

Bible House, Stamboul, January 5, 1933

Dear friends:-

Although our associates, Dr. and Mrs. Nute and Mr. and Mrs. Carleton and Miss Ackerly, had been told on Dec. 30th by the Mar-din authorities to move westward on the day after Christmas, a delay was subsequently granted them; and we are glad to report a further telegram on the 28th, to the effect that they have been granted their residence papers. This appears to indicate that matters are now satisfactorily arranged.

The Constantinople city authorities have been taking energetic measures to put a stop to a rather extensive epidemic of scarlet fever. School children in general have been inoculated. There have been over seventy cases in Bebek village alone; and that is not the worst district. Latest reports indicate a decided diminution of the disease.

Appendicitis seems also to be either contagious or very fashionable. Mr. MacMillan of Robert College is at the American Hospital recovering from an operation; and on New Year's Day Mrs. L. A. Scipio was taken there and operated on as well; she is making a good recovery.

Messrs. Robert Maynard, Syllaz, and a half-dozen other instructors from International College, Smyrna, have come up to Stamboul for the vacation.

The Ramazan fast began December 29th, and continues for one lunar month. During this month, preaching is carried on in the mosques each Friday noon, and in some of them daily. This year for the first time, the ezzan, or call to prayer, is being given in Turkish, from the minarets of the principal mosques. The smaller ones do not follow suit, for apparently the muezzins have not yet learned the formula in Turkish.

The daily papers had announced in Constantinople that, beginning with January first, the metric system of weights and measures would supersede all others throughout the country. But it seems that the required official standard weights could not be manufactured fast enough and the reform has been postponed. We shall still use the oke, the botman and the kantar in weighing, and the arshin, the pik and the Ucheh in measuring; but we venture to predict that Turkey will put the reform into operation and be using the metric system entirely, before this is put through in either the United States or England.

Owing to an unfortunate misinterpretation of certain things in the American Collegiate Institute in Smyrna, some of the students have been unnecessarily stirred up recently; but frank conversations on the part of those in charge, with the parents and with the educational officials of the city, have set matters right, and affairs seem to have come back to normal again.

A volume of 216 pages entitled "The Turkish Press, 1925-1932," being selections from the Turkish papers translated into English and arranged under the direction of Prof. Loutfi Levonian, has been issued from the press, and is being sold by the Publication Department of our Mission. It may be ordered through Mr. Birge, the sales price being Ltq. 1.60

Dr. Lawson P. Chambers, who will be remembered by many as having been connected with the Bithynic High School at Baghtchedjik with his father, and also with the Y.M.C.A. work through the country some years ago, is now teaching in St. Louis, Mo., living at 310 North Skinner Road. His daughter Heather has her B.A., and is now taking graduate work in English.

Yours very cordially

Charles E. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Mr. Paul Siple, who went with Admiral Byrd to 'Little America' on the great Antarctic Ice Barrier, and has recently graduated from Allegheny College, has been visiting in Constantinople, and has generously give addresses before the Hissar Women's League, the American Luncheon Club, Robert College, and the Turkish University,- the latter through an interpreter. He has now gone across for a brief visit in Athens, and returns next week to go for a trip into Anatolia with Mr. Carl Stetz of Robert College. He may later go on as far as India before returning to America.

Messrs Craver and Linder, instructors at Sofia American College, are spending their midwinter holidays in seeing Stamboul.

Letters have come bringing some details of the last days of Mrs. Charles E. Estes. She was ill at her mother's home in Auburndale for a month, under the care of her cousin, Dr. George H. Washburn. As she rapidly grew worse, she was finally taken on Dec. 16th to the Massachusetts General Hospital, where blood transfusion was tried, but without benefit; and the end came in the early morning hours of Sunday, Dec. 18th. The funeral was from the Auburndale church, and was conducted by the pastor, Rev. R.H. Rogers, and Rev. F.P. Goodsell, D.D., and Rev. E.V. Riggs offered prayer. Among those present from our city were Mrs. H.M. Barnum, and Mrs. T.J. Daron, also Mr. David Julius, formerly of Aleppo.

The Hissar Players gave as their annual Twelfth-Night production at Robert College, Maeterlick's tragedy of Pelleas and Melisande, on the afternoon of Friday, Jan. 5th, and the evening of Saturday Jan. 6th. The acting was of a high order; and the musical interludes from the Opera of Debussy were well rendered and added to the effect. There was a large audience each time.

The American Embassy has gone into mourning for a month, owing to the sudden death of ex-President Coolidge last Thursday.

For Christmas, the Tarsus-Adana group were all entertained at dinner at the Mission House. The following week Miss Borel and Mr. Young entertained 25 members of the Armenian group at another dinner. The Hospital, in addition to its usual parties for camp children, nurses, workers, and 'the Alley Gang,' assisted the local church by presenting a pageant, put on by the student nurses.

Mr. and Mrs. Woolworth and Miss Hotson from Adana are enjoying a few days of winter sports at Bürüjek, while on the Adana plain ice can be found in the early mornings.

The Week of Prayer was observed in the churches of Constantinople quite generally and with gratifying attendance.

Letters have come from our colleague Rev. E.T. Perry telling of the wonderful times he has been having in Detroit and Toronto with the traveling team of the Oxford Group. Four evening meetings at Detroit with about 1500 present each evening; and packed meetings in Toronto, aggregating 5000 in one evening, and two gatherings for the clergy with 400 to 800 present; also a stirring series of meetings at Olivet College. Best of all were the practical results in changed lives and new standards adopted. Mr. and Mrs. Perry expect to be traveling with the Group much of January and February. They report that both have gained in health a great deal.

Answers from nine of the Stations of our Mission indicate that there is no great desire for a Spring meeting unless there should come definite word of further drastic cuts for 1934. Boston has been asked if the future can be forecast in this respect; and replies from the other three Stations should also be in soon.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

Mid-year vacations in the various schools do not coincide; so that one comes, and another goes, quite independently. The vacations of the two colleges in this city begin tomorrow; and tomorrow the vacation of Sofia College ends. The two teachers from Sofia who have been spending ten days or so here, Messrs. Craver and Linder, left last evening returning to their work. In the meanwhile, quite a few of those connected with Robert and Constantinople Colleges are to pass their holiday days in Sofia. Others have gone or are going farther afield. Mr. and Mrs. Radcliff have gone to Egypt; Prof. Barnum and Mr. McGregor to Vienna; Prof. and Mrs. Fisher to Sofia, etc.

The third of the series of lectures by Dr. Shepard on health topics will be given at the American Embassy on Thursday, January 26th, at 5:15 p.m. The subject will be: "Some Common Digestive Disturbances."

Mr. Archibald Sessions, organist of the American Church in Paris, gave an enjoyable recital on the Robert College organ last week, which attracted a very full auditorium. He left on Saturday by rail for Jerusalem, intending to stop over at Aleppo and Beirut. He is to give four recitals on the great new four-manual organ in connection with the dedication of the newly constructed Y.M.C.A. building in Jerusalem; and then he goes on to Egypt for a visit before returning to Paris.

Mr. Seeley and Mr. Abel of Anatolia College have taken a vacation trip to Egypt, Palestine and Syria, visiting Beirut, Jerusalem, Cairo, Alexandria, and other points, and returning to Salonica via Athens.

Mrs. J.K. Lyman was detained in Aleppo by dental work for a time, and went to Beirut later than her husband. With her went Miss Eleanor Oliphant of the Aleppo Girls School, and they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Riggs the first week in January.

We regret to report that Prof. Zenop Bezdjian, formerly the Civil Head of the Protestant Community of Turkey, but now for some time a resident of Beirut, has been laid low by a bad heart attack.

The United Missionary Council of Syria and Palestine is to hold its meeting this spring in Jerusalem, April 25 to 27.

Sheker Bayram, the feast after Ramazan, is announced to begin on January 27th, Friday of next week. While the calendars state that Kurban Bayram will begin April 8th, there seems to be some uncertainty still whether it will begin a few days earlier.

The following books have recently been added to the Mission Library:-

The Turkish Press, edited by Loutfi Levonian, 1932
 An Outline of Christianity, in 5 vols., by A.S. Peake & others, 1928
 West and East, by E.C. Moore, D.D., 1920
 Religion in Our Times; by G. G. Atkins, D.D. 1932
 Jesus After Nineteen Centuries; by E.F. Tittle, D.D. 1932
 The Practice of the Presence of God, by Brother Lawrence, (1666) 1895
 Kagawa, by Wm. Arling, 1932
 That Strange Little Brown Man Gandhi, by F.B. Fisher, 1932
 God in the Slums, by Hugh Redwood, 1931
 God in the Shadows, by Hugh Redwood, 1932
 For Sinners Only, by A. J. Russell, 1932
 Prayer, by Fr. Heiler, Ph.D., D.D., 1932
 Re-Thinking Missions, by W. E. Hocking and others, 1932
 Hudson Taylor and the China Inland Mission, by Mr. & Mrs. H. Taylor, 1931

Yours very cordially,
 Charles H. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Jan. 24, 1933.

Dear friends--

It seems that we were mistaken in reporting in a previous issue that during Ramadan the ezzan, or call to prayer from the minarets, was to be given in Turkish instead of in the old Arabic form. This regulation was not actually put into practice, as far as has been reported, in even the larger mosques, - not even on the Night of Power.

Fewer non-Moslems than usual attended the night service in St. Sophia last evening, which was Kadir Gedjesi, or the Night of Power. Contrary to a statement which has recently appeared in print, this is not the anniversary of the ascent of Mohammed into heaven, but that of the handing down of the entire Koran from the highest heaven to the lowest, from which in turn it was revealed section by section to Mohammed at various times. On this anniversary, the crowds in St. Sophia and the other principal mosques were not nearly so large as last year and we have not heard of any instance of the Koran being recited in Turkish in any of them.

Miss Contance Padwick, of Cairo, who is connected with the Literature Committee of the Near East Christian Council, arrived in Constantinople from England Sunday morning, having stopped in the Balkans on her way. She starts on tomorrow by rail for Beirut and Egypt.

Mr. Paul Nilson is due to arrive this morning from Talas, for a brief stay in our city.

Mr. Harold C. Jacquith, for the past fifteen years connected with the Near East relief and the Near East Council as an Executive Secretary, and often in charge of overseas operations in various parts of the Near East, has accepted the presidency of Illinois College, at Jacksonville, Ill., and will undertake the responsibilities of his new position on May 15th. Mr. Jacquith holds degrees from Trinity College, Hartford, Union, and Columbia. Illinois College was founded nearly a hundred years ago by the "Yale Band," and has a high standing as one of the strong small colleges.

Mrs. Archibald H. MacFarlane of International College sailed on the "Conte di Savoia" from New York on January 14th, and is due in Smyrna on the 31st. She is greatly improved by her trip to the United States.

President Cass Arthur Reed of International College finds conditions in America during the year he has been there rather gloomy from a financial point of view; but his friends already know that such conditions cannot down his optimistic faith.

The President, Ghazi Mustafa Kemal, is making a tour through Brousa, Balikesir, Kutahya, and toward the southern part of the country. He wishes to see commissions and councils exist.

Mr. Alfred W. Sellar, formerly Superintendent of the Greek at Constantinople College, with Mrs. Sellar returned yesterday from Vienna after a visit of three or four weeks.

The last loan made to the Second Evangelical Greek Church of Athens in connection with their building, has now been paid off; and the Church is rejoicing in being entirely free of debt.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Higgins

Dear friends:-

Contrary to our hopes, the two families who went last November with such high hopes to Mardin, have not been allowed to stay there. The order for their evacuation was for a time countermanded, but was later renewed, and they were given only until a week ago today to remain there. Apparently the region beyond the river Euphrates has been made a forbidden zone for foreign travelers. After consultation with the Committee ad Interim, the Carleton family has for the present gone back to Aleppo, where Mr. Carleton will continue to cooperate with Mr. Markham in the College work. Dr. Nute has left his family in Tarsus, for the moment, and has come up to Constantinople to consult regarding the best move to make next. He arrived last evening, and with him came Miss Ackerly, to see this great city for a few days.

Word has come of the sudden death of Mr. Asa K. Jennings, in America, on January 28th, of a heart attack. For some time he has been in uncertain health, but has carried on bravely and cheerfully, determined to live with all his might and live cheerfully.

Mr. Jennings first came to Turkey in the spring of 1922. At the time of the Smyrna disaster he played a most important part in the safe evacuation to Greece of over 200,000 refugees. For this conspicuous service he was decorated by the Greek Government. In 1923 he served with the International Red Cross Commission in the exchange of prisoners between Greece and Turkey. Later he secured in America single-handed the support necessary for opening a most promising Social Service work for Turks in Smyrna. He was afterwards instrumental, in cooperation with the H. W. Mayo-I. Etfal, in opening the playground in Angora back of their building. He incorporated his work as "The Friends of Turkey" organization in America, and has rendered a great deal of service to Turkish students in America. For the past two years he has been engaged in several forms of cooperative service in Angora, Mr. Gannaway being at present the representative in Angora of this work. It was only last month that Mr. Jennings went back to his family in America. He leaves a wife and two sons and a daughter.

Mrs. Alma Lee Kowe of the Stamboul Y.W.C.A. left here last Thursday for a week's visit in Athens.

Dr. Raymond B. Fosdick and his sister were unable to get tickets from Athens for the flight to Egypt, and had to go two days earlier than they had planned, and by steamer.

Friday last, being the first day of Bayram, the weather was true to its tradition and the chilly rains and snows stopped; and the second and third days of Bayram were wonderfully sunny and bright. Yesterday of course it clouded over again, and since then has again been very moist, though not so cold.

The Beirut News Letter tells of the narrow escape of President Bayard Dodge of Beirut University. He was out riding, near the city, and drew his horse to the side of the road as a car was approaching; but another car, racing at great speed, passed the first one and struck the horse, hurling both horse and rider into the ditch. Both were stunned, and the horse fell on Dr. Dodge, who fortunately was not injured beyond being painfully bruised.

Miss Constance Padwick and Mr. Paul Nilson, whose arrivals here were noted last week, have both returned to their homes, the former to Cairo, the latter to Talas.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Feb. 8, 1933.

Dear friends:-

Mr. Charles L. House, of the Salonica Farm School, or Agricultural Institute, has been decorated with the medal of the Golden Cross of the Order of the Savior, the highest decoration given by the Greek Government. This was in recognition of Mr. House's services in planning and constructing a Fresh Air Home for children at Salonica.

Mr. Theodore D. Frost, who completed his three years at the Erenkeuy School last summer, has been spending this year at the University of Wisconsin, in the department of Education. He has also announced that he has met the Right One, and indeed his adjectives are stronger. There may be a wedding in the fall.

A letter from Mrs. Frank Ferguson (nee Lillian Bowen) was received a short time ago from Newcastle-on-Tyne, England. Mr. Ferguson will be remembered by many of our readers as British Postmaster in Constantinople until the outbreak of the War. He is now Postmaster at Newcastle, but expects to retire from service after another year. Of their children, Mark has recently returned from Singapore, where he was employed by a rubber company; Alice is married and is the mother of one child; Ferguson and John are still pursuing their studies, and are both athletic and strong.

Mrs. J. Ridgely Carter, whose husband will be remembered as American Minister to Roumania, Serbia and Bulgaria in 1910, and as in charge of the Embassy at Constantinople for a time during 1910 and 1911, died suddenly at Senlis, France, Jan. 30th, aged 66. Mr. Carter is connected with the Morgan Harjes Co. in Paris.

Miss Edith Stokes, of Constantinople College, whose term of service was to end in June, has been allowed to retire early, and left on Thursday last for America via France.

Miss Emma Zbinden, of Merzifon, who has been in Switzerland for some time, recuperating, has gone to the Clinique de Mornex, at Lausanne, where she has been for seven weeks and expects to be for at least a month more. She reports gradual improvement.

An incident at Erpusa a week ago has caused a good deal of stir but has been reported as of very minor importance after all. Orders had been given that the call to prayer from the minarets should be in Turkish instead of in Arabic, and also that the summons to prayer given inside the mosques should be in Turkish. To this there was a protest by a jodja and other zealous Moslems who requested that it be in Arabic as heretofore. Some persons were arrested, and the news brought to that city the President and the Ministers of Justice and Interior; but apparently the matter had not the political significance that was at first feared.

At the request of the Department of Education, three of the staff of International College are this year teaching English in three secondary schools in Smyrna city. A letter from Acting President Vrooman states that this is proving an interesting experiment in co-operating with public schools, and is widening the circle of friends of the College.

Another advance this year at International has been the installation of a short agricultural course for village boys, financed by the Near East Foundation. These lads are farmers' sons who during the four months of the winter are not busy and so can come to the College farms. There they are given a practical course, entirely in Turkish, on agricultural methods and village sanitation, which they can carry back and apply on their own farms. The director of the course is Mr. Allee.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Feb, 14, 1933

Dear friends:-

We desire to express our deep sympathy with Miss Dora F. Shank of Adana, for a cable has just been received from America telling of the death of her father.

Another death that has come very near our circle is that of Professor Zenop Bezdjian, formerly Civil Head of the Protestant Chancery in Constantinople, who has been residing in Beirut for some years. He passed away Jan. 30th, after hovering between life and death for several days, with heart disease. The funeral the next day was very impressive, the church being crowded to the doors, and many turned away. Prof. Bezdjian taught for some time in Central Turkey College, Aintab, before being called to be the civil head of the Protestant Community of the whole country.

Dr. Paul Monroe left our city on Thursday last by rail for America via Havre. He expects to attend first a meeting of the National Education Association, in Minneapolis, and then the meeting of the Trustees of Robert College, and is expected back at his post by the middle of March.

Miss Edith Fosdick has returned to Constantinople College. Prior to her leaving Athens for Egypt with her brother, Dr. Raymond Fosdick, a tea was given for them at the Junior College for Girls at Elleniko.

Mrs. Donald Webster of International College, Smyrna, and her guest Miss Jean Sutherland of Janesville, Wis., spent the Bayram holidays at Athens Junior College for girls.

A disastrous fire broke out the last of January in the Armenian Camp at Beirut, and destroyed the last remnant of that camp, about 500 houses, leaving nearly 3,000 persons homeless. The fire started in a bakery, and was beyond control in a very short time. The Government had ordered the vacating of this section last summer, since the whole camp had been condemned long ago; but the people begged to stay there through the winter. Now they wish they had not, for they have lost their little all. The Government immediately opened the great quarantine station, where most of the sufferers have found shelter, and are being given rations from military kitchens. A representative Armenian Committee is raising funds and caring for the rest, and various plans are being made for permanent housing and other help. So writes Rev. H.H. Riggs.

Miss Emily MacCallum, accompanied by Miss Dora M. Jones, of Greencastle, Ind., who has been spending the winter at Old Malatya, and Miss Davidson of Aberdeen, Scotland, are leaving March 6th for Beirut, and will travel in Palestine, Syria, and Cyprus.

Mr. Thompson, architect of the Junior College buildings at Elleniko, with Mrs. Thompson, are spending a few days in Athens en route to Manisa.

Miss Hazel Nelson, Principal of the Community School in Hissar, has accepted the position of Principal of the Preparatory Department of Constantinople College, in succession to Miss Clapham, and will enter on her new duties in September.

The United Missionary Council of Syria and Palestine will meet at Jerusalem, April 25-27; and the Near East Christian Council will meet at Brummana beginning April 28th.

Miss Cadbury, prominent English social worker, whose family is connected with the Bourneville Chocolate works, lectured in Athens last week on the Municipal Government of Birmingham.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

The American colony is invited this afternoon by Ambassador and Mrs. Sherrill to a reception at the Embassy, in honor of Washington's birthday.

Our friends in America will be interested in seeing the text of the call to prayer, or ezzan, in Turkish, as it is now being heard from all the mosques five times a day. This order was put in effect in Constantinople after the Brousa incident, and the order has been made universal throughout the country. The call consists of seven phrases, the first repeated four times, the others twice each, except that the very last is said only once. These are:-

	Times
Tanri Uludur	4
Süphesiz bilirim bildiririm Tanridan başka yoktur	
tapacak	2
Süphesiz bilirim bildiririm Tanrının elçisidir	
Muhammet	2
Haydin namaza	2
Haydin felaha	2
Tanri Uludur	2
Tanridan başka yoktur tapacak	1

For the evening call, at sunset, the following phrase is inserted just before the very last, and is twice repeated:-
Namaz uykudan hayirlidir (Prayer is better than sleep)

Tanri is an old Turkish word for God, that has not been in common use for centuries. It is really spelled with the undotted i.

The phrase "I undoubtedly believe and make known", in the second and third parts, is quite an amplification of the old Arabic "I bear witness." And the use of the term "ambassador" for Mohammed is also quite new.

On the whole, the giving of the call in Turkish in place of Arabic makes everybody listen the more intently; though the average Moslem had become so used to the old forms that he really understood it all.

The trial of those arrested in Brousa in connection with the trouble about the use of Turkish in this call to prayer, is to be held in Chorum.

Dr. and Mrs. Nute are packing up their things at Tarsus in the expectation of going next week to Talas, where Dr. Nute will be associated with Dr. Dudd, at least until the Annual Meeting takes a final decision on his location.

Miss Lucie Ackerly, who has been with the Nute family thus far, has accepted an invitation from the Scutari Academy to teach there for the remainder of the school year.

We are disappointed to hear that the Turkish Boys' School opened in our Erenkeuy School property last fall, has been closed up by the Department of Public Instruction, as not having met the government requirements.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

A letter from Athens dated Feb. 22, states that all schools there are closed for the week by order of the Department of Education, because of the severe epidemic of grippe in the city. The letter adds that the members of the Mission circle are all in good health.

Mr. Luther Fowle went to Angora last Friday in connection with the possible sale of some unused Mission properties. Mr. E.C. Blake of Merzifon joined him there, to confer with him about the disposal of the Merzifon Hospital property.

Rev. Dr. Dale, of the Seventh-Day Adventist Mission, has been making a visit in Constantinople. He is in general charge of this region, with headquarters in Sofia.

The Turkish Budget for the year 1933 (beginning July 1) has been ratified by the Council of Ministers under the presidency of Ismet Pasha. The receipts are estimated at Ltq. 175,000,000, and the expenses at Ltq. 174,994,000, leaving a paper balance of 6,000 liras,

Public Debt	50,000,000	
Ministry of National Defence	37,423,000	(37,123,000)
Ministry of Finance	12,300,000	
Ministry of Public Works	10,052,000	
Gendarmerie	8,600,000	
Ministry of Justice	7,960,000	
Ministry of Public Instruction	6,569,000	
Posts, Telegraphs and Telephone	4,920,000	
Ministry of Customs	4,900,000	
Ministry of Agriculture	4,488,000	
Ministry of Hygiene	4,196,000	
Ministry of Interior	4,138,000	
General Security	4,101,000	

The Grand National Assembly opens its next session tomorrow, Wednesday, afternoon.

In consequence of what was adjudged to be insulting treatment of an employe of the International Sleeping-Car Company by the new Director of the Constantinople office of the Company, an Italian, the students of the Turkish University last Saturday afternoon attacked the offices of the Company in Pera and later in Galata, smashing the glass fronts of the offices and doing some damage inside as well. The police finally had the fire-house turned on the mob to disperse it.

President and Mrs. White of Anatolia College, Salonica, after spending some time in Minneapolis, are gradually working their way eastward again, stopping with friends at various points. They are expected back in Salonica by May.

The Beirut News Letter tells us that Miss Rhoda Orme, a former principal of the Community School there, has accepted the invitation of the School Board to return as permanent principal of the School.

Mrs. George H. Huntington of Robert College has left to attend a meeting of the General Committee of the Y.W.C.A., at Geneva, preliminary to the meeting planned in China in the summer.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, March 7, 1933

Dear friends:-

Miss Carolyn Bailey, who was here in November taking moving pictures in various parts of our Mission, writes that the pictures came out well, - those of Stamboul, Talas, Caesarea, Adana, Tarsus, and Angora; and she is very much thrilled at their success. She is now ready to show them in school and churches.

A group of four Americans has been secured by the Turkish Government to make a thorough study of the government monopolies in tobacco, salt, and spirits, so as to see how the receipts may be increased and the expenses diminished, and where new markets can be found. Mr. Wallace Clark was here on a preliminary visit in January, and has now returned; the others will be here in a few days. They will divide their time between Constantinople and Angora.

Mr. Robert Warfield, the customs expert whom the Turkish Government has brought out to look into the customs service, has about concluded his work; and it is announced that after a visit to Angora, he will be leaving shortly on his return to America.

The English Players, under the direction of Mr. Sterling, have visited Beirut and Constantinople recently, and in addition to performances in the town theatres, gave Shaw's "Pygmalion" both at the Beirut University and at Robert College. After the performance at Robert College, they were given a tea by the Hissar Players, in the apartment of Prof. Miles. The British Chamber of Commerce also organized a dinner for the English Players, at Tokatlian's one evening, to which the American Luncheon Club, including both men and women of the American community, were also asked. The visiting players were much pleased at their reception.

Mr. and Mrs. Carleton of Aleppo have gone to Beirut for a while; Mrs. Carleton and Muriel are guests of Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Figgs.

Rev. Walter S. Davison, formerly of Robert College, is very much enjoying his work in Auburn Seminary, New York. Their son Roderic will be ready for Princeton this fall.

Mrs. Ena Yarrow, who has been spending some months with her mother-in-law and sister at Gedik Pasha, has at last secured her permission to go to America, and is starting with her baby on Saturday of this week on the tourist steamer "Augustus" of the Italian line for New York, to join her husband. The voyage is advertised to take twelve days only.

The S. S. "Empress of Australia", the first tourist steamer of the season to come into the Bosphorus, arrived yesterday afternoon with 500 tourists, and leaves tomorrow for Alexandria and so on.

The Mission Secretary would like to remind all Station Secretaries of the necessity of making out and forwarding promptly the annual statistical reports of the various Stations.

Mr. Blake of Merzifon and the Mission Treasurer spent last week in Angora, following up the Merzifon school program question, and various property matters. Offers were received from the Ministry of Public Instruction for the purchase of the Marash College and Adana School properties. There is also some prospect of sale of the Merzifon Hospital compound.

Miss Emily MacCallum starts from Greece today, accompanied by Miss Davidson, Miss Dora Jones, and Miss Welling, for a trip to Egypt, as far as Luxor, and through Palestine, returning by Cyprus.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Figgs

Bible House, Stamboul, March 14, 1933

Dear friends:-

Mrs. William L. Nute and her two children, who have been in this city for a while to have ear treatment for the small Maryly, are expecting now to start in a few days for Talas, to join Dr. Nute. They will be living in what was formerly the Fowle House there.

Schwester Paula Schaefer, of Marash, was in town last week on her way to Germany for a vacation of six or seven months.

Last week there was a remarkable abundance of palamud, the pelamys, a kind of small tunny, in the Bosphorus. The fish seemed as if almost insensible, and were even picked out of the water with the hand, and scooped up in small hand nets in great numbers. The explanation of this phenomenon has been suggested as a great influx of fresh water into the salt, from the melting snows and from the rivers, making the water too fresh for these salt-water fish.

Mrs. Edith Laird, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum, arrived in Constantinople on Sunday, on her return from a half-year's stay in New York, to her work in the library of Beirut University. She will spend a short time with her parents before going on.

Reports have come in from Beirut and from Salonica of the very successful meetings held there in connection with the Universal Day of Prayer, the first Friday in Lent. Large gatherings of women were held in each place. A similar meeting took place in Gedik Pasha church, in this city. The Constantinople Christian Workers' Union also gathered for that day, in the Kreider apartment, for a good meeting.

The annual Charter Day exercises of the American College for Girls will take place at Arnaoutkeuy on Sunday afternoon next, March 19th. The commemoration of Founders' Day at Robert College will be on March 23rd, Thursday of next week.

Rev. and Mrs. William P. Clarke of Sofia are expecting to start for America the end of this month, retiring from the mission work there after forty-two years of service.

Dr. Gurley and Mr. Balls, two English botanists, were in town last week, and have gone on to Angora to complete their arrangements for a flower-hunting expedition to the regions of Hurdin, Diarbekir, Harput, Erzincan, Erzurum, and Van. They are particularly interested in bulbs of various sorts.

Our friends in the interior of the country will be glad to know that as a result of the trying and purifying operations of the past two weeks, the dollar is being quoted now on the world's markets at a figure equal to, and in some cases better than, what it was before this crisis. Banks are reopening as fast as they can prove their right to do so, throughout the United States.

Four transatlantic tourist steamers within five days is quite a record for Constantinople. But we are told that these are the only ones scheduled to come from across the pond this season. Some other tourist ships are expected from European ports.

Prof. J.R. Coates, of Selby Oak College, Birmingham, is scheduled to give a course of lectures before the Near East School of Theology in Hoskins Chapel, Beirut, this week and next, on the general topic: The Church in the Bible. The dates are March 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, and 23.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

A very happy occasion was the surprise tea-party given in honor of the seventieth birthday of our colleague, Rev. Frederick W. MacCallum, D.D. by his friends. Just about seventy persons, big and little, gathered last Saturday afternoon for this purpose in the Kreider apartment at the Bible House; and a huge and delicious birthday cake, concocted by Miss Lindsley and Mrs. Kreider, was brought in, flaming with candles. This, with brief speeches by Miss Woodward and Dr. MacCallum, constituted the only program. A beautiful azalea in full bloom was presented to the birthday boy, and another potted plant to his wife.

While normally three-score and ten is the retiring age of all our missionaries, by special arrangement Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum are to be in our circle as active missionaries for a couple of years more while Dr. MacCallum completes his work in connection with the issuing of the whole Bible in the new Turkish characters in modern language. For this work the British and Foreign and the American Bible Societies are furnishing the funds.

Dr. Cass Arthur Reed left New York on his return to International College, on March 14th, and is expected in Smyrna March 28th, coming via France and Italy.

Rev. J. Riggs Brewster of Athens left for Beirut March 15 to attend the meeting of the Board of Managers of the Near East School of Theology.

Friends of Miss A.M. Burgess who were visiting in Athens recently, reported that she is improving in health and is looking forward to returning from England to her work in Athens in a few months.

Among recent visitors to International College, Smyrna, have been Dr. T.B. Kittredge, of the Social Science division of the Rockefeller Foundation, and Dr. Wright of the Medical division of the same. Dr. Wright came to Smyrna on the invitation of its mayor, Dr. Behjet Bey, and consulted with him on various sanitary engineering problems. He reports that Smyrna is one of the best kept cities from the sanitary point of view that he has found in the Near East.

By arrangement with Aleppo and Beirut Stations, Rev. Leslie Adkins has gone for a brief visit to Persia, expecting to be back at his post in Antioch in a few weeks. Mrs. Adkins and the children remain in Antioch.

Mrs. H. Kingsley Birge, with her son Kingsley, is leaving tomorrow by rail via Aleppo and Beirut for Cairo, to attend a Y.W.C.A. Conference there.

A recent Health Week at International College was a great success, with higher grade health posters passed in than ever before. There was also a contest in building fly-traps, and an essay contest on health.

The Agricultural Department of International College, together with the Near East Foundation, Extension Division, are jointly putting on a Farmers' Day at the College Farm, on March 31st. This will close the three months short term agricultural course for village boys which is being carried on jointly by the two organizations.

At the Alumni Dinner at Robert College on Founders' Day, the day after tomorrow, Dr. Costas Constantinou will be the guest of honor. Dr. Constantinou is retiring at the close of this academic year, after nearly forty years of service.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Near East School of Theology was held in Beirut Monday and Tuesday of last week. Mr. Brewster was present from Athens, and Mr. Isely from Aintab.

At the Founders' Day exercises of Robert College, last week Thursday, the chief speaker was Ambassador Sherrill; and Mr. Edge also gave a brief talk. In the evening, the dinner given for the alumni was in special honor of Dr. Costas Constantinou, who is retiring at the end of this academic year after thirty-nine years of service, first in the Greek Department and latterly as Professor of Latin. A beautiful cane was presented to Dr. Constantinou by his friends as a token of their love. The addressed of appreciation by Mr. Alexander Thomson and Hazim Atif Bey, as well as by Dr. Huntington, who presided, were very warm in their expressions of admiration. Dr. Constantinou made a most appropriate reply. Mr. Tuysizian read a paper about the new Van Millingen Library building and its advantages. A rather lengthy lecture followed by Mr. Martayan on the present Turkish linguistic reforms. The gathering was one of the largest ever held, of its kind.

Former Ambassador Walter E. Edge, of Paris, was the guest of honor at the American Luncheon Club last Wednesday noon. He and his secretary, Mr. Pell, with their wives, have been making a circuit of several parts of the Near East before Mr. Edge returns to America; they have visited the two American schools in Albania, that of the Red Cross at Tirana, and that of the Near East Foundation at Kavaja; and they have also been to Salonica, where they visited Anatolia College and the Farm School. In his remarks Mr. Edge paid high tribute to the quality and worth of the work being done by these American institutions.

Prof. J. B. Coates, of Selby Oak Colleges, Birmingham, is expected in Constantinople this afternoon on his return to England after delivering the series of lectures in the School of Theology at Beirut, as already announced in our issue of two weeks ago. He can stay only one day, and goes on by the same steamer.

Mustafa Rahmi Bey, of Smyrna, has printed in French a pamphlet giving brief summaries of the lives and ideal of outstanding Turkish thinkers. This leaflet will be available to the public by April 1st.

The evangelical congregation at Verria, near Salonica, - the ancient Berea, whose people are still declared to be "more noble than those in Thessalonica," - numbers now about 75 persons; their preacher is Mr. Christos Vais.

Rev. Vassil Furnadjieff has been appointed as representative of the Inter-Mission Conference of Turkey and the Balkans, on the Near East Christian Council, Miss Ethel Putney is the other representative; and Mr. Paul Nilson represents the Mission on the same.

Kurban Bayram is announced to begin on Wednesday, April 5th. The spring holidays of some of our schools begin the day before, of others, this week Saturday.

Mrs. Lucius O. Lee, of Auburndale, Mass., is expecting to come out to Constantinople with Prof. Estes of Robert College and his son Charles, to make a home for them in Hissar. She was connected with the Central Turkey Mission from 1889 to 1909, and has now been Secretary in the Foreign Department of the W.B.M.I. of Chicago and later of the American Board, since 1914.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Figgs

Bible House, Stamboul, April 4, 1933

Dear friends:-

Mrs. W.L. Nute and her children arrived in Talas March 27th after somewhat of a stay in Constantinople; and the reunited family is now very happy there, and finding the work very absorbing and altogether worth while.

The resignation of General Sherrill from the post of Ambassador to Turkey, and its acceptance have been announced. Ambassador and Mrs. Sherrill are making their arrangements to leave Constantinople for America on Saturday of this week. It is fitting here to record the sense of loss that will be felt by the Union Church of Pera, at their departure. They have been among the most regular in their attendance and in the genuine interest they have taken in the affairs of the Church.

The Mission Constance and Ethel Moffat, sisters of Mrs. Shepard, left yesterday by Italian steamer on their return trip to America. They go by way of Naples, and will stop for a while in England on the way.

Drs. John R. Mott and D. Alton Davis arrived in this city on Sunday morning last, and are spending a few days here, consulting with the Y.M.C.A. leaders and others, before going on to Palestine and Egypt.

Mrs. Ringer, mother of Miss Mary Ringer of the Collegiate Institute at Smyrna arrived in Smyrna March 28th for a visit with her daughter; and a few days later they both came to Constantinople to see this city during the Bayram holidays. Mrs. Ringer will return to America with her daughter this summer when the latter concludes her term of service with the school.

President Cass A. Reed of International College returned from America to Smyrna on the same steamer, after an absence twice as long as he had intended. Although he was greatly missed, his presence in the States during the period of financial flurries, when the funds of the College were in an uncertain state, was most beneficial.

By the same steamer also came Mrs. O.H. White, mother of Mrs. H.A. Maynard of International College, who will spend several months there visiting and getting acquainted with Turkey.

Tomorrow Kurban Bayram begins for the Moslems. The vacations of school are arranged with a view to this feast; and quite a few members of school and college staffs are going on various trips. One group from Robert College starts today for Kavalla, to take thence a small steamer across to Samothrace and climb the heights of that little visited island.

A very enjoyable Vesper Recital was given at Robert College last Sunday afternoon, commemorating the centenary of the birth of Brahms, and consisting entirely of his music. Professors Fisher and MacNeal rendered several selections on organ and piano; and the Madrigal Society, under the direction of Mrs. Edwards, sang four of his songs. On Good Friday, next week, music from Wagner's Parsifal, arranged for organ and piano, will be given in the Chapel at five o'clock.

The meeting of the Board of Managers of Aleppo College was held in Aleppo March 23 and 24, Messrs. Isely of Aintab and Riggs and Levenian of Beirut being present. One action taken will, if successful, result in the opening of the Junior year of College work, and the granting of a "Junior College" diploma, with the assumption of the name of College.

Miss Lindsley, Miss Post and Mr. Green have started out for a two weeks' holiday trip to Angora, Talas, Boghaz-keuy, and Merzifon.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, April 11, 1933

Dear friends:-

On March 31st, Rev. and Mrs. William P. Clarke took their final leave of Bulgaria, going by automobile from Sofia to Salonica, and thence via Athens, Italy, and Switzerland (Mrs. Clarke's native land) to America. They were the recipients of many farewell letters and telegrams at the reception given them by the Sofia Church March 28th.

Mr. Clarke was born in Bulgaria, the son of Rev. J. F. Clarke, D.D., and he returned as a missionary in 1891. For 13 years he taught in Samokov, where he met Miss Giessler, whom he married. In 1904 they removed to Monastir, where they stayed till the Serbians took possession in 1918. For the past ten years they have been in Bulgaria, at Samokov, Philippopolis and Sofia, Mr. Clarke having been mission treasurer and preaching frequently during this period. Their departure is the beginning of the ending of the American Board's Mission to Bulgaria. An appreciative article, with their photographs, appeared in the Zornitza for March 29th.

Omer Refik Bey, a graduate of Gedik Pasha School and Robert College, and an M.A. of Cincinnati University, and a brother of Miss Refik of Scutari Academy, has been visiting in this city during the past week, from International College, Smyrna, and has been delighting many friends with his two piano concerts. He is making a name for himself, both as a successful teacher and as one of the foremost Turkish pianists.

Dr. William Adams Brown, President of the Board of Trustees of the American College for Girls, will preach at Robert College on Easter Sunday, April 16th, at 11 o'clock. All members of the American Community, and others in the city who are interested, are cordially invited to attend.

President Paul Monroe of Robert College returned last Saturday from his visit in America. President Cass Reed of International College who reached Smyrna two weeks ago from America, was in Constantinople for a few days the past week and has gone to Angora. Mr. Kyril Black, son of President Black of Sofia College, also arrived Saturday last, and has gone off for a visit to Pergamum and the Smyrna region, with Robert Moore.

Dr. Jehn R. Nett addressed a large meeting of the Constantinople Christian Workers' Union at the Dutch Chapel last Wednesday, and the next day left for Jerusalem, where he will take part in the formal opening of the wonderful new Y.M.C.A. Building. On his return, he will hold conferences with Y.M.C.A. leaders in Athens, Belgrade, Sofia and Bucharest ending up with a small select conference of leaders of the Associations of all the Balkan countries.

On his retirement from the post of Ambassador to Turkey, Gen. Charles H. Sherrill was presented with a memorial signed by the American residents of Constantinople, expressing their appreciation of his services during the months of his residence here. A large number of friends were at the Sirkedji Station Saturday evening to bid farewell to General and Mrs. Sherrill. They expect to make short stops in Sofia and Belgrade on their way through, and will be received by the royalties of Bulgaria and Jugoslavia.

Miss S. Evelyn Woodward of Gedik Pasha left on Saturday by Simplon Express for England, going for a six months' furlough.

Miss Ethel Putney and Rev. J. K. Birge have left for the meeting of the Near East Christian Council at Brummana, Lebanon, April 28th. Each one expects to visit some of our southern Stations on the way going or returning.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

On March 24th passed away in Philippopolis, Bulgaria, Mr. Andre Tsanoff, at the age of 91 years. He was one of the early protagonists of Protestantism in Bulgaria, and one of the founders of the Bulgarian Evangelical Society. He studied at Amherst College, was a member of the National Assembly, taught in the then "Collegiate and Theological Institute" at Samokov, edited a monthly magazine called "The Home Friend" for some years, and then became editor of the weekly Zornitsa, in 1897, on its removal from Constantinople to Philippopolis. This important post he held for 16 years. He was also author of a number of books, and a vigorous champion of Fundamentalism, keeping his mental powers to the end of his life. He formed one of the few remaining links between the founders of the Mission to the Bulgarians and the present.

BORN:- On April 10, at the A.U.B. Hospital, Beirut, to Rev. and Mrs. Alford Carleton, a second daughter, Ann Marie. The young lady is described as a husky bouncer, and her mother is reported as doing well.

On the Friday before Bayram, the annual Farm Day of the International College Agricultural Department was held with large attendance. Kiazim Pasha, Governor of Smyrna, made an address and presented certificates to the eleven village boys who had successfully completed the 3 months' practical course. Other addresses were made by Prof. R.B. White, Nevzat Jemal Bey, and the Director of the Bour-nabat Agricultural Institute. Poultry judging contests, exhibitions of dairying, and other farm activities interested several hundred spectators. At the invitation of the Governor, the village short course graduates next day graded the poultry at a large poultry farm near Torballi.

The various vacation trippers from and to various places have returned to their places, in our various schools; and the last stretch of the year has begun this morning in most of these. President Reed stopped off again on his return from Angora, and has gone on to Smyrna. The party that started off for Samothrace, changed their minds on reaching Kavalla, and went instead to Thasos, which island they found quite to their liking. Those who visited Greece report the climate there colder than usual; and in fact, this has been true all about this region. The nightingales are only just now beginning to sing, at Constantinople.

Miss Nina E. Rice, of Athens Station, has been asked to delay her returning to the field for another year, and has accepted the suggestion, and will be with her aged father in California, again.

Miss Evans, of the Sofia Kindergarten, is visiting in our city for a few days.

Word has come that Mr. Edward S. Treat, who was last year a tutor at Talas School, expects to enter Union Theological Seminary in the fall.

Slight earthquake shocks have been reported during the past week both in Constantinople and in Smyrna. No damage was done, save to some people's nerves.

The St. Andrae Bible School, at St. Ruprecht, near Villach, Austria, is open as a summer resort from July 1 to Sept. 15, especially for missionaries and Christian workers. It is 1700 feet above sea level, is near the lake, and has many facilities for mountain climbing. Simple but good homelike food, 7 schillings, or one dollar a day. For full particulars, write to Miss Wenger, at the above address.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Word has come of the death, on March 26th, of Dr. George Harlin Washburn, of Boston. To his many friends here this will be a sad bit of news; for he was well and practicing only a short time before. Dr. Washburn was the son of the late President and Mrs. Washburn of Robert College, and was born in Constantinople May 22, 1860. He graduated at Amherst College in 1882, and took his medical degree at Harvard in 1886. The following year he was married to Anna M. Hoyt, of Auburn, N.Y. Dr. Washburn left a large practice in Boston to become the Medical Director of the American Committee for Relief in the Near East, and sailed Jan. 4, 1919, two months after the armistice with Turkey, as a member of the Commission with Dr. Barton, Dr. Peet and others, coming via London, Paris and Rome to Constantinople. He visited this city once more two years ago. One of his sons, Arthur, was a tutor in Robert College.

Miss MacCallum and Miss Dora Jones, who have been visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum for ten days past, are leaving on Thursday on their return to Athens. Miss Davidson, who made the trip with them to Egypt, Palestine, etc., left earlier, and is returning to England.

Mr. Kyril Black, son of President and Mrs. Black of Sofia, left last Saturday on his way back to Sofia.

During the Easter Holidays several parties from Beirut made the trip to Palmyra, some of them going by way of Kalaat-el-Hosn, near Homs, the finest crusader castle in existence. One party, consisting of the Hall and Glockler families, on their return journey ran into a real desert sandstorm, between Palmyra and Damascus, and were overwhelmed and lost, and finally spent the night in the middle of the desert, being delayed 18 hours by the experience.

Prof. Lawrence Faucett, Ph.D., Yale Research Fellow attached to Robert College as a Professor in the English Department, arrived yesterday with Mrs. Faucett and three children by rail, coming from England.

Last Thursday an encounter took place in Pera between the students of the Turkish University and the police, the latter having forbidden a demonstration undertaken by the students in connection with exaggerated rumors of unfriendly acts in Bulgaria. Some 80 students were arrested, including the president and secretary of the Students' Union, and the Union was dissolved by the Government. The investigation is still going on.

The building lot opposite the Bible House, long vacant except as occupied by squatters, is being cleared off, preparatory, we understand, to the putting up of a factory of some sort on a part of it and the cutting of a street through another part.

The Stamboul Society for Combating Tuberculosis has issued its annual report at the close of its fifth year of service; and it is a pleasure to see so careful and detailed a report of receipts and expenditures, including the upkeep of its Sanatorium at Erenkeuy, and of its dispensary at Eyup. This Society has over 2,000 members, including some of our mission group. They issue a monthly magazine, - Yasamak Yolu. If any of our readers feel like joining this worthy enterprise, at a lira a year, Mr. Kreider will gladly send in their names.

General and Mrs. Sherrill, after visiting the King of Yugoslavia, and spending Easter with Premier Mussolini at Rome, have gone on to Paris, where the General will complete his present literary work.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Miss MacCallum and Miss Jones, who had hoped to leave Thursday for Old Phaleron, were unexpectedly delayed and only got off yesterday afternoon at last. They are due in Piraeus Thursday morning.

Mrs. Alma Lee Rowe, who has been with the Service Center of the Y.W.C.A. here for several years past, has left on her return to America with no expectation of returning. Miss Clary went with her on a brief vacation. The Y.W.C.A. has been compelled to close up the Center in Pera, keeping open as much as possible of the city-wide work from the Stamboul Center.

Mr. Allen T. Hazen, formerly tutor at Tarsus, is now at Yale University, working towards a Ph.D. in various fields of English literature.

During the Easter Holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Hawkes and their little Catherine accompanied the Senior Class of Anatolia College from Salonica to Athens, where Mrs. Hawkes and daughter were guests of the American Junior College for Girls.

Miss Morley and Mrs. Sewny of Salonica also went to Old Phaleron for Easter, and were at the Marden-Brewster home.

Among the Easter vacation trippers were Miss Bostrom, Miss Campbell, Miss Long and Miss Marvin of the A.C.G., Athens, who visited historic places in Greece, including Delphi, the Vale of Tempo, and the Meteora region.

Mrs. Lucius O. Lee, in company with Professor C.E. Estes of Robert College and his son Charles, expects to leave America August 5th on the S.S. "Laconia" for Liverpool, spending some little time in England on the way out to Constantinople. Mrs. Lee will be working in the Board Secretarial Office until the end of June. She is anticipating with pleasure her return to Turkey.

The Misses Moore, of Connecticut, and Miss Harriet Stanwood, a niece of Miss Stanwood who was formerly connected with the Board, are at Gedik Pasha School for a visit of eleven days, coming now from France. Miss Stanwood is especially interested in work for the blind.

The Macdonald Presentation Volume, consisting of articles by former students, compiled for presentation to him on his seventieth birthday, April 9, 1933, has reached the Mission Library. It is of especial interest to Near Easterners, as it contains articles by Robbins Barstow, formerly of Mardin, the late Miss Margaret Doolittle of Tripoli, E.E. Elder of Cairo, John E. Merrill of Aleppo, Dr. Barnette Miller, formerly of the American College for Girls, Yervant Hadikian of New York, formerly of Aintab, J. Kingsley Birge of this city, and others well known to us.

The dedication took place recently of the first buildings of the Albanian-American Institute at Kavaja, Albania, which is under the directorship of Mr. J.W. Beach and is financed by the Near East Foundation. Building is still going on, and the group will form a model village, erected by the students with materials that can be duplicated in their own villages. The registration of the Institute includes 87 boys and 70 girls. More will be added as accommodations permit. Each student is pledged to three years of service for the rural and educational advancement of their country. King Zog takes a great personal interest in the scheme.

Dr. Hopkins, General Secretary of the World's Sunday School Association, and Mrs. Hopkins were in Constantinople for a day, last week, and took the opportunity to call on the American Patriarch.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

If plans were carried out, Dr. Peet and Mrs. Hemphill are leaving Claremont, California, today, where they have been living in Pilgrim Place, and are moving bag and baggage to Chattanooga, Tennessee. This is in order to be nearer to their family friends. Mrs. Hemphill used to live in Chattanooga, and her eldest son, William Peet Hemphill, still lives there with his family. Mr. William H. Peet and family are not far away. Dr. Peet and Mrs. Hemphill still expect to keep up their own establishment, and may be addressed at 848 Oak Street, Chattanooga.

Mrs. George D. Marsh, formerly of Bulgaria, still lives on at Claremont, California, and has passed her ninetieth birthday. She came out to Turkey as Miss Ursula Clark in 1868, and in 1875 married Mr. Marsh who died at Philippopolis in 1913, and Mrs. Marsh went back to America twenty years ago.

Miss Ethel W. Putney returned to Constantinople the other day after the Near East Christian Council meeting at Brummana. Mr. and Mrs. Birge are expected on Thursday next.

Parents Day at Robert College last week was a great success. About 750 parents, guardians and friends of the students visited the College and were shown all around, and a series of special events for their entertainment lasted all day. This will probably become an annual event.

Dr. Alfred H. Ballinger, Associate Professor of Classics at Yale, with Mrs. Ballinger and their four children, are guests of Dr. Mrs. Shepard at Nishantash. They expect to be here all summer.

The Annual Meeting of the Greek Evangelical Synod was held at Sevasti, above Katerina, Greece, April 20-22. Mr. Brewster was the delegate of the Near East Mission; Mr. and Mrs. Gatchell also attended. The meeting was not as large as sometimes, but about twenty pastors and representatives from all over Greece were there.

The United Missionary Council of Syria and Palestine met at Jerusalem April 26 and 27; and was so successful that it was decided that hereafter a meeting of three days instead of two should be arranged. The 34th member society was admitted, the Action Chretien en Orient. Bishop Graham-Brown of Jerusalem was elected Chairman for the ensuing term, and Rev. H.H. Riggs Vice-chairman.

The Annual Meeting of the Near East Christian Council was held at Brummana, near Beirut, beginning April 29th and closing May 3rd. There were seven delegates from Syria, five from Egypt, three each from Turkey, Persia and Palestine, two from Bulgaria, and one each from Sudan, North Africa and Irak, beside Dr. Wilder, Miss Padwick and some secretaries. The representatives from the American Board were Miss Putney and Messrs. Birge, Nilson, Levonian, and H.H. Riggs.

A few additional facts regarding Dr. Faucett, who has just joined the staff of Robert College and the American College for girls, will show how well qualified he is to contribute to the problems of the English Departments. After being a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, he has held teaching positions in America, China, and Japan, and has investigated the teaching of English in India and the Philippines. He taught both in St. Johns University, Shanghai, and in Aoyama Gakuin, Tokyo. He received his Ph.D. degree at Chicago University in 1926. Last year he had a Carnegie Fellowship at Yale. He has published ten or a dozen volumes on the teaching of English. He will give courses for the training of teachers of English in the two Colleges, and will prepare a series of reading and language books for Turkey and the Near East.

Mr. H.T. Pence has had a surprise at Aintab, in his monthly butterfat test of the cows for March, when the pure-bred Guernsey tested 4.2 %, the native cow 4.6 %, and the half-breed heifer 5.5 %, - highest of all. Hal also reports securing 165 chicks out of his new home-made incubator, - the best hatch thus far.

Bible House, Stamboul, May 16, 1933.

Dear friends:-

Mrs. T.H. Miller, of Alameda, California, mother of Rev. E.C. Blake, arrived here on Sunday, and expects to start tomorrow for Merzifon, to visit her son and family, for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. J.K. Birge returned on Thursday after their visits in the southern part of our field and beyond. They stopped at Aintab and Marash on their way back from the Near East Christian Council.

The friends of Rev. and Mrs. H.A. Maynard of Smyrna will rejoice with them to learn that their son Richard, who graduates from Oberlin in June at the age of 20, has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Miss Margaret Crosby, a graduate of Bryn Mawr and a graduate student at Yale, who has been digging this winter at Dura, recently made a trip in company with Mrs. C.A. Reed of Smyrna to Mughla, Aydin, and other towns of ancient Caria, a field in which she is particularly interested.

A letter from Miss Nina E. Rice, at Claremont, Calif., speaks of the regret that all California friends have at the impending departure of Dr. Peet and Mrs. Hemphill for Chattanooga. They regard it as a real bereavement. A farewell luncheon was planned for May 6, in the Claremont Inn, under the auspices of the Near East Fellowship, where many friends from that region were expected, or would send greetings.

The Near East Christian Council met at Brummana, Syria, April 28th - May 3rd. Delegates were present from Algiers, Sudan, Nubia, Egypt, Persia, Iraq, Palestine, Turkey and Syria. The first two days were devoted to sessions of the Central Literature Committee. Interesting reports were given from the fields represented and from a still wider area. Researches into the use of gramophone records, films, etc; financial basis of literary work, development of indigenous authorship, etc., were discussed. The most important question facing the Council itself was the selection of a successor to Dr. Wilder whose six years of service in the Near East has meant so much to the Missionaries in every country. The final decision was left to the Executive Committee. Rev. H.H. Riggs of Beirut was elected Chairman in place of Mr. Nicol who has served in that capacity since the formation of the Committee. Bishop Gwyne of Egypt and the Sudan is Vice-Chairman.

Tarsus College held its third annual College Day May 5th. This always comes at the end of the school club program. In the afternoon there were sports, to which everyone was invited; and a larger number than ever attended. The evening program in the large Stickler Hall was limited to those who held tickets; but so many brought their families that it was necessary to turn many away for lack of room.

In the second annual Poster Contest at Tarsus College, Tarsus won first place, Aleppo second, and Talas third. Several other fine posters were submitted.

About ten of the sixteen Seniors at International College Smyrna are planning to take the government Baccalaureate examinations. To facilitate this, the regular College examinations for Seniors have been put forward to May 10-22; regular examinations for other classes come June 5-15.

Miss Clarke, of Aberdeen, Scotland, who has been visiting friends at Brummana, is passing through this city and stopping at Gedik Pasha School. She leaves Monday for Scotland.

Yours very cordially,

Dear Friends:-

Word has come of the passing away, on the morning of May 9th, at Chexbres, Switzerland, of Miss Emma Julie Zbinden, who has been connected with our Mission since 1915, at Merzifon. She returned to her Swiss home in the summer of 1931, and has been making a gallant struggle with angina pectoris ever since. Miss Zbinden was born in Morges, Switzerland, Aug. 20, 1884; and after a course of training in the Y.W.C.A. Training School at Liverpool, came out to Merzifon, and was a valiant co-worker with the missionaries who remained there through the year. She was absent from 1919 to 1923, and again during the year 1928-29; she spent some months in the Mission Language School in 1929, having received full appointment as a missionary in 1928. But her health would not stand the strain of untiring work, and she was obliged to seek recuperation in 1931. Her colleagues will miss her consecrated, loving activities.

Rev. Ernest W. Riggs, of Melrose, Mass., has been elected to the Presidency of Anatolia College, in succession to Rev. George E. White, D.D., whose term expires this fall. As is well known to most of our readers, Mr. Riggs went out to Harpout in 1910 as President of Euphrates College, serving until 1915, when the Americans were compelled to leave there; he went to Beirut where he served as Principal of the Preparatory Department of Beirut University, 1916-1918. After a couple of years in America, he came out in 1920 to Constantinople as Educational Director of the Near East Relief, but was recalled to America the following year to the secretaryship of the American Board, where he continued until his resignation of the post last year. Mrs. Riggs is the sister of our Dr. Lorrin A. Shepard. Pres. and Mrs. Riggs expect to come out to Salonica in September.

The Stamboul Service Center has for sale two lanterns:- a Bausch & Lomb Lantern Slide Projector, valued at 60 liras, and a Reflectoscope for cards and photographs, valued at 10 liras. Mr. Kreider has examined these and considers them in good condition and very practical for use in schools or reading rooms. Apply to Miss Margaret B. White, Secretary.

Prof. & Mrs. S.L. Caldwell, of International College, now living at Laguna Beach, Calif, P.O. Box 6050 report some slight damage to their home in connection with the Long Beach earthquake. Miss Alice Caldwell, their daughter, underwent this winter an appendix operation in London, but is greatly improved, and plans to go to America shortly, after several years of musical study in Europe.

President and Mrs. George E. White of Anatolia College reached Salonica May 16th, on their return from a trip to America.

Over 1000 Health Tests, largely based on suggestions sent in by our American doctors, and printed on the Tarsus College Press, have been given this spring in American and Turkish schools. The results indicate that this may be a good method to be employed in health teaching.

Talk about efficiency! The Smyrna American Collegiate Institute has collected more than a thousand liras more than last year on tuition account, as reported by Mr. Partridge, its Treasurer. Can any other school report a better record during this year of stringency?

Mr. H.H. Kreider is leaving this afternoon on a trip to Salonica and Athens, in the interests of photographic work. He expects to be gone about a fortnight.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, May 30, 1933.

Dear friends:-

Miss Alice Morrow of the American College for Girls and Dr. and Mrs. Prettyman started off last Wednesday from this city, the former going to America via England, and the latter going to France for the summer.

BOB:- At the American Hospital, Nishantash, Pera, to Dr. and Mrs. Alfred K. Ballinger of Yale, a daughter, Elizabeth, on Thursday May 25th.

Dr. Lorrin A. Shepard went down to Smyrna last week to see to the annual physical examinations of the Mission members there. He returned yesterday morning, coming by way of Manisa.

The new Schinassi Memorial Hospital at Manisa is almost completed and ready for occupation. It is a very fine little hospital of forty beds, with every modern appliance; and there is no finer hospital building in the whole of Turkey, or perhaps in the Balkans either. The outside painting still remains, and linoleum floorings etc. inside.

According to Mr. Ralph Allee of Smyrna, there have in the past two or three years been erected in the Smyrna region five hundred new school buildings; and the cooperation of the villagers in doing the work for their own schools has reduced the cost to the Department of Education to less than one-twentieth of the value of the buildings.

The first catalogue of the Near East School of Theology has just appeared from the press. It is a neat booklet of 32 pages with a photograph of Colton Hall, Beirut, the home of the school.

Today being Memorial Day, the American Community of Stamboul will gather at the Ferikeuy Cemetery at half-past five o'clock for its usual exercises. Colonel Crene will be the speaker of the occasion.

The Revised Turkish New Testament, pocket size, has been completed and is on sale at the Bible House, Stamboul, and at the American Press, Beirut. As most of our friends know, the work on this new translation was begun in 1928, and has been carried on ever since with but few interruptions. Those who can afford to wait perhaps three weeks longer will benefit by securing a binding of specially imported dark blue linen. The price of the book is fifty piasters; but for missionary purposes the American Bible Society has established a special discount of fifty per cent.

The annual Field Day of Robert College was held last Friday, in ideal weather. Everything went off well, although no records were broken. This coming Friday the annual track and field contests for the Constantinople City championships will be held at the same place, the Pera and Galata Jeral Athletic Clubs participating with Robert College, in the management.

Mrs. Ernest Pye writes that Dr. Pye had an abdominal operation April 26th, which was very successful, and has, it is hoped, removed the cause of the past two years' slow return to vigor. He is regaining strength, and was expecting to get home last week.

The new air passenger service between Angora and Stamboul was officially inaugurated on Wednesday last, and is to operate in each direction three times a week, - Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. The flight will take two hours forty minutes, with a break of twenty minutes at Eski Shejir. The plane leaves Yeshilkeyu at 8:30, and returns there at 17:40.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

A most interesting and appropriate celebration took place at the American Junior College for Girls, Elleniko, the evening of May 6th, to mark the Jubilee of Miss Emily MacCallum. It was in March, 1883, that she arrived in Constantinople to begin her life work. This Jubilee Banquet was the result of the loving activity of her pupils and fellow-workers. About ninety guests sat down at the Banquet table in the beautiful Girls' Sitting-room of the dormitory building. Miss Minnie B. Mills gave a talk on "Fifty Years Ago," which was followed by one from Dr. Xenophon P. Moschou, on Smyrna Days, - Miss MacCallum having been connected with Smyrna most of her active life. Miss Zoe Demet-racopoulou, President of the Alumnae Association, then presented the Greetings of the Association; and with this, a Memory Book, containing letters, pictures, souvenirs, etc., from many friends all over the world. Then came the presentation of the Jubilee Gift, by Miss A.E. Finnece, - a gold wrist-watch. Dr. J.K. Marden was next on the program, with "A Dedication," which, to the surprise of nearly everyone, proved to be the giving of the name "MacCallum Hall" to one of the new College buildings, - a most deserved honor. Mr. Brewster offered a prayer, and the program was concluded by the singing of the College Song, "Alma Mater." Miss MacCallum's reply to the greetings was a modest and grateful depreciation of all that had been said about her great work.

The Scutari family will welcome at Annual Meeting any members of the Mission, whether permanent or term workers. Please bring your own mosquito nets.

BORN:- On May 23rd, at Aintab, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Pence, a son, Alan Robert; weight nine pounds. His three brothers are all rejoiced.

The engagement is announced of Miss Frances Van Millingen, daughter of the late Professor Van Millingen of Robert College and Mrs. Van Millingen, to Mr. John Balfour, son of Mr. Paul Barrington Balfour and Lady Nina Balfour. He is Secretary to the British Legation at Sofia. They expect to be married next month.

Pres. Cass Arthur Reed of International College was in Stamboul for a short time last week, on business.

A letter from Rev. Paul F. Bobb, formerly of Merzifon, now of the First Presbyterian Church of Dallas, Texas, says:- "Our family is fairly well now. Mrs. Bobb was in the hospital a year ago for a very dangerous brain operation, which at the last moment was postponed, and is still in the future!"

The Annual Field Day for the individual championship of Constantinople was held last Friday at Robert College, and was well contested. Three records were broken, those in broad jump (6m.63, or 21 ft.9) pole vault (3m.16, or 10 ft.4 in.), and javelin throw (48m.22, or 158 ft. 2 in.).

We are informed that Miss Zbinden had been taken to a clinic in Lausanne, and was there at the time of her death. Also that she spent a year or so in Sivas helping in the Swiss Orphanage there, before coming to Merzifon.

Mr. E.C. Stevens, of the American College for Girls, left last Thursday for a two months' trip to America. His family remains here.

Will any who wish their copy of the News Notes sent to their summer address please inform us in plenty of time, so that no copies may go astray?

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, June 13, 1933.

Dear friends:-

Mr. Robert P. Skinner, whom many of our readers remember as American Minister to Greece for four years previous to his transfer to Riga as Minister to Latvia, has now been appointed Ambassador to Turkey, as successor to General Sherrill. It is expected that he will be coming here this fall. Mr. Skinner was born in 1866, is a native of Ohio, and served in the Consular service for many years, at Marseilles, Hamburg, Berlin, London and elsewhere before becoming Minister to Greece. He made a very fine impression in Athens, and has also done well at Riga, where he went in January of 1932.

Yesterday a party consisting of Rev. and Mrs. P.E. Radcliff and little Peter, and Mrs. Boardman, from Robert College, and Miss Rutledge from the American Hospital and Miss Parker, who has been working with the Educational Society at Angora in a model school, started out by Lloyd Triestino steamer on their way to America. Mr. Radcliff and family do not expect to return. They will be much missed in the College. Miss Rutledge goes for the summer and Mrs. Boardman expects to stay a year.

Mrs. W.F. Dodd and Miss Haight of Talas reached our city on Sunday, coming here for dental work. They were delayed twenty-four hours by the wreck near "Ski Shehir, the Taurus Express having been derailed by a landslide, causing the death of two persons and the injuring of 16, of whom nine seriously.

Graduating exercises at Tarsus College were held June 2nd. As usual Stickler Hall was crowded to capacity. In addition to the parents and relatives and officials of Tarsus, many were present from Mersin and Adana. There are eight graduates this year. Stickler Hall has also been used on several occasions by other schools this year for their exercises.

Miss Catherine Nicol, sister of Mrs. F.S. Erdman of Robert College, has just graduated from Western College, and expects to spend most of the summer with her parents in the Lebanons, and come to Constantinople in August for the coming year.

Miss Lucille Day writes from Ahmednagar, India, that she has just passed her First-year Language examinations, having completed the course in six months. This coming year, while studying half-time, she is to teach half-time in a girls' school in Ahmednagar.

Last Wednesday the girls of the Salonica Girls' School gave "Midsummer Night's Dream" in the school garden, before a most appreciative audience. They repeated it the next evening; and the receipts from the two performances will go far toward paying for the class trip to Athens and southern Greece.

The Albanian Government has been rather determinedly taking under its own control all schools in the country; and the three American schools have not been exempted. The Technical School at Tirana, which was started under the American Junior Red Cross in 1921, and has gradually been passing over into Albanian hands, will cease to receive any support from the Red Cross after the end of June, and the Government will make it the only Technical School in the country. The Albanian-American Institute at Kavaja, opened in 1925, has a special contract with the Government, and is to be under Government control, with American cooperation. The School at Kortcha under Rev. P.B. Kennedy and his wife, offered to make any arrangement that the Government saw fit; but it is reported that this has been closed entirely.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, June 20, 1933.

Dear friends:-

Professor Caleb W. Lawrence, of International College, Smyrna, left for America June 11th, retiring from service after thirty-seven years of faithful work. He joins Mrs. Lawrence and their children at Norton, Mass., where they will reside.

Rev. Harrison A. Maynard came up from Smyrna last Friday with Mrs. Maynard and her mother, Mrs. White, for treatment at the skilful hands of Dr. Shepard.

The graduation exercises at the Merzifon School were made happier by the presence of Miss Kohl, from Caesarea, who was a former teacher of this year's graduating class and came to see her former pupils.

Commencement season has held the stage this past week. Of the Stamboul schools, the American Academy at Scutari led off, last Tuesday. The main addresses were by Halil Nimetullah Bey of Stamboul University, and Prof. Bellinger of Yale University. Fifteen girls received diplomas, three of them reading essays in English or Turkish.

The seventieth year Commencement exercises at Robert College took place Friday last, with addresses by President Cass Arthur Reed of International College, Muzaffer Bey, of Stamboul University, Dean of the Faculty of Literature, and President Paul Monroe. Twelve young men received the diploma of the College Department, and thirty the degree of B. S. in the various departments of the Engineering School. There was the usual awarding of scholarship honors also.

Commencement at the American College for Girls came on Saturday, when thirty-one girls were awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Sadrettin Jelal Bey, of the Boys' Normal School, and President Paul Monroe made brief addresses.

Mr. Woolworth of Tarsus, Mr. Nilson of Talas, Miss Odell of Merzifon, and Mr. Fowle, Mission Treasurer, met yesterday at Angora, for the purpose of consulting with officials of the Department of Education as to what contribution the American Board schools can best make to the educational progress of the country under present circumstances.

Mrs.

Rev. & E. C. Partridge announce the marriage of their daughter, Frances Goodsell, to Mr. Thomas Locke, of Smyrna, on Monday, June 12th, at Smyrna.

President Paul Monroe of Robert College and the American College for Girls, left on Sunday for London, where he attends an international educational conference, the first of several which he is to attend during the summer. Mrs. Monroe and Miss Monroe start out later.

Delegates to Annual Meeting have begun to arrive in this city, coming early for dentistry or shopping or other cause. Dr. and Mrs. C.E. Clark of Merzifon, Miss A. S. Dwight of Talas, Rev. K. F. Markham of Aleppo, and Mrs. J. K. Lyman of Marash are in town; also Mr. J. F. Allison of Talas, and Mr. J.W. Abel of Anatolia College, Salonica. The meeting opens on Saturday morning at the Scutari Academy, with Mr. Markham as Chairman.

The two days previous to the meeting there will be held a meeting of the Medical Council, when the doctors and nurses of the Mission will consult about the future of the medical work.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:

Three weeks have elapsed since the last issue, owing to the busy days of Annual Meeting. We are now issuing a double number, which we trust will in a measure compensate for the long delay.

The Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission was held in the American Academy, Scutari, June 24th to July 5th, and was unusually well attended. The delegates were:-

ADANA:	Dr. Haas, Mr. Woolworth, Mr. Meyering, Miss Shank.
AINTAB:	Mr. Isely, Mr. Pence, Dr. Dewey.
ALEPPO:	Miss Silliman, Mr. Markham, Mr. Carleton.
ATHENS:	Miss Kinco, Mrs. Brewster, Dr. Warden.
BEIRUT:	Mr. H. H. Riggs
CAESAREA:	Mrs. Dodd, Miss Dwight, Miss Eddy, Mr. Nilson, Mr. Smith.
CONSTANTINOPLE:	Mrs. Fowle, Miss Rutney, Miss Harley, Miss Fletcher, Mrs. MacCallum, Miss Yarrow.
MARASH:	Mrs. Lyman, Mr. Wiley.
MARDIN:	Miss Fenenga.
MERZIFON:	Miss Odell, Miss Colmyer, Dr. Clark, Mr. Blake.
SALONICA:	Mr. & Mrs. Compton, Miss Hallett.
SMYRNA:	Miss Feichtinger, Miss Greene, Miss Hinmann.
Ex-officio:	Mr. Birge, Mr. Fowle, Mr. Kreider, C.T. Riggs.

In addition, there were present for a longer or shorter time Mrs. Clark, Miss Blatter and Miss Perry of Merzifon; Mrs. Meyering of Tarsus; Dr. Nute and Mr. Allison of Talas, Miss Notson of Adana, Mr. and Mrs. Vrooman, Mr. and Mrs. R.F. White, and Mrs. Maynard of Smyrna.

Most of the first week of the meeting was taken up with the free discussion of the heavy item of a very substantial cut in the appropriations for the coming year, necessitating the closing down of some of the work of the Mission, and the retiring of some of the workers. Every possible combination was studied, and all shades of opinions were freely expressed; and it was finally decided to recommend to the Board the closing of the Gedik Pasha School in Stamboul, and of the Boys' Playground work in Adana, as well as extensive curtailing of the expenditures in several other places, including quite a cut for the publication work.

In addition to getting along without replacement for some term workers whose time expires, the Mission recommended the retiring of seven of the permanent staff; but in as much as final action on this matter rests with the Board in Boston, we do not now list these names, preferring to wait until the decision is ratified.

Cool weather favored the meetings nearly all the time. The summer, in fact, so far has been remarkable in its coolness and moisture. Eight of the first ten days of July have yielded rain; while in the five preceding years there were less than eight rainy days in the five entire months of July put together.

The annual sermon was delivered by Dr. L. A. Shepard, on Sunday July 2nd; and Dr. MacCallum and Mr. Carleton officiated at the Communion table. The daily devotional hours were deep and helpful throughout.

One evening during the ten days, there was a concert by two Turkish musicians, a pianist and a violonist, which was delightful. Another evening, mission talent produced another fine concert, with piano solos and duets, vocal solos and double quartettes. These, with a daily baseball game, furnished the relaxation so essential to a strenuous round of hard work. On the Glorious Fourth, the gathering took an outing at the Erenkeuy School grounds, with a picnic and a swim; and later most of the delegates went to the reception at the American Embassy.

Bible House, Stamboul, July 11, 1933.

The Closing exercises at the Gedik Pasha School took place June 23rd, in the school yard. Fuat Bey, of the Boys' Normal School, and Miss E. I. Burns, Dean of the American College for Girls, were the speakers. Seventeen graduates, fourteen girls and three boys, received diplomas.

Miss Helen K. Post, who for three years has taught at Gedik Pasha left on that same evening, June 23rd, with her uncle, Dr. Bertram Post of Robert College, for America. She expects to be married soon. The Mission circle here will miss her very much.

Messrs. Curtis and Farnsworth Fowle and Robert Birge have arrived from America, to spend the summer with their families here. Later on, William L. Nutt, Jr., is expected from America, to spend a year with his family in Talas.

Mrs. R.F. Markham and two daughters left New York July 1st on their return to the Mission, by American Export Line steamer; and Mr. Markham expects to meet them next week at Beirut where they land, and take them to Aleppo.

Miss Jessie E. Martin of Tarsus and Adana has left via Mersin and Italy for her year of furlough in America. She plans to be with her family in California.

Miss Hazel K. Hotson has come up to Constantinople from Adana, and expects to start soon on her furlough to America.

Prof. and Mrs. Scipio and their daughter Elizabeth of Robert College left here June 22nd for America. Prof. Scipio will return alone to his work in the College in the fall.

Mrs. H. H. Barnum and Miss Ruth Barnum arrived from America on June 25th, after a year there. And on June 29th, Professor H.H. Barnum underwent a serious operation under the skilled hand of Dr. Shepard at the American Hospital. He is now making very favorable progress toward a complete recovery.

Rev. Harrison A. Maynard also underwent a serious operation at the same Hospital three days earlier, and he too is progressing well toward normal health. Mrs. Maynard and their youngest son, and her mother, Mrs. White, are also in the city for the summer.

Mrs. E.D. Marden writes of the luncheon and reception given at Claremont, Calif., for Dr. Peet and Mrs. Hemphill just before they left for Chattanooga. Among those present were Mrs. Marden, the Samuel Andersons, the Wylie Browns, Miss Sarah Anderson and her sister Mrs. Baker, Miss McLaren, Miss Jean Christie, Miss Rice, Mr. George Marsh, and others. Their friends presented Dr. Peet and Mrs. Hemphill a beautiful silver vase; and each of them, though deeply moved, responded brightly.

Mrs. Marden wrote while on her way to Chautauqu, N.Y. (P. O. Box 616), and told of stopping a week with Mrs. Eleanor Ketchum Horn in Arizona, and being at Chicago for the opening of the Exposition there, which she heard by radio.

Mrs. George H. Huntington left town on Saturday last, going by rail to Beirut, to meet her mother there. She will later join Prof. Huntington in Europe before returning here.

Miss Mary I. Ward of Merzifon has come to Constantinople for a part of her summer vacation.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

Dr. and Mrs. John E. Merrill, of Aleppo, now at Auburndale, announce the marriage of their daughter, Margaret Trowbridge, to Mr. Alfred Harris Coons, on June 28th, at Philadelphia, Penn.

The Misses Dorothy and Effie Post, with their friend Miss Dorothy Bowler, reached this city from America on Wednesday last, via Athens. They expect to spend the summer with Mrs. Post at Robert College, and toward the end of the summer go to some of the islands to meet Dr. Post on his return from a visit to America.

A party of ten left Constantinople last Thursday by Lloyd Express for Italy and America. Mr. and Mrs. Kreider of the Treasury Department with their three children; Mr. and Mrs. Meyering and Ralph from Tarsus, Miss Hallett from Salonica, and Mrs. Curtis, mother of Mrs. L. R. Fowle, made up the number. Miss Hallett goes via England. The rest take an American Export Line steamer at Genoa for the trans-atlantic trip; and Miss Hotson of Adana, who left earlier, joins them there for the ocean voyage.

Mr. Allen T. Hazen, of Newfield Heights, Middletown, Conn., formerly of Tarsus, writes of having recently seen at New Haven, Philip Jacob, son of our former Y.M.C.A. Secretary; Miss L. C. Brauer of Adana, Professor C. E. Estes of Robert College, and Mr. David Julius, formerly of Aleppo. The last-named has just received his B.D. from Hartford.

Word has been received of the passing away, on Sunday, July 9th, at Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany, of Herr Friedrich Schuchardt, Director of the Deutsche Hülfsbund, aged 70 years. He had been a banker, but gave up his position to devote his whole time to his work, to which he was whole-heartedly consecrated for twenty-seven years; he succeeded the late Pastor Lohmann as Director. He was often called "the Dr. Feet of the Hülfsbund." He made frequent visits to this country; and after his return from his visit last fall to Marash, he suffered increasingly from high blood pressure and heart trouble. His eyesight had also failed him. He was an unusually fine character. The funeral was held on July 12th. Herr Gustav Möller will succeed him as Director; but in many ways it will be hard to replace him.

Miss Edith F. Parsons of Smyrna, and Miss Jeannette Honiss of Aintab, are booked to sail from New York August 10th on their return from furlough, and are coming to Constantinople by the American Export S.S. Exilona.

Those who remember Mrs. Theodore D. Riggs, formerly of Merzifon and Salonica, will be interested to know that her eldest daughter, Mary, has just graduated from High School in Denver, Colorado, with an unbroken record of A in every subject for four years. Her eldest son, Edward, has just finished his Freshman year in Colorado University.

Dr. Lawrence Fawcett, of Robert College, is giving a series of twenty-four lectures to teachers of English, at the Boys' Normal School building in Stamboul. The course is especially for Turks, and the Government has brought together nearly a hundred of these, from various parts of the country. Quite a number of Americans are also attending. The lectures are in English; and a demonstration group of students is being exhibited as a sample of what may be done with Dr. Fawcett's methods of teaching. His specially arranged series of textbooks is being used.

Messrs. McGrath and Robert Maynard, of the International College staff, are spending some time in Constantinople.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

On July 15th, Dr. and Mrs. Marden celebrated their silver wedding anniversary by taking a trip, with Miss Bertha Morley, to Portaria, on Mount Pelion, where Mr. & Mrs. Getchell are summering. They were to be back in Old Phaleron by July 19th.

The Fleming H. Revell Co. have just brought out a biography of Miss Charlotte R. Willard, of Merzifon, by Rev. Ernest Pye, D.D., which sells for \$2.00. Such a thrilling life is well worth study.

Herr Gustav Müller the new Director of the German Hülfsbund and Miss Chaefer of Marash, who is returning after a leave of absence, reached Constantinople this Tuesday morning, having come to see what can be done regarding a decree of expulsion against all the German missionaries in Marash. They left the next morning for Angora.

Rev. Theodore A. Baldwin, for many years missionary in Brousa, is still living in New Jersey, at the age of ninety. He had a fine time attending the seventieth reunion of his College class at Princeton, in June, with one classmate. The two, out of three living members of the class, received the cup for the best percentage of attendance at any reunion this year.

The Gedik Pasha ladies announce that the following articles are for sale at the School:-

American built kitchen cabinet, excellent condition.

Small, old-fashioned Safe, 24 inches high, 16½ deep, excellent condition.

2 U.S. flags, 45 x 32 inches;

1 U.S. flag, 1 x 6 feet, new.

39 copies Ange: Grammaire Élémentaire, and other French books.

17 copies Hawkes Laby & Touton: New First Course in Algebra.

2 copies Caldwell & Curtis: Introduction to Science.

3 copies Wells: Oriental Life.

32 copies Fisher & Call: English for Beginners.

These books are new, but would be sold at a reduction here, to avoid the risk of being returned to the publishers.

On Thursday morning, July 27th, quite a party left this city by Lloyd Express steamer. Dr. and Mrs. F.W. MacCallum, Mr. and Mrs. Lyjan MacCallum, and their little Elizabeth, and Miss A.M. Barker started out for St. Andrea, Austria, to spend a month in those mountains. Miss Lucas is on her way to Switzerland where she expects to meet her parents for a fortnight's visit. Mrs. Helen Scott and her mother, Mrs. Brown, are going to Corsica, Italy, for a summer outing.

The local dailies published the other day a note stating that 1004 American tourists had arrived on the transatlantic steamer "Caracas", and the next day, that they had left. This was mistaken in three particulars: the number was not 1000, but 105; the steamer was not a transatlantic, but a Lloyd Triestino from Venice; and its name was not "Caracas" but "Gracovia."

Of greater interest was the visit here during the past week of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, son of the former President, with his wife. A dinner in their honor was given by the Charge d'affaires, Mr. Shaw. Col. and Mrs. Roosevelt left on Thursday by Lloyd Express for Athens, and will go on thence through Italy and France on their return to America. They are on their way from the Philippines, coming via India, Persia, Iraq, Palestine and Syria.

Vacation hours may be held responsible for the non-appearance of this sheet at its usual time. The next issue may be expected on August 8th.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, August 8, 1933.

Dear friends:-

Rev. Stephen Van Rensselaer Trowbridge, formerly of Aintab Station, died on July 11th at the Clifton Springs, N. Y., Sanitarium, after a long illness, of an acute heart attack following hardening of the arteries. He was born May 28, 1881, at Aintab, and was graduated from Princeton University 1902 and Hartford Seminary 1905. After working a year in the Central Congregational Church of Brooklyn, he went in 1906 with his bride to Aintab as missionaries of the Board. Returning to America in 1911, he became assistant pastor of the Central Church, Brooklyn, with R. S. P. Cadman as pastor. In 1914 he accepted a call to Cairo as Secretary of the "World's Sunday School Association. During the World War he was with the American Red Cross in Palestine and Syria, and was cited by Major Allenby for distinguished service, and received the Cross of the Order of St. John from the Greek Patriarch. All through the years since the war, he has struggled with illness, and three years ago retired to America. The funeral was at the Central Church, Brooklyn and was conducted by Mr. Cadman. Among those present besides Mrs. Trowbridge were Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Merrill of Aleppo, - the latter a sister of Mr. Trowbridge, - Prof. H. K. Krikorian, Miss Isabel F. Dodd, Dr. C. R. Watson of Cairo University, Dr. R. M. Hopkins of the "U.S.S.A.", Dr. Douglas Horton of Chicago, - his brother-in-law, - and many others.

A party consisting of Mr. Blake, his mother Mrs. Miller, Miss Odell and Miss Colmyer of Merzifon, and Miss Yarrow and her mother, Mr. Greef and Miss Ackerly of Constantinople, made a very interesting trip to Syria and Palestine recently, visiting Damascus, Baalbek, Beirut, Capernaum, Nazareth, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Dead Sea and Jordan, and other points. Miss Yarrow and her mother, Miss Odell and Mrs. Miller have since gone to America; and Mr. Blake has returned via Constantinople to Merzifon.

Miss Hotson and Miss Shank of Adana Hospital had a good outing in central Europe, and then Miss Hotson sailed from Genoa for America, and Miss Shank returned last week to Constantinople and went on back to Adana.

Dr. and Mrs. J. P. McNaughton have moved from Swarthmore, Pa., to Montreat, N. C., and are very comfortably settled down in that lovely region in the Blue Mountains.

Mrs. R. F. Markham and two daughters arrived in Beirut on July 22nd, coming from a year in America. Mr. Markham met them, and they have gone to spend some time in Shimlan, Lebanon, before going on to Aleppo. With them on the tourist steamer "Roma" came also "Wm. L. Nute, Jr., on his way to join his parents for a year in Talas.

Mrs. J. H. Brewster and Miss Pinneo, of Athens, who have been attending the course in teaching English, under Dr. Fawcett, left on August 1st returning to Old Phaleron. Miss Mary I. Ward has gone on to Bürüjek for a few weeks, and Miss Bertha Colmyer has gone to be with Miss Himman in Smyrna for a fortnight.

Mr. E. C. Stevens, who since his engagement with the YMCA closed has been Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds at the American College for Girls, and who is now in America, has accepted a secretarial position with the YMCA at Camden, N. J., Mrs. Stevens and their children will shortly be leaving Stamboul to join him at his new location.

Mrs. George H. Huntington and her mother, Mrs. Cleveland, Dodge, passed through Stamboul last week on their way from Beirut to Cortina, Italy, where they expect to meet Professor Huntington.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Lyman, Mr. Wiley and his two little girls are spending part of the summer at Hillcrest, above Marash. Mrs. Wiley and Lincoln left Marash last Wednesday, August 9th, for two weeks with Mrs. Nute and family at Namrun; and they will join the rest of the tribe at Hillcrest later on.

The Shepard and Fowle families are enjoying the cool heights of their Mt. Olympus camp above Brousa for a season. The latter part of this week the Fowles return to Hissar, and the Birge family are planning to take their places for a couple of weeks. Dr. Shepard recently caught 25 rainbow trout in one day's fishing in a mountain stream.

Miss Edith Cold is in Stamboul now, where she will reside for some months, possibly engaging in teaching in this city.

Mrs. Emily Block, of Talas, has been spending the past two weeks visiting friends in Constantinople. On the other hand, Mr. Robert Greef left last week for Talas, where he will be teaching the coming year.

Mr. E.O. Jacob, formerly Y.M.C.A. Secretary here, has just resigned the General Secretaryship of the Providence, R.I., Y.M.C.A. to accept a call to the Executive Secretaryship of the West Side Branch in New York City (5 West 63rd Street), and begins his new duties there on August 16th. Our best wishes go with him and Mrs. Jacob in this move.

Dr. Reshit Galip Bey has resigned the post of Minister of Public Instruction on account of his health. He has been offered a post as Professor in the New Stamboul University. The Educational Ministry will be provisionally in charge of Dr. Refik Bey, Minister of Hygiene.

The Compton and Hawkes families from Salonica are summering at Nevesca, near Florina, away up in the mountains off the Salonica-Monastir railroad line. They say that, aside from some local discomforts, it is perfectly wonderful there, -air and water fine.

Mrs. J. K. Marden and her sister Miss Betha Morley arrived in Portaria, above Veleo, on August 4th for a stay of about ten days.

Professor C. E. Estes and his son Charles, and Mrs. L.O. Lee are expected to arrive at Robert College September 3rd, coming from England.

Dr. John E. Merrill writes from Auburndale, Mass., that their daughter Margaret and her husband, Rev. Alfred E. Coons, are settled in their new home in Middle Hope, N.Y., near Newburgh, where Mr. Coons is pastor of the only church in the place, the Methodist.

Miss Agnes Fenenga is expected in this city late in August, and will probably spend the winter here.

After two delightful weeks at St. Andrae, near Villach, Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum and Miss Barker left yesterday for a week at Salzburg, after which they will be turning their faces toward Stamboul.

Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Maynard and their son Edward left this morning on their return to Smyrna. Their eldest son, Robert, has gone to the Cilicia region for a brief trip before rejoining them. Mr. Maynard is steadily improving after his successful operation.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, August 22, 1933

Dear friends:-

Miss Stella N. Leugbridge, who comes back from her furlough in America as principal of the Scutari Academy, is expected here on the Lloyd Express steamer next Sunday, having sailed from New York for Naples August 13th.

Last a statement in one of our June issues be misunderstood, we are glad to quote from a letter from Mr. Laird Archer, of the Near East Foundation, regarding the Albanian-American Institute at Kavaja:- "Our relationship to the Government has not changed since the beginning of our contact in 1930, and there is no new development as to Government control in connection with our school. The fact that our contract contemplated the progress givenly indigenous character of the school has proved reassuring to the government as to any undue foreign influence. From the beginning we undertook to carry out the expressed wishes of King Zog that a school be operated for training rural women teachers, and that another school be operated for training farm boys, the scholarships to be supplied on a 50/50 basis by the government and ourselves, and the government to assume progressively responsibility for the pay of the Albanian teachers. The curriculum is arranged in agreement with the Ministry of Education and the certificates of graduation are granted in connection with that "Ministry."

Messrs. Robert and Kingsley Birge left Constantinople last week, after a good vacation with their family, and are going back to school in the United States. The rest of the Birge family, with Miss Snow, have joined the Shepard family in their camp on Mt. Olympus.

The graduation exercises of the Folk School at Fordim, Bulgaria, in charge of Dr. & Mrs. E.B. Haskell, took the form of a play in 5 short acts, showing the activities for which the graduates are trained. This was repeated this year twice in Sofia city, and attended by hundreds of interested and delighted friends each time. The girls of the school also sang their medley of folk songs from the government broadcasting station. The pupils had in addition a happy excursion to Cham Korla and Rila. The newspaper publicity resulting from this Sofia visit was very wide and heartily appreciative. There is no doubt the Folk School has taken a deep hold on the sympathies and admiration of the Bulgarians.

Sig. Zannoni, former Director of the International Sleeping Car Co., office in this city, has been acquitted of the charges against him in the trial in the Turkish Court arising out of the incident of last February.

Mr. and Mrs. Breider and children, Mr. and Mrs. Meyering and Ralph, Miss Hotson, and Mrs. Curtis arrived in Boston August 8th, in good shape and spirits, after a fairly rough voyage.

Miss Olive Greene returned the other day from a six weeks' stay in Merzifon, and starts on to-day to her post in Smyrna.

It is ^{the} time of vacations in the Boston office of the American Board. Treasurer Belcher, Vice-President Goodsell, and Secretary Emerson and Clark are all away for their much needed and hardearned rest, till about the first of September.

Rev. and Mrs. John E. Merrill are sailing on Sept/ 5th on the S.S. "Excalibur" from New York for Beirut, on their return to Aleppo College. With them comes Miss Harriet E. Walker, of the Walker Missionary Home at Auburndale, Mass., for a visit in Syria, Palestine, Turkey and Greece.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, Aug, 29, 1933.

Dear friends:-

Rev. and Mrs. Robert S. Stapleton, formerly of Erzroum, are now living in a log cabin on a branch of the Kentucky River, their address being Gilley P.O., Ky. Miss Bertha Cold, formerly teacher in the Scutari School, is at Pine Mountain, near by. The Stapleton family this summer held the 50th anniversary of its landing in America. The reunion was at Saginaw, Mich., and was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Stapleton and their three daughters and several grandchildren, as well as more than two dozen others of the clan.

Our friends in Cilicia have been somewhat restricted in their summering resorts this year. No trouble has been experienced in going to B r jek; but at the end of July all foreigners in G zne were ordered down on 24 hours notice. Mrs. Colworth and children went to Cyprus after that, and are expected back in Tarsus about the end of August. They will then be in B r jek probably for a fortnight. Miss Ackerly, who has been with the Nute family at Namrun (by application to Angora), was in an accident a couple of weeks ago. The car she was in broke an axle on the road, and, lacking effective brakes, ran into a tree to save itself from a worse fate. It is said that no one was hurt.

President and Mrs. and Miss Monroe returned from Europe on Saturday last, together with Miss Nelson and Miss Cowell. Dr. Monroe was occupied a part of the summer with addresses at three educational conferences, in Scotland, Austria, and Ireland.

Miss Annie M. Barker of this Station returned on Sunday afternoon after a month of vacation in Austria. Miss Barker, Miss Putney and Miss Lucas are moving their effects into the apartment at the top of the Bible House, which will be their home.

We have received for the Mission Library a copy of the book noticed in our issue of July 29th, - "Charlotte R. Willard of Merzifon: Her Life and Times," edited by Dr. Ernest Pye. This is a compilation, largely from her intimate friends and associates, forming a consecutive story of the noteworthy events of the unusual career of Miss Willard. Undertaken at the request of her sister, the book is a tribute of love and admiration; yet it has no need to go into fulsome praise or any effort to idolize; the mere telling of the plain story thrills the reader and inspires him to emulate such a remarkable example. A loving testimonial from Ambassador Morgenthau and a resume of the important historic events of her times by Professor A. H. Lybyer, add to the value of the book.

Dr. Lawrence Faucett, who was expected to be on the staff of Robert College for the coming year, has in place of this accepted from the Turkish Government the responsibility of starting in Angora a school for training teachers of the English, French and German languages. Dr. and Mrs. Faucett will be starting soon for the Capital to undertake this new work. The set of textbooks for beginning English, issued by Dr. Faucett, has been adopted by the Government for use in its schools.

Mrs. Etta D. Marden, after a happy summer in Chautauque, N. Y. with her daughter Mary, has gone to Chicago, Ill., where her address will be 7440 North Seeley Avenue, Apartment I. Her daughter is to sail Sept. 5th for Athens, to spend the winter with her brother, Dr. J. K. Marden, and wife.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

A large party of our colleagues came back on the Lloyd Express on Sunday afternoon last. Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum came after a week spent with their sister in Old Phaleron at the end of their month of outing. Mr. and Mrs. Lyman MacCallum and daughter came from Austria, and Mrs. Helen Scott and her mother Mrs. Brown from Italy. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vrooman of International College have also been spending the vacation in Austria, mostly at St. Andrae. Mr. and Mrs. Larsen of Robert College returned on the same boat after a fine trip through some of the Aegean Islands. Prof. Estes and his son Charles, with Mrs. Eula D. Lee, also arrived, having come from America via England, France, and Venice. Mrs. Lee spent fifteen years in Hadjin, and five in Marash; and she now finds her Turkish coming back most gratifyingly to her tongue, after twenty-four years in America.

Ex-President and Mrs. C. F. Gates, after a summer in Switzerland, have started back for their home in Princeton, N.J.

Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Partridge have taken up their abode with their son Edward at Stow, Ohio (P.O. Box 136), where they expect to be for the better part of the year.

Mrs. E. C. Blake and Miss Dorothy Blatter have gone from Merzifon to Talas, with the purpose of climbing Mt. Argaeus, 13,100 ft., the highest peak in Turkey except Mt. Ararat.

Rev. Clark Kerr, pastor of the Union Church of Pera, is back from his summer in Scotland, and held the first service of the autumn in the Dutch Chapel last Sunday.

Miss Bertha Colmyer, on her way back from Smyrna, and Miss Gladys Perry, on her way back from the Lebanon, are in Constantinople for a few days; they plan to start for Merzifon on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana K. Getchell are by this time back again in Salonica, after a pleasant outing on the slopes of Mt. Pelion.

Both the G5 ztepe school property and that at Gedik Pasha have been rented to Turkish schools for the ensuing year. The former is to be a school for aviation, and the latter a primary school.

Miss Catherine Nicol has come up from Beirut, and is staying with her sister, Mrs. F. S. Erdman of Robert College. She will teach this year in the Community School in Hissar.

Messrs. Curtis and Farnsworth Fowle, with their uncle, Mr. Wilson F. Fowle, are starting this evening by Siplon Express for Cherbourg on their return to the United States. The boys are both to be in Williams College this year.

Mr. Paul Nilson of Talas is enthusiastic over the results of a summer movie trip, in which he went 650 kilometers, going as far as Sivas, and gave ten shows in ten days, during the latter half of August. Incidentally, he reports crop prospects good everywhere.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

A very pleasant occasion was the reception at the Scutari Academy on Sept. 7th, given as a farewell to Miss Isabelle Harley. The only unpleasant feature if it all was the consciousness that Constantinople Station is obliged to let her go on from our circle. She sailed the next day on a direct steamer for Salonica, to begin her duties in the Girls' School there. Miss Sophie Meissides, of Gedik Pasha School, who has returned here from a vacation trip, leaves next week for the same place, and will also be teaching in the Salonica School.

Miss Edith Parsons of Smyrna and Miss Jean Honiss of Aintab on their return voyage after furloughs in America, were delayed by an accident to the engine of their American Export steamer just before it reached the Azores Islands. It limped into harbor there, quite late, and was able to get on to Gibraltar, where it was laid up for repairs. Our two ladies had to transship there, and will be later by a week or so in reaching their destination.

Miss Harriet Yarrow and her mother arrived in America on August 24th, and are to live in Wellesley, Mass., (45 Summit Road) during the coming year.

Dean Lee Vrooman and Mrs. Vrooman left here last week Wednesday evening for Smyrna via Bandırma.

After some weeks spent in travel in Syria and Turkey, Mr. John Allison of Talas School left Stamboul by train on Sept. 9th for Cherbourg and New York. He plans to take up graduate studies, possibly at Princeton.

Miss Bertha Colmyer and Miss Gladys Perry finally got off on Sunday afternoon for Samsoun, after several delays. Fortunately the Gül Jemal is a good big boat, for they ran out into quite a breeze on the Black Sea. By tomorrow they should be in Merzifon.

Rev. S. W. Gentle-Cackett and Mr. Fear, of the Bible Lands Missions Aid Society, were expected in Salonica on Thursday last, for a week's visit.

President-elect Ernest W. Riggs and Mrs. Riggs and their daughter Margaret are planning to sail from New York on the S.S. Washington on September 27th, for France, and to drive across Europe in their car to Salonica, where Mr. Riggs will take up his duties in Anatolia College next month. They are bringing a small nephew with them; but the two sons remain in America for study.

Dr. and Mrs. Post of Robert College, with their daughter Effie, returned from their vacation two days ago. Dr. Post went to America, and on his return joined his family for a most interesting visit to various historic sites in the island of Sicily.

Miss Paula Schaefer and Miss Hbrold are being allowed to remain in Marash for three months longer, to wind up the affairs of the German Mission there.

The fall term at the Scutari Academy begins next Monday; and the two Colleges in this city open on the following Saturday. International College, Smyrna, opens a week later than that.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

Mr. Robert Peet Skinner, the new American Ambassador, reached Constantinople by train on Sunday morning last, and was met at the Sirkeci Station by the staffs of the Embassy and the Consulate, and a few other Americans. He has not yet presented his letters of credence, but will do so shortly. The many friends he made in Greece while acting as the American Minister there, predict for him a fine and successful career in Turkey as well.

Miss Dorothy Blatter, of the Merzifon Girls' School, reached Stamboul, a few days ago, having come all the way by rail from Hadji Bayram, Merzifon's railroad station, through Sivas, Caesarea and Angora in 48 hours. Shades of our ancestors! It used to take six days from Merzifon to Sivas, two from there to Caesarea, six from Caesarea to Angora, and by rail from there here in two long days, - eight times as long.

Messrs. Mendenhall and Shalmidine of Tarsus College were up here for a few days last week, and have returned for the opening of the new school term.

Miss Evelyn Woodward, formerly of Gedik Pasha, has come from England to Switzerland and is staying for a short time at Lucerne before going on through here to her new post in Smyrna.

Last week a party consisting of Messrs. Riggs Brewster of Athens with his son Daniel, Schaeffer of Athens College, and Seeley of Anatolia College, with Mrs. Webster of International College, made the ascent of the Thessalian Olympus, true home of the gods, 9754 feet high. It was a glorious climb, and is a feat not frequently accomplished.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Mitchell, of Anatolia College, have been spending the summer in America, and sailed on their return last Thursday from New York. With them were not only their son Paul, but his little sister, Jean Eilson, born at Louisville, Ky., July 29th. They are due in Salonica Sept. 24th.

Mr. Roger Wright Moore of Chicago, son of Rev. Frank L. Moore, Secretary of the Home Missionary Society, has been appointed for three years as tutor in Anatolia College, Salonica. He is a Yale graduate, with a year of graduate study in Chicago University. He was to reach there about this date.

The summer camp for girls, outside of Merzifon, was a great success. Twelve girls camped in the valley among the hills, for two weeks, with Mrs. Blake and Miss Blatter, and had a fine time, carrying out the usual camping schedule.

After it was over, Mrs. Blake and Miss Blatter carried out their scheme of climbing Mt. Argaeus, being accompanied from Caesarea by Messrs. R.B. Smith and R.J. Greef. They reached the top by a new and easier route, quicker and more exciting on the descent.

Miss Agnes Fenenga arrived here this morning, coming from Mardin, for a somewhat prolonged visit.

Dr. and Mrs. Huntington, Professors Scipio, Hewitt, Moore, and Audetat and other instructors of Robert College have returned from their vacation trips.

Miss Jean Honiss, returning to Aintab from her furlough, is due here tomorrow by boat, after the delay already recorded. Miss Parsons was leaving the steamer at Piraeus, to go across thence to Smyrna.

Yours very cordially,

C. T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Sept. 26, 1933.

Dear friends:-

Miss Jean Honiss of Aintab reached Stamboul last Wednesday, as expected, on the S.S. Exilona, after being transferred from the damaged steamer of the same line at Gibraltar. This time she escaped a lesser accident by disembarking; for the Exilona had a collision later in the harbor with a Greek steamer whose captain seems to have been to blame. Miss Honiss started on by rail for Aintab yesterday, in company with a Turkish nurse of the Aintab Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. MacFarlane of International College have been here for a brief visit this week.

Rev. J.A. Nicol of Beirut, who is in America for a short stay, sends back word that it is probable that the post of Executive Secretary for the Near East Christian Council, in succession to Dr. R.P. Wilder, will be accepted by Mr. Arthur Ruhl, formerly of the Y.M.C.A. If he accepts, he will take up his duties early in the new year.

Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Birge are starting out this evening by rail for Salonica, on their way for a three weeks' visit to Albania, going on to Florina by train and from there through Kortcha to Tirana by autobus.

It is pleasant to note the strengthening of the cordial relations between Turkey and her neighbors, through the recent visits of Prime Minister Tsaldaris of Greece to Angora, and of Prime Minister Ismet Pasha of Turkey to Sofia and Varna, with all the exhibition of warm friendship shown during those visits. A further step in the same direction is now seen in the arrival yesterday of ex-Premier Venizelos of Greece, who comes here as the guest of President Mustafa Kemal Pasha. Mrs. Venizelos accompanies her husband. The Rumanian Minister of Foreign Affairs is expected to visit Angora during the month of October.

The primary schools of this city were expecting to care for about 15,000 pupils this autumn; but the number applying is so much in excess of this, that the educational authorities are hard put to it to find room for them all. It seems probable that several schools will have two shifts each, one in the forenoons and another in the afternoons.

Mr. L. R. Fowle is leaving Stamboul this morning for a short trip to Smyrna.

The book of Genesis, in the new Turkish translation, has been issued by the two Bible Societies jointly, and is now on sale in pictured cover, at seven and a half piasters. It is not intended to bring out any other separate portion, and it will be some time before the entire Bible is ready to be issued.

Dr. J. O. Boyd of the American Bible Society is presumably reaching Vienna just about now, coming from America by way of Marseilles, where he visited the Armenian colony.

We are glad to know that there is a good prospect of our seeing our friend Dr. Fred Field Goodsell out here some time in November. Dr. Goodsell expects to leave Boston in October, and come through England and Bulgaria. From here he goes on to India, to attend the centennial of the Madura Mission of the American Board.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

At the conference on mission work held in Auburndale, Mass. from Sept. 8th to 10th, with secretaries and officials of the Board and its missionaries, the Near East Mission was represented by Miss Foreman, Miss Odell, Miss Orvis, Miss and Mrs. Yarrow, and Mr. Kreider. Plans for the fall campaign were mapped out. Mr. Kreider writes that he was to be occupied for at least a month, beginning Sept. 26th, with a series of meetings with Associations in Ohio.

Mr. Kreider also mentions the pleasure he had of visits on his way to or from Boston, in the homes of Mrs. Marjorie Hostetter Nyce, formerly of Merzifon, Mrs. Sarah Stone Foote, formerly of Adana, and Mrs. and Mrs. Edward S. Treat, formerly of Talas, as well as a long chat on the train with Dr. Goodsell.

Dr. and Mrs. John E. Merrill, on their return to Aleppo, reached Beirut on Monday of last week, coming from New York on the Export Liner Exeter.

Mr. Woolworth writes regarding the Tarsus School:- "Our entering class will be more than double that of last year, and we expect ten to fifteen boys from the Erenkeuy School in our upper classes."

The Mission Treasurer returned yesterday morning after four days in Smyrna, and is off today to meet Dr. Wilson Dodd in Angora. He reports the happy opening of the Smyrna Girls' School, with over one hundred pupils enrolled, and a few more expected. All are happy to have Miss Parsons back, and are looking forward to the arrival of Miss Woodward this week. Miss Woodward, after visits in Norway and Switzerland, is spending a few days in Stamboul, and leaves Friday.

International College expects reduced enrollment this year, with resulting financial stress. Otherwise all seems set for a year of steady and satisfactory work.

Word has come through Miss Nina E. Rice, of the passing away of Rev. Harold I. Gardner, at Whittier, Calif., on September 11th, after an illness of ten days. The funeral was held in the Whittier Congregational Church on the 13th, and the burial was in the Rose Hill cemetery near by. Among those who spoke at that time was Dr. Wilkie, of Whittier College, formerly a teacher in International College, Smyrna, Miss Rice, Miss Jean Christie, Dr. John C. Martin, and a number of Armenian friends attended.

Mr. Gardner was born in Burnside, Conn., Jan. 24, 1882, and after graduating from Yale University and Hartford Seminary, came out under the American Board as a missionary for the Central Turkey Mission in October 1909, with the expectation of taking up in Hadjin the work which it had been hoped would be that of the late D. Miner Rogers. On August 3rd, 1914, he was married to Miss Emily Richter of Hadjin. But ill health compelled his return to America after only three years, and he was never able to come back. For several years past Mr. and Mrs. Gardner have made their home in Whittier. In spite of the limitations of poor health, he was able to carry on his business and to do a great deal for church and community. He had a wide circle of friends, and lived a beautiful life of unselfish service. His wife, his mother, and an adopted son survive him.

We have also just learned of the death on Sept. 15th of Rev. John A. Ainslie, who from 1881 to 1892 was a missionary of the Eastern Turkey Mission, at Mardin, and was later connected with the Presbyterian mission at Mosul, and has since been living in California.

Miss Hilda Douglass, of Ireland, has been secured to teach this year in the Smyrna Girls' School, and will be going there shortly.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Oct. 19, 1933

Dear friends:-

Dr. and Mrs. Merrill, whose arrival in Beirut was recorded last week, are reported as looking very well indeed. They spent one night at Shimlan, in the Lebanon; as guests of Dr. and Mrs. Drman and went on the next day, Sept. 26th, to Aleppo by automobile.

The law with regard to the exclusive use throughout Turkey of the metric system of weights and measures, whose application was postponed last year, will be put into effect, it is officially announced, beginning with January 1st, 1934. All interested parties have been warned to secure their new standard weights and measures, in plenty of time, to avoid trouble.

Miss Bernice Mackinnon, who has been secretary to the President at Robert College since 1924, has resigned her post and sailed last Thursday for America, to return to her home in Caldwell, New Jersey.

Dr. Ruth A. Parmelee, who has been the physician in charge at the American Women's Hospital at Kokkinia, Piraeus, Greece, ever since 1925 when she went there from Salonica, is on her way to America for a well-earned furlough. She will reside in South Hingham, Mass. The School of Nursing connected with the Kokkinia Hospital has been discontinued for an indefinite period; but Miss Willms, the Head Nurse, will carry on, giving the practical nurses instruction in the wards, and teaching the mothers in the health center.

Miss Harriet Yarrow, of the Gedik Pasha School, and her mother are to be in New York City this coming scholastic year, at 99 Claremont Ave., and Miss Yarrow will be taking courses at Union Seminary and at Teachers College, in further preparation for her work next year in the Smyrna Girls' School.

President Mustafa Kemal Pasha left Stamboul last evening by special train for Angora, thus closing his summer visit.

The year at the Merzifon Girls' School starts out with a slight increase in enrollment, -44 as against 41 last year. The entering class of sixteen is the largest in several years.

At the Inter-Balkan games held last week in the Stadium at Athens, Greece won 169 points for first place; Jugo-Slavia was second with 108, and Turkey and Rumania tied for third place with 61 each. Bulgaria had 53, and Albania, 7. 50,000 spectators crowded the stadium on the final day.

Rev. Ernest W. Riggs and family had a fine crossing from New York, with calm seas and bright skies, and landed in France on Oct. 4th. They motor from Havre through Paris, Lausanne, Geneva, Milan, and Trieste, and probably on through Jugo-Slavia to Salonica, where they are expected about Oct. 20th.

Great preparations are being made for the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the proclamation of the Turkish Republic, on Oct. 29th to 31st. In Stamboul, each house has been instructed to display at least two flags by day and three lanterns by night. It will be a gay town.

The detailed report just published of the Daily Vacation Bible Schools held in Greece during the past summer, under the surveillance of our missionaries, shows that there were nine such schools, one being in Salonica, the rest in the Athens district; they had in all 36 teachers and 1,266 scholars, the numbers ranging from 40 to 330.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Oct. 17, 1905.

Dear friends:-

Ambassador Robert P. Skinner left Stamboul for Angora on Thursday last, and yesterday he presented his credentials to the Turkish Government, and was received by the President.

Miss Agnes Penenga left Stamboul last Thursday, going via Samsoun for a brief visit to Merzifon, a station she had never seen.

Miss Lucie Borel, who since 1899 has been connected with the Adana Girls' School, left on Tuesday last by steamer Praga from Mersin, on her return to Switzerland. She sends through this sheet a message of deep affection to all her friends in the Mission, and her regret that she has no chance to see them once more and wish them happiness and success in their work. She adds:- "I wish you would tell them how much my acquaintance and friendship of years with so many of them has meant to me. I consider it a real privilege, a source of endless enrichment, to have been connected with them in this work of goodwill and love." She would be glad to hear from you, and to see you when you pass through Switzerland. Her address will be Auvornier, Neuchatel, Suisse. The best wishes of the Mission go with her as she leaves.

The formal opening of the ^{new} railway line connecting Ulukishla with Caesarea, or Kayseri, will be on the occasion of the great Tenth Anniversary, at the end of this month. However, trains have been running three times a week over the line for some time, connecting the Black Sea with the Mediterranean. Leaving Mersin at 6:20 Saturdays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, they run via Adana, Ulukishla, Kayseri, Sivas, to Samsun, reaching there the following evening at 20:05. Returning, they leave Samsun at 6:33 Saturdays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, arriving at Mersin the following day at 22:17.

Mr. James S. Clark, formerly teacher in Tarsus College, and son of our Merzifon associates, is attending Michigan State College this year as a Graduate Student in English and Education, hoping to receive his Life Certificate in Teaching.

As a bodyguard for the three Dewey children going to the Beirut Faculty School, a party went with them from Aintap Mrs. Dewey and her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Greene, also Mrs. Isely and her children. Mrs. Pence and Miss Phelps were to make the same trip a little later.

The Misses Elizabeth and Mary Webb have been on a trip from Beirut to the Holy Land with Miss Hattie Walker of Auburndale, who came out with Dr. and Mrs. Merrill. They are presumably back again by now in Beirut.

Professor E. J. Eisher, whose return to Robert College was forbidden by the Turkish Government, after spending a short time in Old Phaleron with his family, has taken them to Beirut, where Edgar is attending the Faculty School.

Mr. Stammelback, the new French teacher for Tarsus College, arrived in Stamboul on the Lloyd Triestino steamer Sunday last, and left yesterday by rail for his post.

Dr. F. F. Goodsell is leaving Boston for Liverpool Oct. 28th, and after visits in England and Switzerland, expects to arrive in Stamboul Nov. 21st, for a stay of about a week. He hopes to meet with many missionaries at Talas, Adana, and Aleppo as well, and go on via Damascus and Irak to Bombay, spend six weeks or more in India, and nearly as much in China, and two weeks in Japan before returning to America about May 15.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

The Anatolia College Alumni gave a dinner in honor of the retiring President, Dr. White, and his wife on the last of September, at the Hotel Majestic, Salonica, when some 73 alumni, teachers and friends gathered to do homage to their leader, in speeches full of warm affection and appreciation, and by the gift of a fine Turkish rug. Dr. White's seventy-second birthday, October 14th, was another festive occasion, noon, afternoon, and evening. Dr. and Mrs. Marden of Athens with Miss Mary Marden were able to attend this celebration; and Miss Marden remained to visit Miss Morley, and be present to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Riggs. Dr. and Mrs. White are planning to leave Salonica, on Friday of this week by rail; they spend Sunday the 29th in Geneva, and sail for America November 4th.

President and Mrs. E. V. Riggs of Anatolia College, with their daughter Margaret and their nephew, arrived at Salonica by rail from Trieste on Wednesday last, having driven in their automobile from Havre through Rouen, Paris, Geneva, Como, Milan, to Trieste.

Mr. and Mrs. Birge and Miss Rachel Snow returned last Thursday from a very successful trip to Albania. They visited Kortcha, Tirana, Elbasan, Kroya, Durazzo, Kavaja, and Berat, and returned as they had gone, by way of Salonica.

Miss Jennie E. Paige, of Sherbrooke, Quebec, and Mr. Edward S. Treat, of Spring Valley, N.Y. both formerly serving in our Talas Station, and whose engagement was announced two years ago, were married on June 24th last.

The Treasury Department announces that it has a few more copies of "Constantinople Today," "Pathfinder Survey of Constantinople: A Study in Oriental Social Life," which it will sell at three liras, in contrast to the publishers' price of \$5.00 (Macmillan). This book, while issued ten years ago, under very different conditions from the present, is an excellent reference book for quite a long period of the life of this city.

Rev. S. V. Gentle-Cackett, of the B.L.M.A.S., London, with the treasurer of the Society, Mr. Harry Fear, recently spent ten days in the Marden-Brewster home at Old Phaleron; and their presence gave new courage and pleasure to many, especially in the refugee settlements. They returned to England via Italy and France, on Sept. 22nd.

Miss Mary L. Marden, who has been principal for many years of a high school under the A.M.A. at Thomasville, Ga., now closed for lack of funds, arrived in Athens Sept. 25th to spend the year with her only brother, Dr. J.K. Marden. She is pleased to find her Turkish coming back to her, and will soon be able to use it easily.

Athens Junior College for Girls, at Elleniko, has opened auspiciously with the largest enrollment since relocating in Greece. The buildings are crowded to capacity, and several have been refused in the boarding department for lack of room.

At the first Vesper Service of the Anatolia College year, on October 1st, a concert was given by the choir of the Church of St. Sophia, Salonica, under the direction of Prof. Vassiliades.

Rev. Mr. Raymer of the Anglican Church at Athens, has resumed his monthly services in the Mission House at Old Phaleron, the second Sunday evening of each month. English speaking people in Old Phaleron are availing themselves of the privilege of this service.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

The Tenth Anniversary of the Turkish Republic is being celebrated with great eclat all over the country. In Stamboul, the decorations by day and especially the illuminations by night were on a scale never before seen. Fireworks, torchlight, processions, the decorations of the fleet and of commercial steamers, added to the scene. The newspapers came out with special editions, the Jumhuriyet with 64 pages, featuring articles giving the remarkable progress of the country during these past ten years. Parades of students, tradespeople, military, etc., and the dedication of various new buildings, also took place. The Sunday services in churches featured the anniversary. Special patriotic plays, were presented several times by students of Robert College and the Girls' College. All schools have a holiday of at least three days; and all shops are closed during Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

When one considers the strides accomplished in the realm of social life, marriage and divorce reform, laws of all kinds, literature, education, public security, literacy, rail, steamer, motor and air transportation, music, the drama, and many other departments of life, as well as the many new treaties of friendship with surrounding countries, strengthening foreign relations, it is clear, the Republic of Turkey is to be sincerely felicitated on the forward steps she has taken.

Dr. Philip M. Brown, who was an instructor at Robert College from 1898 to 1900, and then in diplomatic posts for ten years, twice in Constantinople, and who has since been instructor at Harvard and at Princeton, until recently, has been making a brief visit to our city with Mrs. Brown, and they have gone on to Angora to spend the Tenth Anniversary there, after which they plan to go on to Smyrna.

Miss Rutledge, of the American Hospital, returned to her post a short time ago, after a leave of absence in America.

Work at Aleppo College has opened up very satisfactorily. The return of Dr. and Mrs. Merrill has been hailed with delight. Enrollment is practically the same as last year, but shows a definite increase in territorial origin as well as in religious distribution.

Mr. Markham writes from Aleppo:- "We are moving in what may be a very significant direction in the extra-time work of our students. A number of the older ones have taken up teaching and the direction of athletics in two or three other schools. This we supervise, and definitely prepare for in an education course and in a leaders' corps. In the summer schools our boys held formal school in nine different places, with more than 500 children in attendance. The girls also did some things of the same sort but in a less formal way."

The Aintab ladies, after visiting Beirut as already noted, stopped in Aleppo on their return, some of them having taken in Damascus and Baalbek on their way.

Miss Katharine Glennie and Miss Dora M. Jones are spending the winter with Miss Emily McCallum at Old Phaleron.

The work in the Athens Station is opening surprisingly well, considering the great economies necessarily made this year. The four churches and the four schools are all continuing, as well as the work of the Bible women.

The papers have told us of the death at Washington a few days ago of Mr. Peter A. Jay, who was Secretary of Embassy in Stamboul in 1906-1907, and held diplomatic positions later in Egypt and in many other places. He was 56 years old.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Higgs

Dear friends:-

Miss Lucille Day, formerly of our Mission, is teaching in the Marathi Mission Girls' High School at Ahmednagar, India, has charge of 100 boarding school girls, and is Honorary Secretary of the Baby Welfare Association of that city.

Rev. William F. English, Ph.D., who was for nearly five years a member of our Mission, died at Hartford, Conn., Oct. 17th, 1933, aged seventy. Born in New Hampshire, he was graduated at Hartford Seminary in 1885, and after two years as pastor at Essex Junction, Vt., came out with Mrs. English under the American Board to Sivas in 1887, but had to resign in 1892 on account of ill health. Returning to America, he was minister of the 1st Congregational Church at East Windsor, Conn., for 24 years, being also Superintendent of Schools there for most of that time. He was for several years a Trustee of the Hartford Seminary Foundation, and assistant State Superintendent of Connecticut. Besides his wife, he leaves five children, two of them ministers.

President Paul Monroe, of the American Colleges here, left town last Thursday by rail, together with Dr. Faucett, for England. Dr. Monroe goes for special treatment in the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, while Dr. Faucett is seeing to the issue of a book.

It is a disappointment to learn that owing to the necessity of Dr. Goodsell being in America this fall for various engagements, his proposed trip to India, including the stop he had hoped to make in Turkey, has been cancelled. We shall therefore not be seeing him here as had been announced.

Ex-President and Mrs. George E. White left Salonica on Thursday morning, October 26th, St. Demester's Day, by train for Geneva, on their way to America. About 150 teachers, Students and other friends were at the station at the early hour of 7:30 to see them off. They go with the tender affection of hundreds of others who could not get there.

During the month previous to the departure of Dr. and Mrs. White, many ~~cesses~~ ^{receptions}, receptions and dinners given in their honor for even a mention. At the reception at the President's house, on the new campus of Anatolia College, there were in the neighborhood of two hundred people, including many government and church officials, the foreign consuls, etc.

This year the Protestant Armenian Boys' High School in Beirut and the American Girls' High School which Miss Jillson has been conducting have been united, under the principalship of Miss Jillson, as a measure of economy. At least the three upper classes are coeducational. It seems to be working out well.

Rev. W. S. Nelson, D.D., of Tripoli, Syria, recently underwent an operation for goitre, and seems to be making a good recovery. He came out to the Syria Mission forty-five years ago.

The Near East Foundation is carrying on in Syria three different branches of work:- health and social betterment service in a group of refugee villages in the Antioch region, under Miss Slack, her work being largely for children; cooperation with the Gregorian Church in maintaining the school at Antilyas for religious workers, in which Mr. T. A. Elmer is working; and an instructional and experimental farm near Baalbak, with outlying projects.

Your s very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

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Bible House, Stamboul, Nov. 14, 1933

Dear friends:-

Miss Hilda Douglass, a Quaker lady from Ireland who is to help out in the teaching at the Collegiate Institute at Smyrna, arrived there a week ago, and is at work.

Dr. Edwin St. John Ward, formerly of Beirut University, has accepted the position of Superintendent and Head Physician at the Hospital Cottages for Children, a convalescent home and hospital at Baldwinville, Mass., with 125 beds. He began work there October 18th. The elder daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ward, Esther, was married October 17th to Rev. W. B. Easton, pastor at Saxton's River, Vt.; Paul is studying at Harvard Graduate School, Philip at Amherst, and Eleanor at Mt. Holyoke. The youngest, Richard, is with his parents.

Miss Rachel Snow returned to Hissar last Friday, after a visit to Merzifon and Talas.

According to the new law concerning private hospitals, each hospital is to have a Turkish müdür, or director; also a Turkish bash hemshire, or head sister, or nurse, who must have a diploma from a Turkish nursing school. It is also stated that hospitals may not conduct pay clinics, but that all their clinics must be free. Any individual doctor may have his own private pay clinic. A clause in the law states that its provisions shall take effect six months after the promulgation of the nizam name, or rules and regulations connected with it. The latter document has not yet been published.

In some parts of the country, notably in Adana and in Talas, the officials have attempted to get our mission hospitals to conform to the above provisions without waiting the legal six months. If our hospitals are deprived of the income from clinics, it will be very difficult if not impossible for them to cover expenses.

Dr. J. Oscar Boyd, of the American Bible Society, is now in Sofia on a tour of the Balkan area, and is expected in our city by about the end of this week, going on later from here to Salonica,

The Armistice Day service at the Crimean Memorial Church on Saturday was well attended. It was conducted by the Bishop of Gibraltar, who has been making a visit in this part of his diocese; Dr. F. W. MacCallum also took part.

Dr. L. A. Shepard has just been on a short visit to Angora getting back to Stamboul this morning.

The November copy of the Missionary Herald contains interesting articles on the Board's work in Athens and in Salonica and in Beirut, a description of the honor conferred on Mr. Cooper of Philippopolis by the Bulgarian Government, a photograph of Mr. Kreider, and other material of interest to those connected with the Near East.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

On Friday, Nov. 10th, Miss Shank and Mr. & Mrs. Woolworth went to Mersin to welcome Miss Lillian Brauer on her return from America; and that same afternoon all were on hand in Tarsus to welcome Miss Agnes Fenenga, arriving from Constantinople. Adana Station, whose membership was so diminished by the departure of Miss Porel and Mr. Young, gladly welcomes these recruits.

Tarsus College was one of four schools which gave programs at Tarsus on the Monday evening during the celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of the Turkish Republic. The leading feature of the exercises at our College was Halit Fahri Bey's eight-scene play, "On Yilin Destani," which was so well received that the program was repeated to a full house the following Thursday, many more attending than on the first evening.

At the Tenth Anniversary celebration of the Turkish Republic in New York City, at the Waldorf-Astoria, under the auspices of the American Friends of Turkey, among those seated at the speakers' table were Admiral Mark L. Bristol, Hon. and Mrs. Abram I. Elkus, General C.H. Sherrill, President J. H. Angell of Yale, Mr. Asa W. Jennings, Dr. Joan H. Finley of the N. Y. Times, and the Turkish Ambassador, the Turkish Consul-General, the Greek Minister, the Greek Consul-General, and others.

The enrollment at the Athens Junior College for Girls this year is 216, of whom 156 are dayscholars and 60 boarders. The College needs very much the completion of McCallum Hall, which could be used for a dormitory to house more boarders. Every bed is full, and a few boarding students have been refused for lack of room. Some day students also had to be refused. This is the best enrollment the College has ever had in Greece. Fortunately it is located on a well-paved and much traveled road, and it is easy for day students to come out from Athens and Piraeus. The cost of transportation is less than when the College was in Phaleron, for Plloniko has community buses, running on a non-profit basis. The College department has doubled since last year.

The mosaics in the narthex of the mosque of St. Sophia have been uncovered to public view, Dr. Whitmore having completed the work of his second season, with results that will revolutionize the history of mosaics. Work within the mosque itself will be begun later.

Anyone interested in subscribing to the Reader's Digest, whether as a gift, a renewal, or a new subscription, may do so at minimum rates through Prof. F. S. Erdman at Robert College. The rate is \$2.25 for one year, plus 25 ¢ for foreign postage.

Our friends in Turkey will be interested to know that Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Jr., son of the former Ambassador to Turkey, has been appointed Acting Secretary of the Treasury, by President Roosevelt, on the resignation of Secretary Woodin.

Word has come of the death, on Friday, Nov. 10, of Tewfik Bey, for many years custodian of the American property in Sivas, a man of high character and great trustworthiness.

Dr. J. O. Boyd, of the American Bible Society, wires that he expects to be in Constantinople today.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Higgs

Bible House, Stamboul, Nov. 28, 1933.

Dear friends:-

One incident connected with the Fourth Balkan Conference, just closed, in Salonica, was the dedication, by the Greeks, on the day before the Conference opened, of a tablet in honor of Mustafa Kemal Pasha, President of Turkey, placed on the little old Turkish house in that city where he was born. This gracious act of friendship was much appreciated by the Turkish delegates to the Conference.

Dr. W. W. Reet and Mrs. Hemphill are still living in Chattanooga, Tennessee, but they have moved from 248 Oak Street to 536 Oak Street, a change which we feel sure their friends will take note of.

Professor Abraham Der Hagopian, so long connected with Robert College, has returned from several years of living near Paris, France, and is staying with friends in Rumeli Hissar.

Rev. and Mrs. William F. Clarke, formerly of Sofia, are settled down in the Howard Memorial Cottage, 136 Hancock Street, Auburndale, Mass., where for the present their boys are with them.

The latest word from Rev. and Mrs. Edward T. Ferry was from Greenville, S. C., just after they had been conducting a two weeks campaign in Macon, Georgia with an Oxford Group team, with great success, last month.

On Friday and Sunday last, the Union Evangelical Church of Pera celebrated its centenary. On Friday a well attended reception at the Union Francaise brought members and friends together socially, with a program of music. On Sunday Dr. F. W. MacCallum and C. T. Figgs shared with the Pastor, Rev. W. C. Kerr, in a commemorative service at the Dutch Chapel, which was well filled for the occasion. It was the one hundredth anniversary of the beginning of the regular English services which later resulted in the formation of the Church there.

Last Sunday afternoon the first of the Vesper organ recitals at Robert College for this season took place. A very satisfying program was played by Prof. Estes on the organ, assisted by Prof. MacNeal on the piano, including selections from Bach, Franck, Bevin, Borowski and others.

The local papers tell of furious storms the latter part of last week in southwestern Anatolia, corresponding to the south gale experienced in Stamboul. At Adalia roofs were torn off and trees uprooted. The railroad from Smyrna was damaged and trains stalled in the vicinity of Agdin and Denizli, by damage to the roadbed through floods. We have not heard of any loss of life.

The Ministry of Public Instruction has announced that the schools of the country must observe at least the following holidays each year:- October 20-31, anniversary of the Republic; February 1-3, midyear holidays; April 24 and 25, anniversary of the Grand National Assembly, and Children's Day; May 5 and 6, school festival; the three days of Sheker Bayram and the four days of Kurban Bayram; also June 1, National Sovereignty Day, and June 4, anniversary of the deliverance of Stamboul city.

Miss Hazel K. Hotson, of Adana, is now living at 7349 Churchill Avenue, Detroit, Mich. She has been spending quite a bit of time recently in making addresses in various parts of Michigan for the Board, and is enjoying the beautiful fall coloring of the landscape.

Miss Margaret White and Mrs. Alma Lee Howe, of the Stamboul Y. W. C. A., are both in New York City now, studying at Columbia and at Teachers College.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Figgs

Bible House, Stamboul, Dec. 5, 1933.

Dear friends:-

One of the severest storms for this season of the year in the memories of those now living devastated the shores of the Black Sea last week. It was particularly severe in the region of Samsoun, at which port 30 motorboats, 12 sailing vessels and 15 lighters are reported to have been driven on the rocks, with a loss of at least 17 lives. Other wrecks with loss of life are reported from Kerasoun, Vona, and other points. The storm was followed by a cold wave, which has covered many regions of Anatolia with snow, some of which fell also in this city.

We are sorry to announce that the American Express Company, which has been carrying on business in Stamboul for a dozen years or so, has closed its office here and withdrawn. The location it has occupied for several years, between Sirkedji and Emin Öndü, has been leased to the Adapazar Bankasi.

Mr. John Wagon, Managing Director of the American Express Office here, is making his preparations to leave Stamboul within about a week, and join his family in America.

On October 2nd, Mr. Joseph W. Beach, Managing Director of the Albanian-American Institute at Kavaja, Albania, together with Messrs. Allen and Archer of the Near East Foundation, was received by King Zogu L., who expressed the most cordial appreciation of the work being carried on, and assured them of his hearty support of their program and joint enterprise.

Night before last, the historic Department of Justice building in Stamboul, near St. Sophia, was completely destroyed by fire. The origin of this fire is now being investigated, several arrests having been made. This large yellow building, so prominent to persons arriving here by sea, situated between the mosque of St. Sophia and the Marmara, housed the first Turkish Parliament, which met in March, 1877, under Abdul Hamid II., and also the early sessions of the next Parliament, in December, 1908, shortly before the deposition of the same Sultan. Of late years it has housed the Law Courts, both commercial and criminal; and it is estimated that in the fire something like 500,000 dossiers, or case records, were lost. One young clerk is reported to have lost his life in the burning building. The city jail, near by, was endangered by the fierce wind, but was saved, the prisoners having been transferred to the central prison on the other side of the Hippodrome.

In our last issue there was an unfortunate blunder in the dates given for official holidays. The Anniversary of the Republic is naturally three days, not twelve; it should have been Oct. 29.31.

A Thanksgiving service was held on the morning of the Day, at the Dutch Chapel, the pastor, Mr. Kerr, presiding. Dr. J. U. Boyd of the American Bible Society gave the sermon. The American Ambassador and Mrs. Skinner were present, and a goodly number gathered to worship.

The English players, who visited our city last year and the year before, have again arrived and are giving a series of performances. The British Chamber of Commerce is arranging a dinner in their honor at Tokatlian Hotel next Saturday evening at 9.30. The Players will give a performance Friday afternoon at Robert College.

The American community is giving a luncheon in honor of Ambassador and Mrs. Robert Peet Skinner, at the Tokatlian Hotel on Thursday, December 14th, at 1 p.m. This will be in the nature of a community welcome to our new Ambassador and his wife, and a full attendance is expected.

Yours Very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Dec. 12, 1933.

Dear Friends:-

A letter from Dr. J. F. MacNaughton, from Montreat, N.C., tells of a recent visit of four days which he had with Dr. Peet and Mrs. Hemphill at Chattanooga, Tenn. He says:-"I found them in a surprising state of health. Mrs. Hemphill is as chipper as ever, and Dr. Peet, after all he has suffered, is marvelously well. We had a feast in reviewing the many years we spent in the East. It is after one is separated by space and time that the past rises up in proper perspective."

Miss A.M. Barker reached Stamboul on Saturday last, after her visit in Vienna, with her new glasses, and with her sight much improved.

Dr. J.O. Boyd of the American Bible Society leaves today for Salonica, after a stay in this city of three weeks.

Mrs. R. F. Markham writes from Aleppo that she is busy with Christmas music and pageants in the churches and schools. Part of her work is training a mixed choir of young people in the singing of some chants of the Gregorian Church.

Chaplain Hester and Mrs. (Margaret MacNaughton) Hester are staying at present in Charleston, S.C., where the Chaplain is on three years' shore duty.

Miss Hattie Walker, of Auburndale, who has been in Syria and Palestine since the end of September, arrived in Stamboul on Sunday by rail from Aleppo. She will probably spend about a month in this region.

The Community luncheon given in honor of Ambassador and Mrs. Skinner will take place at the Tokatlian Hotel on Thursday of this week at one o'clock. A large attendance is expected.

Professor Louis Karpinski, Professor of Mathematics at the University of Michigan, is visiting this city, and is to give a lecture before the School of Engineering of the Stamboul University, on the relation of mathematics to the sciences.

Rev. Mr. Weller, missionary at Delhi, India, is spending a few days in Constantinople on his way back to England.

Mr. Harold Pence of Aintab has returned home after a trip to Aleppo for dental and medical care. We understand Hal narrowly escaped a serious surgical operation, but is all right now.

Thanksgiving Day was observed at Athens by a gathering at the Junior College for Girls, Elleniko, when, after the reading of the President's proclamation by Consul Plitt, the American Minister, Mr. McVey, made a stirring address.

The investigation into the cause of the destruction by fire of the Law Courts building known as Adliye, seems to show that it was not the result of malice aforethought, but of carelessness on the part of employees, in not watching lighted braziers, and in stopping to try to put out the blaze themselves before calling for the fire department. Apparently also, though there was fire-fighting apparatus in the building, nobody seems to have known how to use it.

Two new publications by Prof. Levonian have just appeared from the press here, and may be obtained from the Publication Department:- Religion and Peace, and Religion and Prayer,- both in Turkish.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Biggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Dec. 19, 1933.

Dear friends:-

Dr. and Mrs. Wilfred Post, formerly of our Mission, and now of East Williston, N.Y., announce the marriage of their daughter, Helen Reed Post, to Mr. William Gordon Ross, on Dec. 1st, at East Williston, Long Island. The wedding is reported to have been a very pretty church wedding, Miss Dorothy Post being the maid of honor, Miss Harriet Yarrow and her mother were among those present. Mr. and Mrs. Ross have gone back to Berea College, Kentucky, where he is a professor.

Between ninety and a hundred Americans gathered at the Tokatlian Hotel on Thursday last, Dec. 14th, to a Community luncheon in honor of Ambassador and Mrs. Robert Peet Skinner. Dr. Harry Baker acted as toast master; and Miss Burns and Dr. Shepard made speeches, to which Ambassador Skinner replied, expressing his gratitude and that of Mrs. Skinner for the cordiality of the community's reception.

On Friday, Dec. 8th, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Emmanuel Church, Stamboul was celebrated by an appropriate gathering at the Bible House Chapel. The pastor, Rev. Yeghia Kassouni, presided; and there was a very large congregation. Special music was furnished by a choir, and by an instrumental trio of the Hava-fian brothers. Rev. S. E. Mancukian, Rev. Dr. F. W. MacCallum, and Rev. C. T. Riggs participated on the program, and the pastor gave a succinct history of the church for the past quarter-century. The anniversary received favorable mention in the local Armenian press. This is the only Turkish-speaking congregation in the city.

Further particulars have been received about the celebration of Thanksgiving Day by the American colony of Athens. The previous day, the students of the Junior College made gifts of huge baskets filled with vegetables and fruit, which were taken to some poor families. On the Day, after the address by the new minister, Mr. Lincoln Mac Veagh, nearly one hundred persons sat down to dinner at the College. At five o'clock, the American colony attended the reception given by the Minister and Mrs. Mac Veagh.

Dr. Ruth A. Parmelee has gone for a few weeks to the Sanitarium at Clifton Springs, N.Y., where she will be till after Christmas.

Mr. J. R. Brewster has returned to Athens after a visit to Macedonia and Thrace, where he saw the various Evangelical groups. He spent Thanksgiving Day in Salonica with our colleagues there. He reports that conditions are much better in the wheat-growing sections of the country than in the tobacco regions. The graduates of the School of Religion are doing constructive work in the spiritual rehabilitation of the country. A new emphasis is being given to Sunday-school work in the older churches.

President Paul Monroe has returned to Robert College after an absence of about six weeks in England undergoing a course of medical treatment, which has proved beneficial.

Today is the first day of Ramazan, the month of fasting for Mohammedans. This will mean that Bayram holidays will come just after the middle of January.

Rev. Paul F. Bobb, formerly of Terzifon, has recently become pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth, Texas, where his address is 2109 College Ave. He reports the family as all in pretty good health, with little Donald in the high second grade at school.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.