

Bible House, Stamboul, January 2, 1935.

Dear friends:-

May the New Year on which we are entering be for us all a happy, blessed, fruitful and wonderful one, in the consciousness of our fellow-laborers with our Master in His great work.

Mr. John Allison, who was formerly teaching in Erenkoy and in Tglas, writes, Dec. 11th, that he is employed with the Research Laboratories of the Gulf Oil Co. in Pittsburgh, and is working along the line of his college training, in Chemistry.

Another former tutor, Mr. Allen Hazen, who was in Tarsus 1927 to 1930, has now completed his thesis for the doctor's degree at Yale, and hopes for its early acceptance. He has been giving special instruction to a part of the Freshman class.

Robert Birge, eldest son of our associate, who is in his Junior year at Yale, has just been elected to Phi Beta Kappa, - a great honor for a Junior. The Birge family were expecting to have quite a gathering of the younger set from Turkey for New Year's at their Hartford home.

Miss Harriet Yarrow and her mother came up from Smyrna last week to spend their midwinter holidays with their old friends of Constantinople Station, and are staying at the Bible House apartment.

Miss Stanton and Mr. and Mrs. Ewing, of the Sofia American College, arrived in Stamboul yesterday for the holidays, and are being entertained at the American College for Girls.

Word has been received from Dr. Lorrin Shepard that he was expecting to take the S.S. "Ile de France" sailing from New York December 29th. He should thus be arriving in Stamboul about January 9th. Mrs. Shepard and the children will remain in America, at Auburndale, Mass., till summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vrooman, after landing in America about the first of November, went to a New England House Party of the Oxford Group, and since then Lee has been West with one of the teams, and Mrs. Vrooman in Boston with another. Their headquarters will be in Boston for the winter.

President Henry S. Coffin, of Union Theological Seminary, who is also President of the Board of Trustees of Robert College, is expected at Robert College next week for a visit, - the first he has made there. After spending some time here, he expects also to visit Beirut before returning to America.

President and Mrs. Homer Davis of Athens College flew from Athens by the Friday plane, in spite of rather stormy weather, and have been spending three days as guests at Robert College, where he formerly taught. They started back Monday by steamer for their college duties.

Athens Jr. College girls recently received prizes from the Zelen Van Loon World Friendship Award, for the best essay on "Christ and World Friendship," offered to youth of both sexes from 14 to 20, living in Europe. Of 297 who took part, 26 were from Greece. One Greek Senior shared first prize of \$300 with a boy from Denmark. An Armenian girl took another money prize, and two Armenians received medals. This announcement is made by President Minnie B. Mills.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

On Friday last, Constantinople experienced a series of earthquakes such as it has not felt in more than twenty years. The Government seismographs at the Observatory above Vanikeuy recorded five shocks, but for the populace there were only two, or at the utmost, three, for the fourth and fifth were too slight to be perceived. The first came at 4:41 p.m.; the second, almost imperceptible, at 5:20, and the third, of about the same violence as the first, an hour later. No great damage was done in the city, aside from a chimney or two falling, and some cracked walls. Several panics in cafes and restaurants and cinemas resulted in nothing worse than people leaping out into the street through plate glass windows and suffering from the cuts by broken glass. These quakes were felt in Adabazar, Brousa, Lardanelles, Rodesto, and many other places west and south of here, as well as along the Aegean shores as far as Salonica, but the center seems to have been very near our city. No loss of life is reported, except at a village near Erdek, south of the Sea of Marmora, where a woman and a child are reported to have been killed by falling walls. The village was mostly destroyed.

This experience reminds us of the severe shocks of August 1912, when much more damage was done here, but the terrible effects were worst in the region between Rodesto and Gallipoli, where several villages were entirely ruined and a thousand lives lost. The far more serious one in the summer of 1894 resulted in the wrecking of a large part of the outer sections of the Grand Bazaar, and the loss of something over two thousand lives in this city alone.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Perry, formerly of Stamboul, are spending the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Vrooman, at 58 Carver Road, Watertown, Mass., and are at work with them for the Oxford Group Movement.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. MacCallum returned yesterday after a very pleasant visit with Miss Emily MacCallum in Old Phaleron.

The Misses Platt went during their Christmas vacation from Athens to Egypt for a brief visit, getting back last Saturday.

Misses Morley, Harly and Floyd and Mr. Hawkes and family from Salonica spent their winter vacation with the friends in Athens; also Mr. and Mrs. Fowler and Mr. Seylaz of Anatolia College.

We understand that Mr. K. Bonsall Smith has been in Marzifon for several days during the Bayram holidays, coming from Talas. It is difficult to tell just which place he principally belongs, at present.

Miss Harriet Yarrow and Mrs. Yarrow left Stamboul this morning on the steamer "Ege" for Smyrna, returning for the beginning of the new school term.

Mrs. Ernest W. Riggs and Margaret got back to Salonica January 3rd from Old Phaleron, having completed the cure at the Athens' Pasteur Institute after Margaret's encounter with the dog.

Miss Edith L. Douglass enjoyed a certain amount of winter sports by going up for her midwinter holidays from Sofia to her cottage at Cham Korla.

The Moslems of Stamboul, contrary to their usual good fortune, have had rather a stormy three days for their Bayram, which ends today. The city is mostly white with snow.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Dr. Lorrin A. Shepard returned from his short furlough in the United States, on Tuesday morning last, in fine health and spirits. For the present he is living in the American Hospital building. Mrs. Shepard and the children are in Auburndale, where all the children but the baby are attending school.

Rev. Henry Sloane Coffin, D.D., and Mrs. Coffin arrived in Stamboul, last Friday, coming from Vichy, France, where their two daughters are attending school. Dr. and Mrs. Coffin are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Monroe at Robert College, of which Dr. Coffin is President of the Board of Trustees. They will probably spend a week or so longer there before going on to Syria, Palestine and Egypt.

The usual meetings of the Week of Prayer were observed in the Armenian Evangelical churches of Pera and Gedik Pasha, and also at Scutari, with very good numbers in attendance and a growing interest.

Further details from the earthquake region show that the center of the disturbance was at the Island of Marmora, where most of the dwellings were wrecked, and most of the islanders have been brought across to the mainland, quite a large number of sick and injured are in hospital at Bandirma. Several villages near Erdek, on the west side of the Cyzicus peninsula, also suffered badly.

Mrs. W.L. Nute of Talas, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Schultz and some Turkish engineers of the Airplane factory at Caesarea, are off on a two weeks' trip to the north. The ladies are spending their time in Merzifon and Samsoun, while the gentlemen hunt everything from partridge to wild boar in the ranges bordering on the Black Sea.

Miss Ackerly of Smyrna spent her midwinter vacation with the Nute family in Talas, returning last week to the A.C.I.

The Mission Secretary has sent out the questionnaires as provided by the Mission Meeting a year ago last summer, in reference to those members who plan to leave on furlough this summer. Their replies should be sent back to him promptly.

Mr. Clarence R. Johnson and Mrs. (Lovie Smith) Johnson, formerly of Robert College, are spending the winter in Tucson, Arizona, at 715 East 3rd Street.

The Council of the League of Nations began its new session last Friday, and it is now the turn of the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Tewfik Aras, to preside.

An unusually intense cold wave is reported in most of Anatolia, with heavy falls of snow. The schools in Kastamonu have had to be closed. Erzurum, Kars, and Sivas are experiencing record cold. On the contrary, the weather in Stamboul is very mild at present.

The Birge household in Hartford was the scene of a happy gathering of former Constantinopolitans on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. The two Post girls, the three Barnum girls, the two Fowle boys, Fred Thompson, and two daughters of Mr. Warren Bristol, shared with the Birge young people a most satisfactory celebration.

With the putting on of an "automotrice" or Diesel-engined rail car, from Tripoli to Aleppo, the trip between Aleppo and Beirut has been shortened from 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$, and it is more comfortable as well.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Dr. William L. Nute arrived in this city from Talas last week, coming here to secure his examination for license as a specialist in internal medicine. Till now he has not succeeded in getting his desired test, but while not faint he is yet pursuing.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Sloane Coffin took a brief trip to Angora last week, leaving Friday and getting back early Sunday morning. Dr. Coffin had a very satisfactory interview with General Ismet Inönü, the Prime Minister, and also with the Minister of Interior. He had previously visited the Minister of Public Instruction, -now called the Minister of Culture, here in Stamboul. On Sunday evening he gave a very inspiring address to a large number of friends in the Chapel of Robert College. Dr. and Mrs. Coffin plan to remain here till Thursday.

Still further tremors have been felt in the earthquake devastated region of the Island of Marmora and the vicinity of Erdek, but these were lighter and did little damage except to nerves. Most of the people have either moved away or are living in tents.

The local papers quote a despatch from Salonica to the effect that the noted American reporter, Richard Halliburton, is in Athens, having passed through Constantinople a short time ago on his way from Batoum, expelled from Soviet Russia because of his activities in tracing crime.

Further news has come from Dr. Fred Field Goodsell regarding his expected journey to some of the Mission fields. He is booked to leave New York on January 27th by the S.S. "Hamburg" for Southampton, cross from England to Holland, take the Dutch airplane from Amsterdam for India, stopping over a night in Athens, February 8th, and then on to Allahabad. He plans to spend about one and a half months in India, visiting our missions, and then go on to Beira, East Africa, and inland to our East Africa Mission; then across by rail to Angola, to visit the West African stations. From there he goes to Cape Town, to see the mission work in South Africa; and after that, probably by airplane from Elizabethville north to Cairo, whence he comes through Palestine and Syria into Turkey, stopping at several of our stations, and reaching Stamboul approximately August 15th. This is as yet quite tentative. He has to be back in Boston about the middle of September.

Word comes from Boston that Dr. Ruth A. Parmelee is to sail on January 25th from New York on the American Export Line "Exarch," for Piraeus, returning to her work with the American Women's Hospitals. Her health has considerably improved, and she is coming back with great expectations for further service in Greece.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Adkins and children reached New York January 10th, and will be staying in Auburndale, Mass., till future plans are clearer.

On Sunday, Jan. 13th, the end of the Week of Prayer, there was held at Beirut for the second time an international Communion Service, when all the Protestant churches in the city were invited to attend, and about seven hundred were present. Six ministers officiated, in six languages, -Arabic, Armenian, French, German, Turkish and English; and the hymns were sung in all languages simultaneously. It was a deeply impressive service.

On the same day there occurred in Salonica a joint Communion Service of the Greek and Armenian Evangelical churches, which for twelve years have been using the same building for services. This was in the nature of a farewell Communion together; for the Armenian congregation has now secured its own building. Seven nationalities were represented in the gathering, and three languages were used, -Greek, Turkish and Armenian.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Figgis

Bible House, Stamboul, Jan. 29, 1935.

Dear friends:-

The many friends of Miss Ida W. Prime will be glad to learn that a letter written by a friend in Saranac Lake three weeks ago reports that she seems to have fully recovered from the bad fall she had, and the fractured skull is apparently all healed up. She seemed more like herself at Christmas time, and was quite touched by the many cards she received from her friends in Turkey. She moves about her room, and even goes down stairs occasionally, and is quite comfortable most of the time. She would love to hear from her friends; her address is: 19 Woodruff Street, Saranac Lake, N. Y.

Various factors interferred with Dr. W.L. Nute's taking the examinations he hoped to get in this city last week; and he has returned to his work in Talas, hoping to get the job done a little later on.

Mr. Edward S. Treat, formerly of Talas, is in his second year at Union Theological Seminary; and he and Mrs. Treat (formerly Miss Jennie Paige) are living at the Seminary, while Mrs. Treat works busily and happily in Brooklyn as a visiting nurse.

Furloughs have been authorized by the Board for Miss Agnes Baird, Miss Olive Greene, and the Blake, Dewey, Woolworth, H.H. Riggs and C. T. Riggs families, all to begin this coming summer.

Among the recipients of New Years honors from the King of England, is Dr. Percy W. Brigstocke, Director of the Victoria Hospital in Damascus, of the Edinburgh Medical Mission, who was made an Officer of the British Empire.

-Beirut News Letter.

The violent south storm of the past few days seems to have wrought widespread havoc in these parts. Shipping accidents here included the sinking of a timber-laden boat near Büyükdere with the loss of one life. In Adrianople the swelling of the Tundja and Maritsa rivers brought floods in the lower parts of the city, and a woman was killed in a collapsing house. The storm was a veritable hurricane in the Smyrna region, destroying houses and cutting off telegraph communication with several towns. Severe cold is reported from some Anatolia regions, and a cold wave is predicted by the weather bureau for Constantinople.

One of the latest graduates of our Brousa School, just before it was closed down, Mr. Pakize Izzet, who afterwards took her medical course in the Turkish Medical School here, has opened an office on Babali Avenue, Stamboul, for the practice of medicine.

A cable from Boston dated January 28th confirms the schedule of Dr. F.F. Goodsell as already given in our last issue, by which he is due to spend the night of Feb. 8 to 9 at Athens, on his flying trip to India.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry S. Coffin left Stamboul last Thursday morning by steamer for Athens; and after a short stay there they planned to go to Egypt and thence back through Palestine and Syria, and back to France and America. Despite the strain of financial shortage, their visit to Robert College was encouraging and helpful.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

A letter from Rev. T. T. Holway of Samokov reports the death of Rev. Edward B. Haskell, D.D., in Claremont, California. Details are lacking thus far, save that the funeral was held there on Jan. 13th; and that his ashes are to be buried, part in America, and part in Pordim, Bulgaria, where he and Mrs. Haskell did their last fine work for this their second home-land.

Edward B. Haskell was born in Philippopolis, Bulgaria, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Henry C. Haskell, and was graduated at Marietta College in 1887, and Oberlin Seminary in 1891. He married Miss Martha Huntington of Iowa, and they came out to Samokov in the winter of 1891. He served successively at Monastir, Salonica, Philippopolis, Samokov, Sofia, and finally Pordim. His first wife died in 1903, and two years later he married Miss Elizabeth Froelich, of Switzerland. Their remarkable work in Pordim was in a true sense the crowning success of their lives; and for it the King conferred on him the Commander's Cross, Order of Civic Service, third degree; and on her the Dames' Cross of the Order of Civic Merit, second degree. They were also made honorary citizens of Pordim, and a street was named in their honor. They retired to America only last summer; and he has now been taken to his reward.

Mr. L. R. Fowle is leaving this morning for Athens, to meet Dr. F.F. Goodsell there on Friday as he stays over night on his flight to India. Mr. Fowle will visit Athens and Salonica Stations, and expects to return in about ten days.

Mrs. Merrill Isely has just undergone a successful operation in Aintab under the skilled hand of Dr. Dodd, including removal of the appendix.

A letter from Salonica tells of the serious illness of Mr. Lee Myer, the building expert of Anatolia College, of typhoid fever. Our prayers are with him.

President Paul Monroe left Stamboul on Friday last by rail for Paris and London, and across from Southampton to New York, for a few weeks' visit. In the very early hours of Saturday morning he was to be transferred by bus around the break in the railroad line, between Adrianople and the Bulgarian frontier. This break by floods has caused great delay to mails and passengers during the past week, and it is stated that full repairs will take perhaps a month.

Much interest centers in the elections for the Grand National Assembly, which take place throughout the country this week Friday. The number of members is to be increased from 317 to 399; and it is estimated that about fifteen of these will be women. Furthermore a new step has been taken in setting aside sixteen seats for candidates not of the People's Party. Among the candidates presenting themselves for these independent seats are Dr. Taptas, the celebrated ear and nose specialist; Mr. Berj Kerestedjian, formerly Sub-director of the Ottoman Bank; Dr. Abrevaya, a well known Jewish physician. Among the regular candidates are also Madame Mihri Husseyn Bekkash, wife of the Professor of Turkish at Robert College, and Dr. Bessim Omer.

Mr. Maxwell K. Moorhead, till now American Consul at Johannesburg, South Africa, has been appointed as Consul-General at Constantinople, and arrived at his post yesterday by Lloyd Triestino steamer.

The faculty of Tarsus College on Jan. 22nd entertained the teachers of the city with a program including games and cinema films. The party was so enjoyed that it did not break up till midnight.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Higgs

Dear friends:-

Miss Sylvia Eddy of Talas has been here for about a week, having come for dental and optical work. She expects to return very soon.

We are glad to learn from Salonica that Mr. Lee Myer's trouble turned out not to be typhoid, and he is making good progress.

Miss Agnes McCartney Lord, for twenty-five years a member of our Mission, passed away in Wakefield, Mass., Jan. 5, 1935. She was born Oct. 30th, 1849, in Kennebunkport, Maine, and came out in the fall of 1881 to the Home School for Girls, Scutari, after teaching some time in Vassar College and Hampton Institute. She was transferred to Smyrna in 1884, where she taught till 1893 when because of the health of her mother she spent five years in America. From 1898 till her retirement in 1906, she taught in Erzurum. Later she took up again her work of teaching among the negroes, but for the past fifteen years has been living quietly in Wakefield.

Mr. Paul Nilson reports himself as "still on the road," having given thus far during his "vacation" 160 talks of various kinds. During February and March he is booked for a series of addresses in Missouri, Kansas, Wisconsin and Minnesota; and after March 25th he hopes to enter Chicago University for one term of study. The family is staying in Wheaton, Ill.

Many friends will remember Mr. Roy Creighton, who was supervising architect for the Van Milligen Library building at Robert College, some years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Creighton and their two younger children are now living at the American Board Compound in Peiping, China; and he is busy drawing plans for hospitals and residences from South China to Manchuria, and superintending their construction. They describe the past year as the most quiet yet spent in China. Their son Linn went this past summer to America for a year at Phillips Academy, Andover. He had a most interesting ^{trip} across Siberia and Poland, attending the Passion Play at Oberammergau, and visiting in England and Scotland, on his way.

Word has come of the recent death in Scotland of Mr. F. Douglass Watson, till recently the General Manager of the Telephone Company in Stamboul.

In our table of statistics for the schools of the Near East the Albanian-American Institute at Kavaje, Albania, was not included. This year it has had 72 boys in the Farm School; 38 girls in the Home Economics school; 147 in public health classes, of whom 109 were adults; and 18 in sanitation classes. Of these, 110 were boarders, and 127 day scholars. The Institute doctor, assisted by an Albanian nurse, conducts three clinics for villagers, besides carrying on the health education of the students. The Sanitation Department controls malaria in a 3-kilometre zone about the Institute, effects sanitary waste disposal and fly-control in this area, and extends these activities to a group of a dozen villages in the neighborhood. Mr. Ralph H. Alice is Director of the Farm School.

The elections to the "Kurultay" or National Assembly, last week resulted in the success of seventeen women candidates, among them Madame Mihri Husseyn Pektash, of Robert College, as Deputy for Malatia, also Madame Mebrure Kemzi, another graduate of the American College for Girls; also of fifteen independent candidates, among them Mr. Keresteddjian, Dr. Taptas, and Dr. Abravaya. Among the deputies for Angora is a certain woman who performed heroic deeds during the struggle for independence, Sati Kadın. We are informed that after being elected, she returned to her village with a professor who is to teach her to read and write. The new Chamber begins its sessions March 1st or 2nd.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Rev. F.F. Goodsell, D.D., arrived in Athens as expected, by airplane from Amsterdam and Rome, on Friday afternoon, Feb. 8, and left by the same plane for Cairo and Allahabad the next morning early. Our friends of the Athens Station made good use of his time with them, having a tea for him at Athens Jr. College, Elleniko, and supper later on at the Brester-Marden home in Old Phaleron, at each of which practically all the circle was present. Mr. Luther Fowle and Miss Edith Parsons had gone to Greece to meet Dr. Goodsell, and had helpful conversations with him that afternoon and evening. Miss Parsons left on Sunday returning to Smyrna.

Mr. Fowle spent four days in Athens and vicinity, seeing all branches of the mission work there, and meeting many old friends. He went to Salonica also, and had four days there, with the College and Girls' School staffs and others, and coming back to Stamboul by direct steamer Saturday afternoon. While in Athens he gave the address at the Founder's Day celebrations at the Junior College.

Miss Sylvia Eddy left last Saturday on her return to her work in Talas.

Dr. Ruth Parmelee was expected in Athens by American Export steamer on or about Feb. 15th.

Miss Dora F. Shank, formerly of Adana Hospital, very soon after her arrival in America secured a position with the Mount Sinai Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa., where since September 1st she has some teaching and some duties in the Training School office. She states that she is enjoying her work very much.

The great circular disks containing the names of the Moslem prophets, which hung on the walls of Saint Sophia, have been taken down for removal to the mosque of Sultan Ahmed; but they will have to be dismantled before they can pass through the largest door of Saint Sophia.

According to statistics furnished by the Press Bureau of the Ministry of Interior, the number of periodicals published in Turkey today is 219, of which 38 are dailies, 73 weeklies or monthlies, and 108 reviews. Of this total, 87 are published in Stamboul, and 29 at Angora, the others in various ~~ixxxxxix~~ cities of the country.

Mr. Robert Greef, formerly of Erenkouy, Scutard and Talas, is teaching this year at Charles City, Iowa, a town of about 3000 inhabitants. His admiration for the eagerness of students in Turkey has been increased by his American experiences.

Mr. Leo Myer has so far recovered from his late illness that he is able to be back again at Anatolia College.

After a somewhat prolonged stay in Stamboul, President Kemal Atatürk left on Saturday for Antalya and other points in the western part of the country, after which visits it is stated that he will go back to Angora.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Higgs

Dear friends:-

The editor certainly was asleep when writing the paragraph which appeared in our last issue regarding the great disks recently taken down from the walls of St. Sophia for removal to the Mosque of Sultan Ahmed, and erred greatly in saying that they contained the names of the Moslem prophets. The Moslems recognize no prophet since Mohammed. The eight disks contain the names, first of Allah and Mohammed, then of Abu Bekr, Omer, Osman, Ali, Hassan, and Husseyn, who are recognized as the successors, or Khalifa, of the Prophet.

Instead of returning to Angora direct after his visit to the west coast cities, His Excellency the President of the Republic, after stopping at Antalya, SeleËke and Marmaris, has come back to Stamboul.

With the passing away of Mrs. Alice Hamlin Hinman, wife of Professor E.L. Hinman of the University of Nebraska, last fall, at Lincoln, Nebraska, the only children of Former President Cyrus Hamlin now living are Rev. Christopher Robert Hamlin, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Washington, N.J., and Mrs. Emma Hamlin Carleton, of Haverhill, Mass. Mrs. Hinman was in her sixty-seventh year, a graduate of Wellesley and a Ph. D. from Cornell.

Dr. Lorrin A. Shepard made a brief journey to Angora last week, in connection with the work of the American Hospital of Stamboul.

In the February number of the Missionary Review of the World, Prof. Ellsworth Huntington of Yale, formerly teacher in Euphrates College, Harpout, calls attention to the unusually high average of eminence attained by the children of missionaries, as compared with other classes. It will be interesting to gather as far as possible the facts regarding the sons and daughters of Turkey missionaries, who either have attained or ought to have attained the dignity of a place in "Who's Who." We shall be grateful if our readers will assist us in collecting data.

A severe earthquake in the island of Crete is reported to have caused considerable damage yesterday, with some loss of life. More particulars are lacking at present. The shock was recorded in the instruments at the Vanikeuy station in this city.

Miss Jeannie L. Jillson of Beirut has been undergoing a prolonged course of treatment for her eyes at the University Hospital of that city, but was reported last week as having returned to her home, though still unable to use her eyes for reading. Mrs. MarKham, who has been staying there some time, was expecting to return shortly to Aleppo.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry S. Coffin, who since their stay here have been sightseeing in Greece, Egypt and Palestine, are expected in Beirut a week from tomorrow, to be there about six days. Dr. Coffin is to preach at the University Chapel on March 10th, and to make several addresses in the University, and one probably at the School of Theology, according to the Beirut News Letter.

The date for the beginning of Kurban Bayram has been officially fixed as March 15th.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

On Friday evening last the populace of Stamboul was surprised to hear cannonading in town. Those who were patient enough to count, heard one hundred and one guns; and this turned out to be the salute due upon the arrival of news that the National Assembly, or Kurultay, had re-elected Kamal Atatürk President of the Republic. The Assembly proceeded to organize itself; and the Cabinet, having presented its resignation, was reorganized under General Ismet İnönü, who has now served ten full years as Prime Minister.

Mr. Luther Fowle went to the Capital a short time ago and made preliminary arrangements with the Minister of National Defence for the sale of some unused American Board properties to the Ministry; but right after his return here came the word that the Cabinet had been reconstituted, and the former President of the Assembly was made Minister of National Defence. So the whole thing must be started once again.

We are glad to learn that on February 22nd Dr. W.L. Nute received his formal permission to reestablish his clinic work in the clinic building on the Talas Mission grounds. He has enough patients to fill his time most of the day, and looks forward to a good many more coming in from the villages as Spring comes on.

A volume of some interest to Turkeyites has just appeared from the Princeton University Press, being a translation, with copious notes, of "Ottoman Statecraft: The Book of Counsel for Vezirs and Governors," by Defterdar Sari Mehmed Pasha, now published by Dr. Walter L. Wright, who spent some time in our city.

The Constantinople Christian Workers' Union will have a meeting on Friday of this week, March 8th, at 10 a.m., at the Union Church Manse, Hayden Passage, Pera, in connection with the annual Women's Day of Prayer. All members are urged to be present.

There has not been time yet to learn whether the antigovernment movement in Greece, centering in Crete but felt also in Macedonia, has had any effect on the work of our colleagues in Salonica and Athens; but those cities seem to be under complete governmental control.

Among the delegates to the World's Women's Congress which meets in this city the middle of April, at Yıldız Palace, will be Mrs. Alexander Whyte, widow of the well-known clergyman of that name, who is one of the outstanding figures in the Oxford Group Movement in England today.

The Trustees of International College, Smyrna, have voted to continue to provide for the year 1935-36 the salaries of Professor Fowler and Professor Seylaz at Anatolia College, and also to support Dr. and Mrs. Reed, on furlough, and to continue Mr. Maynard at Smyrna.

In line with what was said last week about the children of missionaries, we would call attention to a recent article in the Literary Digest, outlining the remarkable work of Dr. Robert Chambers, son of the former Director of the Bithynia High School, who, as Research Professor in Biology at New York University, is one of the leading cellphysiologists in America who is practising microvivisection, which is expected to give to cell study what animal experimentation has provided for medicine and biology. He works with microneedles and pipettes, so fine that their points cannot be seen except under the microscope; and he has already made some very important discoveries in this new realm.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

We would record with sorrow the death, a few weeks ago, in Sofia, Bulgaria, of Miss Deering, who visited Stamboul some five years ago while connected with the New York Office of the Near East Colleges, and came out again last year to help out at the Sofia American College, but was seized with cancer and suffered a long time before the end came.

Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, editor of the Christian Century arrived in Stamboul, with Mrs. Morrison, Sunday morning for a stay of about a week. Dr. Morrison is to address a meeting of the Christian Workers' Union at the Union Church Manse, Pera, on Saturday afternoon at five; and on Sunday morning he occupies the pulpit at the Union Church, and that evening will preach at Robert College. He plans to take trip in Anatolia next week with Mrs. Morrison, visiting Angora, and probably Caesarea, Talas, Adana, Tarsus, and back via Konia to Smyrna.

President and Mrs. Homer Davis of Athens College went back from Athens to America for a brief absence, sailing on the Acuitania as it returned from its recent cruise.

Miss Ruth F. Woodsmall, who was in the Y.W.C.A. here back in 1928 and before that, has just been elected General Secretary of the World's Council of the Y.W.C.A., with office at Geneva, and will take up her duties there in September. This will keep her in contact with the Association in fifty different countries. Miss Woodsmall, who was engaged on the Laymen's Foreign Missions Inquiry, is expected here for the World's Women's Congress next month which holds its sessions at Yildiz Palace.

A cheery letter from Dr. W.W. Peet a few days ago mentioned seeing Dr. and Mrs. Eye on their way for the winter to St. Petersburg, Florida; also that Dr. T.A. Elmer has recently bought a truck farm at Clearwater, Florida, which is the winter home of Dr. and Mrs. J. P. McNaughton.

Mr. Will H. Peet, Dr. Peet's son, is still teaching at Granite City, Ill., and his wife, Mrs. Louise Jenison Peet, is teaching at Iowa State College, where she has taken her Ph.D. degree. They have just bought a house and lot at Ames, Iowa.

It is officially announced that, beginning with May 10th, the Taurus Express will begin running by way of Angora, Kayseri, Ulukishla and Adana, instead of the route thus far taken via Konia. With certain improvements in the roadbed it is expected that the new route will prove a faster one than the old.

Miss Helen Haight, formerly of Talas, writes interestingly of her present life at the Manipay, Ceylon, Hospital. The hot season was just beginning there, February 15, and in April she expects to go to Kodaikanal, South India, for a change. The hospital has room for 125 inpatients.

Miss Caroline Goodsell is expected in Talas over Kurban Bayram, on a visit from Merzifon.

Mrs. Edward Perry, formerly of this city, has been spending some time in Nova Scotia with her very sick mother; and at last accounts Mr. Perry had also gone up there toward the end of February from Water-town, Mass., where they have been living.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Tomorrow will be celebrated the Charter Day of the American College for Girls, at Arnautkeuy at four in the afternoon. There will be short addresses by Mrs. W.G.M. Edwards, Miss Nermin Muveffak, Miss Mebruke Asen and other of the alumnae who knew Dr. Patrick personally.

The annual celebration of Founders' Day at Robert College will take place on Saturday of this week, March 23rd. The Founders' Day exercises will be at two o'clock, and a gymnastic exhibition at 3:15. The Alumni Dinner will be in the evening.

Rev. Dr. C.C. Morrison addressed a meeting of the Christian Workers' Union at the Union Church Manse in Pera on Saturday last, a goodly number being present. He also preached at the Union Church Sunday morning, and many will gratefully remember his sermon. Yesterday Dr. and Mrs. Morrison left for a visit in Angora; but they have been compelled to cut out their proposed trip to other interior points, though they still expect to reach Smyrna before leaving for Athens and Italy.

The Annual World's Day of Prayer, March 8th, was observed in Aleppo by a union service for women. Eight different churches and groups participated; the Presbyterian church (Arabic-speaking), Emmanuel, Martyrs', and Bethel churches, Maranatha Brotherhood, Armenian Evangelical chapel in Yerikery, Turkish-speaking Assyrian church, and the Gregorian Evangelical group. The service was held in the Emmanuel Church, and was conducted in Turkish, Arabic, and Armenian. There were 425 women and girls present by actual count, representing five nationalities. A spirit of happy fellowship was evident, and the two hours spent in the meeting seemed none too long. The service closed with the Lord's Prayer in three languages at once.

Similar services were held at Salonica and at Athens, both of them helpful, though smaller, the attendance being doubtless influenced by the martial law in force in connection with the civil disturbances.

Miss Barbara Nicol, sister of Mrs. Frederick Erdman of Robert College and Miss Catherine Nicol, died last Wednesday at Tripoli, Syria, of double pneumonia. That day was her twenty-seventh birthday. She was a nurse in the Tripoli Hospital, and had made an unusually fine beginning to her work. Her parents are on furlough in America.

The visit of Dr. Henry S. Coffin at Beirut was a great stimulus to all, especially helpful was his series of three addresses in the University, with their clear and impressive Christian appeal, with their climax in the Sunday morning service in the crowded University Chapel. He also spoke at the School of Theology Assembly, on "The Authority of Jesus."

Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Woolworth spent about a week at Aintab including the Bayram season.

Rev. A. A. Bedikian is celebrating on April 1st the twentieth anniversary of his pastorate at the Armenian Evangelical Church in New York City. Mr. Bedikian's father was for some time pastor of the Gedik Pasha Church of Constantinople.

There seems to be every likelihood that the bill to change the weekly compulsory rest-day from Friday to Sunday will be brought up for consideration at the present session of the National Assembly.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Figgs

Dear friends:-

Word has come of the passing away of Mrs. Brown, mother of Mrs. Helen Scott, at the Athens Junior College at Elleniko, on Wednesday last, after an illness of a fortnight with bronchial pneumonia followed by heart failure. Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Scott in this separation. The funeral service was held the next day, led by Mr. Brewster; and the interment was in the cemetery where are the graves of Rev. Henry Marden, Rev. Herbert M. Irwin, the Compton baby, and others.

The Missionary Herald reports the death of Mrs. Mary E. H. Perry, widow of Rev. Henry A. Perry, D.D., formerly of Sivas; she died Jan. 14th, 1935, at her home in Ashfield, Mass., in her ninety-first year. She was born July 30, 1844, in Indiana, studied at Western Female Seminary, and was a missionary of the Presbyterian Board in Siam for five years. In 1891 she married Mr. Perry and went with him to Sivas in 1892, remaining there till 1913. Her work in times of epidemic and disorder was strong and inspiring. Dr. Perry passed away in Ashfield five years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. White of Anatolia College arrived in Stamboul from Salonica on Sunday last, and Mrs. White went right to the American Hospital for the purpose of surgical treatment under Dr. Lorrin Shepard's skilful hand.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles C. Morrison, of the Christian Century, are leaving this morning by Turkish steamer for Athens, expecting to join their daughter there and go back with her to Italy on their way to the United States. Dr. Morrison had a very satisfactory interview last week with the Greek Patriarch.

Talas entertained quite a party for Kurban Bayram, including Mrs. Blake, Miss Caroline Goodsell and Miss Noyes from Merzifon, and Miss Nosser and Miss Thompson from Angora. Mrs. Blake went on to Aintab, to revisit the scenes of her childhood.

A most enjoyable concert was given last evening at Robert College before the Friends of Chamber Music, by Herr Kicco Amar, celebrated violonist, and Herr Ferdy Von Statzer, the talented pianist, both of them now associated with the Turkish Conservatory here.

A list of newly adopted Turkish words, the equivalents of Arabic and Persian words in use till now, is being printed in some of the newspapers of Angora and Stamboul. When the approximately eight thousand words have all been announced in this way through the press, they will be issued in book form for general distribution.

Mr. Herbert Lewis, a graduate of Duke University, and formerly athletic trainer at North Carolina University, has arrived here, having been secured by the Turkish athletic association to coach the Turkish athletes for the Inter-Balkan championships of this year, and possibly for the Olympic games of next year. He begins his work immediately.

A trio of stalwarts from Robert College went to Brousa in the Bayram holidays, and greatly enjoyed skiing on the slopes of Mt. Olympus; they went up to the hotel, near the summit, and found some 80 others there, indulging in the same sport. They report deep snows there.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Higgs

Bible House, Stamboul, April 2, 1935

Dear friends:-

Mrs. George D. White of Anatolia College, Salonica, is making a fine recovery after the difficult major operation which she underwent on Thursday last at the American Hospital, Stamboul.

Rev. Harrison A. Maynard arrived yesterday in town from Smyrna and leaves this evening for Angora with Mr. Fowle, in connection with International College affairs.

Word has been received through "The New Outlook" of Toronto of the death of Rev. Ira W. Pierce, who came out from Canada to Harpout Station just before the war, in June 1914, with Mrs. Pierce, and left there in November of 1915, going to Beirut where they were detained till late in 1918 by war conditions, reaching Canada again in February, 1919. A graduate of McGill, and with normal training, he was well fitted for his post; but after the war he did not return, but became Secretary of the Canadian Armenian Relief Committee, and later on Secretary of the Quebec League Against Alcohol. He leaves his widow and two sons.

The Biennial Meeting of the Near East Christian Council is now being held at Beirut. The dates are April 1 to 5; and about seventeen members from other points were expected to be present. The Conference of Turkey and the Balkans is being represented by Professor Levonian, formerly of this area.

Professor and Mrs. James Tupper, of Lafayette College, Easton, Penn., have been making a stay of ten days or so in our city, and leave this morning for Athens for a brief visit. Dr. Tupper is Professor of English at Lafayette.

Mrs. Woolworth and Miss Brauer of Adana Station joined Mrs. Blake last Wednesday at Yenidje for a trip to the Tarsus mountain resort of Brüdjek, whence Mrs. Blake was to return to Merzifon.

Professor Edgar Faucett, whose work in systematizing the teaching of English in the Turkish schools is well known to all of us, passed through Constantinople last week, on his return from East Africa to England and America. Dr. Faucett went from America to China, and thence via India to British East Africa, where, at Nairobi, he did a similar piece of work for the English teaching in the Government schools. He flew thence to Khartoum, and came on from there by rail and steamer here.

A very pleasant celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of J.S. Bach, occurred the week before last in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hawkes, at Salonica, when there were several talks on the man and his work, and Mrs. Hawkes gave a number of selections on the piano from his compositions.

The engagement is announced of Dr. Bertram V.D. Post of Robert College, and Madame Anne De La Roche, of this city.

We have just learned of the death in January at Athens of Mr. Prodromos Shirinides, at the age of eighty. Mr. Shirinides was a native of Caesarea, graduated at Marsovan, and was a teacher in Talas before going to Greece in 1897, where for thirty years he was in the office of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and was an active member of the Greek Evangelical Church.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, April 9, 1935

Dear friends:-

On March 28th, the Erenkouy School property, where so many Annual Meetings have been held, was transferred from the name of Dr. Peet to its new owners. The McNaughton house and adjoining buildings as far as the sea, including the carpenter shop building, the large plane trees, and the greenhouse, were bought by Lawyer Mustafa Hamit Bey, as a summer home for himself. The rest of the property went to the wife of Engineer Emin Bey, who plans to make it into a residential estate. Payment was received in full, in cash, of Ltq. 25,000.

Dr. and Mrs. Clarence T. Craig, of Oberlin School of Theology, is making an extended visit in the Near East during his leave of absence. He is Professor of New Testament, and is especially looking up the sites connected with the career of St. Paul. They were in Beirut, Antioch and Aleppo in March, and Dr. Craig addressed the Near East School of Theology on "What is Christianity?" From Syria they came by rail to Stamboul, stopping for a not very successful visit at Iconium (Konia); and have gone now to Angora and the Smyrna region before crossing over to Greece.

Another recent lecturer at the Near East School of Theology was Dr. Howard Chandler Robbins, formerly Dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, and now Professor in the General Theological Seminary, who, with Mrs. Robbins, were guests of Prof. and Mrs. Greenslade during the latter part of March.

After visiting Angora, the Mission Treasurer with Mr. Maynard went on to Talas and Mr. Fowle to Sivas, and then to Adana from whence he is now on his way to Marash, expecting to return from there in about a week. The trip is connected with property liquidations.

Mr. and Mrs. Huntley, of Kyoto, Japan, who are connected with the Doshisha University, are visiting Mrs. Huntley's sister, Mrs. Lechord, of the Presbyterian Mission at Aleppo. They have with them their four children.

President Monroe is making the tour of the world before getting back to the Colleges here for the Commencement season. Having visited China after being in America, he is now presumably reaching Irak, both these visits being made in connection with educational programs. The date of his return here has not yet been announced.

Ambassador and Mrs. Skinner have returned to Stamboul after a somewhat prolonged stay in Angora. Mr. Shaw, Counsellor of the Embassy, is now taking his turn in Angora.

There is a real spiritual awakening in the Assyrian settlement to the north of Aleppo. The Protestant chapel there, a branch of the Emmanuel Church, is crowded on Sundays, the greater part of the people being from the Jacobite church. Cottage meetings are held during the week, in the evenings, and are largely attended and earnest. Some of the "Old Syrians" having large houses, have offered them for the services. The people in this quarter are mostly emigrants from Urfa, and the services are conducted in Turkish. The preacher is a blind man.

On Saturday and Sunday, March 30 and 31, Salonica had a regular blizzard, with high wind and drifted snow many feet deep. Electric wires and poles were down all over the city, and for four nights electric lights were out. Much damage was done to trees and shrubbery.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, April 16, 1935

Dear friends:-

Word has been received of the sudden death at Gibraltar on April 8th of Consul Charles E. Allen, until last August in charge of the Consulate-General here, and well known to Constantinopolitans, having come to the Consulate in 1919. He was in poor health when he left here, and it was hoped that a short stay in France would restore his vigor. Mrs. Allen was born in Kentucky in 1891. He was appointed to the Consulate at Gibraltar in November, but his career there has thus been cut short. Members of the American Luncheon Club will remember happily the witty papers with which he sometimes regaled the Club at its sessions. Mrs. Allen is a native of Constantinople.

Dr. Thomas Whittemore, who is in charge of the uncovering of the mosaics in Saint Sophia, reached here two days ago, returning from America, to resume shortly his work in that museum.

Groups of women from all countries of the globe are gathering in this city as delegates to the Congress of the International Alliance of Women, which opens its sessions on Thursday. Among other social functions in their honor, a reception will be given at the American College for Girls. One of the delegations is composed of some fifteen or so from the Junior College for Women at Beirut.

The Union Church of Pera is having a special series of services for Holy Week, every day except Saturday. On Wednesday it takes the form of a special meeting of the Constantinople Christian Workers' Union, at 5:30, at the Mansse, where Mrs. Alexander White and other delegates to the Women's Congress will make addresses.

The Beirut News Letter gives the news of the death of Mrs. William H. Hall, on April 2nd, as the result of a motor accident. Mrs. Hall and her three children were living in Cambridge, Mass. The late Professor Hall will be remembered as the Head of the Preparatory Department at Beirut University.

The four days' sessions of the Near East Christian Council, held at Beirut in the Erdman home two weeks ago, were very satisfactory and full of business. The Literature Committee report was particularly fine. While efforts to secure an Executive Secretary have not yet met with success, the office in Beirut will be continued. Mr. H. H. Riggs was re-elected Chairman, and Bishop Gwynne, of Egypt and the Sudan, Vice-Chairman, for the ensuing two year term.

Miss Whitelegge, who was connected with the Gedik Pasha School during 1927 and 1928, arrived this morning to attend the Women's Congress as a representative of England.

Mr. Luther Fowle wires that he is to be in Angora today, after visits to Adana, Mersin, Tarsus, and Marash. Mr. Isely of Aintab was to be with him in Marash. He is expected back here either tomorrow or Thursday.

The second meeting of the Economic Council of the Balkan Entente is to open tomorrow in Angora, with delegates from Rumania, Greece, Jugo-slavia and possibly Bulgaria.

Commencement at Verzifon Girls' School has been set for June 11th. The tentative date for the Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission has been announced as June 28th, at Scutari.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, April 24, 1935

Dear friends:-

Rev. J. Oscar Poyd, Ph.D., of the American Bible Society, after a stay of a week or ten days at Salonica, arrived here yesterday by way of Athens, and will be here for a short time, on Bible Society business.

Mrs. George D. White of Salonica, after making a good recovery from her recent operation, has developed a case of phlebitis, which will keep her at the Hospital here for some time longer.

The strike of chauffeurs in Beirut and vicinity continued till April 16th, and was a great hindrance to travel in all directions. The strikers resorted to violence, over-turning cars and busses that tried to run. But finally they accepted the terms offered by the Government and things seem to be going smoothly again.

The Congress of the International Alliance of Women closes its sessions in this city today. The election of officers was held yesterday, and Mrs. Corbett-Ashby was again chosen as President, with Mme. Latife Bekir, President of the Turkish Women's Union, as Vice-President, and Miss Gourd and Miss Neilans as Secretaries of the Executive Council. These and quite a number of other delegates will make a brief visit to Angora after today's session.

Lr. Bertram Van Dyck Post of Robert College and Mme Anne Delaroche were married on Easter Monday, April 22nd, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Riggs, and went off the same day for a brief honeymoon trip.

On Thursday of last week, the Christian Workers' Union held a meeting at the Union Evangelical Church manse, when addresses were made by Mrs. Alexander Whyte, Mrs. Negge, and Countess Bentinck spoke on behalf of the Oxford Group Movement. Further gatherings of the Group and friends will be held on Friday and Saturday, morning and afternoon, at the Park Hotel, Pera.

On a trip to various stations between April 2 and 17, the Mission Treasurer negotiated the sale of the Sivas City compound to the Vilayet, to be used for school purposes. The sales price, Ltq. 6,000, will be paid in two installments, in July 1935 and 1936.

Dr. Remzi Gönenc, Health Officer of Mersin, and formerly associated with the Adana American Hospital, has been summoned to a position in the Health Ministry at Angora, and will shortly join his wife, the Deputy of Afion, and his children, who are already at the Capital.

Permit has been granted to Mrs. Block to use the radio recently given ~~##~~ her by her brother. Thus without eye-weariness she will be able to get the world's news, - and much entertainment.

Various changes in the Aintab Hospital building, long regarded as desirable, and now necessary to conform to the new law for private hospitals, are being rapidly made. Dr. Dewey starts on furlough early in July, and will probably take his examination for a Specialist's license, in Stamboul, before joining his family for the westward voyage.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

After nearly two months in India, Dr. Fred Field Goodsell left April 3rd from Bombay for Beira, Portuguese East Africa, and is now presumably completing his visit in the East Africa Mission area, and going tomorrow to West Africa, to spend three weeks in the Angola district. He plans to spend June in South Africa, and come north in July. During his stay in India he visited at least twenty-five centres, including his Ceylon trip. He had an opportunity of a three-hour visit with Mahatma Gandhi; and he was also present at some sessions of the joint committee on Church Union in South India, in addition to seeing all phases of the American Board's work.

Oberlin College publishes a list of the 38 highest ranking students of its 375 Freshmen at midyears. Among these honor students are John H. Maynard, son of Rev. and Mrs. H.A. Maynard of Smyrna, and Edward Nicol, son of Rev. James N. Nicol of Beirut. Young John Maynard was also placed as one of the ten highest in the class.

Place with this record also these facts:- Farnsworth Fowle, son of our Treasurer, as a Sophomore at Williams, is on the editorial board of the Williams Record. Douglas Riggs, son of the President of Anatolia College, and a Junior in Yale Sheff, has been elected to Sigma Xi, which for the scientific school is the equivalent of Phi Beta Kappa in the academic.

Mrs. Mary Lee Turner, daughter of the late Dr. L.O. Lee, with her husband, who is in Y.M.C.A. work in China, are expecting to pass through Stamboul this July on their way to the United States on leave, and plan to spend a short time with Mrs. L. O. Lee before going on.

Miss Helen Frances Mulvey, a graduate of Pembroke College (Brown University) with a Master's degree from Columbia, had been secured for a three-year term of teaching in Athens Junior College, and was to be coming out to join the staff this fall; but has been prevented from carrying out her plans.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vrooman have moved from Watertown, Mass., to 16 Garden Street, Cambridge, Mass., until September, and are very busy indeed with the very rapid growth of Oxford Group activities in the Boston region.

The twenty-seven delegates and dozen or so other ladies connected with the International Congress, had a very successful visit in Angora, and were entertained by the President Atatürk at his villa for tea, and were shown all the sights of the Capital. They are now scattering to their homes.

In connection with the Empire celebrations of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the accession of King George V. of Great Britain, a special Thanksgiving service will take place at the British Embassy Chapel in this city on Monday next, May 6th, to which all British subjects are especially invited.

According to a bill now being introduced into the Kamutay, or Turkish National Assembly, Friday is to be retained as the weekly holiday; and official holidays are provided for as follows:- two days at New Year, three at the anniversary of the Republic, one day each on April 23 and May 1, three days for Sheker Bayram, and four days for Kurban Bayram. This bill has not yet been voted on.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Our sympathies go out to Miss Mabel E. Emerson by reason of the death of her brother, early in April.

Miss Elma French, of Idlib, Syria, a station of the Reformed Presbyterian Mission, died at the Altounyan Hospital in Aleppo, of heart trouble, on April 26th. She had come to Aleppo a week earlier and was a guest at the Merrill home, and under the care of Dr. Ernest Altounyan. She was up and about, even on the morning of the day she died. Friends from Idlib, Alexandretta, Antioch and Latakia came for the funeral, which was conducted by Dr. Kennedy. Strangely enough, all the missionaries except Mrs. Docherd and Mrs. Merrill were away from Aleppo, as were all the pastors. Miss French spent most of her missionary life in Mersin. She has been in Idlib the last two years. She was fifty-five years old.

Mr. Allen T. Hazen, formerly on the Tarsus College staff, has completed his thesis for his doctor's degree at Yale University, where he has secured a teaching position for next year.

Easter Sunday was marked by large attendance in the Aleppo churches. At the Emmanuel Church, "Worthy is the Lamb," from the "Messiah", was sung by the choir under Mrs. Hovnanian's leadership. Sunday evening the church was again filled to hear "The Seven Last Words", by Dubois; this was sung by a large chorus of sixty voices, the solo parts being taken by Mrs. Markham, Mr. Docherd, and Mr. Berberian. A semi-chorus sang especially beautifully. Mrs. Markham trained and conducted the chorus. On Good Friday the same cantata was sung in the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Rowland and Miss Shedden of Sofia American College have been spending their spring vacation at the Mission Hostel in Stamboul; and left Sunday evening on their return to Bulgaria.

Rev. Murray T. Titus, D.D., and family, of the Methodist Mission in Muradabad, near Delhi, India, spent some days last week at the Mission Hostel also, on their way back to America on furlough. Dr. Titus is quite an authority on Islamic literature and life in India.

Our old friends Consul-General and Mrs. Ravndal, who have been spending the winter with their son Eric and wife in Orlando, Florida, are starting next week back to Little Silver, N.J., to be with Olaf and his family. Their eldest son, Christian, who is in the consular service, has recently been transferred from Vancouver, B.C., to Buenos Ayres, Argentina.

Miss Jean Christie, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Christie, formerly of Tarsus, who has been teaching French in Occidental College, Pasadena, Calif., was married on March 9th to Eugene Lien, a student in the College. They are sailing for France, to study for Ph.D. degrees at the Sorbonne, expecting to teach again after returning to America, perhaps three years hence.

The wedding date for Miss Caroline Goodsell and Mr. Richard B. Smith has been set for June 16th, at Merzifon.

The papers now announce that the Government departments have accepted the principle of the Sunday compulsory holiday in place of Friday and that a bill is being prepared for submission to the Assembly, to make this a law. This apparently contradicts what was quoted in our last issue.

A party consisting of Mr. Lyman MacCallum, Br. Boyd of the American Bible Society, and Rev. Dr. Lambert, rector of a church in Stafford, England, left yesterday for a visit to the Seven Churches, going via Bandurma, and returning via Smyrna.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

A baby girl, Lenore Olive, came on May 1st to the home of Mr. Calvin Keene and Miss Elsa Weidtinger Keene, at 67 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, Conn. Hrc's to the May Queen!

Prof. Laurens Hickok Seelye, of the Department of Pedagogy of Beirut University, who has been on leave since 1933, has tendered his resignation, to assume on July 1st the Presidency of St. Lawrence University, at Canton, N.Y., an institution of some 2,000 students. Prof. Seelye and Mrs. Kate Chambers Seelye, daughter of our late colleague Dr. W. H. Bitt Chambers, and Mr. Chambers, have been connected with Beirut University since 1919, and are much beloved by staff and community. In accepting this Presidency, Prof. Seelye is honoring a family tradition:- his grandfather was President of Amherst College, and an uncle was long President of Smith College.

President and Mrs. Bayard Dodge are expected back in Beirut about June 6th, from their visit to America. The Commencement of the American University is scheduled for June 25th.

Dr. Fred Field Goodsell is expecting to reach Beirut after his African visits, about August 1st; and he is hoping to make several visits in the Near East Mission, including Aintab, the Adana region, probably Taurus, Stamboul, and presumably Greece. He is booked to sail for America from Cherbourg on Sept. 11th.

Dr. and Mrs. Cass Arthur Ebel are expecting to leave Beirut shortly after Commencement, and spend about five weeks on their way home for a furlough, stopping at Stamboul (July 2nd to 4th), Athens, Rome, and in Germany and England.

For a week, the first of May, Beirut sweltered in a sirocco from the desert, the mercury climbing to well over 100 in the shade. It is said to have attained the maximum for 19 years. Relief came on May 3rd and 4th, in a cool sea breeze.

The Near East School of Theology began yesterday a short course of nine days for preachers, when ten or a dozen such were expected to attend. Besides lectures by members of the Faculty, others were to be given by Pastor Nielsen of the Newmen School of Missions, and Mr. Harold Allen of the Near East Foundation.

Word has come of the birth of a second son to Mrs. Chas. Ruerink (Ruth Clark) as Donald Edward, born April 19th, in Michigan.

Mr. Paul Wilson has just been taking a turn through the South, during the latter part of April, visiting Berea, Ky., where he saw Mrs. Helen Post Ross and Miss Mary Baker; Nashville, where he saw Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Harper; Chattanooga, where he took lunch with Dr. Peet and Mrs. Hemphill; then to Raleigh and other points.

A group from Anatolia College, headed by Messrs. Hawkes and Compton, had a wonderful week the last of April at Mount Athos, being there for the Greek Easter services, and enjoying the spring flowers and grand forests.

Rev. Walter Wiley, formerly of Marsh, has accepted a call to the Congregational Church of Walpole, N.H., but we are not informed when his services begin.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

President Paul Monroe of Robert College and the American College for Girls, returned to his post on Friday evening last, coming from Baghdad by train, after a trip that took him via China, Singapore and India, with a short stop in Irak. We understand that he contemplates another trip before Commencement time, to England.

Rev. Frank C. Laubach, of the Mission to the Philippine Islands, is on his way home to America by way of the Near East. He reached Egypt May 9th, and Palestine the 17th, and is due in Beirut the 25th. He is expected to address the students of Beirut University on May 27th, and the School of Theology May 30th. He is interested in helping the Arabic-speaking people to an easier method of learning to read Arabic. Some time during June he is expected in Stamboul; and an effort is being made to secure his presence here while the Annual Meeting of the Mission is in progress.

We would express our deep sympathy with Miss Cecelia Berg, formerly of our Treasury office here, and now of Chicago, in the death of her father, on April 21st, following an operation.

Prof. and Mrs. George P. Michaelides, of the School of Theology at Beirut, are the parents of a second son, Stephen, born May 10th at the University Hospital.

Professor Edmund Tilley, formerly of the Phonetics Department at Robert College, is here on a rest tour, coming from England. He seems to be quite well.

Mr. J. Calvin Keene, formerly of International College, is at Yale University working on his Ph. D. degree, and expects to be there for another year of study.

A beautiful new yellow species of iris, produced at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., has been named by Mrs. William Harper, the Gazi, in recognition of the visit of Dr. and Mrs. Harper to this country, nearly four years ago.

The Nilsen family have engaged passage on the American Export liner leaving New York July 10, due here about August 5; and Mrs. L. A. Shepard and children come by the same line just a month later.

Stamboul has had during the past week an interesting visitor, Pere Gillet, of Grenoble, France, who was an atheist at the University before the war, but was deeply impressed during a revival later, and entered the Dominican Order, and finally went to work in the Uniate Church in Galicia and gradually worked over into the Orthodox Church of Russia. He is now in the Oxford Group movement.

Rev. J. Kingsley Birge has completed his work on his thesis for the Ph.D. degree, which has been submitted and is being examined.

Mrs. Leake, cousin of our late Miss Foreman of Aleppo, has been spending the winter with her sister Mrs. Mylrea, at Kuwait, Arabia, and is now at Aleppo for a short stay on her way back to America.

Dr. J. Oscar Boyd, after returning from the trip to the Seven Churches last Wednesday, left for Vienna, going via Sofia and from Lem to Vienna by Danube steamer.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Higgs

Dear friends:-

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Nicol, of Beirut, announce the engagement of their daughter, Catharine Alison, to Mr. Arthur L. Lauckton, of Springfield, Mass., who is on the teaching staff of Robert College. Miss Nicol has been for the past two years teaching in the Community School.

Dr. and Mrs. W.F. Dodd left Aintab May 19th for a vacation in Merzifon. Dr. Dodd's grandfather lies buried in Merzifon, where he spent two years in the 'sixties. Dr. Dodd's father spent twenty-five years in Talas in medical work, until 1911. The changes in methods of travel would amaze these veterans, could they see present conditions. Our colleagues take the Taurus Express at Fevzi Pasha before noon, and arrive at Caesarea late that night; and they go on to Merzifon by the next evening. Before the day of railroads, such a journey would have taken two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. White left Stamboul Saturday by Lloyd Triestine steamer, on their return to Salonica, Mrs. White has quite recovered her health.

Miss Annie M. Barker and her friend Miss Burton of England, have gone on a visit to Smyrna, Ephesus, and perhaps other points.

The annual observation of Memorial Day will take place at the Ferikeuy Cemetery on Thursday afternoon at five o'clock. The American Ambassador will preside, and Hon. M.K. Moorhead, the Consul-General, will give an address.

The new law making Sunday the day of rest in place of Friday was passed on Monday by the Turkish Assembly, and will be put into operation very soon. It involves general closing up offices, stores, etc. from Saturday at 1 p.m. till Monday morning, only that stores furnishing foods, drinks, and clothing will be open Saturday afternoons.

Professor H.H. Barnum of Robert College has arranged an exchange of functions with Professor Hazeltine, of Middlebury College, Vt., and Prof. and Mrs. Barnum start next week Thursday for a year at Middlebury, where their two older girls are studying.

Miss Sophie S. Holt, formerly of Adabazar Girls' High School, and for several years resident at Detroit, Michigan, working among the Armenians of that city, is now living in Denver, Colorado, whose climate is better suited to her health.

One of the outstanding persons in local journalism, Ahmet Djevdet Bey, for many years connected with the Ikdam, died suddenly in Angora yesterday, of heart disease, at the age of seventy. He had gone there to attend the Press Congress.

The regular Field Day of Robert College was held this last Saturday, and two records were broken. The date was changed from Friday because of a special Field Day of all the athletic organizations of the city, at Kadikouy that day, in honor of the Gazi, - which, however, he did not attend.

According to the local papers, an important paper has been presented by the Director of the Meteorological Observatory, Fay Fatin, proving that the Hatay Turks discovered the science of astronomy 18,000 years before our era. Scientific journals please copy.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Mr. Willard D. Rye, third son of Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Rye, and a senior at Oberlin College, has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and has also received a Fellowship in Geology at the California Institute of Technology. His younger brother, Donald, of the senior class in Oberlin High School, has been chosen by the faculty a member of the Oberlin Chapter of the National Honor Society, being second in his class.

Mr. Edward C. Riggs, eldest son of the late Mr. Theodore D. Riggs, formerly of Merzifon and Salonica, has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa from Denver University.

After a pretty successful financial campaign for the Y.M.C.A. Secretary Harry Baker, with Mrs. Baker and Miss Mitchell and Miss Ruggles have gone off on a jaunt through Anatolia, visiting Adana, Tarsus, Ulu Kishla, Nigde, Bor, the Troglodyte country, Talas, and Angora before they return to this city.

Miss Alice Lindsley, of the Scutari School, who is now on furlough, was on May 14th granted permanent appointment by the Board, in compliance with the request of the Near East Mission, Miss Lindsley expects to return to her post this fall.

Miss Dorothy G. Blatter has been re-engaged for another term of three years' teaching at the Merzifon Girls' School, and will also be coming out this fall.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank C. Laubach, and son of the Philippine Mission, arrived in Stamboul harbor this morning from Beirut, and will be making a brief stay in our city.

The fine mosaic portrait above the entrance from the porch into the narthex at St. Sophia, has been uncovered to the public view, and is judged to be a finer specimen of mosaic than the one over the main entrance into the main body of the building. Dr. Whittemore is now working on the mosaics in the gallery.

Mr. Alfred Carleton went over from Talas to Sivas, week before last, and succeeded in making the final transfer of the three pieces of Mission property there, - the main city compound, the chapel property, and the Swiss Orphanage, - to the Vilayet, to be used for School purposes.

Mr. Luther Fowle returned yesterday from a trip to Smyrna in connection with the projected sale of the International College property at Paradise, to the Turkish Government.

The change of the weekly holiday from Friday to Sunday, the passing of the new law having been mentioned in our last issue, was carried out sooner than anticipated; and on Saturday morning, June 1st, it was announced that it would be put into effect immediately. Schools and Government offices therefore closed up Saturday at one o'clock; and Sunday last was as tight shut as the Fridays have been thus far. The first noticeable result was an increased attendance at church services throughout the city. Hereafter the legal holiday begins at one o'clock Saturday afternoon, and closes Sunday night.

In connection with this, the official holidays have been announced as follows:- Victory Day, October 29th, with observance of the 28th and 30th; National Sovereignty Day, April 23rd; Spring Holiday, May 1st; Sheker Bayram, 3 days; Kurban Bayram, 4 days; and lastly, New Year's Day. Private establishments are required to be closed only on the first of these holidays.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

The undersigned, with Mrs. Riggs and Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. MacNeal, is leaving this afternoon by Italian steamer for Naples, en route to New York, hoping that the "Conte di Savoia" will land them in New York June 27th. During this year of furlough, the NEWS NOTES will be conducted by the Treasury Department, and we trust they will have the full cooperation of all our circle, such as has been generously granted in the past. The undersigned and wife can be addressed at Middlebury, Vermont.

The seventh annual field day of the secondary schools of Aleppo and vicinity was held May 30th, with six schools contending. Our own Aleppo College took first place, with 55 1/2 points, and the College Laïque, second, with 43 1/2 points. The high jump record was broken by a student of the College of the Marist Fathers, with a jump of 1.57 1/2 m. Mr. Markham was in charge. Music was furnished by the band of the North Syria School for Boys.

Next Sunday is the Baccalaureate service of the Near East School of Theology, at Beirut; Rev. H. H. Riggs is to deliver the sermon. The commencement exercises will be held June 19th, in the Mission Church.

Of the families that are going to America this year on furlough, three expect to attend the Annual Meeting in whole or in part, - the Dewey, Blake, and H.H.Riggs families.

Mrs. Lydia Flint sends the following message: "Greetings and best wishes for each and all in the Near East Mission. Whenever friends pass to and from the West through Syracuse, N.Y., I hope they will plan to have a bit of a visit. 121 Green Street is only three blocks off any direct route through Syracuse by auto. I can if in town meet any train. My telephone is 3-4845, and address, 221 Green Street. A warm welcome and greeting for each one awaits you."

Rev. J.K. Birgo has received his degree of Ph.D. upon the completion of his thesis and other work, at Hartford Seminary. Congratulations to our colleague, Dr. Birgo!

Will those who are planning a summer trip, or a year's absence send us notice of their change of address, so that the NEWS NOTES may follow them regularly? Kindly state when such changes begin.

The engagement is announced of Miss Doris Ewing, of the American College for Girls, and Professor Edmund Tilley, formerly of Robert College and now of England.

Rev. Charles F.H. Crathorn, who from 1919 to 1921 was with the Near East Relief and the Y.M.C.A. in this country, died April 18th. Mr. Crathorn was born in England in 1864, but early became an American citizen; he held pastorates in America between 1893 and 1917, after which he saw service overseas with the Y.M.C.A. Returning to the United States in 1921, he has latterly been pastor at Bedford, New Hampshire. He leaves a wife and five children.

Rev. J. Henry Heuse, D.D., of Salenica celebrated his ninetieth birthday on May 29th; and representatives of all the city were there to wish him a blessing. The American circle were all there; and several came from Athens, including the American Minister, Mr. MacVeagh. Rev. S.W. Gentle-Cackett from London was also present. The hall of the Farm School was packed in the afternoon, and there were half-a-dozen speeches of felicitation. Dr. Heuse held a service in the morning and preached to his boys, a sermon they will never forget. He certainly has the affection of the whole Greek people.

Farewell. Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Cables from the families concerned were received from America and forwarded on the 15th to the wedding party in Herzifon. And telegram from Mr. & Mrs. R. B. Smith dated in Samsun on the afternoon of the 16th, announced that the wedding had taken place, as planned. Hearty congratulations from a wide fellowship go to the newly established home.

Speaking of cables, a wire from Peiping sent at 10.45 on the 17th, arrived in Istanbul about 10 o'clock, bringing word of a teaching position in Ginling College, Nanking, for Miss Margaret Thompson, who has been teaching in the Ankara Girls' Lycee for the past two years. Miss Thompson starts shortly for the Far East, sightseeing as she goes.

Miss Marion Nesser, in Ankara as teacher in the Educational Society Model School, plans to take the summer course at the American School of Archeology in Athens, after a week spent in visits to Pergama and Ephesus.

Mr. Paul Nilson continues his effective speaking, and late in May had made his 39th address since reaching America last summer. This time Mrs. Nilson and Dorothy are with him, and the area is Oregon and Washington. Mid-June will find them back at Beloit for Commencement, and on July 26th. they sail from New York to rejoin the Mission.

The announcement in the "Herald", and the card received in the last mail from America "June 3: 1885 - 1935: Flora Holmes Barton: James L. Barton" will cause thoughts of esteem and affection from all over the world to focus on these well beloved associates, on this Golden Anniversary. We wish them continued health and well-being, and rejoice in the example of hard work, wide interests, statesmanship, and faith in God and Man, which the name "Barton" has come to exemplify.

A recent American newspaper correspondent referred in the Turkish Press to the phrase in literature "the desert, blossoming like the rose", as expressing the achievement of the Turkish Republic in Ankara. Mr. Kreider, who has just returned from the Capital, reports that the ambitious water-supply project is nearing completion. Already an artificial lake some ten kilometers in length has been formed behind the picturesque dam at "Chubuk Baraji". Residents of the capital are engaging in water sports at this lake, and even row-boats are making their appearance.

Announcement has been made by the Trustees of the Constantinople American Colleges, that Dr. Paul Monroe whose term of service ends this month, will be succeeded by Dr. Walter L. Wright, Ph. D., in the Presidency of the two American Colleges on the Bosphorus. Dr. Wright is at present a member of the History Faculty at Princeton: and is already familiar with Turkey and the Turkish language. His Doctor's Thesis was written on "Ottoman Statecraft", and some years ago he spent many months in language and historical studies in this country. More recently he was here in 1934, in connection with the Economic Survey conducted by Americans for the Turkish Government. Mrs. Wright is a Wellesley graduate of the Class of 1924. Many of the American Board circle in the Near East have already met Dr. and Mrs. Wright, and will rejoice to learn of their appointment to this post of privilege and responsibility.

Is reform about to overtake the "hamals", those picturesque burden bearers who move slowly through our streets bent double beneath loads which a horse could not carry? This week one of these men was killed when a touch from a passing motor car overbalanced him, and his 500 pound load crushed him. The accident gave rise to a good deal of comment in the newspapers, which were almost unanimous in declaring that this medieval method of transporting heavy goods was unsuitable in a modern city such as Istanbul. There are 2600 "hamals" registered along the waterfront alone, and many thousands more sit at street corners in the business and residential parts of the city, waiting for some one to hire their strong backs.

Yours truly, The Treasury Department.

Dear friends:-

Our special news reporter from Merzifon gives the following particulars of the Goodsell-Smith wedding of June 16th.

Piano solo - Mrs. Lynda Goodsell Blake

Duet - Dr. Clark and Miss Brauer

Wedding March - Miss Jessie Martin, with chorus of 20 school girls.

Wedding Ceremony - the Turkish civil ceremony
the religious ceremony - conducted
by Mr. Blake.

Mr. Carleton was best man; the local Governor and Dr. Dodd were witnesses. Bobbie and Margaret Dodd, Johnnie and Lincoln Blake, and Mureil Carleton scattered rose petals, or carried the bride's train.

All the notables of the city were among the hundred guests at the reception, and as the bride tossed her bouquet from the balcony, it is said that the ladies present behaved as ladies should.

All best wishes from all our Circle to the happy pair.

Merzifon School celebrated its Commencement on June 11th. with the graduation of six students.

Miss Mitchell and Miss Ruggles, with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baker, all of Istanbul, have returned from a two-week trip through Anatolia, delighted in what they have seen, and most grateful for the hospitality and friendliness shown them all along the way. One result of the new 15 and 30 day tickets on Turkish railways, is that many more people are finding it possible to see the real country of Turkey.

Mrs. Lee, with Prof. Estes and son, left on June 17th for some days in Greece, before Prof. Estes goes on to America. Mrs. Lee is to give the Commencement address at Athens Junior College.

The Scutari School graduation took place on June 21st. and was a delightful occasion. As usual, the group singing of the school was most effective. Several of the graduating class presented papers, after which the American Ambassador spoke in English; and Dr. Shepard in Turkish. Miss Loughridge was unable to be present on account of slight illness: the former Principal of the School, Miss Harley of Saloniki, gave the diplomas to the group which at one time was "her class" - and was delighted to have her share in this occasion.

The Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission assemblies at the Scutari School, on Saturday morning, June 29th. Mr. Riggs Brewster of Athens is Chairman of the meeting.

Strawberries grown on the hills above the Bosphorus have this year been in great demand for the breakfast tables of Berlin. Thanks to cheap freight rates introduced by competing air lines, this delicate fruit can be profitably exported, and placed on the Berlin market within thirty hours of being gathered in the gardens of Istanbul.

Rev. Leslie J. Adkins, recently of Antioch, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Second Congregational Church in Beverly, Mass. and took up his new duties on June 12th. Mr. and Mrs. Adkins may be addressed at 578 Cabot Street, Beverly, Mass.

The Treasury Department hopes to supervise the weekly "News Notes" during the summer months, until more adequate arrangements can be made in the Fall. We hope that Mr. Lynn MacCallum will furnish weekly comments on items from the Press.

Very truly yours,

Bible House, Istanbul, July 2, 1935

Dear friends:-

Under date of June 3, Rev. Walter B. Wiley (Box 156 Walpole, N.H.) reports a challenging work with fine response, in the church "of one of New Hampshire's prittiest towns". Mr. Wiley's report confirms that of Mr. Nilson, Dr. Birge, and others, as to the deep interest of the American people in all that is taking place in the new Republic of Turkey.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Laubach of the Philippine Mission, left Istanbul a few days ago for Europe and America, after outlining his thirtieth chart (this time in Turkish) for the teaching of literacy in their own native tongue, to adults as well as children. It is hoped that this technique may prove of help in the Adult Education efforts now being made in many lands.

Some sixty-five friends of Dr. & Mrs. MacCallum gathered at the home of Miss Barker on Tuesday, June 25th. to surprise Mrs. MacCallum on the occasion of her 70th. birthday. Bouquets for the guest of honor: the beautiful playing of Chopin by Bayan Saime Muhittin; a birthday cake following other delicious refreshments: and some kindly words from the Lady of the day, marked an occasion which well reflected the esteem and affection in which Mrs. MacCallum is held.

The Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission of the American Board assembled at the Soutari Girls' School on Saturday June 29th. at 10 a.m. under the Chairmanship of J. Riggs Brewster, of Athens.

The Delegates are:

Adana Station	- Miss Towner and Miss Brauer
Aintab	- Miss Heniss, Mr. Isely (Dewey family also visiting)
Aleppo	- Mr. Markham
Athens	- Mr. Brewster
Beirut	- Mr. Henry Riggs (with family, en route to America)
Caesarea	- Miss Dwight, Dr. Nute, Mr. Carleton
Merzifon	- Miss Ward, Mr. Blake (with family, en route to U.S.)
Salonica	- Miss Harley, Mr. Hawkes
Smyrna	- Miss Parsons, Miss Hinman
Constantinople	- Mrs. J.K. Lyman, Mrs. Leslie, Miss Lucas
Ex-officio	- Dr. MacCallum, Mr. Kreider, (Sec.) Mr. Fowle (Treas)

The Meeting organized and heard reports from the Stations on the 29th. On Sunday afternoon, the members of the Mission and many others assembled at the School for the church service, the annual sermon being preached by Merrill N. Isely. There followed the Communion Service, conducted by Dr. MacCallum and Rev. J.K. Lyman, with Dr. Shepard and Mr. Kreider serving as deacons.

On Monday July 1st. the Station reports were finished, and the meeting plunged into the various problems to be met. Fuller report will be given in the next issue.

Dr. Goodsell's modified plans provide for reaching Cairo on July 18th. by plane from South Africa (Address: Thomas Cook's, Cairo)

July 21st.- Care of Prof. Levenian, Beirut, Thence to Aleppo, calling on the Merrills.

July 27-31- Aintab and Adana-Burucuk.

Aug. 1-8 - Talas, Care of Carol and Dick Smith
Visit in Ankara

Aug. 12-19- Istanbul area.

The above is entirely tentative, but indicates where and when people can reach Dr. Goodsell.

Very truly yours,
The Treasury.

Bible House, Istanbul, July 10, 1935.

Dear friends:-

The delegates listed in our last week's issue completed the business before them in one of the shortest annual meetings of recent years. Obstinate by nature, the financial problem came to a head on July 4th., while the visit of Ambassador Skinner and Consul-general Moorhead afforded a most pleasant relief from an otherwise strenuous day.

The Mission Communion Service having been held on June 30th. the second Sunday of the meeting permitted us to attend the services at the Dutch Chapel and other churches; the ordination of Rev. Harabed Der Hovhannessian by the Gedik Pasha Church; and in the late afternoon an hour of piano music by Herr Von Statzer, followed by supper in the garden of the Fowle home.

Regular business was finished on Saturday afternoon, July 6, and Monday forenoon was devoted to a general discussion of policy. An afternoon at the Siadiye YMCA camp as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baker provided a happy finale to a serious but fine mission meeting.

Too mindful of their associates' good wishes to pass through Istanbul incognito, the Bonsall Smiths - otherwise Dick and Carol - brightened the meeting by their presence for a few hours before launching out on their honeymoon. Present address - one of the Mediterranean isles; date of return - sometime before Daddy Goodsell arrives.

Other "change of air" plans include Bulgaria for Wm. Hawkes; Switzerland for Jeanette Odell; England for Misses Putney and Woodward; and Beirut for Miss Ward.

After a few busy days of sight-seeing in Istanbul, the Dowe family sailed for Naples, to join the Woolworths on the "Conte di Savoia" on July 13th. for their furloughs in America. Miss Olive Greene is also on the seas; and the Blake and Henry Riggs families leave Istanbul this week for their furlough years in America. The presence of these families, and their fine contribution to the annual meeting, is most deeply appreciated by their associates. Our wishes for happy days of travel in Europe and on the seas, and the best of furloughs, go with them.

A conference on Home Economics is being planned for September 2 - 7, 1935, at the Sidon Girls' School, Sidon, Lebanon. The program will be arranged in two sections; one for home-makers, the other for those interested in the teaching of Home Economics. Those interested are asked to communicate promptly with Miss Irene Teagarden, Sidon Girls' School, Sidon, Lebanon.

Tentative plans for a camp high on Bithynian Olympus are being made by Dr. Shepard, the Ernest Riggs and Fowle families, and Lyman MacGallum. The dates will be July 25 - Aug. 15, inshallah.

Mrs. H.A. Maynard of Izmir has been a welcome visitor at Annual Meeting, and is staying on some days with Miss Barker.

While packing-up on June 17th. after receiving his diploma Cum laude from Williams College, and naturally wondering in which direction to drive his little car that helped him pay the bills, Curtis Fowle received a telegram offering him a modest position in the Standard Oil Co., of New Jersey. He drove south, and reported for duty at nine the next morning.

Robert Browster, Cyril Nute, and Farnsworth Fowle have been reported as winning various honors in their schools and colleges - and there are others of our circle, not yet reported.

Very truly yours,
Treasury Department

Dear Friends:-

The past week has been filled with the comings and goings of Annual Meeting delegates, most of whom have now left for their homes, for visiting other Stations, or on their furlough travels. The Carleton family stays on for a couple of weeks of refreshment, on the Bosphorus.

Rev. and Mrs. Philip D. Dutton of the Board's North China Mission, are visiting Istanbul with their two sons, homeward bound for furlough.

The Boston Office has reported to us sailing plans of three families, all returning by Export Steamship Lines to this Mission.

From New York, on July 25th. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nilson and children.

From New York, on Aug. 10th. Mrs. Lorrin Shepard and children, leaving Alice to continue her studies at Dana Hall.

From New York, on Aug. 25th. Mr. and Mrs. Birge and two daughters, leaving Robert a senior at Yale, Kingsley at Dartmouth, and Bill at Deerfield Academy.

The daily "Tan" of July 15th. carried the following news item: "Turkish Christians met yesterday: the Union of Secular Turkish Christians held its inaugural yesterday at 14 o'clock at the Halkevi. The members present were the directors, principals, and teachers from minority schools. The meeting was conducted by Davit Savul Yilmaz, president and one of the founders of the Union. In explaining their purpose and program, the president said 'Our first objective is to create sound Turkish citizens. The law of the Republic leaves citizens free in religious matters. We are not concerned with their religious beliefs of our Christian members. The one thing which we expect from each member is that he shall hold it an honor to be a Turk, and shall be sensitive on this point.' Following this a former teacher and principal, Sarkis Donik, came to the platform and spoke a few words."

The American High School for Girls (formerly the Aintab Girls' Seminary) celebrated its 75th. Anniversary in June, a Committee of the Alumnae arranging the program. Some two hundred graduates of American Girls' Schools, now residing in Aleppo, joined with the Alumnae of this particular school in honoring the occasion. The Alumnae Association is raising a Fund for the aid of the School, and contributions to that Fund will be heartily welcomed.

Sister Paula Schaeffer sends her remembrances to her American Board friends in a letter just received. Her present address is - Djabrié, Aleppo.

Encouraged by the local Director of antiquities, several foreign archeological expeditions are at work in Istanbul this summer. The remarkable work of Prof. Whittemore in uncovering the rich mosaics of Aya Sofiya needs no fresh mention. A small British group under Prof. Baxter is doing some exploratory digging on the site of the Byzantine Imperial Palace, close under the rear wall of the Mosque of Sultan Ahmet. Under their picks one of the pavements of this palace is coming to light. Near the Adrianople Gate, Prof. Schatzmann is excavating the ruined Odalar Djami, which was formerly the Byzantine Church of the Virgin of the Aposary. Underneath the main church were sixteen small rooms, the walls of which were covered with frescoes from the Comnenian period (12th. Century). When the Church became a Mosque in 1636, these rooms were partly filled in, and the excavators are planning now to uncover these frescoes, as well as to seek for the graves of the priests whom it was customary to bury beneath this structure. In the Cigalglu region of Istanbul, a fine mosaic pavement was accidentally discovered this week, and has been removed to the museum.

Very truly yours,
The Treasury Office.

Bible House, Istanbul, July 25, 1935.

Dear friends:-

Mrs. H. A. Maynard and Miss Brauer report a most interesting visit to the "Phrygian Monuments," covered in a one-day auto trip out of Eskishehir. The "Turing Klüp" Hotel at Eskishehir proved to be a very satisfactory base for the expedition. Autos make the circuit of these points for Ltq. 25.00, and it is not difficult in dry weather. The points of special interest are near the village of Yazili Kaya (inscribed rock), including the Aidas Stone (800 or 900 B.C.), also the fortress and tombs at Kumbet. Mrs. Maynard has prepared a useful itinerary for others who care to make this trip.

Pres. and Mrs. E. W. Riggs, daughter Margaret and "Senny" have been enjoying the cool breezes of the Bosphorus and a few days of sightseeing in Istanbul before leaving to-day for Brousa and the Bithynian Olympus. With them this morning, bound for their usual camp site on "Ulu Dag" for a stay of three or four weeks, have gone Dr. Shepard, Mr. and Mrs. Fowle, Joy and Richie, accompanied by Barbara Tompkins. Mr. Lyman MacCallum will join them in camp having preceded them to Brousa twodays ago.

Dr. and Mrs. F. W. MacCallum left on the Turkish steamer Tuesday for Athens where they will join Miss Emily MacCallum for a month in Greece or other desirable vacation spot.

Miss Adelaide S. Dwight has received permit to spend her vacation with Miss Dewey in Nardin and shortly expects to journey thither.

Miss Jeannette E. Odell, having missed her steamer in Venice due to misinformation as to sailing hour, arrived in Istanbul by train Sunday morning and is returning to Merzifon by the Thursday boat to Samsun. She reports a delightful rest in Switzerland and satisfaction that the Turkish language accidentally used in Belgrade, provided a basis of communication which saved her from taking the wrong train.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Bonsall Smith spent a few days here last week on their return from honeymooning in Corfu. They returned to Talas on the Friday evening train.

A party of missionaries of the Presbyterian Board located at Tabriz, Persia, consisting of Dr. and Mrs. W.P. Ellis, daughter and son, Mrs. Cochran with four daughters, and Miss Caroline Lamme accompanied by Mr. Haidenberg of Jouris were in Istanbul over the past week-end. Dr. Ellis returned to his Station by way of Trabizon having brought the party as far as Istanbul on its way to France where the young folks will spend a year in school before proceeding to the States for a regular furlough.

With the arrival yesterday from Angora of a Board of Control to supervise the administration of the Istanbul Telephone Company, the sale of this institution to the Turkish Government enters its final stages. The Company's representatives are in London arranging the sale with the shareholders. The Telephone Company was established about the year 1911 when the dethronement of Sultan Abdul Hamid removed the ban on so dangerous an instrument as the telephone. About three years ago the company went over to the automatic system in all its larger branches. Compared with the somewhat inefficient systems which prevailed in neighboring countries, the Istanbul Telephone Company has always had an enviable reputation for good service.

Very truly yours,
The Treasury Office.

Dear friends:-

According to the most up-to-date information in hand, Dr. Goodsell will be traveling from Aintab to Adana to-day, and Adana to Kayseri tomorrow. After a week in Talas-Kayseri, he hopes to stop at Ankara on his way to Bursa, where he may spend some days with the Fowle and Ernest Riggs families and Dr. Shepard at the Uiz Dagh camp. After a short week in Istanbul, he will probably go on to Europe via Sofia and Pordim, Bulgaria.

Harriet Arline Hallett writes from 1930 S. Main street, Wichita, Kansas, reporting that after an illness extending through last fall and winter her father died in March of this year. Miss Hallett is engaged in social work in Wichita, where she and her mother have taken up their residence.

Dr. Walter L. Wright, Jr. writes from Princeton to order Turkish lexicons for several former residents of the Near East who have been studying history in his department this year, - Sidney N. Fisher of Robert College, and Harvey P. Hall of Beirut. Dr. Wright hopes to reach Istanbul about Sept. 10th to take up his new responsibilities as president of Robert College.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake and Mr. Starr, Harvard archeologists, have been investigating the prospects for excavating at Van, and visited Miss Dewey at Mardin on their way to Bagdad and Istanbul respectively.

Undaunted by propaganda for a safe-and-sane Fourth, the Birge family celebrated with Alice Lindsley and sister at San Gabriel, Calif., by consuming a huge array of flapjacks, bacon, sausages, and then attacked near by fruit trees for dessert. Other adventures reported include a Sayrna reunion, with representatives from the Caldwell, Ferguson, Ford, Trueblood, Mormon, and Birge families, plus Alice Lindsley and Jessie May Hardie; also calls on Miss Rice, Miss Marden, and Miss McClaren. Despite the attractions of the Great State the Birges hoped to return to Hartford about Aug. 1, and plan to sail on the 25th.

The Scutari School household, as hostesses to the Annual Meeting, report that in the cleaning up of the debris a pair of white duck trousers bearing the initials "W.L.H." were found. Anyone identifying them will be recognized, and no questions asked. (No, Mrs. Hawkes says they are not his).

Dr. and Mrs. Clark are paying a visit to their former station, Talas, this week. Miss Brauer, who feels that she has spent enough of her vacation visiting ruins, is now here awaiting Miss Martin, expected to arrive yesterday from Merzifon.

The Turkish papers report an earth quake which was felt here last Friday morning at 4:55 A.M. A second lighter shock occurred ten minutes later.

Very truly yours,

The Treasury Department

Istanbul, August 6, 1935

"Held up at Samsoun," was the message Miss Odell had to send to her Merzifon associates last week end, when she found that a large group of her "old girls" had arranged a surprise party to welcome her as she returned from summer vacation. "Fathers, brothers, and husbands dropped in and out and we had a grand time," says Miss Odell. One alumna and her baby shared a room with the guest of honor, while the other girls slept in rows on the floor of another room.

The Carleton family left Istanbul the last day of July, going via Talas to Bürücek, where Mrs. Carleton, Muriel, and Anne Marie will be living for some weeks, while Alford commutes between Tarsus and this lovely summer place in the Taurus Mountains.

The long-awaited guests of Mrs. Lee, - Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Turner, with their sons, Eugene and Frank, - are spending a week here. The Turners have been in YMCA work in China since 1913, latterly at Nanchang. Mrs. Turner will be remembered by many as Mary Lee, daughter of Dr. Lucius O. Lee of Marash.

Letters sent by the Dewey family from the "Conte di Savoia", and by the Blakes from the "Berengaria," both report comfortable crossings. At least, on second reading, it seems clear that the phrase, "three-year -old cyclone," found in one of the letters, did not pertain to the condition of the elements.

The latest letter from Paul Nilson starts off; "Statue of Liberty, July 25, 1935. Dear Luther: We're off! In the ship's hold are 5 boxes machinery, 1 auto, & all Nilson trunks, etc." The Nilsons hope to land at Istanbul August 16th or 17th.

Elizabeth Scipio, daughter of Dean Scipio of the Engineering Department of Robert College, arrived from the States via Lloyd Triestino steamer on Sunday, July 28th, for a visit with her parents. Miss Scipio graduated in June from Depauw University.

Mrs. Harry T. Baker left on the Triestino Express last Thursday for the States, being called there by the serious illness of her father. She will probably remain in the States until after Mr. Baker's furlough, which begins in the spring of 1936.

On July 10th, Mr. Charles Thomas Malbon, son of the late Dr. Charles F. Malbon of Stamboul, and of Mrs. Malbon, now of East Northfield, Mass., was married to Miss Beatrix Hansen Moody, daughter of the late William R. Moody, and granddaughter of the late Dwight L. Moody. The ceremony was performed on the lawn at the home of the bride's mother, by President Paul Moody of Middlebury College, uncle of the bride. Mr. Robert Foster, of Shanghai, China, was the best man. Mr. and Mrs. Malbon will live in New York City.

Dr. Lerrin Shepard made a hurried trip back to Istanbul, from Ulu Dagh, last Wednesday night, to operate on Miss Clary for appendicitis the next morning. Miss Clary is making a good recovery and Dr. Shepard has returned to the Camp.

"Appetites are ominous; ten hours sleep per night is normal for adults; all have profited from Dr. Shepard's taking ways with the trout; all-day picnics (!!! - Editor) and long walks are preparing flabby muscles and wheezy lungs for a first attack on the summit." Extracts from a letter received from Ulu Dagh Camp.

Dr. Goodsell is expected in Istanbul on the 15th, and intends to leave for Sofia on the 23rd. The 8th is to be spent in Ankara, and the period from the 9th through the 14th at the Ulu Dagh Camp.

The Treasury Department.

Istanbul, August 13, 1935.

Dear friends:

Speculation as to the whereabouts of Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum, their daughter Mrs. Edith Laird of Beirut, and Miss MacCallum is now ended by receipt of a letter dated August 7th at Kamnik, Yugo-Slavia. Omitting unpleasant references to financial embarrassment, we quote from Dr. MacCallum's letter: "This is a charming village we heard of when we were in Ljubljana. There are high mountains in the distance all around us and beautiful views everywhere and easy or hard walks, to suit every taste. We came up the Dalmatian coast in an Italian steamer, stopping at the most interesting places, and got off at Fiume and from there came on to Ljubljana, one of the four large cities in this country. We stayed there three days very comfortably but as we all preferred country life have settled down in this village for a couple of weeks. We plan to leave on the 15th, go to Trieste and Venice, then to Athens and so home by the Turkish steamer leaving Piraeus on the 28th."

The population of the mountain top above Brousa was increased on Monday of this week by the arrival of Mrs. Lee, Miss Harley and Mrs. Leslie, also Prof. Erdman and Charles Estes. Dr. Goodsell also arrived according to schedule on August 9th and hopes to proceed to Istanbul when the above mentioned party returns on Thursday.

Although we are still uninformed as to the name of the chosen lady we have it on excellent authority that Lincoln Goodsell is now engaged to "one of Carol's best friends, - and Wellesley class-mate. They plan to be married in September soon after Fred gets back."

Release from an extended period of suffering came to Miss Ida Wood Price on July 24th, at the end of some days of unconsciousness. A member of one of the oldest families of Huntington Long Island, Miss Price had first arrived in the Near East in September 1884 and retired in 1927. For some time past Miss Price had been living at Saranac Lake, New York, where she found a staunch friend in Miss Stella Norton, the Saranac Librarian, and was frequently visited by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson, formerly of Istanbul.

Mr. Charles T. Riggs sends us word of the death of one of his former pupils, Mr. Leon Dominion, first Secretary of the United States Legation at Montevideo. Mr. Dominion had won a name for himself in connection with the American Geographical Society of New York and had published several books and had made explorations in several different countries.

Lovers of Istanbul's mosques and architectural monuments will be glad to know of the agitation now appearing in the Turkish press which calls attention to the manner in which these fine buildings are lost to view behind an ugly mass of atrocious signboards. The point to which attention is being attracted just at the moment is the Yenî Camî the well-known landmark at the Stamboul end of the Galata bridge. Some are even pressing for the demolition of the row of small shops which at present completely shut off the view of the beautiful front of the mosque which would otherwise be visible from the harbor and the whole Galata section of the city.

Very truly yours,

The Treasury Department.

Istanbul, August 26, 1935.

Dear friends:-

Your scribe has just had the pleasure of welcoming the Nilson family back to Turkey after a very busy furlough year. They sailed from New York on July 25th on the "S.S. Exarch" of the American Export Line and report a slightly rough but otherwise pleasant voyage. They have brought with them the model A Ford car which had furnished them with transportation during the furlough period and they hope to drive this car through to Talas after a few days. Mr. Nilson is looking forward to several weeks of activity in the form of village touring, with which will be connected efforts to interest many new students in the Talas School.

Dr. Goodsell reached Istanbul on the 15th and has been carrying a very full program of appointments ever since his arrival. His intimate conversations with the assembled members of the Istanbul Station on Friday afternoon and Sunday evening were greatly enjoyed even if the time seemed far too short. Many of Dr. Goodsell's other friends in the community came in to greet him at the Kreider home Friday afternoon and are also looking forward to the travel talk which he has promised to give at the Erdman home on Wednesday evening. His plan is to leave for Geneva and Paris on the 23rd stopping at Sofia from Saturday until Tuesday.

Under the supervision of Mr. Smith the heating plant of the former hospital building at Talas is being removed and transferred to GaziAntep for subsequent installation in the main building of the Hospital at that place.

Dr. M.B. Mills reports having taken two weeks of rest in the mountains and is looking forward to a further brief vacation in Arcadia but otherwise has been spending the summer at Elleniko. Enrollment prospects are already better than at this time last year and there seems to be no doubt but that the school's quarters will be crowded to capacity.

The camp on Uly Dagh is being disbanded to-day and the Ernest Riggs family has engaged passage for Salonica on the "S.S. Cilicia" sailing from Istanbul tomorrow evening.

Izmir Station is well represented at Istanbul just now, by Mr. Maynard, Miss Hinman, and Miss Yarrow, even though the crowds in general are moving in the direction of Izmir, where an International Exposition is being opened. The very attractively-priced 15, 30, and 60-day tickets are now further reduced in price by 50%, conditional on the inclusion of a visit to the Exposition, which opens on the 22nd.

Very truly yours,
The Treasury Department.

No.552

Istanbul, August 27, 1935.

Dear friends:-

Continuing the report of the Nilsons' return from furlough, little Dorothy suffered an attack of asthma shortly after landing, which caused Mrs. Nilson to decide to take her to Kayseri by rail, leaving the morning of the 25th. Meanwhile Mr. Nilson had succeeded in landing and clearing the car, and hopes to drive through to Talas, with the rest of the family, within the next few days.

With skin peeling from noses, ears, and knees, exhibiting complexions ranging from pristine pink to roasted-coffee, the Ernest Riggs and Luther Fowle families, chaperoned by bachelors Shepard and MacCallum, carrying various types of plunder, returned from their mountain-top experience the evening of the 20th. Judging from the enthusiastic tone of the reports given, camping on Ulu Dagh is steadily gaining in favor as a solution of the summer vacation problem, particularly for those of our people who need a change from sea-level conditions but dare not place too much distance between their vacationing places and their offices.

President Riggs returned to Salonica by train late last week, while Mrs. Riggs, Margaret, and Sonny, accompanied by Miss Harley, are taking the Roumanian steamer this afternoon.

Mrs. Nicol arrived in Istanbul yesterday, and is hoping to have six weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Erdman, at Hissar.

The beautiful vacation spot at Bürücek, in the Taurus Mountains, selected by our Adana associates some years ago, is being enjoyed this summer by the Misses Norton and Silberman, Mrs. Isely, Miss Martin in addition to our Adana and Tarsus associates.

Miss Yarrow, after spending some days in Istanbul, left yesterday for Afyon Karahissar, where she will join Mrs. Maynard in a study of some of the ancient monuments near that place.

In the early part of the summer Prime Minister, General Ismet, made a prolonged visit to the Eastern Provinces of the Republic. Throughout the long history of the Turkish Empire this region from Urfa and Mosul north to the Caucasus has been a ~~the~~ Arcublesome Wild East, and though the coming of the Republic has brought improvements even there, it is still a backward region. Following the Prime Minister's visit and subsequent Cabinet decisions, a strong plan of enlightenment and reform is to go into immediate force throughout the Eastern Provinces. The plan calls for the building of railways, of many roads, of a great number of village and primary schools together with some middle and high schools, hand in hand with these goes public health, settlement of Turkish immigrants from the Balkans, irrigation work, and factories. The plan is to be carried through in five years, and will add greatly to Turkey's wealth and man-power.

Very truly yours,

The Treasury Department.

Dear friends:-

The return flight is under way,- The Nilson family arrived by Export Line, and should be united in Talas by this time, Mrs. Nilson having gone with one child by train, while Mr. Nilson with three children undertook the trip from Istanbul to Talas in his own car. History repeats itself: Dr. Farnsworth of Caesarea Station once made the trip from Izmit to Kayseri by wagon some seventy years ago; Dr. Farnsworth wisely did not undertake the trip from Scutari to Izmit.

Misses Lindlöy and Blatter are due by steamer on the 8th. The MacCallums, with daughter Edith, are back much refreshed.

The Birges are on the Atlantic, while Mrs. Shepard and children should be entering the Aegean to-day.

Early reports of registrations and inquiries at our schools in Tarsus, Merzifon, and Izmir give promise of some increase in enrollments this fall.

Letters from Dr. Nute in Talas report the development of a sudden and high fever by Miss Fletcher. The latest word indicates improvement, and we hope Miss Fletcher will not become a victim of the typhoid of which there are many cases in this city.

The Beirut News Letter indicates that contributions to the Presbyterian Board fell off 2% in the first three months of the fiscal year. We recall that the American Board financial year ends this week. All efforts are being made in Boston to close the operations of the current fiscal year without increased deficit. We trust that the coming year will lighten the burdens of those responsible for the finances of the work of the Kingdom, in all lands.

Miss Susan W. Orvis, having completed her studies at the Oberlin Seminary, joins the teaching staff of the Schauffler School this month. Her address is:- The Schauffler School, 5115 Fowler Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. Heartly congratulations to Miss Orvis for re-established health and opportunity in this school of fine service.

The Balkan Herald - "Founded in the aim of Balkan Understanding" and published in Jugo-Slavia, carries in its July issue a full account of the 99th birthday of Dr. John Henry House, and the services to Greek youth of the School which he founded in Saloniki 30 years ago. The New York Times of May 29, 1935; and the weekly "Time" have both carried fine accounts of the "American Farm School" and its devoted founder. His son, Charles House, carried on this project, blessed in the presence of both his parents.

Mrs. J.P. Cochran and Mrs. W.P. Ellis of the Tabriz Mission, with seven Cochran, Ellis, and Lamme children, passed through this city in July and are comfortably settled for the winter at Villa Emmanuel, Mornex-Monnetier, Haute Savoie, France. Music lessons and schools in Geneva - six miles away in Switzerland - will give this group of children exceptional opportunities in language and world citizenship.

One of the most dramatic of the public works now in progress in Turkey is the draining of the marshes of Jellad Gölü (Executioner Lake) at the outlet of the Meander River. This region of death extends for 110 kilometers, and covers an area of 400,000 dönüms. During the past 200 years, eleven towns and villages in this region have been wiped out by tropical malaria, leaving only populous cemeteries as their memorial. To-day the long necks of seventeen great excavating machines have risen above the marshland, and a few months hence the name of this rich and newly populated region is to be "Sağlık Ovası"-(Health Plain).

Very truly yours,
The Treasury Office.

Dear friends,-

After a year spent in America, Miss Alice Lindsley and Miss Dorothy Blatter arrived yesterday, to take up their duties in the Scutari and Merzifon Schools. A hearty welcome to each of them.

By the same steamer Miss Putney returned from her vacation in England, Denmark, and Switzerland; and Miss Emily McCallum to spend a month with her family here, before taking a new apartment in Phalaron. Friends gather at Mrs. MacCallum's home this afternoon to greet returning associates, and particularly to celebrate Miss McCallum's 77th birthday. Heartiest congratulations from our wide circle.

Mrs. Helen Scott left by yesterday's boat for Pyraeus, whence she will proceed immediately to a hotel near Delphi for several weeks of higher altitudes before the fall term at Athens Junior College.

The "Progress-Bulletin" of Pomona, Calif., published on Aug. 5, 1935 a full account of the transfer to Pordim, Bulgaria, of the ashes of our associate, the late Dr. Edward B. Haskell. 6000 persons gathered to do him honor, with representative of King Boris taking part in the services, and delivering to the Director of the Pordim Folk School the medal of distinguished civil service which the King had bestowed upon Dr. Haskell. The main street of the little town has been named for Dr. Haskell.

Mr. Woolworth of Tarsus, now on furlough, reports fine visits with both sides of the family in Minnesota and Connecticut before settling for the winter at 99 Claremont Avenue, New York City. He reports "much interest in missions in general and in Turkey in particular. Local newspapers give us space repeatedly, and are glad for what we can give them about the New Day in Turkey."

Our younger generation makes good use of its travel opportunities. Bobby Woolworth enjoyed the Acropolis to the full, and observed "that it would be a pretty nice place when they got it fixed up".

We eagerly hear good news of our fellow-workers now in America. Harry Meyering continues his teaching and studies at the University of Michigan. This summer he was assistant in an educational course given to high school administrators.

Mrs. Haas is booked to sail in October for Adana. Hazel Hotson Leatherman is "living happily ever after". Miss Dora Shank has been promoted to be Assistant Superintendent of Nurses at the St. Sinai Hospital in Philadelphia.

Allen Hazen has his Ph.D., and will be teaching freshman English at Yale this year, and carrying on further research studies.

Scott Kondenhall has his M.A. and has accepted a two year contract to teach in an American High School in the West Indies, under the auspices of the Standard Oil Company.

Lyle Shelmidine has received his M.A. from the University of Iowa, in the subject of Balkan History.

Mrs. Block of Talas has visited Istanbul, and returns with a satisfactory report from her oculist.

Miss Marion Nossier, returning from summer studies in Europe, goes to Ankara today to take up her teaching duties in the Model School of the Turkish Educational Society.

Very truly yours,
The Treasury Office.

American Board Mission, Istanbul
September 17, 1935.

No. 555

Dear Friends:-

Dr. Walter L. Wright Jr., with Mrs. Wright and their two sons Tony and Frederick reached Istanbul on Sept. 11th and are taking up their residence in Kennedy Lodge. Dr. Wright, who now takes up his new responsibilities as President of the combined colleges on the Bosphorus, will be remembered by many members of our circle who knew him when he was on the Staff of the American University of Beirut, and later when he was on a traveling fellowship in Istanbul.

Word has been received of the postponement of the sailing of Dr. J. Kingsley Birge and family, who now plan to sail on the S. S. Berengaria on Sept. 19th. Their plan is to make connection with their baggage at Venice, sailing from that port on October 3rd for Istanbul.

A letter from Harry R. Meyering at 1126 Martin Place, Ann Arbor, Mich., indicates that he is continuing his studies at the University. He encloses a snapshot of Mrs. Meyering and the two husky sons which indicates that they are all in the best of health.

Letters from Dr. Alden H. Clark, American Board Foreign Department Secretary for the Near East, report that Mrs. Clark will accompany him on his trip around the world. They hope to reach Sofia about October 10th after which they will set out on their circuit of the other Stations of the Near East Mission, planning their travel so as to reach Aleppo by November 10th and Port Said November 20th.

Mr. T. T. Holway writes: "Mr. Stoyan Vatralsky, our Bulgarian Evangelical poet, a graduate of Harvard, class of 1894, died Aug. 30th, 1935 and was buried in Sofia, services being held in the Solun street church there, of which he was a highly valued member. He had published some 16 volumes of poems, essays, lectures and has always been a man of outstanding ability, courage and integrity. During the same week Miss Rada Pavlova, one of our oldest and most valued Evangelical teachers, for long years in the Board's Girls' School in Monastir, and later in Samokovo, was called higher."

Mrs. Maynard and Miss Yarrow have recently taken advantage of the Herzifon air and Miss Ward has returned after a summer in Greece and Syria. Miss Blatter proceeded to Herzifon on the 12th and Miss Martin is following on the 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Gates Jr., announce the birth of Betty Ann on August 18th.

Several years ago a local newspaper writer discovered at the Palace Library the now famous map of Piri Reis. This map shows the Atlantic seaboard of North and South America, from Newfoundland southwards. Its date, 1513, makes it the oldest existing map of America. In making this map, Piri Reis claims to have had the assistance of one of Christopher Columbus' captains, who had made several voyages to those coasts before he was captured in the Mediterranean by the Turks. The map is drawn in beautiful colors on gazelle skin. The Turkish History Commission announces the issue of a facsimile copy of this map, in colors.

Very truly yours,
The Treasury Office.

American Board Mission, Istanbul,
September 24, 1935.

Dear Friends,-

Mr. Gentle-Cackett and Mr. Harry Fear passed through this city on September 18th, en route for Bagdad. They will be absent from London about two months, getting in fresh touch with the interests aided by the B.M.A.S.

The Samakov Seminary begins its fall session on Sept. 27th. Twelve students are expected. Mr. Holway is staying on several months until his successor from England arrives.

Word has come of the death in America of Mrs. Oscar Heizer, long a resident of Bebek. Mr. Heizer, a nephew of Dr. Peet's, worked in the Mission Treasury for some years before entering the Consular Service, where he had a long and useful record in many Near Eastern and Mediterranean posts. Mrs. Heizer was a woman of remarkable energy, ever ready to give a helping hand. For years she ran the school for British and American children in Bebek, that was the fore-runner of the Community School.

Dr. Ralph Collins, for years a representative in the Near East of the Rockefeller Foundations interested in Public Health, with Mrs. Collins, will shortly establish their home in Ankara, where a new School of Hygiene is being established by the Ministry of Health.

The Turkish Medical Congress takes place in Ankara, Oct. 7 - 9. Dr. Clark hopes to attend the sessions, after which Dr. & Mrs. Clark will visit this city before returning to his work in Merzifon.

In general, the American Schools in the Near East are opening this week. We will be glad to have prompt word as to enrollments and prospects, to share with our circle of those especially interested.

The engagement is announced of Miss Harriet Atkins of Belmont, Mass. - a Junior in Vassar College; and Mr. G. Huntington Damon of this city, who is now on the Staff of Athens College.

A September 11th. letter from Prout's Neck, Maine, reports an all-day motor trip to the White Mountains of the Huntington-Damon household, with Dr. Huntington a member of the party.

Mr. & Mrs. Brewster Bingham sailed on Sept. 7th. for service in China under the American Board. Mr. Bingham is the son of former Senator Bingham, and the great-grandson of Hiram Bingham of the first group of Missionaries who sailed from Boston in 1819 on the brig Thaddeus, for the Sandwich Islands. Mrs. Bingham is the great-grand-daughter of Dr. E. E. Bliss of this Mission, being the daughter of Ruth Ward Beach.

Mrs. Yarrow, with her daughter Miss Harriet Yarrow, are visiting in this city for a few days before the opening of the school in Izmir.

The Turkish Middle and Upper schools are trying to cope with an unprecedented rush of students. It is estimated that throughout the land there are some ten thousand more applicants than the present capacity of these schools. The Minister of Public Instruction is determined that every qualified applicant shall find a place, and the emergency is being met by still further increasing the size of classes where possible, and by converting teachers' rest-rooms and other available space into additional class rooms. Several new schools are also being opened.

Very truly yours,
The Treasury Office.

Dear Friends:

Rev. James H. Nicol reached Istanbul by Orient Express on Sunday morning, Sept. 29th, and will have a week with his daughter, Mrs. Fred Erdan, before proceeding to his station at Beirut, Mr. Nicol brings word from the Birges, whom he left at Paris, to the effect that they hope to have all their baggage forwarding arrangements made in time to catch the Italian steamer from Venice on Oct. 4th, due to reach Istanbul on the 8th.

Dr. Elbert Clarence Lane, professor of Hebrew and Greek at Hartford Theological Seminary, with Mrs. Lane, are guests of Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum. The earlier months of their sabbatical leave was spent in Europe, and they are planning to spend three months at Jerusalem in study, at the American Institute of Oriental Studies. Dr. Lane reports that at Hartford Seminary 50% of all students are enrolling for Greek and 20% for Hebrew. Dr. Lane is also a member of the committee which is revising the Funk and Wagnalls Standard Dictionary of the Bible, which revised work is to be published shortly.

Miss Emily McCallum, who has been visiting with her brother, and family in Istanbul since early September, sails this afternoon for Piraeus. Her many friends will wish to take note of the fact that Miss McCallum has moved her place of residence to No. 37 Terpsychere Street, Old Phaleron.

Miss Kath W. Forney, librarian at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Washington, D. C. is spending the day in Istanbul, in the course of a round-the-world trip.

Dr. Albert W. Dewey writes from No. 6340 Ventnor Avenue, Ventnor, N. J.; "The address above is that of a lovely, well-furnished apartment which we are to enjoy for the school year. We get a peek at the sea from our sun-room, as the Board Walk and wonderful sandy beach are only three minutes away. There are velocipedes, wagons, a sand-pile, a slide, a swing, etc. on the grounds for the children and fine schools are close by. These are "The Houses of Fellowship", built and maintained by Mrs. George Doane for missionaries home on furlough." The Dewey family's earlier plan to spend the year in California has been abandoned chiefly because the medical courses at the Graduate Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania proved to be better adapted to Dr. Dewey's needs as regards his specialities in the medical field. "I will be busy with the scheduled course from 9 A.M. to 6 P. M. and suppose that there will be much reading to do at night, so time will not hang heavy on my hands. I have engaged a room near the Medical School and will commute to Ventnor only week ends (Sat. noon to Mon. morning) as the trip takes an hour and a half each way," adds Dr. Dewey.

All reports indicate that the change of climate and scenes have had a favorable effect on the health of Mrs. Charles T. Riggs, but have failed to wean Mr. Riggs away from his studious habits. It is also rumored that even at Middlebury, Vt. the pace of American life is such that some time is required to become accustomed to it, after eight quiet years on the Bosphorus.

On Sunday the finals of the Sixth Balkan Olympic Games were concluded at the Fenerbahce Stadium. In these games Greece won first place, Yugoslavia second, Roumania third, and Turkey fourth, followed by Bulgaria and Albania. In connection with this event there was a festival of Balkan folk music and dancing, in which Turkey was represented by groups of Zeybeks and Laz, while students of the Conservatory sang the Anatolian folk songs. At the Balkan Wrestling Meet which preceded these other events the Turkish team won seven out of eight bouts in this, the traditional Turkish sport.

Cordially,
The Treasury Staff.

Dear Friends:

"Hal" Pence writes from P. O. Box 462, Williams, Calif. on September 16th: "I took a year's graduate work at the College of Agriculture specializing in work that I thought would help me in my expected agricultural teaching. I have an appointment as a 'cadet' or practice teacher for this year... The four kiddies are growing like weeds.. Billie and I are both speaking in local churches next Sunday."

The annual Fall Conference of missionaries, Board secretaries, and members of the Prudential Committee, was held in the Walker Missionary Home, Auburndale, Mass., Sept. 20-22. The representatives of the Near East Mission present included Mr. and Mrs. Blake of Herzifon, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Riggs of Beirut, Mr. Woolworth of Tarsus, C. T. Riggs of Istanbul, Mrs. Leslie J. Adkins, Dr. C. D. Ussher, W. L. Nute, Jr., Dr. J. K. Browne, Mrs. G. P. Knapp, besides Dr. and Mrs. Goodsell, Dr. and Mrs. Park Ward, Miss Uline, Miss Grace Knapp, and Dr. Barton.

The marriage of Lincoln Goodsell and Miss Irene Fogg is reported to have taken place on September 14th. The new home is being established at Somerville, Mass.

Prof. and Mrs. Donald E. Webster, formerly of International College, are in charge of Congregational student work at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Sterling McGrath, formerly Bursar of International College, and later instructor at Beirut University, is at the head of the Commercial Department of Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Penn.

Mrs. Margaret L. N. Eddy, mother of Brewer and Sherwood Eddy, passed away Sept. 20th, at the age of 87. Mrs. Eddy lived many years in India, and founded and built up the Kodaikanal School for missionary children. The funeral was held Sept. 23rd at the home of Dr. Brewer Eddy in Newtonville, Mass.

Students are still being enrolled in the American schools of the Near East, so we are not yet able to give final statistics. We hope to receive these figures from the school principals shortly. Meanwhile we are able to report that Herzifon and Tarsus have passed last year's record. The fifteen new pupils at Herzifon come from quite widely-scattered areas: Malatya, Diyarbakir, Adana, and Zenguldak, besides the usual number from Samsun, Amasya, Chorum, and Havza.

Mr. L. F. Fowle returned from Anatolia on Wednesday the 2nd, having made some progress in property transactions, particularly at Sivas. He reports that the former Hospital and "West House" property, otherwise known as the City Compound, is already rendering very useful service in the education of Turkish youth, having been purchased by the Educational Department of the Province of Sivas.

Miss Lillian C. Brauer is making plans to leave Adana about Oct. 25th, and hopes to sail on the American Export steamer from Beirut on Nov. 5th, due to reach Boston on Nov. 25th.

The Turkish Educational Society is reported to be searching for an American lady able to teach English and to lead the girls in sports and other activities, for the high school which now occupies the buildings of the former mission school at Eursa.

Cordially,
The Treasury Staff.

Dear Friends,-

On October 9th. Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Birge and daughters Ann and Dorothy returned from their furlough in America. They are settling again in their former home in Hisar.

Istanbul friends have been happy to meet Dr. and Mrs. James H. Nicol of Beirut, who left for their Station last week after visiting their children and grandchildren in this city. With them went their daughter Catharine to take a teaching position in Beirut, after two years of teaching in the Community School in this city.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Katherine Lawson of Winnipeg and Mr. Howard Binns of this city. Mr. Binns is stationed in Kenya, in government activity for the study and control of insect pests.

A new proposal of the Ministry of Education is that all pupils of both sexes in Government middle and high-schools shall wear the official scout uniform. This uniform differs in no essential respect from the Scout uniforms of the west. It is hoped that this measure will increase the public spirit of the wearers, and improve student discipline.

The many friends of Consul General G. Bie Ravndal, and Mrs. Ravndal, for long years stationed in Beirut and Istanbul, will be glad to hear that they are settled for the winter at "The Bellevue", Hendersonville, North Carolina. They continue their interest in delving into medieval historical subjects, and vary their studies with visits to children and the growing circle of grandchildren. The number is now nine, twins - "a blond boy and a dark-complexioned girl"-having recently joined Olaf's family.

Speaking of grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Bayard Dodge of Beirut have been put in this category by the birth of an 8 lb. son to their daughter Grace Dodge Olmstead.

Rev. F.W. March of Beirut passed away on September 28th. at the home of his daughter. Born in 1847, he had arrived in Beirut in November 1873., thus almost completing his 82nd. year of devoted service.

Notice has reached us of the exercises planned in Aleppo for October 11th. to mark the 59th. anniversary of the opening at Aintab of the institution that is now Aleppo College.

Dr. and Mrs. Alden Clark are probably in Athens to-day. They are expected in this city on the 18th., and soon after will start to visit the Board Stations in Anatolia, reaching Aleppo early in November.

Mr. Herman Kreider started on the 12th. for Trebizond, in the interest of the Board property there. He hopes to connect with Dr. and Mrs. Clark by leaving his boat at Samsun on the return trip, and joining them in Perzifon.

Sunday next is Census Day in Turkey, the first since 1927; all persons in this city are to remain in their own places of residence for the day, or until notice is given of the completion of the census. The Union Church of Pera holds its service on Saturday afternoon.

On Saturday October 19th. there will be a Communion Service held by Constantinople Station in connection with the annual meeting of the American Board in America. Dr. and Mrs. Alden Clark are expected to be present, and to speak to us at a gathering preceding the Communion Service.

Very truly yours,
The Treasury Staff.

Dear Friends,-

October 20th., Sunday, was Census Day in Turkey, when all persons remained in their respective places of residence until the Census was completed. In Istanbul, cannon and whistles announcing the completion of the census were heard just before 6 p.m. It was indeed a day of rest. The figures have not yet been compiled and announced, but it is hoped that they will show a substantial increase in population over the figure of 13,660,275 indicated by the preceding Census of 1927.

While these notes are being written, Istanbul is rocked by a distinct earth-quake. The hour is precisely 9:30. Interested fans, the world over, may check with their records.

Dr. & Mrs. Alden Clark of the American Board arrived in the Near East on October 9th. and have had fleeting glimpses of Sofia, Saloniki, Athens, and Smyrna. They leave Istanbul with the Mission Treasurer on Wednesday the 23d. for brief visits to Ankara, Kayseri, Tarsus, Adana and Aintab, hoping to reach Aleppo on Saturday, November 2nd.

The Fall Communion Service, usually held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Board in America, was held at the Bible House on October 19th., with Dr. MacCallum and Dr. Clark ministering. It was preceded by a Station gathering, at which there was opportunity to hear Dr. and Mrs. Clark, and general discussion.

On October 8th. there occurred in Beirut the death of the Father of Prof. Lutfi Levonyan, of the Near East School of Theology. The sympathy of our circle goes out to his family.

We are happy to report a special gift of \$5000. from Mr. Pierce which will enable the completion of the church, and pastor's residence of the Kokkinia Church.

Mr. Merrill N. Isely is spending a part of this week in Harash looking after the Mission property interests there. Mrs. Isely has just returned from Beirut whither she had escorted Mary Frances for her first attendance at the Beirut Community School.

Herr Otto Zmaila reports the sale of the German Mission properties in Harash to various local purchasers. He hopes that a sale of the property in Harunye may shortly follow.

Mr. and Mrs. William Schultz and their son left to-day for America. Mr. Schultz has lived in the Talas compound for the past two years, and has been one of the airplane experts connected with the Government airplane establishment in Kayseri.

Letter from Dr. Cass Arthur Reed indicates that he is studying this fall at Union Seminary, while Mrs. Reed is busy with courses in the School of Sacred Music. On February 1st, Dr. Reed becomes pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational Church at Pomona, California - a church of more than one thousand members. He reports Lachlan as at Yale; Howard at Andover; and Jean with her grandparents at Kingston, Ontario.

Raymond Mills and Mrs. Mills (Elizabeth Eastman), formerly of Saloniki and International College are now in Washington, where Mr. Mills is Minister of Religious Education at the National City Christian Church.

The Macfarlanes of International College are also in Washington, Mrs. Macfarlane teaching in the Public Schools, while Mr. Macfarlane is an executive in a big Washington store.

Very truly yours,
The Treasury Office.

Dear Friends:

Our letter goes out a day early this week, since tomorrow will be the 12th anniversary of the proclamation of the Turkish Republic. Preparations being made on every side indicate that the holiday will be observed with more than usual seriousness, no doubt in profound gratitude for the fact that the recent plot against the President's life was successfully foiled.

First reports regarding the results of the second census of the new Turkey, taken on October 20th, have appeared in the local newspapers, and the population of the ten largest cities is given as follows:

	<u>1927 figures</u>	<u>1935 figures</u>
Istanbul	690357	740751
Izmir	153924	170410
Ankara	74553	125414
Seyhan	72577	76366
Bursa	60090	72326
Konya	47406	52594
Gaziantep	39998	50892
Eskisbehir	32311	47080
Kayseri	39134	46491
Edirne	34528	36000

At a meeting of the American Community of Istanbul, held at the American Embassy on October 21st, the annual Hospital Campaign was launched. Present indications are that the community will respond with such liberality as to make up in large part for the decrease in number of American residents in the city. At the aforementioned meeting, Dr. Wright, Dr. Meyer (an American engaged in business in Istanbul), and Mr. Kreider were elected to membership on the local Board of Managers.

"World Youth", a weekly newspaper for young people, is to make its initial appearance on November 30th, from 118 Myrtle Street, Boston. The aim will be to have contributions from young people of various countries, and it will no doubt be of particular interest to youth of school age, who have a reading knowledge of English, the world over. Miss Caroline D. Sauley, formerly a secretary of the American Board, is the business manager of this interesting new enterprise.

Mr. John Whiting and Mr. Erick Matson, of the American Colony in Jerusalem, are at present guests of Dr. Nute at Talas. They are making a thorough study of the Urgub troglodyte region, taking numerous color photographs for the National Geographic Magazine. An earlier article, carried in this magazine in 1919, aroused so much interest that a new and fuller article on the same subject is being planned.

Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Fisher and Edgar are at present at Berea, Ky., where Dr. Fisher will be teaching at least until midyear.

Dr. and Mrs. Alden H. Clark left Istanbul on the 24th for Ankara and Kayseri, whence they are proceeding via Adana and Tarsus to Aintab, to reach Aleppo the first of November, or thereabouts. Mr. Fowle and daughter Joy are accompanying them on this trip.

Cordially yours,
Miss N. Treasury.

Dear Friends:

American Board Secretary Alden H. Clark and Mrs. Clark spent seven hours of their time at Tarsus in the railway station Wednesday evening, Oct. 30th, waiting for the train to start in the direction of Adana. Reaching Adana late that night, with Luther and Joy Fowle, they proceeded Thursday night on their way to Gaziantep. Although heavy rains were general throughout Turkey over the Republic Day season, and caused particularly severe damage in the Tarsus region, Mr. Isely reports that the party reached its destination well before noon on Nov. 1st. Mr. Isely planned to join them on their journey to Aleppo on Saturday, the 2nd.

Recent guests of the Birge family were Dr. and Mrs. Wilson M. Hume, who are returning to their Y.M.C.A. work at Lahore, India. Dr. Hume is engaged in the translation of the Kisale of Al Kushairi, and on his way to India is looking up various early manuscripts of his text. Dr. Hume is the son of Dr. Robert Hume of the American Board Marathi Mission and a former classmate of Dr. Birge.

After being for more than four months in the Baker Memorial Hospital, Boston, with a serious heart trouble, Miss Mary W. Higgs, formerly of Adabazar, Harput, and Scutari, has improved sufficiently to be taken to a convalescent home in Newton Highlands, Mass., where she is not far from the residence in Auburndale of her brother Henry and family of Beirut.

Mrs. Elizabeth F. Haskell writes from 808 Columbia Ave., Claremont, Calif., as follows: "There is just one little communication I would like to appear on that sheet (News Notes)- to uphold Bulgarian prestige! . . . Out of three former missionary children from Bulgaria graduating this summer, two graduated with honors: Eleanora Markham, from Beloit, Wisconsin, and Henry Haskell, from Panama, Calif. The latter had received highest honors when he graduated from High School and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa."

Mrs. Edith H. Ryan writes from 1003 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa: "Alden has a fellowship in the Physics Department here at Iowa State College and we very happily stick together for another year. Life is still good, and, with my children and the two grandbabies, exciting enough."

Robert Stapleton sends greetings from "The Cabin," Gilley P.O., Kentucky, reporting that Miss Edith Gold and Miss Myrtle Shane are at Pine Mt. Settlement. Mr. Stapleton was also pleased to find Helen Post Ross and the Fishers at Berea when he visited there recently. "Natalie," he says, "had a daughter in September of this year. Yes, she is in Germany and has two boys and now this daughter. This makes nine grandchildren to our account. The bears are treating us mildly, the the crown is snow white with some of us!"

E. C. (Jack) Blake now flourishes a New York address: 600 West 122nd St. Jack claims to be studying at Union, and says: "I've become an associate member of International House and so whenever I feel lonesome in this too, too American place I run off and find a Frenchman, a Chinaman, or a Turk." A sis kebab dinner has been promised him by Bay Enver of Samsun, R.C. 35. Five things that impressed Jack on his return to his native land: Backless shorts ("I've gotten used to them now"), the primitiveness of Pullman berths, air-conditioned trains, sliced bread, the friendliness of American people.

In sackcloth and ashes we apologize for having failed to report the timely return of Mrs. Lyman MacCallum and daughter Elizabeth from summer vacation in England. Hailed into court this summer on a passport matter, E. Lyman awaited his turn in a divorce court by mistake, but all their appearances indicate that the family is happily reunited in the Scutari home.

Sincerely yours,
H. H. Krider

Dear Friends:

According to the latest information we have, Mrs. Cyril H. Haas is enroute from New York to Beirut on the S. S. Excalibur, having sailed on October 29th. Mrs. Haas will transship at Beirut for Versin, and hopes to arrive at Adana by the last of November.

A greeting card from Rev. and Mrs. Richard S. Rose, sent from Kodaikanal, reads: "1936 is our normal furlough year, and the American Board has sanctioned our furlough and has approved of our plans for study. So we hope to sail from Colombo on October 21st, travel via China and Japan, and reach California just before Christmas. We shall settle down there for a full semester of study at the University of California in Los Angeles and at Pomona College. This address will find us for at least six months: Pilgrim Place, Claremont, California.

Katherine S. Hoover, daughter of Dr. Alden I. Hoover of Talas and Istanbul, was married on September 19th to Mr. John D. Canaday. Mr. Canaday is a lecturer on Fine Arts at Sophie Newcomb College, Tulane University, Louisiana.

A daughter was born to Robert and Anita Grew English, at Paris, October 30th.

We are informed that there is in private circulation a 12-page manuscript from which one can learn how Mr. Howland H. Bailey and Mr. Richard Maynard, of the Tarsus College staff, spent their summer vacation touring Europe on bicycles. The pair seems to have encountered a wide variety of experiences, both pleasant and unpleasant. Having visited thirteen countries, covered 7000 miles, at a cost of \$1.85 per day in living expenses and a cent and a half per mile of travel, they are ready to give free advice to other enterprising youngsters interested in undertaking similar tours.

Miss Henrietta van Heeckeren ("Henny" in Group circles), a Dutch Baroness, has been a guest at Mrs. MacCallum's for the past fortnight. Miss van Heeckeren is devoting herself to the work of evangelization through the Oxford Groups. A great change came to her home some years ago through a chance visit of Mr. Frank Buchman, and since that time Miss Van Heeckeren and her sisters have been prominent in the work of this fellowship. She plans to remain here for some weeks.

The central heating plant recently removed from the former hospital building at Talas is now being installed in the Mission Hospital at Gaziantep. Prof. L. A. Scipio, Dean of the Engineering School of Robert College, visited Gaziantep recently and contributed his services to the solution of the engineering problems involved, and the work is now being carried through by one of the Robert College mechanics. Central heating is one of the modern features required in all private hospitals in Turkey, according to a law passed last year.

President Ernest W. Biggs of Anatolia College left Salonica on October 20th, on a brief business trip to the States.

The Evkaf Department, which has the oversight and administration of mosques and religious foundations through Turkey, has issued instructions for the closing of fifty-two superfluous mosques in this city. All the buildings thus struck off the register are said to be without architectural or historic interest. The officials from these mosques are being placed among the remaining 674 mosques of the city.

Sincerely yours,
H. H. Kreider.

Dear Friends:-

Miss Anne and Miss Martha Wilson of Hartford, Conn., aunts of Mr. Alford Carleton, have been guests at the MacCallum home since the 16th, and hope to proceed to Tarsus within a few days, where they plan to spend the next few months.

During the week commencing Sunday, November 10th, there have been held in Aleppo important meetings of the Aleppo College Board of Managers, the Commission of the Union of Evangelical Churches, and the Conference of representatives of four bodies interested in evangelical education in North Syria. Dr. Alden H. Clark, representing the Trustees of Aleppo College, was present. Other bodies sent delegates as follows:

Union of Evang. Churches: Dr. Altounyan and Pastor Shirajian.
Synod of Syria: Mr. Faris and Pastor Abdul Kerim.
Presbyterian Mission: Dr. Greenslade, Mr. White.
American Board Near East Mission: Mr. Carleton, Mr. Fowle.

The principle of a cooperative evangelical educational effort in North Syria was re-affirmed. Material in draft form for a constitution for such effort was adopted; and the results were referred to the four constituent bodies for final ratification where necessary, and for the taking of steps to put the new joint effort into operation.

Dr. and Mrs. Alden Clark are due to sail tomorrow from Port Said, and hope to reach friends in Bombay for Thanksgiving.

Mr. Luther H. Fowle, and daughter Foy, Mr. Alford Carleton and daughter Muriel, and Mr. Merrill Isely left Aleppo on the morning of the 15th, and at Antioch visited the site of the excavations made by the Princeton University Expedition, which has uncovered some very impressive mosaics. At Alexandretta these homeward-bound delegates called on Mrs. Kennedy, then boarded the train scheduled to make connection with the Istanbul train at Toprakkale. The train, however, deposited the party at Toprakkale just in time to see the Istanbul train pull out. In preference to pacing the platform over the midnight hours they boarded a southeast-bound train, and made successful connections with another Istanbul-bound train at Fevzipasha. Other delays enroute resulted in the Fowle's reaching their home in the early morning hours of Monday the 18th.

The Baroness Henrietta van Heckern, who has been a guest of Mrs. MacCallum for several weeks, sailed on the Turkish Steamer this morning, for Alexandria.

From a recent Woolworth letter: "All four of us are at school, - the children at Horace Mann, Pauline with some classes at the Seminary, and myself having work mainly at the Seminary and some additional work at Teachers College. And we enjoy very much our share in the Riverside Church, where we have become "affiliated" members. And it does one's heart good to go to a church where you have tickets to get into a good section, and have to get there early in order to have a seat in the section. Sunday School lasts for three hours, and in Bobby's class they have "naps," on rugs which they take with them, and have a glass of milk!"

The Septuagenarian Club was launched recently by two representatives from the Mission Hostel, one from the Bible House, and one from Scutari. The Club's initial activity consisted of seeing and approving the film, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street." One member has also been boarding a moving tram!

Cordially yours,
H. H. Kreider.

Dear Friends:

Registration figures received to date, from various schools and colleges in this area, are as follows:

	<u>Boarders</u>	<u>Day Students</u>	<u>Total</u>
American Univ. of Beirut			569
Anatolia College, Salonica	52	87	139
Athens Junior College for Girls	59	177	236
Istanbul American College:			
Men's Department	137	271	408
Women's "	89	143	223
Izmir Amer. Coll. Inst. for Girls	10	80	90
Merzifon Girls' (Middle) School	40	5	45
Scutari Amer. Academy for Girls	54	100	154
Talas Boys' Middle School	12	7	19
Tarsus College for Boys	32	24	56
<i>aleppo girls' sch</i>		67	67

Robert College, the Scutari School, and Tarsus College call particular attention to the fact that their beginning classes this year are considerably larger than last year. We feel justified in assuming that this indicates a restoration of public confidence in American educational institutions as a whole, in contrast to the widespread feeling of uncertainty which had resulted from the closing of several institutions for financial reasons.

Mr. John Whiting and Mr. Erik Matson, of the American Colony, Jerusalem, have successfully completed the task of photographing in color the monasteries and anchorite dwellings in the Urgub region. They secured some splendid color photos of the interior mural decorations (8th-11th century), for the National Geographic Magazine.

An event in the literary world which has caused widespread sorrow was the death of the poet Jelal Shahir. Identified at the beginning of the century with the writers of the *edebiyati Cedide* (New Literature) School, he became the leader of the *Fejriati* School which immediately followed; he identified himself with the Nationalistic literature, was numbered among the writers of the post-war literary generation, and was prominent in the language reform. His book *Beyaz Gölgeler* (White Shadows), and his song *Eminem*, are among the more popular of his works.

Our literary editor, Dr. Birge, also reports that the book of the week is *GÜZ YÜZÜ* (The Face of the Sky), by Meshat Nuri Gültekin, one of Turkey's best known living novelists.

Dr. Edgar J. Fisher has received an appointment to a position with the Institute of International Education, which is directed by Dr. Stephen P. Duggan, and will be taking up his new duties shortly.

A further interesting feature has been added to the Seraglio Palace museum, a place already crowded with curious relics of the strange life which went on within those walls. Visitors of recent years will perhaps remember passing through the Sultan's bath, an apartment of three marble-lined rooms. These rooms have now been furnished with hangings, towels, and articles dating from the days of Süleyman the Magnificent and his son Selim. The floor of the first room is covered with a cloth-of-gold carpet, golden cupboards are piled up high with towels of silk and the Sultan's golden bathing shoes. Any of our readers who would care for a rub-down with a nice golden towel are welcome to make the experiment.

Cordially yours,
H. H. Kreider.

Dear Friends:

Mrs. Cyril H. Haas reached Beirut on the S.S. Excalibur on Nov. 18 and went on to Versine by boat arriving late on the 22nd. Dr. Haas and the entire Clinic staff met her there and they all reached Adana at the early hour of 3:00 A.M., tired, but happy that the American personnel of the Station in Adana had been doubled in number.

Through oversight the registration this year at the Girls' School in Aleppo, affiliated with Aleppo college, was omitted from our list in the last issue. In the 7th and 8th grades the number of day pupils is 35 and in the High School 32, thus making a total enrolment of 67.

Dr. Marden made a hasty trip recently from Athens to Saloniki, spending the two days of Nov. 16 and 17th there in looking after the health interests of our Mission group.

Miss Florence Floyd of the Girls' School in Saloniki left Nov. 23rd for her home in California on account of health reasons. A large group of students, teachers and friends accompanied her to the Station to see her off. Miss Floyd came to Saloniki last year from China and in her short stay in Greece has endeared herself to all by her winning personality and spirit of helpfulness. Her friends in the Mission wish her a good journey and speedy recovery.

November 21st was the 80th birthday anniversary of Miss Mary Webb, who is living in active retirement with her sister, in their Beirut home. Both enjoy a substantial measure of health and undiminished interest and devotion to the work of churches, schools and people who turn to them for counsel and help with the assurance born of decades of effective service. The Webb home is ever generously open to visiting friends, and many are those who have shared its hospitality.

Dr. G.E. White, Dr. Marden and Mr. Getchell journeyed by morning train Sunday Nov. 17 to Berea to attend church service in the town made memorable by St. Paul's flight thither from Thessalonica. Mr. Getchell remained a few days to mingle with friends of the town and vicinity, while Drs. White and Marden returned to Saloniki the same afternoon. The Greek Evangelical church in Berea is small in membership but active and showing a healthy growth and interest in affairs of the community.

One of the probably-not-fully-appreciated treasures of the Mission Library is a copy of Davids' Turkish Grammar, printed in London in the year 1832. The book has a 78 page introduction with a most excellent account of the history both of the Turkish race and of Turkish literature. From Chinese sources the author traces authentic Turkish history back to 1763 B.C. It is interesting to read in a book printed in 1832 claims by European writers as to the antiquity of the Turkish race, and especially about how a "learned M. Bailly (in Lettres sur l'Atlantide de Platon etc.) applied this ingenuity and research to prove that the plains of Tataria had given arts, sciences and civilization to the world, and that its ancient inhabitants were the enlightened preceptors of mankind."

Opportunities for interesting meetings in Saloniki are afforded by the Staff Club of Anatolia College and Girls' School and the Club for International Peace. At a recent meeting of the former, Miss Marian Riggs who is visiting her parents Pres. and Mrs. E.W. Riggs, gave an interesting account of her work at "Hope Farm" where she has been teaching the past ten years. Mr. Hibbard of the College staff gave members of the Peace Club a fine review of present world events including the activities of the League of Nations in connection with the Italian-Ethiopian war.

Sincerely yours,
The Treasury Department.

Dear Friends:

The weekly calendar of the Second Congregational Church, North Beverly, Mass., for November 19th, covered the installation service held at 7:45 on that day, when the Reverend Leslie John Adkins was installed as minister. A letter written two days later by "Sandy" reports that it was a very impressive service, and that they feel very happy and at home in this community and its fine old church.

Mrs. Phebe Carrington has been living in Manila for the past seven years, with Box 2265 as her postal address. She is living with her daughter Marjorie, who has a son, Rennie, aged 11, and a daughter Barbara Elizabeth aged four.

The Junior College at Elloniko, Greece, is rejoicing in two additions to the English staff: Miss Louise Kirshner of Wilson College, who has already spent four years in the teaching profession; and Miss Pandora Voyatzi, a graduate of the Emerson School of Oratory, who in coming to Athens is returning to the land of her birth.

"Athens was a scene of picturesque pageantry the morning of Nov. 25th," says Mrs. Helen E. Scott, who with five other Junior College teachers had seats of vantage on a balcony of the Grande Bretagne. A special flag was hoisted on the Acropolis at the moment King George's ship entered the harbor to relieve the suspense felt by the inhabitants of the city, as a result of a delay due to storms at sea.

Undoubtedly the book of the week is the Publication Department's translation of Jack London's *Call of the Wild* under the name Vahşetin Çağırışı its appearance synchronizes well with the showing in Istanbul of the film version, *Altın Hırsı*, *The Lust for Gold*.

A very successful party held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Walter L. Wright, Jr., on Thursday evening, served as the occasion for the announcement of the engagement of Miss Alberta C. Wilson, Director of Physical Education at the Istanbul College for Girls, to Mr. W. Gordon MacGregor, who holds the corresponding position at Robert College.

In a letter to the London Times Bay Hilmi Ömer Budda of the University Faculty has called attention to the interesting fact that experiments in flying by means of wing gliders were successfully made by Turks as early as the reign of Murad IV (1623-1640). Ahmed Chelebi is reported to have flown from Galata Tower to Dogancilar Square in Scutari. Murad IV who witnessed the flight was so impressed that he gave a prize of a purse of gold and then for fear of so much genius exiled him to Algeria! Hasan Chelebi had better luck. He attached himself to a sky rocket which was shot up from Seraglio Point. Before leaving he said to Sultan Murad: "I am going to talk with the Prophet Jesus." In descending he opened wings and glided softly into the Golden Horn. Swimming ashore and prostrating himself before the Sultan he reported: "My Padishah, the Prophet Jesus has sent you his greetings." A purse of gold and a position in the army were his rewards. The contemporary evidence is to be found in the 1314 (1896) printed edition of Evliya Chelebi Vol. I, pages 670-671. Von Hammer's English version, London 1846 compresses the two pages into a tiny paragraph Vol. I, part 2 p. 251.

The recent opening of the railway to Diarbekir is already affecting the commerce of that city. The market value of wheat, one of the chief products of that region, has doubled, while the cost of manufactured goods such as sugar has been appreciably reduced. At present the service is only three trains a week, and both in going and coming the train stops overnight at Elaziz.

Sincerely yours,
The Treasury Department.

Dear Friends:

The guest of the week at the MacCallum home was Dr. James Flight of Haverford College, who arrived last Tuesday from Jerusalem where he has spent the past few months at the American School of Oriental Studies. Dr. Flight left yesterday for Athens.

No one of our Mission "alumnae" reports more regularly at the Christmas season than Mrs. Herbert M. Irwin of Talas Station, whose greeting has already reached us from Winnipeg. Herself busy with her church work, she reports her son Hugh happy in his work in the Howard Smith Paper Company of Cornwall, Ontario; Cerinne bringing home, from graduate study in England, her husband, Dr. Donald MacLachern, to take up in December his work in the Institute of Neurology in Montreal; and Genevieve completing her work in Zoology and Bacteriology for her higher degree, in Winnipeg.

The New York Times of Dec. 1st brings news of the engagement of Dr. and Mrs. Bayard Dodge's second daughter, Margaret, to Johnson Garrett of Baltimore.

Dr. Walter Livingston Wright, Sr. (Princeton '92), since 1926 vice-president of Lincoln University, will advance to the presidency of that institution in February. George Carr Wright, his son, (Princeton '22) is professor of modern languages at Lincoln, which is the oldest institution in the U. S. for higher education of Negroes, while another son, Walter L. Wright, Jr. (Princeton '21) is our well-known President of the Istanbul American Colleges.

Mrs. Nellie F. Brooks, familiar to our circle as secretary to Mr. Ryan and subsequently local agent of the American Bible Society, is serving as treasurer and office-secretary of the First Congregational Church, Waterloo, Iowa. We are glad for this news about herself: "I am expecting to spend the next three or four months in the south... First I am attending a college reunion in New Orleans for the Christmas week, and then shall go to Jackson, Mississippi for a visit, and eventually reach Piney Woods School, Piney Woods, Mississippi, where I expect to be an instructor in the stenographic department for three months. I shall be happy to be away from the ice and snow of this climate for the next few months."

Writing from Gaziantep on Dec. 7th regarding the heating plant moved from Talas, Dr. Wilson Dodd says: "As I sit here writing this letter I can feel the warmth from the radiator behind my back. The last connections were made this morning, the fire was lit at noon, and inside of an hour and ten minutes all radiators were hot."

The death on Dec. 13th of the historian Bay Nejib Asim recalls the large part he has played in the whole development of Turkology (Türkölük). Born in 1861, he was associated with those who first worked on Turkish as distinguished from Ottoman culture. Among his important works are: Orhon Abideleri, Türk Tarihi, and Türk Savlari.

A serious attempt is being made to enforce the municipal order that no tram shall carry more than 28 passengers at a time. Police are stationed at stopping points to see that the regulation is strictly obeyed. These trams in which practically everyone is sitting down comfortably seem curiously deserted and spiritless as they hurry by with an almost shamefaced air.

Miss Margaret Wether, an art student long resident in Rome, spent some days as a guest of Mrs. MacCallum, and proceeded to Athens by air last Wednesday.

Sincerely yours,
H. H. Kreider.

Dear Friends:

The Istanbul Station Christmas Party, - an annual affair first conceived of by Mrs. Goodsell, - was held in the Bible House apartment last Saturday evening. Missionaries and associates, together with Dr. and Mrs. Wright, Miss Clary, Mr. Harry T. Baker, and Mr. Kerr, brought the total number present to fifty-one. Miss Lindsley was responsible for the general arrangements, Mrs. F.W. MacCallum led in the preliminary devotional service, while Mrs. Shepard and Mrs. Fowle presented special features in which the children took the leading parts, Lyman MacCallum coming in as the hero, in the role of Santa Claus.

Those of our circle whose memories include the waighty experience of carrying quantities of the old silver mejidies will be interested in the official announcement that after Feb. 1, 1936 these coins will not be recognized as legal currency, and they are to be turned in to tax offices or to the Central Bank of the Republic before that date. In the meantime they are legal tender for the payment of taxes, and are exchangeable at the rate of 54 piasters per silver mejidio.

Mrs. Cyril H. Haas, who reached Adana hardly more than a month ago, has already been invited to teach English literature in the Turkish Lycee for Girls in Adana, and has taken up this very interesting opportunity.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Riggs report having visited Miss Isabelle Blake, who was for a few years previous to 1911 a missionary in Aintab, and then in 1918 and 1919 worked among refugees in Egypt. Miss Blake is now teaching Modern History in the Normal School at Keene, N. H.

President W. W. Riggs of Anatolia College, who has handled a very full schedule of speaking engagements during his present brief stay in the States, is reported to have engaged return passage from New York for Dec. 27th.

The publication of the week is a series of five sermons preached during the present month of Ramazan, 1935, in the Beyazit Mosque, by Urfali Mahmud Kiamil. Written in easy-conversational Turkish, they give a good picture of the present-day religious beliefs of the common people. They may be purchased through our Publication Department for 25 piasters.

This morning's "Tan," gives the last poem-written by the poet Jelal Shahir, who died recently. He had told his friends that this described himself, and that he wanted it carved on his tombstone. Englished, without rhyme or rhythm, it runs as follows:

My head said: Rest; my heart said: Run!
My head said: Be-calm; my heart said: Overflow!
My head was timid; my heart was reckless.
My life has been-wasted between the two.

I have not been able to make my head and heart agree.
One is a hundred years old, the other twenty five.
As a result everything has gone wrong;
My life has been wasted between the two.

With Sheker Bayram beginning on the 27th, Moslems and Christians are in a holiday mood, and shops are filled to overflowing.

Merry Christmas!

H. E. Kreider.

Dear Friends:

Writing from their new address at 1253 Harding St., Winter Park, Fla., Mrs. Ernest Ege reports that their son Hubert is in welfare service in Sioux City, Iowa; Edward is physical director for boys from 12 to 18 in the West Side Center in Cleveland; Willard holds a fellowship at California Institute of Technology; Donald is with his parents at the above address.

Recently-made entries on Mrs. MacCallum's guest book include the arrival of Miss Edith Parsons on the 27th, and that of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Roland of the American College, Sofia, the latter being on their way to Beirut for a brief vacation.

Mrs. Yarrow and Harriet, who reached Istanbul Christmas morning, left last evening for Bandirma, intending to visit their friends at the Susurluk borax mines enroute to Izmir.

The most recent gala occasion at the American Collegiate Institute, Izmir, taking place last Friday evening, consisted of a Ramazan feast prepared and served by the members of the Senior Class themselves, to the whole staff of the school. The sub-freshman class at the same school won well-deserved gratitude at the Municipal Children's Home as a result of its preparation and presentation of 18 sets of baby clothes.

The following publications of the General Statistical Bureau of the Prime Ministry have been acquired by the Mission Library.

No. 72 - Activity of the National Schools (Adult Educ.)	80	pages
60 - Activity of People's Reading Rooms and Libraries	77	"
62 - Methods of Compiling Statistics re Labor Accidents	68	"
61 - Population of Bulgaria	41	"
69 - Introduction to Statistical Method	80	"
63 - Population of Belgium	32	"
66 - The Chief Relationships Between Present-day Wars and Vital Statistics (a translation)	24	"
65 - Emigrations (a translation)	24	"
67 - Vital Statistical Laws pertaining to War (trans.)	54	"
68 - Educational Statistics (about Turkey), 1933-34	500	"

Recently the responsible directors of all the private, minority, and foreign schools in this city were invited to the Department of Education office in order to be informed regarding the proposed text of a new set of regulations pertaining to these classes of schools. This group will meet once more in plenary session in the near future, to consider the modifications which have been suggested by a special committee of three directors who have been meeting with high officials and inspectors of the Department. President Walter L. Wright, Jr. is representing the foreign schools, in these very significant studies in which the central committee is now engaged.

"Tan" of Dec. 30th gives in condensed form certain population statistics which are to be published in brochure form in about ten days. It appears that there are 30 provinces in which there are more than 20 inhabitants per square kilometer, and 27 provinces in which the density is less than 20 per sq. km. Stated in other terms, 9,391,229 inhabitants, constituting 58 percent of the total, occupy 37 percent of the total area; the remaining 6,801,465 inhabitants, constituting 42 percent of the total, occupy 63 percent of the total area (i.e. the afore-mentioned 27 provinces), in which latter area the density is less than 20 per sq. km. There are six provinces in which more than 90 percent of the inhabitants are villagers. The 1935 census showed that there were 252,242 more women than men, a percentage excess of 32 per thousand.

Cordially yours,

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