

Bible House, Stamboul, January 6, 1925.

Dear Friends:

The Mid-year Council of the Turkey Mission was a success and accomplished its work sooner than was expected, adjourning Friday evening. As there was no delegate from Merzifoun, Mr. Pye acted in that capacity. The Syria branch sent no representative which was a matter of regret to all present. The most difficult problem before the Council was that of supplying the field with workers. It is hoped that the decisions taken will meet the most immediate needs providing a generous cooperation can be secured from the American Board and the Women's Boards. Action favorable to the continuation indefinitely of the Mission work in Greece was also taken. At the Conference on Medical Work, Doctors W. M. Post and W. P. Dodd were also present and contributed. The Devotional Sessions both morning and evening were especially helpful.

Miss Elizabeth Trowbridge of Aintab spent the Christmas season with the Merrill family in Aleppo.

Miss A. S. Dwight was in Aintab visiting Miss Phelps. Miss Dwight and Miss Eddy and the Clark family are living in Talas while Mr. and Mrs. Woolworth and Miss Pohl are in Caesarea.

Mr. Goodsell and his son, Lincoln, together with Mr. Getchell and Mr. Irwin left on Saturday afternoon by the steamer Adria for Athens. Mr. Goodsell and Lincoln sail from England January 14th on the Homeric for New York. Lincoln expects to attend the Lawrence Academy, Groton, Mass.

Mr. R. H. Markham has withdrawn his resignation as editor of the Gornitza and will continue in that capacity for at least six months longer. The paper is to be issued weekly instead of semi-weekly.

Miss Schafer, sister of Mrs. Woodruff of Sofia, has returned to America, where she arrived on December 3rd.

The first service in the new Evangelical Church building at Aleppo was held December 14th when it is estimated 1500 persons were present. The especial occasion for this service was the ordination as an Evangelist of Mr. Dikran Andreasian, stated supply of the church in Kessab. It is felt that the third church organization will be needed in Aleppo in the near future.

The Syris field has at present four students in the School of Religion at Athens, and two in the Theological Seminary at Beirut. The latter have taken up the study of Arabic in addition to their regular subjects.

A Y.M.C.A. has recently been organized in Aleppo, mainly through local and native effort.

The touring evangelist for the Syris field, Rev. Sisag Manougian, will henceforth be located in Aleppo.

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:

Miss Towner, Mr. Lyman, Mr. Nilson and Mr. Isely, the last of the delegates to the Mid-year Council, left us last Friday morning, returning to their posts by rail.

Mrs. Nilson arrived in America on December 16th and after a visit in Lexington, Mass., has gone to Wheaton, Ill. where she will remain for sometime.

It is expected that Dr. Wilfrid T. Grenfell, of Labrador fame, will reach Constantinople within a short time, coming from Beirut, probably by rail. It is believed that Dr. Lorrin Shepard is accompanying him.

Mr. Moore Gates and his wife sailed last Tuesday from New York on the Excursion Tourist Steamer, Adriatic, and are expecting to arrive in Constantinople January 26th to spend some time with his parents, President and Mrs. Gates of Robert College. Moore has just been through an operation for appendicitis and this trip is in the line of recuperation from it.

Miss Beatrice Hodge, for some time in the Migration service of the Y. T. C. A. in this city, is leaving the day after tomorrow for Syria, Egypt, Italy, on her return to America.

Robert College has installed a Radio receiving outfit and is enjoying concerts almost every evening from Rome, London, and Petrograde. Aside from the atmospheric conditions their main difficulty is that the broadcasting occurs so late in the evening as to make attendance on these occasions rather difficult.

Miss Greeley, a friend of Miss Abbott of Samokov, who is making her home at present in Munich, is visiting Constantinople for a short time, and expects to return hence to Munich via Samokov.

Mr. Voris of the Near East Relief New York office is expected in Constantinople on Friday the 16th, and Mr. Acheson comes from Beirut on Monday next to meet him here. They are to go from Constantinople to the Caucasus to inspect the N. E. R. work there.

Mr. Woolworth writes from Caesarea:-

"On Friday, the 2nd of January, we held a New Years Reception for our Turkish friends, the Tels Americans receiving with us. Invitations had been given through personal calls. Over twenty people responded including some of our higher officials."

"There are constant inquiries about the possible reopening of our schools, but we still have to find out how much of an actual desire exists and how much backing would be given to an official request on our part for a renewal of the permits."

The cooperation of several friends in different stations is gratefully acknowledged, and the News Letter will be very grateful for items from other places as well to enhance the value of this little sheet. If any of our friends in America have not yet sent in their contribution through their Board Treasurer, this may serve as a reminder to them.

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, January 20, 1925.

Dear Friends:-

Miss Mary I Ward has reached Constantinople from Brousa and is expecting to proceed by Thursday's steamer for Merzifoun, going via Samsoun.

Dr. Voris of the Near East Relief is spending a few days on his way, probably, to the Caucasus. Messrs Acheson and Jaquith are expected today to confer with Dr. Voris.

Mr. E. C. Stevens of the Y.M.C.A. with his family, including Mrs. Moodie, arrived January 12th in Constantinople on his return from America, and is taking up the study of Turkish in the Language School.

Mr. E. M. Hedden and family of the Y.M.C.A. leave this week on a leave of absence of about six months and are going via France to America.

News has been received of the death of Prof. Scott's father in Egypt last week. He was a missionary in Japan and was on his way to America. Prof. Scott returned to Robert College Sunday with his step-mother.

Constantinopolitans are disappointed to learn that Dr. Grenfell is not coming here from Aleppo after all, but is going from there direct to India.

Prof. Chas. Estes and family are living on 118th Street, New York, near Mrs. Estes' uncle, Prof. Alfred Comlin. Prof. Estes is attending Music courses in Columbia University. The children are in the Horace Mann School.

Winter has delayed mails in Asia Minor so that according to the last report it takes about 20 days to get a reply from Marash to Aintab by mail.

Prof. Clarence Johnson, formerly of Robert College, has recently been appointed Prof. of Sociology at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa.

Rev. Fay E. Givenwood, who was tutor in Euphrates College, Harpout, 1911 to 1914, is now on furlough in America after 5 yrs. missionary work in India. His address is 815 North Cascade St., Colorado Springs, Colo.

Friends of Rev. Samuel L. Melkonian, formerly pastor in Tarsus, have learned with sorrow of the sudden death of his wife at Alexandria, Egypt.

Rev. Remo L. Robb, who last year was a tutor in Mersin, is studying theology in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Tarsus church, after its Christmas program raised 23 liras, 12 piasters to send to Greece for the help of refugees.

Mr. Paul Robb is studying in the New Evangelical Theological College in Dallas, Texas.

January 5th was celebrated in Cilicia as the anniversary of the evacuation of the French in 1921. In Tarsus the schools had an out-door program. One school boy in his declamation was loudly cheered when he said:

"We must make war on Ignorance."

Large crowds witnessed the field meets in the afternoon.

Very cordially yours,

Charles W. Riggs.

Dear Friends:

Dr. Reed writes from Smyrna:- "The long drouth in Smyrna is distressing both in fact and in prospect. With an average rain fall to date of 15 inches (from September?) we have had but four and instead of the usual ten inches in December and January, we have but a trace. The high winds are distressing and several schools are closed, though we are still going, but many bous are absent."

In consequence of these weather conditions there is a lot of sickness in Smyrna and Dr. Reed's three children are all in bed, Lachlan with a touch of pneumonia and the others with gripe. Mr. Maynard is also in bed as are some of the other teachers.

Mr. Maynard has been appointed bursar of the A.C.I. in Smyrna to have charge of its business, financial and general work. He and Mrs. Maynard will assist in teaching as much as other duties will permit. It is hoped that the new building for the A.C.I. may be completed soon.

Miss Mary Ward left last Thursday for Merzifoun, going by Turkish steamer to Samsoun.

Miss Greeley, friend of Miss Abbott of Samokov, who was reported as returning to Germany, has instead gone to Brousa where she has been so interested in the work of Miss Jillson's school that she has decided to stay and help out there.

The Angora Government has closed the School of Religion at Constantinople. The reasons for this step are stated to be that this is a school of Higher Education and Higher Education is a function of the State, and also that the school did not exist in Constantinople before the war.

Constantinople College is just now closing the mid-winter vacation which came between the two semesters instead of at Christmas time. They prefer this arrangement to the other which is in vogue at most of our schools.

Captain E. A. Yarrow has withdrawn from the work of the N.E.R. in the Caucasus to become vice-president of a business corporation there.

Mr. Joseph W. Beach of our Mission, who has been with the N.E.R. at Beirut, has been asked to help out in the Caucasus for a year and has accepted this call. He leaves Beirut for Constantinople January 30th on the ASIA, on his way to the Caucasus where he will be acting-director.

Mr. Acheson and wife and Dr. Voris left Constantinople on Sunday for the Caucasus in connection with the N.E.R. work. Dr. Voris will probably go to Moscow and later to Persia, Bagdad and Syria before going to Greece.

The tourist steamer ADRIATIC is in the Bosphorus and the four hundred tourists swarm over Constantinople. Among these are Mrs. Luther H. Gulick, aunt of Mr. Luther Fowle, and Prof. J. H. Breasted, also Mr. Moore Gates and wife who will spend sometime at Robert College with President Gates.

According to the latest report from the Bosphorus Steamer Co., the number of passengers carried during the past year was 10 millions compared with the pre-war average of 18 millions. This reduction which is very serious for the company is stated to be on account of the exodus of populations from the city.

The undersigned is expecting to leave for Athens on Saturday of this week and takes this opportunity to urge all our readers to cooperate with Mr. Fowle and Mrs. Brooks in making this Newsletter a success during his absence of 7 or 8 weeks.

Cordially yours,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, February 3, 1925.

Dear Friends:

Secretary Charles Riggs left Constantinople for Athens on January 31st. to be gone most of February and March, in connection with courses conducted by him in the School of Religion there. It is hoped that means will be found to keep going the news sheets which he has been sending out, during his absence.

There is rejoicing in Merzifoun over one Miss Mary Ward, who has returned to that Station after a period of service in the Broussa Girls School. She sailed from Constantinople on the Turkish steamer "Kara Deniz", which was forced to spend 40 hours in Sinope Harbor because of storm, and a further 24 hours off Samsoun before landing could be attempted. Heavy snows and excessive cold are delaying her trip inward from the coast, and reports of frozen travellers and deserted wagons on the road are being heard.

It is good to know that Caesares is again occupied by the Mission. The Woolworths have established a most attractive home in the Kindergarten building there. Miss Pohl is living with them, and Miss Dwight joins them for a couple of days each week. Cordial relations with their neighbors have been established, and avenues of useful service are opening up.

A real service of beauty and inspiration is being developed in Adana in the park and garden which has grown up around the hospital there. It used to be said that it could not be done. Incidentally, it is a health-giving activity for the busy Dr. Hess.

Instruction of Ali grade being considered a function of the Government in Turkey, orders have been received asking that instruction at the School of Religion and Languages in Constantinople should cease. This does not effect the Turkish Dersane (Mission Language School) where Foreigners are studying the Turkish Language and civilization preparatory to working in this land.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Horn (Eleanor Ketchum) have been transferred from Aleppo to Beirut, where Mr. Horn will be financial representative of the N. E. R. Mrs. Horn will continue her work in the Child Placing Department. Their address is: "Care Near East Relief, Beirut, Grand Liban, Syria."

Dr. Peet and Mrs. Hemphill will be "At Home" to their friends in the Bible House Apartment, Friday February Thirteenth, Four to Seven P.M.

In recent conversations, the Turkish Government has again emphasized the need of agricultural training that was definite and practical. Several of our Stations are thinking of working along this line, and it offers bright prospects for future usefulness.

Cordially yours,

Luther H. Fowle.

Bible House, Stamboul, February 10, 1925

Dear Friends:

Lizzie Cobleigh Cole, wife of Rev. Royal M. Cole, missionaries of the American Board in Turkey for almost forty years, died at Forest Grove, Oregon on Christmas morning of 1924. Husband, son and daughters were with her, and the loving friends who sang Christmas Carols under her window on Christmas eve laid her to rest so soon afterwards. Her home-going brings back to many the beauty of her life and service. Mr. Cole is 86 years old on February 12th.

Mr. Gentle-Cackett, that warm hearted friend of every good effort in Bible Lands, is in Constantinople today en-route from Syria to London. Our sympathy is with him in the death of his Father on February 2d. after a long period of sickness.

Miss Minnie B. Mills is to be in Boston for a Conference with reference to the Board's work in Greece, to be held in February, following which she sails for the Woman's College in Phaleron. An eager welcome awaits her.

Mrs. Elizabeth R. Trowbridge is with her son Steven, living at Maadi, Egypt. In March she plans to join the Merrills in their newly established home in Aleppo.

Mr. Streater of the Treasury Department Staff, is back at his desk in restored health, after a short period of illness.

Dr. Reed reports receipt of the Official Permit for the International College, now granted in the name of the Turkish Republic. We believe this is the first American educational institution to be so honored.

Schools in Smyrna, Adana, and Constantinople (primary) have been closed for a few days on account of prevalent grippe and influenza.

Under date of January 29th. Dr. George White reports that the much desired permit for the College is in hand, and that the land title is promised within a week. Mr. Getchell adds that water rights are assured. Mr. and Mrs. Compton (minus a troublesome appendix) are shortly starting eastwards; and the Theodore Riess family is also expected this spring. The new project is indeed under way.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Beach and their daughters Dorothea and Alice, came to Constantinople from Beirut on Feb. 6th. They have started on to the Caucasus where Mr. Beach takes up the responsibilities of Director of Near East Relief activities.

The prevalent grippe has not spared Aintab. Dr. Hamilton, Mrs. Piper, and Miss Phelps have all been ill; and the two little sons of Dr. and Mrs. Hobrin Shepard are running fevers. The Aintab hospital reports its best month of work for some time past.

Dr. Nuté and Mr. Matteson have taken advantage of the "grippe vacation" to spend five days in the deep snows of Namroon. Mr. Carleton has, on the request of the authorities, taken a class in English at the Lycee. He reports the class as well advanced in the subject.

Dear Friends:

The rain has begun to fall in Salonica after three months of perfect sunshine. People in Anstolia are getting anxious for their crops. Let us hope the long delayed rain will soon visit us all.

Under date of January 24th, 1925, a good letter has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Perry, for some years members of Sivas Station. They are blessed with good health and their thoughts are still with the progress of the work in Turkey. They may be addressed at Ashfield, Miss.

On February 14th, Dr. Peet celebrated his 74th birthday. On the preceding day many friends gathered at his apartment in expression of their affection and loyalty.

Letters from Mr. Paul Wilson report Mrs. Nilson as well and delighting in the cold weather and snow of Wheaton, Illinois. Although schools are still closed there is activity nevertheless on the campus at Tersus. 250 trees, eucalyptus, cedar, pine and acacia, have recently been set up. 50 boys and men keep the ball rolling at the athletic field every day. Soccer and baseball are both popular and the out-door gymnasium apparatus is in constant use.

In Adana the playground is full every day, under the direction of Miss Brauer and Mr. Carleton. It is estimated that four hundred different children have shared in the games since the playground was opened.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin and their daughter Genevieve, and Dr. and Mrs. Haden and Miss Shane have moved to No. 5 Aeolus St., Old Phaleron, Greece, a more convenient residence than they formerly had, and incidentally nearer the American College for Girls and the School of Religion.

Mr. Wilson Fowler has been sent on a special mission by the Standard Oil Company of N.Y. to Preveza and Ysinia in Western Greece. He expects to return to Athens about the end of Feb.

Mr. Maurice Rowntree, who has been teaching in the Athens branch of the School of Religion, has returned to Constantinople.

All schools in Constantinople, including the colleges, have been closed for a period of ten days on account of the prevalent Gripe.

The Turkish Dersane, conducted by the Mission is again in operation after a few days interruption in connection with the closing of the School of Religion.

Mr. Goodsell was met on the dock in New York by his daughter Linda, and Miss Mary Gleason formerly his secretary. The S.S. HOMERIC which deposited him there on January 22d. arrived in Constantinople last evening with a load of American tourists. Letters from Mr. Goodsell are too few, but what we have heard from others would indicate that he was kept busy.

Dr. Packard, of the Presbyterian Hospital in Teheran, passed through Constantinople last week with his two little sons. Several of our circle here had the opportunity of hearing his report of work in North Persia.

Dr. J. E. McLaughlin, of the New York office of the American Bible Society, was one of the passengers on the Lapland on its recent visit to Constantinople. Mr. McLaughlin was the official lecturer of the party, and while in this city, with Mr. Abbas' guide, he was out with his camera taking pictures of historical interest.

Bible House, Stamboul, February 24, 1925

Dear Friends:

Miss Jessie Martin of Adana has been visiting her parents in Aleppo during the "grippe vacation" of the Schools. Dr. Martin is just recovering from an attack of influenza.

Dr. Merrill reports the organization on Sunday February 8th of a new church of 93 members in the Aleppo Champs. Fifty more applicants are on the waiting lists.

After being held 15 days in Samsoun by impassible roads, Miss Mary Ward has safely reached her Station in Merzifon, making the trip in 2 1/2 days. She reports Miss Morley ill with grippe.

The Comptons sailed from America on February 11th, and are eagerly awaited in Salonica. The Theodore Riggs family does not plan to sail till after the arrival of Dr. White in America. The latter is still in Athens in connection with the Land Permit for the new-old College.

A cable dated February 12th reports the death of Margaret Bell Haskell, of Oberlin, Ohio. With her husband, Dr. H. C. Haskell, she came to the European Turkey Mission in 1862, withdrawing from the mission in 1911. During these long years of service, Dr. and Mrs. Haskell served various churches in Ohio for 15 years, and directed the Theological and Collegiate Institute in Samokov for another fifteen years. Dr. Haskell joined "the great majority" in 1914.

Mrs. Haskell exerted a strong influence over the students in the Samokov Schools, and will long be remembered as a sympathetic friend and ever ready friend and helper. The deep sympathy of the Mission Circle will be with her children in this great sorrow.

Rev. Mr. Hassessian, minister in the Armenian Protestant church in Latakia, Syria, was ordained in that city Sunday, January 18th. Dr. McFarland of the Reformed Presbyterian Mission, Rev. H. H. Riggs of our Mission, and three Armenian pastors and one Syrian pastor took part in the service.

President G. E. White, D.D. of the American College at Salonica, has gone to the island of Syria, to escort Mrs. White back to Salonica, after several weeks' visit with her son there.

Word has been received from New York that Rev. Arthur C. Ryan formerly of our Mission in Constantinople, and more recently Agent of the Levant of the American Bible Society, has accepted a call to serve at the central office of the Bible Society in New York, filling the place of Mr. Frank H. Mann, General Secretary, recently resigned. It is with great regret that their associates on the field will contemplate the loss of Mr. and Mrs. Ryan from their Circle. Let us not forget their new address: American Bible Society Bible House, Astor Place, New York City.

Dr. and Mrs. House and Miss Ruth House of Salonica are expecting to go to America this summer, starting about June 1st.

Dr. and Mrs. Alden R. Hoover are building a home for themselves in Elizabeth, New Jersey, where Dr. Hoover is already busy with a large practice. Their daughter Katherine is in Wellesley College.

One of the three Student Volunteers to address the audience of 5000 at the recent missionary gathering in Washington was Miss Lynda Goodsell of this Mission. Her father also had an important part in the program. He is now on the West coast for a few days, with his parents before starting again eastwards.

Bible House, Stamboul, March 4, 1925

Dear Friends:

Tarsus is the first of the Anatolian Stations to report the arrival of the long delayed rains.

The Easter Vacation of the Language School will be from March 19th to April 6th. Members of the School hope to use this time in visiting various Stations, some going to Merzifoun, others to Adana and Tarsus, and others to Smyrna.

Latest reports indicate that Mr. Goodsell plans to sail from New York on March 14th. This would bring him to Constantinople about April 1st.

Dean Pye leaves for Athens on March 14th. to take up work at the School of Religion for the spring term of the year. On the same date Mr. Charles Riggs, who is now conducting studies there, starts back for Constantinople, visiting Salonica on his way.

Under date of February 15th. a good letter has been received from the Lawrence Family of Smyrna, now on Furlough at 51 Elliot Street, Melrose, Mass. They plan to return to the field in August, leaving Arthur and Edward in Brown University, and Alfred in the preparatory school.

Dr. Iorrin Shepard left Ghazi Aintab on February 27th. for a trip to Angora, in connection with his application for permission to practice medicine in Turkey.

Under date of February 12th. a letter has been received from Mrs. Carmelite B. Christie, of 1761 North Fair Oakes Ave., Pasadena (The State is not mentioned.) She sends cordial salutations from Jean and herself to her Mission Associates; and expresses the hope that Dr. Peet may join them in California.

Mr. Woolworth of Caesarea has gone on a trip to Sivas, where the Main Building of the Teachers College has been rented by the Mission to the Department of Health for a period of Five Years. It is to be used for a Model Hospital.

Several substantial road building projects are under way in Turkey. The macadam road from Mersine to Tarsus, to cost Ltq.150,000 is half completed. Another road is being pushed from Adana towards Tarsus. Ford cars literally bounce across Asia Minor nowadays. The most distant part of Turkey is now nearer to Constantinople than Caesarea used to be.

On Friday, February 20th, a reception in honor of Dr. W.W. Peet was given in the Gedik Pasha Church. In fitting words the Pastor, Rev. S. B. Manougian, spoke of what the life of Dr. Peet has meant to the church and community, and of their regret that he is so soon to leave this country. Mr. Mardisgian spoke of the hopes and aspirations of the church and expressed a hope that even though so far away, Dr. Peet might still be able to assist them in securing funds with which to complete their church building. As a farewell token Dr. Peet was given a very handsome prayer rug. In responding, Dr. Peet reviewed briefly some of the trials and experiences of this church. The young people of the church furnished some very entertaining musical numbers. At the close of the program, the young ladies served tea and cakes.

Miss Agnes Salmond, so long a member of Marash Station, desires her friends to know her new address: Care of Mr. Henderson, 28 Hamilton Street, Barhill, Near Dundee, Scotland.

This little NEWS LETTER is primarily to draw and hold together our wide Mission Family. Do not fail to "Follow the impulse" to write a line to our Members in the homeland, whose addresses appear from time to time. They will appreciate this small effort; we will benefit by their thought and intercession for our common task. We are glad to welcome to our Family the following friends who have become readers during the past month:

Miss Mary E. Gleason, 11 West 29th St., New York City, U.S.A.
 Mrs. Paul E. Nilson, 805 Ohio St., Wheaton, Ill. U.S.A.
 Miss Edith Cold, 1525 Olivewood Ave., Lakewood, Ibl. U.S.A.
 Mrs. Lillian Sewny, Near East Relief, Beirut, Syria
 Miss Grace Towner, American Girls' School, Adana, Turkey.

Adana

Dear Friends:

Mr. Woolworth of Caesarea has returned to his Station after visiting Sivas in connection with the renting of the Sivas College building to the Department of Health for use as a hospital.

Dr. Clark passed through Sivas on March 7th enroute to Merzifoun to visit the ladies there and particularly to help Miss Morley in shaking off the scapp from which she has been suffering for sometime.

Dr. Hudson, President of Blackburn College in Illinois, with Mrs. Hudson has been visiting Constantinople this week. The community has been deeply interested in hearing about his institution where every student must work at least two and one half hours per day with his hands, where all work of the institution is done by the student body and where the average cost of board, lodging and tuition is about \$160.00 per annum.

Under date of February 19th Miss Edith Cold writes from 17434 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio that after a strenuous period of service in this land she is spending three days a week in work for the Pilgrim Church and two days a week in field work in Ohio. She reports her mother as fairly well and cheerful.

Mrs. E. D. Mardin has been at the Hospital several days with a bronchial cold but is shortly expected home again.

The new appointee to the Constantinople office of the British and Foreign Bible Society, Mr. James St. Clair, has already taken up his duties here. Having lived for many years in Egypt, Mr. St. Clair has a ready use of Arabic which will be of great service to him in his work in the Near East.

The Turkish Language School, established and directed by F. F. Goodsell of this Mission, has received its official permit from the government of the Turkish Republic.

Mr. Goodsell reports an interesting view of Mission work which constantly cropped out during the recent Conference of 5000 delegates - namely, that Missions are simply brotherhood on a world basis and are not ecclesiasticism, denominationalism, or the imposition of Westernism on the East.

Mr. Belcher reports the two dominant notes of the gathering were the necessity of living the Christian message both at home and abroad as the most effective way of presenting it and the need of giving larger opportunity to the leaders in Eastern lands in working out their own interpretation of the Christian faith.

Dr. Lorrin Shepard of Aintab plans to visit Constantinople before he returns to his Station. He is at present in the Capitol in connection with the question of his permit to practice medicine.

Cordially yours,

L.R. Fowle

Bible House, Stamboul, March 21, 1925.

Dear Friends:

Dr. J. P. McNaughton has gone to Angora for a short visit with reference to the interests of the Bithynia High School.

Secretary Charles Riggs is expected back in this city at the end of this week. His plan of visiting Salonica may have been somewhat affected by the railways strike in Greece.

Under date of March 18th. Mr. Paul Nilson reports a telegram sent by the Educational Department in Angora, authorizing the reopening of the Tarsus College.

Miss Brewer, one of the loyal friends of the Woman's Board of the Pacific, and through that Board a generous contributor to the Broussa Girls' School, is in this city for a few days with several fellow travellers. Miss Sanderson came up early in the week to visit this party, and Miss Jillson arrived last evening for the same purpose.

We have had the pleasure of entertaining Dr. and Mrs. Harry Pinneo Dewey, Pastor of one of the leading churches of the Congregational denomination, situated in Minneapolis. During their brief visit, he saw most of the sights of the city under the guidance of Miss Margaret White; and visited the American Institutions finding three Williams College men, of which College he is a Trustee. The Deweys are loyal friends of the Board.

Dr. Peet plans to leave the city on his way to America on Thursday April 9th, by Triestino Steamer bound for Athens. His associates of the Mission plan to have a farewell gathering on Friday noon, April 3rd, at the Scutari School. On the 6th, a similar gathering of the American Community in general is planned, at the instance of Dr. Peet's many friends not of the Mission group.

The date of the Annual Meeting of the Bulgarian Mission of the Board is set for Thursday April 16th; at Sofia.

On March 19th. Mr. and Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Block, Mrs. Scott of Robert College, Miss Day and Mr. Adkins started for Adana and Tarsus to spend their spring vacation. Mrs. Flint has gone down to Smyrna to get acquainted with her future work at the College during this same period.

With deep regret the Mission records the purpose of Dr. & Mrs. Wilfred Post to withdraw from the Near East, primarily on account of Mrs. Post's health. They plan to sail on the "ASIA" of the Fabre-Line, leaving Constantinople for New York on May 9th. The abiding interest and friendship of the Mission will go with them and their children. The quiet bonds of Mission Fellowship are deep and strong.

The long and anxiously awaited rains are falling in Constantinople.

We are glad to report that our old friend Branos (Cyclops) who went to the hospital last week suffering with grippe, is now on the road to recovery, and hopes soon to be back on duty soon.

Dear Friends:

The usual Charter Day Exercises of Constantinople College were held on Friday last. The main address was delivered by Dr. Peet, and the rest of the exercises were also of rather unusual interest.

Founders Day Exercises at Robert College were held on Monday afternoon with an address by President Gates and a gymnastic exhibition following. In the evening about one hundred men sat down to the Alumni banquet. A cable of greetings on this occasion was sent to Mrs. Washburn in Boston.

The undersigned returned on Saturday last from an absence of seven weeks in Greece, spending three days in Salonica on the return journey and coming thence by rail. He desires to thank those who in his absence undertook the carrying on of this News Letter, which he found much appreciated in the Stations in Greece.

Dr. Lorain Shepard left this city yesterday on his return to his Station, hoping to meet his wife and children and Dr. Hamilton in Aleppo and go with them to Aintab;

Mrs. M. S. Trowbridge accompanied by Mrs. S. V. R. Trowbridge of Cairo were in Beirut March 10 to 12, where Dr. Merrill met them, coming from Aleppo, and took his mother-in-law back to Aleppo. Mrs. Stephen Trowbridge returned on March 14th to Egypt.

Rev. Ernest Pye reached Athens March 16th to remain there in connection with the School of Religion until the close of the term in May.

Dr. and Mrs. G. M. White left Salonica March 20th for the U.S. going via France. Dr. White hopes to secure the support of his Trustees in the definite location of the College in Salonica.

According to the New School Laws published at Angora, each school is allowed to carry on work in two languages of instruction, one of which must be Turkish. Thus; an American school may use English and Turkish; a Greek school, Greek and Turkish; an Armenian school, Armenian and Turkish, etc. The European languages, English, French, German and Italian, may also be taught as languages, but not Armenian or Greek in foreign schools. A special exception has been made for the two colleges at Constantinople allowing them to teach Bulgarian while as a compensation the Bulgarian students must learn Turkish. The application of this law is not insisted upon for the rest of the current school year.

Miss Minnie Mills is expected in Athens this week on her return from her furlough in America.

Dr. C. E. Clark visited Merzifoun from Talas, March 10 to 12th. He has ordered Miss Moreley to remain quiet for a month more before resuming any large portion of her school work. Her furlough is due this spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gaylord Cook are visiting Constantinople for a few days having been in Beirut and Egypt. Mrs. Cook is Treasurer of the W.E.M. at Boston.

Mr. Wilson Fowle arrived in Constantinople on Tuesday after a trip from Athens to Yanina as inspector for the Standard Oil Company. Mr. Fowle will remain for a short vacation with his brother.

Prof. Bezjian is giving a tea at the Protestant Chancery tomorrow in honor of Dr. Peet. The Mission gathering in his honor to be at Scutari April 2d. has already been mentioned, and Read Admiral and Mrs. Bristol have invited the American circle to the Embassy on April 6th with the same object. Constantinople College gave a dinner Tuesday evening at which time Dr. Peet and Mrs. Hemphill were the honor guests.

Very Cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:

The dinner given at the Scutari School on Friday of last week in honor of Dr. Peet and Mrs. Hemphill was attended by 38 grown people, representing practically all the Station circle who were in town at the time. We were sorry not to have with us several members of the Language School and also Mr. Goodsell, who were not yet back from their various trips. Under Miss Kinney's direction a most enjoyable dinner was served, at the close of which an address suitably engraved on parchment paper was read by Dr. McNaughton and presented to Dr. Peet. Nearly a dozen letters from as many different places had been received in loving congratulations and farewell to Dr. Peet, and several of these were read. An album of photographs of his associates in all parts of the field had been prepared and was presented to Dr. Peet in a few fitting words by Mrs. Marden. In response Dr. Peet made a felicitous address expressing his lasting appreciation of his associates and his abiding interest and participation in the work in this part of the world. Before leaving the tables, the group was led in devotional exercises by Dr. MacCallum.

On Saturday afternoon at the meeting of the Constantinople Christian Workers' Union, which was held at the Y. M. C. A. personnel house in Pera, Prof. Huntington spoke very appreciatively on behalf of the Union in regard to Dr. Peet's work in Constantinople. Dr. Peet again replied in a very fitting and heartfelt way.

The round of farewell teas and receptions was brought to a fitting close by a reception given by Admiral and Mrs. Bristol for the entire American Colony of the city at the Embassy yesterday afternoon. About one hundred and fifty persons gathered to do honor to our modest and retiring friend, in the course of which Admiral Bristol introduced Consul General Ravndal as the spokesman of the community in the presentation to Dr. Peet of a handsomely engraved silver tray as a memento of the affection and the appreciation of his American friends in Constantinople.

Dr. Peet and Mrs. Hemphill sail on Thursday by the Lloyd Triesting steamer, expecting to spend some days in Athens and Salonica and eventually sailing, probably from Cherbourg for New York. The best wishes of all their friends go with them on their journey.

Miss Inez Lied, formerly of Adana, was married March 12th at Hollywood, California to Mr. George Ira Johnstone. They will live at 457 Wilton Ave., Hollywood.

The March Missionary Herald gives us the news of the death of Mrs. Floyd O. (Bessie Heath) Smith who died at Cagaya, Philippine Islands, December 9th, 1924, soon after the birth of her fifth child. Mrs. Smith was born in Manchester, Iowa, May 5th, 1887 and sailed with her husband from Boston December 7th, 1912. After he secured his medical permit here they went to Aintab for language study and arrived at Diarbekir in 1914 where he had charge of the hospital, but in 1915 they were compelled to leave the country and since 1918 they have been living in the Philippines.

News had been received of the death of Mr. James Edward Goldsbury on March 6th at Rutland, Mass. of tuberculosis. Mr. Goldsbury will be remembered by many in this country, for he was connected with the Anatolia College, Merzifoon, 1914-21 and later with the V. M. C. A. camp near Adana, and then went to St. Paul's Institute, Tarsus. He returned to the United States in 1922 broken in health and apparently with malaria, but tuberculosis soon developed. He was the son of Dr. James Goldsbury, a medical missionary of the American Board in Japan and was born in that country about 35 years ago.

Rev. F. F. Goodsell returned according to his promise from his visit to the U. S. on April 5th after an absence of almost exactly 3 mos.

The missing members of the Language School have all returned to their posts and work has begun once more. They did not go on to Marash and Aintab as originally planned.

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, April 14, 1925.

Dear Friends:

The sad news has come of the death of Mr. Theodore D. Riggs at Melrose, Mass. on April 9th of pneumonia. Mr. Riggs was born in Athens December 7th, 1879 and grew up in Marsovan. After graduating from Colorado College and the Law School of Denver University, he was called to Marsovan as Treasurer and Business Agent, but was detained by the war until 1919, arriving there in the fall with his family and remaining until the missionaries were all sent out in 1921. After a brief stay in Constantinople they went to Salonica where he acted as Treasurer until the summer of 1923 when he returned with his family to Colorado. Of late they have been living in Melrose and were expecting to start back this month for Salonica. He leaves a wife and five children.

A letter from Mr. Isely reports an inch of snow on the ground in Aintab on April 3rd. Dr. Hamilton had arrived the previous evening from Aleppo where Dr. Shepard and family were to remain two weeks longer, unless Dr. Shepard goes to Mezireh earlier for a visit.

The Syria Stations of the American Board held their annual meeting at Beirut, opening April 7th.

Mr. Luther Fowle left his morning for Sofia to attend the Annual meeting of the Bulgarian Mission which begins on Thursday.

A letter from Merzifoun indicated that Miss Morley will probably be able to leave there for America about the middle of May. Miss Noyes expects to accompany her, returning about August 1st.

Dr. Peet, Mrs. Hemphill and Mrs. E. D. Marden left Constantinople last Thursday by Lloyd Triestino s/s/ for Athens. Mrs. Marden expects to proceed from there on the ASIA, the second week in May. Her going at this time was learned by her associates in time to have a small gathering at the home of Mrs. MacCallum, where she was presented with a string of white topaz beads as a parting token by her associates. Mrs. Marden came to Turkey the same year with Dr. Peet and with Dr. Gates.

The American School at Tarsus opened yesterday, April 13th, gladdening the hearts of Messrs Nilson, Carleton, Briquet and Matteson.

Mr. "Dave" Hoagland who returned from Tarsus to America not long ago, has been caught again by the lure of the East and is with the N. E. R. orphanage at Sura.

The Constantinople Christian Workers' Union has elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President	Dr. MacCallum
V. Pres.....	Miss Dorothea Chambers
Secretary.....	Mr. Heddin
Treasurer	Mr. Rowntree

Dr. Voris of the M. E. R. held a meeting Saturday at which were present Miss Adams, Prof. Black, Dr. MacCallum, Miss Kinney, Mr. Van Bummel, and representatives of the Greek and Syrian Patriarchs. He is very hopeful of the cordial cooperation of the local authorities in Persia, the Caucassus and Greece, for his program of religious education in the orphanages. After this meeting he went to Syria with Mr. Acheson.

Mr. Harold Buxton of the Lord Mayro's Fund is coming to Constantinople about May 15th after a trip to Palestine and Syria with the Anglican Pilgrimage under Canon Douglas. He goes from here to the Caucassus.

Miss Marion A. Nossger has been appointed a missionary to Turkey with the expectation that she will be connected with the Gedik Pasha School.

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:

"Lovely and pleasant in their lives, in their death they were not (long) divided." Ten weeks after the departure of his wife, Rev. Royal M. Cole 40 years a missionary in Erzroum and Bitlis, passed to his reward on March 12th, at Forest Grove, Oregon. His body was laid to rest beside that of Mrs. Cole. At the funeral services, Dr. Herbert L. Underwood, for some years his associate in Bitlis, made an address and read extracts from a letter from Dr. Peet. Mr. Cole was the last survivor of a group of twelve missionaries who left America August 15 1868, for Turkey. He was a graduate of Amherst, and studied at Bangor and Princeton Seminaries. He preached his first sermon in Armenian six months after reaching Erzroum. He and Mrs. Cole retired in 1907, and have been living in Forest Grove. They are survived by two sons & two daughters, of whom Miss Nellie Cole worked for several years in Trebizond.

On Easter Sunday the first Communion service to be held in Caesarea for five years, drew together about 150 people at the Protestant church. Two new members were received, a man and his wife; and two children were baptized.

BORN: To Rev. & Mrs. W.C. Cooper, at Philippopolis, Bulgaria, on April 5th, a daughter, Gertrude. Our heartiest congratulations!

Rev. Ernest Pye spent a few days with his family in Constantinople last week, returning then to Athens to his work in the School of Religion. Miss Larrabee and Miss Ferguson of the American Girls' College, Athens, are here for their Spring holidays, as are also Mr. and Mrs. King and Miss Starns of Sofia, and Mrs. Holway of Philippopolis.

Dr. and Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Caldwell, and Miss Greene of Smyrna spent their Easter holidays at Athens.

Mrs. J. K. Marden of Athens is going to Merzifoun to visit her sister, Miss Bertha Morley, who is still confined to her bed.

Miss Margaret Hinman, who returned to America last June from Brousa in very poor health, writes from 327 East Olive Street, Menlovia, California, where she now lives, - "I am all made over, a new person, well and strong and about ready for a good stiff job." Here's hoping we may see her back in this country soon!

Miss Marion A. Nossel, whose appointment to Turkey with a view to the need in Gedik Pasha School was reported last week, is a member of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church of New York, a graduate of Mt. Holyoke '23, an M.A. of Chicago University '24, and is teaching in the Friends' Select School, Philadelphia.

Dr. and Mrs. George E. White of Salonica arrived in New York April 1st, and were to be in Boston the following week.

Miss Edith Parsons of Brousa, after a two years' absence in California, is booked to sail from Boston on April 28th for Constantinople in the S.S. "Patria," returning to her post.

Mr. Luther Fowle, who has been attending the Annual Meeting of the Bulgaria Mission at Sofia, is expected to reach Constantinople this evening. The terrible explosion in the Cathedral in Sofia did not interfere with the Mission meeting, though this was being held only a short distance away.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

We are requested to announce that the Scutari School Bazaar and Cantata of ESTHER, which we announced for May 8th. has been changed to Saturday, May 9th. The Bazaar will be from one to three o'clock p.m. and the Cantata will begin at three o'clock. Owing to the lack of room, children under 12 are not invited.

The Annual Meeting of the Bulgarian Mission was held in Sofia beginning April 16th. 15 members were present. During the opening devotional services there occurred the explosion five or six blocks away, which destroyed the old cathedral with loss of life. Mrs. Ostrander presided at the sessions most effectively, possibly the first time a woman has acted as chairman of such a meeting in the Near East. The Mission accepted with deep regret the resignation of Rev. J. F. Ostrander, who is compelled by his health to give up the Samokov Boys' School which he has served ably for 21 years as its director. The Mission is happy that Mr. and Mrs. Ostrander will for the ~~time~~ time being continue to reside in Sofia. The problem of a successor to Mr. Ostrander is being studied.

On Sunday April 19th. Pastor Furnajieff received 19 new members into the Evangelical Church of Sofia, 15 of these on their confession of their faith.

Dr. E. B. Haskell is making a short trip to Switzerland where his two sons are being placed in school.

Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Clarke are making a short visit to their former station at Salonica. Dr. Peet was also expected to spend last Sunday in Salonica.

A letter from Rev. H. K. Wingate, formerly of Caesarea, who is living at 811 E. Third St., Northfield, Minn. tells us that his son John is in the New York University and his daughter, Dorothea, is connected with the Welfare Work of one of the largest department stores in Minneapolis, and both of them will probably be married next fall.

Miss Kinney, principal of the Scutari School left on the 24th by rail for a brief furlough in America, expecting to be back for the opening of the school in September.

Mrs. J. K. Maréon arrived in Constantinople yesterday on her way from Athens to Merzifoun to see her sister, Miss Morley.

Messrs Van Santen and Disbrowe of the International College, Smyrna, spent a few days of their spring vacation in Constantinople.

Schwester Bodil Biorn, formerly of the Bitlis and Moush, and now connected with the Near East Relief at Iminakan, Armenia, is passing through Constantinople on her way to Norway, expecting to make a short stop in Greece.

Letters have recently been received from Miss A. Smith who was associated with the Central Turkey Mission between 1911 and 1914, working both in Adana and Marash. She is now in Trebizond with the family of the British Consul there. Recently she has been assisting in Miss Burgess' work in Corfu, while the latter went on leave to England. Her many friends in Turkey will be glad to get word of this former fellow-worker.

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, May 5, 1925.

Dear Friends:

The American School for Girls at Scutari was officially closed by the Government on Sunday, May 3d. It is hoped that this was due to a misunderstanding and that the school may soon receive permission to reopen. In the meantime we are requested to state that the bazaar previously announced is indefinitely postponed.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Banninga of the Madurs Mission, India, are visiting Constantinople on their way to America. They expect to spend the next two years in Hartford in connection with the Kennedy School of Missions. They are accompanied by Miss Conklin of the Arcot Mission of the Reformed Church, and her mother.

A letter from Dr. J. K. Marden written in Old Phaleron April 29th states that Mrs. Hemphill is at his home sick with pneumonia. Another letter states that she appeared better on that day than before.

Prof. Wm. S. Murray of Constantinople College is recovering from a severe attack of influenza.

Mrs. C. B. Clark of Tels arrived in Constantinople yesterday on her way to America for a brief furlough. She expects to proceed by the Fabre Line Steamer ASIA. Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Post expect to be on the same steamer, and probably Mrs. D. K. Getchell of Salonica will take the steamer from Piraeus, going for an absence of four or five months in America.

Miss Ilse C. Pohl left Caesarea on April 23d. and after a somewhat strenuous wagon journey through Yozgat, arrived in Merzifoun the 28th. She will be a great help to the ladies in Merzifoun.

Mrs. Marcellus Bowen, formerly of Constantinople, who is now at 1 Penn Crescent, Exeter, England, has just recovered after six weeks from an attack of influenza.

Miss Edith F. Parsons of Brousa is returning from America on the PATRIA of the Fabre Line, due in Constantinople on May 19th. She expects to go right on to Brousa as soon as possible after landing.

Dr. W. F. Dodd has returned after a very successful trip to Smyrna in connection with the newly instituted health examinations of all our missionaries. He reports the general health of that Station as quite satisfactory.

A telegram has been received from Mrs. J. K. Marden reporting her arrival at Merzifoun where she expected to stay two or three weeks with her sister, Miss Morely.

The last Congregationalist to arrive in Constantinople spoke of the six days rest which our old Harpout friend, Rev. J. K. Brown took during which he simply made 13 addresses. Rather strenuous for a young parson of 82 years!

Let us remind our readers that the code address for telegrams to Constantinople is still "PEST STAMBOUL" in spite of the departure of our treasurer to America. Any different address is liable to cause much delay in the delivery of telegrams.

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, May 12, 1925.

Dear Friends:

An error slipped into a recent number of this letter when it was stated that Mr. and Mrs. Ostrander of Bulgaria would continue to reside in Sofia. They will continue to reside at Samokov where they have been for many years past.

Another correction is due to several of our readers, for while it is true that this year for the first time a lady acted as chairman of the Bulgarian Mission, ladies of the Central Turkey Mission several times acted in that capacity in that Mission. Is it not about time to start this custom in the United Turkey Mission as well?

The Union Church of Pera, worshiping in the Dutch Chapel, after having been without a pastor since the departure of Dr. Robert Frew, has now arranged to call a pastor who is a minister of the Free Church of Scotland, and who is expected to begin his work here in the month of October.

Rev. H. H. Riggs of Beirut has been appointed delegate to the United Missionary Conference at Jerusalem which opens its sessions May 14th.

Our colleagues in Salonica have very much appreciated the recent visits there of Mr. and Mrs. Clarke of Bulgaria and of Dr. Peet.

The last news from Athens states that Mrs. Hemphill is making a rapid recovery from her recent illness and that Dr. Peet and she expect to go on with a delay of only one week in their itinerary as planned. Dr. Peet has in the meantime had interesting visits in Salonica, Kavalla, Corinth, Mycenae, Olympia, Delphi, and other interesting points in Greece.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank C. Porter of Yale Divinity School have recently arrived from China where Dr. Porter was giving a series of lectures as an exchange professor. They visited on their way here among other places Jerusalem, Beirut, Alexandretta, Mersin and Smyrna. Dr. Porter has been connected with Yale Divinity School since 1889.

The recent drive of the Constantinople Y.M.C.A. to raise 7000 liras has resulted in the securing of 7507 liras with several counties still to be heard from.

Mr. Briggles of Constantinople college and Mr. Blakeslee returned to Constantinople this morning after a very successful trip through Asia Minor visiting Tarsus, Adana, Marash, Aintab, Caesarea, and Angora. Mr. Blakeslee delighted the friends at Tarsus, Adana and Caesarea with his reminiscences of Abraham Lincoln. His 80 years rest lightly upon so young a man.

By the S/S ASIA of the Fabre line there start out today for America Dr. Wilfred Post and family, Prof. Morgan of Robert College, Mrs. Flint, who goes for the summer, expecting to return to the International College, Smyrna; Miss Passche who has been assisting in the School of Religion, and Mrs. C. E. Clark of Talas. These persons expect to be joined at Piraeus by Mrs. E. D. Marden of Constantinople and Mrs. D. K. Gatchell of Salonica.

Dr. Nute writes from Adana, May 6th:- "We have had the pleasure this week of having with us Dr. and Mrs. Gill of the Southern Baptist Board. Dr. Gill is the superintendent of the work of their Board in Spain, Jugoslavia, Hungary and Roumania. He gave us a very interesting and inspiring outline of the work that is being done in the various countries in which he is working, mostly by Nationalists of those countries."

Mr. L. R. Fowle made a brief visit this past week to Angora in connection with the business of the Scutari Girls' School. It is hoped that the school may be reopened in a short time. Rev. F. F. Goodsell, Mrs. Goodsell and Caroline and Dr. F. W. MacCallum leave tomorrow for Cairo. After the sessions of the committee meetings there the Goodsell family expect to go on to Aintab, Marash and other points in that region, returning to Constantinople about June 19th.

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, May 19, 1925.

Dear Friends:

Mr. Irwin writes from Old Phaleron, May 12th, that Dr. Peet and Mrs. Hemphill are staying with them and will be until Mrs. Hemphill is strong enough to travel. She is up and around the house although still pretty weak.

Mrs. Lillian Sewny who is working with the W.E.R. at Beirut, arrived in Athens May 9th. and went on to Salonica for a visit together with Mr. Hawkes who had been staying a few days in Athens. Mrs. Sewny was intending to return with Mrs. Getchell who was coming to Athens to take passage on the ASIA for New York.

Mr. Czako of Budapest has been giving a course of lectures in the School of Religion at Old Phaleron. He was to leave May 14th, going back to Budapest.

Miss McLaren has succeeded in securing permission to take her adopted daughter, Katherine, to America without regard to the quota. She is busy securing the necessary formalities for the voyage.

Rev. H. H. Riggs has been elected pastor of the Anglo-American Congregation at Beirut in succession to Rev. J. H. Nicol, who is going on furlough to the United States.

Dr. Martin of Aleppo writes that Mrs. M. R. Trewbridge underwent an operation for appendicitis on May 9th.

Born:- At the American Hospital on Friday evening, May 15th, Sarah Anne Adkins. The young lady weighed 7 pounds.

Miss Edith F. Parsons of Brousa arrived in Constantinople on the S.S. PATRIA this morning on her return from America. She goes to Brousa Friday, the 22d.

Pres. Bayard Dodge of Beirut University has been in Constantinople for a few days on his return to Beirut from America. The campaign for funds for the Near East Colleges in which he has been engaged, goes on hopefully, though not very rapidly.

Miss Paula Schaefer who was formerly connected with the Deutsche Hulfdbund at Marash and who has recently been working with Mr. Ehmann in Bulgaria, is in this city on her way back to Marash where the German Mission buildings have been returned by the Government to their owners.

Mrs. Scott, mother of Prof. Scott of Robert College, returned after a very pleasant trip in Palestine and Syria with the expectation of teaching in the Scuteri Girls' School. She goes over occasionally to keep up her touch with the institution while waiting its permission to reopen.

Miss Kinney writes from London that she flew from Paris to London and would not have missed the experience for anything. After the first thrill of rising through the air, it seemed quite natural to be sailing along, although while crossing the Channel it was very cold and they were too high to see the water.

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.



No. 41

Bible House, Stamboul, May 26, 1925.

Dear Friends:

The Committee of the Union Evangelical Church of Pera has received word from Edinburgh that the Rev. R. C. Macanna, M.S. of Craigmore, Rothsay, has accepted the appointment of Minister on Probation for the Union Church, and is leaving for Constantinople about May 20th. It is hoped that he will be able to take charge of the pastoral affairs of the church June 7th.

Dr. Peet and Mrs. Hemphill are expecting now to leave Athens about June 2nd. by the EDISON of the National Transportstion Company of Greece, direct for New York, giving up their trip to Italy since Mrs. Hemphill is recovering strength only gradually. Dr. Peet dined with the former Patriarch, Meletios, on May 10th and had an interview with the Prime Minister May ,4th. The latter expressed great and sympthetic interest in our American schools in Greece.

On the ASIA together with the party mentioned before, who are on their way to America are also Dr. and Mrs. J. H. House of Salonica and Miss Ruth House, and Dr. Ganaway of the N.E.R. who is going back to join his wife and has a hope of returning to this country someday for more permanent work. Good weather is reported on their journey as far as Messins.

Born:- At the American Hospital, Wed. May 20th. to Prof. and Mrs. Plaizier of Robert College, a daughter, Mary Love, weight 8 pounds.

Dr. E. B. Haskell of Samokov, having taken his sons to Switzerland to school, has undergone a surgical operation and is in the hospital at Berne. His work is being cared for in his absence by Mr. Markham.

The Gedik Pasha School will present a program of Games and Dances by the pupils on Friday, May 29th at 2:30 P.M.

Prof. and Mrs. Huntington of Robert College are leaving on Saturday of this week to spend the summer in America. Prof. Huntington is getting away early in order to attend the 25th anniversary of his class at Williams.

Dr. MacCallum is expected in Constantinopl& on his return from Egypt next Sunday

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.

No. 42.

Bible House, Stamboul, June 2, 1925.

Dear Friends:

Miss Bertha Morley of Merzifoun, accompanied by Miss Noyes and Mrs. J. K. Marden, arrived in Constantinople by Turkish steamer yesterday and they are leaving by the ANDROB of the Byron line this afternoon for Athens. They expect to be in Athens a couple of weeks after which Miss Morley goes on with Dr. and Mrs. Marden to America and Miss Noyes returns to Merzifoun. Miss Morley has stood the journey thus far remarkably well.

Dr. F. W. MacCallum returned from Egypt yesterday, having stopped at Athens on his return to be present at a part of the graduating exercises of the School of Religion.

The closing exercises of the School of Religion occurred yesterday afternoon, Prof. Porter of Yale being the speaker of the occasion. Nine students graduated from the school.

Mrs. W. L. Nute of Adana with her son William, started yesterday for Constantinople. Mrs. Nute expects to be here through the Annual Meeting.

Miss Elizabeth S. Webb of Beirut had the misfortune to dislocate her hip a short time ago by a fall, and will be in the hospital at Beirut for some months.

Miss Martha Greeley who has been assisting in the school at Brousa, left this morning after a few days in Constantinople, going to Samokov.

Mrs. Charles W. Fowle and son of the Near East Relief at Beirut are passengers on the SINAI bound for New York. Prof. Fisher and family, of Robert College, expect to take the same steamer.

Born:- To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nilson of Tarsus on May 16th. at Batavia, Ill., a daughter, May Emily.

The one hundred and twenty thousand silk worms raised by the International College at Smyrna were last reported, May 24th as finishing their eating period and getting into their cocoons.

Of the six inspectors appointed for the Turkish examinations beginning last week at the International College Smyrna, four are lady teachers. "Surely the World do move."

Miss J. L. Cameron who has been in charge of the school under the Methodist Board in Monastir, Serbia, is to remain on the property until July 15th. The American Board is arranging for the care of this property.

Mrs. Charles House of the Agricultural School, Salonica, is very seriously ill with "Black Water Fever" a kind of malignant malaria. A letter of May 23rd. states that she had been ill for eight days, but seemed to be better at date of writing.

Rev. J. H. Kingsbury and family expect to leave Constantinople June 12th for Marseilles and Cherbourg, where Mr. Paul Nilson joins them to cross the Ocean on the BERENGARIA.

Miss Edith F. Parsons of Brousa, who recently returned from America after an absence of two years, went on to Brousa on Thursday, May 28th.

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:

Dr. Peet, Mrs. Hemphill, Dr. and Mrs. Marden and Miss Morley left the Piraeus Thursday, June 4th on the EDISON for New York, stopping at Patras only. Dr. Peet writes that they were very comfortably situated and had a big send-off from their friends. This connection was very providential for Miss Morley, who arrived in Constantinople on Monday, left Tuesday and was able to change steamers at Piraeus on Thursday and go right on without delay. Everything was made easy for her on this trip and especial mention should be made of the Captain of the Turkish Steamer, KARA DENIZ, from Samsoun to Constantinople.

The French steamer SINIA left Constantinople last Saturday with Mrs. Chas. Fowle and her son Richard, Mrs. Wilson Dodd and her daughter Helen, Miss I. P. Dodd, Dr. Fisher and family, and Miss Grisell McLaren and her adopted daughter, Katherine.

Mrs. Arthur C. Ryan and children expect to come East immediately after Blanche's graduation from the high school and Mr. Ryan and family will live in Scarsdale, N.Y.

The Rev. R. Clephane Macanna, the new minister of the Union Church of Pera has arrived and conducted the services last Sunday very acceptably. A reception will be held for him this afternoon from 5 to 7 at No. 4 Hayden Apts. and all friends are cordially invited.

Mrs. W. H. Nute and her son "Billy" arrived from Adana last week and will be here until after Annual Meeting.

Miss Mary Webb and Mr. Matteson are due today from Adana. Miss Webb comes also for the Annual Meeting.

Rev. Ernest Pye goes tomorrow from Athens to Salonica and will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon next Sunday at the College there and be present at the commencement exercises on Monday. He hopes to get back to Constantinople by the 17th or 18th.

Miss Mather of Aleppo, who has been assisting in the Girls School the past year, is spending a little time in Constantinople before returning to America.

Rev. H. H. Kingsbury and family are leaving tomorrow on the Paquet steamer for Marseilles on their way to America.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Perry and Miss Day of the Language School spent the week end at Brousa this week.

The Senior Play at the Gedik Pasha School will be given on Friday afternoon and all friends are invited to be present.

Mr. Paul Nilson, Mrs. Block, and Miss Towner paid a brief visit to Caesares and Sivas last week, Mr. Woolworth going with them to Sivas. The others were expecting to be back in Adana and Tarsus today.

A cable from New York announces the arrival of the ASIA with Mrs. E. D. Marden, Mrs. Getchell, Dr. and Mrs. House, Miss Ruth House, Dr. Post and family, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Flint, and adds that Mrs. Post was in fair condition.

Miss Helen Anna Wells has received appointment by the W. B. M. I. as a missionary to Marash. She graduated from Kalamazoo College and is receiving her M.A. degree this year at the University of Mich. Her home is in Kalamazoo.

Miss Gladys Lucille Houghton of Burlington, Vermont, has been secured for a three year term at the Gedik Pasha School. She is a graduate of the University of Vermont.

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:

Mr. and Mrs. Goodsell and Caroline were unable to go to Aintab, Marash, or elsewhere in Turkey from Aleppo and are, therefore, returning via Beirut on the Messageries steamer for Constantinople.

Dr. and Mrs. Martin of Aleppo expect to spend the months of July and August in Jerusalem.

The engagement has been announced of Mr. John Stearns of Samokov to Miss Laura Standish of Oak Park, Ill., who was in Constantinople recently, on her way to Bulgaria.

Dr. Lawson Chambers, formerly of Bardizag, and more recently with Constantinople College, has been appointed assistant professor of Philosophy in Washington University, St Louis.

Prof. S. Ralph Harlow of the Department of Biblical Literature at Smith College, whom we all remember as a member of Smyrna Station, starts June 21st with a party of twenty Smith, Wellesley, Holyoke and Simmons students to tour England and various countries of Europe, holding conferences with representative leaders of the Student Movements of the different countries. The party will also be in Rome for the Golden Jubilee Catholic Missions Exhibition.

Mr. and Mrs. Woolworth of Caesarea and Mr. Carleton of Tarsus arrived in Constantinople Saturday last, and will be here until after the Annual Meeting.

We herewith give a list as far as known of those who are to attend the Annual Meeting which is to be held in Prinkipo, beginning one week from today:

ADANA: - Mrs. Nute, Miss Webb, Miss Towner, Dr. Haas, also Messrs Carleton and Matteson from Tarsus.

AINTAB: Dr. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Shepard, Miss Andrews.

ATHENS: Miss Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin.

CAESAREA: Mr. and Mrs. Woolworth, Miss Dwight, Dr. Clark

MARASH: Mrs. Lyman, Miss Blakely

MERZIFOUN: Miss Pohl, Miss Noyes.

SALONICA: Miss Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Compton, Mr. Brewster, Mr. Hawkes.

SMYRNA: Miss Gordon, Mrs. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, Dr. Reed, Miss Richmond.

BEIRUT: Mr. H. H. Riggs.

Miss Mary D. Cashmore of Jericho, Vermont, has been secured as a three year term Educational Missionary for Aleppo, Syria. She is a graduate of the University of Vermont.

Rev. Edgar McKinley Ross of Chicago has been engaged for one year as instructor at the School of Religion in Athens. He is a graduate of the University of Chicago and of Yale Divinity School and takes his M.A. degree at Yale this month.

Records are flying fast these days. Mr. Paul Nilson of Tarsus arrived in this city Thursday at 2 p.m. and by 5 p.m. all the formalities had been accomplished and he left that evening by steamer with Mr. Kingsbury and family for Marseilles on his way to join his wife and make the acquaintance of his baby in America.

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.

No. 45.

Bible House, Stamboul, June 22, 1925.

Dear Friends:

The Clans are rapidly arriving for our Annual Meeting which begins at Prinkipo at the Splendid Hotel, at 11 o'clock tomorrow. Beside the regular delegates from the various stations of the Mission, Mr. H. H. Riggs has arrived, representing the Syria Stations.

Mr. Goodsell and family returned on Saturday after a very interesting and successful trip Southward, having succeeded at last in reaching Aintab and Marash. They returned by rail with the delegates from the southern Stations.

Dr. and Mrs. Shepard were delayed in coming from Aintab by an accident to Alice Shepard, who fell and broke her arm. They expect to arrive tomorrow.

A telegram has been received from Miss Agnes Penenga of Mardin announcing that she expects to reach Constantinople June 30th.

Mr. Pye, President of the School of Religion returned by direct steamer from Salonica on Wednesday last. He expects to move to Athens with his family in August.

The Trustees of the American College at Salonica have voted definitely that the College be transferred from Asia Minor to that point. Negotiations as to water rights for the proposed site at Aksakli have not yet brought the favorable result expected, but the College authorities are still hopeful that they will secure such result.

Miss Sarah Beahn has been secured by the Womans Board for services in connection with the Girls School at Adana, and is expected there this fall.

The closing exercises of the various schools in Constantinople have been held during the past few weeks. At Geus Tepe on Friday the 5th; at Constantinople College on Monday, the 15th; Robert College Wednesday the 17th; Gedik Pasha on Friday the 19th. The Soutari School still awaits the hoped-for and expected permission to reopen its doors and complete its school year.

Mrs. Wilfred Trudeau, who was Miss Rachel North and was in Talas as nurse from 1905 to 1910, in Mardin from 1911 to 1918, in Constantinople 1918 to 1919, is now in Minnetonka, Manitoba, and her parents live with her. Her father, the oldest preacher in Canada is 87, but is certainly an astonishingly vigorous young veteran. He still preaches three times each Sunday, involving a drive of 40 miles. His wife teaches music to a dozen pupils. Mrs. Trudeau herself is working for the Canada Missions.

Mr. Jennings of the Y.M.C.A. has secured \$50,000 per year for a period of five years, for the Turco-American Club he is interested in starting at Angora; and he starts back from America July 1st to inaugurate the scheme.

With this issue, the present series of News Letters takes a vacation for the summer, as the undersigned expects to be in Grenoble, France with his family during July and August. It is hoped to resume them with September.

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:

Greetings to all our friends after the summer's holidays. The undersigned and family returned three days ago from a happy summer in France, and it is hoped that the Weekly Bulletins may be issued regularly from now on.

There is more news to give regarding our personnel than can be crowded into one such letter. Some items must be left over for another time, and we again bespeak the cooperation of you all in making these news sheets what they ought to be and can be.

Rev. Ernest Pye and family have joined the Athens Station where he will take up his duties as President of the School of Religion.

Rev. Wm. E. Hawkes is back in Salonica after a summer in Egypt and Palestine.

Miss Barbara Ann Markham arrived in Constantinople on August 13th, much to the delight of her parents and grandparents, and is making a fine start in her new environment.

Mr. Getchell of Salonica is spending two or three weeks in Constantinople working on the back accounts of the Merzifoun Station. He returns in a few days to his work as acting President of the College at Salonica.

Dr. Lorrin Shepard, who with his family came for the Annual Meeting, and has been held in Constantinople for recuperation after an operation for appendicitis, had the further misfortune of dislocating his right shoulder in the dangerous game of Tennis. He is about again though the arm is not yet strong. The Shepard family and Miss Phelps have been delayed in their return to Aintab by an unexplained stoppage of traffic on the railroad. They hope daily for permission to leave.

Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum of Constantinople and Miss McCallum of Athens have been having a happy summer in Italy with Lyman and Reed MacCallum. Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum and Lyman are expected any day, coming via Athens.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodsell and Catherine are in Tchamkoria, Bulgaria, on a visit and are expected back September 17th.

Miss Agnes Fenenga of Mardin who reached Constantinople just after the Annual Meeting, has returned to her post. It is expected that Mr. Carleton of Tarsus will go to Mardin to take charge of the Boys' School.

The Mission has suffered a loss which should here be reported in the death of Miss Gladys Houghton on July 29th. Miss Houghton was expecting to join the staff of the Gedik Pasha School this fall.

Miss Kinney of Scutari has returned after a brief furlough in America, and Miss Mary Riggs leaves Scutari for America Thursday.

Miss Adelaide Dwight went to America during Annual Meeting, and sails from New York on her return tomorrow, on the same steamer with Mrs. Wilson Dodd and Mrs. Chas. E. Clark.

Miss Marian Nesser and Miss Helen A. Wells have arrived in Constantinople for Language School. On the same steamer (the BRAGA) which brought Miss Wells, came Miss Mary Cashmore for Aleppo, Miss Sarah Mealm for Adana, Miss Ruth Crockett for Smyrna, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lawrence returning to the International College, and for the same institution Mr. Richard C. Dutrow of Maryland a graduate of Princeton, Mr. Sam'l. B. Williams of Penn., also a graduate of Princeton and Mr. Frank N. Woodruff of Cal., a graduate of Pomona. With them came also Mrs. Lydia Flint for Smyrna and Miss Nina Rice, returning to Athens.

Cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:

Dr. MacCallum and party, who were due to arrive yesterday in Constantinople, are working out a five-day quarantine on the Roumanian S/S in the harbor, as having come from a plague-infested port, -Euseus.

Miss Gladys Lucas, coming to Gedik Pasha, and Miss Nora Ward, coming to the American Collegiate Institute, Smyrna, both from England, are arriving by the Messageries S.S. "Lamartine" due in Consople this p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vrooman have gone to Smyrna to take up their work in the International College.

Mrs. Leslie and her daughter Elizabeth took a vacation this summer in Talas, returning to Constantinople the last of August.

Miss Bertha Cold, sister of Miss Edith Cold of Hadjin and Adana, has joined the staff of the Girls School at Scutari.

Rev. J. R. Brewster and family of Salonica have been spending the summer at Cham Korja, Bulgaria; they expect to return to their post this week.

Rev. O. P. Hardin, for many years missionary of the Presbyterian Board in Syria, after a brief visit to Beirut, is spending some time with his daughter, Mrs. B. V. Post of Robert College before returning to America.

H. P. Packard, M.D. of the West Persia Mission of the Presbyterian Board, is in Constantinople on his return from America to his post.

Dr. Ruth A. Parmalee, who has been working with the American Women's Hospitals in Salonica, is moving to Athens to continue under the same organization, they having closed their institution in Salonica.

Miss C. R. Willard of Merzifoun went to America this summer, and is spending a short time in Chicago, expecting to return this winter.

Rev. Edgar M. Ross who comes to the School of Religion at Athens, left Boston August 2nd with Mr. Maurice H. Bigelow for Salonica.

Among the honorary degrees conferred by American Colleges last June were those of D.D. on Secretary Enoch W. Bell, by Middlebury College, and Litt.D. on Mrs. Lawrence Thurston, who as Miss Matilda Calder was a missionary in Marash from 1900 to 1902, and Mrs. Alice Browne Frame, formerly of Harpout, both by Mount Holyoke College.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Merrill of Aleppo have been spending most of the summer at Brummana in the Lebanon, and have just returned to Aleppo. Mrs. Trowbridge was not quite so well at last reports.

Prof. H. H. Barnum, Prof. C. E. Estes and Prof. L. A. Scipio of Robert College with their families returned to their posts this past week after a year of furlough in the United States. Prof. Lawrence S. Moore and Prof. F. A. Hewitt have also returned for another term of service after some years in America.

Dr. Wilson F. Dodd has been in Merzifoun since early July, and is now eagerly awaiting his wife and baby on their return from a summer in America.

Miss Elizabeth L. Lewis, who taught last year at Gedik Pasha, is spending some time in England on her way back to resume her work in connection with the Y.M.C.A. in Philadelphia

Caleb F. Gates, Jr., youngest son of President Gates of Robert College, has been elected a member of the Senior Council at Princeton for the ensuing year. Besides playing tackle on the 'Varsity football team, he has been elected also Captain of the Track team, on which he has won some fame as a sprinter, and has become inter-collegiate champion hammer-thrower.

Miss J. L. Jillson of Brousa is spending her furlough with relatives in Brooklyn.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, Sept. 22, 1925

Dear Friends:

Miss Margaret Hinman who has spent some time in the schools in Merzifoun and Brousa, is returning to this country after an interval of rest and resuperation in California, and sails on October 1st for Smyrna to assist Miss Gordon in the American Collegiate Institute.

Miss Grace Elliott spent some days during the summer in Monastir where she and Mr. Brewster went to take over the former American Board property from the Methodist Mission. She returned to Salonica with a carload of school furnishings selected for the Salonica Girls School.

The Salonica Girls School has secured the house recently occupied by the personnel of the Standard Oil Company on the S. E. side of the Bay, and is moving in with the purpose of opening the term October 15th. An Unsuccessful attempt to secure the same property had been made some time ago. It has now been purchased by the W.B.M.I.

Miss Ruth Crockett arrived in Smyrna the last of August to teach in the American Collegiate Institute.

Mr. George F. Gracey, representing the Friends of Armenia, who was formerly connected with our Mission Station at Ourfa, is making a visit to Athens and from there to various points in Syria in the interest of the philanthropic work of that association.

Mr. Wilson Fewle, brother of our treasurer, with his bride who was Miss Helen Clark of the N.E.R., passed through Constantinople last week on his return from America to his work in the Standard Oil Company at Athens.

Mr. Dana K. Gatchell of the American College at Salonica, left Constantinople today by rail, on his return to his post. He is acting President of the College in the absence of Dr. White.

Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum and their son Lyman, and Miss Edwards of Chicago, cousin of Mrs. Brooks, ran into a five days quarantine on their arrival from Athens on the Roumanian Steamer and were consequently taken on to Constanza enduring a stormy trip on the Black Sea in consequence. They returned to Constantinople on Friday last.

Dr. and Mrs. Shepard and their three children expect to leave by Lloyd Triestino steamer Thursday, going across the Continent to sail for America from Cherbourg. They are taking their furlough a few months early and Dr. Shepard expects to spend a large part of the time in renewing his surgical practice in connection with some hospital.

The three Mission Schools in Constantinople have opened with large attendance, as have also the two American colleges. Final figures are not yet available, but the proportion of Turkish students is much larger than ever.

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:

Mrs. Wilfred M. Post, who has for some time been suffering with anemia, passed away September 9th at the New York Hospital. Interment was at Chatham, New Jersey. Dr. Wilfred Post, whose present address is 270 Park Ave., New York will probably settle for the winter at E. Williston, Long Island, and his daughter, Helen, will keep house for him. Our deep sympathies go out to him and his children.

Dr. Lorrin Shepard and family left Constantinople last Thursday by the S.S. Cleopatra for Trieste, expecting to go from there by rail to Paris, and probably embark at Cherbourg for New York.

Miss Sarah Beahm and Miss Mary Cashmore arrived at Beirut Sept. 11th and Miss Beahm took a steamer the same day for Mersin, going thence to Adana. Miss Cashmore went to Brummana for a week and then with Miss Norton went to Aleppo.

Herr F. Schuchardt and Miss Marie Thimm, both formerly of Marash, have been spending a few days in this city and start tomorrow for Marash. With them came Miss Ella Becker, who is going to work among the refugees at Kavalla, for which seaport she leaves on Monday.

Mr. Frank Ferguson arrived on Friday from America to take up his duties as tutor in the Geuz Tepe High School. The forces of this school have been further increased by the arrival of Mr. Paul Denkinger of Switzerland, as teacher of French.

Miss Smith who was formerly connected with our Mission at Marash and has been lately with the British Consul at Trebizond, is spending a few days in Constantinople on her return.

Mr. Charles W. Fowle, director of the N.E.R. at Beirut, has arrived in Constantinople to meet his wife and son who are expected on the ASIA from America, together with Mrs. W. F. Dodd, Mrs. C. E. Clark, Miss A. S. Dwight and Miss S. N. Loughridge. Miss Loughridge goes to Beirut to assist Miss Webb in the Girls School at that point.

Miss I. F. Dodd left New York September 22nd on her return to Constantinople where she is expected Saturday.

We are very sorry to announce the approaching departure of Hon. G. Bie Ravndal, who for the past 15 years made himself the friend of everybody as Consul General at Constantinople, having before this spent some time in Beirut in a similar capacity. Mr. Ravndal has been transferred to Zurich, Switzerland and leaves for his new post October 4th. His daughter Sarah accompanies him to that point. Mrs. Ravndal is in England with her younger daughter, and expects to join her husband in November.

Mrs. Leslie spent several days in Brousa the past week and reports the Girls' School as having enrolled 95 pupils as against 80 last year. All the girls were requested to wear hats when they went to meet the Ghazi President last week, and these had to be made at the school in short order.

The International College at Smyrna had at the beginning of this week 260 enrolled as against a corresponding 237 last year at the same time. Of these 160 are boarders, an increase of 20.

The enrollment at the A.C.I. Smyrna has reached 75. The smaller number being due to an insistence on the actual payments in advance instead of promises for later payment.

Robert College reports a present enrollment of 641, while Constantinople College has just reached the 400 mark.

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

Last Thursday the "Asia" steamed into port with several friends on board. Miss Loughridge, who goes to Beirut to assist Miss Webb in the Girls' School there, went right on by the same steamer. Miss A.S. Dwight and Mrs. C.E. Clark, returning to Talas, spent a few days in Constantinople. Mrs. C.W. Fowle and her son Richard, returning to Beirut, were met here by Mr. Charles Fowle, who had intended to come back via Caesarea and the railroad; but more of this later. Miss N.E. Rice came from America on the same steamer as far as Piraeus, and has resumed her work in the Girls' College at Old Phaleron. Mrs. W.F. Dodd and baby Helen also arrived, and Dr. Dodd has come from Merzifoun to escort them to their new home.

Owing to the illness of Richard Fowle, Mrs. Fowle will remain here for some time while he undergoes hospital treatment; and Mr. Charles Fowle will shortly return to his N.B.R. work in Beirut.

Mrs. Clark, Miss Dwight, Miss Theda Phelps, Mrs. Leslie Atkins and her baby left by train on Oct. 4th, the first two going to Talas, Miss Phelps to Aintab, and Mrs. Atkins to join her husband in Tarsus, where he is in charge of the school.

Hon. G. Bie Ravndal, for about fifteen years Consul-General at Constantinople and before that at Beirut, is leaving Constantinople today, having been transferred to Zurich in the same capacity. About eighty of his friends of the American Colony responded to the invitation of Mr. Crosby, Chargé at the American Embassy, and gathered there for tea in honor of Mr. Ravndal yesterday. A silver open-work bowl was given him as a parting memento by the community. Mrs. Ravndal, who is in England, joins him next month. Miss Sara Ravndal goes to Zurich but will return here for a time.

Mrs. Nellie P. Brooks, who has taken Mr. Ryan's work for the American Bible Society since his departure, is leaving Thursday with her cousin, Miss Edwards, for a trip around the world. She has been assisting in the issue of these News Notes weekly. She will be greatly missed from our circle; and our best wishes go with her as she thus returns to America.

Miss Hellenbeck, one of the American Hospital nurses, who has had charge of home-nursing and first-aid classes at Gedik Pasha, sails next Sunday for America on the "Asia."

Miss Isabel F. Dodd of Constantinople College, who has been spending the summer in America with her sister, returned yesterday on Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Priggie, who have transferred their allegiance from Constantinople College to the Turco-American Club of Angora, arrived in Constantinople last week.

Blanche Ryan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A.C. Ryan, has entered Oberlin Col.

Rev. Paul E. Wilson of Tarsus has been working for the Every-member Campaign in the Cong. Churches of Illinois, and will spend November and December in the same work in Michigan and Indiana.

A very pleasant tea was given at Gedik Pasha School last Friday in honor of the two new teachers there, Mrs. Scott and Miss Gladys Lucas. The native teachers and the friends belonging to the Gedik Pasha Church were invited as well as the American community of Stamboul, including Miss Nesser and Miss Wells of the Language School and Miss Shaw of Scutari.

Miss Gracell McLaren is now living with Mrs. H.H. Atkinson, formerly of Harport, at East Northfield, and is acting as Community Nurse, while her little Katharine goes to school. Henry Atkinson is a Junior in Princeton and Alice is a Senior in Northfield Seminary.

Mr. Lyman MacCallum, son of Dr. & Mrs. F.W. MacCallum, is taking over the charge of the American Bible Society office at the Bible House on the departure of Mrs. Brooks.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Oct. 18, 1920

Dear Friends:-

Miss Helen Caldwell, second daughter of Prof. and Mrs. S.L. Caldwell of International College, has interrupted her course in Oberlin College to spend the winter in Smyrna, where she is studying in the College and working with private teachers in music. Miss Alice Caldwell, after a winter's visit at the College, has returned to Berlin to resume her musical work, and has been accompanied by her mother, who will be absent some six weeks.

Miss Mary W. Riggs arrived in Melrose, Mass., Sept. 26th, and will spend the year there with her father and aunt.

Anatolia College, or rather its successor, the American College, Salonica, opened its term Sept. 20th with some 100 students in attendance, just about equally divided as between boarders and day scholars.

Word has come of the sudden death on Sept. 24th, of Mr. Ackerman, of the Purchasing Department of the American Board, Boston. While not feeling perfectly well, he had done the usual day's work, but passed away a few hours later.

Miss Jean K. Gatchell sailed on the Seine of the Fabre Line from Providence, R.I., Oct. 10th, on her return to Salonica after a summer in America.

By the same steamer was booked to sail Mr. Richard Benson Smith, of Middlebury. He is a graduate of the University of Vermont, who has postponed entering Chicago Theological Seminary for the sake of coming to Tarsus to take the place of Mr. Carlston, who is to go to Mardin.

The cinematograph recently installed by Mr. H.H. Riggs for the American University at Beirut, is working well and has recorded a dozen or so earthquakes since August.

The National Congregational Council is to meet at Washington, D.C. October 30 - 29. Friday, Oct. 23rd is set apart for the Annual Meeting of the American Board. It is expected that Dr. Foot will be among the speakers on this occasion.

Dr. and Mrs. Wilson Doid and baby Helen expect to start for Merzifoun on Saturday of this week, going via Samsoun.

Rev. and Mrs. H.M. Irwin have gone from Athens to London, where Mr. Irwin will benefit by some slight surgical treatment for nasal difficulty.

The School of Religion reopened last Wednesday at Old Phaleron. Mr. and Mrs. George Marsh and Mr. Edgar Ross have joined the staff.

Mrs. Nellie F. Brooks and her cousin Miss Edwards, and Mr. Charles W. Fowle left by Messageries steamer last Thursday for Beirut. The two ladies go on through Syria, Palestine and Egypt to India and beyond.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

Word has been received of the death of Rev. Charles W. Riggs, youngest son of Dr. Eliza Riggs, in Shao-wu, China, where he had gone to be with his son, Rev. Charles H. Riggs, of the Shao-wu Mission. Mr. Riggs was born Jan. 16, 1855, and was a graduate of Princeton College and of Oberlin Seminary. From 1880 to 1894 he was a missionary in Aintab, and taught in the College. His wife died Jan. 31, 1924. Their daughter is a missionary in Africa.

Born:- at Hartford, Conn., Sept. 20, to Rev. & Mrs. J. Kingsley Birge, a daughter, Marguerite. Mrs. Birge has since been dangerously ill. But is gradually improving.

Mr. Chase Harper, of La Verne, Calif., a graduate of the College of the Brethren at La Verne, has been engaged as a tutor for the College at Salonica, and is on the Fabre Liner "Sinaia" on his way thither.

Rev. O.P. Hardin, formerly of the Syria Mission, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Post of Robert College, left Oct. 15th for Beirut expecting to go thence later to Egypt, and the Riviera.

Miss Margaret Hinman sailed Oct. 3rd from New York on the "Leviathan", proceeding by express to Athens and thence across to Smyrna.

Dr. & Mrs. William T. Ellis arrived last week in Constantinople. They are taking a trip following the footsteps of St. Paul. While in Salonica, Dr. Ellis addressed the students of the College. From there they went over to Berea, the modern Verria.

Dr. & Mrs. Wilson Deed and baby left last Saturday by Lloyd Triestino steamer for Samsoun on their way to Marzifoun.

Bithynia High School at Geuz Tepe has 130 students this year; the Girls' School at Soutari has about 220, and Gedik Pasha School, 230.

Miss S.W. Orvis, of Tates, is acting as Head of the Department of Religious Education at Tabor College, Tabor, Iowa, and is also helping in the local Cong. Church. She is not taking full-time work, but is thus testing out her strength, in the hope of returning to this country.

Mrs. Theodora D. Riggs has moved with her children to Denver, Colo., and is now living at 1340 Humboldt St.

Miss Edith Cold of Marash writes from Chicago:- "On Oct. 1st there occurred in Wheaton, Ill., an unexpected Turkey reunion. Miss Brewer, sister of Mrs. T.D. Christie, had four guests to dinner:- Mrs. Christie, 43 years in Turkey, Miss Cold of the next generation, Miss Paul Nilson, a close second, and last the adorable Baby May Emily. The last-named welcomes every one from Turkey with a most friendly smile. She feels the connection. Mrs. Christie is well; looks just the same as when under the burden in Tarsus, and has the old-time courage for all phases of our service 'over there.'"

Miss Lillian C. Brauer, of Adams, whose present address is 216 College Ave., Northfield, Minn., is spending October and November speaking for the W.B.M.I. in the Middle West. She is one of the speakers for the Annual Meeting of that Board, in Detroit, Mich., Nov. 3 - 5, together with Mrs. E.D. Marden, Miss C.R. Willard, Miss Edith Cold, Miss M.E. Long, and Miss H.M. Crockett.

The W.B.M. holds its Annual Meeting in Brooklyn, Nov. 11 - 13. Dr. Barten is to speak, as also Miss C.C. Richmond and Miss Olive Greene.

Miss Annie E. Pinneo of Athens is visiting her sister in Idaho until after Christmas, when she will probably come East for study.

Miss Mabel Long and Miss Helen Crockett of Samokoy are at home on furlough this year, living respectively in Dearborn, Mich., and Elida, O.

In connection with the Communion service at Roumeli Hissar last Sunday afternoon, two babies, David A. Scott, and Mary L. Pfaffler, were baptized by Dr. Gates.

Yours very cordially, Charles T. Riggs,

Dear friends:-

Miss Sylvia Eddy, of the Tales Hospital staff, arrived in Constantinople last Sunday noon, coming for consultation regarding serious eye trouble which has lately developed. With her came Miss Adelaide Dwight.

Mr. Paul Bobb, formerly a tutor in St. Paul's Institute, Tarsus, writes from Texas that he is married and is studying in the Theological Seminary, and is EAGER to get back to Turkey.

Rev. Paul E. Wilson writes that he is on deputation work for the American Board, almost daily in the four States around Chicago. He expected to be at the National Council in Washington, with Mrs. Wilson and Baby May.

Miss Maude Barton, daughter of our Dr. James L. Barton, who has been connected with the Rockefeller Hospital work in China for the past four or five years, passed through Constantinople the past week on her way back to America. She left Monday morning by rail for Paris.

Mr. Henry P. Kendall, for some years a member of the Prudential Committee, and more recently Auditor for the A.B.C.F.M., and a cousin of Pres. Adams of Constantinople College, is spending a few days in this city, seeing something of the work about which he has so long heard.

Miss Hillier, the new French teacher for Brousa School, who has been teaching in England some years, arrived here last Thursday by French steamer. Miss Day came up from Brousa the same day, and has escorted her back there.

Bishop Rennie MacInnes of Jerusalem, with Mrs. MacInnes, is arriving on Friday of this week for a brief visit to Constantinople.

There are over 90 pupils in the A.C.I., Smyrna. The ladies there are greatly encouraged by word from the local Director of Public Instruction that the building permit will be granted in about ten days.

Miss Margaret Hinman arrived in Smyrna Oct. 15th, having made a record trip of fifteen days from New York, via Paris and Athens, with a three days' stop in Paris.

International College, Smyrna, has registered 268 students, and all goes well, says the optimistic Dean. Mr. & Mrs. Tobin, of the Constantinople "Y.", have been making a short visit there.

Miss Stella Loughridge was given a warm welcome on her arrival in Beirut on Oct. 26th. Her coming is a great relief to Miss E.S. Webb in the care of the Girls' School.

Miss Elizabeth Crowbridge of Antab has been spending some time resting in Brumana and Shamlan, in the Lebanon mountains.

The new term of the School of Religion, in Old Phaleron, which began Oct. 7th, finds twenty-two students enrolled by the end of last week.

Dr. Lorrin Shepard and family landed in New York from the "Mauretania" Oct. 9th. Mrs. Shepard and the children went right on up to Maine while Dr. Lorrin went to Boston, to stay in that vicinity for a time.

In connection with the Communion service of the Mission Church at the Bible House last Sunday, a free-will offering amounting to \$184.25 was received for the American Board.

Rev. and Mrs. Ehrgeott, of Berkeley, Calif., are guests for a few days of Mr. and Mrs. Goodsell at the Bible House. Mr. Ehrgeott is pastor of the Baptist Church in Berkeley of which Mrs. Goodsell is a member. He and Mrs. Ehrgeott are on a trip around the world, and have spent some six months in Europe. They stopped with Mr. and Mrs. Pyc in Old Phaleron on their way here.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

Last Tuesday, after our last number was printed, we received the sad word of the death of Mrs. Anna Harlow Birge, wife of Rev. John Kingsley Birge, at Hartford, Conn. on Oct. 10. Two weeks ago we recorded the fact of her serious condition, following the birth of their little girl. It appears that she was not equal to the shock of several operations. Mrs. Birge was the sister of Rev. S. Ralph Harlow, and was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. Feb. 12, 1867. After studying in the New York Missionary Training School, she was married in 1913 and came with her husband in 1914 to Smyrna for the International College, as fully appointed missionaries of the board. Because of war conditions she returned to America the next year, and went back to Smyrna in August, 1919. After the terrible Smyrna disaster of 1922 she went back to America, since which time they have lived in Bristol, Conn. It was their hope to return to Turkey for work in the Publication Department at Constantinople. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mr. Birge and the children, as well as to her brother.

Miss Margaret White, who has been in charge of Y.W.C.A. work in Constantinople, left Oct. 29th for Piraeus on her way to America on leave. She will proceed by direct steamer after a short visit with her brother George, who is acting Director of the Near East Relief at Athens in the absence of Mr. Jaquith.

On the same steamer went Mr. Henry P. Kendall, who had been visiting his cousin, President Adams of Constantinople College, and now returns to America.

Miss Sylvia Eddy of Talas, accompanied by Miss Adelaide Dwight, left Constantinople Oct. 29th by Orient Express for Vienna, to secure the necessary surgical treatment for her eye.

Mrs. Charles W. Fowle and her son Richard left Constantinople by French steamer last Friday returning to their home in Beirut.

Word has been received from Mrs. Brooks and Miss Edwards, who have been traveling through Syria and Palestine, and who now proceed to India via Egypt.

Mrs. D.K. Getchall and Mr. Harper, the new tutor for the American College at Salonica, arrived in that port Oct. 29th on the "Sinaia" after a fairly comfortable voyage from Providence.

On the same steamer there came Mr. Richard Smith, for Tarsus, and Miss Tuck for Constantinople, arriving in this harbor last Saturday. Mr. Smith proceeded today by rail for Tarsus. Miss Tuck has come to work in connection with the Turkish school as expert dietitian.

Those who have lived in Roumeli Hissar will most of the remember old Hakki, the boatman, who died suddenly in his boat last week. He was nearly eighty years old, and used to recall with pride his acquaintance with Dr. Hamlin and other Americans, even before the founding of Robert College.

Word has been received of the arrival of Miss Trowbridge at Aleppo on her return from Syria to her work in Aintab.

Mr. Matteson of Tarsus has been at the hospital in Adana under Dr. Nute's care for some trouble on his leg.

Salonica Station has issued "Salonica News Letter No. 6," giving a brief sketch of the work of that Station during the past year, along evangelistic, relief, publication, medical, and educational lines. It is a noteworthy report.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

Just too late for insertion in the previous issue came the news of the birth, on Oct. 30th, in Airtab, of a son and heir to Rev. Mrs. Merrill N. Isely, by name William Henry. Mother and child are both reported as doing well under Dr. Hamilton's wonderful care.

Professor Jesse H. Holmes, Ph.D., of the chair of History of Religion and Philosophy at Swarthmore College, Pa., with Mrs. Holmes, ~~has been visiting~~ Constantinople the past week, and gave very interesting and helpful addresses at the American Women's Club, at Constantinople College, and at Robert College. Dr. Holmes is Commissioner for the American Friends' Relief work in Central Europe and Russia, and is the author of a number of books on Bible study, church history, etc.

Miss Elizabeth Trowbridge of Airtab is remaining in Aleppo for a time, to be with her mother, whose health is still far from good.

Rev. Fred Field Secretary Goodsell expects to start next week for a visit to Smyrna, returning home for Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. William L. Nute and her son Cyril have returned to Adana from a trip to Aleppo, where the boy parted with his tonsils, to the joy of all.

A letter of Nov. 3rd from Miss Dwight from Vienna says that the operation which Miss Sylvia Eddy needed had been delayed a day or two because of a cold she had caught on her way there, but was to take place ~~immediately~~. The prognosis of the physicians was favorable.

Messrs. Jennings and Briggles, of the Turkish American Club, are in Angora interviewing some of the officials preliminary to opening up the activities of that organization.

The first reports have just been received here from the National Congregational Council which opened in Washington, D.C., October 20. Mr. Frank J. Harwood, woollen manufacturer of Appleton, Wis., was elected Moderator, over Dr. Dan F. Bradley of Cleveland and Dr. Charles S. Mills of New York. This is the first time a layman has been chosen moderator since 1915, when Hon. H.M. Boardsley of Missouri was moderator. Dr. Bradley was elected first assistant moderator, and Rev. Dr. William Cash of New Orleans, a colored minister, second assistant moderator. President Calvin Coolidge delivered a remarkable address in the evening, stressing the fact that the political success of our government relies more and more upon the religious convictions of our people. There followed the address of the outgoing Moderator, Rev. Reckwell H. Porter, D.D., on Democracy as the Basis of Christian Unity. Rev. Charles F. Carter, D.D., of Hartford, Conn., gave a forceful address that first afternoon. The statistical report of Dr. Charles E. Burton showed an increase of 20,000 members over any previous report, the membership totalling 879,000.

The recent removal of the Ortakoy steamer landing on the Bosphorus to a point a couple of hundred yards south of its former location, has opened up a clear and unobstructed view of the lovely mosque that juts out so close to the water.

The statement in some of the Turkish papers that Admiral Bristol is on his way back to Constantinople, is declared by the Embassy to be premature, as he is not expected to start till early in December. This morning's local paper states that he has reached Havre, and will visit Paris and Geneva before coming back to Constantinople.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

The proposal before the National Council meeting for the merging of the three periodicals in one, was tabled for two years. As to the proposed uniting all Congregational Board into two, one home and one foreign, sentiment favored such merger, but the final shape of the action is not yet known here. Dr. Roswell Hermon Porter, retiring Moderator, was elected President of the American Board in succession to Dr. E.C. Moore.

Born:- On Nov. 14th, at Beirut, Syria, to Mr. & Mrs. B.L. (Eleanor Ketchum) Horn, an eight-pound girl, Edith. All going fine.

Word has also come of the birth to Captain and Mrs. (Inge Ravndal) Kable of a son, Eric Ravndal. Mrs. Ravndal, who has been visiting her daughter in England, has now joined Consul-General Ravndal in Zurich.

The weather certainly proved hard on the Wilson Dodd family on their trip to Merzifoun. After a heavy storm on the Black Sea, and two uncomfortable nights in Samsoun, they had to spend another in Kayza, as rain and snow and mud prevented their auto from making the through trip in one day. However, no serious results followed.

Dr. Haskell writes from Samakov Nov. 7:- The Girls' School has 162 pupils, and the Boys' school 131. The intelligence tests which the entering class had to pass last summer seem to have resulted in giving us unusually good material. Various plans are under way to quicken the spiritual life of the school. It is expected that the pupils will take considerable part in the evening services in our church from now on.

The volley-ball team has won three games recently from Sofia teams. The 1st Evang. Y.P.S.C.E. and the Central Y.M.C., went down in October, and on Nov. 7th, the Sofia Slavia, one of the best sports clubs in Bulgaria, was beaten 5 - 0, to the great elation of both the students and the Principal.

Rev. R.C. Macanna, the new pastor of the Union Evangelical Church of Pera, arrived with his family from Scotland last week, and he preached his first sermon Sunday morning.

Armistice Day was observed in Constantinople by a special service in the British Embassy Chapel; and at Robert College, Prof. James T. Shotwell, Ph.D., of Columbia Univ, and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, a prominent member of the American Delegation to the Versailles Peace Conference, gave a most stirring address on the economic cost of war, and on recent efforts toward world peace.

Beirut University has this year 1135 students, a new record.

Miss Sanderson of Brousa is at the American Hospital in Pera with an attack of jaundice, but is quite improved since her arrival.

Dr. Lorrin Shepard was operated upon in Boston Oct. 28, a splinter of bone being removed from the shoulder, which has been preventing the free use of the right arm. With patience, a complete recovery is expected.

Mrs. T.T. Holway of Philippopolis is expected back from a visit to America, about Thanksgiving time.

The weather in Samakov has been so mild that Mr. & Mrs. Ostrander have remained there longer than expected. They will go to Philippopolis probably during next week, to spend the winter in its milder climate.

Mrs. E.D. Marden writes from Chicago Oct. 30th that Miss Bertha Morley of Merzifoun was to go in two weeks to spend the winter with her brother in Florida. Miss Morley was improved, but still has to be careful.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Nov. 24, 1925

Dear friends:-

Dr. Peet and Mrs. Hemphill have taken an apartment for the winter in Winter Park, Florida, where their address is P.O.Box 155. Dr. Peet believes this will be a wise measure for his bronchial trouble.

The wedding of Miss Ascham, daughter of Dr. Ascham of the Turkish-American Club and of the Mission Language School, to Mr. Sherman Green of the American Embassy in Paris, took place in Roumeli His-sar on Nov. 17. Rev. F.F.Goodsell officiated, assisted by Rev. G.H. Huntington.

Dr. and Mrs. E.St.J. Ward of Beirut University have been afflicted in the death of their one-year-old boy, Allen, on Nov. 10, of brain infection.

The date for the Mid-Year Council at Constantinople has been fixed as Jan.1,1926. The sessions will be held at the Bible House.

Mr..Goodsell left Nov.18, as planned, for a week's visit to Smyrna.

Among the distinguished visitors new in Constantinople are Prof. and Mrs. Payne of Grinnell College, Iowa; President-emeritus Joseph W. Mauck, LL.D., of Hillsdale College, Mich., and Mrs. Mauck; Dean Emeritus John F. Downey, LL.D., of Univ. of Minnesota, and Mrs. Downey.

Word has recently reached us of the deaths, both in September, of Mrs. Ruth Bushnell St.Clair, in La Verne, Calif., and of Mr. Manly D. Tibbetts, in Maxwell, Iowa. Miss Bushnell was born in Clay Centre, Kansas, Sept.14,1871, and was a missionary at Erzurum from 1898 to 1910, when she returned to America. She was married in 1919.

Mr. Tibbetts was 29 years old; he was instructor in agriculture in Tarsus College from August 1919 to June 1920, since which time he has been teaching agriculture in Iowa. He leaves a wife and two children.

Miss Norton writes from Aleppo Girls' School:- "We have enrolled 143 pupils this term, a few more than last year; and could hardly seat more in our present quarters. The girls are enthusiastic over basketball, which Miss Cashmere is teaching them."

Dr. John E. Merrill writes from Aleppo Nov. 13:- "Mrs. Trowbridge is very weak but has taken a great turn for the better in the last week, and is eating a little solid food again."

The Brousa Girls' School is just now in quarantine for a few days, as a case of scarlet fever occurred there last week, which was immediately removed to the city hospital.

Bishop MacInnes has been visiting Beirut and Damascus on his return to Jerusalem. He conducted service most helpfully in Beirut on Sunday, Nov. 15th.

Rev. J.H.Kingsbury writes from Hartford, Conn., Nov.3:- "Wallace and Joyce are enjoying their first year of school immensely. Joyce is in kindergarten and Wallace in first grade."

Rev. H.C.Jaquith, Director of the Near East Relief at Athens, was married in Athens Nov. 9th to Miss Mary Harin, who has been connected with the N.E.R. for some time, in Constantinople and in Athens. After a brief wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Jaquith were expected back in Athens the end of this week.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, Dec. 1, 1925

Dear friends:-

According to latest intelligence from Salonica, our friends there must have had a fine time on Thanksgiving Day. They were anticipating a great dinner at the dining hall of the new Girls' School building, when all the Americans in the city, some thirty-eight or thirty-nine, were to share in the rejoicings, giving thanks in orthodox style.

This number would include Dr. & Mrs. House and Miss Ruth House, back this fall from their furlough in America; also Mrs. Charles House, who has but lately returned in very much improved health. The ~~Farm School has thus special reasons for thanksgiving.~~

At the Annual Meeting of the American Board, there was a change not only in the presidency but also in the vice-presidency; as Mr. David Percy Jones was unable to accept re-election, President Kenyon L. Butterfield of Lansing, Michigan, was elected in his place.

Dr. Mark I. Ward, formerly of Harpout, is to be congratulated on his election to the newly created office of Medical Secretary of the Board. The need for such an office was urged upon the Board by the Annual Meeting of the Western Turkey Mission in 1921.

The latest unofficial indications from Boston are that although it may be impossible for the Board to comply with the requests from the various Missions for additional funds (and the total estimates for 1926 exceeded those for 1925 by half a million dollars!) yet there is not likely to be a reduction in the appropriations as compared with 1925.

Miss Willard writes from Chicago Nov. 13th:- "It is not clear when I shall sail returning to Turkey,- it may be somewhat later than I had planned."

According to the local papers, Rear-Admiral Bristol is due in Constantinople within a few days on his return from America.

The quarantine on the Brouse School on account of scarlet fever has been prolonged, owing to the development of a second case. Miss Edith F. Parsons, who had come up to Constantinople on business, is therefore extending her visit a few days more.

Miss Edith Sanderson has left the American Hospital, much improved, and is spending some time at the Goodsell home.

Word has come from Merzifoun that Miss Noyes and Mr. Wiley are not allowed to have any official connection with the School there, owing to their having been in Merzifoun when the College there was closed by the Government in 1921.

Constantinople has not seen for at least forty years a storm the equal of that which raged here from Friday till Monday morning. Considerable damage was done to roofs, buildings, etc., and to shipping, especially along the Marmora shores. A woman and her child were drowned at Psamatia. The storm appears to have been very widespread. Wires are down in several directions. Some steamers are reported as lost, among them the "Andros" of the Byron Line. Reports from Greece and Italy and other points indicate death and destruction in many parts of the Mediterranean basin.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

A letter from Rear-Admiral Bristol gives the news that he and Mrs. Bristol were sailing from New York December 5th, on the S.S. "Leviathan,"- which, by the way, has just broken the record for a westward passage from Cherbourg,- and were expecting to arrive in Constantinople about the end of the year.

This confirms the word given by the Embassy here some four weeks ago, and disproves the repeated assertions of the local papers, which have been predicting his return much earlier. Sometimes the American papers are just as previous.- as for example Time, which states that the Turkish Government has substituted Sunday for Friday as the weekly compulsory holiday. This measure has not yet been reported out of Committee in the Turkish National Assembly.

Mr. Stanley [?] ~~Kerr~~ Mrs. (Elsa Reckmann) Kerr, with their little Marion, spent a few days in Constantinople last Thursday as their steamer touched on its way to Beirut, whither they return from America. Mr. Kerr who was formerly connected with the N.E.R. there, is now to have the chair of Physiological Chemistry in the American University.

Miss Sylvia Eddy and Miss Adelaide Dwight, who returned last week from Vienna, started out briefly this morning for the train ride back to Oulca Kishia, and thence to Talas. Miss Eddy's eyesight is considerably improved by her treatment, and is steadily improving.

Rev. F. F. Goodsell returned from Smyrna last Wednesday, bringing with him Miss Craddock and Miss Nora Ward, of the Collegiate Institute there, for a brief vacation, all the Smyrna schools having been closed on account of a threatened epidemic of scarlet fever. The two young ladies are starting back tomorrow.

Scarlet fever has also caused an enforced vacation in the Brousa schools; but Miss Edith Parsons has gone back there to be ready to open the Girls' School when possible.

The unprecedented storm of the past two weeks has not yet passed entirely, though it has abated. Nor was the havoc at sea quite as bad as reported. The "Andros" and other missing steamers have escaped and are safe. Two freight steamers are reported sunk in the Black Sea. Heavy snows have interfered with trains both north and south.

Mrs. W. N. Chambers was reported in the hospital at Beirut on Nov. 22nd, having undergone a successful operation for cataract on one eye two days before.

Miss Agnes Salmon is living at Woodbine Cottage, Birkhill, near Dundee, Scotland, and Miss H. E. Wallis is at Faegerfeld, Basingstoke, England. Severe weather has been the rule in the British Isles as well.

A Turkish daily last week gave the figures for the population of Constantinople, though it gave no indication as to its authority. The total population was given as 1,011,265, including 682,801 Turks, 181,188 Greeks, 61,257 Armenians, 57,462 Jews, 3,783 Bulgarians, and the rest scattering. This appears to be a fairly correct estimate.

Our strenuous colleague, Paul E. Nilson, writes Nov. 22 from somewhere in Michigan on a train:- "I am having a good rest. In these 22 days of November I have given 34 talks on Turkey in some 20 different cities in Michigan.... Interest in Turkey is very real also. And the 'mass of accumulated ignorance' is appalling." He reports Mrs. Nilson and the baby as flourishing.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

dear friends:-

According to our latest news, Miss Morley of Merzifoun must be now in Florida, as she was to start about Nov. 15th, to spend the winter in her brother's home. She is reported as looking well and appearing so, but compelled still to lead a rather quiet life.

Miss Willard of Merzifoun hopes to sail for her station early in January, stopping for brief visits in Athens and Salonica en route.

Rev. F.F. Goodsell, our active Field Secretary, left Dec. 13 for Adana and Tarsus, hoping to return a week from today. Mr. Fowle is helping out in the Language School instruction in his absence.

Miss Jillson of Brouse expects to go about the first of January to the Pacific Coast, to see her constituency of the W.B.M.P., stopping on her way at Chicago to see her brother.

Miss Jillson has succeeded in finding a housekeeper for the Brouse School, Mrs. Ferguson, who is to come right out from America, arriving about the middle of January.

The Seventy-fifth Anniversary exercises of the Gedik Pasha Church, formerly called the Langa Church, were held Friday Dec. 11, in the church building, which was crowded to the doors, with many standing. With the Pastor, Rev. Sarkis Manougian, on the platform were the Head of the Protestant Chancery, representatives of the other three Evangelical churches of the city, and two missionaries. The old triangle, used in place of a bell by the church while it was in the Langa quarter, hung on exhibition on the rear wall. Very enjoyable music was furnished by the church choir, and by violin, cello, organ and piano. The Pastor read a succinct history of the 75 years of the church, and all its vicissitudes. Dr. MacCallum offered the prayer of thanksgiving; and addresses of greeting and congratulation were made by Prof. Bezdjian, Rev. S. Demetrekopoulos, Prof. Kassouni, Prof. M. Djedjizian, and Mr. Riggs.

Among the speakers at the Annual Meeting of the W.B.M.I. last month at Detroit were Miss Willard, Miss Cold, Miss Brauer, Miss Martin, Miss Crockett, Miss Long; also Secretaries E.W. Riggs and Mrs. L.O. Lee, both formerly of Turkey.

Among the speakers at the Annual Meeting of the W.B.M. at Brooklyn were Miss Riggs and Miss Greene, also Sec. J.L. Barton, another Turkey-ite.

Dr. & Mrs. Harry Emerson Fosdick of New York are guests of Mr. & Mrs. Mergenthaeu in Athens, who gave a big reception for them week before last. Dr. Fosdick was expected to address the Girls' College and the School of Religion.

Miss Helen P. Larrabee, who is on her second year of teaching at the Girls' College, Athens, has been compelled by ill-health to withdraw from this work and is returning to her home in America. Her work will be taken by Miss Emerson, a Vassar graduate, who arrives about Feb. 1st.

Recent prominent visitors to Constantinople have included Prof. F.A. Golder, of the Hoover Library and Stanford University; Prof. T.E. Lingleback, of the Univ. of Penn. and the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Foundation for Social Research; and Mr. G.K. Cherrie, Field Naturalist of the Roosevelt & Field Museum expedition to Central Asia. The American Luncheon Club is enjoying most interesting talks by such men as these.

A Church Council has been called to meet on Friday of this week at the Bible House, to consider the proposal to ordain Prof. Yeghia Kassouni (Behesnelian) as an evangelist.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

The sympathy of all will go out to Rev. T. T. Holway of Phil-ippopolis, who on Friday, Dec. 11, received cable word that Mrs. Holway had been pronounced to be suffering with cancer which is likely to prove fatal within a month. Mrs. Holway went to America last summer to arrange for the care of an aged aunt, and was expecting to return soon. She had an eye removed in the summer of 1924, behind which it was feared there was a cancerous growth. On receiving the cable Mr. Holway started for America, and was to catch the "Paris" from Cherbourg Dec. 16th. His address in America is 801 East Ave., Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Miss Dwight and Miss Eddy reached Caesarea Dec. 12th, after a cold araba ride of two days and a half from Ouleu Kishla

Mr. Woolworth writes that Dr. Barton's speech on Turkey at the National Council, together with comment by the Angora official daily, Hakimiet-i-Millie, was quoted in a full column in the Caesarea paper the first week in December.

Miss Edith Sanderson went back to Brousa Dec. 20th, after a visit of some six weeks in Constantinople, seemingly quite recovered from her attack of jaundice.

Rev. and Mrs. L.F. Ostrander traveled through a heavy fall of snow from Samokov to Philippopolis on Dec. 4th, and are spending some ~~many~~ months at the Mission House there, for the sake of the warmer climate.

Duncan Thomson, Rev. Robert Thomson's younger son, now head accountant with the Standard Oil Co. at Sofia, has a daughter Margaret, born Dec. 14th in Sofia.

The snowfall of the past two weeks has been pretty general both north and south of here, and even in Salonica; but our city has seen only the slightest sprinkling of hilltops on one single morning.

Caleb Gates, youngest son of President and Mrs. Gates of Robert College, has won a Rhodes Scholarship, and will spend the coming year at Oxford, after graduating from Princeton. He was tackle on the football team that beat both Yale and Harvard.

Dr. and Mrs. Downey, of the Univ. of Minn., left yesterday by Lloyd Triestine steamer for Beirut, after a visit of a month in Constantinople. Dr. and Mrs. Mauck of Hillsdale College have gone to Athens.

The Church Council called by the Emmanuel Church to decide as to the ordination of Prof. Yeghie Kassouni has set Sunday, Dec. 27th, at 2 p.m. for the ordination service. The examination proved quite satisfactory, and there were no dissenting votes.

Our Field Secretary, Mr. Goodsell, returned from his trip to Adana and Tarsus yesterday, having enjoyed the quite modern luxury of a most comfortable sleeping-car both ways. Rather different from the Journeys of Smith and Dwight in Asia Minor in 1830!

Miss Helen Larrabee of the Athens Girls' College is leaving for America on December 26th.

Tarsus College has this year 66 students, 40 of them Turks. Of the total, 28 are boarders and 38 day scholars.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

The end of the year is fast catching up with us, and will surprise us before we know it. The financial arrangements of this little sheet have been made till the end of December. The undersigned expects, D.V.,- and the Mission and Board willing also,- to take his regular furlough beginning next June. No arrangements have been made for the continuance of this letter after that. You are therefore respectfully asked to favorably consider sending us, through the Mission or Board Treasurers, or in any way you see fit, the equivalent of fifty cents for each subscription for the first 6 months of 1926. This includes postage. For subscribers in Constantinople the charge is 50 piastres, for 6 months

Professor and Mrs. Payne of Grinnell College, after quite a visit in Constantinople, have gone to Greece on their way to Italy and the United States

Professor Herbert Adolphus Miller, Ph.D., of Ohio, who has been engaged in sociological studies with the Russell Sage Foundation, and has been traveling through several countries of Central Europe arrived in Constantinople last week with Mrs. Miller, and with Miss Minassian, daughter of our former friend and benefactor, S.M. Minassian. Prof. Miller has given most interesting addresses at the American Luncheon Club and at Robert College.

The Language School is having its vacation; and Miss Wells has gone to Brousa, and Miss Nosser to Egypt in company with Miss Ferguson of Athens.

Miss Jones and Miss Barker of Gedik Pasha and Miss Primo of Constantinople College have also gone to Egypt, expecting to be gone about three weeks.

Mrs. Nellie F. Brooks, who was in the American Bible Society office at the Bible House, writes most interestingly from India under date of Dec. 1, of spending Thanksgiving Day 9,000 feet above sea level, on the Himalaya slopes above Darjeeling. She and Miss Edwards expect to sail from Yokohama Jan. 25th, arriving in Seattle Feb. 4th.

Messrs. Maurice Bigelow and Chase Harper of the American College at Salonica, reached Constantinople Saturday last to spend their Christmas vacation here. They dared the journey by rail, and came out victorious.

A very impressive service took place in the Bible House chapel last Sunday, when Professor Yeghia Kassouni was ordained as an evangelist and acting pastor of the Emmanuel Church. The chapel was full to overflowing. An enlarged choir rendered several anthems very acceptably. Dr. MacGallum presided, and made the ordaining prayer. Rev. S. B. Manougian read the records of actions leading up to the ordination, and gave the charge to the people. The Scripture was read by Mr. Panousis, replacing Rev. S. Demetropoulos. Mr. Goodsell read to the candidate the ordination vows. Dr. McNaughton gave the charge to the evangelist, and Mr. Riggs gave the right hand of fellowship. Dr. C. F. Gates also took part in the ordination.

Rev. H.A. Maynard from Smyrna and Rev. W.A. Wiley from Merzifoun are already here as delegates to the Mid-Year Council, which is to open at 8 a.m. on Friday, in the Mission Library. The sessions will extend at least till the Tuesday following.

Admiral and Mrs. Bristol are expected to arrive in Constantinople on Dec. 31st, coming from Paris, and to hold the usual New Year reception the next day.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs