an Art School in New York City; and Miss Ruth at Northfield Seminary, Mass.

Dr. Mills and Miss McCallum of Athens, Miss Morley of Salonica and Miss Hinman of Smyrna are having a vacation at St. Andrae, in Austria.

The funeral service for Dr. W.N. Chambers was held at the house in Sheflan where he passed away, and was conducted by Rev. H. H. Riggs, assisted by Messrs. Greenslade, Hadidian and Crose. There was a large group of friends present, as also at the cemetery at Beirut where the casket was borne for interment. Dr. Chambers was greatly beloved by the Armenians, especially by those who had known him in Erzroum or at Adana. To the end, in spite of great handicaps, he kept up his keen interest in affairs going about him, and his apparent enjoyment of life.

Mr. and Mrs. Kreider and children sailed from America last Saturday, the 18th, on their return to Stamboul and the Treasury Department. With them comes Mr. Howland H. Bailey, of Hyde Park, who, after two years of graduate work in physics in Duke University, comes out for a term of three years in Tarsus College.

On her arrival in New York, Mrs. Emily Block of Talas had several careful examinations, and reports that her eye is in good condition and her general health excellent. This encourages us to hope for her return in the fall.

Mrs. Paul Nilson spent between two and three weeks in the Eaker Memorial Hospital, Boston, following a surgical operation the latter part of July; but by this time is in all probability out once more.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, August 28, 1934.

Dear friends:-

Some one has suggested that this five hundredth number of the News Notes ought to be illustrated, or else have a commemorative ode in it, or something of the sort. However, Chanticleer is not the American symbol, and we do not care to blow our own horn. With humble gratitude to God for enabling this sheet to do a small service to a wide circle of friends, and to keep it up, for ten years with so few interruptions, we proceed

The undersigned would thank those friends who sent copies (several of them) of the missing number of the News Notes as requested.

On the Lloyd Triestino steamer on Sunday next from Venice and Brindisi, we expect not only the Kreider family, returning from their furlough, but also Miss Jeanette Odell and Miss Jessie E. Martin, returning from furlough to Merzifon; Mrs. Emily Block, returning to Talas after her summer trip, and Mr. Howland Baily for Tarsus.

Miss Harriet Yarrow and her mother sailed from New York on August 3rd by the "Laconia" for Liverpool, and after a visit with friends in England, plan to come across the continent to Stamboul, and thence to the A. C. I., Smyrna.

Miss Loughridge of Scutari and Mrs. Sewny of Salonica came back from Burudjek on Friday the 17th. With them came also Mrs. Woolworth of Tarsus, who returned yesterday by rail. Mrs. Sewny starts today for Salonica, by steamer.

Mr. Paul Nilson writes that ~~he~~ expects to be on deputation work for the Board through New York State between Sept. 26th and Nov. 11.

Miss Marion A. Nossier arrived from Paris on August 23rd, and will be teaching for the next two years with the Turkish Educational Society, probably in the Model School at Angora, or else at Brusa.

The Daily Vacation Bible Schools in the Athens district, made possible through a gift from the World's Sunday School Union, have had some 600 children enrolled this year. The enthusiasm of the little people has been refreshing to see.

A second linguistic conference, or Kurultay, was held last week at Dolma Baghtche Palace, under the honorary presidency of the Gazi President Mustafa Kemal. The former one was held about two years ago. At this one, some three hundred delegates were present from all parts of the country. Many learned papers were read, and much progress was noted in getting a purely Turkish vocabulary for ordinary use. Sessions were held six days in succession, closing on Saturday.

Miss Agnes Fenenga reached Beirut on August 20th, and was to go on immediately for Haifa and Ramallah, before going to Aleppo.

Consul Charles E. Allen is starting this week for a cure at Royat, France, hoping to regain his full vigor. His appointment to Addis Abeba, Abyssinia, has been cancelled; but he has no news yet as to where he will be sent by the Department of State.

Mrs. Edith Laird and Miss Jane Van Zandt of Beirut University, who have been spending a good part of the summer with their relatives here, are leaving on Thursday of this week on their return.

Mrs. Carleton of Talas arrived in town this morning, accompanied by Miss Muriel, for dental work.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

Miss Florence Floyd, of the Foochow Mission, China, has been transferred by the Board to the Near East Mission, to replace Miss Elizabeth Webster at the Salonica Girls' School.

Our friends the Brewster and Marden families are moving from the former Mission Hostel in Old Thaleron to a new address, and may hereafter be addressed at 65 Aphrodite Street. They move from the "god of the winds" to the "goddess of beauty" on Sept. 15th.

Miss Katharine Fletcher returned from her visit in Bürüdek on Thursday last, and brought the uncomfortable news that another of the buildings of the American camp there has been burned down, and this time it is quite evident that it was the work of incendiaries. The kitchen shack of the Woolworths was destroyed. The matter is being investigated.

A goodly party of our friends came in last Sunday evening from New York. It included Mr. and Mrs. Kreider and their three children, Mrs. Emily Block, Miss Harriet Yarrow and Mrs. Yarrow, Miss Jeanette Odell, Miss Jessie Martin, and Mr. Howland Bailey; also Miss Edna Cowell and Dr. and Mrs. Fox of Robert College. They crossed from New York to Naples in seven days by the "Rex" and then came from Brindisi here on the "Adria" arriving late in the evening. Mrs. Block expects to start on this evening for Talas, with Mrs. Carleton and little Muriel. Miss Odell and Miss Martin are planning to leave Thursday for Merzifon. Miss Yarrow and her mother remain a short time before going to Smyrna; and Mr. Bailey will probably start soon for Tarsus. Dr. Fox has come out to take charge of the chemistry department at Robert College.

A recent letter from Mrs. Hemphill from Chattanooga tells of Dr. Peet as quite frail; his doctor is trying to counteract an abnormally low blood pressure, so that he may gain strength again. He and his sister are following with great interest every new development in the Near East.

Mr. Oliver Haskell, son of Dr. and Mrs. S.B. Haskell, is in town for a brief stay, on his way to Athens where he is taking up the editorship of an English newspaper.

Dr. and Mrs. Hartzler are expected in Beirut Sept. 28th. Dr. Hartzler is to be visiting professor at the Near East School of Theology during this coming year.

Miss Grace Dodge, daughter of President Dodge of Beirut, with two cousins, was in town last week for a couple of days on her return from Beirut to America.

A new "automotrice" service has been inaugurated beginning with the first of September between Caesarea and Sivas and between Caesarea and Ulu Kishla, as follows: Leave Kayseri 7:35, arrive Sivas 12:00; leave Sivas 15:50, arrive Kayseri 20:15. Leave Kayseri 8:05, arrive Ulu Kishla 12:00, leave Ulu Kishla 16:32, arrive Kayseri 20:23. This makes possible a daylight trip from Kayseri to Adana. The above schedule is for a daily service.

Mr. Richard Maynard, second son of our colleagues in Smyrna, has been secured as a tutor at Tarsus College, and will shortly be coming out there.

A reduced tariff of charges went into effect on the tramway lines in Stamboul September 1st, the cost of tickets being reduced from 7 1/4 piastres to 6 1/4, and from 12 piastres to 8 3/4, first class, and similarly in second class.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, Sept. 11, 1934.

Dear friends:-

Dr. and Mrs. Dewey and Miss Phelps of Aintab have gone to Bûrûdjek for a few weeks. Dr. W. L. Nute has gone from Talas to Aintab to take over Dr. Dewey's work in his absence. Miss Honiss, who had been on a trip to Smyrna, returned to Aintab a week ago.

Dr. Dodd writes from Aintab of having performed an operation on Miss Eddy on the last day of August,- he calls it "perhaps the most difficult operation I have done." The Hospital is very busy, with more than 40 patients.

Miss Emily McCallum went up to Salonica on Tuesday last for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Myer; and while there Miss McCallum celebrated her seventy-sixth birthday. Our congratulations on the occasion!

An Oxford group consisting of Rev. Allan Thornhill, Chaplain of Hartford College, Oxford, and his sister, and Mr. Roland Wilson, was in Stamboul from Sunday evening till this morning, on their way from England to take the lead in a House Party to be held at Shweir, in the Lebanon above Beirut, Sept. 15th to 24th. We learn that attendance from Syria and Palestine promises to tax the capacity of the Conference Center. While here, they met with a number of friends at the Bible House Apartment, and led noon prayers on Monday.

Miss Brauer and Dr. Haas of Adana are still at Bûrûdjek, and expect to be there until about the 17th.

Miss Gladys Lucas returned on Sunday evening to Stamboul from a summer at home in England.

Rev. Sarkis Manoukian, pastor of the Gedik Pasha Church, had gone with his family to Sofia, Bulgaria, for a summer vacation; but on the advice of his physician he has decided to remain there for at least a year. Mrs. Manoukian is here attending to closing up their home. Mr. Garabed DerHovhannesian, a lay preacher, takes his place for the year.

Mrs. Conyers Baker, Office Secretary of the Near East Christian Council, has gone from Cairo to Shimlan in the Lebanon for her vacation. It appears to be impracticable at present for the Council to secure an Executive Secretary to replace Dr. Wilder.

Mr. Ernest M. Hedden, known to many of us as a former Y.M.C.A. Secretary for Boys' Work at Constantinople, has been called from Connecticut to Detroit, Michigan, as Executive Secretary for the Hannan Memorial Branch Y.M.C.A. of that city. He and Mrs. Hedden began their new responsibilities there July 1st; but he writes:-"We have not got rid of our interest in the work in Stamboul, nor of our longing to get back some day. I feel that we were very thoroughly wedded to our Turkish field, and it takes more than a few years of enforced separation to bring about any divorce of interest or affection. Please pass on our very warm greeting to our many friends and former colleagues in Stamboul."

The Turkish dailies talk of a desire on the part of the city authorities to make a part of the whole of the mosque of St. Sophia into a museum of Byzantine and Turkish art. Meanwhile the work of Dr. Whittemore in uncovering the mosaics goes on, just now in the south gallery.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, Sept. 18, 1934.

Dear friends:-

Mr. Richard E. Hibbard, who is coming out to Anatolia College to teach, sailed on the S. S. "Exilona" on August 25th and is just about reaching Salonica today or tomorrow.

Mr. Richard E. Maynard, whose engagement as a tutor at Tarsus College was reported two weeks ago, sailed from America on that very day, Sept. 4th, for Beirut, to go thence via Mersin to Tarsus, where he is to be for three years. His brother Robert, who has completed his work at the Gazi Lycee in Angora by giving the fall examinations, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Maynard, at Smyrna before proceeding to Germany, where he will study for some time.

Mr. James S. Clark, formerly of Tarsus College, son of our friends Dr. and Mrs. Clark of Merzifon, has completed his course of study for the Michigan Life Teachers Certificate, and will be teaching social studies this school year at West Junior High School, Lansing, Michigan.

A meeting of the available officers and members of the Near East Christian Council was held at Shemlan, Lebanon, Sept. 5, to consider the policy of the Council in view of a drastically reduced budget. Those present were Rev. H. H. Riggs, Chairman, Mrs. Conyers Baker, Treasurer, and Secretary, Miss Constance Padwick, Literature Secretary, Rev. J. S. Badeau, and Rev. W. G. Greenslade. As a measure of economy it was decided to move the office of the Council from Cairo to Beirut, about Dec. 1st. The regular meeting of the Council will probably be held in Beirut next Spring. (Beirut News Letter)

The foreign staff of the A.C.I., Smyrna, is again complete. Miss Parsons and Miss Hinman have returned from Central Europe, Madame Tahsin from Paris, Miss Greene from Austria, Miss Woddward from England, and Miss Ackerly, Miss Yarrow with her mother from America. The new term opens in a few days.

Mrs. H. A. Flint, so long connected with the Sailors' Home in Stamboul, and with International College, Smyrna, is very happily engaged as resident directress of a home for underprivileged girls in her old home town of Syracuse, N.Y.

Miss Sheldon returned last week from a very successful summer in the south of France; and thus the staff of the Scutari Academy is all back. The School opened yesterday afternoon with a fair attendance.

Yesterday morning a large group of the Robert College faculty and teaching force returned from America and Europe on the Lloyd so-called Express, fourteen hours late. Dr. and Mrs. and Miss Monroe, Dr. Post, Professors Barnum, Hewitt, Moore, Messrs. Stotz, Diacoff, McGregor, and others were of the party. The College opens on Saturday.

A Summer School of Theology and Religious Education is being held this month at Shweir, in the Lebanon, with a good attendance from Syria, Palestine and Transjordan. Rev. H. H. Riggs is among the staff of instruction.

Pres. Cass Arthur Reed has been in Smyrna for more than three weeks with septicaemia following septic phlebitis; but left the hospital last Friday and is feeling all right again.

Miss Florence Floyd arrived in Salonica on Sept. 10th, coming from China via India, in good time for the opening of the fall term of the Girls' School.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

Of special interest to our older subscribers is the news that the Somerville House, opposite the Pera entrance to the Tunnel, has been sold. This was purchased in 1890, and formally opened Oct. 30, 1890, as a place for evangelical meetings of an un denominational character, and was named for the late Rev. Dr. Somerville, who had conducted some services here and in Smyrna a few years before. Meetings of the Young Man's Christian Association of those days were held here, as well as of the Ladies' Christian Association; and part of the house was used as a Governesses' Home. Later the monthly meetings of the Evangelical Alliance were held here, and the upper flat was occupied by a succession of families. For many years now, the building has ceased to be needed for its original purpose; and the Trustees of the Somerville Trust will now decide how the proceeds of its sale shall serve the purpose of the donors.

The new-comers for the teaching force of Robert College this fall are: Dr. and Mrs. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Waidelich, and Messrs. Dakin, Gilman and Lanckton. The College has opened with an attendance a little smaller in total than the previous year at the opening, but with an unprecedented number in the Engineering Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul P. Mitchell, who have spent the past three years teaching at Anatolia College, arrived in Stamboul last Monday from Salonica, and are starting on in a few days on their way back to the United States. Their son and daughter are with them. Mr. Fowler, formerly of International College, takes Mr. Mitchell's place at Anatolia

Miss Bertha Colmyer of Merzifon, having recovered from her hospital experience, is now engaged in speaking for the Board in the State of Vermont. She is to be studying at Syracuse University Teachers' College Division during the year of furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Adkins, formerly of Antioch, are at the Missionary Guest House, Selly Oak, Birmingham, England; and Mr. Adkins expects to study there this autumn.

Dr. and Mrs. Alexander MacLachlan, having wearied of being tenants ever since their retirement from Smyrna in 1926, have recently built a new home, which they have named Kennarden, on Hill Street, Kingston, Ontario.

Miss Susan W. Orvis, who has been living in Auburndale, Mass., since her retirement, has taken an apartment on the new Seminary Building at Oberlin, and will be studying there. Her address will be: Care of Oberlin School of Theology, Oberlin, Ohio.

Word has reached us of the death of Mrs. Ursula Clark Marsh, widow of Rev. George D. Marsh, formerly of Bulgaria, at Claremont, Calif. on August 20th. Mrs. Marsh was born May 25, 1845, and was thus one of our oldest retired missionaries. She came to Brousa as a missionary teacher in 1868, and in 1873 was transferred to Manisa, where, in 1875, she was married and went to live in Eski Zagra, and later in Samokov and Philippopolis. Her brother, Rev. James F. Clarke, D.D., was a missionary in Bulgaria from 1859 to 1916. Mr. Marsh died in 1913, and in 1917 Mrs. Marsh retired, and has been living in California. Of their children, Miss Anna L. Marsh worked for a time in Bulgaria, and Rev. George L. Marsh at the School of Religion in Athens. Two others survive her.

M. Andre Leber, the new French teacher for Tarsus College, arrived here last week from Switzerland, and left yesterday for Tarsus.

Mr. Ezra Young, formerly of the Social Service Center at Adana, is Director of Students' Work, Madison, Wisconsin.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Oct. 2, 1934.

Dear friends:-

The Girls' School at Salonica opened on Sept. 17th, with a fair enrollment, somewhat less than at the corresponding time last year. Anatolia College opened a week later, to give time for the telephone and electric lighting installation and other jobs. The enrollment bids fair to about equal that of last year.

While Mrs. Paul Nilson is settled in Wheaton, Ill., where the four children are all attending school, Paul himself is campaigning for the Board. After a week in Massachusetts, during which he combined the speaking appointments with visits to manual training and trades schools, he went to New York State and is for six weeks holding meetings almost every day.

Dr. and Mrs. Dewey and Miss Phelps got back to Aintab last Friday after their vacation at Eürüjek, and the Dodds and Nutes were to start today from there for Beirut, the Dodds for a vacation, and the Nutes on their return to Talas. Clinics at Aintab Hospital continue crowded.

How interesting it would be if one could follow up the second and third generation missionary children and find out how they are all contributing to the uplift of humanity! The N. Y. Times tells us of an achievement of two of them in this paragraph:-

"Henry Chester Tracy, librettist of John Seymour's opera, 'In the Pasha's Garden,' scheduled for production at the Metropolitan Opera House next season, did not have to draw wholly on his imagination, or on H. G. Dwight's 'Stamboul Nights' for his material. He was born in Marsovan, Turkey, of missionary parents (Dr. & Mrs. C.C. Tracy), and spent his boyhood in the Near East. The opera was conceived ten years ago, when its collaborators were teaching in Hollywood, California."

Many of our colleagues of the Central Turkey Mission years ago will remember Rev. Calvin McCarroll, M.D., formerly for many years with the Reformed Presbyterian Mission in Larnaca, Cyprus. He died in Detroit, Mich., early in September, shortly after his return from a last visit to Larnaca. His wife died about four months ago.

Last Thursday Mr. Shaw gave a reception at the American Embassy in honor of the five Congressmen who were America's representatives at the 36th Parliamentary Conference held last week at Yıldiz Palace. Most of the Americans in town were present. The Conference closed on Saturday, and our Senators and Representatives left Sunday on their return journey.

The Near East Conference on Sept. 9th at Auburndale, under the auspices of the American Board, was a very good one. The Birge, Partridge, White, Wiley and Haskell families were in attendance, also Mr. Nilson, Dr. Parmelee, Miss Pinneo, Dr. Shepard, and young Billy Nute; and of the Board staff Dr. and Mrs. Goodsell, Miss Uline, Dr. Mark Ward, Dr. Barton, Miss Emerson, Dr. Clark, and Mr. Scottford. Dr. Watson of Egypt was also there to take a helpful part; and Mr. Gates and Mrs. Kent of the Prudential Committee.

The Girls' School at Aleppo opened its new term Sept. 27th and Aleppo College on Oct. 1st.

The following missionary children from other places are to be at the Beirut Community School ^{this} year: Frances Dewey and Helen Dodd from Aintab, and Eleanor and Barbara Ann Markham from Aleppo. The school opens October 10th.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

The Mission House at Old Phaleron, which for nine and a half years has been at No. 6 Aeolus Street, removed on Sept. 15th to No. 65 Aphronidite Street, which is northeast of the former place, about three blocks away, on higher ground, and in a much quieter section. Friends have little trouble in finding the place. On the first two Thursday "at home" days, callers numbered twelve and fifteen persons respectively. The Marden and Brewster families will be happy to extend a cordial welcome to all friends from out of town, hoping that they too will easily find the house.

Athens Junior College for Girls at Elleniko reopened on Sept. 27th with a larger attendance than ever. A house near by has been rented for the overflow of boarding pupils, and Mr. and Mrs. Myers are to be in charge of it. Mrs. Myers takes the housekeeping and nursing in the school, and Mr. Myers is instructor in science. Mrs. Scott and her mother Mrs. Brown are living in Miss Finneo's house, and Mrs. Scott is at work in the English Department.

Miss Claribel Platt, and her sister Miss Louise, reached Athens on Sept. 23rd, and were warmly welcome by the members of the Station. Many friends will remember Miss Claribel Platt, who was in Smyrna from 1899 till 1904, and from 1904 to 1911 in Merzifon. Both sisters are to give part time teaching at Elleniko; Miss Claribel in English and Miss Louise in piano. They expect to make their home with Miss McCallum, but are staying temporarily at the Mission House.

Mrs. Cass Reed and Howard and Joan, who have been spending the summer at the beach at Vouliagmeni, near Athens, left ~~last~~ Tuesday with Mr. Webster and Mr. McGrath, formerly of Smyrna International College for Beirut, while Mrs. Webster and their two children left the week before for America.

The friends of Miss Bertha Campbell, who was for three years matron at Athens Junior College, will be interested to know that she is now matron at the Bennett School, Millbrook, N.Y.,

Miss Ilse C. Pohl of Caesarea is passing through our city on her way to Athens and Smyrna on a vacation trip of perhaps six weeks. She leaves today for Old Phaleron, to visit her old friends there and at Elleniko.

Herr Dr. J. W. E. Sommer, Vice-President of the Deutscher Hilfsbund, who was for some years located at Mezire, and Herr Gerhardt Lüling, located under the same Mission at Varna, spent a few days last week in this city, going on hence to Greece.

A very pretty wedding took place yesterday in this city, when Miss Nancy Tubini, daughter of Professor Tubini of Robert College became Mrs. H. G. Smith-Lyte. The service was at the St. Antoine Church in Pera, followed by a wedding breakfast and a reception at the home of the bride's parents in Hissar. The young couple left this morning on the tourist steamer "Homerick", for a trip in Greece.

Miss Sylvia Eddy and Miss Adelaide Dwight returned to Talas from Gaziantep last Tuesday, after a twenty-four hour delay in Adana while a bridge on the Ulu-Kishla-Caesarea line was being fixed. Miss Eddy is strong and well after her hospital experience.

The Crown Prince and Princess of Sweden, who have been visiting Athens and Constantinople and other points, are leaving our city shortly on their return to their country.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, Oct. 16, 1934

Dear friends:-

Mr. and Mrs. Fowle, accompanied by Mrs. Eula P. Lee, left last week for Angora and Talas, whence Mrs. Lee was expecting to go on to Adana and Tarsus and to return here; while the Fowles will spend perhaps six weeks in a trip covering many stations and outstations of the Mission in Turkey.

Miss A.M. Parker and Mrs. J. K. Lyman started out this morning on their way to Piraeus by steamer, for a fortnight's visit with the friends of Athens Station. They went out into something of a south wind, which should make them all the better sailors.

Mr. Paul Nilson, whose family has settled down in Wheaton, Illinois, is on a six weeks' campaign all over New York State, ending up with New York City Nov. 11th. After that, he goes to New Jersey for a further two weeks of deputation work, hoping to join his family for Thanksgiving.

Tarsus College reports the largest entering class since 1930, and hopes that with late comers, the total registration will exceed that of last year.

Founders' Day at Aleppo College was celebrated October 11th with exercises in the Emmanuel Church appropriate to the 58th anniversary of the founding of the College. Dr. Avedis Nakkashian, of New York, gave an address; and so did President Merrill.

The School of Theology at Beirut began its year's work a week ago, with an attendance about the same as last year, and including one Roumanian, two Bulgarians, and the rest Palestinians, Syrians and Armenians.

Dr. Nute is remaining a while in Beirut to complete the dentistry he needs; and meanwhile Mrs. Nute and Maryly are up at Shimlan, enjoying the cold mountain air.

Miss Amy Shaw and Dr. Henrietta Tarry are the new American members of the Faculty at the American College for Girls, at Arnaoutkeuy. Miss Shaw comes on leave of absence from Columbia University and the New York Public Schools, in order to gain additional experience in teaching English to foreigners. Dr. Terry is acting as head of the Mathematics Department this year during Dr. Frances Harshbarger's leave of absence.

BORN:- In New York City on Sept. 29th to Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Hall, Jr., of Sofia College, a daughter, Mara. Congratulations to parents and little brother.

Tevfik Rüşdü Bey, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Gen. Izzettin Pasha, with a squad of the National Guard have gone to Belgrade to represent Turkey at the funeral of King Alexander of Yugoslavia.

In connection with the great Exposition which is to be held at Angora, October 29th to November 15th, special reductions on railroads for return-trip tickets for Angora go into effect on October 20th, saving one-half the usual fare.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Figgs

Dear friends:-

The marriage of Miss Grace Dodge, daughter of President and Mrs. Bayard Dodge of Beirut, to Mr. John Bartow Olmsted, II., took place at Riverdale-on-Hudson, the home of her grandmother, on Thursday, October 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vrooman, after a two weeks' campaign with an Oxford Group in the north of Ireland, are off for the United States, and may be addressed hereafter at Greenville, Maine.

Mrs. Emily Block of Talas arrived in this city last Saturday for a short visit.

Miss Cecelia J. Berg, whom many of us will remember in connection with her work in the Treasury Department of the Mission, seven to ten years ago, and who is now teaching in the Chicago schools, took a most interesting trip by car this summer with Miss Clara Bissell, formerly of the Constantinople Y.W.C.A., to California, and back by bus.

The Foreign Ministers of Greece, Bulgaria, Jugo-slavia and Turkey are planning a meeting at Angora, at the time of the great anniversary of the Republic, October 29th and 30th. Mr. Maximos, Greek Minister of Foreign Affairs, is leaving Athens on Saturday next on his way thither.

An understanding has been reached between the American and Turkish representatives regarding the compensation to be paid to the United States Government for American properties requisitioned during the world war. This agreement is to be signed shortly at Angora, by the respective representatives.

Daily Vacation Bible Schools in Syria this year:-54 schools, 217 teachers, 3182 children, with one section not yet reporting. There were not quite so many schools as last year, but an increasing interest in the movement in the Greek Orthodox Church. One encouraging feature is that there were a few schools in villages entirely non-Christian.
-Beirut News Letter.

In connection with this we may report the beginning of Sunday-schools in three of the Greek Orthodox churches of Constantinople, in one case with over three hundred in attendance. The spread of this movement from Greece to Turkey is encouraging.

Word has come from Mr. Harold Pence, who was in Aintab, telling of their plans to take a year of study at the University of California, in the expectation that next year he will obtain what is called a "cadet" position in high school agricultural teaching, after which he hopes to obtain a permanent position.

All schools in the country are having a compulsory holiday during the three days, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday next, in connection with the observation of Republic Day. Although not so unusual a day as the Tenth Anniversary last year, it will still be well celebrated.

News received from Mr. and Mrs. Fowle from Sivas, after their visit in Talas, would indicate that they were to spend Sunday last in Merzifon. Mr. Fowle also planned a side-trip down to Samsoun and back before returning to Talas.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

The eleventh anniversary of the establishing of the Turkish Republic was celebrated yesterday all over the country and especially in Stamboul and Angora. Though the rejoicings were not quite of the grand order of the last year's Tenth, there were large parades and extensive decorations in both cities, and illuminations at night. A squadron of Persian airplanes arriving in Angora that day added an unusual element. Schools, banks, and official departments have a three days' holiday; but for ordinary business the closing down was for one day only.

An unusual traveler around these parts was in town for a few days the past week,- Mr. Jonathan Fisher, of eastern Pennsylvania, of the Amish sect of Mennonites. He is making a particular study of places connected with Biblical history; and after seeing Philippi, Salonica, Berea, Athens, and Corinth, he plans to return for a more leisure trip through the Holy Land, though he has already been in Jerusalem, Beirut, Lebanon, Aleppo, Tarsus and elsewhere, in the course of his journey around the world.

Mrs. Emily Block has returned to Talas, very much helped by her visit in our city.

Mr. H. H. Riggs has started out with Mr. Dechard of the Presbyterian Mission, on a visit to the Jezirah district, including Deir-ezzor, Rakka, and other places of a dark past, which are now occupied in connection with the Presbyterian work. Before going out to that region, however, he is visiting Kessab, Alexandretta, and other out-stations of our work. He expects to return home in another fortnight.

President and Mrs. Floyd H. Black of Sofia College arrive in Stamboul this morning for a brief visit at the home of President and Mrs. Monroe.

Professor Voll, previously of Robert College, is studying this year at Columbia University.

Mr. Paul Nilson writes that up to Oct. 15 he had given over fifty talks on Turkey since August. He is meeting with encouragement and sympathy everywhere.

Miss Brauer writes that the Boys' Playground at Adana, now under the management of the city, is being fairly well attended, and that small girls are also playing there, but not as many of the older boys as there used to be.

Prof. George H. Huntington is undergoing a course of treatment at the Corey Hill Hospital in Boston, which is expected to enable him to use his limbs more easily. He is making progress, slowly.

The Near East School of Theology is continuing the plan of having assemblies at five o'clock on Thursday afternoons, some of which are in the form of lectures open to the public. Dr. J. E. Hartzler is lecturing this week on "When Russia Entered the League of Nations."

-Beirut News Letter.

The same News Letter reports that Miss Margaret Scott, who was recently in Stamboul, with her father, Dr. George Scott, and her brother Arthur has gone to Damascus, going on from there via Baghdad to India and the farther East.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Figgs

Dear friends:-

Our old colleague, Mrs. William S. Dodd, passed to her reward on October 31, presumably at Montclair, N.J., following an attack of cerebral hemorrhage. She was in her seventy-third year. She was the daughter of Mr. Peter Charter, of the firm of Carter Bros., publishers. She was married in June, 1886, to Rev. William S. Dodd, M.D., and they came out to Caesarea as missionaries that fall. Their six children were born there, or in Talas, the oldest, Edward M., being now Medical Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, and the youngest, Stuart C., being Professor of Sociology at Beirut University; while Wilson Farnsworth Dodd M.D. is connected with our Hospital at Aintab. Dr. and Mrs. Dodd were at the Hospital in Talas until 1911, when they moved to Konia and opened up medical and hospital work there, and continued there until 1916, when they went to America. Mrs. Dodd remained there until 1919, when, despite a high blood pressure, her physicians allowed her to return to this country. After a hectic experience in Adana in 1920, Dr. and Mrs. Dodd returned to Konia in 1921, and labored on for three years. In 1924 they retired to America, and lived in Bloomfield, N.J., Dr. Dodd was called home on Jan. 24, 1928. Since then Mrs. Dodd has been living near her two children, Mrs. Nellie Dodd Spears, and Dr. Edward M. Dodd, Letters written in September seemed to show her in excellent health and spirits.

President and Mrs. Floyd H. Black, of Sofia College, were here last week from Tuesday till Friday, guests at the home of President Monroe at Kennedy Lodge. They left Friday evening on their return.

President Homer Davis of Athens College was also in town for a brief visit last week, coming by boat on Wednesday morning, and leaving by airplane Saturday morning for Phaleron Bay.

President Bayard Dodge of Beirut University, who arrived here also on Tuesday last, remained over Sunday and took the train yesterday morning for Tripoli, Syria, expecting to be in Beirut again by tomorrow morning.

Our gay young travelers, Miss Barker and Mrs. Lyman, have been having such a good time in the Athens vicinity that they are staying there longer than they had planned, and leave tomorrow morning for Smyrna and home.

By an order of the Minister of Interior, following the desire of President Mustafa Kemal, beginning last Thursday the broadcasting stations at Angora and Constantinople will no longer broadcast music "a la Turque." The radio programs have therefore been altered to conform to this new regulation. The next task of the Turkish Conservatory will be to set to harmony some of the Turkish folk-songs etc., according to western methods. To this there seems to be no objection.

The Bishop of Gibraltar is expected to be in our city this week, and will officiate at the Armistice Day service at the Crimean Memorial Church. There will also be an Armistice Day service at the Evangelical Union Church of Pera.

Mr. Scott Mendenhall, who was teacher in Tarsus College, is taking courses in Columbia University, looking toward Master's Degree.

On the honor roll of retired missionaries of our Near East Mission, there are fifty names of those who are sixty-five or over, and of these, twenty-eight are seventy-five years or older. The two at the top of the fifty-three list, Dr. J.K. Browne and Mrs. H. T. Perry, are both over ninety.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Nov. 13, 1934

Dear friends:-

The engagement is announced of Miss Caroline S. Goodsell, of Merzifon, and Mr. Richard Bonsall Smith, of Talas. Our heartiest felicitations to the happy pair.

Miss Barker and Mrs. Lyman returned last Friday from their visit in the Athens vicinity. During their stay in the Mission Hostel at Old Phaleron they made trips to the regions of Corinth, Mycenae, and Epidaurus, and to the Marathon Dam; and on their way back they stopped for a few hours in Smyrna. By rare good fortune they did not stay an involuntary few days more; for their steamer almost went off without them.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowle returned the same day, Friday, after a most interesting visit to Angora, Talas, Merzifon, Adana, Tarsus, Aintab and Marash. They were gone four weeks, and kept well themselves, and report all our colleagues in these various places well also. They were traveling on the new and increasingly popular plan of the time-ticket. One buys a fifteen-day ticket, or a month's ticket, or one for two months, and this entitles the bearer to travel any distance on any railroad in Turkey, for that length of time. You may travel every day, and every night too, if you like, until the time limit.

The one thing it does not include is travel without special permission to parts of the country which may be under special restrictions. Permission came for them to go east of the Euphrates River, on the very day when they were starting back for home; and so that part of the trip has been postponed until next week. Mr. Fowle expects to start out on Monday for Mardin, Surfa, and Harpout.

Mr. Charles E. Allen, until recently Consul at Constantinople has been appointed as American Consul at Gibraltar.

Mr. and Mrs. D.K. Getchell have gone from Salonica to Athens for a visit of a couple of weeks. They were in time to see at Old Phaleron Miss Barker, Mrs. Lyman, and Miss Pohl, the last-named having gone since then to Smyrna for a fortnight before returning to Caesarea.

Dr. and Mrs. Nute, who have been detained in Beirut by dental work, are expected back in Talas by about the 15th of the month.

Athens Junior College, with an attendance of 246 girls, has the largest enrolment in its history. Of these, 111 were born in Asia Minor, 81 in Greece, and the remaining 54 in fifteen other countries. This year fourteen have come from Cyprus, four from Egypt, three each from Albania and Constantinople. There are 197 Greeks, 40 Armenians, and 9 of other nationalities.

A well attended and successful reception was held at the British Embassy on Monday afternoon for the Lord Bishop of Gibraltar, who conducted the Armistice Day service at the Crimean Memorial Church the day before. The Armistice Day service at the Evangelical Union Church of Pera was also well attended.

Mr. Raymond F. White, formerly of International College, and Mrs. White are now attending the Kansas State College at Manhattan, Kansas, and taking graduate courses in Education and in English, and are enjoying these very much.

Miss Dorothy Blatter, formerly of Merzifon School, is in Denver, Colorado, this year, taking courses in the Kirkland Art School.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Nov. 20, 1934.

Dear friends:-

Word has come from our former colleague, Mrs. H.M. Irwin, of Winnipeg, Man., of the marriage of her daughter, Corinne K., to Dr. Donald McEachern, which took place in London, England, October 10th. Miss Irwin has been for several years connected with the London Daily Express; and Mr. McEachern, who is a native of Winnipeg, after graduating in medicine at Manitoba and Johns Hopkins Universities, has been having four years in Europe for research work, and is at present working in the London hospitals. He will return after another year to take up work in the Department of Neurology at McGill University, Montreal.

We are sorry to report that in September, Miss Frime, formerly of the American College for Girls, who has for several years been living in the Adirondacks, at Saranac Lake, fell and fractured her skull. This was followed by pneumonia, and at last accounts, from a letter written by a friend Oct. 31st, she was in a very serious condition. Miss Frime is in her seventy-ninth year.

Mr. L. R. Bowle and his son James left yesterday morning for a trip of about a fortnight, expecting to go via Levzi Pasha and Malatia to Harput, and thence to Diarbekir, Mardin, Ourfa and back.

At Beirut University, the total enrolment is this year 1317, as compared with 1375 last year, and 1420 the year before, and 1341 in 1931. The drop has been mainly in the Arts and Sciences, and in the Elementary and High School departments; while Medicine, Pharmacy and Dentistry and the French School have all increased. Thirty-six countries are represented, 555 coming from the Lebanon, 227 from Palestine, 105 from Syria, 98 from Iraq, 80 from Egypt, 44 from Persia. Of the total, 366 are Sunni Moslems, 258 Greek Orthodox, 224 Protestants, 136 Jews, 60 Maronites, 49 Roman Catholics, and 46 each, Gregorians and Druzes.

Professor and Mrs. George H. Huntington and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Damon have taken a house at 32 Suffolk Road, Chestnut Hill, Mass., for the winter.

Secretary Alden H. Clark of the American Board is at the Newton Hospital, following an emergency operation for appendicitis Nov. 2nd. He is reported as making a very good recovery.

We are glad to learn that Dr. Fred Field Goodsell is expecting to visit the Near East, India and Africa some time between February and September of 1935. While his itinerary has not yet been fixed, it is probable that he will come first to the Near East. The Prudential Committee is further carrying out its plan for closer touch with the friends by arranging for a visit by Dr. A.H. Clark to the Near East some time about October or November of next year.

The inhabitants of Stamboul have had a disappointment, in the news that the British aviators Moll and Harmentier, who were second in the London-Melbourne air race, are not coming via this city on their return flight, but have gone direct from Angora to Athens, reaching there presumably last evening.

This year, for the first time since the war, Aleppo College has resumed the policy formerly pursued by Central Turkey College, of subsidizing local high schools which conform to its course of study. Junior High School work has begun at Kessab, the College furnishing the salary of one teacher.

Latest advices indicate that Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Adkins are planning to leave England about the first of January and return to the United States.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Rev. Henry H. Riggs writes interestingly of the trip he took with Messrs. Decherd and Ogden in the territory northeast of Deir- ez-Zor, to Kamishli, opposite Misibin, to dedicate the new church building on Nov. 11th. This town, which eight years ago consisted of one lonely khan, has now 20,000 inhabitants. The dedication service was in the Arabic, Armenian, Syriac and Turkish languages. Mr. Riggs also visited several other places, among them Ain Diwar, where most of the people are of Christian nationalities and the prevailing language is Kurdish, where he preached in Turkish and was translated into Kurdish; also Vanik, a purely Armenian village where he found some old acquaintances of Harpout days.

Mr. W. W. Bell, who is in charge of the Methodist Publishing House at Lucknow, India, passed through here last week with his family, on their way to America on furlough. They came all the way from Lucknow in their own autobus, the "Wild Goose," by way of (get out your maps!) Delhi, Quetta, Meshed, Teheran, Baghdad, Jerusalem, Aleppo, Adana, Ereğli, Talas, Angora and Izmid. Here they were detained a few days by rain, but left on Saturday afternoon aiming for Sofia, Belgrade, Trieste, and finally London, New York, and Idaho. A further item of interest is that he built the body of the car himself.

Dr. Cass Arthur Reed has accepted an invitation from the Faculty of the School of Theology in Beirut to teach a class Homiletics. Prof. Webster, formerly of International College, is lecturing this week on "One Pastor's Home Work." -Beirut News Letter.

Miss Fenenga reports an increased interest in volleyball among the students in the College and Girls' School. In a recent contest the Freshman boys beat the Junior girls two games out of three.

Dr. and Mrs. Nute have returned to Talas after their dental work in Beirut, and Dr. Nute is taking steps to open up his private clinic work.

The custom of assuming purely Turkish family names is being pushed rapidly. The President of the Republic has adopted the name of Ata Türk, and will be known henceforth as Gazi Kemal Ata Türk. American youth are cautioned to remember that there is but one t between the two a's; and the meaning seems to be, Forefather of the Turks. Each a is pronounced as the a in father.

The Grand National Assembly has passed a law abolishing all titles which indicate class distinctions, such as pasha, efendi, hazretleri, agha, molla, hodja, hadji; also the wearing of foreign or national medals of honor except the war medal; also substituting the titles of Marshal and General in place of Müşir and Pasha in the army, and introducing that of Admiral in the navy.

A bill has been introduced into the Grand National Assembly, making illegal the wearing of turban or cassock, by anyone, religious leader or otherwise, except inside of a place of worship. This is intended to apply to Moslem, Christian and Jew irrespectively. How fortunate the Evangelical clergyman, in not having any such thing to discard!

There will be a Thanksgiving Day service at the Dutch Chapel on Thursday morning at eleven o'clock. In the afternoon, from five to eight, the Ambassador and Mrs. Skinner will be at home to their friends.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Dec. 4, 1934.

Dear friends:-

Dr. W.L. Nute has been having difficulty in securing a permit for holding a clinic in Talas, as the Governor holds that all the buildings in the compound where the hospital used to function are regarded as parts of the hospital, and cannot now be used for this clinic. He still hopes a way out may be found.

Miss Ilse C. Kohl returned last Saturday from her visits in Athens and Smyrna, having had a most satisfying time in both places. She remained here only over Sunday, leaving last evening for Caesarea.

The new silver lira pieces were put in circulation last week; they are of a very neat design, with the head of the President on the obverse, with the words Türkiye Cumhuriyeti, and on the reverse, the inscription 100 KURUŞ, and the date 1934. They are just the size of the 25 piastre pieces, and care will have to be taken not to confuse the two.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. White drove down last week from Salonica to Athens with Mr. and Mrs. Allen of the Near East Foundation, who were on their way to Beirut, to which point they have been transferred for the next six months.

Rev. Eric F.F. Bishop, of Jerusalem, has been giving a course of special lectures at the N. E. School of Theology, Beirut, on the Origin of the Four Gospels. He has also been preaching both in Beirut and in Tripoli.

Mr. Luther R. Fowle and his son Jim were at Aintab for Thanksgiving, and then went through Talas on their way to Angora. Jim is expected back home today, while his father goes on to visit Afyon Kara Hissar and Smyrna before coming home, next week.

The Thanksgiving service at the Union Church of Pera was well attended, the Ambassador and Mrs. Skinner being among those present. The Embassy reception was also a pleasant affair. Many people here listened in that day to the royal wedding in London, radio conditions being fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Getchell of Salonica returned home after a fortnight's visit with old friends at Athens, having seen an unexpectedly large number of their former acquaintances.

Further particulars of the new law about proper names and titles have been announced. The reading public is gradually getting accustomed to the use of Bay, and Bayan, for "Mr. and "Mrs., these being put in front of the name. Thus, instead of the old Ibrahim Bey, we must now say Bay Ibrahim; and for Aliye Esat Hanum, we must now say Bayan Aliye Esad. And the Prime Minister, who was İsmet Paşa, is now General İsmet İnönü. The title of Gazi, however, is still to be used for the President.

There is also a movement on foot, we are informed, to adopt for the name of the Grand National Assembly the term Kurultay, and to use it for this assembly only. It has hitherto been used of several linguistic conferences.

Mrs. Conyers Baker, secretary of the Near East Christian Council, arrived in Beirut Saturday, November 17th, and on Monday was at work in her new office, which is in the Mission Building.

-Beirut News Letter.-

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:

Wich against the advice of local children playing in the street a group of Americans recently sneaked into Tarsus College by a back gate, and succeeded in joining with others already there to completely surprise Mr. and Mrs. Woolwassa in a celebration of their Tenth Wedding Anniversary. The "sneakers" were Dr. Haas, Miss Brauer and the Clarke. from Adana; and they joined with the Tarsus group, plus Dr. and Mrs. Wate and Maryly, who were in Tarsus en route from Beirut to Talas. The party began with a tin shower which was followed by a turkey dinner. The evening was spent in lively entertainment including a wedding play put on by the group.

Rev. Austin Oakley arrived in this city some ten days ago, as the new Rector of the Grimean Memorial Church. He is accompanied by his wife; and they come here from some years' work in Honduras and Costa Rica. Previous to that, he was for a time in South Africa. The British Ambassador gave a reception in his honor last week.

The Mosque of St. Sophia has been closed to the public in order to be transformed into a Museum of Byzantine Art. Thus ends a period of fourteen centuries of use as a place of worship, - nine hundred years as a Christian Church, and nearly five hundred as a Moslem mosque.

The month of Ramazan began last Saturday morning; and the faithful Moslems fast daily, "from the time when you can distinguish a white hair from a black one," till sunset. The Night of Power, the one before the 27th day of this month, will no longer be celebrated in St. Sophia as heretofore. No announcement has yet been made as to another place.

The glad word has come from Adana that on Dec. 5th occurred the final session of the trial of Miss Brauer, who was declared innocent of the charge of opening a school without a permit. Our congratulations on the victory of the truth.

Miss Helen K. Haight, who has served for two years in the Talas Hospital, now closed, and who has been spending a short time in Stamboul on her way, is leaving by steamer today for Port Said, to take the P.&O. steamer there for Ceylon, having accepted a call to work as nurse for two years in the American Board Hospital at Manipay, Ceylon. She expects to be there by the end of this month.

Our Tarsus American group went over to Adana for their joint Thanksgiving celebration, which came on Friday. Miss Towner led the devotional service, and Miss Brauer and Dr. Haas were hosts at the dinner. An interesting program occupied afternoon and evening.

Another forward step has been taken by the Turkish Government, in the vote of the Grand National Assembly on Dec. 5th, granting to women not only the right to vote in legislative elections, but also the right to be candidates for election as deputies in the Assembly. Thus Turkey takes its place among the foremost in granting women's rights.

Mr. L. R. Fowle returned yesterday morning from his second tour, during which he visited Harput; Diarbekir, Mardin, Curfa, Aintab, Adana, Talas, Angora, Afion Kara Hissar, and Smyrna.

President and Mrs. E. W. Riggs went to Athene from Salonica on Dec. 6th, taking with them their daughter Margaret for treatment, as she had been bitten the day before by a mad dog. Mrs. Riggs will remain with her till the treatment is completed.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

Herewith we give the statistics of the various American schools and colleges in the Near East, not including the schools of the Presbyterian Mission in Syria. The only one that shows numerical growth is Athens Junior College for Girls, which last year had 216 students, and this year has thirty more, - a record attendance.

Schools in Turkey

	Total	Orta	Lise	Special	Boarders	Day Sch.	Girls	Boys
Merzifon	42	42			31	11	42	
Scutari	136	67	51	18	49	87	136	
Smyrna ECI	85	58	27		9	76	85	
Talas	39	39			8	19(a)		39
Tarsus	61	35	26		37	24		61
	<u>373</u>	<u>241</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>134</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>263</u>	<u>100</u>

Greece &

<u>Syria</u>	Total	Prep.	High S.	Grad.	Boarders	Day sch.	Girls	Boys
Aleppo G.	75	36	39			75	75	
Beirut U. & B.	64		61	3		64	46	18
Salonica G.	91	29	62		38	61	91	
N.E.S.Theol.	26			26	23	3	4	22
	<u>256</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>203</u>	<u>216</u>	<u>40</u>

COLLEGES

	Total	Prep.	High S.	College	Other	Board.	Days.	Girls	Boys
A.T.C.GIRLS	251		131	120		73	172	251	
Aleppo	75	33	29	13			75		75
Anatolia	136	27	84	25		48	88		136
Athens(B)	351	194	157			71	280		351
Athens Jr.(G)	246	86	119	39	2	70	176	246	
Beirut Univ.	1317	145	130	399	652(b)	417	786(c)	104	1213
Robert	424		175(d)	114	133	154	270		424
Sofia	501		218(d)	283		571		234	267
	<u>3301</u>	<u>485</u>	<u>1043</u>	<u>993</u>	<u>737</u>	<u>1347</u>	<u>1847</u>	<u>535</u>	<u>2467</u>
Grand Totals	<u>3920</u>	<u>791</u>	<u>1309</u>	<u>993</u>	<u>834</u>	<u>1527</u>	<u>2279</u>	<u>1314</u>	<u>2656</u>

(a) plus pension, 12.

(b) Medic.129; Pharm.193, Dent.27; Nursing, 55; French, 235; Music, 39.

(c) plus lodgers, 114.

(d) Preparatory & High School united.

Of the students in Salonica Girls' School, one each come from South Africa, China, England, and the United States. In the Beirut High School, the three graduate students are taking a four-months' course of special work in preparation for the Nurses' Training course in the University. At Sofia College, they have 48 instructors, with a total staff of 68.

Rev. Walter B. Wiley, recently of Marash, writes of giving a number of missionary addresses, among others, in Ipswich, Mass., and Nelson, N.H., at the latter of which places he saw Mr. and Mrs. Hardy, the parents of Mrs. J.K. Lyman.

Rev. and Mrs. W.F. Clarke, formerly of Sofia, send their best Christmas and New Year's greetings to all their friends. Their son Henry has opened his doctor's office in Northampton, Mass., and they have settled down with him, at No. 311 Locust Avenue, Florence, Mass. This is on the road to Mountain Rest; so friends going there may stop in and see the Clarkes.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

You will all appreciate the cogent reason why this issue was delayed one day. We trust everybody had a good and satisfactory day yesterday, and still will feel for a long time the blessedness of the celebration.

Dr. Knut B. Westman, professor of History of Missions and Far Eastern Religions in the University of Upsala, Sweden, was in town for a few days last week, coming here from Beirut by rail after a visit in Egypt, Palestine and Syria, looking into the present state of religious problems there. Dr. Westman was from 1923 to 1930 President of a Lutheran College in Hunan, China. He is now the representative of the Scandinavian countries on the Ad Interim Committee of the International Missionary Council.

Miss Alice Lindsley of Scutari is now at 434 E. Regent St., Inglewood, California, and while at work in the University of California is also doing quite a little speaking about Turkey, in Rotary Clubs, public schools, and missionary groups.

A couple of months ago we stated that there were fifty names on the retired list of the Near East Mission of persons over sixty-five years old. The list has since been corrected, bringing up this total to sixty-four names, instead, of whom fifty are past the sixty-eight mark. Truly we are a long-lived group!

Rev. and Mrs. Robert P. Wilder, who are at present living in New York City, expect to leave in January for England, where Dr. Wilder is to be spending three months working among University students.

One more of the retired missionaries of the Presbyterian Mission in Syria, Mrs. Frederick W. March, passed away on December 7th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Freidinger, in Suk-el-Sharb, aged seventy-seven years. Mr. March, who is nearly ninety, is still quite vigorous. He came out to Syria in 1873.

Mr. Huntington Damon, son of our friends Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Damon, who after graduating at Harvard has been teaching this year at Athens College, is in town for his Christmas holidays, staying with Dr. Post at Robert College. He reports very encouraging improvement in the condition of Professor Huntington, who was able to share in the family Thanksgiving celebration.

The Grand National Assembly at Angora has closed its sessions after a busy time; they passed more than fifty bills on the closing day. Elections for the new Assembly, -the fifth, -will soon be held, and the new Assembly will begin its sittings on March 1st.

In connection with the extensive immigrations of recent weeks into Turkey from Rumania, a Turk who was formerly a member of the Rumanian Senate makes the declaration that there have been more than 30,000 arriving here already during this year, and that of the 200,000 Turks still living in Rumania, ninety per-cent. expect to migrate into Turkey next spring. These are mostly in the Dobruja. Those coming here have largely been settled in the regions of Thrace.

Dr. and Mrs. F.W. MacCallum have gone over to Greece, to have a fortnight's visit with their sister Miss Emily MacCallum in Old Phaleron.

Yours very cordially,

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