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BALKAN MISSION ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Balkan Mission was held at Samokov July 1 to 8. The meeting was characterized by an undertone of sadness on account of the loss of our fellow-worker, Rev. L. D. Woodruff. His life and service were frequently spoken of and resolutions of respect were passed.

We made special effort in this meeting to have accurate statistics and to compare present data with data of a decade or more ago so as to get some idea of the outward and visible success or failure of our work. It was evident that so far as numbers are concerned we have progressed little since 1910. A gain of 22% in membership in a decade is hardly inspiring. Yet we do not forget that it was a decade of turmoil and strife with great empires rising and falling.

However, the advance not measured with ciphers is more encouraging. The Evangelical cause in Bulgaria has a standing and influence and opportunity today such as it has never known before. Our preachers are welcomed in every village, our weekly paper has a larger circulation than ever in its history and is more carefully and eagerly read. Our schools are always full. We are known and respected by the nation far more than before the recent wars and we have a standing with the government which is most happy and satisfactory.

The mission in Bulgaria is in a far happier political situation than any other of our work in the Near East. We have peace, perfect peace in this dark world of sin. We can travel everywhere in the kingdom without let or hindrance. Except as one approaches certain frontiers no passports are needed and no questions are asked. Meetings indoors and outdoors, large and small, are freely held. Very few of the people are under arms and the pursuits of peace flourish on every hand. Bulgaria is now harvesting one of the best crops of grain she has ever grown and that from a very large acreage. True, Bulgaria has her troubles, but the high officials and editors chiefly deal with them while the nation reaps its golden fields. The greatest hardship is the low value of the lev, less than 4% of its face value, but in spite of this there is hope.

The chief item of inter-mission importance was the decision, on request from Salonica station, to recommend to the Prudential Committee to separate the Salonica field from the Balkan Mission, and join it with the Western Turkey Mission which has Greek work. It is almost self evident that those working among Greeks can get more aid in conference with others doing Greek work than with those working among

Bulgarians. We sympathize with Salonica station in their desire to have all the Greek work united. All regret, however, to end our happy association in service, and especially we regret the separation from Dr. House and his family who in former years worked so earnestly among the Bulgarians. What our mission will be called in the future rests with the Prudential Committee, but it would seem to answer best to the name, Bulgarian Mission.

Another important decision was to approve the action of the school trustees to discontinue the three years course of the Pro-gymnasium and to have only the five years of the Gymnasium. The number of national progymnasias in the land is increasing rapidly and there are fewer boys and girls applying to us. But it is really our lack of room which compels us to take the step. Certainly we have not room to house these small boys and girls as they should be, separate from the older ones.

During these times there is a good deal of polemic in our churches in regard to the New and Old Theology. It threatens at times to produce a rupture, but this we do not feel is imminent. Within the Mission there are also differing views, but we may say almost no disharmony. Surely no such note marred the joy of our fellowship in these eight days of conference.

Our Fourth of July was an unusual one. We are in the process of purchasing a hundred acres of land near Sofia, where we expect to transfer the schools and hope to wield a larger influence in the future. The agents of whom we are buying invited the whole Mission to come down and accept their hospitality at the new site. Here they provided a sumptuous spread at which we were honored by the presence of the Minister of Education, Mr. Omarchevsky, his chief secretary, Mr. Manoloff, and the Minister of Communications, Mr. Manoloff. The Minister of Education expressed his appreciation of the schools and congratulated us on our prospective removal to the capital. Mr. Markham gave a fitting response.

We are awaiting with pleasure the early return of Mr. and Mrs. Ostrander, and the return after three years absence of Mr. Holway with his wife who comes to us for the first time.

W. C. COOPER

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT

It has been the custom for many years for the faculty to hold a mid-summer meeting in Beirut. The roller skating rink on top of West Hall is the coolest place in town and it met there Aug. 15th. Two most important announcements

were made by Acting-President Nickoley: first the successful completion of the million dollar fund for the three Near East Colleges, Robert, Constantinople and A.U.B.; and the second was the appointment of Dr. John W. Shuman of Sioux Falls, Iowa, to succeed Dr. Graham in the chair of pathology and practice of medicine. Dr. Shuman has accepted the appointment and with his wife and three children expects to take up his duties at the opening of the University in October.

Aug. 8th the "Cameronia" of the Anchor Line visited Beirut with over 500 American travelers. A committee from the A.U.B. faculty, from the American Mission, the N.E.R. and the Y.W.C.A. met their compatriots, welcomed them to Beirut, helped them to their trains and autos, and others they received at West Hall, serving cooling beverages and cakes, and conducted them about the campus and museums, and later to the Mission Compound, to the Y.W.C.A. Service Center, to the Press and to the Armenian camp of misery; and others took autos for a ride of 30 miles to Jebail to see the N.E.R. orphanage there in working order, the ruins of an Egyptian temple, etc. It was a great day for Beirut people. Many of the faculty came down from the Lebanon to share in the work. All enjoyed it, even the travelers.

Dr. and Mrs. Porter celebrated their golden wedding Aug. 8th. On account of Dr. Porter's feeble health it was not made the occasion their friends had hoped to make it.

SUMMER CAMPS OF THE Y.M.C.A.

Bathing is naturally the feature of any summer camp in the vicinity of Constantinople. Since the swift currents and treacherous waters of the Bosphorus do not conduce to this sport, the Constantinople Y.M.C.A. has had its two camps for civilians, one at Kilios on the Black Sea, about five miles from the mouth of the Bosphorus, and the other at Floria, near Kütchük Chekmedjé Bay, on the European shore of the Marmora.

Camp Perry, at Kilios, located in a quiet valley just out of sight of the Black Sea waves but within easy reach of the wonderful beach, has been in charge of Mr. Hedden, the Boys' Work Secretary; and the program has included a Leaders' Camp from June 19 to July 17, with over a hundred in attendance. Twenty of these received the Honor Emblem for faithful work on special tests, and twelve won the emblem of the Camp Perry Life Saving Corps. Next came an Institute for native Y.M.C.A. Secretaries, and a school for men interested in physical education. About a dozen were in attendance, representing six nationalities. There were lectures on the bearings of physical education to many other subjects, as well as on anatomy and physiology. Each afternoon was given to games and sports, with a demonstration-play-festival at the end. One of the most helpful features was the presence and talks of Rev. R. F. Markham, of the American Board, who spoke every morning on some phase of Christ's teachings. Just at the close of the Institute, July 31, a great wind and rain storm completely leveled the camp, all tents

but two being blown down. Order was restored however in time for the next camp period, when 250 Turkish orphans were given an outing. One feature of this group was the orchestra, to whom Mr. Phillips taught the tunes of "The Church in the Wild Wood," and "Brighten the Corner Where you Are;" the boys were so enthusiastic over these that they did not wish to play anything else, and would always reserve these two for the crowning place on any program.

On the wonderful beach at Floria, Mr. Brady of the Russian "Mayak," after weeks of effort, set up a camp for Russians, the middle of July, which he plans to continue as long as the weather permits. Here are ten tents, meant to accommodate 75 persons, but as many as 132 have been taken care of, since large numbers were willing to sleep even on the sand if allowed to stay. The limit of stay for any individual is five days, and there are usually 60 persons staying there. A buffet tent serves tea and cakes and lemonade; and four tent-walls give a fine chance for sun-baths. There have been two all-day picnics, in one of which 96 orphan children spent a happy day, while 122 adults went on the other, paying 75 piastres for the trip, including boat-fare and meals. Another picnic is planned. During August, in addition to the regular campers, a ten-day camp for boys, followed by a similar ten-day camp for girls, have secured remarkably beneficial results. Many of the children, — all of whom are refugees, — were in bad shape when they went there, and the outing has built them up wonderfully, and given them a new interest in life. Seeing this, several parties are being sent out there by the doctor's orders; such persons are allowed to stay as long as is considered by the doctor necessary. The fresh air, sea and sun baths, and clean surroundings are a better tonic than any amount of drugs. Beach games, volley-ball, water polo, and a raft for the children, are among the attractions. The manager of this camp is a Russian colonel who had set himself up in business for self-support, but was so interested in the camp idea that he has shut up his place of business for two months and is giving his services free, feeding himself out of his savings, and having simply a tent and cot given him for his work of love. The regular work of the Y.M.C.A. in the Russian "Mayak" in Pera goes on also through the summer; educational, recreational and cinema programs are being carried on among the thousand refugees in Scutari; two tennis courts near the Taxim in Pera are kept busy; and a Carnival, or "Stunt Night," was arranged at the latter for August 29; but nothing yet done for these Russian refugees is of such potential good as this camp on the Marmora.

THE AMERICAN NAVY Y.M.C.A.

It is never dull or monotonous in or about the American Navy Y.M.C.A. Something new and interesting is being offered at all times.

Much interest was attached to the "home going" of the Old Division and the arrival of the New Division. Naturally, the Old Division left all the sights to see, the last gifts to

buy, and last supplies to lay in, until the last moment. It was a mad rush the last week they were here. Of course the New Division had to see everything at once and have had much to learn by sad experience.

The farewell party for the Old Division was combined with a welcome for the incoming Division and also as an American Community celebration for the Fourth of July (since both Divisions were in Port at this time.)

It seemed a hard task to entertain and hold the interest of upwards of two thousand very much alive Americans. However, "many hands make light work." The American Legion as well as members of the American Colony joined forces with the American Navy Y.M.C.A. and the results far outreached expectations. The Taxim Stadium was rented with the refreshment booths. A great athletic meet was staged which lasted from one P.M. until eight P.M.

Eats were provided in such quantity and in such attractive form that there was no excuse for the people to go elsewhere during the intermission. Gallons of lemonade, sandwiches, cakes and boiled eggs by the hundreds disappeared as if by magic and calls for "seconds" were heard on all sides.

Outside of this celebration and sightseeing parties, all social activities have naturally centered in and about beautiful Camp Mark L. Bristol, situated this year at Yeni Keuy. Here men of the U.S. Navy and members of the American Colony have come to know each other intimately.

The Camp fills a most important place in the lives of our sailors. It has never been the intention to make of the Camp a place where men gather in crowds, but rather a place where the men can relax from discipline, where they may have the freedom of a tent all their own, where they may live a normal home life. On board ship it is more or less of a community life and nerves get "edgy and frazzled." At the Camp all this is reversed and the men react almost immediately. It is also a great place for the men to convalesce in, having had a siege in the hospital, otherwise there is no intermediary between the hospital and the Navy hammock. We are told that there are few easy chairs on ship board.

The Sunday evening services have continued this summer without a break and the attendance has vied with that of the cinema shows which have been held three times a week as usual.

Our winter plans include an intensive educational and athletic program as far as the movements of the ships will permit. Indoor athletic meets once a month, with boxing bouts twice a month, basket ball and volley ball games each week, as well as classes in all forms of sport, including "jiu jitsu."

Mr. Nyquist, our athletic director, is arranging a large athletic meet, similar to the one offered on the Fourth of July, for the coming Labor Day Celebration. It is planned to have this meet at the Stadium, conditions permitting. It will include base ball, track events and six bouts. In each bout an American will be matched with a Britisher.

It may be of interest to know that at the present time there are seven destroyers, two sub-chasers and the Admiral's flagship stationed here, a large family to look after and attend to their many wants.

NELSON E. POE

THE GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The *Reveil* gives some interesting details regarding the Government of the Grand National Assembly at Angora, and its political constituency. The Assembly is composed of about 350 members, elected from all parts of the country. There are no political parties, properly speaking, but rather groups, whose members do not necessarily have the same political, social and economic viewpoints. The most important of these groups is that known as the Defence of the Rights of Anatolia and Roumelia. This might be called the majority party. It has about 170 members, and usually controls the absolute majority. Its leader is Yousouf Nadi Bey. All important questions, before being put to the Assembly, are discussed by this group, which also decides on the interpellations to be made; it has also the power to designate candidates for the various commissariats, or the departments of the Cabinet. Second in influence and importance to this group is that composed of the deputies from the Eastern Provinces, of Erzroum, Van, Bitlis, etc., who are more particularly concerned with the interests of those regions. It is made up in the main of Kourdish deputies. Some members of this group belong also to the first-named group at the same time. The third group is that of the *Hodjas*, or religious or clerical members. They are a unit as regards all questions pertaining to the Moslem faith and the prescriptions of the *Sheri*, or religious law. The law prohibiting alcoholic liquors was put through by this party.

There is, strictly speaking, no Opposition. There are certain members, like Col. Selaheddin Bey of Mersin, and Hussein Avni Bey of Erzroum, who are personally opposed to Moustafa Kemal Pasha, but they are not hostile to the existence of the Angora Government, nor do they oppose what is known as the National Pact. There is also a group of Unionists, numbering about fifteen, under the leadership of Eyoub Sabri Bey, who was formerly general secretary of the Union and Progress Committee. And lastly there is a communistic group, which has shrunk from 60 or 70 members till it now has but ten; its chief men are Dr. Tewfik Rushdi, of Moughla, and Sheikh Savfet, of Brousa.

SYRIA AMERICAN MISSION PERSONALITIES

Miss Harriet La Grange has returned to America after serving in the Syria Mission for 47 years, most of that time in the Girls' Seminary at Tripoli.

Miss Lois Wilson will take up work in the fall at the A.S.G. in Beirut.

Dr. and Mrs. Boies have finished the course at the Suqul Gharb Language School and are now at their station in Tripoli.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Erdman will be transferred in the fall from Zahleh in Mt. Lebanon to Beirut, where he will serve as Mission treasurer. Mr. Dana will be relieved of that

function and will serve as Manager of the American Press. A new building for the Press is rapidly approaching completion. The new Arabic linotype machine, the first one made, is already set up and in working order. Mr. Dana has been in Europe for his health and is expected back to Beirut about Sept. 1st.

Mr. Alter, Mr. Stolfus and Miss Frances Irwin of Minneapolis, are recruits to the Mission and are wrestling with Arabic roots at the Language School. Pity 'em!

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Leavitt are having their last term at the Language School and in October Mr. Leavitt will assume the principalship of the Tripoli Boys' Boarding School.

Miss Alice Doolittle has been assigned to the Hamlin Memorial Hospital (for tuberculosis) at Shebaniyeh. The hospital is owned and managed by the Syria Mission. It is the result of untiring efforts of the late Dr. Mary Eddy. It has been named in memory of the late Dr. Teunis Hamlin of Washington. Dr. Nucho, of the medical faculty of the A.U.B., is the attending physician.

Rev. and Mr. Geo. C. Doolittle have sailed for America on furlough. Their son Karl has entered a theological seminary.

Dr. Ellis Hudson and wife are expected to join the Syria Mission in the fall. Dr. Hudson was a former instructor at A.U.B. and Mrs. Hudson resided several years in Beirut. Their many friends will welcome them most gladly.

Dr. Roy Smith of the Reformed Presbyterian Mission took his government examination for license to practice medicine with the senior class at A.U.B. He will take up his work at Latakia after his course in the Language School.

THE TURKISH PRESS

The speech of Premier Lloyd-George early in the month was the occasion of many comments in the Turkish papers. The *Ileri* said:—"Since the signature of the Treaty of Sèvres by the Turkish delegates, various events have taken place in the political field. British policy has again turned against us. The speech of Mr. Lloyd-George is in contradiction with the principles of the Paris conference of March 26th, 1922. It is only with great difficulty that we can get the meaning of this speech, which contains errors that would easily have been corrected. Have the terms of March 26th been withdrawn? They were proposed jointly by the Allies. They should therefore be withdrawn only by common agreement. We ourselves have not thus far rejected by a stroke of the pen any of the propositions made by the Allies, while the Greek Government has not accepted a single one of them. We beg Mr. Lloyd-George and the liberal party in England to be more sincere toward us. Greece has never taken into consideration the decisions as to modifying the Sèvres Treaty. The declarations of Mr. Lloyd-George about atrocities are hardly based on authentic information. How can one form a judgment about atrocities in regard to which the commissions of inquiry have not made a report? Mr. Lloyd-George

had recognized away back in January of 1918 the rights of the Turks over Constantinople, Thrace and Anatolia. No political pretext can do away with these rights. We therefore hope that on the occasion of this anniversary of the signature of the Sèvres Treaty, this international instrument may be completely torn up, and replaced by conditions more tolerable than those of March 26, 1922."

The *Tevhid-i-Efkâr* said:—"This speech is hostile from end to end. Our public opinion will no longer delude itself with vain hopes, but will see the situation clearly. For individuals and for nations alike, it is better to look danger in the face than to be simply optimistic. It is only thus that they can take the necessary steps for the safety of the country. This speech gives us no new ideas. Since the armistice the British statesmen have from time to time made speeches like this. We trusted that the great powers might in time, after the Paris Conference, — where Lord Curzon also was present, — show more conscience toward the Turks It means that it will now be necessary to conquer us by arms so as to establish a peace on any other basis than our national pact. Even if the Hellenic army should force our army to retreat, the result would again be negative. Greece must conquer the Turks clear to Erzroum so as to realize her aspirations. Anatolia is convinced, after all these months of deliberations and negotiations, that there is no other means but war by which to realize her national pact."

NEW BUILDING FOR A.C.I., SMYRNA

Ground is just being broken for the first new building for the American Collegiate Institute at Geuz Tepé, Smyrna. The site, overlooking the great Bay of Smyrna, on a hill outside the city proper to the west, was purchased some years ago, but the funds for building were not obtained until very recently. It is hoped that the Institute may be moved into its new quarters in a year's time.

The building will accommodate a hundred students and twenty-six teachers. Another building is planned for, to be used as a school. The location is fine, and very healthful, and in spaciousness and quiet, is in marked contrast to the present site at Basmahané, in the heart of the city.

An old building on the Geuz Tepé grounds has for the past year accommodated the Turkish primary department, under the care of Miss Greene and Miss Grohe, with an attendance of 47. The enrollment in the city itself was 257, making a total of 304 in the entire school.

This school for girls was started in 1875 by Miss Maria West, and the present Principal is Miss Emily MacCallum. During the fifty-seven years of its existence 274 girls have graduated, besides hundreds of other girls who have studied there for a longer or shorter period. Many of the graduates have gone into teaching, nursing and social service. The field from which students are drawn covers all of Asia Minor, the Aegean Islands, Greece itself, and to some extent other regions. Prof. L. A. Scipio of Robert College is the consulting engineer for the new building.

INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF MISSIONS

The midsummer number of this extremely valuable quarterly follows up its surveys of missionary history for the past ten years with two such, for Korea and the Philippines, both of them encouraging and challenging. They are by Bishop Herbert Welch, D.D., and Rev. Frank C. Laubach, Ph.D., respectively. Professor E. D. Burton, D.D., of Chicago University, who was Chairman of the Education Commission to China, contributes an article surveying the situation confronting the Commission, and giving the general conclusions at which it arrived. Dr. J. H. Ritson, of the British and Foreign Bible Society, has a stimulating meditation on the Bible: *An Unfettered Missionary*. There is a poem by Prof. Kenneth J. Saunders of Berkeley, California, describing the religious struggles of a Chinese pilgrim in Ceylon. The *Study of Religion in the Training of Missionaries* is the title of the paper by Prof. Edmund D. Soper, D.D., of Northwestern University, dealing with the content of such training and the purpose which is to be achieved. Mr. Jakob E. Lundahl, of the General Missionary Conference of Sweden, tells of Missionary Cooperation in Sweden, along the lines of mission study, publication, libraries, and missionary instruction in State schools, general conferences, education of missionaries during their furloughs, and the work of the women's committee. Such work has exercised an exceedingly important influence on Swedish missionary life. Professor K. S. Latourette of Yale, formerly in China, gives the story of the Missionary Awakening among Roman Catholics in the United States, noting the increased contributions of American Catholics for mission work, till in 1918 they passed the million dollar mark; the rise of missionary training institutes, eight of which are enumerated; the Catholic Student Mission Crusade, modeled after the Student Volunteer Movement, and the steps toward the formation, as yet incomplete, of an American Board of Catholic Missions. A score of book reviews add to the value of this number. No student of missions should be without access to this thesaurus of missionary science. It is to be had from the Edinburgh House, Eaton Gate, Sloane Square, London S.W.1, the annual subscription being 10/6.

NEWS NUGGETS

BORN:—to Mr. and Mrs. (Frances Huntington) LeBouvier, at Constantinople July 25, a son, John Douglas.

BORN:—to Captain and Mrs. (Inga Ravndal) Keble, at Constantinople, on August 11, a daughter, Ruth Everist.

BORN:—to Rev. and Mrs. Henry H. Riggs, at Constantinople, on August 26, a daughter, Ruth Elizabeth.

Miss Annie E. Gordon left Constantinople August 8th, returning to Smyrna.

Mrs. Marcellus Bowen is in the American Hospital, with a severe case of bronchitis.

Miss Mary I. Ward and Miss E. Zbinden of Marsovan have gone to Bulgaria for a vacation.

The engagement is announced of Miss Jessie Martin of Adana and Mr. Paul F. Bobb of Tarsus.

Dr. and Mrs. Wilson F. Dodd are to leave New York September 9th on the S.S. "King Alexander" for Constantinople.

Miss Elsa Reckman and Mr. Stanley Kerr, of Marash, were married on August 5th, and took a wedding trip to Jerusalem.

Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Dewey and their two children left Constantinople Aug. 1st for Caesarea, going via Samsoun and Marsovan.

Rev. and Mrs. S. R. Harlow and their children left Smyrna August 13th for America on account of the serious illness of their son John.

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Miss Ellen M. Blakely of Marash, who has been making quite a stay in Constantinople, left August 11th on her way to Beirut and the Lebanon.

Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Pye and their four sons arrived from America Aug. 1st and will live in Hissar. Mr. Pye will be connected with the School of Religion.

Mr. Wallace W. Smith, son of Mrs. S. S. Smith, formerly of Marsovan, and Miss Ruth Lewella Rondeau were married on July 1st at Fernwood, California, where they will live, and where he has a fur farm.

Mr. Dave Hoagland, who has been teaching in Tarsus, in St. Paul's Institute, went August 24th to the Caucasus, after spending a couple of weeks in Constantinople. He will work under Near East Relief.

Mr. F. D. Steger, Senior Y.M.C.A. Secretary for Turkey, has gone to America, taking in on his way the Conferences in Copenhagen and Garmisch. He will be present at an important Secretarial Conference in October in the United States.

Dr. Jesse K. Marden, of Marsovan, has been appointed acting Director of the Caucasus area of the N.E.R., with headquarters in Alexandropol. Mrs. Marden left Constantinople August 15th to join him.

Wilson F. Dodd, M.D., son of Dr. William S. Dodd of Konia, and Miss Mary Benedict were married at her home in Elmira, N.Y., on July 20 th. They are under appointment as missionaries of the American Board, and will sail shortly for Turkey, probably to study in the Language School.

Edward M. Dodd, M.D., son of Dr. William S. Dodd of Konia, and Miss Rose Dulles Wilson, daughter of Mrs. Samuel G. Wilson of Persia, were married July 28th, at Montclair, N.J. Dr. Dodd is acting as Medical Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions; and they will reside at 150 Midland Ave., Montclair, N.J.

Dr. Christine E. Essenberg, on leave of absence from Scripps Institution, LaJolla, Calif., has been appointed assistant professor of biology at Constantinople College, Miss A. Frances Johnson, Ph.D., Bryn Mawr '17, comes out as Professor of Physics, and Miss Helen G. Smith, of Oberlin College '19, as Director of Physical Training and student secretary.

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Messrs. David Hall, of Harvard '22, Randolph B. Smith of the same class, and Roy N. Veatch, of University of Oregon, '22, have been appointed instructors in English at the American University of Beirut, and Mr. Francis M. Potts, of University of Illinois '22, instructor in Commerce, and Mr. Alfred W. Bastress of Penn State College '22, instructor in Chemistry.

A party consisting of Mrs. Ernest C. Partridge and three children, Mrs. Charles E. Clark and three children, Miss Esther Bridgman, and Miss Elizabeth Lewis was booked to sail August 25th from New York by the Greek steamer "Megali Hellas" for Constantinople. Mrs. Partridge and children will go on with Mr. Maynard and family to join Mr. Partridge at Erivan.

Miss Elizabeth Lewis, of Conshohocken, Pa., has been secured on a three-year term as teacher in the Gedik Pasha School, Stamboul. Since her graduation in 1909 from Drexel Institute, she has held secretarial positions and has been Metropolitan Supervisor of women's and girls' work under the Christian Association in Philadelphia, and has had practical experience as a teacher.

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told on Mr. Olin P. Lee, Y.M.C.A. Secretary there, and he is now up in the mountains at Namroun, with Mr. and Mrs. Nilson. Owing to the changed circumstances, the Y.M.C.A. has decided to close up its work in Adana and dispose of its equipment by the end of December, when Mr. Lee will return to the United States.

The missionaries returning to Bulgaria were leaving America as follows:—Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Ostrander and Miss Edith L. Douglas on August 8th from Boston for Liverpool; Mr. John F. Stearns, newly appointed instructor for the Boys' Institute at Samokov, on August 22nd from New York for Southampton; Rev. and Mrs. Theodore T. Holway on August 23rd from Boston for Liverpool. All of them proceed by rail to Sofia and Samokov.

Prof. Chester F. Lay, of the University of Chicago, has been appointed professor of Commerce at Robert College, and Mr. Harlan D. Conn, of the University of Illinois, '22, instructor in commerce; Mr. Donald C. Blaisdell, of Penn. State College, '20, comes out as instructor in Engineering; Mr. Charles C. Cowell, of Springfield Y.M.C.A. College '21, as Director of Physical Training, and Miss Olive Barstow, of Spring Valley, N.Y., succeeds Miss Smith as secretary to the President. Mr. J. Edward Todd, the new Bursar, is already on the spot, and his wife and daughter are on their way to join him.

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Mr. C. V. Vickrey and his party of N.E.R. State secretaries, having returned from their visit to the Caucasus, held a conference in the Social Hall of Robert College on August 13th, with an exhibition in the evening of the film "Alice in Hungerland." On the Wednesday following a reception was tendered to them by the Armenian Relief Committee of Constantinople, at Tokatlian Hotel, Pera, with a sumptuous tea, followed by addresses by Mr. V. S. Papazian, Secretary of the Committee, Mgr. Nazlian, acting Patriarch of the Armenian Catholic Church, His Holiness Zaven, Patriarch of the Armenian Gregorian Church, Professor Bezdjian, Chancellor of the Protestant Community, and Dr. H. A. Tupper of Washington, and Mr. C. V. Vickrey. The party left by American destroyer for Beirut the next day.

The receipts from the Karakeuy (Galata) Bridge during June amounted to Ltq. 44,173, and in July to Ltq. 44,562.

Refet Bey, former vali of Kastemouni, has been appointed Governor-general of Adana, and has reached his post.

The feast of Kourban Bairam occurred August 4-7.

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Owing to the times, the ceremony of kissing the Sultan's hand was omitted.

A setting-up conference will be held during the first few days of September at the Pera Headquarters of the Y.M. C.A., for all secretaries.

Mr. P. K. Chu, a Chinese journalist representing a syndicate of Chinese newspapers, has been visiting in Constantinople during the past month.

News from Angora reports that the Kemalist Government has decided not to permit the opening of any American schools in towns where no Americans reside.

On August 4th, the Anchor Line steamer "Cameronia," with about 600 American tourists on board, arrived in the Bosphorus, leaving the next day for Beirut.

There have been two large fires recently in Salonica, destroying the warehouses the quay. A fire is also reported at Angora, which burned the Bolshevik legation and thirty private houses.

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Rev. Henry Allen Tupper, D.D., pastor of the First Baptist Church of Washington, D.C., made a brief visit during August to Constantinople, having made the trip from New York in just twelve days.

The Allied High Commissioners at Constantinople have recommended that a preliminary exchange of views be arranged for between Turkish and Greek delegates at a meeting to be held in Venice. Details are still not arranged.

The French dreadnought "France," which will be remembered by dwellers on the Bosphorus, struck an uncharted hidden rock in Quiberon Bay, south of Brest, while returning from night practice, and sank in ten fathoms of water.

A strong Turkish offensive began August 26th against the Greeks, both in the Afion Kara Hissar region, and in the Biledjik region. According to the Turkish papers, Biledjik has been retaken by the Turks, and the southern army has occupied Afion Kara Hissar. The Greek communiqué says the attacking force in the latter area consists of ten divisions.

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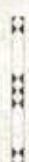
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