

Dear friends:-

A Happy New Year to you all! Are you all rejoicing in the fact that you have not yet made a mistake in dating, since the year came in? Then that shows you haven't written many letters yet!

Miss Draper, Miss Friedrichs and Miss Steele, of the Sofia American College, are visiting Constantinople for their holidays. The College has a three weeks vacation, till Jan. 19th. The vacations of the local Colleges have not yet begun.

The natural anxiety of some people regarding Mr. Harold Pence and his trip to Aintab has been allayed by the receipt of news of his arrival there. He and his son Jimmy and the two heifers had a rough trip from here to Mersin, and Jimmy and his father were both seasick for three days, and took some time to get over the effects. The party were held up in Mersin four days owing to the fact that the floods had washed out the railroad tracks between there and Adana. When they once started, they had fine weather clear to Aintab; and barring the breaking of an axle after riding some ten miles from the railroad station, the trip might be called successful.

The Board of Managers of Aleppo College have been officially informed that authorization has been granted by decision of the High Commissioner to "re-open and conduct at Aleppo....the educational establishment in operation at Aintab." Thus far, the Managers have been conducting the school under the name of the "Boys' High School," although it covered the work done through the Sophomore year of a college course. As soon as certain material additions to equipment, staff and curriculum can be made, the reopening of the College as such will take place.

Dr. and Mrs. S. Ralph Harlow and their daughter Ruth, who have been traveling in Egypt and Palestine, and are now in Beirut, are expected to arrive in Constantinople via Aleppo on Friday next, for a stay of a few days on their way back to Athens.

Dr. and Mrs. Donovan, who were in Constantinople for a visit, left on Thursday last for Athens. Dr. Donovan will give a course of lectures in the School of Religion before returning to Salonica.

Those members of the Language School who were away for the vacation having returned, the School resumed its work Monday. Nadir Bey, the Turkish teacher, is detained in hospital by injuries received in an unfortunate fall, and will be absent for a while.

Miss Hallett, Miss Hunter, and Mr. James Clark, from Adana and Tarsus, have been spending the holidays with their friends in Talas and Caesarea.

Mr. E.C. Blake of Erenkeuy A.C.I. left on Christmas Day for a trip to Merzifon and Talas. Dr. Clark was to join him on the latter part of this.

The Annual Twelfth-Night production of the Hissar Players was very successfully given last evening and Monday afternoon. It was Shakespeare's Taming of the Shrew, but in modern dress. Apparently this is the first time a Shakespeare play has been given in modern setting.

The new translation of Matthew's Gospel into Turkish is meeting with a favorable reception. We hear of one Turk, teaching a class of adult foreigners the Turkish language, who has adopted it as a textbook. The Gospel of Mark will soon be off the press.

After a lengthy tour of various parts of the country, including latterly Adrianople and Kirklar Ili and Brousa, President Mustafa Kemal has returned to Angora for a fortnight, after which he plans trips to other points.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Dr. and Mrs. S. Ralph Harlow and Miss Ruth arrived as expected from Beirut and Aleppo by rail on Friday last, and are leaving by Lloyd Triestino steamer Thursday for Greece to resume work at the School of Religion, Old Phaleron. Dr. Harlow preached at Robert College on Sunday; and their visit here has been a joy to a large number of friends in various parts of the city.

Word has come of the death from fever on January first, in Cairo, Egypt, of Miss Emma D. Cushman, aged about seventy. Miss Cushman came out to the Talas Hospital as a nurse in 1899 from her home in Kansas City, Mo., and was there for a dozen years, taking an active part in the training of nurses and also in evangelistic work. Later she was in the Konia Hospital with Mrs. Dodd and Post; and after that she was in N.E.R. work, in Constantinople and afterward in the island of Euboea and at Corinth, Greece. She had recently withdrawn from connection with the N.E.R. Orphanage in Corinth, and was living on a chicken farm near by.

Talas seems to be a good winter resort. From Tarsus and Adana Mr. James Clark, Miss Hunter and Miss Hallett arrived in one day; and from Merzifon Dr. Clark and Miss Ruth Clark came with Mr. E. C. Blake of Constantinople, also in one day. With the railroad soon to be completed connecting Sivas with Merzifon, it will be even better. The visitors enjoyed climbing Ali Dagh, and seeing the snows of Mt. Argaeus. They managed besides to get in a village trip, and saw the effects of the movies on a crowd of village men and boys (and women in the gallery, - they couldn't resist the appeal of the movies). It is certainly an interesting development of visual education to be able to carry a small machine into a building, connect with an ordinary auto battery under the table, hang a screen on a wall, and show pictures which 300 people at once can enjoy.

The Stambul Central of the Telephone Company is being converted to the Automatic system, which will be put in operation toward the end of the year 1931. In connection with this change, the number of the Bible House is being changed, beginning with January 16th, after which date it will be "24545" instead of "Stambul, 1845". It will no longer be necessary to use the word "Stambul."

Scutari Academy for Girls has a narrow escape from serious trouble last Saturday, when fire broke out in a wall near a chimney in the Cham Konak. Providentially it was soon put out by the firemen who were promptly called. The coolness exhibited by both teachers and girls on this occasion was most praiseworthy.

President Kathryn Newell Adams of Constantinople College arrived in Athens Friday morning last, and is being entertained at Athens College, the Girls' College, and by the alumnae of Constantinople College.

Dr. Donovan of Newton Theological Seminary has just completed his course of lectures at the School of Religion, Old Phaleron, and he and Mrs. Donovan are returning to Salonica.

Miss Gordon, Mrs. Rose, Miss Bostrom, Miss Fosdick, Miss Mason and Miss Walden of Old Phaleron have returned from their holiday in Egypt, and Miss Virginia Carr from her visit in Constantinople, all happy over their vacations. Among recent visitors in Athens are Miss Betty McClave of Montana, a cousin of Miss Carr, who came on the S.S. Empress of Australia; Mr. Rollo May of Anatolia College, and Miss Slack, Near East Foundation nurse from Aleppo. Poor weather has not daunted these people in their sightseeing zeal.

The fogs of last week nearly caused one disaster at Constantinople. Our friends at the A.C.I., Geuz Tepe, heard a bell ringing and people calling from a boat out in the unseen, and one of the teachers went out in a little boat into the fog, and found the Lloyd Triestino express steamer "Stella d'Italia" anchored not three hundred yards from the shore, and asking whether this was Galata! The current had carried them completely off their course. They were able to proceed in the morning.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

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Bible House, Stambul, Jan. 20, 1931

Dear friends:-

At last, after waiting for years, Robert College has secured the requisite permission from the Council of Ministers in Angora for the erection of the Library building, which is in large measure a memorial to the late Professor Van Millingen.

Further details regarding the passing of Miss Emma Cushman show that she had been suffering from an enlarged heart; she went with Mr. and Mrs. Archer of the Near East Foundation to Egypt in November hoping for relief, but after a few weeks in Cairo, passed away suddenly. Her little home in Corinth she left to an adopted daughter.

Anatolia College alumni and former students at Athens, under the impetus of a gathering at the Getchell home, have organized an Alumni Association, and are arranging for frequent meetings. Another recent party at the Getchell home was made up of a score or more of the students from Anatolia College who had come to Athens and vicinity for their winter holidays, together with their parents.

In the schools of the Presbyterian Mission in Syria, there is the largest attendance of recent years, with a total of 3669 pupils of whom 2937 are in the Lebanon. Of the total, 1294 are of the Ortho-dox faith 897 Catholic, 762 Protestant, and 716 non-Christian.

President Adams and Miss Morrow of Constantinople College have returned after a brief but happy visit in Athens.

Among the new books added recently to the Mission Library are:-
Ways of Sharing with Other Faiths, by D.J.Fleming, Ph.D.
Human Needs and World Christianity, by Ep.F.J.McConnell
John Huss, by Benito Mussolini
Pioneers of Culture and Islam, by E.M.Hoppe (in Bulgarian)
The Soul's Sincere Desire, by Glenn Clark
Lord, Teach Us to Pray, by Alex. Whyte, D.D.
Methods of Private Religious Living, by H.N.Wieman
Children of the Second Birth, by S.M.Shoemaker, Jr.
Except ye be Born Again, by Philip Cabot.
The Christ of the Indian Road, by E.S.Jones
Christ at the Round Table, by E.S.Jones
The Christ of Every Road, by E.S.Jones
Creative Prayer, by Mrs. E.Herman
Concerning the Inner Life, by Evelyn Underhill

Rev. E.C.Partridge, formerly of Sivas and Aleppo, has accepted the call to Smyrna with special reference to supervising building operations for the A.C.I. at Geuz-Tepe, and will sail on the S.S."Homeric" which is due in Constantinople February 13th. Mrs. Partridge and their son Alfred will remain in America until the summer, before joining him.

On the same S.S."Homeric" comes also Mr.Arthur S.Johnson, a retired merchant of Boston, and a Corporate Member of the American Board and for many years a member of the Old South Church of Boston.

Yesterday's sudden squall and thunderstorm seems to have been but a small part of what was felt elsewhere. From the Black Sea some rumors of a British steamer wrecked at Zongouldak and a Turkish wrecked at Eregli, while the harbor of Smyrna was in such commotion that many small boats were damaged. The first really cold weather of the season has thus come with a bang! Many telegraph and telephone lines are damaged. But the skies here are clear today again.

We regret to learn of the destruction by fire of the Evangelic Church building at Samokov, Bulgaria.

Dr.and Mrs.Harlow and their daughter Ruth left as planned on Thursday last on their return to their work at the School of Religion, Old Phaleron.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stambul, Jan. 27, 1931

Dear friends:-

The engagement has been announced of Miss Katherine Day, of Constantinople College, daughter of the late Professor Day of Beirut University, and Dr. Barnes, for some time an instructor in Beirut University.

Dr. D. Alton Davis, of the International Y.M.C.A., is expected in Constantinople on Sunday next, for a visit of a few days, coming from Athens, Salonica and Belgrade. From here Dr. Davis (our old Dri), goes to Sofia, but will soon be going to America for new duties of a wider scope.

Dr. Hubbard of Oberlin, with Miss Hepler of Robert College Community School and Mr. Sydney Fisher of Robert College have been making a trip through Anatolia, during these pleasant winter days. They were lucky enough in visiting the Troglodyte country, for on their ~~wery~~ last day, on the way to Wlu Kishla, they were caught in a snowstorm, but got through in safety. While they were in Caesarea, Dr. Hubbard gave a fine lecture in the Turkish Normal School on Geology and My Philosophy.

Dr. and Mrs. Donovan, who have been assisting in teaching at Salonica College during the first semester of the year, are starting for further travel, which will bring them back to Greece in April, after Easter, for a trip through the Peloponnesus with Mr. & Mrs. Getchell.

The Corinth Canal, which had been closed to traffic for a time owing to the loosening of the rocks by the earthquake of Jan. 4th, has been reopened to steamers as usual.

The Aziziyeh Evangelical Church of Aleppo shows a healthy growth and life. The parish includes nearly five hundred families, with a total constituency of about 1500 and a membership of about 375. Thirty-five new members were added during the year, 1930. The Sunday School has seventeen classes and an average attendance of 220. The pastor and his wife made 650 calls during the year; and a visiting committee of twenty-four church members made a thousand more. There are two Endeavor Societies, with over two hundred members.

Rev. Clark Kerr, who has been serving the Union Church at the Dutch Chapel, Pera, for the past three months, has now accepted a call to be pastor of the church for a term of three years. The arrangement is very satisfactory on both sides.

A new English-Turkish Dictionary has appeared, being a revision and abridgement of Vahit Bey's dictionary brought out in 1924, and now of course appearing in the new Turkish characters. It is of 559 pages and is in convenient form. It retails for two liras, and may be obtained through Mr. H. H. Kreider of the Treasury Office.

The White Star liner "Britannic" is due in Constantinople harbor this afternoon, the first tourist steamer to visit our city this season. On her is coming Miss Beth Chandler, of Lowell, Mass., a friend of Miss Grace Towner of Adana, who disembarks here and goes on by rail to Adana for a visit there.

This forenoon there was held at the square in front of the Mosque of Mohammed the Conqueror a ceremony in memory of the Turkish aviators who have died in the service of their country. This has become an annual thing but the weather today was hardly conducive to large attendance.

The recent membership campaign of the local Y.W.C.A. Service Center proved a complete success, more than the anticipated amount having been secured.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Rife

Dear friends:-

Dr. James L. Barton has moved his headquarters down to New York, and may now be addressed at the office of the Near East Foundation, 151 Fifth Avenue, New York. He will still give considerable time to the interests of the American Board as well.

News has come of the death, on Jan. 22nd, at Beirut, of Mrs. Arthur A. Bacon, wife of the Professor of Physics at Beirut University. Mrs. Bacon had been acutely ill for about ten days with heart trouble. She was a sweet character, a friend to everybody; and her loss is keenly felt. All their children are in America.

We regret to report the illness of Mrs. Allen, Matron of the American College at Tarsus. She has been taken to the Adana Hospital with a bad case of small-pox, but at last word her case was not considered as critical.

Despite the fact that Tarsus College is recognized as of Lycee grade by the central Government, the Adana Emin last summer declined to certify to this fact on the certificates which the College issued to its three graduates. After various discussions the question was referred to Angora, the question being made definite by the submission of one of the certificates. The reply came on January 25th, and testified that the rank of our school is that of Lycee, and until such time as a decision may be made concerning baccalaureate examinations for graduates of private schools graduates of our school have the rank of Lycee graduates on the basis of examinations given by the school. Hence the certificate submitted was returned to the College with the rank of the institution certified by the Emin. Of the three graduates last year, one went into a bank, the other two are pursuing their studies in the Turkish University.

Influenza has laid its clammy hand on Athens and vicinity, with the consequence that all schools have been ordered closed for two days as a preventive of further spread. The disease is stated not to be in a violent form.

Word has been received from Rev. Paul F. Bobb, of Merzifon, that medical advice has made it clear that he and his family must not plan to return from America for a period of years. They are living in Dallas, Texas, where Mr. Bobb has charge of a church. Mrs. Bobb's trouble has been diagnosed as Malta fever; and her recovery will have to be slow. This news is a great disappointment to our colleagues in Merzifon.

Mr. Luther A. Fowle expects to start for America next Thursday, going by Lloyd Triestino steamer to Venice and thence to Charbourg, where he will catch the "Olympic" and should arrive in New York February 14th. His son Farnsworth goes with him, to continue his schooling in America. Mr. Fowle goes to participate in the financial campaign for the American Hospital in this city, and will probably be absent till June.

Earthquakes have been unusually frequent in this part of the world of late; the most recent to be noted shook the town of Kortsala, Albania, very badly, wrecking five hundred houses, killing three persons and injuring a score of others. No news has come yet from our friends the Kennedys.

Miss Susan W. Orvis has gone from Vienna to Egypt for further recuperation. Her present address is Fairhaven, Palais Station, San Stefano, Alexandria, Egypt. This is the Rest House patronized by missionaries, seven miles outside the city of Alexandria.

The Hissar Players will repeat the performance of Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew" in modern dress, on Thursday evening at the Union Française in Pera, at nine o'clock. This production is for the benefit of the American Hospital; and it is hoped that many will take advantage of the opportunity for the double purpose of enjoyment and beneficence.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

The month of Ramazan, the yearly fast of the Moslems, is more than half over; and unless our calculations turn out badly, the Night of Power, or Kadir Gejesi, comes on this Saturday evening, when unusual numbers regularly assemble in the Mosque of Saint Sophia for the evening devotions. This is the night preceding the 27th day of the month.

BORN:- to Rev. and Mrs. William E. Hawkes, at Salonica, Greece, on Feb. 3rd, a daughter, Catherine Harriette. Our heartiest good wishes to the family!

A new English-Turkish dictionary by Iskender Fahreddin Bey differs from Vahid Bey's by leaving out the pronunciation of the English words, and by putting in more Turkish equivalents. The price is Ltq. 1.50 and it may be ordered from the Publication Dept. at the Bible House.

Professor and Mrs. Donovan, of the Newton (Mass.) Baptist Theological Seminary, who have been teaching at Anatolia College, Salonica, the past semester, arrived in Constantinople on Saturday last for a brief stay, on their way to Aleppo, Beirut and Jerusalem. They intend to stay six weeks in the American School of Oriental Research at Jerusalem, and visit a number of places in Syria and Palestine before returning to America. Probably they will also return to Greece for further travel.

The White Star liner "Homerio," coming here as a tourist steamer, is due this week as already announced, but may arrive Thursday evening instead of Friday. Rev. Ernest C. Partridge comes on this boat, transshipping here for Smyrna. Mr. Arthur S. Johnson of Boston, a corporate member of the American Board, and Mrs. Johnson are on this cruise, as members of a party under the leadership of Miss Bertha Conde.

The performance of Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew" in modern costume, by the Hissar Players, on Thursday evening last, at the Union Francaise, Pera, netted the American Hospital a sum of about three hundred sixty Turkish liras, after all expenses were paid.

The Inter-Mission Conference for Turkey and the Balkans is invited to meet at Sofia for sessions on April 1st and 2nd. The Secretary of the Conference is Mr. Vassil Fournadjieff of Sofia. A full program is being arranged.

The Muhit organization would like to call the attention of friends to the fact that each month an English resume of the magazine is prepared and will be sent out to friends wishing it. Any who would like to have their names put on the list, please send word to Mr. Birge. Any of those who have already sent in their names but have not received the February resume please also notify Mr. Birge.

The Pordim Folk-School is trying the experiment of a winter course of fifty days for young men, - about half cultural and half agricultural. This course opened January 22nd and within two days there were 13 day scholars from the town of Pordim and 12 boarders from other points in Bulgaria, with three more boarders expected. There are also twenty girls as compared with sixteen last year. Some boys may decide to stay on till July, or to enroll for the entire school year next fall.

Mr. Fowle started as planned, on Thursday last for America, for a four months' absence, taking with him his son Farnsworth, who will be in Vermont until next fall and then go to school.

Constantinople is today having its first really snowy day of the winter. Till now it has been so mild that pansies and calendulas and roses have been freely blooming out of doors. Of course a tourist steamer arrived today!

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

The Syria Mission of the Presbyterian Church has just seen the close of the earthly life of two of its oldest members, on two successive days. On Sunday morning Feb. 8th, Mrs. Julia Bisbee Porter, widow of Professor Harvey Porter, passed away suddenly of heart-failure at her home in Beirut. She was in her 89th years, but had kept up her bright interest in affairs, and was about and at meetings till almost the last day. Prof. Porter came out to Syria in 1870, and his wife came two years later. She was the senior member of the Anglo-American Community in Beirut. Her daughter, Mrs. Wm.H.Hall, is known to many of our readers.

The next day, Feb. 9th, Rev. Oscar J. Hardin died at Belvedere, New Jersey, at the age of 85. Mr. Hardin came out to Syria in the early '70's, and retired to America in 1924, after more than fifty years of missionary life. He was connected with the stations at Tripoli, Suk el Gharb, and Beirut, especially in educational work. Mrs. Dr. Bertram Post of Robert College is his daughter, and he has a son a pastor in Maine.

Dr. and Mrs. C. U. Piper, formerly of the Aintab Hospital, are living at 63 The Green, Kew, Surrey, England; one son is with them and the other two children are near by.

The tourist steamer "Homerio" was in the harbor from Friday evening last till Saturday evening. Rev. Ernest C. Partridge came on her, as expected, and went right on the next day to Smyrna to take charge of building operations at the Collegiate Institute. Dr. George Hamlin Washburn of Boston was also on board, and spent the night with his cousins Prof. & Mrs. Estes at Robert College. Miss Bertha Conde, of Y. W. C. A. fame, is conducting a party on this cruise, and Mr. & Mrs. A. S. Johnson of Boston are members of it. Mr. Johnson took dinner at the Gedik Pasha School Friday, and met a large number of the Mission group there. Several of the members of the cruise expect to return to Constantinople in April for a few days.

Miss Beth Chandler, of the Lowell House, New Haven, Conn., who has been spending some time at the Mission Hostel, Bible House, left yesterday afternoon by train for Adana, where she will visit Miss Towner at the Girls' School for perhaps six weeks or so.

Miss Hunter arrived in Constantinople last evening from Adana, where she has been assisting in the Girls' School during this her sabbatical year from her school work in Chicago. She will be here till Saturday, over the Bairam holidays.

Ex-President Alexander MacLachlan of International College is on his way out to Smyrna on a tourist steamer, and is due there on March 11th, for a visit. He will also touch Constantinople some time before his return to Canada.

Mrs. Fowler of International College recently had a sinus operation in Athens, and was expected back in Smyrna last Thursday. Miss Olive Greene of Smyrna is spending the Bairam vacation in Athens with friends.

Dr. Haskell reports that the number of students at the Fordim School has increased since our last word to twenty-two girls in the regular course and fourteen boarders and fourteen dayscholars in the short winter course for boys, lasting two months.

President C. A. Reed of International College is leaving New York about now, and returning to Smyrna via London, and is expected to reach his post the first week in March. He has had a very successful time in America.

The papers announce torrential rains in the Adrianople region and a flooding of the Maritsa River, resulting in the submerging of several portions of that city; and the electric light system is put out of commission.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Miss Hunter of the Adana Girls' School was here most of last week, for her Bayram vacation, returning to Adana by the Saturday train.

Miss Bodil Bjorn, of the Scandinavian Mission, who is a nurse among the orphans at Aleppo, passed through Constantinople last week, on her way to Europe for a furlough. She left by train on Saturday, with the expectation of going around the place where the railroad bed is damaged, by motor transport. Trains are not yet running between here and Adrianople, except with this relay system. Nor have mails come through from Europe since last week.

Miss Olive Greene, of the Collegiate Institute at Smyrna, was in Athens spending her Bayram vacation, and found it the quickest way to return through Constantinople, going on from here by way of steamer to Bandurma and train thence.

A very pleasant reception was tendered by Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum on Saturday last, to give a chance to the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Carleton to greet them again before they leave for Aleppo. They start the end of this week for their work in Aleppo College, the youthful Miss Muriel accompanying her parents.

The Day of Prayer for Women was observed in this city last Friday with two prayer meetings, one conducted in English and the other in Turkish, with a goodly attendance at each one.

In Athens, this same Day of Prayer was marked by a union gathering in the Second Greek Evangelical Church, under the leadership of Mrs. D.K. Getchell and a committee of Greek and Armenian women; the various parts of the service were in four languages, - English, Greek, Armenian, and Turkish, the general topic being "Ye shall be my witnesses." The two Greek Evangelical churches and the four Armenian all participated.

The winter course of lectures at the School of Religion in Athens (Old Phaleron) are being given by Rev. S. Ralph Harlow, Ph.D., of Smith College, on the general topic: - "The Spiritual Interpretation of Human Progress." The first lecture was Feb. 16, on the Spiritual Interpretation of Science; the second will be Feb. 25, on The Spiritual Interpretation of History; others follow on March 4 and 11, on The Spiritual Interpretation of Industry, and The Spiritual Interpretation of Religion. During the past week the School of Religion and its friends have also enjoyed two lectures from Prof. George D. Hubbard, Professor of Geology and Geography at Oberlin, on "Contributions of my Science to my Philosophy of Life," and "Yellowstone Park as a Geographic Center."

After an interruption of a week or so in the mail connection with Europe, the first mails have arrived in the city today. Trains are still reported as running only up to the break in the railroad caused by the flooded Maritsa, and mails and passengers are carried by motor car around the wrecked section.

While the weather in this section continues very mild, and the papers tell of real spring weather in the Cilicia Plain, travelers from Constanza relate wintry experiences in Roumania, with very low temperatures and much ice.

Washington's Birthday was observed in our city by the usual open reception at the American Embassy, given by Ambassador and Mrs. Grew.

The Moslem feast of Sheker Bayram came on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week, after the close of the month of Ramazan. Most of the schools of the city had either the whole week as a holiday, or stopped classes after Tuesday, to reopen yesterday. Kurban Bayram comes seventy days later, beginning April 29th.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Mrs. Allen of Tarsus College has happily recovered from her sickness and has been attending her classes ever since the close of the recent holidays.

Mr. Lyle Shelmidine of Tarsus was taken with jaundice shortly before the holidays, and spent a short time in the Hospital at Adana. He is now at home recuperating, while Mr. Young from Adana has been at Tarsus for a week taking over Mr. Shelmidine's classes and other work.

Echoes are still coming in of the observance of the Day of Prayer for Women, Feb. 20th. In Beirut there was a service in Armenian in the Camp Church, with an attendance of about 700; another for Syrians in the Anglo-American Church, and another for the English and American women at the Y.W. Center, - all very earnest meetings.

Rev. and Mrs. Alford Carleton and little Muriel left Stambul by train on Saturday last, on their way to their work in Aleppo. Their language study period was shortened somewhat to enable them to have some time with Dr. and Mrs. Merrill before the latter leave on their furlough. Mr. Carleton takes over responsibilities connected with Aleppo College. They will live in the Merrill home.

Mrs. Everett Kimball, of Smith College, is visiting Constantinople for a short time. She is granddaughter-in-law of Rev. and Mrs. Joel S. Everett, who were missionaries of the American Board in this city between 1846 and 1856.

Mrs. Charles E. Estes of Robert College is in the American Hospital here, making a good recovery from a serious operation. Mrs. Estes is a granddaughter of Dr. Cyrus Hamlin.

The dance held at the home of Mr. King last week for the benefit of the American Hospital, resulted in the securing of about 1700 liras net, a very welcome sum.

Mr. Thompson, architect for the new buildings of the Athens Junior College, for Girls at Ellenico, outside Old Phaleron, arrived there Feb. 11th, and has been busy drawing up contracts for stone and other building materials and in general shaping things up for the work. Active operations were to begin yesterday. The well dug on the premises last year proves to give enough water for building purposes. Another one will be dug near by, for the school needs.

Rev. Robert W. Yeach, D.D., a Seminary classmate of the undersigned, has been spending a few days in Stambul, in the course of a trip around the world. He preached Sunday morning very acceptably through an interpreter at the Bible House Service of the Emmanuel Church, and left today for Athens, Italy and home.

In a high wind and a blinding snowstorm last week, several disasters occurred on the Black Sea, near the mouth of the Bosphorus, resulting in the total loss of two British freighters and a Turkish steamer, and the stranding of several other steamers which were later pulled off. Thrilling tales are told of heroic work in connection with the rescue of the crews of these British boats; and high praise is given by the crews to the life-savers of the Turkish force. The Lloyd Triestino steamer "Campidoglio" also ran ashore, on the Bulgarian coast, but was soon floated without serious damage. One Turkish steamer has not been heard from at all.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron J. Damon of Hissar have gone on a trip to England, and will view the Persian Exhibition in London.

Mrs. William S. Dodd, formerly of Talas, and Konia, is laying her plans to come on a visit to her children and grandchildren in Talas and in Beirut, this coming summer, arriving in Constantinople perhaps in August next.

Yours very cordially
Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

The school of Rev. and Mrs. Phineas B. Kennedy, at Kortcha, Albania, which was badly damaged by the big earthquake of Jan. 28th, has been reopened with almost a normal attendance. This earthquake was one of the most terrible that region has ever known. It is estimated that 85% of the houses in the city were injured, many being rendered dangerous for living. Two large churches were seriously damaged; the belfry of one and the dome of the other fell. Providentially only a few lives were lost. The boarders at the school were at breakfast at the time, and so escaped injury from falling bricks etc. The main building was badly injured, and two old buildings had to be torn down. A large part of the population is even now still living in the open, or under hastily constructed bungalows. Funds are badly needed for relief, but up to March 3rd Mr. Kennedy had almost none in hand.

Smyrna has had one of its very rare snowstorms. For six to eight hours last week Tuesday it snowed as it has not for many years. The following morning was bright and clear, and much to the enjoyment of both the Girls' School and International College, a partial holiday was declared, in order that the students might fully taste the pleasures of walking in snow, snowballing, sliding on frozen puddles, etc.

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But the joy at the College was turned to mourning when a day student jumped from the back side of his train in front of a down-town train and had his foot so badly crushed that it was necessary to amputate it above the ankle.

Ambassador and Mrs. Grew and their two daughters left here the last week in February for a trip to Egypt. On their way, they stopped over in Smyrna for a visit. On Thursday evening, Feb. 26th, there was a very delightful reception for the party, given by Consul Bursley, in the library of International College, which was attended by practically all of the American community in Smyrna. Kiazim Pasha, Governor of Smyrna, and his wife were present, as well as several other officials. The following morning Ambassador and Mrs. Grew visited the Girls' School, before leaving.

Ex-President and Mrs. MacLachlan, who built up International College and served it for so long, are due tomorrow in Smyrna for a visit of several months with the family of their daughter, Mrs. C.A. Reed, and with the College community. They are accompanied by the Misses Roth, of Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

Mr. Ober, of the Near East Foundation, and his wife are also expected about this same time, to remain at International College for six weeks.

A very pleasant reception was given by the pastor and people of the Union Church of Pera on Friday last at the Union Francaise. Some 150 persons or so were present; and a program of music was furnished by Mrs. Finney Markham, with songs, and Mr. Stoyanoff, a Bulgarian pianist of no mean ability. Miss S.E. Woodward gave some recitations. The Union Church, with Rev. W. Clark Kerr at the helm, is showing new life and vigor. A monthly church paper has been started. Mr. Lyman MacCallum is clerk of the Church and Mr. Richard Smith, superintendent of the Sunday School. Mrs. F.W. MacCallum is chairman of the ladies' Committee.

The ceremony of dedication of the new grounds of Athens Junior College for Girls, at Ellenico, was held on March 1st. The day was warm and bright, and there were many distinguished guests, including the Metropolitan Archbishop of Athens, the President of the Republic, and Mr. Papadatos as personal representative of Premier Venizelos who was unable to be present in person but sent a note of regret. Mr. Otis Skinner, American Minister, spoke on behalf of the American Government, Mr. Papadatos on behalf of the Greek Government, and the Greek Professor in the College on behalf of the institution itself. The girls sang the national anthem. Miss MacCallum reports that on Saturday night the decree came from the Government authorizing the free entry into the country of all building material for the new buildings.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

President Cass Arthur Reed of International College arrived in Smyrna March 11th, after an absence of four months in the United States on College business. With him came Mr. Stirling H. McGrath, Carleton College 1930, a new instructor. Dr. Reed announces the appointment of Donald E. Webster, of Madison, Wis., as Assistant Professor of Social Sciences, and of Robert Maynard, Oberlin 1931, son of Prof. and Mrs. Harrison A. Maynard, as instructor for three years. Prof. Webster holds both undergraduate and graduate degrees from Oberlin and has also studied at Wisconsin. Mrs. Webster is also an Oberlin graduate, and they will be accompanied to the field next September by two tiny daughters.

Mr. Hunter Mead, who till recently was an instructor in International College, Smyrna, has accepted a position as teacher in Anatolia College, Salonica, and is at work.

Dr. Ruth A. Parmelee and Miss Nina E. Rice of Athens have gone to Salonica for a two weeks' rest and change.

Tarsus College is getting along very nicely. A great deal of interest is being taken in a club program in which every pupil in the school belongs to a club which meets during school time.

Mr. and Mrs. Awrey, parents of Mrs. Meyering of Tarsus, and her brother reached Detroit safely on Feb. 15th, after a very pleasant return trip via Egypt.

BORN:- to Dr. and Mrs. Albert W. Dewey, at Aintab, March 7th, a son, Albert Warner Dewey Junior. Weight, 8 lbs. Mother and baby are reported in fine condition.

President Emeritus Alexander MacLachlan, D.D., and Mrs. MacLachlan of International College, reached Athens on March 4th on the S.S. Empress of France. A slight indisposition made it wise for Dr. MacLachlan to remain a few days in Athens: but he was hoping to leave yesterday for his old home in Smyrna, to which he returns five years after his retirement for an extended visit.

Dr. and Mrs. William L. Nute of Adana with their son Cyril left New York Feb. 15th on a speaking trip for the Student Volunteer Movement through the medical schools of the South. This trip is scheduled to end at Galveston, Tex. April 10th, when they go west to Pasadena to visit Mrs. Christie and other relatives.

Bishop Taylor-Smith, Chaplain-General of the British army during the war, has been visiting Beirut after conducting a series of meetings in Damascus. He addressed large audiences at Memorial Hall several evenings, and spoke at All Saints' Anglican Church Sunday morning, March 9th, and at the University Chapel in the evening.

Work on the new building for the American Collegiate Institute at Smyrna is under way, under the direction of Mr. Partridge. It is an interesting coincidence that work on the buildings for this school and also for the Junior College at Athens, for which the original funds were secured years ago through the efforts of Messrs. Harlow and Birge, should be begun just when Dr. and Mrs. Harlow are spending their sabbatical year in the Near East.

After a visit in Boston with the Board Secretaries, Mr. Luther Fowle is in New York working for the American Hospital of Constantinople. He has a room at the International House, Riverside Drive.

In connection with the dedication of the grounds of the Athens Junior College at Ellenico on March 1st, the "Athens Times," an Anglo-American weekly, gives two full pages to the event, printing the addresses of Minister Skinner and Dr. Harlow, and a historical statement by Miss Mille. The Greek press showed also a very warm and friendly appreciation of the school and its work.

Yours very cordially
Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Dean Lee Vrooman of International College paid a very brief visit to this city last week, soon after the return of President Cass Arthur Reed to Smyrna. He has already returned to this post.

According to the latest word from Mr. Charles House, Director of the American Farm School at Salonica, he and Mrs. House were to start for America a couple of days or so ago, in an effort to secure the necessary funds for the expansion of their plant. They expect to be gone a couple of months.

This proposed expansion is partly in consequence of the offer of the Greek Government to send 100 or more students to the School at Government expense, not more than twenty-five to be sent in any single year, the total cost to the Government per pupil being in the vicinity of \$200 per year. The whole matter has now been settled, and since November the School has had its first installment of these Government students, twenty-five of them. This brings the total enrollment at present to 127, and the total to be accommodated will bring up the registration to 180. The final contract for eleven years effective duration was not signed until February 22nd. Correspondence with the Government has been going on since December 1929. The Government offers to facilitate the problem of increase of staff necessary for this extra enrollment.

The Annual special days of Constantinople and Robert Colleges both came the past week. Constantinople College celebrated its Charter Day on Friday last, which was observed as the fortieth anniversary of the granting of the Charter. Addresses were given by several of the alumnae, in the presence of a goodly assemblage. Yesterday was Founders' Day at Robert College, with special exercises in the Chapel and later in the gymnasium in the afternoon, and an alumni dinner in the evening. The latter was more largely attended by the alumni and former students than any preceding similar occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. George Perkins are arriving today by airplane from Athens, for a visit at Robert College, of which institution Mr. Perkins is a Trustee.

On Thursday next, Mr. Ratiani, who for nine years has been a most efficient gymnastic and athletic instructor at Robert College, is leaving with his family for America. The College will greatly miss him.

The new Turkish version of the Gospel of Mark is off the press and is having a good circulation. It is of course in the new characters, and has an attractive paper binding. It may be obtained by application to Mr. Lyman MacCallum at the Bible House here, or by friends in America on application to the Bible House, Astor Place, New York.

Copies have been received here of the Winter Lecture Course given by Dr. Ralph Harlow at the School of Religion in Old Phaleron, Feb. 16th to March 11th. The mimeographed report of the four lectures takes twenty good-sized pages. The theme, as previously announced, was "The Spiritual Interpretation of Human Progress."

Mrs. C.A. Reed of Smyrna went over last week to Athens to meet her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Alexander MacLachlan, and escort them to Smyrna. Dr. MacLachlan was reported as improving, and they are expected at Smyrna this week.

Some dates for coming gatherings are the following:-
Inter-Mission Conference at Sofia, April 1 and 2; Syria Section meeting and meeting of the Armenian Evangelical Union at Aleppo, April 3 to 14; General Conferences for boys at Baalbek and for girls at Tripoli just previous to that; Near East Christian Council at Alexandria, Egypt, April 22 to 28; Biennial Meeting of the United Missionary Conference of Syria and Palestine, Beirut May 5 to 7.

Yours very sincerely,
Charles T. Rags.

Dear friends:-

By the will of the late Mrs. George A. Ford, of Sidon, the American University of Beirut becomes possessor of all of Dr. Ford's private collection of antiquities, which will be known as the "Ford Collection."

Prof. Philip Marshall Brown, whom we used to know here as instructor ~~was~~ in Robert College, and later as connected with the Embassy is expected in Constantinople on a visit soon after Easter.

Dr. George H. Washburn, who passed through our city six weeks ago on a tourist steamer, is due here on his return on April 5, and will remain a longer time now for a real visit.

Of the 747 students in all enrolled at Robert College this year, 358 have been boarders, and 379 day scholars; 378 have been Turks and 369 non-Turks. One hundred five have been in the College department, 455 in the Academy, and 115 in the Engineering department, besides the 34 Industrials. In the teaching forces there are 96, of whom 38 are Turks, 35 Americans, seven British, and so forth. The teachers are most neatly divided into 48 married and 48 single.

Miss Susan W. Orvis, who has been spending several months in Egypt recuperating, is expected in Constantinople by the Turkish steamer on April 2nd. She hopes to go after that via Adana to Mardin.

The Bulgarian Evangelical paper "Zornitza" which was begun in Constantinople in 1876, but was later transferred to Bulgaria, and which was suspended for a few years, is bringing out a special Jubilee Number next month. It is one of the oldest if not the oldest newspaper in Bulgaria. Dr. Theodore L. Byington was the first editor.

Miss Marion Kendall, formerly a Director of the Women's Board of Missions, Boston, with her father, Mr. George Kendall, both of Cambridge, Mass., are due in Constantinople April 27th on the S.S. "Vulcania" on a Mediterranean cruise.

BORN:- at Aintab, Turkey (now called by the Turks Gaziantep) on Sunday March 22nd, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold T. Pence, a son, the third, named Rodric. We are credibly informed that this is the spelling adopted by the happy father. In fact, everybody is happy, -over the event.

The entire work of the Near East Relief in the Caucasus and particularly in Leninakan, Armenia, is being liquidated, and its complete withdrawal from the Soviet Union will be accomplished probably in early April. Mr. Joseph W. Beach has gone to America, and according to his present plans, he will be going to Kavaja, Albania, by midsummer, to be connected with the Albanian-American Institute of the Near East Foundation there. Mr. C. B. Flagg is closing up the business at Leninakan.

A well attended meeting of the Constantinople Christian Workers' Union was held on Sunday last at the Bible House Apartment. Miss Dingman, Secretary for Social and Industrial Work for the World's Y.W.C.A. with headquarters at Geneva, gave an interesting address on the work of that department at Geneva.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron J. Damon are back again after a most interesting trip to London and Berlin.

Miss Clara Labaree, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. (May Schauffler) Labaree of Persia, and great-granddaughter of Dr. Wm. G. Schauffler, is in town for a few days on her way to India for a three-year term under the American Board.

The undersigned starts this evening for Sofia to attend the meeting of the Inter-Mission Conference on Wednesday and Thursday.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Mr. John Masefield, Poet-Laureate of England, is in Constantinople on a visit, and spent a few days last week in Angora. He gave brief addresses at Robert College and Constantinople College yesterday, and read from his poems to the students.

Miss Susan W. Orvis arrived from Egypt at Constantinople in the small hours of Friday morning last, and is making her preparations for going on to Mardin soon, to assist Miss Dewey there.

Mr. Rollo May of Anatolia College is spending a week of so here during the spring vacation of the College at Salonica.

Dr. Ruth A. Parmelee is leaving her work with the American Women's Hospital at Kokkinia, Greece, to give about ten days to the Near East Foundation for some medical work in Albania.

Dr. & Mrs. Jesse K. Marden of Athens have been spending a few weeks in Florida with Mrs. Marden's brothers; and left March 18th for Pasadena, California, to see Mrs. E. D. Marden. They report exceptionally cold weather in Florida, a fire feeling comfortable.

The full name of the most recent pence acquisition is Rodric Harold; and he is a bouncer.

On Sunday, March 29th, the Anatolia College Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. W. E. Hawkes, gave Stainer's "Crucifixion." The chorus was assisted by Mr. G. D. White on the viola, Mr. Liatsos on the flute, Mr. McGinness at the piano, and Mr. Mead at the organ.

The Inter-Mission Conference of the Balkans and Turkey was held in Sofia, April 1 and 2. About twenty delegates were present, representing nearly as many organizations working in Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Greece and Turkey. Rev. S. W. Gentle-Cackett, of the B. L. M. A. S., was there from London. Mr. Wiles of Belgrade represented the B. & F. Bible Society; Mr. & Mrs. Rose the School of Religion at Athens; Mr. Compton the American Board work in Greece; Miss Krill the work of the M. E. Mission in Bulgaria; Miss Dimitrieva and Mr. Allen the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. in Bulgaria; Pastor Johannes Ehmann and Herr E. M. Hoppe the German Missions in Bulgaria, C. T. Riggs the Near East Mission work in Turkey, and so forth. Dr. E. B. Haskell of Pordim was chairman, and Mr. Vassil Furnadjicoff Secretary. The meetings were held at the Mission House, 60 Gladstone Street, and resulted in a closer understanding of the various problems of the different organizations. Mr. C. T. Riggs was elected chairman for the 1932 meeting, and Mr. James M. Russell secretary.

The students and Faculty of Union Theological Seminary in New York have established the Friendship Fund, to enable Christians of various lands to come to the Seminary for a year's special theological study. The area chosen for 1932-33 is the Near East, and the fund available amounts to \$1500.00. Candidates must be graduates of a college or university whose degree is recognized as equivalent to Columbia's B.A., and who have had practical experience for a number of years in some form of Christian service. Applications for this appointment should be made by January 1, 1932, and should be addressed: Friendship Fund, c/o Prof. D. J. Fleming, Union Theological Seminary, 3041 Broadway, New York City. Further particulars may be learned through Prof. G. H. Huntington, Robert College, Constantinople.

Rev. S. W. Gentle-Cackett, of the B. L. M. A. S., London, spent most of the month of March in an evangelistic tour through Bulgaria, Rev. T. T. Holway of Philippopolis accompanying him most of the time.

Dr. George Hamlin Washburn returned to Constantinople on Sunday last, after an interesting trip through Palestine and Egypt, and is a guest at the home of his cousin Mrs. Estes at Robert College.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Miss Louise M. Clark, who from 1919 to 1923 was a missionary of the American Board and was located at Aintab as a nurse, has just announced her engagement to Mr. Charles Ellis Bingham, a District Engineer under the British Government in Ceylon. Miss Clark has been lately associated with the Ceylon Mission of our Board, at Manepay. The wedding is set for next November.

All our friends will be glad to know that the trial of Miss Towner of Adana has resulted in her acquittal, the pupil who brought against her a charge of slander having been condemned to pay a fine of ten piastres, or nearly five cents, plus the costs of the trial. The moral victory in this case is much greater than the legal victory; for every effort was made to complicate the case with nationalistic and religious camouflage.

Dr. and Mrs. John E. Merrill of Aleppo will be starting in less than two weeks for their furlough in America, but are stopping on the way at Athens, and Dr. Merrill will give a series of lectures at the School of Religion in Old Phaleron.

The Misses Hanna and Sara Nollen and Mr. Rollo May, all of Salonica are in town on a spring vacation trip; they were to have started back a few days ago, but there has been a washout on the railroad which has prevented the trains from running, till this evening, when they hope to get away.

After a few days' stay in Constantinople, Dr. George H. Washburn left two days ago for Sofia, where the Robert College alumni and other friends are uniting to do him great honours, in recognition of the services of his father and grandfather at Robert College.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Mitchell, of Marshall, Missouri, have received life appointment from the American Board, for work in Anatolia College, Salonica, and will be coming out this fall. Mr. Marshall, after studying at Marion College and at Amherst, and serving as assistant in the Physics department at Amherst, is now teaching in Missouri Valley College, at Marshall, of which his wife is a graduate.

Mr. James Walden Abel, of Indiana, a graduate of Indiana University, has been secured for Anatolia College, on a three-year term. He has been engaged for some time in Y.M.C.A. work, part of the time as Chairman of the State Executive Committee, and member of the National Student Council.

Miss Susan W. Orvis was to have started last Saturday for Aleppo via Adana; but she has been detained by an attack of grippe, from which she is recovering.

Among other recent visitors to our city have been Mr. Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of The Nation, with Mrs. Villard and their son; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Tunney, - he of the strong fists and Shakespearian mind, - Mr. Dundas, a Director of the Standard Oil Company; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson of Boston, on their return trip; Mr. Frank Ober, representing the Near East Foundation, who has come from a visit to Beirut, Aleppo, Aintab and other points, Mr. Villard gave a very interesting address to the American Luncheon Club last Thursday; and Mr. Ober speaks there next Thursday. "Major" Gene Tunney was recently in Beirut, and gave the students of the American University a talk on Sunday evening on good sportsmanship.

Miss Sarah R. Riggs, of Constantinople College, is making a good recovery at the American Hospital after an operation last week for appendicitis.

In connection with the Conference of the Armenian Evangelical Union of Syria and the Syria Section of the Near East Mission, closing at Aleppo today, there was held also a Jubilee of the Christian Endeavor Society.

President and Mrs. George E. White of Anatolia College are due to sail from America on Friday of this week, on their return to their post.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Word has come of the close of the earthly life of another aged servant of God. Mrs. Seraphina Sheldon Dewey, widow of Rev. Willis C. Dewey, D.D. of Mardin and mother of Miss Diantha L. Dewey, now in Mardin, passed away on March 22, 1931, at Springfield, Missouri, aged 87. The burial was at Oberlin, Ohio, where Dr. Dewey was buried in 1902. Mrs. Dewey was born March 22, 1844, in Medina, N.Y., was married Aug. 28, 1876, and reached Mardin with her husband Nov. 8, 1878, where she was located till the end of 1919. Since that date she has been living in America. At the last Annual Meeting of the Board, at Madison, Wis., Mrs. Dewey was the oldest of the missionary representatives present; and her presence was a benediction. A recent letter from Boston says:- "The influence of her long life of devoted service will continue through the years."

Word has also come of the death of Theodore S. Ward, formerly instructor at Robert College and son of the late Mr. Paul T.B. Ward, and grandson of the former American Board Treasurer, Langdon S. Ward, and great-grandson of Dr. Edwin E. Bliss of Constantinople Station. Ted passed away after a gallant fight with insidious disease, at New York April 13th.

A third loss to our larger circle is noted in the sudden death of Mrs. Stephen Panaretoff, at Washington, D.C. Mrs. Panaretoff came out to Constantinople as Miss Lydia A. Gile, in 1890, a teacher in the American College for Girls at Scutari, and a regularly appointed missionary of the American Board. In 1892 she was married to Professor Stephen Panaretoff of Robert College, with which College she was connected until 1914, when her husband was appointed Bulgarian Minister to Washington. Since that date they have made Washington their home. Our deep sympathies go out to Mr. Panaretoff in his loneliness.

Miss Margaret Hinman, who for the past five years has been associated with the work of the Mission at Smyrna, and previous to that in Merzifon and Brousa, has now been appointed a regular missionary of the Board for permanent service. She expects to return to Smyrna this fall.

Miss Dorothy Gertrude Blatter, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Miss Gladys Gertrude Perry, of Wagner, South Dakota, have been secured by the Board on three-year term appointment to teach in Merzifon. Both are graduates of Doane College, Nebraska, in 1925 and 1924 respectively, and both have been teaching since then.

President and Mrs. George E. White of Anatolia College sailed from New York April 17th for Southampton on the S.S. Majestic, on their way back to Salonica, expecting to remain in England about a week on the way.

Rev. William Adams Brown, D.D., President of the Board of Trustees of Constantinople College, and Professor at Union Theological Seminary, New York, has been visiting here for a few days, and is leaving today on his return to America. He made a flying trip to Angora as well. Dr. Brown has been spending several months on a commission visiting the higher educational institutions of India; and this commission will draw up its report now in Paris, as he passes through there.

Miss Catlin, Miss Post and Miss Sage of Constantinople have gone on a trip to Syria and Palestine for the Bayram vacation. Mr. Perry of the Language School is expecting to do likewise. The day after tomorrow is Djumhuriyet Bayrami, or Republic Day; and Kurban Bayram or the Feast of Sacrifice, comes on Tuesday next and the days following.

Among recent visitors to our city have been two missionary nurses Miss Burhans, of Miraj, India, and Miss Van Pelt, of Koweit, Arabia. Both are on their way to America on furlough. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Birge.

Mr. H.H. Kreider, our assistant treasurer, underwent an operation this morning for appendicitis, at the American Hospital; it was very successful and all goes well.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

On Friday, April 17, Tarsus celebrated College Day. One of the classes in public speaking wrote and gave a play. Various clubs of the school, - First Aid, Glee, Photographic, Debating, Gymnastic and Tennis, - gave appropriate exhibitions. The College was happy in winning the football game played with the local Orta Mektep. An effort was made to have some of the "old boys" back from Adana and Mersin, and telegrams were received from graduates. Some of the officials in town, together with friends and relatives of the boys, had dinner at the school, and also were interested to see the trades and other equipment.

Miss Mabel E. Long, who has been connected with the Bulgaria Mission for the past ten years, has now been transferred to the Near East Mission, and will be teaching in the Junior College for Girls at Old Phaleron, Greece. She comes out this spring.

Messrs. E.T. Perry, F.H. Thompson and T.D. Frost of Constantinople, - otherwise known as Ed, Fred, and Ted, left last Wednesday for a trip to the Holy Land during their Bayram vacations. Mrs. F.W. MacCallum and Mrs. F.L. MacCallum left Thursday for a trip to Greece, going to see Miss MacCallum first. Miss Yarrow and Mr. Markham have gone to Merzifon. Several groups went to Brousa, including Dr. Shepard and his sisters-in-law and his daughter Alice, but not Mrs. Shepard who is detained for the present in the hospital by an operation. A large proportion of the teaching corps of the two colleges are likewise off on vacation trips, some as far as Egypt, Crete, and Italy.

Secretary Ernest W. Riggs, left Boston April 10th for Cincinnati, and thence southwards for a month's trip among the southern States, going as far as Florida, in the interests of the Board among its southern and infrequently visited constituency.

Mrs. Lydia A.P. Flint left Smyrna April 26 on the Export liner "Exmouth", for New York on furlough, expecting to take a somewhat shorter leave this year in lieu of her regular furlough in 1932-33. She will visit her old home in Syracuse, N.Y., and also in the West; and will probably take a summer course in her field of home economics. She hopes to be back late in the fall.

Quite a group of Robert College athletes, under the direction of Mr. Wilsey, Mr. Stuber, Mr. Allen, Mr. Hadji Mitsos, and Hadi Bey, left for Smyrna last Friday, to play a series of games with International College. The initial contest in volley-ball on Saturday afternoon was won by International College, 9-15, 15-4, 15-12. The matches in track, football and basket-ball have yet to be heard from.

Professor and Mrs. Wells of Yale University, who have been visiting Constantinople, went to Smyrna, and in company with Miss Greene and Miss Feichtinger of the A.C.I., Mrs. Reed of International College, Miss Machray of the American Consulate, and Prof. Holan, a German, visited Pergamos, Aphrodisias, Hierapolis, and some of them Bodrum, where excavations are likely to be undertaken.

International College was the center for another group of visitors to historic spots in that neighborhood:- Misses Small, Hunter and Conklin and Mrs. Conklin of Adana, Mrs. Perry of Constantinople, and Messrs. Avery and McGrath of International College went from there to a tour of the Seven Churches.

Dr. Alexander MacLachlan, who with Mrs. MacLachlan arrived in Smyrna April 8th, has been suffering from a relapse of bronchial pneumonia which held him nearly a month in Athens; but he is now (April 26) reported as convalescing in his old home at Kenarden Lodge, International College.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:

Rev. and Mrs. John A. Merrill, of Alverno College, left Alverno by rail April 29th, and stopped one night in Constantinople on their way home on furlough. They left here May 2nd for Greece, where Dr. Merrill is delivering a course of five lectures at the School of Religion, Old Phaleron, May 4th to 8th, on "The Christian Relation to the Religious Life." From there, Dr. and Mrs. Merrill go across to England, to sail on the S.S. "Gerencaria" May 23rd for America, in time to see their daughter graduate from Vassar.

Ambassador Grew and his family returned last week from a two months' vacation, during which they travelled almost all the time, visiting Smyrna, Rhodes, Cyprus, Syria, Palestine, Egypt, Sicily, France and Switzerland. The Ambassador attended the Luncheon Club on Thursday and showed a large number of his photographs taken on this trip, and told about some of the things they saw.

The Robert College athletes returned a few days ago from the International College visit, having lost the volleyball game, played a no-score tie game in football, and won the track and field meet and the basketball game. In the track and field competition, Robert College won every even except one.

The annual Student Conference of Gedik Pasha School last Saturday and Sunday was a very pleasant and profitable occasion, with a very large attendance.

Mrs. F. M. MacCallum and Mrs. F. M. MacCallum returned Sunday from Greece, after a fine excursion through the northeastern part of the Peloponnesus. Just now Professor and Mrs. Donevan of Lexington Baptist Seminary and Mr. and Mrs. Getchell of our Mission are taking a more extensive turn about the Peloponnesus also. This is getting to be a most popular trip. Only a short time ago the students and teachers of the School of Religion and some of those from the Girls' College made a similar journey, which was voted a most inspirational and educational time of fellowship.

The various vacationists from the schools and colleges have almost all returned, and the last few weeks of school work have begun in earnest after the Bayram vacations. Evidently this vacation with its trips has been a huge success. They all talk enthusiastically of Jerusalem, Beirut, Nicosia, Corinth, Epidauros, Rhodes, the ride across Anatolia, etc. Among the most enthusiastic are Professor and Mrs. Ebaugh, of Robert College, who went via Samsoun to Kerkizion, then to Amasia, Sivas, Caesarea, Talas, and Angora, enjoying the chance to see something of our Mission work on the way.

In connection with the celebration of the Centennial of the opening of Constantinople Station, next summer, it is requested that if any of our readers have any pictures of Dr. and Mrs. Goodell, or relics of the early days of Constantinople, which they are willing to loan for an exhibit which is being arranged, they would kindly communicate with the undersigned. Any articles thus loaned will receive the best of care, and will be returned without expense to the owners.

Mr. Robert James Greef, a son of Mrs. C. M. Greef, a member of the Grudential Committee from Iowa, has been appointed as teacher in the A.C.I., Kerkizion, for a term of three years, and is expected out here this fall.

The opening session of the fourth Grand National Assembly at Angora was held yesterday afternoon. After the election of Nazim Pasha of Balikesir as president of the Assembly, the Shazi Mustafa Kemal Pasha was re-elected President of the Republic by the unanimous vote of the 289 deputies present. This election is for the duration of the legislative term, presumably four years.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stambul, May 12, 1931

Dear friends:-

Miss Susan W. Orvis left Constantinople last week Monday for Adana, to pick up her things there and go on to Mardin, where Miss Dewey is eagerly awaiting her arrival.

Mrs. George H. Huntington returned last week from attending conferences in Syria, Palestine and Egypt. The last was the meeting of the Near East Christian Council, held April 23 to 28 just outside of Alexandria. The delegates from our Mission were Dean Lee Vrooman of Smyrna and Professor Lutfi Levonian of Athens. Just after this very successful conference, Mr. Vrooman led an Educational Conference at Cairo, to which many of the delegates went.

Dr. Robert P. Wilder, Executive Secretary of the Near East Christian Council, is starting next Monday from Cairo for England, making brief visits on his journey with our missionaries at Aleppo, Aintab, Marash, Adana, and Smyrna, and arriving in Constantinople probably June 7th, to take the train next day for London. Plans are being made to utilize to the best advantage these short visits. Dr. Wilder returns from England and Scandinavia in September, and will continue to serve as Secretary for the Council until 1933.

Mr. and Mrs. Woolworth of Tarsus are back from a pleasant visit to Syria, with dentistry done at Beirut. They returned by boat to Mersin. Mr. Shelmidine entertained a number of his Turkish friends, including the Tarsus Kaimakam and city officials, at a very enjoyable American Collegiate party on May 1st.

A party from Salonica, including the Misses Hanna and Sara ^{Hollen}, Miss Hill, and Messrs. May and Mead, spent May 1 and 2 visiting the Meteora Monasteries. Class in geography please turn to the map of Greece and point out this spot!

Prof. Raymond White of International College has been appointed the technical adviser of the Poultry and Bee Growers' Association recently organized in Smyrna. According to the "Maine-in-Turkey News Letter," this association is planning to develop a cooperative, and also is planning very considerable extension work for the demonstration of modern poultry growing methods. The College agricultural department has been asked to take the lead in pushing this program.

A.C.I. at Erenkeuy started their Bayram vacation with a performance of "The Kitchen Knave," one of the King Arthur legends, and a Turkish play. King Arthur and his court, the knights in their glistening armor, the Queen of Orkney, and the other ladies, all made a series of spectacular scenes. The students of the Senior class took the men's parts well, while the women of the community took the ladies' parts. Some 200 or more friends of the Senior class were present, and greatly enjoyed it.

The same day 20 other students went for a 4-day trip to Yakajuk, and entertained the town folk each night with a program of educational films and Turkish plays. Mr. and Mrs. Markham and the Turkish teacher in charge visited with Ahmet Agha and the town council, and spent the night with the boys under the stars. The film slides were in bacteria, flies, milking cows, etc., and proved even more popular than the plays. The town gave a banquet to the campers, with speeches and with a great deal of goodwill shown on all sides.

Rev. J. Kingsley Birge has gone to Old Phaleron, to attend the meeting of the Board of Managers of the School of Religion. He is expected home in a few days.

A letter from Rev. J. Riggs Brewster, from Auburndale, Mass. reports all the family in good health, and says they hope to be back in Athens the latter part of September.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, May 19, 1931

Dear friends:-

The annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the School of Religion was held at the School, in Old Phaleron, Greece, May 11th, and it was unique in that every member of the Board was present. Dr. Haskell had come from Bordim, Bulgaria; Dr. Merrill was there from Aleppo, Syria, and Mr. Birge from Constantinople, Turkey. The three Greece members, Mr. Hawkes from Salonica, Miss Mills and Mr. Getchell from Athens Station, and Mr. Rose, Acting President, completed the number. By sitting almost continuously from 11 a.m. Monday to 1:30 a.m. Tuesday, they accomplished a lot of work. A set of fourteen by-laws was adopted. Full discussion took place about the future of the School; and in this Dr. Harlow, and Professors Levonian and Michaelides also took part. The time did not seem to be ripe for any action to be taken on the matter.

Dr. and Mrs. J.E. Merrill had a very busy and pleasant stay in Greece. In addition to the five lectures before the School of Religion in the Spring course, Dr. Merrill gave the opening address at the Religious Conference at the Junior College for Girls, May 9th, and preached in two of the Armenian Protestant churches on Sunday, the 10th. And on Tuesday noon they took train for Paris, on their way to America.

Miss Elizabeth Trowbridge and Mrs. Isely of Aintab were in Aleppo May 9th for dental work.

Dr. Charles E. Clark of Merzifon, who met Mr. Kreider in Angora to see to some Government business, found it necessary to come to Constantinople last week for a few hours, to secure some needed documents, going right back again the same evening. Mr. Kreider returned to his post in the Treasury a couple of days later.

Secretary Ernest W. Riggs has been having a most interesting trip through Florida, speaking each night at a different place, and sometimes in three places in a day. Among the outstanding experiences he had, aside from addressing the churches and getting in touch with the leaders, were a conversation with Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, and a visit to Edward Bok's "Singing Tower" at Lake Wales, where he heard a 45-minute carillon concert by Anton Brees, the most celebrated player in America. He was due to reach home about May 8th.

The death is announced at Brussels of M. Camille Jacquart, who was in charge of the census of Turkey taken in 1927.

The United Missionary Council of Syria and Palestine held its biennial meeting at Beirut May 5 to 7, with a very full attendance. The former list of twenty-one member missions was increased to thirty-three, nine of the additions being native bodies, making a meeting of nearly seventy regular delegates. Rev. Henry H. Riggs was elected as chairman for the ensuing two years.

Mr. J. Calvin Keene, B.A. Lebanon College, 1930, a student in Yale University, has been appointed instructor in International College, Smyrna, to begin work next September.

The many friends of Dr. Alexander MacLachlan will be glad to learn of his complete recovery after his long siege of fever in Athens and Smyrna.

Miss Olive Greene of the A.C.I. Smyrna, is leaving May 27th for America via Athens, to attend the 25th reunion of her Wellesley Class. The A.C.I. is rejoicing over the rising walls of its new residence, domestic science and classroom building, "Bristol," which is being erected at a cost of about \$30,000 on the Geuz-tepe site.

Mr. Carlton Washburne, Superintendent of Schools at Winnetka, Ill., is visiting our city, and gave a lecture at the Union of Turkish Teachers, on the latest pedagogical theories. He also addressed the students at Robert College last Sunday evening.

Yours very cordially
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, May 26, 1931

Dear friends:-

Word has come that Mrs. Anna Wells, who with her daughter Miss Helen Wells spent some time helping in Adana and later in Merzifon, is suffering from a painful accident. She fell down some steps, breaking two vertebrae, and had been confined to her bed for three weeks up to May 4th; but the doctor thought with three weeks more of patience, she could hope to get over the effects. Mrs. Wells is in Kalamazoo, and Miss Helen is teaching in Calumet, Mich.

Among recent visitors to Constantinople has been Rev. Dr. K. Sasao, Dean of Meiji Gakuin College, Tokyo, Japan, who has been making a trip through Egypt and Palestine, and came here from Aleppo by rail, going on to Germany and England and America. Meiji Gakuin has 1650 students, and is a Christian institution.

Robert College held its annual Field Day meet on Friday last, when the track and field contests were well carried out and three records were broken. Next Friday come the games for the individual championship of Stamboul, when athletes from various athletic organizations of the city, and even from Greece and Bulgaria, are expected to compete also.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Erdman and their two small boys, from Beirut, arrived here on Friday last for a brief stay with their son Prof. Frederick Erdman of Robert College. They go on today for America via Naples. Mr. Erdman is Treasurer of the Presbyterian Mission in Syria, and they are on their furlough for a year, to be spent mainly in Princeton, N.J.

Friends of Scutari Academy will be glad to know that Miss Alice Lindsley has decided to remain at the School for two years more, in charge of the domestic science department. She goes for a visit to America this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. MacFarlane of International College, Smyrna, are here for a brief visit, Mrs. MacFarlane being in the American Hospital for needed medical help.

Mr. Luther Fowle expects to start back from America on Friday of this week, and should arrive in Stamboul about June 8th. He has been working hard in America, and with results seriously affected by the hard times.

In the class of 1931 at the School of Religion, which completes its course next week, there are six, three men and three women. The three men are all in the Department of Theology; of the women, two are in that of Religious Education, and one in that of Social Service. There are two Greeks, two Armenians, one Russian and one Syrian.

Last Friday, the teaching force of the Gedik Pasha, Scutari and Erenkeuy Schools held a joint picnic at Geuk-Sou, with about thirty present. It was an ideal day, and the spirit of the united company was most pleasant and hilarious.

The Beirut News Letter informs us that the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions in New York has closed its fiscal year with a small credit balance, and this despite a loss in receipts of over \$223,000. The favorable result was due in great part to savings on exchange in China and Persia. Probably this is the only Mission Board that can show so favorable a balance-sheet in this year of depression.

The two Bible Societies in 1928 printed an issue of eleven thousand copies of the Proverbs, partly in the two scripts, and partly in the new Turkish alphabet only. This edition is now entirely exhausted; and a new edition of ten thousand copies is being brought out, and will be available in a week or so. This is of course altogether in the new alphabet; and it is not a new translation, but the transliteration of the old text.

A gift of ten pounds sterling has been received by the Treasury Department for the use of members of the Mission in the free distribution of the new version of the Gospels in Turkish. Members desirous of availing themselves of this may present requests to the Treasury Dept.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, June 2, 1931

Dear friends:-

The joyful news reached us last Tuesday, but too late to be recorded in our last issue, that the \$300,000 sought for in America for the endowment of the American Hospital, Constantinople, has been secured. This takes care of the larger part of the goal of the campaign for which Mr. Luther Fowle went to America. There remains the balance of the amount needed (\$200,000) for the building itself, a part of which is already in hand. Apparently it is with the strong hope of securing this also, that Mr. Fowle has wired his decision to remain two weeks longer, not leaving the United States till June 12th.

Memorial Day was observed last Saturday by the American colony in Constantinople in the time-honored way. A large number gathered at ten o'clock at the Ferikeuy Cemetery, bearing great quantities of lovely flowers of all sorts. The American Ambassador, the American Consul, the Presidents of Robert and Constantinople Colleges, the children of the Community School at Hissar, and many others were there. Before the decoration of the graves of the Americans buried there, Ambassador Grew made a brief address, and read Lincoln's Gettysburg address. Several hymns were sung, and a prayer by President Gates closed the ceremony. Perfect weather marked the day.

Professor and Mrs. E. J. Fisher of Robert College and Miss Alice Morrow of Constantinople College left for America on Thursday last, and Dr. and Mrs. B. V. D. Post yesterday afternoon. All expect to be back in the fall.

Pres. White writes: "Anatolia College has just had a very wonderful visit of five days from Dr. and Mrs. S. Ralph Harlow. He spoke repeatedly to responsive audiences with the power of a vital Christian message and a strong Christian man; and Mrs. Harlow's share was in every way welcome and helpful."

Arrangements have just been completed by which Mr. D. K. Getchell, who has been taking the place of Dr. Marden in Athens Station during the current year, will act as Dean of Anatolia College, Salonica, again next year when Mr. Compton will be in America. Mr. and Mrs. Getchell will live in the Compton house.

The Individual Championships of Constantinople in track and field events last Friday at Robert College were very successful, in spite of early morning rain. Several records were broken. Mr. Fred Thompson of the Erenkeuy School won the 400 metres handily.

Miss Eleanor Earle Oliphant of Texas, a graduate of Sam Houston State Teachers' College in 1928, has been secured on a three-year term appointment for the Girls' School in Aleppo, to succeed Miss Barker who returns to America this summer. Miss Oliphant is taking her M.A. degree at Columbia this spring.

President Kathryn Newell Adams has resigned from the Presidency of Constantinople College, her resignation to take effect this month. She plans to be at home next year with her family, and has made no further plans for the future.

Dr. Marian Talbot, formerly Dean of Women at the University of Chicago, who took Pres. Adam's place three years ago when she was on leave, has been appointed by the Trustees to the position of Acting President for the year 1931-32. The College is in safe hands under such an able administrator, and is to be congratulated on such a wise choice by the Trustees.

There will be a meeting of the Christian Workers' Union on Sunday next, June 7th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Birge at Roumeli Hissar. Tea will be served from 3:30 to 4:30, and after that, Dr. Robert P. Wilder, the General Secretary of the Near East Christian Council, will speak. He leaves the next day for England and Norway.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Exactly one hundred years ago today, Rev. and Mrs. William Goodell landed in Constantinople, and found their way to a house in Pera, destined to be their first missionary residence in this city. Thus was begun the first permanently occupied mission station in Turkey, as those at Smyrna and Beirut were vacant at the time. Mrs. Goodell, with two fellow-passengers on the good ship "Banian" were the first American women ever seen in Constantinople, as far as records show. The Centennial Anniversary of this opening of Constantinople Station will be celebrated July 3rd, in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Mission, at the A.C.I., Brenkeuy.

The baccalaureate sermon of Prof. Michaelides at the School of Religion on Sunday, May 24th, was a masterpiece of inspiration, we are informed; and Dean Carl C. Compton of Anatolia College gave the Commencement Address May 29th, which was also of a very high standard. Six students were graduated, as indicated in a former issue, three of them women.

The process of erecting the two new buildings for Anatolia College on the hill above Salonica, is beginning and arouses much enthusiasm. Mr. Lee Myer is heading the construction work. Over 675 trees have been set out, and there are shrubs and abundant flowers, and garden vegetables, and more water from the hills than they can use.

Dr. Robert P. Wilder, after a most interesting journey through Anatolia, reached Constantinople on Saturday last, and left yesterday for England and Norway. Dr. Wilder had brief visits in Aintab, Marash, Adana, Tarsus and Smyrna, which were an inspiration to all our colleagues at those Stations. At Aintab he had a service of consecration for four babies, and in Tarsus, he consecrated Robert Sage Woolworth. On the way from Adana to Smyrna, his train was held up 4 1/2 hours by a wrecked bridge as a result of torrential rains, and had to spend rather an uncomfortable 23 1/2 hours at Afion Kara Hissar in consequence. His plight however was much ameliorated by the providential arrival of Mr. Partridge, on his way to Aleppo to bring his belongings to Smyrna.

In this city, Dr. Wilder gave two most inspiring talks, one to the members of the Mission, Saturday at the MacCallum home; the other on Sunday afternoon before the Christian Workers' Union, at the home of the Birges. Some sixty persons gathered at the latter, and were thrilled at the successes reported in the work of the Near East Christian Council. Dr. Wilder was the guest while here of Dr. and Mrs. Huntington.

The round of Commencement activities in Constantinople was led off by the A.C.I. at Erenkeuy, last Friday. Amid increasingly threatening clouds, Prof. Ismail Hakki Bey of the University gave a fine address in Turkish to a large gathering under the trees: then came the rain and drove everybody in to the large dining hall, where the other exercises were shortened up because of the storm. One member of the graduating class of fifteen spoke, and C.T. Riggs spoke in English.

Mrs. William K. Eddy, another of the veterans of the Syria Mission died suddenly at Tripoli May 28th. The funeral was held the same evening in Sidon, and she was buried beside her husband.

Mr. Elbert C. Stevens, who has been for some years a secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in Stamboul, has accepted the position of Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings at Constantinople College for the coming year.

Miss Alice Lindsley of Scutari Academy, and Miss Ethel Niermeyer of the Y.W.C.A. Staff, left last Thursday for America, the former expecting to return in the fall. Miss Jeannette Odell and Miss Marjory Hostetter of Merzifon arrived in Constantinople yesterday, the latter on her way to America on expiration of her term of service.

Will those readers of ours who wish their copy of the News Notes sent to another address during the summer or longer, please inform us of any such desired change as promptly as possible?

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Ex-President Alexander MacLachlan and Dean Lee Vrooman of International College, Smyrna, went last week to Angora, via Constantinople, and had a most interesting time, seeing many former students, and having helpful interviews with officials in the Department of Public Instruction. Mr. Vrooman went back to Smyrna; but Dr. MacLachlan has returned to Constantinople for a brief visit.

Miss Marjory Hostetter of Merzifon, accompanied by Mr. Kreider and Mr. Richard Smith, went a few days ago to Brousa, to climb Mt. Olympus and then go on thence to Adana and Tarsus, there to join Miss Ruth Clark who with her father, Dr. C.E. Clark went there from Merzifon for a visit with Mr. James Clark before he starts for America. From there Miss Hostetter and Miss Clark plan to go on through Palestine to Egypt, and then via Italy to America. Mr. Clark takes somewhat the same route but independently, while Dr. Clark comes to the Annual Meeting.

Dr. Ralph Harlow and family have come on to Constantinople from Athens for a visit with the Birges; and Dr. Harlow preached the closing sermon for the Scutari Academy last Sunday, and gives the Commencement address at the Gedik Pasha School this week. They plan to sail on Saturday for Italy, and go thence to Geneva for a longer stay, before returning to America.

President Gates preached the Baccalaureate Sermon at Robert College June 7th; and the sixty-eighth annual Commencement exercises were held last Saturday, June 13th, with a large number of friends present. The graduating class included twenty-one in the School of Arts and Sciences, and fourteen in the School of Engineering. Of the latter, three completed the course in electric engineering, six in civil, and five in mechanical engineering. An address in Turkish was given by Ahmed Hamid Bey, Director of the High Normal School; and Hon. Joseph C. Grew, the American Ambassador, gave an address in English. That evening about a hundred graduates and teachers assembled for the annual Alumni Banquet.

At Constantinople College, President Adams gave the Baccalaureate address last Sunday, this being her last before she leaves her position and returns to America. The forty-first annual Commencement exercises took place yesterday afternoon, and the College auditorium was well filled. Thirty-four young women received diplomas with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. The American Ambassador made an address in English, and Mousliheddin Adil Bey, Professor of Law at the University, an address in Turkish. Miss Nadejda Boneva, one of the graduating class, played a Bohemian Rhapsody on the piano with good effect.

Following the closing exercises of the two Colleges, there has begun a rapid exodus of teachers for the vacation. Quite a number go and do not return; and in their places there will be many new faces in the fall. Eleven new ladies have been appointed for Constantinople College, in addition to Dr. Talbot as Acting President. Among these are Miss Edith P. Stickney of California as Professor of History; Miss Katherine Wright of Virginia as Professor of Chemistry; Miss Susan Lancaster of New York as Librarian; Miss Edith W. Fosdick of New Jersey, who has been teaching this past year at Athens Girls' College, as Associate Professor of English in the Preparatory Department; and Miss Anne H. Stewart of North Dakota as Dietitian and Instructor in Home Economics.

Four new men have been appointed for Robert College:-Mr. William G. MacGregor, of Connecticut, Assistant Director of Physical Education; Mr. Southland Menzel, of Boston, Instructor of English in the Engineering School; Mr. Davis R. Post, son of Dr. Bertram V.D. Post of Robert College, as Instructor in English, and Mr. Louis S. Morse, Jr., of Pennsylvania, Instructor in Physics.

Miss Arline Hallett of Adana passed through this city last week, on her way to spend the summer in America.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Riggs have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Randle, and Mr. Charles Stuart MacNeal, of the English Department at Robert College.

Rev. J. Oscar Boyd, of the American Bible Society office in Vienna, who has been making a brief visit in this city, is leaving today on his return, stopping at Sofia en route. On his way here, Dr. Boyd visited Albania and Athens and Salonica. He expects to be back in Constantinople for another short visit in the fall.

Miss Emma Zbinden of Merzifon passed through here not long since on her way to her home in Switzerland for the vacation; but owing to her being on a French steamer from Samsoun, which cannot be engaged in the coastwise traffic, she was unable to leave the steamer while in the harbor.

The round of Commencement seasons for the American schools in Constantinople was completed this past week with the closing exercises of the American Academy at Scutari on Tuesday, and of the Gedik Pas-ha school on Friday. Each school granted diplomas to twenty-one students, those of the Gedik Pasha class being eleven boys and ten girls. At Scutari an address in Turkish was given by Hilmi Ziya Bey, Professor of Philosophy at the Galata Serai School; and Hon. Joseph C. Grew, the American Ambassador, spoke to the class in English. Members of the graduating class gave the salutatory and three essays. At Gedik Pasha, Ali Kami Bey, Principal of the Dar-ush-Shefaka School, gave the Turkish address, and Dr. S. Ralph Harlow the English address.

Dr. and Mrs. S. Ralph Harlow and family left Constantinople on Saturday last, going by way of Italy to Geneva, where they will make a stay of some weeks before going on to America. Their aid and inspiration at the School of Religion and among all the missionaries will long be gratefully remembered.

Miss Irene Bostrom, of Athens Junior College for Girls, at the close of a short visit in Constantinople, leaves today for Europe.

Mr. Robert W. Maynard, son of Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Maynard of Smyrna, is to teach this next year in International College; and Mr. William H. Hall, Jr., of New York, formerly instructor at Robert College, will come to Sofia College as Assistant Professor of Religious Education. Mr. Hall has recently been married.

Dr. George H. Huntington, of Robert College, left last week to give the Baccalaureate Sermon last Sunday in connection with the graduation exercises at Sofia College.

Miss Mabel E. Long, for the past ten years teacher at Sofia, has been transferred to Athens Junior College, and arrived in Athens the first of this month to take up the study of the Greek language. Miss H. H. Steele of the Sofia College expects to join her there for the summer.

Quite a few of the delegates to the Annual Meeting, which begins on Friday of this week, have already arrived, including the Wiley family from Marash, Miss Parsons of Smyrna, Miss Ward of Merzifon.

A well-known figure passed off the stage with the death this past week of the mother of the former Khedive of Egypt, Abbas Hilmi Pasha. She was ninety-seven years old, and had for many years spent each summer in her palace at Bebek, in which village she was well-beloved for her many benefactions to the poor of that place.

Dr. Kathryn Newell Adams, the retiring President of Constantinople College, sails today for America, with Miss Mary A. Hall, who is also completing her service with the College. Our best wishes go with them both as they leave us, not expecting to return.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

The Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission has begun its sessions at the American Collegiate Institute, Chifte Havauz, Erenkeuy, and a large number of missionaries and their families are assembled there. The sessions opened on Friday last, June 26th, and the following delegates are present:-

ADANA:- Miss Borel, Miss Brauer, Miss Martin, Mr. Meyring,
Mr. Woolworth
AINTAB:- Mr and Mrs Isely, Miss Honiss
ALEPPO:- Mr and Mrs Adkins, Miss Norton
ATHENS:- Miss Mills, Miss Rice
BEIRUT:- Miss Jillson, Mr H.H. Riggs
CAESAREA:- Miss Dwight, Mr and Mrs Nilson, Mr Smith
CONS/PLE:- Miss Catlin, Miss Loughridge, Miss Putney, Mrs Birge,
Mr Blake, Mr Markham
MARASH:- Mr and Mrs Wiley
MARDIN:- Miss Dewey
MERZIFON:- Miss Ward, Dr Clark
SALONICA:- Mrs Sewny, Mr and Mrs Hawkes
SMYRNA:- Miss Parsons, Mrs Caldwell, Mr Raymond White
Fraternal Delegate from Bulgaria Mission, Rev William P. Clarke
Ex-officio:- Dr MacCallum, Messrs. Rose, Fowle, Kreider, and C.T. Riggs

Rev. Henry H. Riggs of Beirut is Cha-irman of the meeting, and Charles T. Riggs was re-elected Secretary of the Mission.

Quite a number of other persons connected with the Mission have attended one or more sessions, including from out-of-town, Miss Colmyer of Merzifon, Miss Stone and Miss Towner of Adana, Mrs Rose of Athens, Miss Ringer of Smyrna, Mrs Meyering and Mrs Allen of Tarsus, Miss Pohl of Caesarea. Also a large number of children are in evidence including about fifteen under twelve years old.

On Sunday afternoon a beautiful service was held, at which the annual sermon was delivered by Miss Parsons of Smyrna, and the Communion was administered by Dr F.W. MacCallum and Rev W.P. Clarke; and Dr MacCallum as Pastor of the Mission Church baptized little Dorothy Grace Nilson. A mixed quartet rendered two selections.

Saturday afternoon and yesterday were entirely devoted to the reading of the reports from the various stations and departments of the Mission work. These reports indicated real progress along a variety of lines, and a clearer understanding of the trend of mission work.

Constantinople was visited on Sunday by an unusually violent rainstorm, which held up traffic and flooded streets for some time. No serious damage was reported; but rains have fallen for four consecutive days, - a most unusual thing for this season in this city. Our delegate friends from other parts are not getting a good impression of our weather.

Rev and Mrs Edward T. Perry of the Mission Language School left on Thursday last for their year of furlough. They will visit England for some time on their way, taking in a house-party conducted by Mr. Buchman.

Miss Olive Greene left Smyrna May 27th, to attend the twenty-fifth anniversary of her Wellesley College class. She expects to be back again for the reopening of the A.C.I. Smyrna, in the fall.

Dean Lee Vrooman of International College, with Mrs Vrooman, has left Smyrna for America on furlough. Mr Vrooman has a missionary fellowship at Union Theological Seminary, and they will spend the year there.

Mr W.J. Shallcross, Assistant to the President of Anatolia College, after a visit of eighteen days in Salonica, came to Constantinople and was present at a few sessions of the Annual Meeting before leaving for his return to America.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

In connection with the Annual Meeting of the Mission, now in progress, last Friday was set aside for the celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of Constantinople Station. A full and interesting program was presented in the morning, consisting of a welcoming address by Dr. MacCallum, who presided, and speeches from representatives of the three Stations of the Mission started earlier than Constantinople, - Smyrna, Beirut and Athens; also from representatives of Robert and Constantinople Colleges, and the Union Church of Pera, all of which were begun in consequence of the work of this Station; also from ministers of the Armenian and Greek Evangelical Churches. There was an address on the outlook for the future, as well as a historical sketch of the Station and its work. Eleven letters were read from former members of the Station. The hymns sung were all of them from those written by Isaac Watts, the tunes also being those familiar to our first missionaries. Four children and grandchildren of missionaries led in prayer, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. William P. Clarke, of Sofia, also the son of a missionary.

In the afternoon of the same day, a Pageant was presented by members of the Station, giving living pictures of scenes from long ago, all woven together into a deeply devotional and harmonious whole by selections read and sung. The costumes and setting of the various scenes were surprisingly good, considering the limitations under which the committee worked.

The Fourth of July was observed, not only by the time-honored reception at the American Embassy, when Ambassador Grew and his family greeted the members of the Mission, but also by the unveiling of the tablet in honor of Dr. Isaac G. Bliss, which has been placed in the Bible House beneath the portrait of Dr. Bliss in the hallway, and which was unveiled by Mr. Lyman MacCallum, representing the American Bible Society, with appropriate ceremonies in which the Mission members had a part. Dr Bliss was the Levant Agent of the Bible Society from 1852 to 1889.

Miss Isabelle Harley of Scutari left for her furlough by the Lloyd Triestino steamer last Thursday morning. On the same steamer were also Mrs Block and Miss Towner, going on vacation trips to Europe; also President and Mrs Gates of Robert College.

Mrs R.S. Rose, of Athens School of Religion, passed through here last week, going on a Paquat steamer for a trip to Batoum and return. On the return trip Mr Rose expects to join his wife for the voyage back to Greece.

Mr Thomas Scott Mendenhall, of Ohio, has been engaged by the Board for a three-year term of teaching at Tarsus College. Mr. Mendenhall will handle the science classes. He expects to sail August 5th by the American Export Line, hoping to spend some days in Constantinople on his way to Tarsus.

Miss Florence Swan, of Dorchester, Mass., has been appointed for one year at the Scutari Academy. Miss Swan is a Wellesley graduate of 1920, and has had five years of teaching at Capron Hall School, Madura, India, and is now on furlough in America. She expects to be here in the fall.

Dr and Mrs J.K. Eldred of Athens Station are leaving America shortly, at the expiration of their furlough, and are expected in Athens about August first. As soon as convenient after that, Dr and Mrs Getchell will return to Salonica from Athens.

Among those spending a part of the summer at Geuz Tepe School after the close of the Annual Meeting are the Adkins, Isely, Wilson, Rector and Kreider families, Miss Borel of Adana and Miss Rice of Old Phaleron.

We are glad to record the good recovery of Mrs J.C. Grew, the Ambassador's wife, from a painful fall which resulted in the breaking of two ribs. Mrs. Grew is again able to be around.

Yours very cordially,
Charles H. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Word has been received of the death, presumably in California, on Saturday, June 27th, of Mrs. Sarah E. Sears Smith, formerly of our Mission. Mrs. Smith was in her 83rd year, and had not been herself for a long time. She was with her son, Wallace W. Smith. She was born in Dalton, Mass., Oct. 31, 1848. As Miss Seers, she came out in early 1874 to Mardin Station, where she was located until her marriage with Rev. John F. Smith of Marsovan Station, May 14, 1885. From that time until her furlough in 1914, she was in Marsovan, for the greater part of the time serving as matron of Anatolia College. The Annual Meeting of 1913 transferred her from Merzifon to Talas, upon her return from furlough in 1915; but the war intervened and she never returned to the field.

A most unexpected action of the American Board at its annual meeting in Seattle was the appointment of Mr. Harold B. Belcher as Treasurer of the Board. For several years he has actually carried most of the work of that office. Mr. Gaskins will remain as a sort of counsel in legal matters and in investments, but we understand with the title of Assistant Treasurer.

The Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission closed its sessions at the A.C.I., Chifte Havouz, Friday afternoon, after one day more than two weeks. It was a strenuous meeting, marked by deep and searching re-evaluation of the work of the Mission, and a spiritual tone rarely if ever surpassed. Clear-cut differences of opinion were not infrequent, but the very best spirit of united thinking things through, was manifest. Every effort was made to arrange for a possible further reduction in appropriations, with the least loss to the work. The effort was initiated looking toward a union of the School of Religion at Old Phaleron with the School for Religious Workers at Beirut, under the Presbyterian Mission of Syria; and a committee is taking up correspondence with that Mission about this plan, which is not expected to materialize till the fall of 1932.

Many of the delegates to the Annual Meeting have started back to their Stations, and more go this week. Some, as indicated last week, are staying on at the School at Chifte Havouz.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley and their children, of Marash, and Miss Adelaide Dwight of Caesarea, started last Thursday by Lloyd Triestino steamer for America via Venice and Paris, on their furloughs. At Cherbourg they expect to join the Perrys and the Vroomans and take the S.S. George Washington the day after tomorrow for New York.

Miss Behire Refik, a graduate of Constantinople College, who has been studying in Ann Arbor, Mich., returns to our city this fall, to take a teaching position in the American Academy at Scutari.

Miss Katharine Day, who has been teaching in Constantinople College, was married June 20th to Mr. Gerald Barnes, at Beirut; and after a brief trip among the Lebanon Mountains, they left Beirut last Tuesday for America.

Dr. and Mrs. E. St. John Ward, of the A.U.B. Hospitals in Beirut, are also leaving for America. The Beirut News Letter says:—"We greatly regret the uncertainty concerning their return, as we cannot well endure the thought of such a great loss to the whole missionary cause in Syria." But we understand that with this uncertainty is coupled the possibility that what is Syria's loss will be Turkey's gain.

Those present at Annual Meeting were delighted to see with us during the last sessions Mr. & Mrs. Dwinell, who so nearly became members of our Mission, but who are in charge of the Extension Work of the American University at Cairo. They are now making a trip to Mt. Olympus with Mr. & Mrs. Markham.

Secretary Ernest W. Riggs says in a letter dated June 27th:—"Tomorrow I have to go to New York to transfer Pordin Folk School to the Near East Foundation." Our felicitations to Dr. and Mrs. Haskell on this prospect of increased support and growth and usefulness!

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

We have all been rejoicing of late in the good word from Dr. Haas at Adana, that the property of the American Hospital there is once more undisputedly in the possession of the Americans. In 1930, the Adana Commission on Abandoned Properties laid claim in the local court to nine rooms and part of the ground of the Hospital, for the reason that it had stood in the name of an Armenian no longer there. The plain facts of ownership were urged by the Hospital in rebuttal, but the local Court ruled that the property belonged to the Commission. This decision was appealed to the higher Court in Eski Shehir; but this Court of Appeals confirmed the decision of the lower court. There was therefore nothing to do, if the property was to be saved, but to buy it back from the Abandoned Properties Commission. The consent of the American Board to this procedure was secured; but there were others who wanted to purchase this claim, in order to force out the Hospital. However, friends of the American Hospital rallied to its aid, and the sale through closed tenders resulted in the Mission representatives securing the property. Our congratulations go to Dr. Haas and his associates for this success.

If any person receiving the Minutes of the recent Annual Meeting has missed Page 17 from the total, one copy of that page remains by error in this office. Apply to the undersigned.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Lyman MacCallum, of the American Bible Society and Scutari, left on Thursday last for a year's furlough. They are planning to spend about half of that time in England, and the other half in Canada. Dr. F. W. MacCallum is for present in general charge of the Bible Society office at the Bible House.

Following the visit of the Massachusetts Mercantile Marine training-ship "Nantucket," to our harbor, there now lie in the Bosphorus two United States Coast-guard ships, the "Sebago" and the "Mendetto", also an American yacht.

Miss Sarah R. Riggs returned two days ago from her trip to England, and will spend the rest of the vacation at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvert, nephew and niece of Miss Marion Sheldon of Scutari, and their young son arrived in Scutari a week or more ago for a visit with their aunt, and will shortly be returning to America.

Miss Dorothy Blatter and Miss Gladys Perry, both coming to Merzifon for three-year terms, are sailing from New York by American Export steamer August 5th. By the same line there sail on August 15th, Miss Agnes Fenenga of Mardin, Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Mitchell for Anatolia College and Mr. James C. Abel, also for Anatolia. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have received permanent appointment. On August 22nd, Miss Margaret Hinman of the A.C.I., Smyrna, sails on the Cosulich liner "Saturnia" on her return; and with her are booked Mr. Donald E. Webster and family, going to International College. Mr. and Mrs. Lyman of Marash and Mrs. E. C. Partridge now joining her husband at Smyrna, are booked to sail August 25th from New York by American Export line, unless some change is made ere that.

Mrs. Leslie of the Treasury Department underwent an operation last Saturday for appendicitis and other troubles, which seems to have been very successful; but she will of course be laid aside for some time. She is under Dr. Shepard's care at the American Hospital.

Mr. Ezra P. Young, of the Social Service work in Adana, is in the city on his way to Europe for a holiday.

His Excellency the President, Ghazi Mustafa Kemal, arrives today in our city and will spend the rest of the summer here and in Yalova.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

This season seems to be one of long voyages, prolonged beyond expectation. The return trip to America of the Misses Moffat, sisters of Mrs. Lorrin Shepard, reminds one of the days of sailing vessels, one hundred years ago. It took them fifty-three days from Constantinople to Boston; but that was because the American Export steamer in which they took this leisurely journey, stopped at many interesting ports in the Mediterranean on the way. They are now settled once more at Southport, Maine.

Another prolonged voyage was in some ways less luxurious. It was accomplished last week by those brave modern Argue-naughts, who shall be nameless but whom we shall dub Jack and Leslie. These two intrepid youths left the friendly shores of Asia Minor in a so-called sailboat owned by another nameless youth whom we shall call Ted, bound across the uncharted Marmora for the Princes Islands or beyond. As it was to be a brief voyage on a very hot day, they were clad very simply, in bathing-suits only. But when they were off the coast of Proti, the breeze died down so completely that all hope of sailing back was taken away. It was nine or ten- o'clock in the evening when they finally disembarked, not knowing exactly where to apply for a night's shelter, since other people seemed to dress in evening clothes. However, a kind-hearted German couple showed them the way to the home of an equally kind-hearted Greek, who took the two scantily clad youth in and covered them up. In the meanwhile their wives and children at Chifte Havouz were becoming terribly worried at their non-return; and were only partially satisfied by the telephone message from Proti. The next day they got an early start toward the mainland, but it was three in the afternoon before our gallant Argue-naughts reached their weeping families. For the next voyage, they plan to take the Golden Fleece along with them, to cover them up o' nights.

A telegram received yesterday at the Bible House from Dr. Hamilton at Aintab states that Dr. Albert W. Dewey was operated upon in the night for appendicitis, and is doing well. This sudden and unexpected word makes us hope that the news will continue to be good.

Mrs. William S. Dodd, after an absence of seven years in America, arrived yesterday in the Bosphorus by American Export Liner, on her way to visit her sons and their families in Talas and in Beirut.

Mr. Elbert C. Stevens, who had for years been connected with the Y.M.C.A. in this city, has accepted the position of Superintendent of Grounds at Constantinople College, in succession to Mr. Alfred W. Sellar, and will enter on his duties in November, Mr. Sellar retiring at the end of 1931.

Mr. Ernest M. Hedden and family, of the Y.M.C.A., left Constantinople on Sunday by the Lloyd Triestino coasting steamer for a trip through the Aegean Islands and along the Dalmatian coast, expecting to make a brief stay near Abbazia, not far from Fiume.

Miss Dorothy and Effie Post and Miss Helen Barnum arrived two days ago by steamer from Venice, the first-named coming for a month's vacation before returning to America, the latter two returning after a trip to France and England.

Among those who are still staying on in this summer resort of Constantinople for a time longer, are Miss Ward of Merzifon, Miss Rice of Athens, Miss Norton and the Adkins family of Aleppo, the Isoly family of Aintab, and Miss Boral of Adana.

Miss Jillson, Mr. and Mrs. Markham and Mr. and Mrs. Dwinell are having an interesting visit in Brousa. Part of their objective was the top of Mt. Olympus. The Fowles and Shopards are hoping later on to camp on the Olympus slopes.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Constantinople has been all agog with the arrival of the two intrepid American aviators, Boardman and Polando, in the airplane "Cape Cod" on Thursday last, after a fine non-stop flight of 49 hours from New York. They covered just short of 5,000 miles, or almost 8,000 kilometres, which is in itself a world's record. They are being feted all around. On Friday the President of the Republic received them at Yalova and entertained them to dinner. They were also the recipients of decorations in memory of the flight. On Sunday afternoon Ambassador and Mrs. Grew tendered them a garden party at their summer residence in Yenikeuy to which a very large number went.

Quite a number of friends left the city in various directions on Thursday last. Miss Pauline Sage, who for a year past has been rendering such valued help in the American Academy at Scutari, left by rail for Prague on her return to the United States. Miss Mary Ward left by steamer for Samsoun on her way back to Merzifon, accompanied by Miss Ellen Catlin of Gedik Pasha. Mr. and Mrs. Birge and their three boys left by Lloyd Triestino boat for Venice, going thence by France to England, to see Robert, the eldest son off on his steamer for America. Bob will be in Andover Academy next fall.

On Friday Mrs. William S. Dodd, whose arrival from America was recorded last week, left with her son Dr. Wilson Dodd for Talas, he having come up from there to meet his mother. She will stay with that family for a few weeks, and then go on to Beirut to see Stuart and his family.

Miss Ilse C. Pohl, who has been visiting in Smyrna and Athens, returned last week and went on from here on Saturday by rail for Caesarea. The same day Mr. and Mrs. Isely and their tribe left by rail for their return journey to Aintab.

After spending ten days in Smyrna on her way, Miss Minnie B. Mills reached Old Phaleron July 23rd, to spend the rest of the summer superintending the erection of the new buildings for the Junior College. Miss McCallum, Miss Glennie, Miss Pinneo, Miss Long, and Miss Steele are leaving Old Phaleron for Italy and a cooler region if they can find one.

Mrs. Edith Laird of Beirut reached Constantinople July 21st for a visit of a few weeks with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum. They are spending the summer over in Scutari.

Dr. and Mrs. Alexander MacLachlan, who have been in Smyrna, sailed July 29th on the "Empress of Britain" for Canada, after a short visit in England following a ten days' stay in Vienna.

Mrs. Cass Arthur Reed and her three children are spending the summer in Austria. The oldest son, Lachlan, successfully underwent a serious appendix operation in Vienna July 13th. Mrs. William Fowler, also of International College, successfully underwent an operation for sinus trouble in the same city.

With Miss Dorothy Blatter and Miss Gladys Perry, sailing on August 5th by American Export Line steamer for Constantinople on their way to Merzifon, will be also Miss Blatter's father, Mr. D. Victor Blatter, also Mr. Mendenhall, who goes to Tarsus College.

Mr. John Francis Allison, of Slippery Rock, Penn., a graduate of Grove City College, has been appointed a teacher in the A.C.I., Erenkeuy for a term of three years. Mr. Allison's father is a professor in the Teachers College in his home town. Mr. Allison will probably be sailing for Constantinople by American Export Line steamer August 15th, with Mr. Robert J. Greef, also for the A.C.I., Erenkeuy, Mr. Abel and Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell for Anatolia College, Salonica, Miss Penenga returning to Mardin, and Mr. & Mrs. T.C. Greene, parents of Mrs. Dewey of Aintab, who are going out to visit their daughter and grandchildren in Aintab.

The Fowle and Shepard families have gone camping on Mt. Olympus above Brousa, expecting to stay a month or so in that breezy air.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:

The American aviators, Boardman and Polando, after being feted and celebrated by the Municipality and the Turkish Aviation and Sport organizations, and given medals, rugs, and other mementoes of their record flight, took off in their airplane, "Cape Cod," Sunday morning, making the landing-field near Marseilles that afternoon about 5:30. There they expect to pack their machine and send it to America by the American Export liner "Excalibur", going home themselves also by steamer. Their graceful gestures in placing a wreath at the foot of the statue in the Taksim Square, and in making a liberal donation for the sufferers from the fire in Beshiktash which took place while they were here, as well as their general demeanor in this city, have done much to strengthen cordial relations between the two countries.

Miss Edith Parsons, who spent two weeks in Talas, and has also made a visit to her old station at Brousa, leaves today on her return to Smyrna.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Riggs Brewster and their boys are due to sail from New York on their return from furlough on August 21st by the Steamship "Belgenland" of the Red Star Line for Cherbourg. They go to Athens where Mr. Brewster will again be acting President of the School of Religion.

Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Getchell, after a brief visit to Salonica, are leaving Athens today for a voyage into the Black Sea on the Faquet line steamer "Tadla", as far as Batoum; and then westward on the same boat to Naples, and thence by rail back to Salonica.

In Caesarea the Children's Playground is actually in operation. As a result of Mr. Burhan's visit, the Vali is organizing a Sports and Play Society for the whole city recreation program. Mr. Paul Nilson has already given several movie shows; and last Thursday evening he and Miss Eddy, accompanied by the Talas Governor, or Nahie Muduru, went to the neighboring town of Munjesun for another show.

The Talas Boys' School is connecting up this summer with the new electric power and lighting system now available from Bunyan, which will give them ample current at about half the expense of their previous Delco plant.

Miss Isabelle Harley, who has been having a good visit with relatives in Dundee, Scotland, was due to sail for America on Aug. 5th.

The new residence and domestic science building of the American Collegiate Institute at Smyrna, known as "Bristol," is rapidly approaching completion under the direction of Mr. E. C. Partridge, and will be ready for occupancy at the beginning of the fall term. At International College, "Annarden Lodge," a memorial to the late Anna Harlow Birge, to be used for social and recreational purposes, is well toward completion on its slightly ledge in "West Farms."

Mr. and Mrs. F. Lyman MacCallum are having the time of their young lives in the south of England, visiting Mrs. MacCallum's relatives at Bournemouth, and canoeing on the neighboring streams.

We regret to announce the approaching departure of Miss Imogene Johnson, nurse at the American Hospital in this city, who returns to America by the next American Export steamer. In her place is expected on Sunday next Miss Doane, a nurse with hospital experience in Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Rector, who have been connected with the A. C. I. at Erenkeuy, did not make the anticipated arrangement with the Turkish Lycee at Caesarea, and are starting for America in a few days by the Byron line. Our best wishes go with them.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:

Dr. and Mrs. Jesse K. Marden arrived in Old Phaleron, Greece, on their return from furlough on August 4th, to the great satisfaction of all their colleagues, and are fast getting into the harness again.

Mr. & Mrs. D. K. Getchell, on their vacation voyage on the S.S. "Tadla" had a few hours in Constantinople on Thursday last, as they went through from Piraeus toward Batoum. They should be back again on the way to Naples within a week.

The Whites of Salonica are making a record as aviators, this summer, with President and Mrs. George E. White flying from there to Bucharest, and Mr. and Mrs. George D. White flying with Mr. Lee Myer to Sofia and back. We have not yet heard of Anatolia College securing its own air flivver, but perhaps this is in the future.

Mr. Creighton, the architect for the Robert College Library building, arrived with his wife and child on Sunday last from America. Mr. Creighton has already made a good reputation in these parts through his work in connection with Beirut University and the Presbyterian Mission in Syria, as well as having had experience in China.

Mr. William Chambers, the second of the four sons of our old friend Robert Chambers, now of Woods Hole and New York, and grandson of Robert Chambers, D.D., late of Baghtchedjik, is visiting Constantinople for a short time, after visits in Beirut and points in Europe. He expects to enter Amherst in the fall.

The Olympus Camping Colony had a magnificent lamb-roast up there last Saturday, in which the Markhams, Shepards, Fowles, Dwinella, Miss Jillson, and the French Consul from Brouse took part. The whole lamb was roasted on a spit, in true Oriental style, and rumor has it that none remained until the morning. The Camp is a fine success; baseball games are not unheard-of, and Messrs Dwinell, Fowle, Markham and Shepard climbed to the summit a week ago, and made some interesting discoveries along the ridge. Messrs Fowle and Shepard came down to Constantinople a few days ago, the Doctor to meet his new nurse, Miss Doane, who arrived Sunday, and the Treasurer to see to some business in Merzifon very soon.

Miss Jennie E. Paige of Talas Hospital, and Mr. Edward J. Treat of Talas Boys School have reached this city on vacation trips. Mr. Treat expects to go on shortly to Vienna and other points.

Word has been received that Mrs. F.E. Curtis, mother of Mrs. L.R. Fowle, is planning to leave America with the August 25th party, coming to spend the winter with her daughter and family. Tebrik Ederiz!

Prof. and Mrs. Huntington are returning from America to make a stop for a real outing at Cortina, Italy, from Aug. 24 to Sept. 9, before coming on to Robert College.

Secretary Ernest W. Riggs has been assisting in the Blue Ridge Missionary Education Conference, Black Mountain, N.C., July 29 to Aug. 7, giving a daily lecture on Current Trends in World Missions, and also giving the closing Forum address on Compelling Objectives in World Missions.

Miss Marion E. Sheldon of Scutari School starts today for a visit in Cham Koria, Bulgaria, whence Miss Woodward has recently returned to Gedik Pasha School. Mrs. Lillian C. Sewny is leaving Scutari today on her return to Anatolia College, Salonica.

Miss Florence Swan, who comes to the Scutari School, sailed with the party leaving last Saturday from New York by the S.S. "Excellency". Miss Alice Lindsley, returning to the same School, sails Sept. 9th on the S.S. "Vulcanic" to Trieste. Miss Hinman of Smyrna has changed her sailing to August 25th.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stambul, August 26, 1931

Dear friends:-

Mrs. Allen matron of Tarsus College, left Constantinople last week for an outing to Rhodes, where she joins up with Dr. Parmelee of Athens and Miss Small of Adana, who are already there.

A letter from Mrs. William L. Nute written from Pasadena, Calif. July 25th, reports her mother, Mrs. T.D. Christie, formerly of Tarsus, as very low and unconscious most of the time. The Christie family were all there except Paul, who is in Europe for a sabbatical year. Mrs. Christie is in her eightieth year.

Miss Anita Grew, daughter of our Ambassador, who last year made an unsuccessful attempt to swim the length of the Bosphorus, was this year completely successful; she swam the entire distance from Roumeli Fener, at the Black Sea entrance, to the Seraglio Point, at the Marmora entrance, about eighteen miles, in five hours. Her father accompanied her in a boat. A few days later a party of four Turkish young men started from Anadolu Kavak, near the Genoese Castle, to swim to the Island of Proti (Kinali) in the Marmora, a slightly longer distance. Only one of the four succeeded in going the whole way, and it took him ten hours. The others withdrew, one of them within less than a mile of the goal.

President C.A. Reed came up from Smyrna last week, and joined Mr. Luther Fowle on a trip to Merzifon and Angora. The lawyer, Hamit Bey, was also of the party. They left by steamer Thursday evening for Samsoun.

Dr. Albert W. Dewey is making a fine recovery at Aintab from his emergency appendicitis operation, and hopes to be in good shape for the reopening of the Hospital on Sept. 1st. The two fine new cement porches are finished, the wiring for the Delco plant is being fixed, and the new tiles are on the west wing. The Doctor and family are rejoicing in the progress of little Warner Dewey Junior toward recovery after a dangerous sickness which brought him to death's door while his father was ill.

The rural experiment of our Aintab friends at Burj is reported as a great success. The football, the movies, the actual living of the fences and Mr. Blake in a village house with fly-screening, made an impression on the villagers. But it seems that there is a law forbidding foreigners living in a village without the permission of the Minister of the Interior! No such permission has ever been required in those parts before; but they had to all come back to Aintab to await the requisite permit. Meanwhile they are mourning the death of two of their Guernsey cows.

Miss Dorothy Blatter and Miss Gladys Perry, who are on their way to Merzifon for three year terms in the Girls' School there, arrived from New York on the American S.S. "Excelsior" yesterday, making the trip in nineteen days and arriving earlier than expected. With them is Miss Blatter's father, Mr. Victor Blatter, and also Mr. T. Scott Mendenhall, the new teacher for Tarsus College. Mr. Blatter turns homeward from here after a stay of a few days. The plans of the others are not yet fixed.

Miss Catlin has returned to Gedik Pasha after a brief visit to Merzifon. Mr. Kreider went a few days ago to Brousa to arrange for the occupation of our school property there by a Turkish school for the ensuing year, and got back last evening.

In the August "Missionary Herald" is an interesting article by Miss Alice Lindsley about the Scutari Academy, accompanied by several good photographs.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman W. Paige, of Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada, announce the engagement of their daughter Jennie Elizabeth to Mr. Edward Straight Treat, of Spring Valley, N.Y. It is a great pleasure to extend this announcement, which is of especial interest to those connected with their station at Talas. Miss Paige and Mr. Treat are spending part of their vacation in Constantinople.

After spending the summer here or in this vicinity, Miss Jillson of Beirut and Miss Norton of Aleppo left last Wednesday on their return to the warmer climes of Syria and to resume their work.

The Olympus camping party has broken up and fallen down the mountain piecemeal, so to speak. First came the Markham and Dwinell families, and Miss Jillson; and later on in detachments the Fowle and Shepard families, and Miss Helen Post, till the remnants were safely housed in Constantinople. All unite in reporting the summer outing a huge success.

Mr. James N. Nichols, of Syracuse, N.Y., a graduate of 1930, Whitman College, Oregon, who has had one year's experience in high school teaching, has been secured for a three-year term at the A.C.I., Erenkeuy, and will be coming out soon for the opening of the new term.

Miss Bertha L. Campbell has been approved by the Cabinet in Boston, to come out to the Athens Junior College for Girls as dietitian.

Mrs. E.C. Partridge and two children, Frances and Alfred, are presumably on the ocean now, having started a week ago on the American Export line for Smyrna, to join Mr. Partridge who is in charge of building operations at the A.C.I. there.

Mrs. Conyers Baker, Secretary to Dr. Robert P. Wilder at Cairo, passed through here last week on her return to Cairo after a vacation. Dr. Wilder himself is with his family in Norway, and expects to be in Constantinople Sept. 22nd on his return, and is planning to visit Merzifon, Caesarea, Talas, Angora, and Aleppo on his way back to Egypt.

Mr. E.C. Blake, after spending some time with the Pence family at Burj, near Aintab, returned to his home in Erenkeuy last Friday. He brought with him Ann Birge, who has been with Miss Hotson and others up at Beuredjik, near Bozanti in the Taurus Mountains for a fine holiday. The rest of the Birge family is expected Sunday from Europe.

Miss Towner of Adana and Mrs. Block of Talas arrived Saturday last after a summer in Vienna, where Mrs. Block underwent a successful operation on her eye. On the same train came also Mr. Young, of the Adana playground work, returning from a summer in Europe.

Treasurer Fowle got back two days ago, after a swift trip to Merzifon, Caesarea and Angora. It would seem that the new law by which all teaching of both history and geography in all schools in this country must be in Turkish and by Turkish teachers, is to be put in operation at once, except where it can be shown that sufficient reasons operate for its being put off for one year, because of contracts already made. But eventually there will be no exceptions.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley of Marash have been spending nearly a month in Cleveland, O., with Mrs. Wiley's family, before settling down in Somerville, Mass. In Cleveland Mr. Wiley attended most of the sessions of the World's Y.M.C.A. Conference.

President John E. Merrill of Aleppo College has been under an operation at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, and last accounts, August 18th, was not yet back with his family, but hoped to be so shortly.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

A sudden and rather fierce thunderstorm on Thursday last brought to this city the only rain it has had in many weeks. Damage of a lesser sort was done in several parts of the city. A corner of the tower of Washburn Hall, Robert College, was struck by lightning; and Dean Scipio who was in the building was nearly bowled over by the atmospheric pressure but received no electric shock. It was a narrow escape.

A small group of faculty and students from Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, Eng., including the vice-principal, Rev. Julian Thornton-Duesbery, are to be in Constantinople on Friday and Saturday of this week, and will speak informally at the Bible House chapel on Friday at 4:30 and 7:30. They are one of the "Oxford Groups," and will speak in the afternoon, personally witnessing what Christ has done for them, and in the evening will tell of the work of the Groups throughout the world. All interested are warmly invited to attend.

Our friend Paul Nilson sends us a graphic account of a week of movie shows in six different towns, during the last week of August. He and two Turkish teachers visited Boghazlian, Alishar, Yozgat, Merzifon, Chorum, and Kirshehir, giving two exhibitions in Yozgat and one each in the rest, to an average of 300 people each time. The auto battery provided sufficient light. They had the heartiest reception everywhere; and Turkish city officers arranged each evening's show. Aside from the spectators, they were especially glad to see the missionaries in Merzifon, Professor Von der Osten and his Hittite excavations in Alishar, and in a lonely village a little Armenian church where a handful of Armenians still worships on Sundays. The whole trip took them over 900 kilometres.

Rev. J.K. Birge and family arrived Sunday afternoon from their ~~the~~ summer trip through Europe, having had a few days each in Paris, Geneva and London, and having seen many more places. Their eldest son, Bob, has gone on to America.

President and Mrs. Gates of Robert College have been back a week after their Swiss summer, much improved by it. Quite a number of the others of Robert College staff, as well as from Constantinople College, have returned. The Colleges open next week.

Mr. Ezra Young and Mr. Mendenhall have gone on to Tarsus, and Miss Towner has left for Adana, and Mrs. Block, Miss Paige and Mr. Treat for Talas.

The new buildings for the Athens Junior College for Girls at Elleniko are making good progress. The walls and roof are in place, and the inside work is going right on. The buildings will not be ready for occupancy till Spring.

Rev. S.W. Gentle-Cackett, Secretary of the Bible Lands Missions Aid Society, and Mr. Harry Fear, Treasurer, arrived in Constantinople on Saturday last, on their way to Aleppo and Beirut, and expect to leave tomorrow.

Rev. W. Clark Kerr, Pastor of the Union Evangelical Church of Pera, is back from his summer holiday in Scotland, and services were resumed at Pera last Sunday. If the essence of a vacation is a change of scenery, he had a vacation, but perhaps a holiday is not the right term, for he was preaching practically every Sunday, in Dundee.

An old landmark has disappeared in Merzifon, in the tearing down of the "Old Seminary Building," added to as it was at various times after being turned over to the use of the College. The tower clock has been removed to stand hereafter on North College, near by; and the old main building, whose repair would have taken more money than it was worth, has disappeared. It is part of the plan that other buildings that have outlived their usefulness shall follow, rather than be a constant liability.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

A letter from Mrs. E. B. Haskell, of Fordim Folk School, speaks of the baby department as the most popular in the whole institution, with the kindergarten training department a close second. The short theoretical course of seven weeks last winter for a group of 29 young men in farming was so successful that a course of nearly twice as long, from Dec. 1st till March 1st, is planned for this year. The Near East Foundation has now taken over the support of the school for the next five years, so that running expenses are assured. The Bulgarian Government is so interested in the enterprise that it often sends teachers from the State schools to study the methods of the Folk School at first hand. Groups of teachers or students from other schools also often come, particularly to see the model cottages and the vegetable garden and the little park taken care of by the students themselves, models of what could be done in any village.

Miss Agnes Fenenga of Mardin returned last week after a year's furlough in America. On the same American Export steamer with her were also Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Greene, of Colorado, parents of Mrs. Dr. Dewey of Aintab, Miss Florence Swan, the new teacher for Scutari Academy, Messrs. Robert J. Greef and John Francis Allison, new teachers for the A. C. I., Erenkeuy. On the same steamer there came as far as Salonica Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Mitchell and child, who come for permanent service at Anatolia College, and Mr. James W. Abel, term worker for Anatolia College.

Dr. Marion Talbot, who was Acting President of Constantinople Woman's College during the second semester of 1927-28, returned to College on Saturday last. Once again the Trustees have turned to her for assistance, and she comes as their special representative, to advise on questions of major policy and to collaborate in the administration of the College during the present academic year. Until the appointment of the permanent President, Dean Burns will continue as "Vekil" in regard to all Government affairs.

We did not say "Inshallah", in announcing the approaching arrival of the group of Oxford men for last Friday. This would have been well. In fact, the party was delayed by the non-arrival of their steamer, and never reached the Bible House till nine o'clock in the evening. The afternoon gathering was held minus its speakers, and the evening gathering was so delayed that some were unable to be present. A small gathering were glad to hear the personal testimonies of three men as to their new life in Christ.

Miss Feichtinger and Miss Ringer of the Smyrna A. C. I. staff passed through our city last week and went on to their work again after their summer vacations.

If any school would like some French and arithmetic books at reduced rates, they might be interested in the following:-
 Mackay & Curfiss: First French Book; 34 new, price 75 piasters & postage. 27 slightly used, -postage only.
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The dates for Dr. Wilder's visits in this country, as finally arranged, are:- Arrive in Constantinople Sept. 24; leave the same day for Samsoun. Spend Sept. 27-29 in Merzifon; go thence to Angora for Oct. 1 and 2, to Caesarea and Talaş for Oct. 4-6, thence via Ulu Kishla to Aleppo for Oct. 9-11, and thence on to Cairo. Mrs. Wilder will be with him in these different visits, except probably for Merzifon. Please remember these visits in your prayers.

After spending the summer with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. F. W. MacCallum, over in Scutari, Mrs. Edith Laird has returned to her post in charge of the Beirut University Library.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Sept. 22, 1931

Dear friends:-

Rev. and Mrs. J.K. Lyman of Marash got back from their year of furlough in America on the American Export line on Friday last. With them came Miss Eleanor E. Oliphint, of Texas, who goes for a three-year term to the Aleppo Girls' School. On the same steamer as far as Piraeus were Mrs. E.C. Partridge and her two younger children, and Miss Margaret Hinman, who transhipped there for Smyrna, Miss Hinman returning to the A.C.I. after furlough and Mrs. Partridge joining her husband there.

Yesterday, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman, together with Miss Oliphint, Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Greene, Frances Dewey, and Miss Fenenga, left by train, on their way to Marash, Aleppo, Aintab and Mardin respectively. A couple of days earlier, Miss Arline Hallett, returning from a summer visit to America, left here on her way back to Adana. Mr. William Couser of the Aleppo College also passed through Constantinople last week on his way back to his post.

Professor and Mrs. Donald E. Webster and two small daughters and Mr. Robert Maynard, son of our Smyrna associates, arrived in Smyrna from America via Constantinople on Sept. 10th, to join the International College staff. Professor J.R. Wilkie, of Whittier College, California, who will be visiting professor at International College for the coming year, reached Smyrna the next day, after a week's visit in Athens.

Bristol Hall, the new residence, dormitory and domestic science building at the A.C.I., Smyrna, is rapidly receiving the finishing touches, and the ladies are already occupying it, Miss Greene having returned from America, Miss Ringer from Bulgaria and Miss Feichtinger from Austria.

The Minister of Interior and the Minister of Agriculture having requested the Society for the Protection of Animals, with whom we work, Mrs. Manning of Robert College has been so vitally connected, to prepare for presentation to the Grand National Assembly whatever additional laws they consider essential for the protection of animals in Turkey, it seems likely that this country will soon have as up-to-date a set of regulations as any in the world, in this humanitarian line.

Dr. Clark, of the University of Arizona at Tucson, has been engaged by the Turkish Government for a two-year term as an expert advisor on the raising of cotton, and has gone with his wife to Angora, expecting to go thence to the Cilician plain to examine the cotton situation and give advice.

All the American schools and colleges in Constantinople opened their terms last week, with practically full staffs. The attendance at Gedik Pasha, Scutari and Erenkeuy is practically normal, while that at the two Colleges has fallen off to some extent.

Latest advices from the Nute family indicate that they were expecting to sail from New York Sept. 19th on their return to Adana. Mrs. Nute's mother, Mrs. T.D. Christie, has improved quite a little, though she was still far from well. Billy Nute is returning to Phillips Andover Academy, and Miner, who graduated from Michigan University in June last, is entering the Harvard Medical School. Cyril and Mary Carmelite return with their parents. Mrs. Nute adds:- "We are glad to see Dr. Peet able to go about again."

Mrs. J.H. Nicol of Beirut is making a visit with her daughter Mrs. Frederick Eymann of Robert College.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Sept. 29, 1931

Dear friends:-

Mr. and Mrs. J. Riggs Brewster and their two boys arrived in Old Phaleron, Greece, after their furlough in America, on Sept. 20th, in fine condition. Mr. Brewster has taken up his duties as Acting President of the School of Religion.

BORN:- at the American Hospital, Constantinople, on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, to Prof. and Mrs. Frederick Erdman of Robert College, a second daughter, Carol Moore. All goes well.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert P. Wilder of Cairo reached Constantinople by train on Thursday last, coming direct from their summer home in Norway. After only a few hours' stop, Dr. Wilder went on that same afternoon by the Turkish steamer for Samsoun, on his way to Merzifon. Miss Bertha Colmyer, who has been having dentistry done here, went on the same steamer and was to escort Dr. Wilder to her station. He would be going to Angora tomorrow, via Yerkeuy. Mrs. Wilder is stopping as guest of Mrs. Huntington at Robert College until Wednesday evening, when she takes train to Angora to meet her husband and go on by Talas and Aleppo to Cairo, where Dr. Wilder resumes his work as Secretary of the Near East Christian Council.

On Friday last, a pleasant reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fowle at Roumeli Hissar, as a sort of farewell to the Blakes and the Adkinses. About fifty people gathered there to bid them Godspeed as the Adkinses leave their summer home at Erenkeuy to return to Aleppo, and the Blakes leave their home of the past two years in Erenkeuy School to go to Merzifon. Mr. and Mrs. Adkins and their two daughters left by train yesterday on their way south. Mr. and Mrs. Blake and little John leave on Thursday next by steamer for Samsoun.

After a brief detention in the Athens vicinity on account of illness, Mr. and Mrs. Dana K. Getchell reached Salonica September 11th, where Mr. Getchell has taken up his work as Acting Dean of Anatolia College in the absence of Mr. Compton on furlough. From present indications the College will be nearly as full as last year. As for the Salonica Girls School, they have room for 125 students, and more than 250 have applied for admission.

President and Mrs. William A. Harper of Elon College, N.C., the leading college of the Christian connection in the United States, arrived on Sunday after short visits in Salonica and Athens, and are planning to see as much as they can of American Board work in the Near East in the next six weeks, as well as go to Palestine and Egypt, returning to America before Christmas.

On the same steamer there arrived also Mrs. Charles E. Clark on her way to join her husband at Merzifon; also Miss Alice P. Lindsley, returning after her summer in America to her work in Scutari Academy; and Mr. James P. Nichols, to join the Erenkeuy A.C.I. staff; and Mrs. Smith, mother of Mrs. Macfarlane of International College who left today to see her daughter in Smyrna.

Miss Margaret B. White and Miss Rutherford of the Y.W.C.A. staff here, returned last week from vacations in Europe. Miss White was with her parents in Vienna and went to Salonica on her way back here. She reports an unfortunate recrudescence of malaria in that city this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baker of the Y.M.C.A. staff, who have been spending the past year in America, have returned and taken up work again. On the other hand, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert C. Stevens have taken up their residence at Constantinople College, where Mr. Stevens is succeeding Mr. Alfred W. Sellar as Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Miss Lucina Ackerly, of Valley Stream, N.Y., has been secured as a teacher for the Adana Girls' School, and sailed with Dr. Nute and family on the American Export Line Sept. 22nd for Beirut, going on from there to Adana.

A very fine and helpful Conference for missionaries and Board Secretaries was held at Auburndale, Mass., Sept. 12th and 13th. About 80 missionaries were in attendance, including from the Near East Mission, the Perrys, Wileys, Vroomans, Mrs. Flint, Miss Dwight, Miss Harley, Miss Riggs, Miss Day, Miss Blakely, Miss Gordon, Dr. J.K. Brown, Dr. Nute, and others. The general topic of the Conference was the most effective appeal of missionary work to the home churches.

Last Friday there was a large gathering of friends of the American Hospital of Constantinople, at the newly purchased premises in Nishantash, in the fine building which is to be the home of the Training School for Nurses. The site for the projected Hospital building was visited, and there were speeches by Ambassador Grew, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Fowle and Dr. Shepard. Miss Doane, the newly arrived nurse, was guest of honor.

At her own request, Dr. Caroline Hamilton's seventieth birthday Sept. 18th, was celebrated at Aintab by an informal program of song. This was followed by the entrance of the birthday cake with seventy candles alight.

Mr. Isely and Miss Phelps have been called to court at Aintab for failing to register Mr. Blake in and out of the residence book when he visited there this summer.

The visit of Miss Harriet Norton of Aleppo was much enjoyed by the Aintab group, who regretted that the cholera quarantine prevented Mr. and Mrs. Carleton and Miss Foreman from coming too. Here's hoping they registered Miss Norton!

Aintab Hospital is a light set on a hill, with its new Delco plant in operation.

In connection with the eclipse of the moon on Saturday evening, Sept. 26th, one of our very up-to-date dailies in Stamboul had an item in its Saturday morning issue:- "There was an eclipse of the moon last evening. It was hardly visible ('peu visible') in our city." When it actually did occur, however, weather conditions were very good, and it was well observed.

As soon as convenient after her husband's recovery, Mrs. J.E. Merrill of Aleppo also had an operation, on Sept. 11th, at the Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Meighs said she came through it "beautifully", and it was expected that she would be leaving the Hospital about the last of September. Dr. and Mrs. Merrill plan to live in Hartford during their furlough, where their daughter Margaret is in the School of Missions, while Dorothy is in Connecticut College, New London.

Mrs. Robert P. Wilder left Constantinople as planned on Wednesday evening last, to join her husband at Angora and go on with him to Caesarea, Talas, and Aleppo and back to Cairo.

Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Blake and young Johnny, and Mrs. C.E. Clark left by steamer last Thursday afternoon for Samsoun on their way to Merzifon. With these reinforcements, Merzifon Station takes on a gladder aspect than for many a day.

Pres. and Mrs. Harper of Elon College, N.C., left this city last Wednesday for Smyrna, to go thence via Angora, Caesarea, Talas, Adana, Tarsus, Aintab, Aleppo, and Beirut, on to Palestine and Egypt. They expect to reach home for Christmas.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Burdjūk is up in the Taurus Mountains, about an hour's walk from the famous Cilician Gates. Here the Adana Hospital has been conducting a Camp for weak children for eight weeks, closing August 27th, when all the children showed a noticeable physical improvement. This year 25 children were admitted, many other being refused for lack of space or unfitness for the Camp. 17 of them paid the full charge of five liras a week, the others being helped by friends of the American Hospital staff. They came from all strata of society, mingling together in a happy democratic group. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Meyering of Tarsus College were residents on the Camp grounds, Mr. Meyering in charge of the boys' recreational periods, and Mrs. Meyering adding much to the social life of the group. The Camp was under the direction of Miss Hotson, assisted by nurses and surgeons of the Staff. Miss Shank and Miss Stone alternately held down the job in Adana, the Hospital remaining open all summer except for two weeks and running at about one-half capacity. The summer has been a difficult one on the Adana plain, for, owing to abundant spring rains and intense summer heat, malaria and other fevers have run rampant, the death rate being very high. On Sept. 3 Miss Shank and Miss Hotson left for two weeks visit to the island of Rhodes, joining Miss Small there. All returned on the 19th to resume regular work.

Florence Nightingale, 1820-1856. By I.B.O'Malley, 1931.
The Crusades. By Harold Lamb. Vol. I.- Iron men and Saints. 1930
Vol. II.- The Flame of Islam. 1931
Humanity Uprooted. By Maurice Hindus 1931
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A Life of Jesus. By Basil Mathews. 1930
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Schweitzer. 1929
The Life of Mahomet. By Emile Dermenghem. 1930
Constantine the Great and the Christian Revolution. By G.P.Baker. 1931

The American Academy at Scutari had a narrow escape last week from a great disaster, when escaping gas from pipes that were being removed after the installation of the new electric lighting plant, exploded just under the hall of the main building, tearing a great hole in the floor, smashing every pane of glass in the basement and most of the china in a closet just off the dining-room of the teachers. Providentially there was no outbreak of fire; and providentially all the girls were in study-hall, and nobody was injured. The damage has been repaired; and the guests at the reception at the Academy last Friday were able to congratulate the school on the installation of both electricity and central heating, now virtually completed.

Dr. and Mrs. Rambo, medical missionaries in India, with their two children, passed through here last week on their return to India after furlough, and went yesterday via Adama, where they were expecting to see Mr. Merrill Isely from Ainta, who was a classmate of Dr. Rambo in College. Mrs. J.H. Nicol of Beirut went with them.

President White of Anatolia College writes to correct the erroneous impression given in these columns two weeks ago, of a recrudescence of malaria in Salonica this season. He states that so far as he knows only one germ has appeared in evidence, and that one he carried to Vienna and left there. Mrs. Sewny, he states, cannot conjure anybody into her infirmary and is asking for a furlough. With such a fine health record, and with 136 students to begin the year with, - several more than last year, - no wonder Dr. White feels like walking on air. "Breakfast in Vienna, lunch in Warsaw, and supper in Danzig. Return to our end of their Polish air system at corresponding speed. Breakfast the last day in Bucharest, and lunch on our College campus, Sofia in between. Took off 13 times, and rode the sky-line 2140 miles. Satisfied and dee-lighted for this season."

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Oct. 20, 1931

Dear friends:-

BORN:- to Mr. Stanley and Mrs. (Elsa Reckmann) Kerr, at Beirut, Syria, Oct. 2th, 1931, a son, Malcolm Heeper; weight, 6 1/2 lbs.

Dr. and Mrs. James Oscar Boyd, of Vienna, announce the marriage of their daughter Mary Florence, to Mr. Hamilton Allen, on October 3rd, at Aurora, New York. Mr. & Mrs. Allen will live at Kenwood, Oneida, N.Y.

A cable from Boston dated Oct. 17th announces the passing away of Mrs. Thomas D. Christie, at Pasadena, Calif. This will be sad news for Mrs. Nute, her daughter, who was due to reach Tarsus yesterday with her family. The other daughter, Jean, was with her mother. Mrs. Sarah Carmelite Christie was born April 25, 1852, and was thus in her 60th year. During the great war, her husband was detained in America, and she kept Tarsus College open all through. Her remarkable character and devotion made a deep impression on hundreds of boys. In 1920 she and Dr. Christie retired to Pasadena, where he died ten years ago. Her missionary life, from 1877 to 1920, was spent first in Merash and later in Tarsus.

Mrs. Ernest W. Riggs of Boston, formerly of Harpout, underwent a serious operation on Oct. 3rd at the Melrose, Mass., Hospital, and at last accounts was making a good recovery.

The American Junior College for Girls at Old Phaleron reopened Oct. 1st with the encouraging enrollment of 166, of whom 59 boarders crowd the dormitory space to the limit. In the four upper classes, or Junior College proper, are 45 students. The College has the status in the eyes of the Greek Government of a Greek private classical gymnasium.

Dr. & Mrs. W.A. Harper spent the day in Tarsus a week ago today, having been accompanied from Tarsus by Mrs. Nilson and little Dorothy. Dr. Harper spoke to the students of Tarsus College, visited the Turkish schools, addressed the Turkish and American teachers, and in the evening spoke to the American group again. In Adana the next day they visited the Hospital, Girls' School and playground, and had a picnic dinner at the new school grounds, leaving for Aintab Thursday with Mr. Isely, who had come to Adana to see his friend Dr. Victor Rambe and family from India.

About a hundred teachers from the English, American and Turkish schools of this city took advantage of the visit of Dr. Michael West, Principal of a Normal School at Dacca, India, who gave two lectures at Robert College last Friday, dealing mainly with beginners in English; the morning lecture was on The Teaching of Reading, and the afternoon one on The Teaching of Speech, with demonstrations and discussion. The guests were all entertained by Robert College to luncheon.

During the past summer, the students of the School of Religion conducted five Daily Vacation Bible Schools in and near Athens. Of the 811 pupils, 632 were from Greek Orthodox or Armenian Gregorian families. So the School of Religion helps in the upward struggle of the refugees, not only eight months but twelve months in the year. The School reopened Oct. 7th with a masterly lecture by Prof. Michaelides, on "Facing the Present Crisis". The first Assembly hour, Oct. 12, was taken by Dr. J.K. Marden, who spoke on "My Furlough Year in America."

Miss Mabel Long, of Athens Junior College, is making a good recovery from typhoid fever, at Athens. Miss Eleanor Marvin, Wellesley 1931, in the English Department, and Miss Bertha Campbell, of Hunter College, N.Y. as dietitian and housekeeper, are the newcomers from America this year, on the staff of the College.

The Adana plain has had a wonderful crop of cotton this year. Ideal conditions prevailed for the harvest, with no rain to interfere.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Dr. R. P. Wilder writes from Cairo Oct. 15th, expressing great appreciation for the visits he had in Merzifon, Angora, Talas and Aleppo. We feel sure Dr. Wilder did more good than he received himself.

BORN:- To Mr. and Mrs. Herman H. Kreider, of the Treasury Department, on Oct. 22nd at the American Hospital, Constantinople, a daughter, Lauretta Marie. All goes well, and the two small brothers are delighted.

Word has come of the death, a week ago, in Washington, D.C., of Prof. Stephen Panaretoff. Hardly six months have passed since we chronicled the death of his wife, who was a missionary of the Board from 1890 to 1892. Prof. Panaretoff graduated from Robert College in 1871 and was instructor and professor there from then till 1914, when the Bulgarian Government sent him to Washington as its Minister. Retiring from this post a few years ago, he gave himself to literary work. He was born in Sliven, Bulgaria, Oct. 26, 1853.

Mr. Jay Steward Seeley, of Chicago, a graduate of Illinois Univ. has joined the staff of Anatolia College as teacher of typing and business subjects.

Good progress has been made on the new buildings of Athens Junior College for Girls, at Ellenico; and the College hopes to move out to its new home in March. A cable from Boston has authorized the construction of the first floor of the third unit, thus making room for a slight increase in the number of boarders.

The Book of Acts, in the new translation and in the new Turkish alphabet, is now on sale, as well as the four Gospels. Samples are being sent out, and orders may be sent to the American Bible Society agency here.

Some 55 or 60 friends gathered at the Getchell home in Salonica on Oct. 14th, to present their greetings to President George E. White of Anatolia College on his 70th birthday. These were the teachers of the College and the Girls' School together with their wives; and in connection with speeches of appreciation by six representative persons, Miss Morley, Messrs. Hawkes, Alodjian, Papastavrou, Mitchell and Hadji Kyriakou, a handsome Sivas rug and a beautiful bronze statue of Athena were presented to Dr. White. The exercises were closed with a prayer by Dr. Goldstein.

An interesting meeting of the Constantinople Christian Workers' Union was held last Thursday at the Kreider apartment at the Bible House, when some forty members listened to reports from the Toronto and Cleveland International Conventions of the Y.M.C.A. by Mr. Harry Baker of the local Y. staff and Dr. Huntington of Robert College.

Dr. J. Oscar Boyd of the American Bible Society left Vienna on Oct. 19th, reaching Salonica the 20th, and is expected here on Friday next. He goes later to Sofia for a colporteurs' conference on Nov. 19th and 20th.

Miss Fanny G. Noyes of Merzifon arrived in Constantinople yesterday, and leaves today on her way to Salonica and Athens for a short visit.

The Barnum-Riggs Memorial School building at Beirut is going up rapidly, and is to be ready for use at the beginning of the second term. It is a big building containing a hall 16 x 20 metres, and eleven classrooms. It is in a splendid high location, is built of reinforced concrete, and is being erected on contract by the architect.

The Second Balkan Conference, after holding most of its sessions in this city, adjourned to Angora where the fourth and last plenary session was held yesterday. The Conference has been well worth while, and real progress has been made in international understanding.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Nov.3, 1931

Dear friends:-

Dr. J. Oscar Boyd, of the Vienna office of the American Bible Society, arrived here from Salonica on Thursday last, and is making a stay of about a fortnight in this city.

Founders' Day at Anatolia College is celebrated October 31, which was the birthday of the first President, Dr. C. C. Tracy, and also of Mrs. S. S. Smith, for some years matron of the College. This year the guests of honor were Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Huntington, of Robert College; and Dr. Huntington gave the address at 7:30 p.m., which was followed by a Social Hour at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Getchell on the College campus. Dr. & Mrs. Huntington are expected back at Robert College today.

Mr. Jones, a former instructor at Athens College, visited Adana and Tarsus last week on his way to his home in New Jersey via Baghdad and the Far East.

Rev. J. K. Lyman of Marash called on friends in Tarsus and Adana a short time ago while on a business trip to Mersin.

Miss Jillson writes that everything is going on very well with the Girls' School at Beirut, where there were at last count 140 pupils. The ladies of the British Syrian College have kindly arranged for nine of the upper class girls to come to College every day for the class in Kindergarten Training methods, which will be a fine thing for these girls.

The Board has agreed to the removal of Rev. and Mrs. T. T. Holway from Philippopolis to Samokov in connection with the newly opened Biblical Seminary there, whose work is supported by the Bible Lands Missions Aid Society and by a London Council.

After a good visit in Beirut, Dr. and Mrs. Harper of Elon College left here October 24th for Damascus and Palestine. While in Beirut Dr. Harper visited all the American schools in the city, including the University, and called on the former Catholics, Sahag, and the present Catholics, Papken, of the Gregorian Church.

A flight of fifty Turkish airplanes together, is an unusual enough event to deserve chronicling. These fifty flew from their headquarters at Eski Shehir to Angora last week, to take part in the celebrations of Republic Day, Oct. 29th; and the next day they flew to Constantinople; and on Saturday last, after flying over the city and Bosphorus in squadrons of five to ten, they flew back to their nests at Eski Shehir.

The fourth session of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey began its work at Angora on Sunday last, being opened with the usual speech by the President. A budget of expenses for 1932 of 186,582,005 liras was submitted by the Government to the Assembly and will shortly be discussed.

A program of beautiful organ music was given by Prof. C. E. Estes on the afternoon of Oct. 27, for the student body and teachers of the American Academy for Girls at Scutari. The occasion was the birthday of the school's late beloved Principal, Mary E. Kinney.

Dr. F. W. MacCallum returned last week from a visit to Talas and Caesarea, after an absence of about ten days. He reports perfect weather for this trip. Since his return to this city, there has been a decided change, with much colder weather and the first snows of the season, which have whitened even the hills around Constantinople.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

A beautiful memorial service for Mrs.T.D.Christie was held at the Adana Hospital on Sunday, Oct.25th. Dr.C.H.Haas led the service; while those remaining in the Station who had had the privilege of being her associates, namely, Miss Borel, Miss Towner, with Miss French of Mersin, spoke of the inspiration her life of unselfish devotion had meant to themselves and to countless others. Another service was held in the Armenian church, where several American and Armenian friends spoke of Mrs.Christie's life and work in Tarsus and Adana, as well as in their summer home in Namrun.

On Wednesday last, Nov.4, a special Assembly was held at the Tarsus School in memory of Dr.and Mrs.Christie. Mrs.Nute told of the early struggles of the school and the part her parents had in these. The Muhtar from Namrun spoke of their work there during vacations. Hakki Bey, formerly Representative of Angora from the district, was to have spoken, but at the last minute was unable to come. Nuri Bey of the College faculty spoke for the former students of the school.

A very pleasant social occasion at Adana recently was a tea given at the Hospital in honor of the return of Dr.and Mrs.Nute. The mayor of the city was present, also several members of the city council, a number of the leading doctors and their wives, as well as other old friends. It is interesting to note that two of members of the city council present were women.

Mr.Nilson's 300-foot Edison film is being put to extensive use in Tarsus. First it was shown at the School; then by invitation at the Turkish Club, where the Kaimakam (Mayor) asked to have it shown at the headquarters of the Republican Party, where it was seen by nearly a thousand people. It is now being shown to the Tarsus school children.

Miss Odell writes from Merzifon:- "We are happy over the 17 per cent. increase in pupils over last year. They are coming from a much wider territory. We have pupils from Samsun, Bafra, Gireson, Havza, Chorum, Sivas, Amasia, Erzincan, Yozgat, Stamboul. We are also very happy because we have a good staff. Besides our two fine American teachers, we are fortunate in having Aliye Hanum, a graduate of Scutari Academy in 1930."

Dr. Harold Krischner, adjunct Professor of Pathology and Director of the Hospital Laboratory at the University of Beirut, died October 30th in the Hospital, of blood-poisoning.

The annual cafeteria supper given by the Hissar community for the benefit of the Hissar Charities, on Thursday evening last, drew about 280 people, and the proceeds were fifty percent. greater than last year.

Dr. Nute's return from furlough made possible a vacation for Dr.Haas; he went up into the mountains to Burdjek, for ten days,- the only similar rest, save for a three-days' trip to Caesarea, he has had since his colleague left for America.

Mr.J.F.Clark of Harvard University, son of Rev. and Mrs.W.F.Clark of Samokov, who has been spending a while in Constantinople in study, returned last week to Samokov.

Our Talas friends inform us that it will be better hereafter to address them at Post Box 10, Caesarea (Posta Kutusu 10, Kayseri) rather than use the name Talas any longer, and this, not because they have moved, but since they now get their mail directly from Caesarea.

Miss Eliza Kendrick, formerly Professor of Bible at Wellesley, who has been making a visit in Constantinople, and her friend Miss Wiggin, who joined her recently from Boston, are leaving Nov.19th for Greece and Italy, sailing from Naples by the American Export steamer Nov.29th for New York.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T.Riggs

Dear friends:-

Miss Fanny G. Noyes of Merzifon, after spending a happy fortnight in Salonica with her former colleagues who are now there, flew on Thursday last by airplane from there to Athens, to be with the Marden family for a while before returning to this country.

Of the twenty girls in the highest class (10th grade) in the Beirut Girls' School, nine are taking a course in kindergarten training at the British Syrian College, in addition to their regular work, with the expectation of teaching next fall; five other are preparing for the Pitman examinations from England in stenography and typing; and the remaining six will enter the class in Nurses' Training at the American Hospital, Beirut, after their graduation next June.

Rev. J.Oscar Boyd, D.D., of the American Bible Society, left Constantinople last evening by train for Sofia, where he will stay long enough to hold a Conference with the colporteurs of the Society from all over Bulgaria; and then he goes home to Vienna.

Despite the project of emigration from Greece to Armenia and the difficult financial situation the refugee settlement schools in and near Athens reopened last month with an attendance of seven hundred pupils; and the spirit and enthusiasm of teachers and pupils are encouraging.

The Athens Bible readers number five again this year, thanks to faithful friends who have contributed to make up partially a cut of 50%. They began the year with an excellent spirit. The work is being carried on in twelve different localities among the refugees.

Miss Eleanor E. Oliphant, of Aleppo Girls' School, has been suffering from an attack of malaria accompanied by jaundice, but it was hoped she would be back at her work again this week.

The official opening of the new Bristol Hall, at the American Collegiate Institute at Smyrna is to take place this week Friday. Mr. Luther Fowle has gone to Smyrna to represent the Mission on this great occasion, and make an address in Turkish.

A joint luncheon of the American Men's and Women's Luncheon Clubs will be held on Thursday of this week at Tokatlian Hotel, for the purpose of furthering the annual drive for the American Hospital, now going on.

From a letter from one of the Merzifon staff we are permitted to quote the following:- "We are all so happy and enthusiastic about our school this year, which is going to have a good effect for the future. The spirit is one of mutual respect and confidence between pupils and teachers. Our older girls are fine and a great help. We wouldn't have this spirit without them, so we are glad we kept our advanced class. They are finding their Turkish very difficult, and are working all the time, fearing they may not pass the examination in the spring. Fortunately Aliye Hanum is a good teacher."

The front of the Bible House, is radiant in its new coat of buff and white. Two of the remaining sides are also re-tinted, and the fourth side will soon be completed as well.

Miss Hazel K. Hotson of the Adana Hospital reached Constantinople today, for a stay of perhaps ten days; she will be looking into the various nurses' training schools of the city.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bablo Keano, Stamboul, Nov.24, 1931

Dear friends:-

At a special American Luncheon held at the Tokatljan Hotel, Pera, last Thursday, the report of the drive for funds for the running expenses of the American Hospital, Constantinople, was made. The figure aimed at was Ltq.7500.00. The receipts in cash were Ltq.5643.46, and in pledges, Ltq.4288.10, making a total of Ltq.9931.56. Certainly the Hospital is dear to the heart of the American Community of this city. About a hundred men and women sat down to this Luncheon, and they enjoyed good addresses from Miss Bernetta Miller of Constantinople College, Ambassador Grew, and Dr. Shepard. The Ambassador made the joyful announcement that the Treaty of Residence and Establishment between the United States and Turkey was signed in Angora on October 28th. This is based on the "most favored nation" principle; and while it still has to be ratified by the legislative bodies of the two countries, there seems every reason to expect that the United States Senate will this time ratify without delay.

Tarsus College presented to the Turkish Government last summer a revised school program, the aim of which was to strengthen the school work. With just one minor modification, the program has now been accepted, and the grade of the School as a full lycee has been re-affirmed.

An interesting paragraph appeared in a Turkish daily here on Saturday, over the signature of Abidine Daver:-

"It appears that great demonstrations have taken place in Athens in favor of the annexation of Cyprus to Greece, and that the Greeks are shouting: Cyprus or death! As we have now become friends, let the Greeks allow me to give them a bit of advice: Stop this sort of shouting; for there was a time when we ourselves were likewise shouting: Crete or death! - but it did no good. We lost not only Crete, but all of European Turkey besides, - and in spite of that, we are not dead yet."

Mr. and Mrs. Burhans, of the Friends of Turkey, left Angora last week on their return to America. The failure of a bank in America has caused such loss to the funds of the organization as to make this necessary. Mr. and Mrs. Gannaway and Mr. Jennings remain in Angora for the present, hoping for better days.

By the will of the late Prof. Stephan Panaretoff in Washington, D.C., all his valuable Library is bequeathed to Sofia American College, together with \$3,000 for a scholarship, and \$500 each for prizes named for his wife and his son, for students in the College; \$1,500 to Robert College Library in memory of his connection with the College, and \$1,500 to Constantinople College in memory of Mrs. Lydia Gile Panaretoff; \$1,000 for a Kyril Panaretoff scholarship in the King Boris Gymnasium in Sofia; \$1,000 each for three other memorial scholarships in Bulgarian schools; \$2,000 for the Red Cross Hospital at Sofia; \$5,000 for other charities in Bulgaria; \$25,000 to establish a Panaretoff Library for the University of Sofia; and other beques ts.

The dedication of Bristol Hall, at the American Collegiate Institute, Geuz Tepe, Smyrna, took place Nov.20th. The building is named in recognition of the chief donors, friends of the Birges and Harlowsxxndxin Bristol, Conn. The opening address was by Kiazom Pasha, Governor of Smyrna Province; the American Consul, Mr. Bursley, and the Treasurer of the Mission, on behalf of the American Board, also spoke. The marble name-plate was put in by the Governor, and this was followed by songs from the school girls. The occasion was a great success, and it is hoped that it will be a new link of cooperation and mutual service between the Turkish and American peoples. The afternoon was given to an open house, and numerous friends, parents and relatives of the students were graciously entertained by the faculty and student body and were shown through the building by the girls. In honor of the presence of the leading representatives of the Turkish and American governments, the flags of both nations were flown.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Herewith we print the statistics of attendance at schools in the current school year.

A.B.C.F.M. Schools in Turkey	Totals	Lower Grades (ilk)	High Sch. Grades (orta)	College (Lycee)	Grad. Board.	Daysch.	Boys	Girls
Adana Girls	90		90		37	53		90
Scutari Girls	255	158	97		100	155		255
Erenkeuy ACI	173	64	109		85	88	173	
Gedik Pasha	222	138	84			222	93	129
Internat.Col.	284		95	189	128	156	284	
Smyrna ACI	133	102	31		10	123		133
Talas Boys	44		44		23(a)	16	44	
Merzifon Girls	42	42			35	7		42
Tarsus Boys	666	42	24		43	23	66	
Totals	1309	546	574	189	466	843	660	649
<u>in Greece & Syria</u>								
Athens Jr.Col.	177(b)		132	45	59	118		177
Sch.of Relig.	13(c)				18	18	15	3
Anatolia Col.	194(d)		139	55	80	114	194	
Salonica Girls	127(e)	30	97		43	84		127
Aleppo Col.	150	24	85	41	22	128	150	
Aleppo Girls	83	38	45		4(f)	79		83
Beirut Girls	140	60	80		36(g)	104	9	131
Totals	889	152	578	141	18	262	627	368 521
A.B.C.F.M.Tot.	2193	698	1152	330	18	728	1470	1028 1170
<u>Independent</u>								
Constantinople Col.	376		239	139	121	257		376
Robert Col.	674		402	120	152(h)	329	674	
Athens Col.	350	175	150	25	100	250	350	
Sofia Col.	436		286	148	436		222	214
Totals	1832	175	1079	432	152	986	852	1246 592
GRAND TOTALS	4036	873	2231	762	170	1714	2322	2274 1762

a - including 14 in "yati yurdu".

b- Greek, 130; Armenian, 43; Austrian, American, Russian, British, 1 each

c - Armenians, 11; Bulgarians, 4; Greeks, 3. Seven others seeking permission to enter the country.

d - Soph. 27; Fresh. 28; IV. Form, 23; III Form, 13; II Form, 27; I Form, 24; Prep. 52

e - Greek, 94; Armenian, 15; Jewish, 12; Albanian, 4; Serbian, 2.

f - 4 girls in Hostel, boarding themselves.

g - 36 girls in Hostel, not reckoned as a Boarding Department.

h - Engineering College, 121; Industrials, 31.

By some slip the figures for the American University of Beirut have not yet reached us. They will be recorded later.

It will be noted that, in spite of the hard times, attendance at Merzifon, Athens, Salonica and Beirut Girls' Schools and at Anatolia College and the Erenkeuy and Talas Boys' Schools has increased over last year.

The State Department through its Consulate is inviting all American citizens abroad to register in their various Consular Districts. In Turkey, American Board personnel in Merzifon, Caesarea and Constantinople should register at the Constantinople Consulate; those in all other stations pertain to the area of the Smyrna American Consulate. The Consulates will be glad to mail out registration blanks on application.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Dec.8,1931

Dear friends:-

Mrs. Macfarlane of International College came up to Constantinople last Thursday after a stormy passage, and is recuperating from quite a siege of illnesses. Her mother, Mrs. Smith, had preceded her here, having come up with Mr. Fowle after the opening exercises of Bristol Hall.

There is in Stamboul a Society for Combating Tuberculosis, with headquarters in the Red Crescent Building in Stamboul. The President is Dr. Ali Pasha, and it is doing a good work there and through its dispensary at Eyoub. It is sending out an appeal for new members, the fee being only one lira per year. It issues a monthly periodical, which is sent free to members. Those wishing to join this worthy movement may do so by communicating with the Mission Treasury Department.

On November 10th, Essat Bey, Minister of Education, accompanied by the Governor-General of Smyrna, Kiazim Pasha, and the local Director of Education, visited International College and inspected it, and spoke to the assembled students. Such a visit of the Minister of Education to an American College is a rare treat.

Dr. Salih Behjet Bey, the College Physician of International College, has been elected Mayor of Smyrna. He will continue as College Physician, though letting his daily duties be carried by a substitute for the present.

Word has come of the death, in Palo Alto, California, on Nov. 14th, of Miss Mary L. Dwight, sister of Miss Adelaide S. Dwight of Caesarea, and daughter of the late Rev. Henry O. Dwight, LL.D., of Constantinople. Miss Dwight was about sixty-three years old, and had long been teaching music in New York.

The many friends of Miss A.M. Burgess, will be interested in her recent removal from Corfu to the Kokkinia refugee settlement at Athens. In 1922 she went to Corfu from Koum Kapou, Stamboul, where she had been carrying on an important work among Armenian people for many years; and she took with her all her equipment and a large band of workers. Finding she was able to help a larger constituency, she came last summer to Kokkinia, to a location half-way between the American Hospital and the American Board chapel. Here she purchased a large rug factory, and the summer was spent in transforming it into a home for herself and her staff, work-rooms and a chapel. She has been cordially welcomed by the members of our Mission, who feel that she will be able to help in the grave financial distress of the Armenians.

Thanksgiving Day was celebrated by Athens Station with a service at the College, the address being given by Dr. J.K. Marden, following the reading of President Hoover's Proclamation by the American Minister, Hon. Mr. Skinner. The presence of Mr. and Mrs. Skinner added a happy element to the dinner which followed. A special turkey dinner was also enjoyed at the School of Religion at which the faculty and their families were present. It was followed by games and athletic activities.

Miss Eliza H. Kendrick and Miss Mary C. Wiggin, after a visit of several days at the Old Phaleron College, left for Naples on Thanksgiving Day, en route for America.

A conference of Christian workers took place Nov. 7th at the American Board chapel at Kokkinia, Athens. The pastors, teachers and Bible-readers of the American Board work in Athens were present, also representatives of the Danish Mission and the Friends' Mission. A strong address ~~was~~ was given by Prof. George Michaelides of the School of Religion, on the present trend in education.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Born:- to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall A. Rector, at Hartford, Conn., on Tuesday morning, Nov. 17th, a daughter.

There is quite a Near East Mission colony at Hartford this year. Besides the Rectors, there are Mr. and Mrs. E.T. Perry of this city, Dr. and Mrs. J.E. Merrill of Aleppo; Miss Dorothy Barker of Aleppo; Mr. David Julius of Aleppo, Mr. Fred Thompson of Erenkeuy, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vrooman of Smyrna. Mr. and Mrs. Perry have been making good use of their car, this glorious autumn weather, covering 5700 miles in less than four months.

The table of contents of the various schools of the Near East was in error in more than one respect, we are sorry to admit. One mistake was in not placing the International College among the independent institutions. It is on just the same basis as Constantinople College and Sofia College, and is among the so-called "Near Eastern Colleges." Anatolia College, while not in that group, has also its own Board of Trustees.

Born:- to Mr. and Mrs. Carter Dodd, at Stamford, Conn., on Dec. 14th a daughter. Mother and daughter are reported as "fine." Mr. Dodd is brother to our Dr. Wilson Dodd.

Anatolia College, Salonica, has been having its difficulties with sickness. One of the students and the new French teacher, M. Charotte, came down with scarlet fever, and the latter had a pretty hard time, but escaped the threat of diphtheria. Then Mrs. Sewny was taken with pneumonia; but providentially the crisis was passed by December 1st, and she seems to be making a good recovery.

Mrs. Smith, mother of Mrs. Macfarlane of International College, left Constantinople last week by train for Paris on her return to America. The same day, Friday, President Reed arrived from Smyrna, and is starting today on his return.

Steps are already being taken by the two American Colleges here as well as by others, looking toward a suitable commemoration next February of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington. It is expected that not alone the Americans, but others also, will be glad to have part in doing honor to the memory of one of the world's great men.

The Near East Mission has taken the initiative in suggesting that for the sake of economy, during this year of unusual financial strain, the Inter-Mission Conference of the Balkans and Turkey be given up. The other constituent bodies will be asked their views on this proposition.

In connection with Savings Week, and "Yerli Mal" week, or "Buy Turkish Goods" week, Kiazim Pasha, President of the Grand National Assembly, made a speech which was broadcasted throughout the provinces. Thus is shown the up-to-date methods of Turkey, both in radio and in the use of home manufactures.

The Christmas spirit at Constantinople showed itself first this last Sunday in the usual song service at the Huntington home in Hissar. This custom, originating twenty-three years ago, has been kept up without a single break since that time. Mrs. Barnum and Mrs. Binns sang solos, and several persons read appropriate Christmas selections. Probably well over 150 people were present.

The well-known Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, "The Pirates of Penzance," was given three times last week at Robert College, before large audiences. The stellar roles were taken by Mrs. Barnum, Mr. Tubini, Mr. Larsen and Mr. Allen, with the aid of well-trained choruses of pirates, policemen, and girls. It was a most creditable performance, under the direction of Prof. Estes.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Dec.22,1931

Dear friends:-

A Merry Christmas to each of you! Certainly Christmas is in the air here already, and it should be, everywhere by this time. The essence of this spirit is loving and giving, especially the giving of self.

Constantinople Station had a very merry Christmas party last Friday afternoon and evening, at the home of the Kreider family, where more than fifty, young and old, gathered for a devotional service, followed by games, a bountiful supper, and carol-singing, and Santa himself appeared to give out gifts from his pack and from the lovely Christmas tree.

The figures of attendance for the American University of Beirut, which were not in time to be included in the general table, are for the current year as follows:-

Total attendance	1480	School of Medicine	115
Lower grades	236	School of Pharmacy	24
High School grades	430	School of Dentistry	7
College	552	School of Nursing	68
Graduate departments	262	Institute of Music	45
Boarders	643	School of Arts and Sciences	552
Dayscholars	237	High School (English)	336
Boys	1254	High School (French)	94
Girls	126	Elementary School	236

The Congregationalist informs us of the death of Mr. J. Frank Candy, who came out with Mr. Paul Nilson in 1911 as a tutor for Tarsus College, but was able to stay only five months when he had to return to America, threatened with tuberculosis. Recovering later, he graduated at Yale Divinity School in 1915, and was a pastor in Geneva, Ohio. He was born in Illinois, April 19, 1886, and was a Beloit College graduate.

We learn from the Beirut News Letter of the death, on Dec. 6th, of the father of Mr. B. Frank Stolzhus, of the American College, Sofia whose brother is in the Presbyterian Mission in Beirut. Our sympathy goes out to them both.

Mrs. Smith, mother of Mrs. McFarlane of Smyrna, on her railroad journey from here to Cherbourg, was much delayed and not a little inconvenienced by the floods near Adrianople, and was barely able to make the necessary connections and catch her steamer at Cherbourg. She is due in New York tomorrow.

A communication was sent from the Bureau of Public Instruction of Constantinople, signed by the Head Inspector of Schools, to the Greek, Armenian and Jewish school directors of the city last week, telling them that it had come to the knowledge of the Department that these schools were closing on Sundays and Saturdays respectively; but that in view of the fact that the official rest day of the Republic is Friday, the Jewish schools would henceforth be expected to keep open on Saturdays, and the Greek and Armenian schools on Sundays; and that in the contrary case, the necessary measures would be taken. According to the daily papers the same notice was sent also to foreign schools; but this does not seem to have been the case with the American schools, at least. Later word indicated that this order did not emanate from Angora, but was issued on the sole authority of the local Head Inspector. It was not enforced on Sunday last, and there seems to be considerable doubt whether it will be approved by the central authorities.

The whole town and surroundings were covered this morning by the first heavy fall of snow of this season. In places it was from two to three inches deep, but it is rapidly melting away. Incoming trains are somewhat delayed, so that in places it is apparently deeper than here.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Mr. Macfarlane of International College, Smyrna, came up to Constantinople to spend Christmas with his wife, who has been here for recuperation; and today they started back for Smyrna, a healthy and happy family.

Dr. C. E. Clark of Merzifon reports that during the year from November 1930 to November 1931, the following rural work was accomplished there:- Number of towns and villages visited, 50, of which 42 were in the Merzifon Kaymakamlik; number of visits to towns and villages 70; number of patients seen, on these trips, 800; number of stereopticon shows on trips, 12; total distance traveled, about 1200 miles, and enviable record for any Station.

The experiment with village boys in the Talas Boys' School is working out well. One of these boys received the highest mark in his class for the first quarter of the year, the others are studying and working well. In spite of real poverty, these boys are getting an education.

Mr. Charles Stuart MacNeal, Assistant Professor of English in Robert College, who has been studying in Berlin University this year, came to Constantinople for his Christmas vacation, and is staying at the Riggs home.

Our friend Paul Nilson makes good and immediate use of what comes his way. A short time ago four films arrived from Boston in Caesarea, and he says:- "The same night I showed them to a group in Miss Pohl's house before supper. Then after supper in a Turkish home a gang of neighbors came in to see the pictures, among them the leading Hoja. The next night in the Okuma Evi (Reading Room) about 250 men and children saw them, and the following night our school room was packed for another show. This week I expect to show them each night in different places."

Miss Margaret A. Smith, who returned to China after serving a year in Merzifon Girls' School, has been forced by ill health to return to America, and is in West Vancouver, British Columbia.

Miss Grisell M. McLaren, who has been living in Auburndale, Mass. has changed her address and is now to be found at 129 Arlington St., Haverhill, Mass.

A mistake crept into a recent issue, where it was stated that Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vrooman were staying in Hartford, Conn. They are in New York City, at the Calvary Church House, and greatly enjoying their work there.

Several persons have taken advantage of the holidays to take trips in various directions from this city. Miss Catlin and Miss Post and Messrs. Frost and Nichols have gone to Smyrna, and Miss Yarrow to Athens. Others meant to go but were unable to do so, through illness or otherwise.

Mrs. William S. Dodd, who has been visiting her son Wilson and family in Talas since August, is here now on her way to visit her other son Stuart and family in Beirut, and leaves tomorrow by train.

Students and alumnae of the Junior College at Old Phaleron are helping raise funds for the new plant at Ellenico, through what they call the "Stone Project,"- by which they get people to put in three stones for a dollar. They have thus far raised about \$740 in this way, and have hopes of raising a larger sum.

It is expected that the President of the Republic will visit Constantinople about the first of the year, though a date has not yet been announced.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs