

Bible House, Stamboul, January 7, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

The New Year has already brought this region quite a storm, covering the ground thick with snow which lasted a couple of days. On the Black Sea and Marmora there were many accidents to shipping, the worst being right outside the roadstead of Ereğli, 150 miles east of the Bosphorus, where the 1800-ton steamer "Millet" foundered with the loss of eighteen men.

Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum are prolonging their stay in our city by another week, expecting now to get off toward the end of next week, for Old Phaleron.

There will be a Community Party at the Nurses' Residence of the American Hospital, in Nishantash, on Saturday next, from 4:30 to 7:30.

Mr. Howard Binns, son of our friend Lieut.-Col. Cuthbert Binns, is here with his family for a visit on his way from Blantyre, Nyassaland, to Zurich for further study.

Rev. William E. Hawkes, formerly of Thessaloniki, has been called to pastor of the Congregational Church at Woodbury, Conn.

The Conference on Moslem Work held at Delhi the first week in December, is reported to have been good, with a fine spirit and fellowship. There were about sixty present, twelve of them from the Near East, one each from Turkestan and Malaisia, and the rest from India. One of the delegates was Mr. Fay Livenood, formerly a tutor in Euphrates College, Harpout. Mr. H.H. Higgin was also there.

The Eute family rejoiced at Christmas time in the presence not only of Cyril, who is teaching in the Talas School and also in the Kayseri High School, but also of Billy, who came up from Beirut, where he is taking part of his medical course, this year. They had the Station Christmas Dinner at their house, with twenty sitting down to table.

The Turkish Ministry of Agriculture has shown its cooperative spirit by donating to the Talas School twenty fine Leghorn hens and ten Rhode Island Reds. So Mr. Nilson reports in a New Year letter.

Mr. Herbert J. Reeves, of New York, plumbing and heating expert, arrived in Stamboul January 4th, and is taking charge of these branches of work in connection with the new building of the American Hospital.

Late information from Dr. and Mrs. Birge indicate that they will not be returning to Stamboul before the last week of January, leaving India January 12th.

A card from Mrs. E. St. John Ward reports that Dr. Ward was recently in an automobile accident, but escaped with nothing more serious than the breaking of two ribs.

-Beirut News Letter.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, Jan. 14, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

In humble submission we bow before the sad fact that our colleague and friend Miss Lillian Jeannette Honiss, trained nurse in the Aintab Hospital, was taken from us on Sunday last at 7:30 p.m., after an illness of only four days, of an ulcerative affection of the larynx. A tracheotomy operation seemed to relieve the case, but her heart was not strong enough for the shock. Everything humanly possible was done but all in vain. The funeral service was held Monday, January 9th, and the interment was in the newly acquired lot in the new city cemetery outside Gaziantep, where the grave had been hewn out of the solid rock. The service was held in the nurses' sitting-room at the hospital, and about 70 were present including staff and friends. Two of the Turkish doctors went clear out to the cemetery with them. The city hearse, two passenger cars, and a large bus took people out and the committal service was held at the grave.

Jean Honiss was born in East Berlin, Conn., May 15, 1896; she had two years at Oberlin College, and courses at Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford, besides her professional course at New Haven Hospital. Her commissioning service took place in her home church, Berlin, Conn., September 11, 1927, when Dr. Oscar E. Maurer presented her with her commission. At the time she said:- "It is the deepest joy imaginable, after having been born and brought up in this beautiful New England town and church, to go out now as its missionary." She sailed six days later, and went right to Adana where she worked for a year before taking her year of language study in Stamboul. In 1929 she joined the staff of the Azeriash Smith Memorial Hospital at Aintab, where she has been since, with the exception of her year of furlough in America, 1932-33. Mr. Isely writes of her:- "Jean's life of service here has been of great blessing to many sick, and her sudden death has brought unusual response from many friends. Her witness through service is a great testimony to the Christian faith."

We are indeed grateful to Divine help in that we do not have to record another death among us. Paul Nilson had a narrow squeak the other day when in the course of repairs in his garage his car and the whole building caught fire, and he was caught behind a self-closed door, and rescued with difficulty after being burned about the hands and figure and his coat burned off. Apparently he is none the worse!

Our sympathies go out to Miss Dorothy Blatter, late of Mersifon, in the taking away of her father on November 17th last, at the age of seventy-two, at his home in Albion, Nebraska.

After a stay of about eight weeks, which was altogether too short from the standpoint of their Stamboul friends, Dr. and Mrs. F. C. MacCallum started out yesterday on their return to Old Phaleron, Greece, to spend the rest of the winter with their sisters there.

We are glad to learn of Dr. George E. White's improvement at Omaha, Nebraska, and of the assurance that there is nothing organically serious about the case.

Miss Esther Peck of the Thessaloniki Girls' School has difficulty in getting back into Greece after her recent trip to Sofia, apparently because of her first name making the authorities suspect her of non-Aryan lineage, and because Greece is against admitting members of the Hebrew race coming down from the north!

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

American Board Mission, Istanbul, Jan. 21, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

Among the birthday honors conferred by the King of England on New Year's Day, were the award of the Kaiser-i-Hind Medal to Mrs. Arthur Harper, of Moga, India, wife of our former Euphrates College teacher; also the same honor to the Principal of Madras Christian College, where the International Missionary Council has been meeting.

Sir Percy Loraine, who has been for some time British Ambassador to Turkey, has been slated for the position of Ambassador at Rome; and leaves in February for his new post. His place at Angora is to be taken by Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, who will be remembered as the Ambassador to China who was seriously wounded by a Japanese bomb, many months ago, and who has since recovered from his injuries.

Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum had a pleasant voyage to Piraeus from here, in spite of the storm which struck Stamboul that evening. They are now happily settled with their sisters in Old Phaleron.

Miss Ethel Putney is spending some time at the Calvary House in New York City, working with Rev. Samuel Shoemaker, well known in Oxford Group circles.

Dr. Walter M. Horton, of the Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, after giving two lectures at the Near East School of Theology and preaching at the Anglo-American service, on his way back from the Madras Conference, is due here this evening. His subjects at Beirut were: A Faith For Today, and A Theology For Today.

The engagement is announced of Miss Helen Barnum, of the staff of the Girls' College, and Mr. Ernest E. Ramsauer of Robert College.

Mrs. Howard Bliss of Beirut is here on a short visit, on her return from a trip to Sofia to see her family there. She is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Huntington at Robert College.

According to latest advices, Dr. and Mrs. Birge may be expected back here from India about the 25th or 27th of the month; and Mr. Henry Riggs was to reach Beirut yesterday.

In some way, an extra copy of Mrs. Helen C. M. Davis's book, "Religious Liberty in the Near East," has come to the Mission Library. If anyone desires to purchase a copy, it can be had for the cost price of \$2.25, nothing being charged for postage. Address the undersigned. The book has received some highly complimentary reviews in the press.

Rev. Mr. Maroger, from Madagascar, who has been conducting a series of services in French at the Union Church in Pera, has his last service tomorrow morning, and leaves the next day on his return to France.

General Kiazim Euzalp has tendered his resignation as Minister of National Defence, and General Nadji Tunaz of Brousa has been appointed in his place.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, Jan. 28, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

The Prime Minister, Djelal Bavar, tendered the resignation of himself and his cabinet to the President of the Republic this week, and Bay Refik Saydam, Deputy of Stamboul, has been appointed Prime Minister in his place. He has retained the cabinet of his predecessor with two changes, - the ministries of interior and agriculture being filled with new men. The new Prime Minister is to present his program to the Grand National Assembly today for approval. It is also announced that the Grand National Assembly will then dissolve itself, and will ask for new elections to be held as soon as practicable.

Dr. Tewfik Rüshtü Aras, formerly minister of foreign affairs, has been appointed Ambassador to London, and is leaving for his new post.

Miss Theda Bell Phelps of Aintab is sailing from America by the steamer "Vulcania" on February 26th, for Italy, and is due in Stamboul March 16th, on her way back to Aintab, having cut her furlough a little short on account of the death of Miss Honiss. This decision is welcomed and had been desired by her friends in Aintab.

Dr. and Mrs. Walter M. Horton left Stamboul on Wednesday last, after four days here, and are having a few days in Athens and vicinity before sailing for America.

Dr. and Mrs. Bertram V.D. Post of Robert College have returned from a visit of six weeks or so in Switzerland. They left their son Davis at his former residence in Switzerland.

Mrs. Theron J. Damon and her daughter Caroline reached their home in Hissar on Wednesday last, after an absence of half a year, much improved in health.

Dr. Douglas Horton, Secretary of the General Council Congregational and Christian Churches, with Mrs. Horton, is returning from the Madras Council meeting via our city. They expect to be arriving in Port Said February 8th, and going via Cairo and Jerusalem, to reach Beirut on the 18th, and go by way of Aleppo getting to Aintab about March 4th, then come through Adana and Talaas, getting to Stamboul March 15th, to spend a week here. They then go on to Greece, visiting both Athens and Thessaloniki, and go on home via Prague and London. With them are traveling his sister and her husband, Mr. & Mrs. Clare J. Cravy.

Rev. Henry H. Riggs reached his home in Beirut a week ago today, visiting the mission stations at Muscat and Bahrein on his way back from India.

Word has just reached us of the death, on January 9th, of Mrs. Roy Leatherman, nee Hazel A. Hotson, formerly of Adana, at Detroit, Mich., after an illness of eight weeks.

A wire from Dr. Fred F. Goodsell informs us that he was to reach Beirut Jan. 25th, and hopes to follow the schedule arranged for visiting other stations; but that he must sail from Genoa on March 1st, so that some changes need to be made.

Mr. John Whitinr Scott, of Tarsus College, arrived in Stamboul yesterday evening, coming for necessary surgical treatment.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, February 4, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

Dr. and Mrs. J.K. Birge arrived at their home in Hissar on Monday last, from their trip to India, having been gone since the middle of November. They are well, and found their two girls in good condition also.

Miss Harriet Yarrow and Miss Hoag, from the Smyrna Girls School, are spending the Bayram holidays here; and in exchange, Miss Gladys Lucas and Miss Levesley of Scutari have gone to Smyrna for their holidays.

President and Mrs. Wright are making a trip to Sinaia, Roumania, during these holidays. Others from the two colleges have gone to various points, in Greece, Bulgaria, and Turkey.

Mr. Luther Fowle is off on a short business trip to Smyrna, expecting to return tomorrow.

The passing of Mrs. Leatherman (Miss Hotson) was mentioned in our last issue. Miss Hotson came out here in the summer of 1921, and before taking her course in the Language School, was in Adana five years, after having been in the Children's Hospital, of Buffalo, N.Y., and having been assistant superintendent of public health for the city of Detroit for five years. She left for America on her second furlough in July of 1933; but the next summer she was married to Mr. Roy Edgar Leatherman, of Detroit, and so did not come back. She was a native of Kincardine, Ontario, and studied in the public schools of Woodstock, Ont., and graduated as a trained nurse in 1911, at Buffalo.

Announcement was made at Yale University on January 5th that Arthur Lachlan Reed, '139, had been awarded the Clare Fellowship, providing for two years' study at Cambridge University. He is the son of our former associates, Dr. and Mrs. Cass Arthur Reed of International College, Smyrna. He was recently elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa at Yale.

The new Gazi Bridge, across the Golden Horn at Un Kapan, has been put in position, all except the drawbridge or central portion. The flooring has yet to be put on, and much other work before it can be used.

At the Emin Ünlü end of the Karaköy bridge, the clearing away of buildings around Yeni Jami has opened up the vista of the mosque but the work of demolition has not yet been completed. Wheeled traffic has been diverted to the right of the mosque, so that the underpass under the ancient arch is reserved for footpassengers. There are great plans for the embellishment of a fine park in the space thus cleared.

It seems now pretty definitely settled that the Biennial meeting of the Near East Christian Council, which is due in the spring of this year, cannot be held in Jerusalem, as formerly intended, but will have to be held somewhere in the vicinity of Beirut. It will probably be held March 15th to 20th.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Kings

Dear Friends:-

Today there are arriving in our city Dr. and Mrs. Merle Davis, who are among those returning this way to America from the Madras Conference. Dr. Davis is a son of the late Rev. Jerome Davis, of the American Board Mission in Japan; he is the Research Director for the International Missionary Council, and his pamphlet/studies issued for the great meeting were highly appreciated and helpful.

It is expected that Dr. Fred Field Goodsell will be arriving in Stamboul on the 17th, next Friday; he is scheduled to occupy the pulpit of the Union Church of Pera Sunday morning, address the Sunday School gathering at the Gedik Pasha Church in the afternoon, and speak to the Christian Workers' Union and friends on Monday afternoon. He plans to leave Tuesday for Greece.

Mrs. Ward, who came from the Madras Conference with Dr. and Mrs. Birge, has left this morning for Italy and England, and expects to join her husband at Kansas City for the great Reunion Conference of the Methodist Churches. Bishop Ward has been located at Nanking and Cheng-tu China, and returned there after the Madras meeting, going on to America via Japan.

Mrs. Alice Morgan, formerly of Robert College, who has spent the past twelve years largely in France and Belgium, returned to Bissar yesterday for a few weeks of visit with her old friends before going to America.

The vacation trippers have by now returned largely to their homes. Miss Lucas and Miss Levesley had a fine time in Smyrna, and conversely Miss Yarrow and Miss Hoag enjoyed their visit in Stamboul. The dozen or so from the Colleges who went to Egypt found the country rather chillier than they had anticipated, but saw a lot, some going as far as Luxor and even Assouan during their vacation. President and Mrs. Wright are expected back today, from Roumania.

The visit of Dr. Goodsell at Beirut, January 25 to 27, was packed about as full as possible; he gave an address at the School of Theology, on some of the ideas of the Madras gathering; he was tendered a reception by the "International College" department of Beirut University, had a session with some of the local pastors, and met business appointments.

Mr. and Mrs. George White, of Anatolia College, are getting over a good deal of ground while on their year's absence in America. They have recently been motoring through Nebraska, Iowa, Texas, and California, among other places. While in Los Angeles, they attended a meeting of the Southern California Federation of Congregational Women, where they met Miss Jillson of Beirut, Miss Jones of Stamboul, Mrs. King of Bulgaria, Miss Rice of Smyrna and Athens, Mrs. Sewny and Mr. and Mrs. Gatchell of Thessaloniki.

It is announced that the new bathing-beach which is being constructed by the Bosphorus Steamer Company, between Candilli and the Little Geuk-sou stream, opposite Robert College, will be opened to the public on July 1st.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

On the very day after the Pope Pius XI died, the Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem, Mr. Torkom Kushorian, passed away. He was only sixty-five years old, and was known as a deeply religious man, as well as a good scholar. He was a native of Sardis, and educated at the Ardashir Theological Seminary.

Dr. Edward Hume, for many years medical director of Yale in China, passed through our city last week Friday, being one of the delegates from the Madras Conference who did not stop long enough here for want to see him. He was deeply interested in seeing the new American Hospital, now nearing completion.

Miss Anna B. Jones, who is spending the winter with cousins in Hollywood, Calif., writes about the annual meeting of the Near East Fellowship, held at Pasadena on Jan. 28th, when there were about sixty present at a luncheon, including besides herself, Miss Nellie Bartlett, Mrs. E.D. Marden, Mr. and Mrs. D.A. Getchell, Mr. and Mrs. George D. White, Mrs. L.C. Sewny, Mr. Samuel Anderson, Miss Clara Bissell, Miss Nina E. Rice, Mrs. J.P. McNaughton and her daughter Mrs. Hester, Dr. and Mrs. A. McLaughlin, Dr. and Mrs. C.A. Reed, Mrs. J. Willie Brown, Mrs. George Baker, Miss Virginia Billings, Miss Anne Paver, Miss S.S. Holt, and others. Letters were also read from Dr. Peet and Mrs. Herrhill.

The Ankara daily "Ulus" informs us that on May 1st there will be put on sale a commemorative issue of six stamps, 250,000 of each, in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of "American freedom," which is undoubtedly meant to be the adoption of the Constitution, in 1789. These stamps are to be: 2 1/2 piastres, green, 3 piastres, orange, 6 piastres, lilac, 7 1/2 piastres, red, 8 piastres, brown, and 12 1/2 piastres, blue. They will have as background the map of the United States, on which in the higher values will be the portraits of Atatürk, and Roosevelt, facing each other; while in the three lower values, the Turkish and American flags will appear. It is perhaps unique in philately to have any country honor another by exhibiting its map on a set of stamps, or the portrait of its ruler. This series is in connection with the partaking of Turkey in the world's Fair at New York.

Two other new series of stamps are announced for the near future, this year:- a commemorative issue for the late President Atatürk, of eight values,- the 2 1/2 piastre portraying his birthplace at Salonica; the 3, Atatürk as a Captain; the 5, Atatürk at the Sivas Congress; the 6, Atatürk in a kalpak, during the National struggle; the 7 1/2, Atatürk at Kocatepe; the 8, Atatürk in a Marshall's uniform; the 12 1/2, Atatürk as President, in civil costume; and the 17 1/2, Atatürk during his later days. The other series will consist of nineteen values, from 10 paras to one lira, on three of which will appear the portrait of the new President Ismet İnönü, and on the rest, scenes from various places in Turkey.

On Thursday of this week, a lecture was given at the Near East School of Theology, Beirut, by Dr. James Thayer Addison, of the Episcopal Theological Seminary at Cambridge, Mass., on "Recent Revolutions in China."

Rev. Fred Field Goodsell, D.D., accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. E.C. Blake, arrived in town last night, and will be here until Tuesday evening. Dr. Goodsell preaches twice tomorrow, and will address the Christian Workers' Union Monday afternoon at the Bible House.

Yours very cordially,
Charles I. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, February 25, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

The visit of Dr. Fred Field Goodsell in Stamboul was a short and busy one. Arriving in the late evening of Friday, the 17th, he met with the Mission Publication Committee and later with the members of Stamboul Station on Saturday afternoon; on Sunday morning he preached a stirring sermon at the Union Church of Pera; and in the afternoon addressed in Turkish a large congregation at the Gedik Pasha Church, using the language quite in disregard of the fact of ten years' absence from Turkey, and much to the joy of his hearers. On Monday afternoon he addressed a large gathering at Miss Barker's apartment under the auspices of the Constantinople Workers' Union, on some aspects of the Madras Conference; and on Monday evening he spoke to the staffs of the two American Colleges at the home of President Wright. Tuesday afternoon he gave a couple of hours to a conference with the members of the Committee and Interim of the Mission. All this in addition to visits made to the Scutari School, the Y.M. and Y.W.C.A.'s, the American Hospital, and several homes in the city. On Wednesday morning he left by steamer for Greece, and it is to be hoped got a little rest on the voyage. He sails for New York on the S.S. "Queen Mary" on March 4th.

Rev. Walter B. Wiley, from 1924 to 1934 a member of this Mission and stationed in Marash, has resigned his charge in Walpole, N.H., to accept a call from the Pilgrim Memorial Church of Pittsfield, Mass., which has a membership of 400, much larger than his previous parish. The change took effect the middle of February.

Rev. John E. Merrill, Ph.D., formerly of Aleppo, who supplied for Mr. Wiley in Walpole last July, is at present substituting for his son-in-law, Rev. Alfred Coons, at New Paltz, N.Y. He is also continuing his studies in the history of Islam.

Mr. and Mrs. George De Forest White of Anatolia College have just sent in their resignation from that organization, to accept the responsibility for a program of Social Service in connection with a Copper Mining Company in the island of Cyprus; and their passage is engaged from American for April 16th. This Company, which heads up in Los Angeles, California, employs about 8,000 workers, many of them from Asia Minor, who need primary and trade schools, recreation grounds, movies, etc., for moral and social uplift. This step necessitates Anatolia College finding another man for bursar.

The Missionary Herald informs us that in a missionary sermon contest sponsored by the American Board among the students of the American seminaries, the third prize, of \$20.00, was won by Mr. George L. Moissides, of Andover-Newton Seminary, who many will remember as formerly of Gedik Pasha School and Robert College. We learnt that Mr. Moissides will be teaching this next year in an Academy of the Reformed Presbyterian Mission in Cyprus.

Master Bob Shepard is leaving Stamboul Monday, to catch up with Dr. Goodsell in Paris, and go with him across to America, to continue his studies there at a school in Maine. In the fall he expects to enter Deerfield Academy.

The King of Greece has recently paid friendly visits to the Farm School and Anatolia College at Thessaloniki, showing his appreciation of what those institutions are doing for the Greek youth.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Higgs.

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Dear Friends:-

Dr. and Mrs. George H. Huntington, of Robert College, left Stamboul last evening by Simplon Express, on their way to Paris and Havre, to take the "Ile de France" across to New York. They plan to spend about a fortnight with Mrs. Huntington's mother at Riverside, N.Y., and then go to Warm Springs, Georgia, for the rest of the spring, spend the summer in Maine, and return here in November to spend the coming winter again in their Hissar home.

Mr. Luther Fowle left town Thursday evening for a visit to Tarsus, Aleppo, and Beirut; and Mr. Lyman MacCallum expects to leave on Wednesday next to join him at the biennial meeting of the Near East Christian Council at Brummana, in the Lebanon, March 17th, to which both are delegates.

The President of the Turkish Republic and Mme. Ismet Inönü arrived in Stamboul day before yesterday, in the forenoon, and are residing in Dolma Baghtche Palace. The length of their visit has not yet been announced, but the city was gaily dressed to give them a warm reception.

Rev. Paul F. Bobb, formerly connected with Merzifon Station, is pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. Everett C. Blake of Merzifon started back home on Thursday evening last, going by train via Ankara.

Among recent visitors to this city, thanks to the Madras Conference, was Rev. Herbert E. Blair, for the past thirty years a missionary of the Presbyterian Board in Korea. He is on his way back to America on furlough, and passed through our city yesterday.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Shukru Saradjorblou, has just returned from a visit to Bucharest, where the Foreign Ministers of the Balkan Entente had a good meeting; after it was over he went also to Belgrade and Athens, being given a hearty welcome at each. The presidential yacht "Savarna" went over to bring him back from Athens here; and it is now lying opposite Dolma Baghtche Palace again.

Many persons in this city as well as elsewhere listened with deep interest to the wireless message of President Inönü to the American people on Sunday evening last, given very effectively in English. We learn that the reception in America was very good also.

A fire, probably caused by an overheated stove in the servants' quarters, destroyed almost completely the outbuildings at the entrance to the Nurses' Home property, adjoining the new American Hospital building at Nishantash, about 2:00 P.M. on Monday, February 27th. Several dozen workmen employed on the new building, by dint of great effort, succeeded in removing from these quarters several thousand dollars' worth of building material recently imported from the States. But used furniture and equipment to a value of several hundred liras was lost. The buildings themselves were adequately covered by insurance.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, March 11, 1939,

Dear Friends:-

Miss Theda B. Phelps sailed from Boston February 26, on her way back to her post at the Aintab Hospital, and is expected here soon.

Miss Sylvia Eddy of Talas is expecting to sail from New York on the S.S. "Rex" April 22nd, and to arrive in Stamboul May 3rd, on her return to Talas.

"Post-Madras meetings" are being held in forty cities of the United States and Canada; two teams, one in the north, and one in the south, are moving across the continent. The northern team is composed of Miss Ruth Seabury, of our Board, Dr. Yuasa, a former President of Doshisha University, Japan; Miss Mina Soga, of South Africa, and others.

Furloughs have been authorized by the Board for the following, to begin in the late spring or in the summer of this year:- Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Compton; Dr. and Mrs. William L. Nute; Dr. and Mrs. Jesse K. Marden (four months), and Miss Isabelle Harley.

Among recent deaths are two which interest more particularly our friends in the Near East; that of Charles R. Crane, who did so much for the education especially of Albanian youth in our American colleges, and who died in California at the age of 80; and that of Rev. Felix Margot, who was for many years connected with educational and philanthropic work in Turkey, first in Robert College, later in Merzifon, Sivas, and Harpout, mainly in connection with the orphanages; he passed away at his birthplace in St. Croix, Jura, Switzerland, in January, at the age of 83. Mrs. Margot is still living.

Professor and Mrs. Rogers, of Oberlin College, parents of Miss Mary Rogers of the American College for Girls, and of Mr. Martin Rogers of Robert College, have come out here to make quite a visit to their children here.

Miss Kathryn N. Adams, former President of the Girls' College, with her sister, is expected in a few days, to be here in time for the celebration of Charter Day at the College, two weeks from now.

Dr. D. Alton Davis, General Secretary of the International Y.M.C.A. at Geneva, arrived here Sunday last and left yesterday for Athens; he was kept very busy while here with affairs connected with his field of work.

Premier Metaxas of Greece, together with the Governor-General of Macedonia, paid a surprise visit to the American Girls' School at Thessaloniki, two weeks ago, inspecting the whole building and asking many questions. The girls managed to present the Premier with a lovely bouquet of flowers.

Dr. James Thayer Addison, of the Episcopal General Seminary at Cambridge, Mass., is a visiting professor for four weeks at the Near East School of Theology at Beirut; and in addition to his course of lectures, is conducting a discussion group. Being on Sabbatical leave, he is gathering material for a book.

The President of the Republic has returned to Angora, after a visit in this city of about a week.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, March 18, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Horton arrived in Stamboul yesterday morning from Angora. Dr. Birge had met them in Angora and showed them the sights of the Capital, and accompanied them here. They are having a very full program in this city, with gatherings of one sort or another every day. Dr. Horton is recovering nicely from his accident on the way from Aleppo to the Turkish border, when he slipped on a rock and cracked two bones of the ankle and foot. Dr. Horton preaches tomorrow morning at the Union Church of Pera, and in afternoon addressed the Sunday-school at Gelik Pasha.

Mrs. Elizabeth Leslie Seager went to Smyrna to rejoin her husband there, he having been transferred there by his firm. She had a stormy passage, and the steamer was seven hours late in arrival; but she reports enjoying the trip nevertheless.

Miss Theda B. Phelps arrived in Stamboul from America on Thursday, in fine condition, and is staying here till Tuesday before going on to Gaziantep Hospital.

Dr. S. Ralph Harlow, now of Smith College, formerly of the International College at Smyrna, is now in Syria, visiting Beirut and Aleppo. He has given lectures at the Beirut University and the School of Theology, and preached last Sunday at the Anglo-American Church. Dr. and Mrs. Harlow expect to come to Stamboul after a visit in Greece.

Professor L. Levonian of the Beirut School of Theology is now studying and lecturing at Selly Oak Colleges, Woodbroke, Birmingham, England, where he and Mrs. Levonian expect to stay until the end of July. Their two boys are in a boarding school near by. Mr. Levonian reports seeing Dr. J. Rendel Harris often, and hearing him lecture last month on "Egyptian Colonization in England". And this despite his eighty-seven years.

Aleppo College is rejoicing in the word of the completion of the sale of the Central Turkey College property at Gaziantep, which provides the funds lacking to finish the main administration building at Aleppo. It is hoped that the complete academic plant may soon be finished and the College enter on its full career. Enrollment has been steadily climbing through the year, and prospects are very encouraging.

Official instructions have been sent out from the central Government at Angora that American Board school properties are to be exempt from the buildings tax, not only since 1938, but also during the period from 1931 till 1938. This is a great relief to our hard-pressed schools.

After a happy visit of five weeks in Hissar, Mrs. Alice Morgan left two days ago for Greece, on her way to a visit in Albania, before returning to Brussels where she is living.

Amid the international turmoil of Central Europe, this country continues its quiet life, and is now rejoicing in a friendly visit from Mr. Keusseivanoff, Prime Minister of Bulgaria, who is showing the good feelings of his country towards Turkey by coming to its capital.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, March 25, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

Dr. Kathryn Newell Adams, former President of Constantinople Woman's College, arrived at Arnaoutkeuy on Thursday last, for a visit of a couple of weeks. She will make the principal address at the celebration of Charter Day at the Girls' College, tomorrow afternoon. Her sister is with her on this trip.

The Founders' Day exercises at Robert College were very successfully carried out on Friday afternoon and evening, a large number of the alumni coming back for the occasion. At the session in Albert Long Hall at 2 p.m., Bay Emet Arig, legal adviser to the Standard Oil Company, gave a brief address, and President Wright gave incidents from the lives of Dr. Hamlin and Christopher Robert showing their remarkable combining of ideals with the practical ability to put those ideals into operation. There followed a very good gymnastic exhibition in the Dodge Gymnasium. At the Alumni Banquet in the evening in the Social Hall, two alumni, a Turk and Bulgarian, gave brief addresses, and Professor Rogers of the Biology Department at Oberlin College brought the greetings of that institution. President Wright also spoke; and there was singing of college songs during the intervals between courses.

Dr. J.K. Birge has just received a cable from his son Robert announcing his approaching arrival here on April 3rd, for a short stay. He is taking his course in Union Seminary.

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of Aleppo College took place in Aleppo on March 8th with members present from the four co-operating agencies, namely the Syrian and Armenian Evangelical bodies, and the Presbyterian and Congregational Mission Boards. Under the leadership of Dr. Alford Carleton, and Mr. Harry Dorman, progress had been made during the year. Enrollment and local income have increased gratifyingly. The twin dormitories on the new site have been completed, one of them being contributed by Dr. Altounyan. Sixty students can be housed in these dormitories. Excavation for the new administrative and class-room building is in progress, and it is hoped that the College may move out to this new site in the spring or fall of 1940.

The American Girls School of Aleppo is this year under the direction of Miss Arnes Fenenga during the absence of Miss Silliman on furlough. In rented quarters, its 88 girls are following a course of secondary education. The school is delighted to have 26 Syrian girls this year, and hopes for still larger numbers in years to come. Thus most of the student body are Armenians, coming up from the various church schools of the city. This School is a joint project of the Presbyterian Foreign Board and the American Board.

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Near East School of Theology was held in Beirut on March 10th, under the chairmanship of Dr. W.C. Greenslade, Principal of the School. A fine year of steady work was reported. In the absence of Professors Levonian and Michaelides on furlough in America and England, the School has been most fortunate in having the teaching services and fellowship of Dr. Bailey of Hartford and Dr. Wishart of San Francisco, both of whom are resident professors for the years.

Best of all is the fact of general satisfaction of the various elements of the Aleppo public in the record made, and the prospects for the future of this institution of fine traditions, now making a real place for itself in its new environment.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, April 1, 1939.

Dear friends:-

Messrs. L.R.Fowle and F.L.MacCallum, delegates to the biennial meeting of the Near East Christian Council at Brummana, in the Lebanon, have returned to their posts in this city, having enjoyed rich experience at the gathering, and having seen many of our friends on their way.

The Biennial meeting of the Near East Christian Council was held at Brummana, near Beirut, from the 17th to the 22nd of March. Nineteen appointed delegates represented the missions of Iran, Irak, Transjordan, Palestine, Egypt, Sudan, Syria and Turkey. There were also present some eleven fraternal delegates from missionary societies and three individuals from indigenous church bodies. The Rev. J. Christy Wilson of Ikenren presided, with the Rev. H.H.Riggs at his right hand as Executive Secretary. The meetings were largely occupied with applying to the local situations the findings of the Madras Conference. The Constitution of the N.E.C.C. was considerably altered in a way that will make easier the admission of representatives of the ancient and the newer Oriental churches, and it is hoped that as a result the Conference will soon lose its present overwhelmingly foreign missionary character. The delegates left carrying with them an appeal to all their local churches for a fresh dedication of their members to the work of evangelism, beginning with a special service of dedication at Pentecost.

Miss Jacqueline Brown, daughter of our old friends Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Brown, formerly of Stamboul, has been in the city with some friends for a few days, to visit again the scenes of her childhood and her acquaintances of yore.

Word has come that Dean Root of Princeton has recently given to W. Phillips Davison, younger son of Rev. and Mrs. W.S.Davison, formerly of Robert College, now of Auburn Seminary, a grade of 101 1/2 in a course in English Literature. This is the highest grade ever given by Dean Root to any student.

Work on the new American Hospital building is progressing according to schedule. The electric wiring and the various water and ventilation and gas installations are going on, and the frames for doors and windows are in place. The surfacing of the roof terrace is being laid down. The Otis elevator is being put in order in its shaft.

The Annual Charter-Day exercises at the American College for Girls, last Sunday were of special interest because of the presence of Dr. Kathryn Newell Adams, who was President of the College until 1931, and with her sister is now visiting here until next Tuesday. Dr. Adams gave the chief address, and the hall was unusually full.

Our sympathies go out to Mr. Forrest Crawford of Robert College, as we learn of the death of his father, Prof. J. Stewart Crawford of Beirut University, formerly of Damascus, who passed on at the age of 75, on March 17th.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

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Bible House, Stamboul, April 8, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

Dr. Kathryn Newell Adams and her sister left Stamboul last Tuesday evening by train for Sofia, after a fortnight's visit at the Girls' College. They planned to make a short stay in the Bulgarian capital on their way back to America.

Mr. Robert Birge, son of our colleague, Dr. Birge, arrived on Tuesday from America, having come here to complete some work connected with his course at Union Theological Seminary, New York.

Professor William W. Hall, Jr., Ph.D., of Sofia American College, has resigned his position there, and leaves at the close of the current year, to take up the Presidency of Idaho College, U.S.A. He and his wife will be greatly missed. Before going to Sofia, Mr. Hall was for some years connected with Robert College.

There have been daily services at the Dutch Chapel through Holy Week, led by the pastor, Rev. W. O. Gerr; and tomorrow there will be a specially prepared service for Easter.

The Findings of the Tambaram Conference of the International Missionary Council have been published in a neat volume, which can be had at the price of a shilling sixpence each, or perhaps a little less if ordered in group. Dr. Birge is ordering a number of copies, and if any of our readers wish to secure one or more copies, they are requested to send their names to him as soon as possible, so as to get them. In April, a second book is to be issued, a descriptive appraisal by Basil Mathews. This also can be ordered through Dr. Birge.

Mr. Smeed, father of Mrs. Forrest Crawford of Robert College, who has been staying with the Crawfords for some time, is on his way back to Beirut again.

The Anglo-American circle in Stamboul has been shocked by the act of the mob in Mosul, which destroyed the British Consulate and killed Mr. Monk-Mason; he was well known here some years ago when he was in the Consular service in this city.

At the first session of the sixth Grand National Assembly at Angora, on Monday last, President Ismet Inönü was unanimously re-elected President of the Turkish Republic; Mr. Abdul Halik Renda was likewise re-elected President of the Assembly; and the Prime Minister, Dr. Refik Saydam, who had resigned with his cabinet, and had been charged with the duty of forming a new cabinet, presented his slate. Nearly all the former members retain their places, but there have been two portfolios added, those of Commerce, and of Roads and Communications; and the former Minister of Public Works, Ali Chotinkaya, becomes Minister of Roads and Communications, while General Ali Fuad takes his place in Public Works. At the next sitting, on Monday next, the Prime Minister will present his program.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, April 15, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

Rev. John Kittredge Browne, D.D., long and affectionately known to his associates as "Parson Browne," of Harpout, passed to his reward at Auburndale, Mass., March 23rd, in his ninety-sixth year. We can only thank God for so long and useful a life. Dr. Browne had for several years been the senior missionary of the American Board, and also the oldest living alumnus of Harvard University. For the past fifteen years he has made his home at the Walker Missionary Home, Auburndale, since the death of his wife in 1923. He was born in Framingham, Mass., July 4, 1843, and graduated at Harvard in 1869, and at Andover Seminary in 1872. Before coming out to Turkey as Pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational Church of Cambridge, Mass., and it was at this church that his funeral took place on Sunday, March 26th. He had always kept up his connection with it. In September, 1876, a year after reaching Harpout, he came to Constantinople and was here married to Miss Leila Kendall, who had come out to join him. Together they labored in the Harpout field till 1912. At first he substituted for Dr. Wheeler in the College while the latter collected funds in America; but for most of his life Dr. Browne was the touring missionary of the field, frequently having an associate with him on his journeys, and most frequently it was Miss Bush. After returning to America in 1912, he was for a time Field Secretary for the American Board at their offices in San Francisco and later in Chicago; but in 1924 he definitely retired, at eighty-one, and went to Auburndale. His six children all survive, one, Mrs. Alice Frame, in North China, three in Massachusetts, and one each in New York and New Jersey. Dr. Browne (who received his D.D. in 1919) passed away in his sleep.

Miss Lucille Day, formerly of Brouse, now of India, reached Beirut April 8th on her way back to America, and is expected shortly in Stamboul for a brief stop.

Miss Sylvia Eddy, returning to her work in Texas, is booked to sail from New York on the "Rex," April 22nd, and is coming on through Naples and Stamboul.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pence, formerly of Aintab, and now at Covelo, California, announce the arrival of Cara Louise, March 21st, whose "card" presents her as the star in "a major production, The Cherub, with full color artistry and unusual sound effects."

The J.P. Morgan yacht, "Corsair", arrived in the Bosphorus Wednesday, bringing His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, together with Lord and Lady Alphonstone, the latter a sister to the Queen of England; also Lady Buxton, and Mr. Morgan himself. The ship's surgeon is Dr. Daniel Dorman, brother of the Dean of Aleppo College and son of our friend Dr. Dorman of Syria. Dr. Dorman expects to be married this summer to Miss Dorothy Merrill, formerly of Aleppo. The ship leaves the harbor today.

The big new hall of the "Anastoliki Diskonia," a lay preaching mission inside the Orthodox Greek Church at Thessaloniki, was dedicated on Palm Sunday. This building, which cost some 750,000 drachmas, is the center of a truly Home Missionary organization, under strictly lay leadership, which has won an honorable place and is doing a lot of vital work.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, April 22, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

Dr. William L. Mute of Talas, with his daughter Merrilee, is expected here in a few days, on his way to America. The Mute family is going on furlough for this coming year; but they do not believe in cluttering up traffic by all going together, so Mrs. Mute and the boys are planning to start later on and go more slowly, but eventually they will all join up in the homeland.

Miss Edith F. Parsons came up from Smyrna last evening for a visit of a few days here.

Professor and Mrs. MacNeal of Robert College have started out on a vacation trip to Talas, Sivas, Amasia, and Erzifon, expecting to be gone about ten days.

Many of the staffs of the two Colleges have left for various vacation destinations; but rumors of political stringencies made others reconsider who had been intending to travel.

Mrs. Herbert M. Allen, formerly of our city, spent the past winter with her daughter Dorothy, now Mrs. Rev. John Elmer Frazee, Ph.D., at Ozone Park, Long Island, where her husband is pastor of the Woodhaven Congregational Church. More recently Mrs. Allen has gone to be with her daughter Gladys, who is now Mrs. Brigham of Pittsfield, Mass.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry H. Riggs and their daughter Helen and the two daughters of Rev. Mr. Cochran of Meshed, Persia, took an interesting trip, April 10th to 13th, from Beirut to Jerusalem and Bethlehem, going via Tel Aviv. In Jerusalem Mr. Riggs addressed the Mission Meeting of the Church Missionary Society and at the invitation of the Bishop spoke to the meeting about the Madras Conference. They also attended a fine concert in the hall of the Y.M.C.A. building, by the Palestine Broadcasting Society.

Last Monday, after a Sunday of services in Aleppo, Mr. Riggs went with Dr. Carleton and Miss Lucille Day, the latter on her way home from India, to visit the Evangelical churches in Hama, at Antioch, Alexandretta, and Kirik Han. The work of these churches seems to be going on quite normally and hopefully.

Prof. Theodore M. Greene, son of the late Dr. J. K. Greene of Stamboul, whom some of our readers will remember when he lived in Bebek, is making quite a name for himself in Princeton University, where he recently gave a course of addresses before students and faculty members.

Tomorrow is National Independence Day for the Turks; a special program of celebration has been arranged, and all schools are having at least three days of holiday.

New bank-notes of two and a-half liras each are being issued and will be in circulation within the week. It is a long time since those of the ancient issue of this denomination passed out of use.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, April 29, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

Dr. William L. Aute and his daughter spent two days in town on their way through for America from Talas, and left yesterday morning by steamer for Athens and Venice. On the same steamer went Miss Lucille Day, who had arrived about the same time, coming from Syria here via Smyrna, on her way home from India on furlough. She expects to make a short stop in Greece, seeing her old friends and associates in Thessaloniki, her last station (1928-29) while in this Mission, and going on thence to America.

Mrs. Harry T. Baker, of the Y.M.C.A., left by train last night for Paris, on her way to her home in Johnstown, N.Y., called thither by the news of the serious illness of her father and her stepmother.

Lorrin A. Riggs, Ph.D., son of President and Mrs. E.W. Riggs of Anatolia College, has recently been honored by election to membership in Sigma Xi, the honorary scientific society corresponding roughly to Phi Beta Kappa in the academic world. He is now taking graduate work at Brown University.

Cards have been received announcing the arrival of Robert Straight Treat, son to Rev. and Mrs. Edward Straight Treat, at Wynoka, Oklahoma, on April 4th, weight, 8 lbs. 4 oz. Mr. and Mrs. (Jennie Paige) Treat were former members of our Mission, at Talas.

The United Missionary Council of Syria and Palestine has just held its twentieth anniversary meeting at Beirut, beginning on Monday last, and an unusually large attendance was registered. At least seventy-five delegates and out-of-town visitors were expected.

We regret to learn of the painful accident to Mrs. James P. McNaughton, now of California, by which she broke her arm. Her sister Miss Jillson is with her.

Mrs. Lorrin Shepard has returned in good condition to her home in Bebek after a severe operation at the American Hospital.

Herr Franz Von Papen, newly appointed German Ambassador to Turkey, has reached Ankara. He is well known to Americans as having been an attaché in Washington at the outbreak of the world war.

During his recent visits to Ankara, Mr. Tavlour Seukmen, Chief of the State of Hatay, is quoted as saying: "Although I am formally the Chief of the State of Hatay, in actual fact I am only a simple functionary sent to apply and execute there the orders of the Eternal Chief, Atatürk, and of President Ismet İnönü." Customs duties and the passport formalities between Turkey and Hatay have been abolished.

The dailies inform us that President Ismet İnönü is expected in Stamboul about the middle of May, and will spend some time at Yalova.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, May 13, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

Miss Sylvia Eddy, after two years in America, reached Stamboul last week on her way back to Talas, where she is needed more than ever during the absence on furlough of Dr. Nute. Staying only long enough to get her papers in order, she went right on the next day, and is now at her post once more. The latter part of her stay in America was spent in Philadelphia, in a technical brush-up.

We were glad to get a little glimpse of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Harrison, on Monday of this week, as they passed through our harbor on a Messageries steamer on their way to America on furlough. Dr. Harrison has been in Arabia ten years since his last visit to America, most of that time located at Muscat. By now they and their children are on the ocean, headed for New York.

We would record the death, on April 21st, of Sir William M. Ramsay, noted archaeologist and Biblical student. He was born in Glasgow in 1851; and through his travels in Anatolia from 1879 till 1914, he secured first-hand information on the archeology and early history of the region. In his frequent visits to Stamboul, he became a well-known friend of the Americans and British here. Among his literary contributions, the best-known probably are his Historical Geography of Asia Minor; Church in the Roman Empire; Cities and Bishoprics of Phrygia; St. Paul the Traveler and Roman Citizen; Luke the Physician; Impressions of Turkey; The Teaching of Paul in Terms of the Present Day, etc.

Dr. Samuel Van Valkenburg, of Clark University, who has spent years in the island of Java in government service, gave a very interesting lecture at Robert College on Monday last, on "A Day in Java."

Among recent visitors at Beirut has been Professor James T. Cleland, of the Department of Religion at Amherst College, who gave a lecture at the Near East School of Theology on May 4th, on "The Academic Malady." He also had charge of the service at the Anglo-American church last Sunday.

The United Missionary Council of Syria and Palestine held a very satisfactory meeting in Beirut, the end of April. Rev. George L.B. Sloan of Tiberias was elected as Chairman, and President Alford Carlton of Aleppo College as Vice-Chairman. There were about seventy delegates and out-of-town visitors.

King Zog and Queen Geraldine, lately of Albania, are making a stay in Stamboul, and it is rumored that they will remain here at least through the summer months. One day recently they passed through the Robert College grounds on a motor ride.

On the recent occasion of the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the accession of King Boris of Bulgaria, the medal of the fifth class of the Order of St. Stephen was awarded to all teachers in the country who had been teaching more than twenty years; and among those thus honored were Miss Harriette Steele and Professor Laurence Moore of Sofia American College. At the same time, President Floyd Black, of the College, was given the second class of the same Order.

The News Notes were omitted last week. We trust this may not occur again. Please pardon the omission.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Rigg

Bible House, Stamboul, May 20, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

Another warm friend of Turkey and of our work here has passed away, in the death of Rear-Admiral Mark Lambert Bristol, just a week ago. The Admiral had been of inestimable service to the American Hospital in its recent successful efforts to secure funds for the new building; and we are profoundly grateful his life was spared to complete this task. He was deeply interested in all that pertained to the advancement of Turkey, and to the American colony in this country.

Mark L. Bristol was born in Glassboro, N.J., April 17th, 1868, and was graduated at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, in 1887, and became an Ensign in the Navy in 1889. He was married June 1, 1908; and his wife survives him at No. 1621 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, D.C. During the Spanish war, he was on the battleship Texas at the battle of Santiago. He rose to be Rear-Admiral in 1918, and early in 1919 was put in command of the U.S. Naval Detachment in the Eastern Mediterranean. In August, 1919, he was appointed High Commissioner ^{to Turkey} and held this position till 1927. He was one of the American delegates to the Lausanne Conference in 1922 and 1923. Since leaving here, he was for two years Commander-in-Chief of the Asiatic Fleet and from 1930 on, has been Chairman of the General Board of the U.S. Navy.

In his relations with the Turkish Government, Admiral Bristol was not only respected and admired, but was in high regard and was a very successful representative of our Government. He and Mrs. Bristol were always most cordial and friendly with the American colony, which retains the best of memories of their life here.

Mrs. Sidney Fisher (nee Elizabeth Scipio) arrived in Stamboul from America on Wednesday last, and is staying with her parents at Robert College. Dr. Fisher expects to come on here early in the summer, when free of college duties, driving across Europe by motor car.

Mrs. John Seager (nee Elizabeth Leslie) is also here on a visit from Smyrna, having come up a week ago.

Mr. F. Lyman MacCallum, Agent of the Bible Societies, has been appointed by the American Bible Society as a delegate to the Conference of four Bible Societies which is to be held this summer in Holland, from July 24th to 29th. Dr. North of New York will also be present.

In a basket-ball game about ten days ago, at Thessaloniki the team of Anatolia College pulled out a 16-14 victory against the Greek University players, after a 10 - 10 tie at the end of the first half. This was in spite of the considerable difference in age and size against the winners. Anatolia easily ran away with the championship in the private school league round-robin in volley-ball, recently.

Our friends in Beirut have been enjoying the inspiration of several addresses from Professor Cleland of Amherst. He also took part in the Retreat of the N.E.S.T. on Friday and Saturday of last week, and preached another fine sermon last Sunday at the Anglo-American service.

A copy of "The Clue to History," by John Macmurray, author of "Creative Society," is obtainable from the undersigned, at \$2.50, post free. It has been very favorably reviewed. If anyone desires it, please write promptly to ensure securing it.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, May 27, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

Mr. and Mrs. F. Lyman MacCallum and their daughter Elizabeth left Stamboul yesterday by Rumanian steamer for Piraeus, to spend a few days with his parents in Old Phaleron. They go on thence to England until the latter part of July, and then to Canada until mid-October, expecting to be back here at work again by early November.

Dr. Dodds, the recently elected Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, passed through Stamboul on Tuesday last on the last lap of his world tour of missions, coming from Persia and going on to take ship for New York. He is the brother of President Dodds of Princeton University.

Word has come of the death of Professor William T. Van Dyck, M.D., Emeritus Professor of Zoology at Beirut University, on Wednesday, May 17th, after a long illness. Dr. Van Dyck was the son of Dr. Cornelius V.A. Van Dyck, the famous translator of the Arabic Bible, and was eighty years old.

Another recent death is that of Mr. Arthur Baker, whom many of our readers will remember as the resident owner and manager of Baker's Stores, of this city, who for a long time lived in Hissar. He passed away in England on Monday last.

Last Thursday evening members and friends of Stamboul Station gathered for a supper at the Kreider mansion in Hissar, to bid farewell to Miss Stella N. Loughridge and eight others of our circle who are going to America this summer, for a longer or shorter stay. The MacCallums were the first to leave, as recorded above; the Lymans start Monday; Mrs. Lee, Miss Sheldon, Miss Martin and Miss Perry leave early in June, as does Miss Loughridge, who definitely retires and expects to live in California.

A week ago yesterday there was a celebration conducted by the Armenian community of Beirut, of the fortieth anniversary of the service of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kunzler among the Armenians in Turkey and Syria. Herr Kunzler sat on the platform, surrounded by archbishops and others, while his well-earned praises were sounded by some of those who had experienced some of his self-sacrificing work and that of his wife.

The annual membership drive of the Stamboul Y.M.C.A. was successfully concluded on Monday of this week, the amount secured in the campaign being quite a little in excess of the goal set. Mr. Baker and his associates are certainly to be congratulated.

The Athens daily "Acropolis" printed last week in three successive issues an interesting and very laudatory description of the American College for Girls at Elleniko, - which it did not call by its official title, - it gave special credit to Dr. Mills for her ability and devotion and the high standing of the institution.

The local papers tell us that an order has been placed with an English firm for 58 locomotives for the Turkish railway system; their estimate cost is in the vicinity of a million pounds sterling, and they are to be delivered inside of eighteen months.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, June 3, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

Rev. and Mrs. James A. Lyman left Istanbul on their furlough last Monday by train from Haider Pasha. Their first stop was to be Angora, which they had not seen and wished to visit before going to America. Then they go on to Adana, Tarsus, Aleppo, and Beirut, and sail from there for Italy, going on through France to England, and sailing from there for America on July 29th. Many friends went to the railroad station to see them off, and our best wishes go with them all the way.

Miss Gladys Perry of Scutari, and Miss Mary Ingle of Thessaloniki, each of whom has spent some time in term service at those places, have each been given full missionary appointment by the American Board. The Mission will rejoice at this good news.

Miss Dorothy Blatter, who has already given two short terms of service in Merzifon School, has been reappointed for a three-year term and assigned to the Scutari Academy, and is expected out this fall.

Miss Katherine L. McElroy, of Princeton, N.J., a graduate of Barnard College and Oxford University, who has had teaching experience in Wells and Wellesley Colleges, and after taking a B.D. at Union Seminary was ordained as a Congregational minister, has been appointed as teacher in the Orinda Childs Pierce College, Elleniko, and will be associated with Dr. Mills in the administrative work, with the expectation that she will eventually become her successor.

Dr. Williams S. Murray, for many years Head of the Preparatory Department of the American College for Girls in this city, and previously a Professor at Robert College also, died at his home in Florida, on May 9th, at the age of seventy-five. Mrs. Murray survives him.

A very interesting double ordination took place on Sunday last at Aleppo, when Mr. Kherlopian, minister at Kirik Khan, and Mr. Apkarian, evangelist in North Syria, were ordained in a service lasting for more than two and a half hours. Five ministers participated, and there were nine hundred people present, packing the church to the doors. Miss Webb had gone up from Beirut for the service, but was prevented by illness from being present. She was all right again the next day.

The Mission Treasury reports the collection last week of Lt. 20,240. as first payment for the College property, in Aintab. The balance of Lt. 14,760. is due during the next few weeks. This payment opens the way for the construction of the main building of Aleppo College, at its new site outside the city, where a dormitory unit is already in full use.

Also, last week title to the property sold in Mardin was transferred from the Andrus and Thom heirs to the Government. The payment of Lt. 17,000. for this property can be expected shortly.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, June 10, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

Our old friend and colleague, Mr. Caleb Wakefield Lawrence, formerly of Smyrna, passed to his reward at his home in Norton, Mass., on May 22nd, 1939. Mr. Lawrence was born in Wilton, Maine, April 25th, 1868, and was graduated from Queens University, Ontario, Canada, and later studied at Harvard. In 1896, he went out to the Boys' High School at Smyrna as a tutor. His sister, Miss C.D. Lawrence, who died a year and a half ago, had been there for several years. In 1904 he married Miss Helen Lewis, who, with seven children, survives him. From the organization of International College until he retired in 1933, he was connected with the College, much of the time as Librarian as well as Professor. During the World War he was with the Y.M.C.A. in France, and at its close worked with the Near East Relief in Smyrna for a time. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence received full missionary appointment in 1920. Since 1933 they have lived in Norton, where three of their children were with them. The one daughter, Dorothy, is in Northfield Seminary.

Dr. and Mrs. S. Ralph Harlow, of Smith College, formerly of Smyrna, spent the week in Stamboul as guests of the Birge family. They are on the last lap of their round-the-world tour, and left yesterday noon for Athens and America, stopping a few weeks in France and England. Dr. Harlow preached at the Dutch Chapel last Sunday, and addressed the annual meeting of the Christian Workers' Union on Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. Lorrin Shepard have gone to the Carpathian Mountains in Rumania for a holiday trip of three weeks. They report rain on arrival; and this rain has been quite general in this part of the world.

The two sons of Prof. W.S. Davison, formerly of Robert College, have each received a fellowship for the coming year for advanced study; Roderick from the Social Science Research Council, for work which will probably bring him back to Stamboul for study; and Phillips was awarded the Gunnar Sundblad Fellowship to study history in Sweden, under the American-Scandinavian Foundation.

Miss Eleanor De Remer, who has been teaching in the A.C.I. at Smyrna this year, left this week for a summer in America, expecting to return for another three years' term of service there.

Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum are planning to start the last week in June from Old Phaleron for a summer in the Lebanon Mts. With them goes their sister Miss Emily MacCallum, and Mrs. Laird, their daughter, will also be with them from Beirut University Library.

Dr. and Mrs. J.K. Marden and Miss Edith MacCallum have presumably reached America by this time, having left Old Phaleron last month.

Miss Harriet Yarrow is starting next week from Smyrna for Greece on her way back to America.

President Ismet Inönü and his wife reached Valova from the Capital on Thursday last, going from Derindje in the Presidential yacht "Savarona". It is stated that they will visit Smyrna also before their return to Angora.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, June 17, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

On Sunday last by the evening train north, Miss Stella N. Loughridge, Miss Marion E. Sheldon, Miss Jessie E. Martin, and Miss Gladys Perry set out for America. Miss Martin and Miss Perry are expected back in time for the opening of schools in the fall; but Miss Sheldon and Miss Loughridge are definitely retiring and do not expect to come back here. We shall miss them very much, and wish them the happiest of life in the Home Land,

Rev. Henry H. Riggs passed through this city last Saturday on his way to Roumania for a visit, in his capacity of General Secretary of the Near East Christian Council, to some of the Stations of the C.M.J. and of the American Baptist Missions in that country. He expects to be back in Stamboul for the Annual Meeting of the Mission.

The date for the opening of the Annual Meeting of our Mission has been set for Saturday, June 24th, at 10 a.m., and it is to be held this year in Hissar. About twenty delegates from other points are planning to attend.

The seventieth anniversary of the establishing of the Walker Missionary Home at Auburndale, Mass., was observed with appropriate ceremonies on Saturday, May 27th, at the Home. A large number of friends were present, and as part of the celebration there was a pageant, in which our own Mission was represented by Miss Ruth Riggs of Beirut. The story of the starting of this Home, which has so hospitably entertained many a missionary child from so many Missions, is a dramatic one, in which again our Turkey Missions played a prominent part. Mrs. Eliza M. Harding Walker, widow of the Rev. Augustus Walker, after fourteen years of missionary life mainly in Diyarbekir, returned with four fatherless children to her home in Auburndale, so changed in appearance through her sufferings that even her own father did not at first recognize her. Mr. Walker had died in 1866 of cholera, and she had buried two of her children as well. She determined to do all she could to make a home for the children of other missionaries; and well did she carry out the resolve. Two large buildings and four or five one-family cottages now constitute the equipment of the Home, whose lovely spirit and generous accommodations have been a boon to many a family. Among those present at the anniversary was Dr. Altounian of Aleppo.

On May 27th, the Near East Fellowship of Southern California had its annual Luncheon, with Rev. C. Telford Erickson, formerly of Albania, as the guest speaker. More than fifty persons sat down to the tables, the luncheon being held in Los Angeles.

Dr. George P. Michaelides of the Near East School of Religion is to lecture on "Religion in the Near East" at the Summer School of the University of Michigan, July 23-30. He and his family expect to sail from New York August 22nd for Greece and Beirut.

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We hope next week to give an account of the three Commencements held this week in this city.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

The Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission begins this morning at Rumeli Hissar. we hope to give some details regarding it in our next week's sheet.

The American Academy at Scutari held its Commencement exercises June 10th, and the weather had cleared enough to make the day pleasant for all. A very large number of guests packed the beautifully decorated hall; among them being such friends as the General Inspector from the Ministry of Education, the Kaymakam of Scutari, Mr. Bishop from the American Embassy, and others. Happiness seemed to be the key-note of the occasion. Twenty-one girls took their diplomas, three of whom had parts in the program, two in Turkish and one in English. The speaker of the day was Bay Refik Ahmed Sevengil, of the City Council, Music was furnished by the school chorus and by the Glee Club. Miss Martin, the Principal, gave a parting address to the graduates and presented them with their diplomas. A reception in the school gardens followed, when refreshments and congratulations were pleasantly intermingled.

The graduating exercises of the American College for Girls took place at Arnaoutkeuy on Thursday afternoon, June 15th, when seventeen young ladies received their diplomas from President Wright. The Turkish address of the occasion was by Bay Selim Sirri, ^{Tanacan} who has several times expressed in some such way his deep interest in American schools. Dr. Wright followed with an address in English. Quite a large number of the alumnae were present, with many other friends. Refreshments were served on the terrace at the close of the exercises.

The Robert College Commencement followed the next day, Friday, the 16th, and thirty-seven young men received diplomas, - six in the B.A. department, one in the B.S. department, the rest in Engineering, sixteen of them in Civil Engineering, four in Electrical, and ten in Mechanical. Quite a proportion of these intend to pursue further study. The speaker in Turkish was Bay Hilmi Ziya Ulkem, Professor of Philosophy at the Stamboul University. President Wright spoke in English, giving the graduating class some very practical advice. The hall was well filled. A reception on the College terrace followed, where many alumni and former students and other friends met the graduates and faculty. The Alumni Banquet took place in the evening.

BORN:- at the American Hospital, Stamboul, on Tuesday, June 20th, to Mr. John and Mrs. Elizabeth Leslie Seeger, a daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth Fay. Mother and daughter are doing well. Congratulations to parents and grandmothers!

During the current month Prof. Lutfi Levonian has been attending the Conference of British Missionary Societies at Swanswick and speaking there; and has also begun a course of four or five lectures on Islam in the Near East. In July he and Mrs. Levonian are expecting to attend the Keswick Conference. They start from London about Aug. 1 on their return to Beirut.

Last week Friday was the wedding day of Dr. Dan Dorman and Miss Dorothy Merrill, in Brooklyn, N.Y. Our felicitations go to them.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:-

It is our sad duty to record the passing away of Professor Huntington Barnum, of Robert College, son of our late colleagues Dr. and Mrs. Henry S. Barnum of this city. After a long illness, the end came on Tuesday, June 27th. The funeral was attended by a large number including most of the delegates to the Annual Meeting and quite a group of students who were at the military camp. Mr. Barnum was born in Van, Dec. 24, 1877, and was graduated at Amherst College in 1900, since which time he has been connected with the Robert College staff, most of the time as Professor of Mathematics. He maintained a high reputation for character as well as for scholarship, and was very popular with the students. To his wife and three daughters we extend our deep sympathy.

We have also to record the death on Friday, June 23rd, of Mr. Julian Gillespie, who ever since the resumption of diplomatic relations after the war has been the Commercial Attache of the American Embassy in Turkey. Funeral services were held on Thursday at the Ferikeuy Cemetery; but the interment will be in the United States.

The Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission opened its sessions on Saturday last at 10 a.m. in the Kreider home at Rumeli Hissar. Twenty-two delegates are present, representing all stations but one, as follows:- Adana-Tarsus, Mrs. Haas, Miss Towner, Mr. Woolworth; Aintab, Mr. & Mrs. Isely; Athens, Mr. Brewster; Beirut, Mr. H.H. Riggs; Aleppo, Miss Fenenga, Miss Norton; Merzifon, Mr. Blake; Smyrna, Miss Greene, Miss Parsons; Sofia, Mrs. Woodruff; Stamboul, Miss Lindsley, Mrs. Shepard, Mr. C.T. Riggs; Talas, Miss Dwight, Mr. & Mrs. Nilson; Thessaloniki Mrs. E.W. Riggs; Ex-officio, Messrs. Fowle, Kreider, Birge, Rev. M.N. Isely is Chairman and Dr. Birge Secretary. Mrs. Nute of Talas is the only non-delegate missionary present from outside this city.

No very outstanding problems have had to be dealt with this time, but there has been plenty of routine business to keep the meeting from being dull. The Annual Sermon, preacher, Dr. Birge, is scheduled for tomorrow, Sunday, at 4 p.m., with the Communion Service immediately after. For the first time, our annual gathering is being held in private houses, and the homes of the Kreiders, Birges and Fowles have been a very pleasant setting for the meetings, situated as they are very close to each other, and with beautiful gardens attached.

At several of the sessions we have been glad to welcome Mr. Leslie Nichols, a brother of our late colleague James Nichols who lost his life in a fall in the Taurus Mountains. He has been teaching in the American University in Cairo, and is here with an Egyptian companion on a summer outing. Among other visitors were also Professor and Mrs. Cleland, on their way back to America after a considerable stay in Beirut. They passed through here last Saturday.

Bay Nurettin Polvan, the only Turkish graduate of Anatolia College in Merzifon, is now at the head of the Department of Foreign Schools at Angora.

Mr. Lyman MacCallum, who is now in England, sends us word that Miss Levesley, formerly teacher in the Scutari Academy, recently gave a brief radio talk over the B.E.C., on Education in the Near East. Mr. MacCallum himself recently spent a week in London, two days of which were spent at a Conference of the British and Foreign Bible Society for their district secretaries and collectors.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:-

The Annual Meeting of the Mission closed on Saturday morning, except for the Sermon and Communion Service which were held Sunday afternoon in the Birge home. Some of the decisions taken depend for their final ratification on further word from Boston headquarters; but in general the business was more easily taken care of than for some years. There was time for a modicum of social life, and for some musical treats; and after adjournment, on Saturday afternoon many of the members went across the Bosphorus to the inauguration of the new swimming beach at Kığık Su, for a delightful swim. On Monday, the scattering of the visitors began, and by now most of them have returned to their homes or gone on vacations.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Compton left Thessaloniki July 1st, on a year of furlough in America; also Miss Isabelle Harley likewise. Miss Morley is also going to America, but only for a summer trip.

Miss Goff, who for the past three years has been Director of the Red Crescent School of Nursing at Aksaray, Stamboul, left last week for America on the expiration of her contract, and does not expect to return. She will be greatly missed, for her efficiency was a great boon.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. White are spending a short time at Anatolia College, Thessaloniki, where Mr. White is auditing the College accounts, and they are gathering up their belongings, to take them to their new home in Cyprus.

Miss Grisell McLaren, whom many will remember when she was a missionary in Van, and later for a short time in the Scutari School, writes from Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that her adopted daughter Katherine graduated a year ago at Northfield Seminary, and her engagement has recently been announced, to Mr. Leslie M. Redman, of Amherst 1940. They hope to be married next summer. Miss McLaren speaks of having seen Mr. and Mrs. Stapleton of Erzroum recently, and hoping to see Dr. and Mrs. Marden and Miss Morley this summer.

Our schools in Greece were recently surprised to receive instructions that they were not to be allowed after all to receive pupils two years younger than previously, in spite of the fact that this arrangement had but recently been made. Some vigorous efforts were made to have this later decision reversed; and at length, last week Wednesday, official word was received that the order was reversed, and that the younger pupils are to be allowed. This means a larger registration in our schools, and also new arrangements to receive the influx.

Miss Mary I. Ward arrived the day before yesterday from Smyrna for a brief vacation here.

Dr. Dewey and family arrived from Gaziantep the day before yesterday, and expect to be here for some time. With them came also Billy Nute, to join his mother here, and they started on yesterday morning on their way to America to join the rest of the family on furlough.

Miss Ethel Putney writes of having made a brief visit to Dr. Caroline Hamilton and Miss Elizabeth Trowbridge, at Holyoke, Mass., both of whom are far from well. She also writes of the joys of her class reunion at Wellesley.

President Ismet İnönü has gone back to Angora after a short stay at Yalova.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, July 15, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

Dr. Sidney Fisher, husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Scipio Fisher, arrived here last week Friday to join his wife for the summer. With him came Mr. Charles E. Estes, Jr., and Mr. William Birge, coming from M.I.T. and Princeton, to spend some weeks with their parents here. The three of them came across from Cherbourg in a new Plymouth, brought out for Professor Scipio; they had a fine drive with no difficulties or annoyances.

Mr. E.C. Blake and Mr. H.H. Kreider, who have been in Smyrna for a short visit, returned on Thursday to Stamboul.

A cable from Boston announces the appointment for permanent service of Mr. Richard Maynard, son of our Beirut colleagues, and his fiancée, Miss Georgianna Matthew, who are to be associated with Mr. and Mrs. Woolworth in the Tarsus College. Mr. Maynard spent three years, 1934 to 1937, as tutor in the College; and his return will rejoice both the institution and the Mission.

This appointment makes it also clear that Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Blake will be located in Smyrna, as soon as they can get affairs in Mersin cleared up and disposed of. Mr. Blake has already found a residence there, within convenient distance to the Girls' School.

Miss Esther L. Grant, a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, 1929, and a Ph.D. of Ohio State University, 1934, has been secured as a teacher of English for a three-year term at Pierce College, Ellenico, Greece, and it is expected that she will be coming out this fall with Miss Hong who is returning after furlough. Dr. Grant has been a member of the faculty of Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio, since 1934.

Mr. Clement Heydenburk, who has been teaching in the Presbyterian Mission school at Teheran, Iran, for the past eight years, is now in the city for a few days. With him have come from Iran Messrs. McDowell and Steiner, sons of missionaries, and they are all on their way to America for study. The two younger boys swam the Bosphorus yesterday morning at Hissar.

Miss Mary Ingle, of Thessaloniki, has been paying a short visit to friends in California and in Seattle, Wash. In Claremont she had an enjoyable Salonica reunion with Mrs. Sewny and Mr. and Mrs. Getchell, Miss Rice of Sivas being also present.

A science teacher, Miss Carl, has been secured for the Smyrna Girls' School, and will be coming out this fall. This is a position that has been vacant for some time, and the ladies there will be glad to have this help.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Helen R. Barnum and Mr. Ernest E. Ramsaur, of Robert College, on July 26th, at Hissar.

A new museum in this city, called the Museum of the Revolution, was officially opened on Monday last by the Governor of Stamboul, and will be hereafter open to the public on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It is situated in the former medresse, or theological school, of the Beyazid Mosque, near the University.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Rings

Dear Friends:-

Since the arrangement between France and Turkey regarding the return of the Hatay territory to Turkey, - which goes into full effect tomorrow, - there has been a considerable migration of Armenians from that region into Syria. We understand that the governmental authorities on both sides of the line are cooperating to make this transfer as easy as possible. The Kessab region remains inside of Syria; but the Bitias and Yoghunolouk regions do not. It would seem that most of the eleven Evangelical churches of the region now transferred will no longer function there. The situation is still not quite clear, but may be clearer in a few days.

Miss Mary I. Ward and Mr. E.C. Blake left Stamboul last Tuesday for Samsoun and Merzifon; the former going for a farewell visit, the latter to pick up his family and his belongings and move as soon as he can make necessary arrangements, to Smyrna.

On the same day, Miss Fenenga of Aleppo and Miss Towner of Tarsus started back, having spent a little holiday here since the annual meeting. Mr. Fowle also went that day to Angora on business.

Professor Lutfi Levonian and family expect to leave England on August 18th for Paris, and sail from Marseilles September 1st on the "Theophile Gautier", stopping at Piraeus long enough to see some of the former students of the School of Religion, and arriving in Beirut about September 15th.

Rev. H.H. Riggs and Mrs. Riggs and their daughter Helen are leaving Beirut on Tuesday next, for a vacation trip to Troodos, Cyprus, for about a month.

Mrs. Crawford, mother of Dr. Forrest Crawford of Robert College, and Mrs. William A. West and daughter, of Beirut University, left Stamboul yesterday, on their return to Beirut after visiting relatives here. Mrs. West had been to Switzerland as a delegate to a Y.W.C.A. Conference at a point above Vevey, the first week in July.

Miss Constance Padwick, formerly of the N.E.C.C., was in Beirut last week until Wednesday, on her way to England on furlough.

A new museum has been opened in Damascus, which contains among other things two interesting buildings from early dates: - a synagogue of the second century, from Dura, the walls of which are covered with paintings of Old Testament scenes; the other, an underground tomb from Palmyra, of the time of Zenobia, - latter part of the third century, - which was brought to Damascus stone by stone and rebuilt in the Museum.

A bad fire, - the worst in ten years, - occurred in Angora on Thursday, destroying eighteen shops in the Saman Bazar region. There was no loss of life, but a fireman was nearly asphyxiated and had to be sent to the hospital.

It is stated that courses in aviation will be added to the programs of the primary and secondary schools of this country and also of the lycees, beginning this fall. We are not informed whether this is to include foreign schools or not.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, July 29, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

A very pretty wedding took place on Wednesday, July 26th, in the Barnum Home at Robert College, when Miss Helen Randle Barnum became the bride of Mr. Ernest E. Ramsaur, who has been teaching in Robert College during the past year. The house was tastefully decorated with vines and white gladiolas and carnations; Rev. J.K. Birge, assisted by Rev. W.C. Kerr, performed the ceremony. The bride's two sisters, Miss Eleanor Barnum and Miss Ruth Barnum, were bridesmaids; the best man was Professor Charles S. MacNeal and C.T. Riggs gave the bride away. About a hundred friends had gathered for the ceremony; which was followed by a reception and refreshments in the garden. The bride and groom left by the evening train for Paris on their way to the steamer "Queen Mary." They will be living during the coming year in Berkeley, California, where Mr. Ramsaur has a teaching fellowship in his alma mater, the University of California.

Mr. Harry T. Baker, of the local Y.M.C.A., and Mr. Robert Birge left yesterday evening by train, expecting to take the same steamer across the ocean. Mr. Baker is on short leave of absence from his post; and Mr. Birge intends to resume his studies in Union Theological Seminary.

Miss Erma M. Carl, whose appointment by the Board for teaching in the American Collegiate Institute in Smyrna was noted in our issue of two weeks ago, lives at Holyoke, Mass., and is a graduate of Massachusetts State College, 1934, with a Master's degree from Smith College. During the year 1937-38 she studied on a fellowship at Heidelberg University.

It is just fifteen years since the first issue of the present series of News Notes was sent out, - July 26th, 1924. We are grateful for the cooperation of so many friends which has made such a long continuation possible for a venture which at the start was so purely problematical.

Mr. Merrill Isely and family have left on their return to Gaziantep after a vacation of a month in Stamboul. Dr. Dewey and family are still here; and last week Friday Mrs. Dewey underwent a serious operation under the skillful hand of Dr. Shepard. At last accounts her condition was somewhat more satisfactory.

Madame Mihri Pektash, wife of Professor Hussein Pektash of Robert College, and a member of the Grand National Assembly, has been chosen as one of the Turkey representatives at the Interparliamentary Conference to be held at Oslo, Norway, beginning August 15th. The delegation consists of four Deputies and two Counsellors to accompany them.

The new series of Turkish stamps in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the inauguration of the first President of the United States, has at last appeared. This issue was noted in our number of Feb. 18th, and was to have been put on sale May 1st, but was unfortunately delayed. It consists, as announced, of six stamps, the 2 1/2 piastre and the 6 piastre having the flags of the United States and Turkey, the 4 and 8 piastre having the portraits of Presidents Ismet Inönü and Franklin Roosevelt and the 7 1/2 and 12 1/2 piastre, the portraits of President Atatürk and George Washington. The last four have also a map of the United States on them. This is the first time in philatelic history, we believe, when one country has so signally honored another as to place on its stamps the portraits of its presidents or its map or flag.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, August 5, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

Old residents of Stamboul were querying last week whether weather records could show a hotter period in late July in this city. But it is well to cool our ardor by listening to the record sent us from Thessaloniki, for the period from ^{July} 18 to 23, when the temperatures up on the hill where Anatolia College is located touched 101, 105, 102, 104, 106, and 104 on six consecutive days, while the nights "dropped way down into the cool regions of 85 to 90!" And in Serres, the mercury is reported to have reached 113 degrees.

The British battleship "Warspite", with Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham on board, and escorted by four destroyers of the latest type, dropped anchor in the Bosphorus opposite Dolma Baghtche Palace on Wednesday last; and these intervening days have been full of a large variety of festivities. The Admiral and his staff went yesterday to Angora, to pay a friendly visit to President İnönü. At the same time, a similar visit of courtesy is being paid to Smyrna Harbor by the battleship "Malaya."

Miss Olive Greene left this week returning to Smyrna, and is now on a brief trip to some of the Aegean Islands, doing some painting.

Mr. Lyman MacCallum writes of the Conference of Bible Societies at Zeist, near Utrecht, Holland, which he attended as one of the American Bible Society representatives, during the latter half of July. In addition to the delegations of the American and the British and Foreign Societies, there were strong ones from the Netherlands and from the National Bible Society of Scotland, and the French and Norwegian Societies also sent representatives. Dr. Hendrik Kraemer gave an opening address, on the use of the Bible in the Church; and the Conference ended with a vote in favor of the formation of a loose sort of federation of Bible Societies, with Dr. Rutgers of the Netherlands Bible Society as its first Secretary.

Dr. and Mrs. George E. White have been making a visit in Boulder, Colorado, to get away from the summer heat of Omaha. Those who have seen them speak of both of them as frail. Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Marden of Athens were expected in Denver a week ago, over the week-end; and there were plans to have Dr. and Mrs. White down there to have a visit with them at that time, at the homes of Mrs. Theodore D. Riggs and her sister Mrs. Barnard.

Dr. and Mrs. Clark of Merzifon are expected back in Stamboul next Tuesday evening, coming from Trieste, on their return to Merzifon from furlough.

A few days ago the Italian steamer "Marco Polo" anchored in the Bosphorus with a party of tourists aboard, among whom were our old friend Maynard Owen Williams, of the National Geographic Magazine; and also Mr. Allen Wardwell, Vice-President of the Board of Trustees of the American Hospital of Stamboul.

Mr. Midhat Eng, our blind friend from Gaziantep, who has been studying in America in preparation for life work in Turkey, arrived here this week, with his companion Mr. Mehmet Aktan, and also Miss Ruth Puckett, a teacher in the Perkins Institution for the Blind at Watertown, Mass. Bay Midhat is now an M.A. from Columbia University.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, August 12, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Clark of Merzifon arrived in our city on their return from furlough, on Tuesday last, and are due to sail for Samsun tomorrow on their way back to their post. They report a good furlough, and are eagerly looking to the continuing of their clinic work at the old stand.

Miss Evelyn Woodward has come up from Smyrna for a bit of a holiday with her old friends in Stamboul.

Miss Ada Grace Rowlands, a graduate of Milwaukee-Downer College in 1938, who is taking her M.S. degree this summer at the University of Wisconsin, has been secured for a three-year term as Science teacher at Pierce College, Elleniko, Greece. Her home is in Genesee Depot, Wisconsin. She will probably come out together with Miss Pinneo and Miss Long, returning to Athens, and Miss Grant who is another new term worker.

It is always good to hear something of the fine records the children of our Mission are making in America or elsewhere. You all know of the fact that Prof. Theodore M. Greene, a son of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Greene of Stamboul, has been making a great success in the Department of Philosophy at Princeton University. He has been granted leave of absence for the second term of the coming academic year, and expects to spend it in study.

Miss Alice Shepard, daughter of our Dr. and Mrs. Shepard, has been doing well at Wellesley, securing an A-grade in all subjects but one, where she had a B.

Miss Joy Fowle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Fowle, has received the top rank in the Senior class at Dana Hall, and has been awarded one of the Pendleton Scholarships (of which there are twelve awarded throughout the country), for the Freshman year at Wellesley this fall.

Douglas S. Riggs, younger son of President and Mrs. Riggs of Anatolia College, received his M.D. at Yale this June cum laude, and was awarded the prize for the best Senior thesis in his class.

The London Times of July 27th recorded the results of the yearly examinations at Oxford, where Mr. Farnsworth Fowle is now a Rhodes Scholar, and the fact that he secured a second in his Philosophy, Politics and Economics course, - only one stage below the rare first. He is expected in Stamboul in a fortnight or so, coming through Russia and Northwest Persia on his way.

Mr. Cyril Black, son of President and Mrs. F. H. Black of Sofia College, has been appointed Instructor in History at Princeton University for the coming year.

Mr. MacAlpine, who is to take the place and work of Mr. Sheirv at Robert College in the Engineering Department, has arrived with Mrs. MacAlpine from America and will soon be at work.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:-

The visit of Dr. and Mrs. J.K. Marden of Athens in Claremont, California, last month gave them a chance to see many friends of yore from Turkey and Greece; among them Rev. and Mrs. Richard S. Rose, who were in the School of Religion at Athens some years ago. The climax of the gatherings was that of the Near East Fellowship, on July 24th, at which about thirty partook in a jolly picnic, with the Mardens and Miss Jessie E. Martin of Scutari as the speakers. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wallace W. Smith, of Merzifon; Dr. and Mrs. Cass Arthur Reed, of Smyrna; Dr. and Mrs. Martin, of Hadjin and Aintab; Miss Nina Rice, of Sivas and Athens; Mr. and Mrs. D.K. Getchell, of Merzifon and Salonica; also many others.

Mr. and Mrs. George DeForest White, formerly of Anatolia College, left Thessaloniki on Monday, August 7th, after a pleasant visit there of a little over a month. They returned by steamer direct for Cyprus, going back to their new job with the mining company there. On their departure from Thessaloniki, the Anglo-American Community gave them a farewell supper, and presented them with a gift of a silver-embossed cigarette-box.

The Stamboul newspapers give a despatch from Michigan telling of the invention of a new type of motor for airplanes, the work of a Turkish graduate of Robert College, 1938, Umit Koutsay, who is now studying in the Engineering Department of the University of Michigan. In this invention he has been collaborating with a Robert College classmate, Georgiades, who has been this past year at Purdue University. They were at work on this all last summer here at Robert College before going to America. It is an internal combustion engine without cylinders or pistons, and is said to be a great improvement on the types now in use. Incidentally this is fine advertising for their alma mater, where they maintained an excellent record.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Riggs and their daughter Helen have been having a fine vacation up at Makhlouf's Camp, above Troodos, in the island of Cyprus, about 5,700 feet high, a camp of about thirty tents. It is in the middle of the western end of the island, about fifteen or twenty miles from the sea in three directions, and nearly at the summit of the entire island.

President Ismet Inönü has been spending several days watching the army manoeuvres going on in Eastern Thrace, making his headquarters at Adrianople and Kirklar Eli. In the mean while, preparations have been going on in Istanbul for air practice, both active and passive, the final signal for which had not been given yet at the time of writing.

Work on the new American Hospital building in Nishantash is progressing rapidly. It is hoped that it may be ready for occupation by the first of October. The last few months have been unusually busy months in the old building, every bed being occupied nearly all the time.

The August Missionary Herald contains sketches of several of our Mission who have recently gone to America, including Mr. and Mrs. Carl Compton and Miss Harley of Thessaloniki, and Miss Marion Sheldon and Miss Stella Loughridge of Stamboul, as well as of Rev. Lyman V.D. Cady of China, who from 1910 to 1913 was at Anatolia College, Merzifon.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

No. 758

Bible House, Stamboul, August 26, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

Air-raid drills, warnings from the American Embassy, and the daily bulletins in newspaper and radio, make one feel we are on the verge of war. Thus far, however, all goes peaceably in this city and country, and our various activities are about as usual. Speculation is rife as to how and when the absent members of the American circle, off now on vacations, will come back from Europe or America.

Mr. Farnsworth Fowle, who has been taking a trip through Moscow and Tiflis and north-western Persia, is due here today on a steamer from Trebizond. He expects to spend a short time with his parents before going back to his studies at Oxford University.

Three gentlemen representing the Mildmay Mission of London, arrived in Stamboul on Thursday, and are remaining here till Monday. They are on a thirty-thousand-mile journey which will take them presumably through Aleppo, Basra, India, to Australia, returning to England via the south of Africa. They are primarily studying the missions throughout the countries they visit.

Miss Ethel W. Putney came back to Stamboul at the end of her furlough in America, on Tuesday last, in good health. She had a nice visit with Dr. and Mrs. Huntington at Prout's Neck, Maine, shortly before sailing, and also went to the World's Fair at New York.

Miss Anna B. Jones and Miss Marion Sheldon, both formerly of Stamboul Station, are nicely settled in adjoining rooms at the Auburndale Walker Home; but each of them is sprightly enough to go off for visits elsewhere quite frequently.

Torrential rains are reported from the regions of Kütahya and the Chorum vilayet; in the former, over a hundred thousand liras worth of damage is reported; while in the latter region several persons are reported to have been drowned in the floods. The rainfall at Stamboul has been greater during August so far than during any August in our memory.

President Ismet İnönü has returned from the army manoeuvres in Thrace to his villa at Floria, but is expected to leave soon for Angora.

Messrs. Fowle and Birge have each made recent trips to the Capital, the latter taking his son William and others along with him to see the city.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

No.759

Bible House, Stamboul, Sept. 2, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

Word has just come of the death of Rev. Cornelius H. Patton, D.D., for twenty-five years home secretary of the American Board until his resignation ten years ago. The date is not given, but it was about the middle of August. He was at his summer home at Waterville Valley, N.H., where he had gone after several months of treatment at Clifton Springs, N.Y.

Dr. Patton was born on Christmas Day of 1860, and graduated at Amherst in 1883 and Yale Divinity School in 1886. Previous to coming into the Board, he had held pastorates in Westfield, N.J., Duluth, Minn., and St. Louis, Mo. Amherst and Williams each gave him the honorary D.D. In November and December, 1910, Dr. Patton made a visit to Turkey, stopping several days each in Stamboul, Adana, Marash, Aintab, visiting also Adabazar and Brousa, and going on via Egypt to India. He always maintained a deep interest in the Near East Mission. Dr. Bell of Boston writes:- "His has been a grand and constructive life. He was busy right up to the end. He did a good deal of reading and thinking and writing, even when lying on his back hour by hour and day by day."

Mr. Paul Gardner, adopted son of Mrs. Harold Gardner, formerly of Hadjin, was married on August 23rd, to Miss Hazel Hayes of San Dimas, California; they are both graduates of Whittier College. They will live in El Monte, Calif., where Mr. Gardner is teaching. His father died six years ago.

Dr. Albert W. Dewey and his three children started yesterday morning on their return to Gaziantep, leaving Mrs. Dewey in the Hospital under Dr. Shepard's care. Mrs. Dewey is greatly improved, but remains for a time for further treatment.

Miss Katharine O. Fletcher returned to Scutari on Wednesday last, after a good vacation in Cham Koria, Bulgaria. Mrs. A. W. Manning of Robert College, with whom she was staying there, also returned by the same train.

Messrs. Parquette and McGreevy of Robert College have also come back from Summer vacations in Europe, as have Professor and Mrs. Larsen.

Among the new books added recently to the Mission Library are the following:-

The Wild Rue: A Study of Mohammedan Magic in Iran; - B. A. Donaldson
Whither Arabia? - W. Harold Storm.
Kamal Atatürk's Land: The Evolution of Modern Turkey; - von Kral.
The Crescent and the Rose: Islam and England During the Renaissance - Samuel C. Chew.
Soldier of the Church: The Story of Ignatius Loyola; - L. Marcuse.
The Book of a Thousand Tongues: - Translation of the Scriptures: - North.
The Turkey of Atatürk: - Donald E. Webster.
Social Religion: - Douglas Clyde Macintosh.

Prof. and Mrs. Michaelides of the School of Theology are expecting to reach Beirut from America on Sept. 18th if not prevented, coming via Athens.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

No. 760

Bible House, Stamboul, September 9, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

Miss Jessie Martin, Principal of Scutari Academy, returned on Saturday last from her summer in America, having visited her parents in California.

Several other members of the staffs of the two Colleges have returned from vacation trips in various countries; among them President and Mrs. Wright, with their children, coming from France and Switzerland.

After a very pleasant summer in Estes Park, Colorado, with Miss Janet McNaughton and Professor and Mrs. Markham and their two daughters, Mrs. J.P. McNaughton and her sister Miss Jillson have gone to Claremont, California, where their address is Hadley House, Pilgrim Place.

Mr. Arthur Lachlan Reed, son of Dr. and Mrs. Cass Arthur Reed, graduated from Yale last June, and is due to go in October, if not prevented by war conditions, on his Clare Fellowship to Cambridge University, England.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maynard, on their way to Tarsus College, reached Beirut a couple of weeks ago for a brief visit with their parents at International College of Beirut University.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry H. Riggs and their daughter Helen returned to Beirut nearly two weeks ago, after a most enjoyable vacation in the mountains of Cyprus. On their way to their steamer, they saw Mr. and Mrs. George D. White in their new home at the great copper-mines of the American Company in Cyprus.

Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Blake expect to remove soon from Merzifon to Smyrna, where they will take up their residence near to the Girls' School.

The number of students accepted for the coming year at the Near East School of Theology, Beirut, is twenty-two, eighteen men and four women. Four other candidates were under consideration at last accounts, while some others had to be refused for financial reasons.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Allee, who have been with the Near East Foundation at Thessaloniki, left there on August 29th, returning to America. They sailed from Piraeus for New York on the S.S. "Exachorda."

Dr. Mills and Dr. Parmelee of Athens have been spending a happy vacation at Tsangarada, on the slopes of Mt. Pelion, returning to their posts the last of August. Pres. and Mrs. E.W. Riggs of Anatolia College also went up on Mt. Pelion for a fortnight, but were there only a week when Mr. Riggs decided to return to Thessaloniki on account of the state of politics.

Dr. and Mrs. F.W. MacCallum, who have been having a very pleasant summer at Shimlan, in the Lebanon, were due yesterday at Old Phaleron, on their return.

Mrs. Emily Block of Talas, who is to spend the coming year in Beirut with the Nilson children, arrived there September last.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

No. 761

Bible House, Stamboul, Sept. 16, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

Our friend and colleague, Dr. Jesse K. Marden, underwent a severe operation on August 11th at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn. We are glad to report that a message dated ten days later gave good word of his condition up to that time.

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Nute have settled down for the winter at 2725 Hugo Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland. Their son Bill is to start at Johns Hopkins Medical School this fall; and Cyril goes to Yale University Academic Department.

Mrs. L. O. Lee, Miss Margaret Hinman, and Miss Erma N. Carl are reported to have sailed from New York September 2nd for Beirut on their way to Stamboul and Smyrna respectively. Quite a party of Robert College personnel are believed to be coming on the same American Export steamer the "Exeter."

Dr. and Mrs. George Michaelides of the School of Theology at Beirut had their sailing postponed, and are now reported to be starting on September 16th for Beirut direct.

From the wording of a code cable from Boston, it would seem that arrangements were being made for Miss Gladys Perry and Miss Dorothy Blatter of Scutari to sail the day before yesterday on an American Export steamer for Greece, to come on from there here. Possibly Mrs. Leslie may be with them.

The new railroad line from Sivas to Erzurum has been completed, and trains have begun running. This has been a rather difficult piece of engineering, and reflects credit on the Turkish engineers.

It is stated in the local dailies that the new Gazi Bridge across the Golden Horn at Un Kapan will be officially opened to traffic on the anniversary of the Republic, October 30th.

Miss Mary Ingle arrived in Thessaloniki on Sept. 4th, after her year of study at the University of Chicago. She came via England and France and Italy. Mr. and Mrs. Sensemann, new recruits for Anatolia College, have also arrived and are getting settled as best they can without their trunks.

After a pleasant summer in the Lebanon, Miss Bertha Morley has returned as far as Athens, where she is making a brief stay before going on to her post at Thessaloniki.

Anatolia College is the grateful possessor of a Station Wagon, the gift of Mr. Grandin. It is described as a beautiful car which will accommodate eight or more persons, and is a welcome addition to the equipment. During the summer the College athletic field has been graded, so that it now contains a full-sized football field, with space for a 20-foot running-track all around it and a 125-yard straightaway on the south side.

Messrs. Scott and Stone of Tarsus, and Mr. Pearson of Tala, after an interesting bicycle trip through parts of Western Europe this summer, spent a week or so in Stamboul on their return, and left here on Monday for their posts.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, September 23, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

Miss Susan W. Orvis, formerly of Talas, received last spring from Oberlin Graduate School of Theology the degree of B.D. It was especially fitting, since her grandfather, Rev. Williams B. Orvis, received this degree from Oberlin in 1846. Miss Orvis is to spend the coming year with her sister, Mrs. Harriet Cook, at Earlville. Iowa.

A cable from Boston announces that Dr. McElroy, who is to work in with Dr. Mills at Pierce College, Elleniko, sails for Naples on Sept. 14 on her way out; but that the sailing of Dr. and Mrs. Michailides for Beirut is postponed indefinitely. No explanation is attached.

Dr. and Mrs. Carleton and family and Miss Norton have returned to Aleppo after a summer in the Lebanon; and on Sept. 9th Miss Silliman arrived in Beirut by American Export steamer, and started on the same day for Aleppo. With her came Miss Mary Orr, sister of Mr. John Orr of Aleppo College, who is to take a year of study at the American Junior College at Beirut.

Professor Lutfi Levonian and family reached Beirut from England on September 7th, after a profitable year of furlough. They traveled via Paris and Marseilles.

Miss De Remer, of Smyrna, who was in America for the summer, and who was last heard from at Marseilles waiting for a steamer, has been heard from at Adana, and is reported on her way by rail from there for Smyrna. The conjecture is that she went by steamer to Beirut.

The new term at Aleppo College opens on Wednesday next; and there is every prospect of a large enrollment, even perhaps applications beyond capacity. Difficulty in securing cement and iron has caused delay in the completion of the new College building; but the residence in process is being pushed to completion.

Scutari Academy and the two Colleges in Bebek and Arnaoutkeuy have opened, all with large attendance. At Scutari there were at last accounts 250 students, which is the highest record since the dropping of the primary classes six or eight years ago. At Robert College, the new students are giving extra time to acquiring English; but the classes for the former students will not begin till Monday, to give time to several absent teachers to arrive.

Miss Puckett, whom our Gaziantep friends and others saw when she arrived from America some weeks ago with the blind student, Mr. Midhat Enç, has been heard from in Paris, whither she arrived in safety and good condition, on her return to America.

It is announced that Turkey will not take part in the Balkan Olympic Games which are due to take place in Athens shortly. It is possible the whole event may be postponed because of war conditions.

A later cable from America says that the sailing of Prof. Michaelidas and family for Beirut has been indefinitely postponed.

Mr. E.C. Blake and family have arrived in Smyrna, having gone by rail via Afion Kara Hissar. Their household goods, going by steamer, reached there almost exactly the same time.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Sept.30, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

A large party, mostly for the two American Colleges here, arrived in the harbor on Saturday last. Miss Hinman and Miss Carl for the Smyrna Girls' School were with them, and went right on to Smyrna after one night in the Bible House apartment. Mrs. L.O.Lee was also of the party as were Dr.Collins and family, Mr.and Mrs.Bliss, Prof. Hewitt, Mrs.Dalzell, and many others.

With the arrival of Miss De Remer, Miss Hinman and Miss Carl, the staff of the Smyrna Girls' School is complete and they are going full tilt. The centre of the severe earthquake of last week was at some distance from the school, and it did not injure them to any extent.

A very pleasant reception for the new members of the Robert College staff was held at the home of President and Mrs.Wright, Kennedy Lodge, on Thursday afternoon, when the entire community was welcomed there. The College is very full, and most fortunately every teacher on the whole staff has been able to arrive, with the exception of Professor Kimball of the Mathematics Department, who is on his way from America, and Mr. Rivier of the French Department, who was called to the Swiss colors, Miss O'Neill of the Infirmary is also not back, but is expected shortly.

Last Wednesday was a great day for the American Hospital of Stamboul, for the few remaining patients were transferred from the old building to their new quarters in the splendid new Hospital building. The rest of the transferring of equipment is being done swiftly, and everything is expected to be finished by tonight. Already new patients are being received, and at least one baby has been born in the new Hospital. Dr. Shepard and his staff are weary but radiantly happy over the transfer.

Word has been received that Mrs.Leslie, Miss Gladys Perry and Miss Dorothy Blatter are due in Stamboul next Wednesday, coming by American Export Line from New York.

We are asked to announce that all members of the Mission circle are invited to the opening reception at the American College for Girls, Arnaoutkeuy, on Wednesday, October 4th, from 17:00 to 19:00 o'clock.

The first issue of the very much reduced Missionary Herald has just arrived from Boston. We still recognize it as familiar; but it is Lilliputian in size. But - c'est la guerre!

The Near East School of Theology begins its sessions with a Convocation Service in Hoskins Chapel, Beirut, on Tuesday evening, October 10th, and classes open the next day. As announced, twenty-two students are expected in attendance.

Earthquake shocks are still keeping on in the Smyrna region, the epicenter being apparently at Dikili, north of Smyrna. Many shocks per day are recorded, but they are much less severe than the first ones. The Red Crescent is energetic in meeting the emergency with tents and provisions.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T.Riggs.

Dear Friends:-

The Beirut News Letter tells of a very sad death there, of Prof. Walter H. Ritscher, of the University, on Sept. 26th from shock and burns resulting from an explosion of a tin of alcohol which he was sealing. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to his wife and four children.

The annual Auburndale Conference of American Board missionaries took place last month. Miss Harley, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman, and Dr. and Mrs. Nute were the Near East Mission representatives present, Miss McElroy, who has recently arrived in Athens to join the Pierce College staff, was present on the first evening, and received her commission there.

The American Export Steamer "Executive," with Mrs. E. T. Leslie and Misses Perry and Blatter for Stamboul, and Misses Pinneo, Long, Grant and Rowlands for Athens, was due to arrive in Piraeus two days ago, and is expected shortly in our port. These members of our circle will receive a most cordial welcome.

Dr. and Mrs. Jesse K. Marden had to cancel the reservations they had secured on the "Queen Mary" sailing from New York September 6th, on account of Dr. Marden's recent operation at the Mayo Clinic. He is reported however as making a very good recovery, and it is expected that they will be able soon to start out for Athens on return from furlough.

Dr. William S. Kimball, till now professor at Michigan State College, Lansing, Mich., has arrived at Robert College and taken up his work as Professor of Mathematics, in succession to the late Professor Harry H. Barnum.

The American Academy at Scutari has 260 girls in attendance thus far, over a hundred of them being boarding pupils. One hundred of the students are new this year.

The Treasury Department reports making of the final contract for the sale of the Merzifon Mission Compound to the Turkish Government. The price agreed upon is 40,000 liras. It is hoped that Dr. Clark will deliver the property to its new owners within a few days. He and Mrs. Clark will then be able to go via Talas to the Hospital in Gaziantep.

His Majesty the King of Greece was at Thessaloniki in connection with the opening of the international Fair, on September 23rd. The next day, Sunday, he took tea at the home of President and Mrs. Riggs at Anatolia College, and made quite a visit. He had intended to bring his brother, Prince Paul, and the Princess with him; but Prince Paul was detained by official duties. The Princess was deeply interested in the College buildings, which she had never seen before. Both the royal guests threw off all formality, and their visit was most happy in every way. Vice-Consul Cullion, and the Stephens and Sensemann families were also present at tea.

Carroll Hodges and Esther Peck, of the Anatolia College teaching staff, came back from a vacation in France, traveling on their bicycles all the way from Basle d'Annecy, via Geneva, Lausanne, the Simplon Pass, Venice, Fiume, and the Dalmatian Coast to Dubrovnik. From there to the Greek frontier they took a train, and then bicycled from the frontier to Thessaloniki. They crossed all four frontiers without any trouble at all, and came in in fine shape.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, October 14, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

Mrs. E. T. Leslie, Miss Gladys Perry and Miss Dorothy Blatter arrived in Stamboul on Tuesday last, the 10th, by American Export steamer from New York, having had an uneventful voyage and fairly smooth one. With them as far as Greece came Misses Pinneo, Long, Grant and Rowlands for Pierce College, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles House for the Agricultural School at Thessaloniki; and Miss Gurney of the American College for Girls at Arnaoutkeuy came all the way here.

Miss Mary O'Neill, of the Robert College Infirmary, arrived on Sunday last, having been detained in England by war conditions for a month after she expected to start back from her summer vacation.

Word has come by cable from Boston of the death of Miss Lucy Andrews, aunt of Dr. Lorrin Shepard and of Mrs. Ernest Riggs, on October 5th, after a long illness.

Mrs. Harry H. Barnum and her daughter Ruth have found an apartment in New York city, the address being 603 West 111th Street. Miss Eleanor Barnum, who crossed the ocean with her mother, had gone to Boston at last accounts, in search of a position. Miss Ruth Barnum has a job with a business firm in New York.

On Wednesday last, Mr. Reeves, who has been in charge of the plumbing work of the new American Hospital building, left with Mrs. Reeves on their return to America/going by Russian steamer to Piræus and from there by American Export steamer. On the same steamer went Mrs. Walter L. Wright and her two children, on their way to America for medical care. President Wright accompanies them as far as Athens, and will come back soon from there.

A letter from Mr. Lyman MacCallum tells us that he and his family are located for the present at Pendle Hill, Wallingford, Pennsylvania, near Swarthmore; Elizabeth is attending Media Friends' School. The date for Mr. MacCallum's return to Turkey was not yet set, as he had not been to New York to see Dr. North of the Bible Society.

Just at this time, when Dr. and Mrs. Clark of Merzifon expected to be getting ready to leave for Talas and Gaziantep, Dr. Clark has been taken down with an attack of pneumonia. Miss Eddy of Talas was immediately sent for, and has been a great help. The local doctors have been very good also. The last letter from Mrs. Clark, on Monday last, said that the crisis was passed Saturday, and Dr. Clark seemed to be on the way to recovery. We are glad to be able to pass on this good word.

Contrary to the expectation given in a recent issue, the new Atatürk Bridge at Un-kapan will not be ready for the formal opening on the National Anniversary, two weeks hence. The approaches have not yet been completed, and the ceremony is to be delayed.

Another note in our issue of Sept. 23rd has proved mistaken. The Balkan games were held as scheduled in Athens, last week; and Turkey did participate after all, coming out third among the four contesting nations, Greece being first.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, October 21, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

Last Saturday, Prof. Laurence S. Moore of Sofia College came to Stamboul in the morning, to meet his wife, Mrs. Sarah Anderson Moore, coming from America via Beirut; she arrived by the evening Taurus Express, and two hours from that time they took the Simplon Express back to Sofia, and are now snugly ensconced in their new home. Quite a number of friends were able to greet him while here; but just a handful could arrange to get a glimpse of her as she changed trains down town.

Miss Mayo Riggs and "Sunny", whose real name is John Shepard Gell, left Thessaloniki several weeks ago and went to America by American Export liner. "Sunny" is now entered as a student in Merricourt, the boys' school under charge of Rev. and Mrs. John H. Kingsbury, formerly of Bardizag, which is outside of Berlin, Connecticut.

Word has come of the death of Miss Daphne Kalopothakes, of Athens, whom many of our readers have met, the archaeologist daughter of the late Dr. M. D. Kalopothakes; her sister and brother still live there.

Mr. Iven Diakoff, formerly of the Robert College staff but of late connected with the American College of Sofia, has been made Dean of Sofia College, succeeding Mr. W. W. Hall.

Rev. Ernest C. Partridge, formerly of Sivas; is now pastor at Rootstown, Ohio. He sends us the following information about his family; Edward with his wife and two girls lives in Stow, a town near by; he is a research chemist with the Goodyear Rubber Co., of Akron. George and his wife and son are in Suffield, Conn., where he teaches in a private academy. William is in gas station business, and was married a few months ago to a young lady in the Rootstown Church. Frances and her husband, Thomas Locke, formerly of Smyrna, and their daughter Barbara, have just reached the Philippines for a three-year stay in the Far East, with the Goodyear Rubber Company. Alfred, the youngest, is working for a master's degree at the University of Michigan.

We are informed from the Post Office that air-mail for the United States is accepted as follows, for normal transport in Europe and air-mail across the ocean:- 10-gram letters, to be marked "Via Marseilles AIR MAIL", 47½ piastres; 20-gram letters, similarly marked, 90 piastres.

In a few weeks we hope to give a table of attendance at the American schools in the Near East. Meanwhile word is coming in of large attendance in almost all these schools. In Thessaloniki, the Girls' Department of Anatolia College has 160 in actual attendance, with two more expected; while the Boys' Department has 215. The Institute in Smyrna has 189, of whom 65 are new girls. Aleppo Girls' School has 106, in contrast to 88 last year. The student body at Sofia College is just about an even five hundred.

The past week has been of historic interest in Turkey. It saw the signing of the new mutual assistance pact at Angora between France, England and Turkey, which has been hailed generally as a help toward peace in the Mediterranean regions; and also the return of the Foreign Affairs Minister, Bay Saradjoghlu, from Moscow, who, even though he signed no pact with the Soviet Government, was given a striking token of continuing friendly relations by having a Soviet cruiser, the "Moskva", placed at his disposal for the return journey, together with the Soviet Ambassador to Angora, arriving in Stamboul yesterday.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, Oct. 28, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

A cable from Boston gave us word of the passing of Rev. John C. Martin, D.D., in California, on October 19th, in his seventy-ninth year. He was born December 28th, 1860, at Heatherdale, Prince Edward Island, Canada, and came out in 1891 with his wife to join the teaching staff of St. Paul's Institute, Tarsus, at that time under the care of Rev. Mr. Jenanyan. In 1893 he went under the American Board to Haddin, and was appointed the next year as a full missionary. Health difficulties compelled his resignation in 1906, but on the restoration of his health he was reappointed in 1911, when he went to Aintab; having resided meanwhile in California. In 1917, as an enemy subject, he was imprisoned and later deported to Marash; but had considerable freedom until he was finally allowed to leave the country for Egypt and the United States. In 1919 at the Annual Convocation of the Presbyterian College in Montreal, Canada, he was honored with the Doctorate of Divinity. Dr. and Mrs. Martin went out again in 1921 to Aintab, and in 1923 were stationed in Aleppo; but in the summer of 1926, they returned to America, and since 1928 they have lived in California. Our deep sympathy is expressed to Miss Jessie E. Martin, Principal of the Scutari School, as well as to Mrs. Martin and the others of the family in America.

The official opening of the new American Hospital Building will be celebrated a week from today, Saturday, November 4th, at 4 p.m. A large number of friends, including officials, have been invited. A week later, on Nov. 11th, there will be a house-warming party for the entire American community and a few other English-speaking friends.

At the Assembly of the Near East School of Theology on Thursday of this week, Professor Lutfi Levonian spoke on his impressions of the Christian Church during his year of absence on leave.

On Thursday last, Oct. 26th, in connection with the Annual Meeting of the American Board at St. Louis, Mo., a Communion service was held at the Bible House, Stamboul, Dr. Birge officiating in his capacity as pastor of the Mission Church. Following this, there was a surprise celebration in the Bible House Apartment of the seventy-fifth birthday of Miss Annie M. Barker, who has been living there since her retirement from an active service of forty years in our Mission and in this Station.

Plans have been perfected for the celebration of the sixteenth anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic, tomorrow. There will be a parade of military and of representatives of the schools, with speeches at various points. We are told that the new Atatürk Bridge over the Golden Horn is to be officially opened on that day, but not used by traffic generally until some later date, as it is not yet altogether ready. There will be celebrations of course all over the country. Today and Monday are holidays for all schools.

In addition to the Grade School of 174 pupils, and the Kindergarten of 49, the Community Center at Sofia runs a hostel where there are 23 women students; and also English courses for adults in the evenings.

Mrs. E. T. Leslie has gone to Smyrna for a short visit with her daughter, Mrs. Seager, and her small granddaughter whom she is seeing for the first time.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, Nov.4,1939.

Dear Friends:-

Mrs. Leslie got back to her post in Stamboul on Wednesday evening, after a very happy visit in Smyrna with her daughter and granddaughter, reporting all our friends in that city as well and flourishing.

Mr. Lyman MacCallum writes that he has engaged passage on the American Export liner "Excambion" sailing from New York November 11th, a week from today, for Beirut, and he expects to stop also at Athens for a brief visit before reaching here about the middle of December. We shall now see whether the new neutrality legislation in Washington will allow that steamer to sail according to schedule. Mr. MacCallum also reports having dined recently in New York with Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Fisher, and Professor and Mrs. Honig, the last two having recently arrived in that city after many hard experiences on their way from here.

The members of the Staff and Faculty of the Colleges, and the members of the Mission, are invited to attend the informal "Housewarming party" at the new American Hospital building, Saturday, November 11th, at 4:00 p.m.

On Thursday evening last, students of Robert College and members of the College and neighborhood communities enjoyed an informal concert given in the College auditorium by Mr. Paul Smith, of Detroit, a negro tenor of no mean ability who is traveling around the world. He was on his way to sing in opera at Bucharest, but has been unable to secure the necessary viass for the trip, and is spending some weeks here. He sang a group of negro spirituals, some popular darkey songs, some classic pieces, and two operatic selections, and received a tremendous welcome from the students. He is a graduate of Detroit University.

The first session of the sixth Grand National Assembly at Angora was formally opened on Wednesday, November 1st, with a speech by President Ismet Inönü, which has been very well received both at home and abroad. Mr. Abdulhalik Renda was again elected President of the Assembly. The second session will be held on Monday.

One of the reflex influences of the work of the American Board in this country, on the religious life of America, is illustrated by the fact that the teacher of the Old Testament course which Miss Alice Shepard, daughter of our Dr. Lorrin Shepard, is taking at Wellesley College, is Mr. Joseph Haroutunian, son of Rev. Garabed Haroutunian, formerly of Marash.

Resumption of the airplane service between Stamboul and Berlin, by the Lufthansa planes, is announced in connection with the arrival of the first plane with three passengers and mail, on Nov. 1st, at Yeshilkeuy. The plane took off again yesterday, but there were no passengers for Germany.

Of the 652 students registered this fall at Robert College, 376 are Moslem; 80 Jew, 192 Christian, the latter including 124 Orthodox, 51 Gregorian, 10 Protestant, and 7 Catholic.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

The figures for attendance at the American institutions in the Near East are given herewith, as far as they have come in. Others will probably come to hand later on. In nearly all instances, the registration is higher than last year, or any recent year. In some cases the growth is phenomenal and rather disturbing. Accommodations have been strained to the utmost, and in several institutions a large number have been refused.

NEAR EAST COLLEGES	TOTAL	GRAD.	COLLEGES	PREPAR.	MEN	WOMEN	BOARDERS
Athens	390		60	330	390		87
A.C.F.G.	399		121	278		399	216
Beirut Univ.							
Robert	652	137	116	399	652		281
Sofia	513		318	195	290	223	505

A.B.C.F.M. COLLEGES	TOTAL	COLLEG.	HIGH S.	PREP.	MEN	WOMEN	BOARDERS
Aleppo	404	47		207	368	36	69
Anatolia Boys	215	28		187	215		82
" Girls	162			145		162	31
Pierce (Athens)	368	36	210	122		368	78
School of Theol.	21				16	5	15

Other schools	TOTAL	HIGH S.	PREP.	OTHER.	MEN	WOMEN	BOARDERS
Aleppo Girls	116	46	70			116	5
Sofia Center	223		174	49			20
		LISE	ORTA	PREP.			
Scutari Academy	260	47	106	107		260	115
Smyrna A.C.I.	189	35	154			189	27
Talas Trade sch.	20		20		20		
Tarsus College	113	7	72	33	113		51

Figures for Beirut University have not yet reached us. We hope to give them in a later issue.

The registration at the Girls' College at Arnaoutkeuy is the second largest in the history of the College; in 1919-20 there were 421.

In Robert College there are 353 of Turkish nationality; 107 Greek; 77 Jewish; 52 Armenian, and 12 Arab; but in citizenship, 568 Turkish; 13 Persian; 11 Hellenic; no other figures over ten in either category.

In Aleppo College, in addition to the 69 regular boarders, there are 24 in a cooperative hostel similar to the "Yati vardu" arrangement at Talas School, where the College furnishes the rent and the boys live in semi-village style. The 36 girls are in the lowest classes of the primary grades only.

The Colleges in Greece are of the Greek Gymnasium type; and they would better be listed as Junior Colleges, with Freshman and Sophomore classes. The various classes or grades do not fit into any classification for schools in other countries.

Among the students of the School of Theology, there are 10 Armenians and 11 Syrians; the one Bulgarian of last year has not yet returned. Four Armenian and one Syrian students are women. In the Aleppo Girls' School 70 are Armenians, 23 Syrian, 17 Jews, and 5 Moslems.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:-

Dr.A.W.Dewey arrived here from Gaziantep on Monday, Nov. 6th, and on Wednesday morning the 8th, he and Mrs. Dewey left the American Hospital on their return journey to their home, arriving there the next evening. Mrs. Dewey was much improved by her stay here, and stood the trip back very well.

Mr.Daniel Brewster, son of our friends Mr. and Mrs. J.R.Brewster of Athens Station, arrived here last week, having accepted a teaching position in Robert College for the remainder of the year. He was graduated in June from Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., and had been planning to spend the year in Bordeaux, on an exchange fellowship; but the war interfered with these plans.

The official opening of the American Hospital's new building at Nishantash, took place on Saturday, Nov. 4th, under perfect auspices. The assembly room in the main building, formed by removing the partitions from the rooms of the Nurses' Training School, was well filled with two hundred or more Turkish and other friends. There were addresses by Ambassador J.V.A.MacMurray, in English, the substance of which was rendered in Turkish by Dr. Shepard; and in Turkish by Dr.Akil Muhtar, the well-known mental specialist. Dr. Aziz Fikret Derlen, the Turkish Director of the Hospital, and Dr.Shepard, Professor MacNeal of Robert College played a selection on the piano. At the close, Miss Shank, the Head Nurse, pinned on the pins of the three newly graduated nurses, after which the friends present had refreshments and a chance to see the entire building under expert guidance. The enlarged accommodations are already more than two-thirds full. On Saturday last there was a second reception, or house-warming, when all American and English friends were welcomed, and there were speeches by Miss E.I.Burns of the Girls' College, Mr. Fowle, and Dr. Shepard.

We are asked to announce that the Scutari Academy is discontinuing its post box No257, Istanbul, and that henceforth mail should be addressed either American Academy, Scutari, Istanbul, Turkey, or (for letters mailed inside of Turkey) Amerikan Kiz Lisesi, Uskudar, Istanbul.

Word has been received of the passing away of Rev. Xenophon P. Moschou, Ph.D., at Athens, Greece, October 22nd, aged 82. Dr. Moschou will be remembered by many of our readers as for a long time pastor of the Greek Evangelical Church at Smyrna, and later of the Second Greek Evangelical Church at Athens, and the author of several books. He was a wise and devoted leader, and his death is a loss to the whole community. Mrs. Moschou died some time ago.

Mrs.Arthur C.Ryan is now living with her son Alden at the Northwood Apartments, Wilkingsburg, Penn.

Rev. Paul E.Nilson took the occasion of the Bayram Holidays to break away from his school duties at Talas and come to Stamboul to chat with his friends here.

The American Export Lines have announced that the new neutrality legislation in the United States has not interfered with their regular voyages to the Mediterranean, except to cut out their eastward-bound call at Marseilles. It will be a cause for gratitude to patrons of this line to know they can still depend upon its calls, including those to Stamboul and Black Sea ports.

The latest word from Mr.Lyman MacCallum states that his return to his post in Stamboul has been still further delayed, and he will not be able to reach here before the New Year.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T.Riggs

Dear Friends:-

We wish to correct a misstatement in the issue of two weeks ago, with regard to registration at the American College for Girls, Arnaoutkeuy. It should have been stated that it is the registration of boarders that is the second highest in the history of the College; and that the largest (221) took place in 1919-20. The total registration has been over 400 several times in the history of the College, and has gone to even 566.

A series of severe earthquake shocks in the Erzindjan district last Tuesday and Wednesday has cost many lives and much loss of property. A score or more of villages are affected, but no large cities. The Governor of Erzindjan and the Red Crescent Society are doing their best.

Mr. Grover Whalen, Chairman of the central committee of the World's Fair in New York, is visiting Angora in connection with his efforts to get various countries to renew their exhibits at the Fair for the coming year. He stopped in Stamboul earlier in the week. He had a favorable interview with the Prime Minister, Dr. Refik Saydam, and partook of Thanksgiving dinner with the Ambassador at the American Embassy. He is leaving this evening on his return journey.

While only 78 of the 368 students enrolled at the Orlanda Pierce College at Elleniko are listed as boarders, quite a number of the day students have their noon meal there; and including teachers and servants, 225 people have to be fed at noon every day.

The aged Catholicos of Sis, Mgr. Sahag, died some two weeks ago, at Antelias, near Beirut, and was buried with great ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 12. He was 91 years old, and had not been in active service for some years, the Archbishop Bedros Saradjian being vicar-general. The President of the Lebanese Republic and many high French officials were present at the funeral; and the singing both by priests and by the Antelias Choir is spoken of as fine. The Patriarch of Jerusalem conducted the service.

The Cyprus Mines Corporation, the American copper mining company with which Mr. and Mr. George White are engaged in social service work, is looking for a Scout Master, to replace an Englishman who has been called to the colors. There have been about 500 boys registered in several troops; so the work is a full-time job. The Scout Master should be preferably British or American; and playground work and boys' clubs would also come into his possible duties. Anyone who can help in securing such a man is asked to write to Mr. George D. White, Cyprus Mines Corporation, Skouriotissa, Cyprus.

The statistics for the American University of Beirut are at hand, and show a total enrollment of 1644, as of Oct. 25th; this is 150 less than last year, which was a record year. The loss is in the International College sections, which nevertheless total 1120. There has been an increase in the School of Arts and Sciences, from 197 last year to 255. Figures in the other schools are: Medicine, 115; Pharmacy, 49; Dentistry, 6; Nursing, 56; Institute of Music, 43, or including those in other departments, 51. Out of the total, 667 are in the Boarding Department. The Iraq, Palestine, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Transjordan Governments support a total of seventy students on Bursaries. There are 143 women students in the University. By nationalities, 600 are from the Lebanon, 384 from Palestine, 189 from Iraq, 173 from Syria; and the next largest number is 63 from the United States of America. 13 come from Turkey.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, December 2, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

Rev. Ernest A. Yarrow, who was a missionary of the Board at Van and elsewhere from 1904 till 1921, died at Middletown, Conn., on October 26th, after a brief illness. For a number of years he had been acting as Assistant Treasurer and Field Representative of the Hazen Foundation, in Middam, Conn.; Mr. Yarrow was born in London, England, February 21, 1876, but went in early life to America, and was graduated in 1901 from Wesleyan University, and in 1904 from Hartford Seminary. At the latter institution he was a classmate of Rev. C. A. Stanley; of our North China Mission, and of Merle Davis, and Hebert E. B. Case. He was married on August 4, 1904, and sailed a week later for Turkey, going right to Van. In August, 1915, he and his wife and four children were among the refugees from Van to make their way amid many dangers to Tiflis, and thence back to the United States. But in the following autumn he went back again to the Caucasus, and was in relief work there, and in Siberia and Manchuria with the Y. M. C. A., till 1921 when he went back to America.

Rev. Raymond F. White, formerly of Smyrna, is now Methodist minister at Copeland, Kansas, where they have been since February when he gave up the educational work in a CCC Camp at St. George, Kansas. Mr. White writes that they are very busy and very happy in their new charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar S. Heizer announce their removal on September 30th, to Palma Sola Park, (R. F. D. 1) Bradenton, Florida, near the Gulf of Mexico, a beautiful spot where they expect to be permanently located.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Harold Madge, for many years accountant for the Treasury Department at the Bible House, who passed away November 12th. The firm is hoping to keep on with the business.

The B. B. C. Station in London has begun broadcasting in the Turkish language. The first address was made by the Turkish Ambassador in England; and the regular broadcaster is Mr. Ahmed Nedjati, a Robert College graduate of the class of '31.

Rev. Dr. William J. Hutchins, retiring President of Berea College, and Dr. J. L. Dodds, Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, have been making a visit in Beirut on their way to Persia, where they are conducting negotiations with the Iran Government about the foreign schools which have been ordered to close up next summer. Dr. Hutchins preached at the Anglo-American service on Nov. 19th.

A regrettable accident occurred on the railroad east of here at Hereke, not far from Izmit, on Thursday morning, when two trains collided, and one railroad man lost his life. An investigation is being conducted to establish responsibility for this event.

Thanksgiving Day was observed by most of the Americans in this city in accord with the Presidential proclamation, on November 23rd, although a few preferred to follow the old established custom and observed the 30th.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

Rev. and Mrs. K. Lyman of Stamboul have been visiting friends in California recently; and one day they drove from Maywood over to Claremont with Mrs. Kate Hopkins, formerly of Marash, and her aunt, and had quite a Turkey gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Getchell, formerly of Thessaloniki and Merzifon. Mrs. McNaughton, Miss Jillson, Miss Rice, Miss Pohl, Mrs. Sewny, Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Marden and Miss Mary Marden all came in to greet them, and there was much talk and happiness.

Professor George Michaelides, of the School of Theology at Beirrut, has been making missionary addresses in Vermont and elsewhere, during his enforced stay in the United States. He spoke recently in Cornwall and Middlebury, Vermont.

The American Board circle in Beirut got together for a very excellent Thanksgiving dinner and a happy celebration, on Nov. 23rd, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Riggs. Miss Webb, Block, Mrs. Laird, four Nilson children, two Deweys and one Isely, all joined in. In the afternoon there was a Thanksgiving service at the University; and later there was a largely attended reception at the American Consulate.

It is a great disappointment to all of their Turkey friends that Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Baker have definitely decided that they will not return to Stamboul for the Y.M.C.A. work. Mrs. Baker is far from well. The latest word is that they have been spending some time at the Clifton Springs, N.Y., Sanitarium, where she has been undergoing all sorts of tests to see what treatment should be undertaken.

In regard to evangelical work in the Hatay Province, the Reformed Presbyterian Mission has three churches at work there, in Antioch, Alexandretta, and Suadiye; also a school in Alexandretta.

Word has just been received that Mrs. William L. Nute underwent a serious gall-bladder operation in Baltimore, Md., presumably at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, on November 20th; and two days later she was reported as doing very well. Our best wishes for a complete recovery soon!

It has been announced by the International Olympic Committee that the Olympic Games due to occur in 1940 will not take place, owing to international conditions.

The German Lufthansa airplanes which had begun a daily service between here and Berlin about six weeks ago, have, according to the local papers, not had a single passenger from Berlin here, or from here to Berlin; so that they have been constrained to limit the service to once a week from now on, solely for the carrying of mail.

Invitations are out for the annual Christmas service of song at the home of Mrs. Damon in Hissar, tomorrow afternoon. A week later, on December 17th, Professor Estes will give a Vesper Musical in the College Chapel.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, December 16, 1939.

Dear Friends:-

Word has come of the passing away of Rev. Aharon Shiradjian, at Aleppo on December 6th. Mr. Shiradjian was pastor in Marash for many years, and a prominent leader in the Evangelical Church there; and later served also as pastor in Aleppo. He was greatly beloved.

Rev. Henry H. Riggs has been making a tour of about ten days around the Mission stations of Northern Palestine, visiting Haifa, Nazareth, Tiberias and other points. He was due back in Beirut three or four days ago.

A letter from Dr. W. W. Peet in Chattanooga, Tenn., reports Mrs. Hemphill (at 92) and himself (at 88) as pretty well, though he has been quite ill. His operation was very successful, and he is now quite comfortable.

Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Clark write of their great joy in being associated with our Aintab Hospital and Station. Everything goes well there. Mr. Isely writes that Mrs. Dewey continues to improve; and that on Thanksgiving Day and the Sunday evening sing, she played the piano for the music.

Announcements have been received telling of the marriage of Clara Margaret Estes, daughter of Professor Estes of Robert College, to Mr. Jerry Titus Ballantine, at Cleveland, Ohio, on Saturday, November 18th.

Of the 370 students in Orlinda Childs Pierce College at Elleniko, Greece, 327 are Greeks, 34 Armenians, 3 Hebrews, 2 Albanians, and one Russian. Recently the College had a visit from the Prime Minister, Mr. Metaxas, who spent nearly three hours there, visiting five classes, and addressing the whole school in the auditorium, and the teachers in the President's office; and he seemed well pleased with the College.

We learn from Sofia that Mrs. Woodruff, after a season of rest, has been able to return to her work in the school at the Community Center.

President Ismet Inönü arrived in Erzurum by special train on Wednesday last, and is spending some days there, visiting the various schools, hospitals, public buildings, the new post office, and the bazaars. The city is covered with snow.

It is announced that the annual Balkan "Olympic" games will be held in this city next September; and commemorative stamps will be issued on that occasion.

Thanksgiving Day was observed as a whole holiday at Anatolia College, Thessaloniki, and in the morning there were a Greek Thanksgiving sermon by the teacher of religion, and talks on the history of the day and its meaning to Americans. A Thanksgiving play by students of the second form followed; and in the afternoon there were athletic events, and in the evening a turkey dinner for all the boarding department. Two days later, a team from Athens came up and played football with the College on the new athletic ground, winning by two goals to one, after a good game.

Mrs. Dalzell, of the Community School at Robert College, left Piraeus on Tuesday last by American Export liner for New York. Miss O'Neill who accompanied her as far as Greece, returned here two days ago.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:-

We are glad to pass on the latest word of Mr. F. Lyman MacCallum, who is stated to be sailing from America January 6th by the S.S. "Excambion", on his return to his post here, and expects, after making visits in Beirut and Old Phaleron, to arrive here in approximately a month from now.

Mr. Arnold L. Jenny, who has been connected with the work of the American Y.M.C.A. for about twenty-five years, and has recently been in charge of the "Y. World Tours" service, has been appointed to Stamboul to take over the work left by Mr. Harry Baker. He is expected to reach Stamboul about February 15th. Both Mr. Baker and Mr. Lyman MacCallum have expressed themselves as much pleased with the appointment.

Dr. Charles C. Piper, who from 1924 till 1928 was connected with the Azariah Smith Memorial Hospital at Aintab, is now living with his son John D. Piper, at 29 Moberly Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire, England.

Last Saturday evening a very amusing rendering of Hart & Kaufman's comedy, "You Can't Take It With You," was given by the Hissar Players in the Social Hall of Robert College, with a well-balanced cast of sixteen characters.

Professor Papastavrou, who for ten years has been the head of the Greek Department of Anatolia College, and is now Co-Director of the College, has been elected Professor of Ancient History at the University of Thessaloniki. While his colleagues in Anatolia are congratulating him on this honor, they regret the necessity of finding a substitute for him in the College.

Miss Shirley Davis, daughter of our old friends Dr. and Mrs. D. Alton Davis, of the Y.M.C.A. general offices in Geneva, is teaching French at the Baldwin School, in Bryn Mawr, Penn.

The first snow of the season whitened everything in Stamboul yesterday morning, after a whistling, whirling, rainy wind the previous night which played havoc among the shipping in the harbor and took toll of some lives there also.

Our old friend Madame Halide Edib, wife of Dr. Adnan, has been appointed Professor of English Philology in the Faculty of Letters at Stamboul University, and has begun her duties.

President Ismet Inönü returned to Angora Monday from his trip to Erzroum. It is now announced that he will shortly start on another visit in Anatolia, this time going to Kayseri, Adana, and Diarbekir, or, as it is now called, Diyarbakir.

Professor and Mrs. Laurence S. Moore of Sofia College are expecting to arrive in Stamboul, about the end of this month, to spend their winter holidays among their old friends.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:-

The worst natural calamity that perhaps ever visited Turkey took place in the early hours of Wednesday morning last, in a series of earthquakes extending over a wide area including Erzinjan as a center, and affecting Sivas, Tokat, Amasia, Merzifon, Samsoun, Ordu, Kerasun, and half a dozen other cities besides villages. It is reported that not a wall remains uninjured in Erzinjan, which is east of Sivas, about half-way to Erzroum. The estimated loss of life is appalling, the latest messages putting it at considerably over twenty thousand. Erzinjan lies at about 3,900 feet elevation, and Sivas at 4,400 feet; so the winter's cold is intense. Add to this the fact that the main shock came just after midnight, and the sufferings of the inhabitants may be faintly imagined. Shocks have been repeated daily since. The Government and the Red Crescent Society are speeding up measures of relief, and many others have offered aid. President Ismet Inönü, who is on a tour of inspection in the Diarbekir region, is reported to be going to visit the stricken areas as well. As far as known, no Americans live in the region; Sivas and Merzifon are no longer occupied as mission stations.

Mr. John K. Stene, of Tarsus College, was up at Stamboul for dentistry for three or four days this week, but is back in Tarsus again.

Miss Grace Towner of Tarsus went to Beirut a few days ago for a visit, and is supposably back at her post.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison A. Maynard have been spending the Christmas holidays at Tarsus, visiting their son and his bride there. Presumably they have gone back to Beirut University.

The biggest Christmas vacation party on the rails this season was a children's party from Beirut, the four Nilsons going to Talas, the four Deweys to Aintab, one Woolworth to Tarsus, and one Carleton to Aleppo. The governmental formalities for getting permits to travel were made easy in each case; and we imagine there has been great rejoicing in each family.

During the first seventy-four days of the operation of the new American Hospital building in this city, seventy-four operations were performed; and furthermore, sixty-two babies were born in the maternity department. The entire staff is being kept fairly busy, and happy,

The great silence in the postal service in Stamboul was broken just after Christmas day, and one mail out of the three weeks' mails managed to come through, bringing letters and papers of about dates of December 10 to 13 from America. Two other weekly mails are still due, of the last week in November and the first week in December. It seems to be true that the U.S. Post-Office is sending Near Eastern mails bi-weekly, either by the Italian steamers for Naples, or by the American Export Lines "aces" for Beirut and Athens. Where the delay has been is unknown.

The birth is announced in America of Alan Washburn Fisher, on November 23rd, son of Dr. Sidney and Mrs. Elizabeth Scipio Fisher, both of whom were out here last summer visiting their parents, Professor and Mrs. L.A. Scipio of Robert College.

Miss Kathleen Van Cleft, who taught in Adana from 1926 to 1929, is now dietitian in a Veteran's Hospital in Mississippi.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.