

Dear Friends:-

Aid from many quarters continues to flow in for the relief of the earthquake sufferers in Anatolia. Many organizations, as well as countless individuals, in Turkey itself have given generously; and the world has proved widely sympathetic. On the other hand, the proportions of the disaster are even greater than indicated in our last issue; and the death roll will probably exceed forty thousand, if not fifty. Coming on top of renewed but lighter tremors in many places, have been disastrous floods from rains and overflowing rivers, both in the Sarrna and Brousa regions and along the Euphrates and Tigris Rivers, with considerable loss of life. But the waters are subsiding. Meanwhile the rail connections with Erzindjan have been restored, and supplies and medical aid are being pushed in as far as possible.

Dr. Lorrin Shepard, Miss Dora Shank, Mrs. Helen Haight Orhan, a Turkish doctor and an orderly left Stamboul on Thursday, to join a field hospital unit of 100 beds and equipment at Angora, destined for Erbaa; or Herek, as it is also called. This includes four tents accommodating twenty-five beds each, and other necessary tents. The American Red Cross has cabled a gift of \$5,000, which is to be used in this connection, but the undertaking is in charge of the Red Crescent organization. Erbaa is on the Kelkit Suyu, a branch of the Yeshil Irmak, and is about 50 miles east of Amasia and some 20 miles north of Tokat. There is a possibility of some similar Turkish-American cooperation in relief at Talas, in our former hospital quarters; but the matter is still in embryo.

We regret to announce the sudden death, on Wednesday evening last, of Mrs. Vera Tcharkoff, widow of the former Russian Ambassador, Mr. Nicholas Tcharkoff, who has for many years lived in Bebek, on the Bosphorus; also, a few hours later, of her aged mother, Mrs. Marie Ivanoff also well known to our Anglo-American community. The double funeral was held yesterday afternoon.

Professor and Mrs. Laurence S. Moore of Sofia College arrived in Stamboul Sunday evening, their train being twelve hours late on account of deep snows. They plan to spend about three weeks visiting friends here.

Another visitor in our city is Mr. McAleer, of the staff of Athens College, who is just starting back.

A letter from Dr. Dewey in Gaziantep of ten days ago says :- "We had a lovely Christmas service of song last Sunday evening, and you can imagine our thankfulness and joy to hear Elsie (Mrs. Dewey) sing again, and to have her able to sit at the piano for two hours of steady accompaniments for all of us who took part, and to be none the worse for it the next day." This is indeed good news.

Rev. Frederick H. Thompson, formerly teacher in the Erenkeuy Boys' School (1928-1931), is pastor of the Congregational Church at Easthampton, Massachusetts.

Miss Mary K. Nelson, formerly of the American Hospital of this city, has for the past few years been hostess in charge of the residence for women students at the Yale School of Nursing, New Haven, Conn.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

News from the earthquake regions state that fresh shocks are being experienced almost every day, but not of great violence; and what damage is done is comparatively slight, with no new loss of life. More careful estimates of the numbers who have died, either from earthquake or from freezing to death, place the total at somewhere near 24,000 or 25,000. Severe winter weather still prevails; and many regions have not yet become accessible. The Government and the Red Crescent Society are very active, and help pours in from other countries as well as from all parts of the Turkish population.

Dr. Shepard and his unit, with the Turkish tent hospital, went first to Sivas; but found that their field hospital was unnecessary there, and they have since gone on to Zara, northeast of Sivas, about half way to Shabin Kara Hissar, where they are more in the midst of stricken areas. Dr. Shepard speaks in high terms of the unit with which he is working. Some six injured from the earthquake zone have arrived in Talas, and are being cared for in the former American Hospital building, which Mr. Nilson has had prepared; and a Turkish doctor has been detailed to have charge of them. Aintab Hospital also reports having received their first earthquake victim and that they had been asked to be ready for twenty such.

Mr. and Mrs. Nilson have gone to Beirut for a brief visit with their children there.

Rev. W. Clark Kerr, who took a short vacation from his work in Stamboul and went to Budapest right after Christmas, returned in time to occupy his pulpit last Sunday, after a beneficial rest.

President and Mrs. E. W. Riggs of Anatolia College, have gone from Thessaloniki over to Athens for a vacation trip during the (Greek) Christmas holidays. Many of the Anatolia staff have gone on a trip to Egypt, Palestine, and Syria.

On Saturday evening, December 30th, the Administration Building of the American University Hospital at Beirut burned. The fire started on the top floor, and there was time to remove from the ground floor the records, equipment, and most important of all, a store of medicines. We understand it was only a question of a few months when the building would have been removed in any case in accordance with the original Hospital plan.

--Beirut News Letter.

At last accounts Aleppo Station had dwindled down to Miss Harriet Norton, holding the place down while all the rest had gone to have a vacation celebration at Beirut.

The Week of Prayer meetings at the Gedik Pasha Church have been held with good attendance and sustained interest through the week. Reports come in of familiar meetings held in Mardin and elsewhere.

News both from the Balkan States and from Anatolia tells of unusually severe winter weather, with fierce storms. At least two steamers of the Turkish Navigation Company have run aground, the "Tirhan" near Alanya, on the south coast of Anatolia not far from Adalia; and the "Tavvar", near the Dardanelles; neither caused any loss of life. The Danube is reported frozen clear to its delta.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, January 20, 1940.

Dear Friends:-

President Walter Livingstone Wright of Robert College has gone on a trip of inspection to Erzindjan and vicinity, to see the results of the great earthquakes, and expects to start for America on his return to Stamboul next week, with the double purpose of helping to raise funds there for the sufferers from the earthquake, and to see his family. It is hoped he may be back at the College in time for Founders' Day at Robert College.

Dr. L.A. Shepard, with Miss Shank, Mrs. Orhan, and the others of his unit from Stamboul Hospital, has reached Sou Shehir, some eighty miles or so east of Sivas, and has set up a hospital work there and taken in his first earthquake injured. By the consent of the Prime Minister, he and his unit went ahead of the Red Crescent Tent Hospital, and plowed through great snowdrifts on horseback to get there.

We regret to report the death, on Sunday last, of Dr. Tchalian, of Arnaoutkeuy, Physician to the Girls' College, and also to many of the English and Americans in Bebek and Hissar. He was seventy-one years old, and succumbed to an attack of double pneumonia. He will be very much missed. Another recent death just reported is that of Professor Dr. Von Greyertz, who in the early nineties was teacher of German in Robert College, and has since done noteworthy work in philology at Basel, Switzerland. He was seventy-five years old.

During their visit in Athens, a couple of weeks ago, President and Mrs. Riggs held a gathering for the Alumni of Anatolia College, which proved very successful. There were about forty-five graduates present, and enough teachers and wives to make another twenty or more. All seemed eager to exchange news and hear about former teachers and the present state of the College.

The Adana-Tarsus Station celebrated its Christmas in Tarsus, and the circle was enlarged by the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Maynard who had come to visit the bride and groom in their new apartment at the College. Profiting by the two-week holiday of the College, Mrs. Woolworth and Robert accompanied Dorothy to Beirut as she returned to her school. A few days earlier Robert Woolworth, assisted by other members of the family, took his Marionette theatre to Adana and presented a number of sketches for the benefit of the Clinic staff.

Tarsus and Adana have shared in the nation-wide program of relief for the victims of the earthquake, government officials and people working day and night to perfect their organization and get money and materials on their way to the troubled areas. The Adana Clinic, in co-operation with the Red Crescent, is expecting to house some of the refugees for a time.

Miss Douglass writes of very heavy snows in Bulgaria. She went up a short time ago to Cham Koria for a vacation, and was snowed up there for several days, but was back again in Sofia when she wrote.

Even the Stamboul American Hospital, far as it is from the shaken areas, is caring for its first earthquake injury victim, a lady with frozen feet.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:-

President W.L. Wright, Jr., returned to Robert College last Tuesday from his visit to Erzindjan; and on Wednesday evening told a group of about fifty friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fowle the thrilling story of what he saw and learned. Hardly a person now lives in the ruined city, except guards and government employees. All, practically, of the 3,000 survivors, two-thirds of them injured, have been evacuated. The Government is determined to rebuild only after a thorough study of the whole valley, to decide where will be the spot least apt to be devastated by any future quakes. As for the cost of furnishing houses of a modest sort throughout the entire earthquake area, a rough estimate is three million liras. Perhaps the most costly item in rehabilitation, however, will be the securing of cattle; for the destruction ~~in~~ this item was almost complete.

Dr. Wright left Stamboul Thursday on his way via Genoa and the S.S. "Washington" to the United States. His story and the fine set of photographs he takes along ought to make a deep impression on generous-hearted people to help in such a great emergency.

Dr. Shepard writes very hopefully about the work of his fifty-bed hospital at Sou Shehir, and of the fine cooperation he has from Turkish medical corps associated with him. Doctors have also been sent to nearby towns and villages in the same valley.

BORN:- at Burlington, Vermont, January 17th, a son, Douglas Rikert, to Dr. and Mrs. Lorrin A. Riggs, Congratulations to the parents and to the grandparents, President and Mrs. Riggs of Anatolia College.

Mrs. C.H. Haas of Adana is doing a fine work of cooperation with the Adana Girls' Lise, teaching 19 hours a week, and doing some supervision also.

Reports from Sofia and Cham Koria tell of excellent skiing in that region for the past three weeks. The road from the American College in to Sofia has been negotiable only for sleighs and sleds, but not yet for motor-cars.

According to plan, Mr. and Mrs. Nilson must have returned to Talea three days ago, after their visit in Beirut.

The new plant of the Aleppo College, outside the city, is rapidly reaching completion; and the College plans to move in mid-February. The one bogey that hung over their heads until recently has been removed by a decision of the highest authorities that American property in Syria can not be requisitioned for military purposes. The new quarters are greatly needed, for the enrollment has grown in two years from 3 boarders to 70, and from a total of 195 to 420 enrolled.

The annual union communion service of churches at Beirut on January 14th brought out an attendance of about 800, and the service was conducted in five languages. That same morning, in the Arabic service at the Syrian Evangelical church, 53 new members were admitted to the Communion.

A telegram from Aintab states that Dr. and Mrs. Dewey are leaving there today for Beirut, where their three children are in school.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

Dr. Borrin Shepard, Miss Shank and Mrs. Helen Haight Orhan returned from their work of mercy in Sou Shehir yesterday about noon. They had put in working order the fifty-bed hospital of the Red Crescent Society there; and since surgical work had dwindled to a minimum, the presence of our surgeon seemed to be more imperatively needed at his own post here.

Miss Lucille Day, formerly of Brousa, is staying at International House, on the campus of the University of Chicago, studying in the University, and also at the Seminary, this semester. So we are informed in a letter from Miss Cecelia Berg, dated December 13th.

Professor Trembelas, who is at the head of the Zee Movement in the Greek Orthodox Church in Greece, and who had recently been elected a professor in Athens University, addressed a crowded audience in the largest lecture hall of Thessaloniki University, on "Christ and the Rationalists." Among the more than a thousand who heard him were the Metropolitan Bishop and a large number of the local clergy. He lectured both Saturday and Sunday evenings, a week ago.

The new Turkish "Law of Associations" became operative in July, 1939. The Y.M.C. Association had applied for the right of existence in Turkey, but was adjudged to fail to conform with the provisions of the law, in that it had its center abroad. Hence, on December 27th, 1939, it was closed by Government order. However, the "School of Languages and Commerce" and the Student Hostel, representing the major activities in the Stamboul building, are recognized and enjoy official permits, and will carry on their full functions. It is hoped that a new American teacher and leader will shortly arrive to cooperate with the Turkish Staff in the further development of this work.

We have received a copy of "A Life For The Balkans," the story of Rev. Dr. John Henry House, as told by his wife to J.H. Nankivell, and published by the Fleming H. Revell Co. It certainly looks like exciting and well-worth-while reading.

Miss Harriet A. Hallett, formerly of Adams and Thessaloniki, sends us her new address, which is 109 North Estelle St., Wichita, Kansas.

Latest news from Mr. F. Lyman MacCallum was from Gibraltar, where his steamer had been held up for nearly a week for examination. He can hardly reach Stamboul before the end of this month.

Schools and colleges are again in full swing after the winter recess, all hands being at work once more. Robert College is making preliminary arrangements to undertake a new piece of work, beginning probably in March. The Government has asked them to take in some seventy or so students from the army, preparing to be engineers; these have been studying in Germany, but the Government wishes them to learn English and be fitted to continue their studies in that language.

The two steamers, "Tirhan" and "Tavvar", which we had reported three weeks ago as having run aground, have both arrived in this harbor under their own steam; but in one case it will take quite a long time to repair the damaged hull. The seas of recent days have been quite calm.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Feb. 10, 1940.

Dear Friends:-

About a hundred friends of the American Hospital met at Kennedy Lodge, Robert College, on Wednesday evening last, to listen to an account by Dr. Lorrin Shepard of the trip of the American Hospital Unit to Sou Shehir, east of Sivas, in connection with the Red Crescent's effort to reach and aid the earthquake sufferers. It was a thrilling story, of the obstacles overcome in getting there through the heavy snows, and of the surgical and medical help given under many adverse circumstances. The arrival of reinforcements from the Red Crescent, and the diminution of serious cases coming in for treatment, made it possible for our Americans to return to their work here within just under a month. Miss Shank and Mrs. Orhan also spoke briefly.

We desire to express to Mrs. Huri, of the Publication Department, our deep sympathy with her at the word just received of the passing of her father, at Idlib, near Aleppo. He was eighty years old.

Word has also come of the death of Mr. Francis Henry Bacon, one of the two American brothers who made a home for so long at the Dardanelles, near the ruins of ancient Troy. Mr. Bacon died at his home there on February 5th. Mrs. Bacon is there, together with her sister, Mrs. Calvert.

Dr. Williams L. Nute has been spending a month or so in Boston, at the Pratt Diagnostic Hospital, brushing up in preparation for his return to his post at Talas, Mrs. Nute is making a good recovery after her surgical treatment.

The usual service in connection with the Annual Day of Prayer under the direction of women's church organizations, was held at the Union Church Manse yesterday afternoon, with a good attendance.

As previously reported in our columns, the former American Hospital building at Talas was opened for use for earthquake sufferers; and for the past three or four weeks patients to a maximum of 42 have been cared for there by Red Crescent doctors. Miss Sylvia Eddy, R.N., of our Talas Station, has been in charge of the nursing, and has done splendid work, but enough to put these former sufferers into a panic. There are some 450 refugees from the earthquake regions housed in Talas, eight of the families being in the former "Dodd House."

Our doctors and nurses in Gaziantep and Adana have stood by, ready to help in the care of earthquake patients; but till now, as far as heard from, their services have not been needed.

The trying word comes from our Board in Boston that the total receipts from all sources for the first four months of the fiscal year show a net loss of \$35,000.

General Sir Windham Deeds, the field representative of the British earthquake relief effort, has been inspecting various parts of the stricken area, going to Erzindjan, and through the valley of the Kilkit River, and has visited Samsoun. He is now on his return through Amasia and Sivas. Both the Government and the Red Crescent have cooperated in helping him make his tour a success.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Four earthquake shocks were felt in Talas this past week, not serious.

Bible House, Stamboul, February 17, 1940.

Dear Friends:-

Rev. and Mrs. James A. Lyman, who have been spending part of their furlough in Washington State, have taken an apartment in Walla Walla for the next three or four months, before turning East again. Their address is : 548 University Street, Walla Walla, Washington.

We are informed that our associates in Thessaloniki have discontinued their former cable address of "Fernstalk, Thessaloniki" and would request that henceforth telegrams or cables be addressed to "Anatolia College, Thessaloniki", in order to insure prompt delivery.

We would express our sympathy with Mrs. Eula Bates Lee, who has just had word of the passing away of her brother, Mr. G.L. Bates on January 31st, at Chelmsford, England, aged seventy-seven. Mr. Bates was an ornithologist of note, and also a collector of fish and reptiles. The British Museum and the South Kensington Museum owe many thousand specimens to his efforts. He spent many years in West Africa in collecting natural history specimens, mainly in the region from Sierra Leone to the Congo. He also compiled several books on birds, as well as on the philology of some African languages.

The total number of patients cared for in the Talas Hospital coming from the earthquake region has been 69, of whom many have been discharged, and at last accounts 35 remained, keeping Miss Eddy busy. This is the only hospital in that region that is entirely for refugees. Of the 515 refugees quartered in houses in Talas, 65 are on the Mission compound, 38 of them in the Dodd House. Many of these are from Erzinjan itself. Every day some people get in touch with relatives in other places, and several have gone to join their families.

Latest word from Dr. A.W. Dewey was to the effect that he was expecting to get back to Gaziantep by Sunday last, leaving Mrs. Dewey in Beirut for X-ray treatment for about a month, after which she plans to return also to Gaziantep.

A letter from Mr. Lyman MacCallum from Old Phaleron, Greece, where he was stopping for a visit with his parents, states that he may be expected in Stamboul this afternoon. A warm welcome awaits him.

Mrs. George P. Knapp, formerly of Bitlis and Harput, has closed her home in Auburndale, Mass., for the winter and is living with her daughter, Margaret, Mrs. Harold Grout, at 24 Riverside Avenue, Wellesley Hills, Mass.

Beginning with February 9th, Mr. Saradjoghlu, the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs, has become Chairman of the Balkan Entente for the ensuing year.

The local dailies announce that an American steamer whose cargo was entirely covered by certificates of origin has been speedily put through the British control and is on its way direct to Turkey, with some phosphates and 686 mules on board.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

Mr. F. Lyman MacCallum arrived here as expected, on Saturday evening last, having had a few hours with Mr. Bell in spirit, and a few days with Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum in Old Phaleron. He has immediately plunged into work, and seems to enjoy it. His wife and daughter meanwhile remain in Wallingford, Pennsylvania, for the present, while Mr. MacCallum lives in the Bible House Apartment.

Yesterday morning Mr. Arnold Jenny, who has been connected for the past twenty-five years with the Y.M.C.A. in America, arrived in Stamboul from Switzerland, where he had had conference with Dr. D.A. Davis and others, and is also to live at the Bible House Apartment. He has come for the work of the Service Center and Trade School now running in the former Y.M.C.A. building near St. Sophia.

Mr. Brent, of the American Embassy in Anzora, left Stamboul yesterday morning by steamer for Piraeus, to take the American Export liner thence to New York. His wife and children have been in America for several months. Mr. Brent has been transferred to the American Embassy in New Zealand, and they will shortly be leaving for that post. We shall miss them in Stamboul.

A new book is announced, by Professor Theodore M. Greene, of Princeton University, son of the late Dr. and Mrs. J.K. Greene of Stamboul. Its title is "The Arts, and the Art of Criticism;" and it has received favorable criticism in the press. He was assisted in its production by a number of specialists in the Princeton faculty.

Dr. Alford Carleton writes enthusiastically of the opening of work in the new buildings of Aleppo College, on St. Valentine's Day. The Saturday before, after some strenuous days of Semester examinations and the moving out of furniture and properties, work was shut down in the old buildings where they have been at work for two years; and by Wednesday the 14th, they were able to open up again in the new. "The day was a little raw, workmen were more or less under foot still, the first schedules of the busses did not work out perfectly, and we started classes late, but with great joy and hearty good-will, both teachers and students overlooked the rough edges of things and rejoiced in the commodious and handsome new quarters for the College. During the four days since we began, things have smoothed out a lot, and the work of the College is running normally again." Our congratulations on the successful change!

The Atatürk Bridge over the Golden Horn at Azap Kapou has had its roadbed successfully repaired, and has at last been opened to wheeled traffic this week. Foot passengers have been using it for months.

Word has been received of the death, at Los Angeles, California on January 22nd, of Thomas Speer Carrington, M.D., who from 1898 till 1904 was in charge of medical work at Merzifon, and then for a while tried to start a hospital in Stamboul, but withdrew from the Board in 1909. He spent some time later in China. Dr. Carrington was born August 13, 1868, and was thus in his seventy-second year.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, March 2, 1940.

Dear Friends:-

A cable from America announces the passing away of ex-President Mary Mills Patrick, Ph.D., LL.D., at Palo Alto, California, on Sunday last, February 25th, aged ninety. Miss Patrick was born March 10, 1850, in Canterbury, New Hampshire, studied in Lyons College, Iowa, and came out as a missionary of the Women's Board of Missions in 1871 to Erzroum. After five years there, she came to the Home School, Scutari, and in 1884 became its Principal. In 1890, on the receipt of its charter, she became President of the American College for Girls, later known as Constantinople College, which post she graced until 1924, when she resigned and returned to America. She was tireless and most successful in making the College what it became; and it owes a great deal to her remarkable abilities. The transfer of the institution from Scutari to Arnsoutkeuy, and the erection of the new buildings, just before the great war, taxed all her energies for some time. After studying in Heidelberg, Zurich, Leipzig and Berlin, she secured her Ph.D. degree in 1897 from Berne University; and in 1914 received the degree of LL.D. from Smith College, and of Litt.D. in 1922 from Columbia. In 1914 she also received the order of the Shevkat from the Ottoman Government. Dr. Patrick was the author of two books on Greek Skepticism, one on Gappho, and an autobiographical sketch called "Under Five Sultans." For the past years she has been living in California; and at last accounts was in very good health.

The Near East Fellowship were invited about a month ago to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wylie Brown, formerly of Stamboul, in Altadena, California, and 60 members gathered there. Miss Stella N. Loughridge and Dr. Jesse K. Marden were the guest speakers; and among those present were Mrs. Kate Ainslee Hopkins, Mrs. Etta D. Marden, Dr. & Mrs. Cass A. Reed, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Anderson, Dr. and Mrs. A. MacLachlan, Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Getchell, Mrs. Jean Christie Lien; also Dr. Loyal L. Wirt, and others.

James W. Wiles, A.M., who for many years was the representative of the British and Foreign Bible Society for Southeastern Europe, residing at Belgrade, has been forced to resign on account of ill health, and is now in Lancashire, England, recuperating. His place has been taken by Mr. L. L. Haig, who some time ago was the agent for the B. & F. B. S. in Stamboul, and has since then been in central Europe.

On Thursday of last week, there were severe earthquake shocks in the Develi region, on the other side of Mt. Argæus from Talas, which did great damage and killed many persons. While the latest letters from Mr. Nilson give the figure as 37, the local papers state that it was far worse than at first believed, and that 200 lost their lives. The worst hit were four villages near Develi Kara Hissar. The shocks were felt in Talas and Kayseri, but did no damage there. Some rocks or pinnacles on Mt. Argæus are said to have been shaken down; but there seems to be no proof of volcanic action. In Talas and Kayseri there are many refugees from the Erzindian quakes; and these people were terrified at the recent shocks, and insisted on sleeping in tents or autobusses etc., for several nights. The shocks continue.

The new course for military engineers began at Robert College yesterday. The number of men sent by the Government has increased to about 130, of whom nearly 40 are boarders. One new teacher of English has arrived and others are expected. These students are of those who were studying engineering in Germany or elsewhere, and their courses were interrupted by the present war. Many of them hope to go on to America later for further study.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Rippes

Bible House, Stamboul, March 9, 1940.

Dear Friends:-

We regret to announce the death, in the Municipal Hospital at Sofia, Bulgaria, on Sunday last, March 3rd, of Lincoln Woodruff, second son of Mrs. Alma S. Woodruff and the late Mr. Woodruff, aged eighteen. Lincoln was taking courses in the Sofia University, when he was attacked with spinal meningitis. Every possible care was taken of him, without avail. Our deep sympathy goes out to his mother.

Dr. and Mrs. Shepard are planning to take a five-months' furlough, beginning next month, and make a visit to America. They expect to sail from here April 11th, and cross the ocean by the Italian steamer "Conte di Savoia" to New York, returning here in September for the opening of fall work at the Hospital.

A letter of March 2 from Dr. Dewey reports the return of himself and Mrs. Dewey to Gaziantep after her treatments in Beirut. Mrs. Dewey seems decidedly improved. She will probably go back to Beirut for observation the last of May.

A lecture was announced to be given two days ago at the Near East School of Theology, Beirut, by Miss Helen Crawley, General Secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association in Beirut, on Social Service in that city.

Work on the printing of the new Turkish translation of the entire Bible has actually begun. Paper and materials for this were brought from America by Mr. Lyman MacCallum.

Dr. Minnie B. Mills, President of Pierce College, Elleniko, is expecting to come to Stamboul with her sister during the Easter holiday of the College.

Mr. Farnsworth Fowle is helping temporarily in the instruction of the new Engineering group at Robert College, spoken of in our last issue, pending the arrival of the new teachers secured for this job.

Word has just reached us that, despite the rumor given earlier that all the Armenians resident in the Hatay district had moved out to points inside the French mandate of Syria, some 360 souls still live at Vakif, in Mousa Dagn, and have the ministrations of their own priest, who is also the spiritual adviser of the ten or fifteen families at Kirik Han.

The budget submitted last week to the Grand National Assembly by the Minister of Finance, for the ensuing year, amounts to a total of 262,312,000 liras, or an increase of a million and a quarter over that of the past year. This includes a credit of 78,000,000 for the National Defence Bureau, but an additional special credit of 72,000,000 liras is also provided for. 67,000,000 goes to the Public Debt; 20,000,000 to the Finance Ministry; 17,000,000 for public instruction; 12,000,000 for the Gendarmerie; 8,000,000 for Public Health, etc.

The championships of the Balkan Peninsula in wrestling were decided the past week in Stamboul; and Turkey won five of the seven categories, Yugoslavia and Rumania taking one each.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, March 16, 1940.

Dear Friends:-

Dr. and Mrs. Jesse K. Marden have engaged passage on the S.S. "Manhattan" from New York, sailing March 23rd, on their return to Athens. Dr. Marden is quite well, and has lately been very busy with speaking appointments on behalf of the Board.

Miss Isabelle Harley, of Thessaloniki, has been making a visit to Claremont, California, since February 17th, where she has been with an uncle and aunt.

Dr. and Mrs. Collins, of the Rockefeller Foundation, who have been in Angora, left Stamboul on Thursday evening for a four months vacation in America, after which they are to be transferred to the Philippines. The work of Dr. Collins in aiding in the establishment of the Medical Institute in Angora has been greatly appreciated; and he and Mrs. Collins were given a farewell dinner by the Government before leaving Angora; he was also the recipient of an autograph letter from President İnönü, in English, expressing his deep appreciation of Dr. Collins' work.

Miss Lucille Day, formerly of Brousa, has made a good recovery from the major operation she recently underwent in Chicago. She is going on with her work for her M.A. degree at Chicago University.

Dr. and Mrs. John E. Merrill have recently been quite ill with influenza, in Brooklyn, N.Y., Dr. Merrill quite seriously so with heart and kidney complications, so that his recovery is slow.

Mrs. E.T. Leslie left Stamboul on Friday morning for a two weeks' visit with her daughter Mrs. John Seager, and the little granddaughter.

Next Tuesday, March 20th, will be the fiftieth anniversary of the granting of the charter to the American College for Girls, then in the old buildings at Scutari. This will be celebrated in a special way in connection with Charter Day at Arnautkeuy.

It is announced in the local press that during the coming summer, loud-speakers will not be allowed in connection with the radios on the Bosphorus steamers. We trust this may prove true!

We are informed that the Government is proceeding to the purchase and distribution of ten thousand oxen for the aid of the sufferers from the recent big earthquakes; and that one thousand have already been allotted to villages in the region of Tokat and Amasia, in time for helping in the spring sowings.

According to the Bureau of Statistics, the number of births throughout Turkey last year was 348,958, or an increase of 33,837 as compared with the figures for 1938; while the deaths from all causes in 1939 were 218,504, or a decrease of 23,487 from the figures for 1938.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

We regret a misspelling which surprised some of you in our last issue. One of our friends had been suffering with heart and kidney, - not kindly, - complications.

The fiftieth anniversary of the granting of the Charter to the American College for Girls at Constantinople, was fittingly celebrated on Wednesday last, March 20th, at Gould Hall, Arnaoutkeuy. While to some degree this occasion was actually a memorial to Dr. Patrick, the first President of the College, yet the original plan for the day was carried out, in having five of the alumnae, each representing one decade of the life of the College, speak in a reminiscent way of her own connection with the College. So there were representatives of the classes of 1906, 1926, 1945, 1965, and 1981, - the last one being Bayan Halide Edib Adnan, who was drafted in in place of Mrs. Winifred Seager Edwards, who is out of town. Dean Eleanor Burns presided, and gave a fitting introduction to each. There was also a violin solo by a member of the Senior Class. All the speeches were in English; and there was a goodly attendance.

Miss Katherine L. McElroy, who joined the staff of the Pierce College at Elleniko, Greece, this fall, has gone back to America to complete the work for her Ph.D. degree, and expects to be back in time for the opening of the College in the fall. She left Athens March 6th by airplane for Brindisi, going on thence by rail to Genoa, to take the United States Liner from there to New York. She is to succeed Dr. Minnie E. Mills as President of the College.

In connection with Pierce College during this scholastic year there have been held several sessions of a Parent-Teacher Association; and there came out a week or so ago a most appreciative article in one of the Athens dailies regarding the benefits of such gatherings.

Aleppo College is greatly enjoying its new buildings and facilities. There is still much to be done; and as yet there is no auditorium or hall large enough for all the students to gather together for chapel or lectures; but there is a fair chance that this need may soon be met.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry H. Riggs and their daughter Helen expect to sail from Beirut June 16th on their furlough trip to America.

A letter from Miss Gilliman of March 11th tells of how happy the Aleppo Girls' School now is with their new and more commodious quarters. They have moved into the Presbyterian building, and have had two house-warmings, with alumnae, parents, and guests sharing. On the moving of the College into its new quarters, the Girls' School inherited 117 primary grade pupils from them; and exactly the same number of old girls now make up a school of 234 students.

The contract for the great new stadium to be erected at Dolma Baghiche, opposite the Palace entrance, has been awarded, we read in the local dailies, and work on clearing the ground will begin at once.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

Rev. and Mrs. William Lytle, of the Reformed Presbyterian Mission at Antioch, in the Hatay Province, and Miss Cunningham and Mr. Guthrie of Alexandretta, arrived in Stamboul on Thursday evening for a visit of a few days. They will be here at least until Tuesday next.

If plans were carried out, President W.L. Wright, Jr., of the American Colleges here, was reaching Rome today, after flying by the American clipper across to Lisbon from New York, and again by air to Rome, making the passage from New York to Rome in three days. He plans to come right on to Stamboul by train.

The annual Founder's Day exercises at Robert College were successfully held on Saturday last. At the public exercises in the Auditorium, Professor Scott gave a capital address about the spirit and purpose of Mr. Christopher Robert, whose birthday it was, and of the others who took leading parts in the early story of the College. The gymnastic meet was quite up to the average in its results. In the evening some 120 sat down together for the Alumni Banquet, when addresses were made by Mr. Fuver Yelkendji, 1925, and Mr. Richardson, Commercial Attache of the American Embassy. Prof. Scott, presiding, spoke of the enrolment for this year as 662, - the highest in nine years; or, if to that are added the special 116 officers from the army, navy, and air force who have come to have a six months' intensive English language course, it is the highest ever attained by the College. Also, the number of regular new students is a record high, - 256. Mention was also made of the two oldest alumni of the College, both of the Class of 1843, both living in Sofia, Messrs. Mateef and Djabaroff, each in his 90th year.

Mr. Herman H. Kreider, who has been business manager for the American Hospital since leaving the Treasury office at the Bible House, has handed in his resignation, to take effect this summer. It is probable that a former plan will be carried out and that Mr. Kreider will become the Bursar of the American Colleges in Stamboul. Mr. and Mrs. Kreider expect to continue residing in Rumeli Hissar.

Mrs. F.T. Leslie returned last evening after her fortnight's visit with her daughter Mrs. Seager in Smyrna.

The buildings around the mausoleum at Beshiktash of the famous Admiral Barbaros Haireddin, who dominated the Mediterranean in the early part of the 16th century, are being cleared away so as to bring out that historic building into its proper prominence.

Beginning with Monday next, the airplane services between Angora and Stamboul, Adana; and Smyrna, interrupted for the winter, will be resumed, though it is not planned to carry passengers till after April fifteenth.

In connection with the violent electric storms of Sunday last, attributed to unusual sunspots, the aurora borealis was seen very clearly Sunday night at Tokat, Gumushane, and Shabin Kara Hissar, - a very rare occurrence in Turkey.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

Rev. and Mrs. William Lytle, Miss Cunningham, and Mr. Guthrie, of the Reformed Presbyterian Mission at Antioch and Alexandretta, after nearly a week's visit in our city, left on their return journey on Wednesday morning last. We are glad to become better acquainted with our fellow-workers.

After spending the winter in Claremont, California, with their sister, Miss Mary Marden, Dr. and Mrs. Jesse K. Marden went to Boston, where they spent a few days before sailing March 23rd on the 'S.S. Manhattan' for Italy on their return to Athens. Our Board Secretaries reported them looking very well and eager to get back.

Dr. and Mrs. Lorrin Shepard and their daughter Constance have made all arrangements to leave here by the Italian steamer 'Citta di Bari' on Thursday next for Naples, and take the 'Conte di Savoia' thence for New York, on their five months' leave of absence. Mrs. L.A. Scipio of Robert College goes with them.

From Talas we learn that the earthquake relief work is gradually decreasing and some of the farmers have already gone back to their former homes. Some gifts of clothing from England have rejoiced the recipients of good warm suits. The Mission property is still full with refugee families; and Miss Eddy still has from 20 to 25 patients right along; but the Governor has hinted that they hope to close this convalescent hospital very soon.

Many of our readers will be sad to learn the news that Rev. C.F. Andrews, of India, well known as a special friend of Mahatma Gandhi, has just died at the age of 69. He has been in India since 1904.

Serious floods are almost completely isolating the town of Amasia, as the Yeshil Irmak and Ters Akan rivers have risen dangerously. For some days trains have been unable to pass through the valley. The railroad station and the government konak are among the buildings inundated. The Post and telegraph office has been evacuated.

The Professor of Geology in the Stamboul University and the Director of the Meteorological Station above the Bosphorus have left for Frizindjar, to make some studies as to the best spot for reconstructing the earthquake-destroyed city.

Sir Hughes Knatchbull-Hugessen, British Ambassador of Angora, left Stamboul on Wednesday last for London to attend the conference of Balkan States British Ambassadors called there.

The local daily 'Türkische Post', printed in German, has been suspended by the Turkish Government for publications inimical to Turkish interests.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, April 13, 1940.

Dear Friends:-

Dr. and Mrs. L.A. Shepard and Constance had to change their plans again and take the train last evening for Milan and thence to Genoa, instead of taking a steamer to Naples. On the same train went Mrs. L.A. Scipio, and also Miss Carp, of the American Embassy; all of them expect to take the 'Conte di Savoia' from Genoa, for New York. We trust that recent floods on the Maritsa and Ergene rivers may not interfere with their getting through by train.

Dr. and Mrs. J.K. Marden are supposed to be in Athens by now; and Mr. and Mrs. Brewster are making their plans to leave for their furlough on April 26th, in time to see their son Robert graduate from Wesleyan and for Riggs to attend his thirty-fifth class reunion at Princeton.

A cable from the Board in Boston rejoiced us this week with the news that a teacher for the Tarsus School and a second trained nurse for Gaziantep have been engaged.

President W.L. Wright arrived at Robert College on his return from America on Saturday last, having flown by American Clipper from the newly inaugurated LaGuardia Field, New York, the previous Sunday, and flying via Lisbon, Rome, Brindisi, to Athens, and coming from Piraeus by the Rumanian steamer, making the entire trip in six days. A crowd of about ten thousand were at the new airport to see him (and the rest) off. Dr. Wright had many opportunities to speak while in America, on behalf of the earthquake sufferers in Anatolia; and he reports unusually great interest in Turkey and this disaster of hers, and a gratifying response in contributions. He spoke in New York, Washington, Cleveland, Detroit, Ann Arbor, and Boston. At several of these dinners or luncheons, the Turkish Ambassador and his wife were present; and the Ambassador made a very fine impression. There has also been a rather surprising participation of the Greeks in America for these sufferers; headed by Bishop Athenagoras, they have made thousands of dollars of gifts to their neighboring State. Dr. Wright was able besides to see a large number of friends formerly connected with the American College's or Mission; and we are glad he brings back good word as to the health of his own family.

An Alumnae Tea was held at the Scutari Academy on Saturday afternoon last; and seventy-five graduates were present, some of whom had not seen their alma mater since their graduation, eight or ten years before. Every class from the year 1928 to 1939 was represented, and of Adebazar days, one graduate of the year 1902. It was a happy occasion.

The Executive Committee of the Near East Christian Council held a good meeting in the 'George Williams Room', at the Y.M.C.A. in Jerusalem, March 26th to 28th, there being seven members present, besides three or four specially invited members of constituent bodies. Reports from the various fields were very interesting. The newly elected chairman is Mr. Slean of Tiberias.

After this meeting, Rev. Henry H. Riggs made a trip to Amman and Es-Salt, in Transjordan, before returning to Beirut.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, April 20, 1940.

Dear Friends:-

Office associates will be editing these 'News Notes' for the next two weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Riggs having started by Taurus Express for Syria, where Mr. Riggs will be the representative of this Mission at the spring meetings of the Managers of Aleppo College and of the Near East School of Theology.

On April 13th. the Dewey and Isely children left Gaziantep to return to the Beirut Community School. Mrs. Dewey accompanied them for further check-up from the Beirut Doctors.

Miss Jessie Martin, accompanied by Miss Hagopian of the Scutari School, is spending several days at Ankara, visiting former students from the Adana, Merzifon, and Scutari Schools. School holidays on April 22, 23, and 24 - the Annual Spring 'Childrens' Festival! - makes possible this trip.

It is alleged that Spring has come. Official confirmation is eagerly awaited.

From Adana report has come of the engagement of Olive Haas, elder daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Cyril Haas. The wedding is being planned for June.

Letter of the 15th. from Genova reports the safe arrival there of Dr. and Mrs. Shepard and Constance, to sail the following day on the Conte di Savoia for New York. Flood waters in Thrace resulted in their spending their first night in the 'sleeper' in Sirkeji railway station in Istanbul; but time margin for this had been allowed.

Farnsworth Fowle has received a two month assignment to cover Istanbul and Bucharest for 'Time, Inc.' He left for Bucharest on Saturday last.

Many who read these Notes have been interested in contributing to the special Funds for the better equipment of the Gaziantep Hospital. Following enlarged heating plant, cooling room for supplies, various electric appliances, April brings the installation of a General Electric ice-making machine. As hot weather approaches, there is increased well-being for patients and personnel at the Hospital.

In Memory of Mary Benedict Dodd, a cooled drinking-water installation has been made at the Aintab Hospital. This week two chrome-metal tablets are going to Aintab to mark these drinking fountains, inscribed in Turkish

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In Memory of Mary Benedict Dodd.

One tablet has been given 'By her Friends' including many of our Circle. The other is 'From the Class of 1919, Elmira College'.

Staffs of the American Colleges in Istanbul are scattering today for the spring vacation. Parties are starting for Greece, Bulgaria, Rumania, and various places in Turkey, particularly the Seven Churches area in the Smyrna hinterland.

We regret to report the death in this city of Dora, Lady Ross, the wife of Sir Dennison Ross, who has been here for some time engaged in cementing the cultural relationships between Turkey and Great Britain.

Very truly yours,
L. R. Fowle

Dear Friends:-

Mr. and Mrs. J. Riggs Brewster are leaving Athens today for Naples, where they will take the 'Nanhattan', which sails for America on April 29th. Their address in the United States will be 314 Wheeler Avenue, Scranton, Penn.

Accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Brewster is Mrs. Wapes, also returning to the United States. Mrs. Wapes has been spending the winter with her sister, Dr. Minnie B. Mills of the Pierce Junior College.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowle and Richardson left on Monday for Izmir by way of Bandirma for a visit this week at the American Girls School. A group of Robert College faculty members accompanied them, and about one hundred fifty law students from the Turkish University were also making the trip.

Miss Mary Haskell is accompanying a Bulgarian committee, on a visit to the Folk School at Pordim, Bulgaria. Mr. George Marston of San Diego, Calif. has recently made a gift of \$10,000. to the Pordim School, and this committee has been appointed to serve as a link between the Pordim School and friends in America. Pordim has made Mr. Marston an 'Honorary Citizen of the Village', and has named a street after him. They are sending a beautifully illuminated document of thanks.

According to recent information, the Czech Unity Body (a voluntary organization of Czechs) has turned over to the Y.M.C.A. one thousand young men for special training in youth work. There are still two hundred thirty Y.M.C.A. Associations in Bohemia and Moravia, with a membership of 12,473. Of the original fifteen camps belonging to the Association, eight are still in their possession, including the famous Camp Masaryk.

Word has been received of the birth of Marcia Carol Smith on March 31st. Her weight was 8 lb. 4 ounces, and her parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. Bonsall Smith of Bellows Falls, Vt., formerly of Talas.

The Turkish people are rejoicing in the announcement through the Turkish Press that oil has been discovered in the Raman Mountain, at Beşiri in Siirt Province, after drilling to more than a thousand meters. The oil wells are situated not far from the railroad, to which connections will soon be made from the wells. Production is already beginning. Prime Minister Dr. Refik Saydam is proceeding from Diarbekir to Beşiri to inspect this new national resource.

Miss Esther Peck of Anatolia Girls School, Thessaloniki, is visiting Miss Dorothy Blatter of the Sentari Girls Academy this week during her spring vacation.

Yours very cordially,

(Mrs.) E. T. Leslie

Dear Friends:-

The Emergency Hospital in Talas, opened at the suggestion of the Kayseri Earthquake Relief Committee in the American Board Compound, was closed late in April. This has been a particularly effective work, with supplies from the Red Crescent Society, medical service from Turkish Doctors in Kayseri, and constant oversight and care of patients by Miss Sylvia Eddy, R.N. and helpers associated with her. Thirteen families still remain on the Compound, distributed in four buildings. Some refugees from the earthquake zone - particularly farmers - are being allowed to start back for Erzincan, to engage in the spring farm work which must be the backbone of the economic rehabilitation of the devastated earthquake zone.

Word has been received of the resignation of Mr. Leonard Outerbridge from the executive secretaryship of the Missions Council - the promotional position which he has so devotedly served for the past four years. Mr. and Mrs. Outerbridge are settling in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he will be pastor of the Congregational Church.

For the time being, the executive vice-presidents of the Home and Foreign Boards, Dr. Frazier and Dr. Goodsell, aided by Mrs. Medlicott, are directing the administrative work of the Missions Council office.

A mid-April letter from Mrs. James K. Lyman brings greetings to associates in the Near East. She is 'having a grand time taking piano lessons, and attending Harmony and History classes at Whitman Conservatory. Mr. Lyman was at the moment with his brother Tracy, pruning and digging his vineyard. The Lymans plan to start east in June, spending the summer in Nelson, N.H., and hope the way will open to return to the Near East in the fall.

Our associates in Syria and Greece have brought up the serious situation of the mission work in those areas carried on with such devotion by the Danish society. Available credits are now cut off, and a major financial problem must be promptly faced unless these fine activities are to cease.

Mr. Nilson reports the various activities of the Talas Boys' School during 'Young Peoples' Week'. Athletic contests with the Talas Sports Club and the Kayseri Lycee; three presentations of dramatic performances, with music by the school orchestra; and the climbing of Ali Dağ were noteworthy. On the fresh green slopes of this mountain, the school boys again arranged in white-washed rock the T.C. (Türkiye Cumhuriyeti - Turkish Republic) which will be seen throughout the summer months from far across the Cappadocian plain.

The Turkish National Symphony Orchestra is giving a series of concerts in this city, with most commendable renderings of classic and modern western music, as well as various Turkish compositions.

A letter from Miss Marion Sheldon, who has spent some time this winter in the South, with Miss Florence Swan (formerly of the Soutari School) and her father, reports Mr. Swan's death, which occurred at Southern Pines.

We also regret to report the death of Miss Eliza Kendrick, Professor Emeritus of Biblical Literature of Wellesley College, one of the especially loved teachers of the past generation in Wellesley. Miss Kendrick was a loyal friend of the American Board, serving on committees, and keeping in touch with the missions abroad, many of which she had visited. True to her modern spirit, Miss Kendrick had just travelled to Florida by plane. Funeral services were held in the Wellesley Chapel on April 14th.

Very truly yours,
Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:-

The undersigned is deeply grateful to the Treasury Department staff for carrying on during his absence of nearly three weeks, so that our readers have been able to keep in touch with Mission affairs.

The trip to Syria and return was under ideal conditions, with as few inconveniences as could be. Practically everything went according to schedule, with stays of nine days in Beirut and three in Aleppo, with beautiful spring weather to instil new life and vigor.

The regular meeting of the Board of Managers of the Near East School of Theology was held in Beirut April 20th, the American Board representatives present being Rev. Messrs. Y. Hadidian, C.T. Riggs, H.A. Maynard, and A. Carleton. The President of the School was chairman; the Presbyterian Board representatives were Rev. Rev. George Khuri, Dr. H.R. Boyce, and Mr. F.L. White. One of the important actions taken was in accepting the request of Dr. George Michaelides for release from further responsibility to the School, and in asking that the American Board take steps to secure for this post a missionary of the Board, preferably one who has already had experience in the Near East. Provision was made for the institution of a three year short course in theology for students who expect to engage in village work, this course to lead to a certificate but not to a diploma.

The N.E.S.T. will be somewhat handicapped during the first half of the coming scholastic year by the absence on short furloughs of Messrs. J.H. Nicol and H.H. Riggs; but on the other hand the return this summer of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Erdman from furlough will largely make up for that.

The undersigned had an opportunity to worship during the two Sundays spent in Beirut with all three of the Armenian Evangelical churches as well as with the Anglo-American Church, and to see something of the healthy life of these; also to meet with a dozen or fifteen of the pastors from near-by places who had gathered for the Short Course for Pastors held during that week at the N.E.S.T. This Course is very helpful and stimulating to those pastors who can take advantage of such an opportunity.

Miss Cornelia S. Bartlett, for fourteen years missionary of our Board at Smyrna, passed to her reward at Pasadena, California, March 21st, aged eighty. She was born in America before her parents came out to Turkey, but grew up in Caesarea, and returned to work while they were in Smyrna. Her main work was in the establishment of kindergarten training. In 1904 she returned to the United States, and after living for some time in Claremont, Calif., has of late been in Pasadena.

The new nurse whose engagement for Aintab Hospital has been reported already, is Miss Genevieve C. Sproul, R.N., of Rockton, Ill., who is now on the nursing staff of the Municipal Hospital at Beloit, Wis. She received her training at South Dakota State College, and St. Anthony's Hospital, Rockford, Illinois. It is hoped she may sail by mid-summer.

The new tutor for Tarsus College is Mr. John Stuart Burns, Jr., of Corvallis, Oregon, a B.S. of Oregon State College 1939, who has done graduate work at the University of California and at his alma mater. His father is pastor of the Federated Church of his native town.

Dr. and Mrs. B.V.D. Post, of Robert College, and Mrs. Theron J. Damon and Miss Caroline Damon, are making visits to Beirut and vicinity. The Posts are due back in another week, but the Damons will probably stay longer.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

The regular spring meeting of the Board of Managers of Aleppo College was held in the new College buildings on April 30th and May 1st, and every member of the Board was present, including Messrs. Stoltzfus and Nicol of the Presbyterian Mission, from Beirut, and Messrs. H.H. and C.T. Riggs of the American Board, from Beirut and Stamboul respectively. A special minute of respect for the memory of Rev. A. Shiradjian was passed as the first item. He had been one of the Board for a long time, till his death on December 6th last. The meeting dealt with several financial matters connected with the expenses of moving into the new buildings and getting them in working order. It was also evident that the Managers were determined to use every effort to meet the enlarging opportunities of the College, in view of unprecedented advance applications for admission next Fall. Plans were started for adding without delay the auditorium wing of the main building, and also for erecting a third dormitory. The College press as such was discontinued on February 1st; but as no suitable chance for sale has occurred, it is still being used as a convenience for printing college material as required. In general, the outlook for the College is brighter than it has ever been.

Mr. Ernest Becker, a middler in Union Seminary, has been engaged for a term of three years to succeed Mr. John Orr as tutor at Aleppo College on the expiration of his term.

Mrs. Hosanna Chalukian, for many years well known and happily remembered as personal attendant and maid to the ladies at the American College for Girls at Scutari, and previously to the Ladies of the Home School, passed to her reward on May 4th, aged eighty-five years. The funeral in the Scutari Armenian Church was largely attended.

Another death which comes as a personal loss to the American College for Girls at Arnaoutkeuy, is that of Miss Alice Morrow, sister to the late Ambassador Morrow, on Friday of last week, in America. Miss Morrow had for many years been a faithful and efficient friend of the College, and had several times been out to give freely of her services in a number of helpful ways.

Dr. and Mrs. Bertram Post of Robert College returned on Thursday from their trip to Syria, having visited not only Beirut but Baalbek, Palmyra, and Damascus as well.

Dr. and Mrs. Elmer A. Leslie and son, from Boston, have been visiting Beirut on their way westward around the world during his sabbatical year; he is Professor of Old Testament in Boston University theological faculty. He preached in the Anglo-American Church on Sunday, May 5th.

Our friend Bay Hazim Atif Kuyucak, formerly instructor in Robert College, and now Professor of Political Science at Angora University, has just been elected as Deputy for Zonguldak.

On Ascension Day, May 2nd, there was a dramatic service of worship in the N.E.S.T. Assembly at Beirut, the subject being a meeting of Nicodemus, Joseph of Arimathea, and the Apostle John after the Resurrection; the title was "Born of the Spirit."

President and Mrs. E.W. Riggs of Anatolia College spent four delightful days during the spring vacation, the last of April, at Naoussa, west of Thessaloniki, where a magnificent great spring of water bursts from the foot of a crag and gives water power to many factories.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends :-

In response to the advice of the American Embassy and Consulate, that those wishing to return to America should do so soon, quite a number of women and children have started or are starting these days. An American Export liner this week took off Mrs. Latimer and her baby, and Mrs. H.L. Scott and David Scott. In a few days, several others, including Miss Alice Lindsley, Miss Anne Birge, Mrs. West and Miss West, Mrs. Collins and her children, and others, will be leaving.

Rev. and Mrs. J.R. Brewster, who left Athens for America some time ago, arrived May 13th, and Mr. Brewster is at his old home in Scranton, Penn., while Mrs. Brewster has gone out to be with her father in Minneapolis. Both of them expect to be present at the graduation of their son Robert from Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., early next month. Robert has secured a fellowship at Princeton for the coming year.

Mr. Daniel Brewster, who has been teaching this year at Robert College, is to be teaching French and German at Wilbraham Academy, Mass., for the coming year.

Professor Harry G. Dorman, Jr., Dean of Aleppo College, and Miss Virginia Whitney, of Worcester, Mass., are to be married June 5th, and at present expect to sail July 20th on their way to Aleppo.

Dr. and Mrs. Lorrin A. Shepard arrived in New York the last of April, and were met at the boat by Mrs. Shepard's two sisters and other friends. They have seen all their children for brief visits; and while Dr. Shepard is in New York and vicinity, brushing up on new techniques in surgery, Mrs. Shepard has gone to Southport, Maine, which will be the summer home of the clan.

We are sorry to learn that, not to be out done by younger sister Caroline with her whooping-cough, older sister Ann Marie Carleton has developed measles. But both are now reported recovering.

The date for the Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission has been tentatively put at about June 22nd, at the Scutari School. Meanwhile we all watch the papers and hug the radio.

May 19th, the anniversary of the landing in Samsun of Mustafa Kemal in 1922, has become the Turkish national sports holiday. In Kayseri on that day, there was a gathering of 5,000 or so people in the stadium of the Textile Factory; they watched an impressive parade of 1000 boys in white gym suits, 200 girls in black-and-white, 100 athletes from four sports clubs, and the army band; then the 200 girls gave an exhibition drill, followed by a similar drill by the 1000 boys. These were followed by running races, volley-ball and football games, and a rhythmic dance to the tune of Strauss's Blue Danube waltz, by fifty girls in long white gowns. One of our Talas School boys won the 100-metre race; another was captain of one of the volley-ball teams; and the winning volley-ball team was trained on our School campus. Such a development of healthy sports in the Kayseri region is very gratifying.

The Syria Mission of the Presbyterian Board is expecting a visit from Secretary J.H. Dodds, on his way back from Persia, or Iran, about the end of this month.

Miss Constance Padwick was expected to arrive in Beirut on May 15, to remain several days as a guest at the British Syrian Training College.
-Beirut News Letter.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:~

On Friday, yesterday, two parties of our friends left this city for the United States. The first, going on the American Export Liner "EXFORD", was to have started several days earlier, but the steamer was delayed in returning from the Black Sea, and did not actually get off till after midnight on the morning of Friday. By this boat went Miss Ann Birge, Miss Frances Potts, Mrs. West and Miss Margaret West, Mrs. Gyfford Collins and Eleanor and David Collins, Mr. and Mrs. MacAlpine and their baby David, and Mrs. Harvey Hall. Later in the day, the Rumanian steamer for Piraeus left, taking Miss Alice Lindsley, of Scutari School, Miss King, Miss Rogers, Miss Etz, Miss Gurney and Mrs. Jeffrey of the Girls' College, and Messrs. Daniel Brewster and Wathen-Dunn of Robert College; these are to transfer at Piraeus to the American Export steamer coming from Beirut, to go on to New York.

A further party of six arrived a few days ago from Sofia College, and are waiting here for the return from the Black Sea of another American Export Liner, to take them to America. They are Mr. and Mrs. ~~Shedmar~~, Miss Lyon, Miss Stewart, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Baylor.

The Near East School of Theology is to have its Commencement Exercises at the American Mission Church on Wednesday afternoon, June 19th; and the Baccalaureate Service will be at the same place on the preceding Sunday, June 16th.

Quite a number of friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G.T. Riggs on Wednesday last, May 28th, to wish Mrs. Eula B. Lee a happy birthday on her seventy-fifth anniversary. It is nearly seven years since Mrs. Lee came to live in this city, and more than fifty since she arrived in Hadjin to begin her missionary life.

Last Saturday that annual Field Day of Robert College was observed, and despite a very chilly wind and threats of rain, the program of sports was successfully carried out. Events were all well contested, and one record, that in the 1500 metre run, was broken, the new time being 4 minutes, 26 $\frac{4}{5}$ seconds.

Mr. John W. Scott, of Tarsus, is expecting to join Rev. Henry H. Riggs and family on the American Export Line steamer leaving Beirut June 15th and Piraeus June 20th; Mr. Merrill Isely and family of Gaziantep are also hoping to get passage on the same steamer.

The service of the Simplon-Orient Express train between France and Stamboul has been provisionally suspended, owing to the lack of passengers, and also to the irregularity of the railway system in France due to war conditions. The usual "conventional" or ordinary train continues to run daily.

The corner-stone of the great new stadium to be erected at Dolma Baghtche, was laid two weeks ago, and work has begun on the tearing down of the ancient Imperial Stables whose place it is to take. Work is also progressing rapidly on clearing out the surroundings of the mausoleum of Admiral Barbaros Hayreddin, at Beshiktash, so as to bring it out into deserved prominence. It is right along the seaward side of the trolley street.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

This sheet does not wish to get the reputation of lying; but last week a rather alarmist statement wedged itself in, to the effect that the Isely family was hoping to get passage for America. As a matter of fact, it was the son, William Henry, or Bill, and he alone, for whom application was made; and he, we understand, has secured passage on the next steamer, sailing June 30th for New York. The rest stay quietly on in Aintab.

Dr. and Mrs. Birge have received word from America reporting the graduation of their son Robert from Union Theological Seminary in May, and also announcing his marriage on June 7th to Miss Dorothy Richards Currie, a Y.W.C.A. Secretary in Baltimore, Md. Our felicitations on this happy event.

A party of five instructors from Anatolia College, returning to the United States, left Thessaloniki on May 22nd, expecting to sail from Piraeus on the 25th or 26th by American Export boat. These were Mr. and Mrs. Stephens, Miss Esther Peck, and Messrs. Martin and Hodges. This eliminates about the only members of the younger group, and their absence will be felt keenly next fall.

Anatolia College had its Field Day on Saturday, June 1st, on the new athletic field, and the events were well contested, and one record was broken. This is the first time a Field Day has been possible since 1934, when it was held on the old site down at Harilaos.

A letter from Dr. Lorrin Shepard written two weeks after landing in New York, tells of his valuable contacts with three of the leading and most modern hospital plants in New York, and with the Yale Medical center in New Haven; he had also taken part in a half-hour broadcast on Medical Missions, together with Drs. Hume of China, Paul Harrison of Arabia, and Esther Shoemaker of India, and he had visited the school of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Kingsbury, at Merricourt, Connecticut, and speaks of their grand piece of work in that beautiful place with its lovely home atmosphere. Further, he and Mrs. Shepard had visited all of their children, at their schools.

Word has come of the death, at Elizabeth, N.J., of our former colleague Dr. Alden R. Hoover, but no details are yet at hand. Dr. Hoover was born in Muscatine, Iowa, Jan. 6, 1877, and came out in 1906 to take charge of the Merzifon Hospital, succeeding Dr. Carrington whose death was announced a few weeks ago. He went in 1911 to Talas, for another five years, and was later at Constantinople College as college physician. For some years he has been practicing in Elizabeth, N.J.

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of Anatolia College in Boston, May 15th, Dr. George E. White, Dean Carl Compton, and Miss Isabelle Harley were also present. Mr. and Mrs. Compton have engaged tentative sailing on Aug. 10 by the S.S. "Washington" and Miss Harley two weeks later by the S.S. "Manhattan," on their return to Greece. Dr. and Mrs. Nute plan to sail June 22, on the S.S. "Excambion," and Dr. and Mrs. Shepard, Miss Sproul and Mr. Burns Aug. 31, on the S.S. "Rex". All these sailings depend more or less on the international situation.

Mrs. T.J. Damon and Miss Damon returned from their trip to Syria and Palestine on Saturday last.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, June 15, 1940.

Dear Friends:-

Word has come from Miss Alice Lindsley and party from Naples that they were stopping there on June 9th, and were well and prosperous. This might be taken as indicating that by now they are out of the Mediterranean.

Mr. John Scott, of Tarsus College, has arrived in Stamboul, supposedly on his way to America; he is waiting eagerly for a prospect of going on from here.

It has been decided to postpone the holding of the Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission until circumstances may be a bit more favorable for travel and conference. Possibly this may be toward the end of the summer.

In connection with the Foreign Service of the Columbia Broadcasting System from European capitals, Mr. Farnsworth Fowle has during the past two weeks been on the air three times from Ankara to the United States.

Dr. and Mrs. Dewey have returned from Beirut to Gaziantep. Mrs. Dewey stood the journey quite well, considering her weakness.

Arrangements for the trip of William Henry Isely to America have been cancelled for the present, and he remains in Gaziantep. Miss Adelaide Dwight of Talas has postponed taking her furlough, and is remaining at her post.

Mr. Donald Pye, youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Pye, has won election to Phi Beta Kappa at Oberlin, and has received a scholarship for graduate study at M.I.P. for the coming year. During his course at Oberlin he has been on the college soccer team, and a member of the Musical Union, and during his senior year an assistant in the chemical laboratories.

Dr. George Michaelides, formerly Professor in the Near East School of Theology at Beirut, has accepted a position in Schauffler College, Cleveland, Ohio, to teach Church History and Religious Education. Schauffler College (named after our former Turkey missionary Dr. Henry A. Schauffler) trains women in religious education and social service. The family will leave Auburndale June 17th; and their Cleveland address will be 5115 Fowler Avenue, care of Schauffler College. - Beirut News Letter.

Dr. and Mrs. F.W. MacCallum and Miss Emily MacCallum arrived in Stamboul from Old Phaleron on Saturday last, and are spending the summer at the Scutari School.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lanckton, formerly of Robert College, were recently transferred by the Standard Oil Company from Athens to Thessaloniki; and since then Mrs. Lanckton has started for America.

These are Commencement Days. The American College for Girls held its graduation exercises Thursday; Robert College had its turn yesterday, and the American Academy at Scutari closes its year today.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

Owing to word from several stations of the Mission, asking that the Annual Meeting be not postponed, the Committee have voted to hold the meeting right off, beginning with Monday morning June 24th. It will be held at the Scutari School, and about fifteen persons from other Stations are expected, some of whom will arrive today.

Mr. John Scott started off as expected, on Monday last, and presumably has taken the S.S. "Excalibur" at Piraeus for New York.

We regret to report the death of Professor Bernard Tubini of Robert College, last week, after a long and painful illness. Professor Tubini has been with the Engineering Department of Robert College since 1917, and has been a strong addition to the electrical staff. He leaves a wife and six children, as well as his aged mother, to all of whom our deep sympathies go out.

Mr. Raymond Pearson, of the Talas School, is in Stamboul for a short visit; he and Mr. H.H.Kreider get back today from a brief exploring trip to a lake near Bolu, east of Adabazar, recommended for a camping place.

The graduation exercises of the American College for Girls at ArDaoutkeuy took place very successfully on Thursday, June 13, the main addresses of the occasion being by Bay Kazim Nami, Deputy for Manisa, and President Wright. On the following day, June 14th, the corresponding graduating exercises of Robert College were held, with the same two speakers. Bay Kazim Nami was previously on the staff of the Colleges, so that his choice, although a substitution, was most fitting and fortunate. In each case, the exercises were a model of brevity and promptness.

The American Academy of Scutari held its annual Commencement Day exercises on Saturday, June 15th, in ideal weather, and with a large attendance. Three of the graduating class spoke on the platform, two in Turkish, and one in English. The main address was given by Professor Ahmed Hamdi Tanpinar, of the Stamboul University faculty; and Miss Martin spoke briefly to the graduating class of ten girls.

Our families in Aintab, Talas, and Tarsus have been rejoicing over the return, after the close of the Beirut Community School, of the children to their homes, the end of last week.

Commencement exercises at Thessaloniki are taking place this evening and tomorrow, - the Girls of the Girls' Department of Anatolia College tonight, and the boys tomorrow, President Riggs gave the Baccalaureate Address on Sunday the 16th, before the twenty girls and twelve boys, at the Girls' School. Preparations for the final examinations were interrupted by a three-day holiday given to all schools because of the birth of a boy baby to Crown Princess Frederiki.

BORN:- at the American Hospital Thursday, June 20, to Prof. and Mrs. John Bliss of Robert College, a son, Theodore. All doing well at last accounts.

Yours very cordial ly,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

The Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission was held at the Scutari Academy, beginning June 24th, and, with the exception of the Annual Sermon and Communion service, which takes place tomorrow, closed its sessions this afternoon. It was one of the shortest on record. Unusual unanimity prevailed, so that questions in general did not call for prolonged discussion.

The delegates present were:-

Adana, Mr. & Mrs. Woolworth, Mr. R. Maynard.
 Aleppo, Miss Silliman, Dr. Carleton.
 Athens, (Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum, acting)
 Gaziantep, Dr. and Mrs. Clark, Mr. Isely.
 Smyrna, Miss Greene, Miss Hinman, Mr. Blake.
 Stamboul, Miss Lucas, Miss Shank, Mr. Kreider, C.T. Riggs.
 Talas, Miss Dwight, Miss Eddy, Mr. Nilson.
 Thessaloniki, Miss Ingle.
 Ex-officio, Mrs. Leslie, Mr. Fowle, Dr. Birge.
 Athens, Beirut, Mardin, and Sofia Stations were not represented.

Other Mission members attending from outside this city were Mrs. Richard Maynard of Tarsus, Miss Parsons and Miss Carl of Smyrna, and Mr. Pearson of Talas; also M. Desponds of Tarsus, on his way home to Switzerland.

The chief problem presented to the meeting by the Board in Boston was a suggestion for the closing of the Boys' School at Talas, as an economy measure. The Mission gave careful study to all aspects of this proposition, and expressed its judgment that the School should be kept open, and outlined a plan for its maintenance.

Reports from all the Stations were encouraging, and showed a successful year of steady and fruitful work. It is hoped that all who have gone on furloughs will be able to return to their posts.

During the meeting, Mr. F. L. MacCallum, representing the two Bible Societies, made an interesting report, and was happily able to present before the assembly the first printed pages of the new Turkish translation of the Bible, the printing of which is now in progress.

The resignation of Mr. and Mrs. Herman H. Kreider from membership in the Mission, was presented at this meeting. While the Mission regrets the necessity of this step, it rejoices in the fact that, in connection with the bursarship of the two American Colleges, we shall still have the happiness of having them living among us.

On Thursday afternoon, Mr. Latimer of the American Consulate, and Mr. Paulsen and Commander Tugwell of the Embassy Staff, took tea with the delegates at Scutari; and one day Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Clark of Adana paid a visit to the delegates.

At a gathering of about sixty or seventy friends on Friday at the Scutari School, a surprise tea was given to Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum in anticipation of their Golden Wedding next month, since the presence of the Annual Meeting delegates made this an appropriate time for celebrating it. Besides a huge wedding cake, the couple were presented with a lovely bouquet of flowers, also the "Golden Book," - a collection of congratulatory letters from personal friends, - and a piece of gold embroidery. Both bride and groom made fitting replies in acknowledging the tributes of their friends.

Yours very cordially,
 Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, - Stamboul, July 6, 1940.

Dear Friends:-

Mr. and Mrs. S.P.Clark, of Adana, who have been staying for a brief vacation at the Bible House, left this morning by train returning to their post.

Quite a number of the delegates to the Annual Meeting are still in this city, though several have started on their return, some of them stopping variously on the way.

Mr. Arnold E. Jenny, who came last February to take the place left vacant by the withdrawal of Mr. Harry T. Baker, formerly of the Y.M. C.A. started yesterday morning on his return to the United States by way of Baghdad, Bombay, and the Pacific Ocean. During the interim, until a successor can be found and can arrive, the care of the "Lisan Dershanesi" is in the hands of a committee.

Mr. John Kennison Stene, of the Tarsus College, arrived the day before yesterday for a few days' stay in Stamboul.

A radiogram has been received from our travelers on the S.S. "Excalibur" to indicate that they have passed Gibraltar in safety; they were to make a stop at Lisbon to take on some more passengers, and then head away for New York.

The Annual Sermon and Communion service connected with the Annual Meeting, was held as indicated, on Sunday last in the Scutari Chapel. Rev. E.C.Blake was the preacher; and he and Dr. Birge, Pastor of the Mission Church, officiated at the Lord's Supper.

At the invitation of Consul Lattimer, and with the cooperation of President Wright, a very enjoyable celebration of the Fourth of July was held at Kennedy Lodge, Robert College. Nearly all of the Americans in town gathered, and after refreshments had been served, including "hot dogs" by a most professional artist, the guests had the privilege of listening to a number of negro songs by Paul Anderson Smith, a negro tenor of considerable talent. Dancing followed; by those who cared for it.

Among recent additions to the Mission Library have been :-

- The Tambaram Council Reports, 7 volumes, 1939
- Three Centuries of Advance, Vol.III. of Lstourette's History of the Expansion of Christianity, 1939
- A Life for the Balkans : Biography of Dr.J.Henry House, 1939
- Men of Power Series : 5 volumes with 4 biographies in each, 1939-40
- The Challenge of Redemptive Love, by Toyohiko Kagawa, 1940.
- Christian Faith and Democracy, by Gregory Vlastou, 1939
- The Catholic Eastern Churches, by Donald Attwater, 1937
- Directory of World Missions, Boards, Societies, etc., by J.I.Parker
- Interpretative Statistical Survey of Missions, by J.I.Parker, 1938
- The Hope of the World : Twenty-five Sermons by H.E.Fosdick, 1933
- Oxford Pamphlets of World Affairs, Nos. 1-30, 1939-40
- Along the Indian Road, by E.Stanley Jones, 1939
- Yesterdays in Persia and Kurdistan, by Frederick G.Coan, 1939
- The World Mission of the Church : Findings and Recommendations of the International Missionary Council at Tambaram, 1938-1939.

Yours very cordial ly,
Charles T.Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, July 13, 1940.

Dear Friends:-

Mr. Isely, on his return to Gaziantep, reports that Mrs. Dewey is in some respects better than for a week or so, and still has her smile for all who visit her. Mrs. Greene had not yet been relieved of the plaster cast on her broken limb, but was doing nicely.

Miss Mary Ingle returned to Thessaoniki last Sunday, from her visit to Stamboul. In the preliminary examinations for admission to the Thessaoniki Girls' School, fourteen girls were admitted showing good promise. Similarly an unusually bright group of twenty-two small boys succeeded in the examinations for Anatolia College preparatory department.

Miss Evelyn Woodward of the Smyrna School, has come up to Stamboul for a vacation trip, and is staying at the Bible House apartment. Some of the Smyrna ladies have gone to their mountain resort of Geuljuk, near Eudemish, for the summer.

The postage rates for foreign service have been reduced by the Turkish Government, so that letters abroad are accepted for ten piastres in place of twelve and a half, and second class mail for two piastres in place of two and a half. Domestic rates remain the same as before.

Air-mail letters are about the only method of communication at present between here and the United States; they are coming through quite regularly via Greece or Jugoslavia, in from six to ten days. Letters sent by ordinary mail from here to any friend in Greece might catch the air-mail thence to Lisbon and New York. Ordinary mails are said to be going from here to America via the Siberian Railroad.

Mr. and Mrs. Kreider and the three older children have gone for a summer outing to Lake Aband, 33 kilometres southwest of Bolu, which lies east of Adabazar, high up in a beautifully wooded mountainous region. Little Irma stays at home, with Miss Dorothy Blatter to keep her company. President Wright and Professor Harvey Hall of Robert College have also gone to the same lake for a vacation.

Dr. and Mrs. Clark of Gaziantep have been visiting their old stations of Talas and Merzifon; and in a short while they are going to Sivas, where Miss Olive Greene is joining them, to go with them back to Gaziantep.

Mr. Paul Nilson writes of great interest in the new plan for the Talas School to be on an Orta cultural basis. Many are calling to learn more about the scheme.

Mr. Raymond Pearson has been secured to teach from next Monday till the end of August at Robert College in the summer course for engineers learning English. He then expects to go back again to the Talas School for his final year.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, July 20, 1940.

Dear Friends:-

Dr. Alford Carleton went from Aleppo, shortly after returning there from the Annual Meeting, to the Lebanon, where he attended the Annual Meeting of the Syria Mission of the Presbyterian Board, at Shweir. He reports a good spirit prevailing, and some valuable work done. He also spent one night with President Dodge's family in Beirut on the way.

Miss Grace Towner is in town from Tarsus for a vacation, and is staying at the Scutari School.

Miss Sylvia Eddy had an interesting three days recently at Erzindjian, looking into conditions. She reports that nothing has yet been done toward rebuilding the city, but that ten thousand of the inhabitants are back and are living under tents, with others coming back at the rate of two or three car-loads daily. People are being allowed to salvage what they can from the ruins of their houses, and are given a hundred liras per family to rebuild, across the railroad from the old site. Conditions in the surrounding villages are much better, and many are rebuilding in a hopeful spirit.

The Commencement exercises of Pierce College, Elleniko, were held on June 22nd, when thirteen girls took their diplomas. The previous evening the alumnae banquet took place, with Dr. Mills, the retiring President, as guest of honor. A surprise was in store for her, in the shape of provision by the alumnae for much needed campus lights, to be dedicated to Miss Mills, and also for a Mills Prize of a thousand drachmas to be given each year to the member of the Senior Class that has made the best record along literary lines. Dr. Mills, who came out to the Mission in 1897, is planning to leave Greece in August, if there is then a way to travel back to America; and Miss McElroy similarly expects to return in August to take up the work of President.

Richardson Fowle is having the time of his young life in Talas, as a part of the Nilson household, exploring caves, climbing trees, sawing wood, learning to toot a horn, and in general being a boy in his father's ancestral haunts.

Mrs. Emily Block is planning to arrive in Talas from Beirut on Friday next. Provision is being made for the continuance of the Community School in Beirut for the coming year, but details are still uncertain.

Miss Bertha Morley of Thessaloniki has gone to Old Phaleron to be with her sister Mrs. Marden for part of the summer vacation. Word comes that the graduating classes of Anatolia College, boys and girls both, covered themselves and the College with glory in their final State examinations.

Miss Eileen M. Donner, a graduate of the University of Minnesota who has had nine years of High School teaching experience, has been engaged for a three-year term of service in Pierce College.

Dr. Lorrin Shepard writes enthusiastically about the qualifications of Miss Flora E. Manwell, R.N., the new nurse secured for the American Hospital in Stamboul, and says that if it is physically possible, he and Miss Manwell will get here by September. The return of Mrs. Shepard is more doubtful.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, July 27, 1940.

Dear Friends:-

The campers who had gone to Lake Abond, or Abat, near Bolu, returned this week, well satisfied with their mountain lake as a resort for those who do not mind a bit of roughing-it. Swimming, boating, fishing, climbing, and the atmosphere are all glowingly described. Those who were there included the Kreider family, Dr. Wright, Dr. Post, Prof. Hal, Miss Perry and several Robert College tutors.

Another party, including Mr. Lyman MacCallum, Miss Putney, Miss Lucas, Miss Blatter, Miss Ochanian & Mr. John Stene went to Brousa (now called Bursa), to climb Mt. Olympus (now called Ulu Dagh) and spend about ten days at the rest-house near the summit. They are having fine weather and should have a fine time.

The marriage of Dr. Douglas Shepard Riggs, son of President & Mrs. Ernest Riggs of Thessaloniki, and Robin Palmer, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. James Palmer, took place at Rye, N.Y., on June 18th. His elder brother Lorrin was the best man, and among those present were Mrs. Virginia Shepard, aunt of the groom, and Miss Mayo Riggs and John Shepard Gell. The bridal couple took a honeymoon trip to the famous Gaspe Peninsula; and they expect to spend the coming school year just outside of New Haven, Conn.

An air-mail letter from Boston of July 11th states that Dr. William L. Nute was at that time in Washington trying to get a visa on his passport to travel by way of Lisbon and thence by air, land and water to Turkey. He is very eager to get back to Talas, even though Mrs. Nute apparently will be unable to get permission to come with him now.

Dr. and Mrs. J.K. Birge and Dorothy left this past week for a vacation of three or four weeks at Göldjök, above Eudemish, east of Smyrna, with some of the Mission force from Smyrna.

Miss Marion Nasser, now of Angora, is spending a part of her vacation in Stamboul.

Miss Jessica F. Barnard, whose mother is the youngest daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Edward Riggs of Merzifon, received her medical degree at Colorado University School of Medicine, last month, and has accepted a position in the hospital at Englewood, N.J., for the coming year.

Dr. George P. Michailides, formerly of the Near East School of Theology, Beirut, writes that he was to go to Michigan for Young People's Conferences for four or five weeks after June 17th, and after that he was expecting to move his family to Cleveland, Ohio, where he is to teach Church History and Religious Education in Schauffler College. Their address will be 5115 Fowler Avenue, Cleveland, O.

His Excellency President Ismet İnönü has been spending some days at Yalova, Florida, and other points around this city, and is expected to be in Stamboul also for a while during the summer.

We gratefully record the receipt on Thursday and Friday of quite a batch of firstclass mail from the United States, sent during May and June,- the first letters that have come through except by air for many weeks.

The Beirut News Letter of July 13th records the death of Miss Anna Harris Jessup there on the previous day, in her eighty-first year. She was long connected with the Presbyterian Mission work.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, August 2, 1940.

Dear Friends:-

The latest letter from Gaziantep, dated July 27th, says :-
 "Yesterday morning we had 49 patients, and seemed more than swamped; but several have left, so we are down to 45 or less. So the doctors have been busy." Mrs. Greene was reported as out of her cast once more and getting limbered up gradually.

Dr. Lorrin Shepard writes of a happy family reunion at Southport, Maine, and of his efforts to secure passage and permissions for the return journey to Stamboul. From this end, the Hospital managers are hoping he and Miss Manwell may be allowed to come via the Clipper and by air from Lisbon on here. If this can be done, Dr. Nute may perhaps be coming that way, also.

Arthur Lachlan Reed, eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. C.A. Reed, who has been a graduate student at Yale this past year, will be going on this coming year with his work for a doctorate. His younger brother Howard, has finished his Sophomore year at Yale, and has been doing a job of tutoring on Long Island this summer. Their sister Joan, who graduated from High School a year ago, has taken a year in the Junior College at Pomona, Calif. and will take another year there before entering Pomona College. Mrs. Reed has been having a temporary position teaching in Scripps College, but has given that up. She directs the Junior Choir in the Pomona Congregational Church, of which Dr. Reed is pastor.

Dr. George H. Huntington had six grand days in Williamstown at the fortieth anniversary and reunion of his Williams Class of 1900, for which forty-five men gathered, and at which he was one of five speakers. It did him a lot of good; but we doubt not it did his classmates a lot of good to see him there, too.

Rev. Henry H. Riggs and Mrs. Riggs and Helen arrived in New York July 11th, and have been having a good time with Ruth at Mountain Nest, Mass. They will make the Auburndale Home their headquarters while in the United States.

A series of severe earthquakes this week in the vicinity of Yozgat, and especially in the villages of Ak Dagh Madeni, have cost the lives of some three hundred persons, according to the report of the Minister of Interior, while about three hundred sixty others were injured. There were quakes also at Tokat, Chorum, Sivas, and elsewhere, but at those points no damage is reported.

President Ismet Inönü has been spending some vacation days at his villa at Floria, and part of the time on his yacht, the "Savarona."

The cereal crops of Anatolia, and especially that of wheat, are said to be extremely good this summer, while the reports concerning the cotton yield indicate a considerable increase over the average. On the other hand, fruit of all sorts has been rather scarce this season, in the Stamboul area.

Yours very cordially,
 Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, August 9, 1940.

Dear Friends:-

A note from Dr. Mark Ward in Boston dated July 19th states that Dr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Nute hope to sail from the West Coast tomorrow, August 10th, on their return to Talas, going via Calcutta, Bombay, Karachi and Basra, and thence by rail via Baghdad and Mosul.

The Bishop of Gibraltar, on his tour of his extensive diocese, has arrived in Stamboul, after a rather difficult trip by way of Malta and Egypt. The churches along his route have been encouraged by his ministrations; and he now expects to spend some little time here before going on.

Several associates in Turkey and Syria have sent to the Treasury Office letters for air-mailing to America. Such letters should of course be on thin paper, and should bear at the top the name and address to which they should be forwarded in America. The Treasury can often combine such letters, sending several in one envelope to the American Board in Boston for re-mailing. This greatly reduces expense. Suggestions have gone to the Board, requesting this service, and asking that they keep a memorandum of the persons for whom postage expenses are thus incurred, to be eventually refunded through the Mission Treasury. In general it might be well that such letters bear date of writing, but not the name of your station, which is well known to your relatives. And for convenience in handling postage charges, both in Stamboul and in Boston, such letters might bear at the top some such legend as this:-

"Al Carleton, air-mail to Mrs. A. S. Carleton, Jefferson, Maine."

The Beirut News Letter informs us that air-mail letters up to five grams in weight are being accepted at the Beirut post office for England; but the rate of postage is 125 Syrian piastres, plus 12½ for the regular postage.

We also learn from the Beirut News Letter that an Egyptian steamer is advertised to sail from Suez for New York August 10th, going via Cape Town, and expected to take five or six weeks. Mr. John Orr, of Aleppo College, who had offered to stay a fourth year if needed, has taken passage on this steamer, since it has been learned that his successor, Mr. Ernest Becker, started some time ago via the Pacific Ocean and is expected to reach Aleppo in time for the fall opening. Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Leslie of Boston University were also taking this same boat.

Word from Thessaloniki indicates that the latest news from Boston is rather discouraging as to the return this fall of Mr. Compton or Miss Harley, so that they must make plans to get along without these valued workers.

President Ismet Inönü, accompanied by Dr. Refik Saydam, the Prime Minister, left on Monday night by special train on their return to Ankara after a vacation in Stamboul and vicinity.

The latest figures of casualties in the recent earthquakes in the Yozgat region, mentioned in our last issue, bring the numbers down to 234 killed and 180 injured. Most of these, including 182 deaths, are reported at Peyik and Karamaghara in the Ak Dagh Madeni region, east of Yozgat. Nearly a thousand houses are said to have been destroyed.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, August 17, 1940.

Dear Friends:-

Airmail letters from Boston tell of arrangements for Dr. Shepard to sail on August 5th, twelve days ago, on an American Export line steamer, the "Explorer," for Karachi or Bombay, due there in about a month. He expects to come right on from there, via Basra and Baghdad to Stamboul as quickly as possible.

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Hute were booked to sail on the Java-Pacific line steamer "Alipfontein" from San Francisco August 10 or 12, for Calcutta and thence to Karachi and Basra; and it was expected that Miss Maxwell for the Stamboul American Hospital and Mr. Burns for Tarsus College would come with them; also perhaps Mrs. Shepard and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dorman, Mr. Dorman being Dean of Aleppo College. Others for whom the American Board was trying to make sailing dates include Miss Sproul, for Aintab Hospital, Miss McElroy, President of Pierce College, Athens, and Mr. Compton and Miss Harley for Thessaloniki.

Dr. Shepard writes that Barclay Shepard had an operation on July 29th for tonsils and adenoids, and everything went well; so the boy is apparently in for better health hereafter.

Miss Olive Greene on her return to Smyrna, Richardson Fowle coming home to Hissar, and Mrs. Paul Nilson, coming for a vacation of sea-bathing etc., arrived from Talas yesterday.

Later developments have radically changed an announcement of our last issue; for Professor and Mrs. Elmer Leslie with their son James have arrived from Beirut in Stamboul, having given up the steamer from Egypt for New York, since the date of that sailing was more or less indefinitely postponed; a few days later they were followed by Mr. John Orr, of Aleppo College, coming here for the same reason. They are now trying to go on, either by rail to Geneva and thence by bus to Barcelona and via Lisbon to America, or else by the newly advertised Greek steamers sailing from Stamboul to New York. The first of these is the "Patrai", advertised to start August 20th; the second semi-monthly sailing is the "Angyra" sailing Sept. 6th; the latter is stated to have left New York about August 6th in this direction.

Among other vacation-trippers within the past week have been Miss Martin and Miss Grace Towner, who have gone to Brouse; Mrs. E. T. Leslie who joins her daughter and grand-daughter at Göldük, above Eudemish, east of Smyrna; Miss Fletcher, who has gone to Talas; and Professor Harold Scott of Robert College, who has gone to visit the Blacks in Sofia.

Miss Dwight and Miss Eddy went last week to the scene of the latest earthquake, in the Ak Dagh Madeni region to see what were the results. They found the greatest damage at Peyik, east of Yozgat, where were more than half the fatalities; some 600 animals were also reported killed. The same day, President İnönü also reached the district, on a tour of inspection, and was given a great reception by the people of Yozgat.

Several Americans from Talas joined a party of fifty or so a couple of weeks ago, to climb Mt. Argæus; but weather conditions were poor, and although some twenty of the fifty did reach the top, our own friends wisely gave up negotiating the last part. All were soaked by a cloudburst, and snow and cold bothered everybody.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

Mrs. L.O. Lee and Mrs. T.J. Damon started out on Thursday of this week on the round trip of the Black Sea coasts of Anatolia, expecting to be back next week Saturday.

The Beirut News Letter informs us that Mr. Ernest Becker, the teacher who is to take Mr. Orr's place at Aleppo College, who sailed from San Francisco some time ago, expects to arrange permission for entrance into Syria on his arrival in India.

Rev. and Mrs. Harry G. Dorman was booked to sail on August 20th from San Francisco on their way to Aleppo College, and they may possibly visit Silliman University in the Philippines on the way.

We regret to state that Mrs. Bertram V.D. Post of Robert College fell in her home at Hissar a few days ago and broke her right leg. She will probably be laid aside for some weeks.

With the completion of rail connection between Mosul and Baghdad, it is expected that exports and imports between this country and the Far East will benefit by a decrease in freight rates and by the advantage of through cars.

The annual international exhibition at Izmir was formally opened on Tuesday last; and it was estimated that over 30,000 persons visited it the first day. Congratulatory messages were received by radio on that day from Lord Lloyd, British Minister for the Colonies, and Lord Amery, Minister for India; and these met with a warm reception.

Miss E.S. Webb of Beirut, Miss Norton and Miss Silliman of Aleppo, are spending a very quiet happy summer at Shemlan in the Lebanon, together.

Indications from advance registration for admission to our American schools and colleges both in Stamboul and elsewhere in the country, indicate a large number of incoming new students, in some instances taxing the capacity of the plants.

It is expected that Dr. and Mrs. Birge and their daughter will be back in the course of the next week from their summer outing near Eudemish.

Among the obituaries of the past week have been those of Sir Oliver Lodge, the eminent British spiritualist, and Leon Trotzky, the prominent Soviet exile who was here in Stamboul for quite a while after he had to leave his native land, and who was murdered in Mexico.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, August 31, 1940.

Dear Friends:-

Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Leslie and son, of Boston University, succeeded in securing the necessary visas for travel back to America via Geneva, Barcelona and Lisbon, and left by train from here on Saturday last. They expect to find an American Export line steamer at Lisbon to ferry them across the Pond.

Dr. and Mrs. J.K. Birge and their daughter Dorothy returned on Wednesday of this week after their vacation of a month at Göldjök, above Eudemish, east of Smyrna. They report a good time and good fellowship. With them came John Blake, for a brief visit in Stamboul.

Miss Edith T. Parsons, of the Smyrna Girls' School, arrived in Stamboul yesterday for a period of rest and recuperation, and is staying at the American Hospital.

The wedding of Mr. Richard Wise and Miss Roxane Key, both of Robert College, took place on Thursday of this week, and was followed by a reception in the gardens of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford of the College, where about a hundred friends came to present their good wishes. They will live in the former Fisher house in Hissar.

The summer camp of the Service Center, at Cadde Boston on the Marmora, is just closing a very successful season, with large attendance.

The Foreign Missions Conference of North America has taken a deep interest in the plight of the Danish Missions in various sections of the world; and we learn from the Beirut News Letter that word has come from New York by cable that funds have been made available to carry on the work of the Danish Missions in Syria at least until October. Probably further provision will be made beyond that time.

Mr. Raymond Pearson, of Talas, who has been teaching in the summer school at Robert College, is leaving on Thursday next, to take a steamer trip along the Black Sea coasts to Trebizond and Hopa, expecting on the return journey to land at Samsoun and go to Kayseri by train, arriving in Talas well before the school reopens.

With the great national holiday, Victory Day, yesterday, a new one-lira silver piece was put in circulation, bearing the effigy of President İsmet İnönü. This, like the later issue bearing the head of Atatürk is inscribed 1 LIRA, and the former lira pieces marked 100 KURUŞ are to be withdrawn from circulation.

President İnönü is spending some time at the baths at Yalova; and this week he was joined there by the Prime Minister, Dr. Refik Saydam.

It is announced that there will be another census of the whole of Turkey taken on Sunday, October 20th. The two previous censuses were taken in 1927 and 1935 respectively.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, September 7, 1940.

Dear Friends;-

Mrs. P.E.Nilson returned to Talas this week, after a vacation at the Girls' Camp and with friends in the city. Mr. Raymond Pearson changed his plans about route home, and did not take the Black Sea trip, but left yesterday by rail for Caesarea on his way to Talas.

Mr. John Orr, who was on his way back to America after his three years in Aleppo College, was considerably delayed in securing permits and has therefore accepted an offer of a teaching position at Robert College, and will be there for the coming year.

Miss Erma Carl of Smyrna, together with Miss Caroline Damon and a party of Robert College teachers, left Thursday for the Black Sea trip, expecting to be back a week from today. Mrs. Damon and Mrs. L.O.Lee returned last Saturday as expected, having had a somewhat rough but satisfactory voyage.

Stamboul has had an unusually cool August, the coolest in many years; but it has no monopoly on that. Thessaloniki also reports very cool weather for the whole summer, terminating in an unusually glorious snowfall on the summit of Mt. Olympus, the last day of August.

We understand that the four Nilson children are coming to Stamboul with Mrs. Block for this scholastic year, living in the Bible House property, and the three girls attending the English High School for Girls, while Paul goes to the English High School for Boys. The children of the three families, - Dewey, Isely, Woolworth, - who went to the Beirut Community School last year, will do so again this year, but Muriel Carleton will stay at home in Aleppo.

President Wright, Miss Clary, Consul Latimer, and Prof. and Mrs. Bliss are spending some days up at the lake above Bolu, where several parties have gone this summer.

Dr. and Mrs. Carleton and the children had a delightful week of mountain air at Shehlan, in the latter part of August, and are back on the job now in Aleppo. During their stay, the joint station committees had a meeting in Beirut, when Misses Fenenga, Norton and Silliman were also present.

Mr. Cornelius Van H. Engert, now Chargé d'Affaires of the United States at Teheran, and who was formerly connected with the Consulate General at Stamboul, has been assigned to the Consulate General at Beirut, in succession to Mr. Ely E. Palmer, who goes to Sydney, Australia; Mr. Engert is expected there shortly. Mr. Engert has also held posts at Addis Abba, and at Cairo.

The Conference Center (in the Lebanon) was a busy place last week when the Armenian C.E. Conference burst all bounds, and instead of the maximum of 73, had over 80 living on the grounds, and a total of 94 in attendance. This should mean much for the life of the churches next year, as the theme was "The Church," and the relationship of young people to it.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

Dr. C.H. Haas, of Adana, has been in Stamboul for a week or so, having some necessary dentistry attended to; he left this morning on the train for Adana. With him went Miss Grace Towner, returning to her work in the Tarsus College, after a vacation of nearly two months in our city.

A wire from Baghdad tells of the safe arrival there of Dr. Lorrin A. Shepard, on his way back from America by steamer sailing around the Cape of Good Hope. Dr. Shepard indicates that he expects to be somewhat delayed in arriving in Stamboul. Possibly this may be due to passport visa formalities, or else to the complications of getting his medical and surgical supplies through the Customs in Iraq. Anyhow, it is a joy to know he is in the Near East and will be here soon.

Mr. Farnsworth Fowle writes from Bucharest that he has been having a most interesting two weeks in Rumania, and is still there, learning much about events in that country.

The vacation party to Bolu has returned, as have many others from the staffs of the two Colleges; and now the new term is due to start, at both Colleges and at the Scutari School, the middle of this coming week. All are full to capacity, and are turning away applicants, at least in certain categories.

Statistics just published relating to the production of coal in the Zonguldak basin show that during the months of July and August of this year, the coal extracted was far above the figures of the previous year. The amounts were as follows:- In July 1939, a total of 194,972 tons; in August, 212,000 tons; while in 1940 the July output was 261,759 tons, and for August, 263,000 tons, or an increase of 118,000 tons for the two-month period for this year. There are at present about 21,000 men working at the mines.

The International Fair at Smyrna has attracted much attention, this year; during the first three weeks from its opening on August 20th, it was visited by 516,855 persons, and of this number some 70,000 gained admission on September 9th, a record attendance for any one day.

The asphalt paving and other improvements in the Emin Onu square, and the new lead covering for the domes of Yeni Jam'i, have about been completed; and the wooden by-pass erected at the Stamboul end of the Karakeuy Bridge is to be removed tomorrow, we are told, and traffic restored to normal again.

As already announced in our columns, Miss Agnes Fenenga will this year act as Principal of the American School for Girls at Sidon, and she was expecting to arrive there from Aleppo today. Her address will be, Care of American School for Girls, Sidon, Lebanese Republic.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Sept. 21, 1940.

Dear Friends:-

Dr. Lorrin A. Shepard arrived in Stamboul early yesterday morning, coming by train from Baghdad, after flying from Karachi to Basra. He is in good health, and ready for work. The trip from New York here took him just a month and a half. We understand that the coming of Mrs. Shepard and of the new nurse for the Hospital has been delayed for a time.

Mrs. Emily Block reached Stamboul on Wednesday from Talas, and is getting the apartment over the Bible House Chapel ready for occupancy by herself and the four Nilson children, who will be coming along in time for the opening of the English High Schools ten days hence.

The Beirut News Letter tells us that Rev. and Mrs. Harry G. Dorman, Jr., are to spend three weeks in visiting the Silliman Institute, Dumaguete, Philippines, and expect to arrive in Bombay October 18th on their way to Aleppo College.

Mr. Farnsworth Fowle has gone from Bucharest to Belgrade, where he expects to spend some time.

Miss Erma Carl returned, with Miss Damon and four Robert College men, from the tour of the Black Sea a week ago, and she left on Monday last for Smyrna to resume her work at the School.

The American Academy at Scutari opened its term on Tuesday last, with a record attendance and with fine spirit. The Principal informs us that they had to turn away two hundred applicants for lack of room. They now have 137 boarders, which is stretching the accommodations to the very limit.

Robert College and the Girls' College have both opened with many more students than for years. Figures can be given only after some weeks. The new teaching force from America is expected very shortly. Of the Robert College staff, some went during this summer as far as to Greece, Rumania, Hungary, and even Egypt and Kenya; but these are all back now.

Several of the Turkish stamps of the ordinary series have now appeared in new colors, to fit in better with the international color system for postage:- the 10-piastre stamp is changed from brown to blue; the six-piastre from blue to red; the five-piastre from red to brown, and the two-piastre from purple to green.

The International Fair at Smyrna closed its doors yesterday, after a very successful season. It was warmly praised by foreigners who visited it.

A bed of lignite has been discovered about forty kilometres from Anzora, at a village named Kavi Boudjak, and the product is being furnished at reasonable prices to the surrounding villages for winter fuel.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:

Our hearts are saddened by the news of two deaths among our Mission circle this week. Elsie Greene Dewey, wife of Dr. Albert W. Dewey, of Gaziantep, passed away on Tuesday last, Sept. 24, at her home. For her it was a glad release; for she had been ill more than two years, and had suffered severely. For our associates in Aintab it is the third death in a comparatively short time. Mrs. Dewey was born in Emporia, Kansas, Dec. 7, 1888, graduated at Colorado College 1911, taught school for four years, was a Y.W.C.A. Secretary in Japan a short time, and was married in 1919 to Dr. Albert W. Dewey. For the first nine years they were shifted about to many points in Turkey, Greece, Syria, the Caucasus, with three months in Vienna; but in August 1929 they went to Gaziantep, where they have been located since. Mrs. Dewey leaves five children, two of whom are in America, and the other three will be again at the Community School at Beirut this year.

Word has come of the death, in Ontario, Canada, of Rev. Alexander MacLachlan, D.D., former President of International College, Smyrna, on or about September 8th. Dr. and Mrs. MacLachlan had but recently returned to Kingston from California where they had been with their daughter and her husband, Dr. and Mrs. Reed. Dr. MacLachlan was born in Erin, Ontario, Sept. 17, 1858, and was thus within a few days of eighty-two. He came out in 1890 to Adana Station, but was married Feb. 14, 1891, to Miss Rose Blackler, of Smyrna, and was called the following September to Smyrna to take charge of the Boys' High School. From then until his retirement in May, 1926, he gave his full strength and abundant educational and spiritual force to the development of this school, which in 1902 became International College. On May 20, 1926, Dr. and Mrs. MacLachlan left Smyrna and retired to Canada, living for the most part thereafter at Kingston, Ontario. The message received states that after cremation, the ashes were to be taken to his boyhood home, at St. Catherine's, Ontario. Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. MacLachlan and her family.

Miss Edith Parsons left Stamboul on Thursday, returning by steamer to Smyrna, The Girls' School opens there on October 1st. With her went Johnny Blake, after a happy vacation with the Birge family.

Sir Denison Ross, C.I.E., lately Director of the British Information Service at Stamboul, died on Friday, Sept. 20th, at the American Hospital, after an illness of about three weeks. Lady Ross had been taken by death in April last. Sir Denison was a great linguist and Orientalist.

Word has come from Professor and Mrs. Leslie and son, on the return journey to Boston University, that they arrived in Lisbon Sept. 10th and were fortunate enough to get passage on a Clipper plane the very next day for New York.

Letters have come describing the National Council meeting at Berkeley, Calif., the last of August. It was a good meeting, as was the session given to the American Board. Dr. Rockwell Harmon Potter retired on age limitation from the Presidency of the Board, and Dr. Russell H. Stafford of Boston was chosen as his successor. Hon. William Ellery Sweet, former Governor of Colorado, was elected Moderator of the Council for the ensuing two years, succeeding Dr. Maurer. After the meetings, a party of five Near Easterners took a delightful trip to the Yosemite Park and the Big Trees of California; Dr. Ralph Larkin, formerly of Mardin, was driver and guide; Mrs. Sewny of Anatolia College, Miss Loughridge of Scutari, and Mr. and Mrs. Getchell of Thessaloniki, were his guests.

May, Paul, Sylvia, and Dorothy Nilson arrived on Wednesday last from Talas, and are settled with Mrs. Block in the Bible House Chapel apartment. The three girls will attend the English High School for Girls, while Paul goes to that for Boys.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

No.816.

Bible House, Stamboul, October 5, 1940.

Dear Friends:-

According to the news latest received, Dr. and Mrs. W.L. Nute of Talas, who left San Francisco on the S.S. "Klipfontein," with Mr. Burns for Tarsus College, were due in Bombay on October 2nd; so that we may expect them to reach their posts fairly soon.

One of the disappointments of life is in the way plans can not be carried out. Early in September it was hoped that a steamer would sail from New York early in October for the Indian Ocean, probably stopping at Karachi or Basra. On it a number of missionaries of the Presbyterian Mission, as well as Mr. Compton of Thessaloniki and the new teacher for Anatolia College, Mr. Johnston; also Miss MacElroy, the new President of Pierce College, Athens, with her parents, and Miss Sproul, the new nurse for Gaziantep Hospital, were all arranging to sail; and it was thought possible that Mrs. Lorrin Shepard and Miss Manwell might also come by this chance. Unfortunately, the ship chartered for this purpose was the "City of Benares," which had the misfortune to be torpedoed while carrying children and others to Canada; so this whole plan had to be given up, as there seems to have been no other steamer available. Thus according to a cable from Boston dated Sept. 28th, the plans of our associates are all thrown askew. We are also informed that Miss Sproul was unable to come at present in any case.

The party for the two Colleges, that had been waiting so long at Lisbon for permits to cross Europe, it at last stated to have received the necessary permission; so they are hoped for soon.

Schools throughout the country are reported as beginning with very promising attendance. Talas School has opened with twenty-five, which is more than they had all last year; and still others were expected. Smyrna Girls' School had 208 at last accounts, and the total at Scutari has risen to 310, - both these figures constituting records for those schools. Robert College has already over 770, which is, we understand, an all-time record there.

The Bible Society office at Beirut has been hard hit. In the absence of Mr. Bell on furlough, Mr. Hooper was in charge, and he with his family has been compelled to go to Jerusalem where he has found other work in an orphanage; and Mr. Friedlieb, who was helping him, has been placed under detention at Sidon, though free to do at least part of his work.

The annual month of fasting for the Moslems, - Ramazan, - began on Tuesday last. In connection with this, the autumn schedule of Bosphorus steamers has been introduced; and we are told that summer time will end tonight at midnight, so that standard time will come in tomorrow morning.

The eleventh inter-Balkan Olympic Games are being held in Stamboul today and tomorrow, at the Fener Bahçe Stadium. The Greek athletes arrived on Thursday, and the Yugoslav athletes yesterday.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

A party consisting of Miss Gurney, returning to the American College for Girls, and Miss Nichols to join that staff, Miss Edith Carter as Secretary to President Wright, and Messrs. Clinton, Bennett and Rich for the Engineering Staff of Robert College, has arrived this week from America, having come by steamer to Lisbon, by air thence to Rome, and by train from there here. This means that all but one of the teaching staff expected by each college, have arrived, and are at work. Miss Carter is a grand-niece of Miss Isabelle Dodd, long connected with the Girls' College.

One of the nurses from the Gaziantep Hospital, Fazilet by name, whom Mrs. Dewey had coached through a course of study so that she might take examinations and be able to enter the Nurses Training Course at the American Hospital in Stamboul, has arrived here and begun her work in that course, planning to return later to Aintab.

News has recently reached us of the deaths, ^{Aug. 5, 1940, Cazmonia N. Y. act. 66.} some months ago in America, of Rev. Arsen B. Schmajonian, pastor for many years of the Pera Evangelical Church, and of Rev. Karekin Kunduradjian, minister-at-large among the Protestants of this city, both of whom had been living for some time in the United States.

Another death, reported only on Thursday over the radio from New York, is that of Sir Wilfred Grenfell, best known among us as missionary physician to the Labrador fishing-folk. Sir Wilfred was seventy-six years old. He and Lady Grenfell paid a visit to this city and to the Smyrna region early in 1914.

Attendance figures for Robert College up to October 9th have been given out, showing a total registration of 807, of whom 136 are in the College Department, 417 in the Academy, and 254 in the Engineering School. Of the total, 338 are boarders. The total enrollment last year was 612, while in 1936 it had fallen to 364 for the year.

Bay Mithat Endj, the blind Columbia University graduate, of Gaziantep, is now in Angora, in the Gazi Institute, in charge of the Department of Psychology for the Handicapped. He spent the summer in his old home at Gaziantep, where Mrs. Greene, mother of Mrs. Dewey, helped him translate a book on Psychology.

The formal opening of the Near East School of Theology at Beirut is scheduled for Tuesday evening next, Oct. 15th, when the Convocation service takes place in Hoskins Chapel. Classes begin the next morning.

We rejoice over the narrow escape of Miss Diantha Dewey from serious injury in a fall from her horse, near Mardin. She was still in bed at last accounts, getting over an injured ankle.

A very pleasant tea was given at the Bible House Apartment yesterday afternoon, in honor of Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum, who start back on Tuesday next to spend the winter in Old Phaleron with Miss Emily MacCallum.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

An airmail letter from America brings word of the death, in early September, of Mrs. William Nesbitt Chambers, formerly of Erzroum, Adana and Beirut. Had she lived till December 3 next, she would have rounded out her ninety years. Mrs. Chambers has been helpless for some years, and this is a glad release for her. Mrs. Cornelia P. Williams Chambers was born in Beirut, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. William Frederick Williams, missionaries of our Board in Mosul and later in Mardin. From 1879 till 1884 she was teaching in the Home School, Scutari; she was then married to Rev. W. Nesbitt Chambers, and went with him to Erzroum. They were transferred in 1899 to Adana, and in 1922 to Beirut, where they worked among the refugee Armenians. Dr. Chambers died in 1934; and in 1936 Mrs. Chambers went back to America with her daughter Mrs. Laurens Seelye, and made her home with her at St. Lawrence University, Canton, N.Y. In December of 1937 she had the misfortune to break her hip, from which she never wholly recovered. A well attended memorial service for Mrs. Chambers was held in the Auburndale Home, conducted by Rev. Henry H. Riggs, who was closely associated with the Chambers family in Beirut. Pres. Seelye, Dr. Mark Ward, and Badveli Chakmakjian also spoke. Besides the Seelye family, her brother Frederick Williams and wife, and her daughter Mrs. Dorothea Blaisdell were present. Her sister Miss Sophie Williams was prevented by illness.

According to the latest wire from Boston, Mrs. Lorrin Shepard, Miss Manwell, and Rev. Carl Compton were expecting to sail from New York for Lisbon two days ago, on their return to their fields. It was probable that Miss McElroy of Pierce College, Athens, was to be with them, presumably her parents also, who come with her.

October 17th was also the date for Professor and Mrs. Dorman to reach Bombay on their way to Aleppo. Mr. Becker for Aleppo is supposed to be arriving earlier than they. We learn that Aleppo College has now enrolled 320 students, of whom 108 are new this year; of the total, 82 are boarders, as over against 60 last year. But these are not final figures. Sixty are in the Special Class, and 37 in the Seventh.

The number of students in Anatolia College, Thessaloniki, is now given as 226 boys and 190 girls, with 70 and 52 respectively as boarders. The growth of the girl boarders from 31 to 52 is especially gratifying. The most important news is that the Gymnasium classes of the Girls' Department have been transferred to the new College site, on the hill, where they occupy the President's House and the Whites' House, with 32 boarders in the latter. Miss Ingle is heading up that section. Government permission for this move was secured only a few days before College opened, but the transfer has been warmly welcomed.

Miss Mary M. Haskell has gone from Sofia to Pordim, Bulgaria, for the winter, and is helping out in the Folk School there, started by her brother Edward.

A wire from President Dodge announces the arrival in Beirut of the three Dewey children and William Isely, to attend the Community School.

BORN: at Hanover, N.H., on Oct. 10th, to Professor and Mrs. Harvey Hall of Robert College, a son, James Martin; weight 7 lbs.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

A cable from Boston gives us the disappointing news that the sailing of Mrs. L.A. Shepard, Miss Maxwell, Miss McElroy and others has been again postponed, so that they did not get started on the 17th as expected.

The Near East School of Theology has made a good start, with twenty-seven or eight regular students, as against twenty-three last year. Of these 20 are men, 9 Armenians, 9 Syrians, 1 Palestinian, and 1 Bulgarian; of the 7 women, 6 are Armenians and one Syrian. There will probably be some special students in addition.

Mr. Woolworth reports receiving a card written from Calcutta by Mr. Burns, the new teacher for Tarsus College, reporting his arrival there with Dr. and Mrs. Nute on Oct. 2nd, and their hope to leave Karachi on the 13th, arriving in Basra on either the 18th or the 22nd.

There are 41 in the preparatory class in Tarsus College this fall, and a total of 142 in the school. This is the highest registration in many years.

Census Day passed off very quietly all through the country, the general rule being that no one was allowed out of the house till the official signal was given that all had been counted. One consequence was that no church services could be held Sunday morning. In Stamboul the "all clear" signal was given at about half-past two.

Census results as far as published yet show a total population for the Republic of 17,869,901, as against 16,158,018 five years ago, and 13,648,270 in 1927. The total population of Stamboul, has not yet been announced; but for various other cities it is as follows:-

Smyrna: 184,362,	Angora: 156,044
Adana: 89,990,	Eski Shehir: 60,614,
Gaziantep: 57,314,	Konya: 56,580,
Sivas: 41,247,	Mersin: 30,193
Balikesir: 29,059	Antalya: 28,127,
Kastamoni: 13,760,	

The last named was reported at 13,791 in 1935; and the rest show gratifying increases.

A letter from Boston gives the date of the passing of Mrs. W. Nesbitt Chambers as August 25th, in Washington, D. C. Also, Dr. MacLachlan died in Kingston, Ontario, September 8th.

Two of the newly secured candidates for service in our Mission have been more or less permanently detained in America. Miss Sproul, who was the nurse in charge for Aintab Hospital, has had to give up plans for sailing, owing to the strong objections of her family to her going under present conditions. Mr. Johnston, tutor for Anatolia College, is detained by the fact that since the passage of the compulsory draft law, the State Department is not granting passports to any men of military age; he has secured a teaching position in America. We learn also that Mrs. McElroy, mother of President-elect McElroy of Athens, is detained in America by the need for a surgical operation.

The Board letter of October 10 tells us that Mr. and Mrs. James K. Lyman are at present in Nelson, New Hampshire; and that Miss Alice Lindsey is taking up a course of study at Whittier College, California.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

Rev. Paul E. Nilson has been spending the past week here in Stamboul visiting his four children, and attending to business during the holidays of his school. He is leaving tonight on his return journey to Talas.

Rev. Charles S. Bell, of the American Bible Society, is due in Bombay tomorrow, November 3rd, on his return from a furlough in America to his post in Beirut.

News is also given through the Beirut News Letter that Rev. and Mrs. Harry G. Dorman, Jr., were hoping to be in Baghdad by November 7th, on their way to Aleppo College.

For the first time in many years, rain and bad weather occurred of the first day of Bayram, yesterday, following the fast of Ramazan. Turkish holidays have the reputation of always bringing pleasant weather.

The census figures for Stamboul were given out last week, and show an increase of 48,000 inhabitants during the five years past. For the ten largest cities the figures are:

Stamboul;	789,346	Eski Shehir:	60,614
Smyrna;	184,362	Gaziantep:	57,314
Angora;	155,544	Konya:	56,698
Adana;	89,990	Kayseri:	53,908
Brusa:	77,348	Adrianople.	45,168

Eight cities in all show an increase of more than 10,000 each.

The total enrolment this year at the American Academy in Scutari is 308, as contrasted with 260 for last year; and the number of boarders is 138 as against 115 last year.

Since the dragging of Greece into the war by Italy, rail connections north and west have been interrupted between this city and Adrianople by the commandeering of all rail equipment for military purposes by the Greek Government between Uzun Köprü and Adrianople. Mails are therefore held up for the present in both directions.

Dr. Ralph Collins, for thirteen or fourteen years the representative in Bulgaria and Turkey of the Rockefeller Foundation for Medical Service, died in a hospital in New York City on October 1st, after an operation followed by lung complications. Dr. Collins was well known and admired in Angora, and will be missed there.

Schools will be starting in again with regular work on Monday, after the unusually long nine-days' vacation including the Republic Day and the Bayram holidays.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Nov. 9, 1940.

Dear Friends:-

Last month some figures of attendance at Robert College in past years were given, and correction has to be made as follows:- The total attendance last year, 1939-40, was 662, and not 612. Further, the registration for 1936 was 380, and not 364. We are glad to get the true facts.

Three new workers have joined the forces of our schools in this city recently. Miss Elizabeth Burnham arrived from America via the Pacific and Baghdad on Census Day, and was considerably held up at the Baydar Pasha Railroad Station before her friends at Scutari could rescue her. She is giving part time to the Scutari Academy, in Home Economics, and part time to the Service Center in Stamboul. Miss Anscombe formerly of the British Institute in Rumania, has also come to help in Scutari, in teaching beginning English. The latest arrival at Robert College is Mr. Downes, who arrived a few days ago by the Pacific and Baghdad route.

On November 16th, the friends of the American Hospital of Stamboul are meeting at the new Hospital building for tea, and to elect four members of the Community to serve on the Board of Managers for a three year term. This will also be an opportunity for the entire community to welcome Dr. Shepard back from America.

The Hospital has had its first year in the new building. The year has been a most gratifying one, even though Dr. Shepard was absent for over half of it, either in the earthquake area or on his American holiday. With his return, a still better record is hoped for, that will help the institution to work off the final indebtedness on the new building and during the period of transfer from the old to the new. This amounts to approximately \$15,000. All building accounts in America have been paid, and the clearing off of the above item will mean that in the depression decade between 1930 and 1940, a property and endowment valued at \$500,000 have been brought into being for the service of the American Community and of all the peoples of the country in which we are guests.

The American Community of Stamboul is this month conducting its annual campaign in the interest of the Hospital. Any desiring to share in this effort can do so through the American Board in Boston, or its office in Stamboul.

A cable sent Nov. 4th from the Board in Boston says:-"No missionaries have left yet. Departure postponed indefinitely owing to war. Sympathy." The Mission and all its friends will regret the necessity of thus postponing needed reinforcement; but the reasons are clear.

A wire from the American Consulate in Thessaloniki informs us that Anstolia College, including the Girls' School, has been closed. No further particulars have reached us up to the time of going to press.

Miss Dora Shank, who is having a holiday down at Adana, writes that Dr. and Mrs. Nute, and Mr. Burns, the new tutor for Tarsus, have arrived, and that the Nutes are stopping to get out their goods from the Mersin custom-house before proceeding to Talas. Probably by now they have reached their destination.

The latest election figures from America give Roosevelt 24,000,000 votes and Wilkie 20,000,000; but of the electoral votes, 449 for Roosevelt and 82 for Wilkie.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Nov. 15, 1940.

Dear Friends:-

The latest word from Thessaloniki tells of the closing of Anatolia College and of the scattering of the students of both boys' and girls' departments, all but a very few who had not yet made arrangements to return to their homes. Miss Morley was hoping to arrange to accompany some dozen or fourteen Athens girls to their homes in Athens, where she herself would go to visit her sister Mrs. Marden. Miss Ingle and Mr. and Mrs. Sensemann may possibly come to Istanbul, if arrangements can be completed. Mr. and Mrs. Riggs were planning to stay right on at the College. The last few days better atmospheric conditions were reported. According to a radio message from London, all secondary schools in Greece had been closed by government order; but there has been no confirmation of this.

Miss Phelps and Mr. Isely arrived in Stamboul a few days ago, on a short visit combining business with pleasure. Miss Phelps is staying at the Scutari Academy, while Mr. Isely is at the Bible House.

Mr. Lawrence Brown, of the American Tobacco Company, has come to Stamboul from Smyrna for a brief visit, bringing with him Lincoln Blake; and both of them are enjoying the hospitality of the Birge family. Conditions in Smyrna are quite normal.

Miss Shank of the American Hospital is back again after a good visit in Adana and Tarsus.

Word has come from America of the death of Mrs. Kate M. Thrall Jenney, widow of Rev. Edward W. Jenney, both formerly missionaries of our Board at Monastir, which was then a part of European Turkey, but is now in Jugoslavia. Mrs. Jenney was born July 3, 1847, and was thus in her 93rd year, for she passed away March 25th, at Valley Springs, South Dakota. She was a graduate of Knox College, Ill., and taught for a short time in Vermont before marrying Mr. Jenney. They came out to Turkey in the fall of 1873, but from the start they were both affected by malaria, so that Mrs. Jenney was forced to take a year off in America, 1877-1878. In 1883 they were both compelled to return to the home-land invalided; and she was never very vigorous after that, though she lived a long life. Her husband died in 1921, and she had been living since then with a daughter in Valley Springs. Her brother, Rev. W.H. Thrall, was for thirty years Superintendent of Congregational Churches in South Dakota.

The Beirut News Letter tells us that Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Dorman were to reach Aleppo November 8th, from Baghdad. This is good news for Aleppo College; but it is accompanied by the statement that President Carleton had received a cable from Mr. Dorman from Muscat informing him that Mr. Becker, who started from America last May by the Pacific route for Aleppo as successor to Mr. John Orr, is not coming on to Syria. This is not explained in any way. Probably we shall soon hear of the reason.

The furlough of Miss Woodward of Smyrna School, has been extended till the middle of January next.

The earthquake last Sunday morning which did such terrible damage in Rumania, was felt by many persons in Stamboul, but here the shocks were comparatively very light and did no damage at all.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

Rev. Merrill Isely left here on Thursday last on his way back to Gaziantep. Miss Phelps stays on for a while longer on her vacation.

The Service Center in Stamboul had a short visit this week from Miss Woodsmall, of the International Y.W.C.A., who came here from Geneva through Germany and Bulgaria. Her stay in our city was shortened by a change in her plans; but she hopes to come back soon for another visit. She left yesterday morning by Taurus Express for a trip to Syria, Palestine and Egypt, having been fortunate enough to secure a sleeper berth on that train.

The Beirut News Letter says:-"We have now had the mystery of Mr. Becker partly cleared up. It seems that he arrived quite early in Bombay and spent about six weeks there waiting for a visa. Unfortunately none of us knew that he was there, so no instructions were sent from here until word came from New York in September, when permission was cabled from here. In the meantime Mr. Becker had accepted a teaching appointment in India, and will probably not be available for work in Aleppo College this year." Mr. Becker left America in May, to go to Aleppo by the Pacific route; and we much regret that lack of communications has led to his being shifted off to another job.

A very delightful concert was given at Robert College yesterday, sponsored by the Junior Red Crescent Society of the College, for the benefit of the work of the Red Crescent. Mrs. Nimet Vahid Owen (Mrs. Lewis Owen) sang five solos, being accompanied in two by Professor MacNeal and with violin obligato by Mr. McCarthy; while in the other three she was accompanied by a string quartet consisting of Enoch Kavafian as leader, John McCarthy, Ilse Engelmann, and Hans Heilbronn. The quartet also rendered Haydn's String Quartet in F.

Miss Webb writes us from Beirut that Mr. and Mrs. Bell, of the Bible Society, had been heard from at Basra, and were expected in Beirut during this past week.

Stamboul and other towns in Turkey are getting ready for a period of black-out which is to be instituted December first. The streets are already black soon after dark; but private houses are given a week or ten days to make the necessary preparations for a complete black-out when called for.

"Franksgiving," as it is called by many, was observed by a majority of the Americans in Stamboul with appropriate gatherings around the festive board last Thursday, but there was no community gathering of any sort for the day.

The Annual Meeting of the American Community of Stamboul was held at the Hospital last Saturday, and was well attended. Dr. Shepard made a brief report of the work of the first year in the new building, one item of which was the birth of 366 babies there, - just one per day for this leap-year. The three retiring members of the Board of Managers were all re-elected; and Miss Caroline Gurney was elected to take the place of Mr. Arnold who has resigned. The campaign for funds has been most successfully carried to its conclusion.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Nov.30, 1940.

Dear Friends:-

Miss Mary Ingle and Mr. and Mrs. Harley Sensemann arrived in our city from Thessaloniki a week ago today, since their schools, like all schools in Greece, have been closed by Government order on account of the war. Miss Ingle has been added to the staff of Scutari Academy, and is teaching English; while Mr. Sensemann is helping out at Robert College, teaching Mathematics.

Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Owen, of the Standar Oil Co., left for America via Bombay, on a five months' leave of absence. This was arranged on the medical advice of Dr. Shepard.

Miss Mabel Long writes from Athens Nov. 14:-"As yet we at Elleniko have no definite word of the use to be made of our buildings, but we expect the Government to take them in some capacity soon. Meantime we still have a semblance of a school with about thirty boarders left on our hands, but one by one they leave. The problems of refunds to parents and of salaries for our teachers are difficult. It is still too early to say how they will be solved. The members of the station are all well, and bearing up under the strain of these days quite cheerfully."

Aleppo College has a compensation in another direction for the failure of Mr. Becker to arrive, for they have secured the services of Mr. Budtz, of the Danish Mission, in conducting the Boarding Department; and he is a great help.

The total enrolment of Aleppo College this year is 349, as compared with 296 in the corresponding classes last year. It will be remembered that it began the year last year with 420, but on its removal to the new site on the hill, 124 were left in town to be connected with the Girls' School, being the lowest classes. Of the total, 62% are Christian, 35% Moslem, and nearly 3% Israelite. There are 113 boarders, as over against just 100 last year; and the amounts received for tuitions this year are \$4770.74, compared with \$4058.80 last year. The largest class is the Special, of beginners, with 65 enrolled; while the 8th class has 52, and the 9th 46. There are eleven classes in all.

As already reported, Dr. and Mrs. Nute reached Talas Nov. 6, having been en route from America since Aug. 14th. They left Maryly with Dr. and Mrs. Miner Rogers at Clinton, N.Y.; while Bill is at Johns Hopkins, and Cyril is a Sophomore at Yale.

The major portion of a large book order for our schools at Talas, Tarsus, and Smyrna, sent from Bombay, has been received, and is a great relief to the teachers, who had not been able to get textbooks for the classes till now. Similarly a lot of textbooks from America have at last arrived for Robert College, coming around Africa.

Our readers will all be glad to hear this extract from a letter from Sofia College:-"You may be sure that we are thankful this week for being kept in peace and quiet. The conversations one hears today (Nov. 27) indicate a degree of hope and light-heartedness among the people in strong contrast with the fears so strongly evidenced last week-end. To the relief of all the war-clouds have again cleared somewhat above our heads. We feel more than ever that the present school year will end as usual."

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

The engagement has been announced of Miss Edith Carter of Robert College and Mr. Gardner Bennett, of the Engineering Department of the same College. Both of them came out this fall via Lisbon. It will be remembered that Miss Carter is a grand-niece of our former associate Miss Isabel Dodd, of the American College for Girls.

The working schedules of all the schools in this city, and presumably of all in the country, have had to be considerably modified on account of the readoption of summer time, - which came in with the first of December all over the country, - and also in consequence of the black-out regulations which make it advisable that pupils get back to their homes by sunset. Daylight-saving time during the shortest days of winter is a thing one has to get accustomed to.

Speaking of the arrival of shipments of books, the Anatolia College management received late in November some forty packages more of books ordered from America for the school year; and while there are at present no students there to use them, it is a comfort to have them on hand for use when Greece can again allow its schools to open up.

Our friends in Thessaloniki write of their grand observation of Thanksgiving Day, all sixteen Americans together, on Nov. 21st, at the Farm School, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles House. This included two Consuls, two newspaper correspondents, one Standard Oil man, two women welfare workers, together with the House, Gardner, and Riggs families. They had a Thanksgiving service, and the regulation dinner, including even cranberry sauce. The following week the second Thanksgiving Day was also observed with a tea at the Anatolia College home, with games and singing following.

The Turkish press this past week reflects quite a significant new emphasis on better relations between Turkey and Bulgaria. It reminds one of an incident reported from the frontier a few days ago, when some Turkish soldiers found right opposite them some Bulgarians who had been fellow-students with them at Robert College; and these little groups were allowed by their officers to fraternize and have a happy reunion.

Air-mail service between Stamboul and the United States has apparently again been established; and letters are being accepted at the Post Office for transmission via rail to Belgrade, and thence by plane to Rome and Lisbon, and Clipper to New York. The rates are 68 piastres for ten grams, 102 piastres for 20, 160 for 30, and two liras for up to 40 grams.

Mrs. Forrest Crawford and her children have left Robert College for Beirut, on a visit to her father, Mr. Smeed, Mr. Crawford remains at his post in Robert College.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:

Miss S. Evelyn Woodward of Smyrna left last Thursday for Angora, for a visit of about a week with former pupils and other friends.

The following quotation from Beirut is of interest:- "Last Friday and Saturday (the last of November) we had our annual fall retreat, during which the students and faculty of the N.E.S.T. considered together the topic, Witnessing for Christ in Such Times as These. It was most helpful, and I believe that all our students entered into the spirit of it.

We learn from the Beirut News Letter that President Alford Carleton of Aleppo College was recently in Beirut, and during his stay he met about forty ex-Aleppo College students at the home of a friend; and also gave a lecture at the Junior College for Girls on "Religion and Life."

Stamboul residents were delighted a few days ago to have the "black-out" orders rescinded, and to be allowed all the light they wish once more. We are all warned however to keep all preparations in readiness for a further test later on.

We regret to learn of the death, on December 9th, of Theodore Makridi Bey, long and honorably known as assistant director and director of the National Archaeological Museum of our city.

It is stated that the big unfinished structure at Matchka which was to have been the Italian Embassy, is now to be purchased by the Municipality, and when put in good condition, will serve to house the Stamboul Conservatory of Music.

Detailed figures as secured by the late census have not yet been made public. It will be most interesting to compare such figures with those of the 1935 census. In the matter of education, for example, we know there has been great advance. The total number of pupils in schools of all grades and characters throughout the country was given as 656,627 for the year 1933-34; 717,809 for 1934-35; 770,527 for 1935-36; 810,193 for 1936-37, and for the year 1937-38 it mounted to 879,737. This is not excessive in a population where 9 millions are under 25 years of age. We look also for an improvement in the literacy figures. According to official 1935 figures, in the total population of 16,000,000, 23.3% of the males and 8.2% of the females could read, while 76.7% and 91.8% respectively were illiterate. It should immediately be added, however, that the question asked in the census tables referred only to ability to read in the present Turkish alphabet.

Dr. Minnie B. Mills writes Nov. 17th from Pierce College, Elliniko, Greece :- "A Red Cross first-aid station for this locality is being established in the basement of Pierce Hall, and the ceilings of several rooms in the basement are being supported with timbers for safety. Our Minister, Mr. MacVeagh, has secured permission from the Foreign Department with the consent of the Military to use these buildings as a refuge for Americans or for the personnel of the Legation and its archives if necessary. The buildings of Athens College and the Arsakion Girls' School in Psychiko have both been taken for hospitals; and we shall be glad to give some of ours for that purpose when really needed if school is impossible."

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

The engagement of Mr. Curtis Fowle, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther R. Fowle of our city, was formally announced at a gathering in New York yesterday, to Miss Jean Smith, a graduate of Vassar 1938, who has for the past two years been on the staff of the Rockefeller Institute in New York City. Our felicitations all around.

Lord Dunsany, the well-known literary man and playwright, is making a brief stay in Stamboul, and gave an address to a goodly number of friends at the Social Hall of Robert College yesterday. He has been a lecturer at Athens University this fall, and has just been to Angora, and on his return gave on Wednesday last a "conference" at the Halk Evi in Pera, on the subject of Modern Drama. The Governor of the City, the professors of the University, and many of the British colony were present.

Mrs. E.T. Leslie left yesterday morning for a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. John Seager, and family in Smvrna, expecting to return right after Christmas.

Rev. W. Clark Kerr was again in his pulpit at the Union Church on Sunday last after a very successful visit of about ten days at Karabük. Mr. Kerr has met with a personal loss recently, for the late Lord Lothian, British Ambassador to Washington, was his uncle, Philip Kerr.

A beautiful Christmas service was enjoyed by the Stamboul Station at its prayer meeting on Thursday last. Another Christmas service that was impressive and helpful was the annual sing at the home of Mrs. Damon in Rumeli Hissar on Sunday last. If snow has a thrilling Christmas effect, we had that also, in an early fall early this week.

Dr. and Mrs. (Kate Chambers) Laurens Seelye have left St. Lawrence University, and are now settled in New York City, where Dr. Seelye is assistant to Dr. Stephen Duggan in the Institute of International Relations. Their address is : 320 East 87th Street.

Our friends at Beirut University are working up to the limit to take care of their record enrollment of over nineteen hundred students in all departments, including thirteen hundred in International College.

The Near East Mission Library has received a copy of Professor Lutfi Levchian's new book: - "Studies in the Relationship Between Islam and Christianity." These studies are taken up from the psychological as well as the historical point of contact, and are the result of a long and intimate knowledge of historic.

Miss S.B. Woodward returned to Stamboul yesterday, after a very satisfactory visit in Angora.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

The undersigned wishes to extend the most heartfelt wishes to all readers for a glad and blessed New Year.

A letter from Mrs. George H. Huntington dated October 28th says:- "Dr. Darnette Miller gave a Near East Tea, the last Tuesday in October, in honor of Miss Isabel Dodd, who seems to have recovered well from her operation; others present were Miss Kathryn Adams, Miss Anna E. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Carter, the Dennetts, Miss McElroy, Miss Winifred Hulbert, Mr. Theron Damon, and a few others.

After the start chronicled last week, Mrs. Leslie got as far as Banderma on her way to Smyrna, but only after a very stormy trip; and the storm there was so bad that the steamer was not able to discharge its passengers, but much against their own desires, brought them all back to Stamboul. They then made another start, and this time were successful, and she arrived in Smyrna without further adventure.

The three older Nilson children, May, Sylvia, and Paul, have gone to Talas to spend their Christmas holidays at home. Dorothy was to have gone also; but an attack of jaundice prevented her going; and Mrs. Block has been taking care of her. Mrs. Nilson hopes to come here to see her in a few days. Mr. Ray Pearson is also expected here during his holidays.

Dr. Dewey was able to leave his duties in Gaziantep for a while and go down to Beirut to spend the Christmas season with his children who are attending the Community School there.

Seldom if ever has Constantinople seen so long a stormy stretch as for the past five weeks. From November 26th to the time of writing, with two or three exceptions every day has been rainy, snowy, or very dark and cloudy; and the average of cold has been more intense than usual for this climate at this season. However, the moon changes today, and the weather sometimes changes with the moon.

Mr. Guthrie, of the Mission at Alexandretta, writes that owing to the closing down of their school this year, Miss Gardner has decided to take on the job of teaching in the Jerusalem Girls' College; and that Miss Cunningham has gone to Jaffa. Church services are being conducted as usual in Alexandretta, with quite good attendance.

One little indication of returning quiet in Thessaloniki is in the fact that Mr. Cullion, the American Vice-Consul, who had been staying at Anatolia College, has moved back to his city apartment.

The local newspapers tell us that preparations are being made for a further test of blackout arrangements, and other precautions against air attack, some time after the Kurban Bayram celebrations which come early in January.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs