

Bible House, Stamboul, January 3, 1942.

Dear Friends:-

The New Year has begun with a continuation of the snows and cold of the past week, - a rather unusually long storm in this region, with temperatures below the freezing point most of the time, and down to 16 Fahrenheit more than once. Twenty-two degrees below, Fahrenheit, is reported from Angora.

Mrs. Leslie came back from Smyrna via Bandurma on Tuesday last. She reports Miss Hinman and Miss Woodward having gone to Susurluk to visit the MacDonaldis during the vacation.

A cable has come to Robert College from President Wright, informing them that he expects to return to his post at the College in about a month, coming by air via Brazil and central Africa, across via Leopoldville and Khartoum to Cairo.

Mrs. W. S. Woolworth and her son Robert, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maynard went from Tarsus on December 28th to Beirut, to spend their two-weeks' vacation there, where Dorothy Woolworth also is.

The American Consulate is trying to raise among the American community here a sum of several hundred liras, as a relief fund to aid American citizens in this city or passing through, who may be in distress during this time of war. There are always worthy individuals of American nationality in need of such help who can thus be relieved.

Miss Gladys Perry and Miss Dorothy Blatter have gone down to Smyrna for a visit during the winter holidays.

Mr. Earle, American Minister to Sofia, with about half a dozen of the diplomatic and consular body there, has arrived in Stamboul, owing to the severance of diplomatic relations between our two countries. Through them we learn that our lady missionaries in Bulgaria and the staff of the American College are being detained in that country for the present, pending some sort of negotiations.

The local papers inform us that some 23 autobuses, ordered a while ago from America, have been reported as ready for shipment. The paper urges us to believe that they may be delivered in four or five months.

During one of the recent heavy snowstorms here, as we are informed by a local daily, two brothers, aged thirteen and fifteen, started out from Bakirkeuy (Makrikeuy) to go to their village; but they lost their way, and were overcome by the cold; and their frozen bodies were found on the next day by searchers.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Istanbul, January 9, 1942.

Dear Friends:-

A letter from Miss Jessie Martin, written after she arrived in California, tells us of the narrow escape Miss Burnham had from accepting offers to teach at Hong Kong and at Honolulu, on her way home from Stamboul. No doubt she is now relieved that she refused and went right on to the United States.

Mr. Field, who taught last year at Robert College, has accepted a position as teacher in Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, the President of which is the father of Pres. W. L. Wright, Jr., of the American Colleges in Stamboul.

Mr. Steinhart, till recently American Ambassador to Moscow, has been appointed as Ambassador to Turkey, in succession to Mr. John V. A. MacMurray. Both Mr. MacMurray and Mr. Steinhart are now in America, and word has not reached us when Mr. Steinhart may be expected to arrive at his new post.

Miss Perry and Miss Blatter have returned from Smyrna; and the Scuteri School is again in session with full attendance.

The unusual snowfall of the past week has caused much delay in many quarters. Owing to the impossibility of getting food supplies up the hills through the drifts, Robert College and the American College for Girls have delayed their opening after vacation till Monday next. For many days the trolleys in some parts of the city were blockaded; but at length all are again running. Shortage of fuel supplies has caused much inconvenience. The strong south wind of the last two or three days has cleared away much of the snow, which was more than a foot deep on the average, with drifts several times that.

Mr. Thomson returned from Talas before the worst of the storm; but May and Paul Nilson were detained by the stopping of rail traffic and were not back up to yesterday noon. Mr. Farnsworth Fowle also got back to Angora just before the blockade.

Several of the Robert College tutors went to Brousa during the winter recess, and up Ulu Dagh skiing, and had a glorious time. Only one accident is reported, Mr. Whitman sustaining a broken forearm through a fall while skiing down a steep slope. The injury is getting along well.

Word has been received that the National Broadcasting Company is now putting out two broadcasts daily in the Turkish language from New York, with news and comments; these are from Station WNBI, and are on the 25.23 metre length, or 11,890 kilocycles; and they are at 7:25 a.m. to 8 a.m., and 8:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, January 23, 1942.

Dear Friends:-

We regret that circumstances made it impracticable to put out an issue last week.

The winter seems to be extra severe in most parts of this region. Mrs. Woolworth, who has been on a visit in Beirut, reports snow enough there for the children to make snow-men, - a rare treat, - and there have been several inches of snow in Aleppo as well. A wire from Adrianople two days ago reported half a metre of snow there.

Rev. W. Clark Kerr reports on January 1st that he had been confined to bed quite a while with what narrowly escaped being pneumonia and that as one result of this, he had been forced to forego a promised visit to Beirut the first week in January, where he was to have held services in the Anglo-American Church, the University, and the School of Theology. At the time of writing, he was improving.

When Miss Mary Riggs, formerly of Harnout and Scutari, went to join her sister Mrs. Getchell in Claremont, California, her younger sister Mrs. Barnard of Denver, went with her; and the three sisters had the happiness of several weeks together, - the first time they had all been together in thirty-nine years.

A telephone talk with Mr. John Monedjikoff of Sofia College a few days ago gave the information that there seemed quite a possibility that such Americans as so desired might in the near future be allowed to leave there and come to Stamboul. We have as yet no further news as to plans.

Rev. Henry H. Riggs has sent us a report of the Annual Meeting of the American Board at Springfield, which he and his wife and Rev. and Mrs. Ernest W. Riggs attended among other friends. It was a very inspiring occasion, - a joint meeting with the New England Regional Conference of Churches; but the Board had the major part of the attention, and when the pastors did get together by themselves at one session, they spent the whole time discussing the missionary cause and their share in it. There were nearly 150 missionaries present, - a wonderful fellowship. Toward the last of the program came the commissioning service for Mr. and Mrs. Wynn, a colored couple going to Angola, a most impressive one.

Mr. Isely reports from Gaziantep under date of January 17th that Dr. Clark has had an attack of pneumonia, but that prompt measures relieved the case and he was without temperature at that writing.

The steamship "Kurtulush", which was employed in carrying relief supplies of food and clothing from the Red Crescent and allied agencies over to Athens, ran on the rocks off the island of Marmora, in a blinding snowstorm on Tuesday last, and was a total loss. The crew are reported as all saved by the steamer "Trak", but the supplies she was carrying were lost. The steamer itself was nearly sixty years old, having been launched in 1884, and was of 2480 tons.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, January 30, 1942.

Dear Friends:-

A very interesting report has been received here, telling of the activities of the Aleppo Committee for the distribution of American Red Cross Supplies, under the chairmanship of Dr. Alford Carleton, in the period from August 1941 till the end of December. It mentions the supplying of flour, beans, and blankets to the Greek refugees who passed through Aleppo on their way south; this included most of the stock of blankets in Aleppo. Secondly, the distribution of flour, beans, margarine, and blankets to the families of soldiers killed in the fighting in Syria, as well as to refugee families arriving from the Sanjak of Alexandretta since March. In this work the generous assistance of the French Red Cross is acknowledged. A third item was the use of a stock of medicines, distributed among twelve free dispensaries for giving to the poor of Aleppo; also powdered milk sent to seven orphanages in the city. A further gift was a half-ton of beans to a soup kitchen operated for the poor in a district inhabited by refugee families from the Sanjak. A further supply of sixty tons of flour and twelve tons of beans was made available through the various religious communities for distribution among the poorest families in the city. Finally, at the request of the British and Syrian authorities at Deir-*ez-Zor*, on the Euphrates, ten tons of flour was sent there for distribution through a local committee. The Committee in Aleppo has further decided to give supplies to eight recognized orphanages in the city, as well as to homes for the aged, and, in connection with the Action Chretienne en Orient, to certain societies for the blind.

For the tenth year in succession, a joint communion service was held on the closing Sunday of the Week of Prayer at Beirut, being conducted in four different languages. Though it was a showery day, the church was comfortably full. This year the Anglo-American Church of Beirut is holding a regular vesper service every Sunday, especially for the troops stationed there, followed by a ~~sing-song~~, which is quite popular.
(Sing-a-long)

We are pained to learn that about three months ago, Pastor Sarian of Damascus was run over by an automobile, both legs being broken in two places each, and both arms in one. Despite this terrible accident, he is slowly recovering in the hospital, though his future ability to work is still in doubt.

Dr. D. Alton Davis of Geneva, of the International Y.M.C.A. Committee, has gone to America for a well-earned vacation.

The death, on January 14th, has been reported from Aleppo of Abraham Hoja Levonian, of Antab, at the age of eighty-six years. Widely known as a "man of God" by Christian and Moslem, he went about among rich and poor, witnessing to the goodness of God and his power to save from sin. To some who knew him, he was the nearest thing to an Old Testament prophet that the modern world could produce. He will long be remembered by a wide circle.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, February 6, 1942.

Dear Friends:-

On Friday last, the Civil Representative of the Protestant Community and Head of the Chancery, Mr. Othon Djiladjian, died suddenly of heart trouble at his drug-store in Ortakeuy, this city. Mr. Djiladjian was about eighty years old, and was graduated at Robert College in 1883. For many years he has been one of the oldest and most respected of the chemists in Stamboul; and since the resignation of Professor Zenop Bezdjian he has been Head of the Protestant Chancery. He was also one of the deacons of the Pera Armenian Evangelical Church. The funeral was held in that church on Wednesday, and the auditorium was crowded. He leaves a wife and a son.

We have also learned with regret of the death at Baghdad of the American Consul-General, Mr. Paul Knabenshue, this past week. Mr. Knabenshue was born in Toledo, Ohio, October 31, 1883; and before his appointment to Baghdad, had served in similar capacity at Beirut and at Cairo. His son Paul is teaching at Robert College. Our sympathy goes out to him and to his mother.

Further word has come regarding Abraham Hodja Levonian, who was mentioned in our issue of last week. He was an uncle of Professor Lutfi Levonian of Beirut, and was a graduate of Maresh Theological Seminary, a unique character who had suffered much in prisons for his faith, and who lived as a real Christian Sadhu, taking no salary for all his spiritual services through his long life.

Rev. Ernest Riggs writes of the very happy visit he and Mrs. Riggs had in Omaha the last of October, when they saw Dr. and Mrs. White and their daughter Mrs. Esther White Parr during the Mid-West Regional Council. From there they went to Chicago where they met with a large number of the Anatolia College alumni; and then on to the American Board meeting at Springfield, Mass.

He also reports that Mr. and Mrs. Sensemann, formerly of Anatolia College and later of Robert College, reached America about the end of October, via the Pacific.

The Beirut News Letter reports the safe arrival in America of Rev. W. A. Stoltzfus, of Beirut Junior College, brother of our B. F. Stoltzfus of Sofia College, on January 20th, also via the Pacific; his steamer evidently passed through the East Indies just before war broke out there.

An arrangement is being put into effect in Stamboul for economizing on the amount of coal used in making illuminating gas, by furnishing gas only from seven a.m. till one p.m. and from seven p.m. till ten o'clock. The electric lighting system is also economizing by cutting out some 1800 street lamps in various parts of the city. Coincident with this, the Bosphorus steamer company has cut down its schedule by suppressing several steamer services.

The local price of gold has gone up markedly during the past few weeks, till now the Reshadiye gold lira is quoted at 3700 piasters in paper.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

Circumstances seemed to make it impracticable last week to issue our usual circular letter; we ask the indulgence of our friends.

A cable received some time ago indicated that President W. L. Wright, Jr., of the American Colleges, was to start by air from the United States on his return to Stamboul on February 15th. This word has not been modified since, so that in the absence of any further news it is presumed that he is on his way back here.

A wire from Beirut announces that Mr. George Miles, some time teacher in Robert College, and lately connected with the Navy Department in Washington, has arrived in Beirut on his way to his new post as Assistant to Commander Hall, Naval Attache to the American Embassy. It is believed that Mr. Miles will reside in Stamboul.

Mrs. Herman Kreider and the four children are leaving by train this morning from Haydar Pasha for Beirut on their way to South Africa. They hope to arrive in Durban, Natal, in time for the fall opening of schools, in a month or so, and will reside there for the present.

The Minister of Public Instruction, Bay Hasan Ali Yücel, gave a radio talk to parents and teachers on Monday last, on the deleterious effects of smoking on the youth; and he has followed up this by sending out regulations to all primary, middle, and higher schools forbidding the use of tobacco by students within the school premises, and calling on their teachers to give special lectures on the dangers of nicotine poisoning. If this can be carried into effect, it will be a big step in advance.

Wanted:- To rent or to buy second-hand, a fairly modern copy of a good Children's Encyclopedia, or Book of Knowledge. Possessors of such please communicate with Mrs. E. C. Blake, Posta Kutu 111, Izmir.

The report of the Azariah Smith Memorial Hospital at Caziantep for the year 1941 shows a most gratifying increase in usefulness over 1940. There have been 1103 in-patients as against 952 the year before; the number of in-patient days rose from 12,704 to 14,733, with a percentage of occupancy of 82.4% to 70.5%. There were 253 operations as against 168; the electric treatments went from 1,063 to 1,828. On the other hand the deaths fell from 93 to 77. In the out-patient department, there were 7692, as against 7247, the increase being entirely in Dr. Dewey's private pay-clinic. The local income rose by over one-third, making the percentage of expenses earned locally 74.3% instead of 60.3%. The average number of in-patients per day was 40.3 instead of 34.7. We are also glad to add that our Adana and Talas clinic establishments similarly show a large increase in patients and income in each case, though they have not hospital facilities.

From a trustworthy source comes word as to the form of the British help to Greece:- it includes the chartering of two Swedish ships of 8,000 tons each; one of these is already fully loaded at Haifa and awaits final arrangements to take a cargo of wheat to Greece, and to bring back Greek children who will be cared for in South Africa or India; the other is on its way from the Atlantic, and will pick up a food cargo from Italy on its way to Piraeus, and thereafter it will make the Stamboul-Piraeus run.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, February 27, 1942.

Dear Friends:-

Mr. Leslie F. Hooper, formerly the Bible Society Agent for Irak and Syria, has been in Stamboul for several days on a short visit.

Mr. Daniel Brewster, son of our colleagues of Athens Station, who is with the American Embassy at Angora, was up in this city for a brief holiday in connection with Washington's Birthday, last week.

The latest word from Gaziantep states that Dr. Clark is still in bed, running a slight temperature daily, although he seems to be growing better.

The date for the Spring Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Near East School of Theology has been set for March 31st, at Beirut.

The Department of State has sent word that Mr. Ezra Young, who is to take the place of Mr. Harry Baker at the Stamboul Dershane, has been given permission to come out here, and he was awaiting transportation so as to start from America.

Taking the place of the late ill-fortuned "Kurtulush", the Turkish steamer "Dumlu Pinar" left Stamboul harbor last week on a trip to Piraeus with a full cargo of food-stuffs for the population of Athens.

We regret to report that the tiny steamer "Struma", flying the Panama flag, which has been lying in our harbor for several months past with between seven and eight hundred Hebrew refugees from Rumania and Bulgaria, and which started out into the Black Sea, on her return to those places, on Feb. 23rd, blew up as a result of an explosion the following day, and up to date no survivors have been heard from.

The Near East Mission Library has recently received a number of new books, mostly through gifts from local friends. Among them are the following:-

The Life of Prayer in a World of Science, by Wm. Adams Brown
 God in Action, by Karl Barth
 The Secret of Victorious Living, by Harry Emerson Fosdick.
 The Reason for Living, by Robert Russell Wicks
 Taking a City, by Douglas Horton
 Jesus and the American Mind, by Halford E. Luccock
 La Turquie d'Asie, 4 volumes, by Vital Cuinet
 As I See Religion, by Harry Emerson Fosdick
 The Resources of Religion, by Georgia Harkness
 God in These Times, by Henry P. Van Dusen
 Also, biographies of Ian Macfarlane, Edward Livingston Trudeau, Robert and Mary Moffatt, Henry Martyn, and Henry Drummond.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Rizpa

Bible House, Stamboul, March 6, 1942.

Dear Friends:-

One of the older residents of Stamboul's American Community, Mr. Preston E. King, passed away on Thursday of last week, at the American Hospital, aged sixty-two. Mr. King was the chairman of the American Turkish Investment Corporation as Concessionaire of the Turkish Match and Lighters Monopoly, and was highly respected by all who knew him. Formerly he was with a Tobacco Company agency at Samsoun on the Black Sea coast, and it was there that he met his wife, who is the sister of Mrs. Dr. Hadji Savvas. Mrs. King and their son are now in America. Mr. King was also chairman of the Board of Managers of the American Hospital here, and was Dr. Shepard's right-hand man in that enterprize. The funeral was on Saturday at the Ferikeuy cemetery, and was very largely attended.

Rev. and Mrs. Raymond F. White, who were with International College at Smyrna from 1929 till 1934, have moved from Copeland, Kansas, to Wilmore, Kansas, where he is pastor of the Methodist Church. They send their greetings to all who remember them.

The date for the meeting of the Board of Managers of Aleppo College has been tentatively fixed as April 2nd.

Mr. Farnsworth Fowle, who has spent most of his time recently in Angora, has come back to Stamboul for a while.

Mrs. John Seager (Elizabeth Leslie) has come up from Smyrna to Stamboul for a stay of a few weeks. Mr. Seager was also here for a day or so.

A son, John Merrill Dorman, was born to Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Dorman (Dorothy Merrill) on February 7th.

Dr. Thomas Whittemore, who is in charge of the uncovering of the St. Sophia mosaics, arrived here a week ago, coming from America via England.

Recent reports indicate that under the supervision of the International Red Cross, forty relief centers in Athens and Piraeus are now giving out 535,000 portions of soup daily, and have been doing so for the past two and a half months. Most of the food supplies sent from Turkey are stated to be used in this way.

When the American College in Sofia reopened on January 20th after the Christmas holidays, every single student was back, - a remarkable record under the circumstances. Work is proceeding normally, and everyone is busy.

There has been an extraordinary scarcity of fish caught at Stamboul recently, so that prices have soared. Sword-fish was being sold a few days ago at 220 piastres the kilo, and ordinary mackerel (skumru) at 100, while oysters and mussels were sold at 30 to 40 paras apiece.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, March 13, 1942.

Dear Friends:-

A wire received from Gaziantep Wednesday says "Clark's condition satisfactory after empvema operation". Previous letters had indicated the necessity of such an operation. Our best wishes go to him for a good recovery.

Dr. Seelve Bixler, formerly of Beirut University, has been elected President of Colby College, Maine. He has till now been connected with Harvard University.

Ambassador Steinhart, who was formerly in Moscow and is our new American Ambassador to Turkey, arrived in Angora last week.

Mrs. George H. Huntington has been elected a Trustee of Robert College. Our congratulations on this well-deserved honor.

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. William S. Murray, widow of the former head of the Preparatory Department at the American College for Girls here, on Sept. 8, 1941, at her home in Lakeland, Florida. Mrs. Murray was eighty years old, and has been in poor health since the death of her husband in May 1939.

President Walter L. Wright Jr., of the American Colleges, has arrived in Angora, and is expected back at Robert College on Sunday next. A week from today the Charter Day exercises at the Women's College will take place, and the next day, Saturday, the 21st, Founders' Day will be observed as usual at Robert College. On both occasions Dr. Wright will naturally be the guest of honor, on his return from such a long absence in America.

Mr. Richard Gnade, formerly a teacher at Robert College, has been appointed as American Vice Consul at Baghdad, and is expected to arrive there soon.

We regret to announce that Professor Charles S. MacNeal of Robert College is in the American Hospital as a result of a badly broken leg, the result of a fall sustained on Monday evening.

A Christmas letter from Mr. O. S. Heizer, once of our Treasury Department and later Consul-General at Baghdad, and now living in Florida, tells us that his daughter Helen (Mrs. Cattell) writes of her eldest son entering Cornell University and joining the R.O.T.C.; also that Rand is in the advertising business in Detroit. Mrs. Pauline Heizer Troedsson is studying for a Ph.D. at Columbia, while the two younger daughters, Beatrice (Hurford) and Vivien, are working for "Bundles for Britain" in New York City.

The Turkish budget for 1942 is much larger than that for 1941, standing at Ltq.384,035,101 as compared with Ltq.309,740,396. Public Instruction receives Ltq.27,000,000 as against Ltq.19,000,000; while National Defence is listed at Ltq.101,995,000 as compared with Ltq.77,995,000 last year.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

President W. L. Wright, Jr., arrived in Stamboul from his trip in America on Saturday last, flying from Miami, Fla., via the Gold Coast and Khartoum, and spending a short time each in Cairo and Beirut on the way. He reports that two new teachers for Robert College are on the way, coming across the ocean by steamer.

Miss Dora Shank has gone off on a two-months' vacation trip, and visiting Gaziantep, Adana, Tarsus, and perhaps other points.

Word has come of the death, on December 2nd, at White Plains, N. Y., of Dr. Thomas H. Norton, who was American Consul at Harpout from 1900 till 1904, and then after a year on a special mission to Persia was Consul at Smyrna for a year. He later served in similar capacity in Chemnitz, Saxony. During his latter years he worked as a chemical engineer with the DuPont and other companies. He was born June 30, 1851, and was a Hamilton College graduate. His wife died in 1929 and his only son, Robert, is a patent lawyer.

The Near East School of Theology at Beirut is conducting a special course for pastors during the ten days from March 16th to 26th, among the speakers being Bishop Graham-Brown, on "Aspects of Early Church History", Mr. E. C. Eicher, "Talks on the Tabernacle", and Rev. A.K. Cragg, of the British Syrian Mission Bible School. Members of the Faculty will also participate.

--Beirut News Letter.

A message from Rev. Ernest W. Riggs in New York states that Mrs. J. Henry House, formerly of Thessaloniki, who is now in her ninety-second year, is in better health than she was when out on the mission field.

Rev. William Lytle, of Antioch, Hstev, is in Stamboul for a brief visit in connection with his work.

The second voyage of the Red Crescent steamer "Dumlu Pinar" from Stamboul to Piraeus with food supplies has been delayed a few days. It is stated that since there is no heating facility for passengers on board, the one thousand Greek children who are to be brought here will not be taken on this return voyage.

Sessions of the Grand National Assembly at Angora were resumed on Wednesday of this week after their spring recess.

After a few days of withdrawal from sale, it is expected that coffee and tea will again be put on the market today, but at a slightly advanced price, - 300 piastres a kilo for coffee and 750 for tea.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, March 27, 1942.

Dear Friends:-

The announcement of last week's issue regarding the prices of tea and coffee was an error; and until now these articles have not yet been placed on sale again, as the prices have not been fixed; as far as made public. It seems probable that they will be materially increased.

The engagement has been announced of Dr. Albert W. Dewey of Gaziantep and Miss Dora F. Shank of the American Hospital, Stamboul. Our sincere felicitations are tendered; and the happiness of the occasion is limited only by the deep regret of all Constantinopolitans that we shall have to give up our claims to Miss Shank, who has so endeared herself to all circles here.

BORN:- At the American Hospital, Nishantash, Stamboul, to Mr. and Mrs. John Seager of Smyrna, a second daughter, Winsome Ruth, on Wednesday, March 25th. Heartly congratulations to parents and grandmothers.

It is expected that Ambassador Steinhardt, the new American representative at Angora, will be coming to Stamboul probably next week, for a brief visit and to get acquainted with his constituency here.

The Scutari Academy for Girls is having its spring vacation; and in this connection Miss Mary Ingle has gone to Smyrna for her holiday.

The members of Stamboul Station held a supper together on Wednesday last at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Birge, at which President W. L. Wright was the guest speaker; he told of many impressions from his recent months in America, especially as to the new attitude of the country after the Japanese attack.

Rev. William Lytle has returned to his post in Antioch; and Mr. Farnsworth Fowle has gone back to Angora.

The proposed date for the Spring Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Aleppo College has been postponed to April 29th.

A secretarial letter from Boston dated February 14th tells us that in addition to our Board's missionaries in the Philippines, eight others were caught there by the war, - two each from Japan and India, and four from North China, - and are presumably still in the islands.

We regret to report that Miss Mary Heskell, of the Sofia Station, has had a slight stroke of paralysis. She is staying with Miss Clarke.

The exercises of Charter Day at the American College for Girls on Friday last, and of Founders' Day at Robert College on Saturday, went off very successfully although quietly as befitted the times. President Wright was the chief speaker on each occasion.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, April 3, 1942.

Dear Friends:-

A late February letter from New York reports the birth of a son, Peter, to Caroline Damon Palmer and Dr. Hans Palmer. Congratulations to parents and grandparents.

Dr. and Mrs. Haas of Adana are also to be similarly congratulated on the news they have received from their son Hector in America, of the birth to him and his wife of a son, on March 2nd or 3rd, - the figure in the cable was hard to make out.

Another sort of congratulations is due to Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Shepard of the Stamboul Hospital, for word has come that their daughter Alice has attained the award of Phi Beta Kappa, at Wellesley, - a well deserved honor.

Ambassador Laurence P. Steinhardt is arriving in Stamboul today; and there will be a reception in his honor to-morrow afternoon from five to seven, for the American community, at the Stamboul Club. On Monday afternoon there will be another reception in his honor at Robert College. Mrs. Steinhardt accompanies him.

Professor MacNeal of Robert College has so far recovered from his late accident that he is holding his classes at his home.

As a footnote to our previous bit of misinformation, we may state that the price of coffee on the market has been fixed at 675 piasters per kilo, in place of the 284 piasters at which it had stood for some time before that. Tea has been put at twenty liras or so, depending on the quality.

Airmail bearing seventy cents postage has been arriving of late from America, coming by the Miami-Natal-Lagos-Khartoum route. But a Cairo letter of March 9th tells us that up to that date no letters were accepted for airmail to America by that route, although no reason is assigned.

The airplane service between Stamboul and Angora was resumed on April 1st and is now running in both directions. It is proposed to extend this soon, not only to Adana as last year, but on beyond to Elazigh, formerly known as Mezire.

A party of thirty members of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, which had been giving a concert in Angora, stopped in this city on their return journey and gave a concert at the City Theatre on Wednesday afternoon, which was well attended and was a great success.

Four men are on trial in Angora, charged with complicity in the plot connected with the explosion of a bomb recently not far from the German Ambassador. Two of them are described as Soviet citizens, the other two as Turkish citizens.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

A letter from Gaziantep lets us know that the wedding of Dr. Albert Dewey and Miss Dora Shank was to take place yesterday, there. We hope to be able to give some account of the event very soon.

As reported last week, Ambassador and Mrs. Steinhardt arrived in Stamboul from Angora a week ago. Their four days here were full of a large number of engagements, dinners, receptions, etc. The reception for the American Colony, held at the Stamboul Club on Saturday, was well attended, as was also that at Robert College for the Staffs and community of the two Colleges. They left Tuesday evening on their return to Angora. We are glad to learn that they hope to make frequent visits to our city.

Word from California tells us that Miss Ilse Pohl, formerly of Smyrna, Talas, and Merzifoun, is far from well, having had a mental breakdown, and is in a sanitarium.

At a birthday party for young Paul Nilson, who went back to Talas for his Easter holidays, Dr. and Mrs. Nute announced the engagement of their son Cyril to Miss Lucina Ackerley, who from 1931 till 1935 was teaching in our Mission, mostly at Scutari and Smyrna, and who since then has been living in Georgia and Florida. Cyril Nute has just turned twenty-one.

Two new teachers arrived at Robert College last week from America, - Messrs. Linn and Dickey. Mr. Linn is in the English Department; he has previously taught in the American University of Beirut; Mr. Dickey is in the Engineering Department, in Mechanical Engineering. On the other hand Mr. Paul Knabenshue is leaving the Robert College staff this Sunday to return to his mother at Baghdad, where he has a position in the British Embassy.

Mrs. Lydia A. P. Flint, whom many will remember as "Mother Flint", of the American Sailors' Club in Stamboul during the armistice period, and who was later connected with our Mission for ten years until her retirement in 1934, writes from Syracuse, N. Y., that Howard and Lachlan Reed are both in the war service of the United States; and that the latter expects to be married this summer; also that Jack Lawrence, youngest son of Mrs. Caleb Lawrence of Smyrna, is due for the aviation corps. She adds that Dr. Donald Webster, formerly tutor in International College, is an adviser in Washington on Near Eastern affairs.

Miss Agnes M. Baird writes from Sofia that the Americans there who have been trying for so long to get permission to return to the United States are now to be allowed to go, but instead of coming this way, they are to be sent across to Lisbon, there to take the steamer which is bringing across some European diplomats from America. Miss Baird is the only one from the American Board group who is going.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, April 17, 1942.

Dear Friends:-

The wedding of Miss Dora Shank and Dr. Albert Dewey took place at Gaziantep on April 9th. It was a very quiet affair, but everything went off joyfully and smoothly. The station circle was delighted to welcome at that time three guests from Aleppo, Miss Norton, Miss Silliman and Dr. Carleton, who had arrived without knowing the date set for the wedding, but were easily persuaded to stay over so as to be present. Mrs. Carleton had accompanied them as far as the frontier, and was to meet them again there on their return trip with the automobile to take them home.

Miss Flora Manwell of the American Hospital here, and Mr. John Stone of Robert College are starting out today for a short trip to Gaziantep, to visit the newly-weds and the city.

Thus far, the three buildings of the Talas Station property taken over last August for a military hospital, have taken in no patients whatever; there have simply been a dozen or so soldiers in charge.

Mr. Nilson writes of a Saturday evening program in the Talas School last month, to which the local Superintendent of Education came with his wife, when the students put on a program of five short plays, four in English and one in French. Of the former, two were put on by boys who had had only five months' study of English, but carried them out with commendable success.

Over 2000 people worshipped at the Church and Memorial Hall on Easter Day, unusually large crowds being noted at all the Armenian, Arabic and English Services.

--Beirut News Letter

We learn that Ed Murray, whom many of us knew as a tutor in Robert College some years ago, is now serving as an American military doctor somewhere in Mesopotamia.

Mrs. John Seager and her little baby have returned from the American Hospital to their home in Smyrna; and with them went Mrs. E. T. Leslie for a brief stay.

Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Shepard have left the house where they have been residing, at Bebek, and have moved to a much more conveniently located one right near the American Hospital, in Nishantash.

Since the above was put on the stencil, a letter has come from Gaziantep about the wedding, showing that the Aleppo trio was unable to stay for the wedding, but left the day before. The civil marriage took place in the afternoon of the 9th, and the wedding service in the Dewey home that evening at six, with music by Miss Phelps and Mrs. Isely, the knot being tied by Mr. Isely, the room being decorated with peach, apple, plum and almond blossoms. There was a celebration on Saturday evening for the hospital staff; and on the following Tuesday a tea for some forty guests, including the governor and his wife, the mayor and his wife, and many other friends.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, May 1, 1942.

Dear Friends:-

Again we bow before the inscrutable providence of our Heavenly Father. Dr. Charles E. Clark passed to his reward at Gaziantep on Wednesday last, April 29th, after a long and brave fight against pneumonia and its consequences. Our associates in the Hospital there did every thing possible to preserve his life, but it was not to be. The heartfelt sympathy of the whole Mission goes out to Mrs. Clark in her bereavement.

Charles Ernest Clark was born in Brattleboro, Vermont, Feb. 21, 1875, and was a graduate of Dartmouth College, 1898, and received his medical degree at Michigan University in 1902. He was married the following year, and came out to Turkey as a missionary doctor that summer, going to Sivas. In 1916 he and Mrs. Clark returned to America, but in 1918 they were again out in the Near East, spending some time in Red Cross Relief work in Palestine. In March, 1922, they came to Constantinople where he spent a year in medical relief work, and then went to the Hospital in Talas, where he was busy for six years. After a furlough year in America, they returned to Turkey in 1930, and went to Merzifon; but in 1939, since medical work there was discontinued, he was about to proceed to Gaziantep when he was delayed by an attack of pneumonia. This dread foe left its mark on him; for while he was able to go there in November, and has done good work there, he was never strong; and now his old enemy has laid him low, and closed his life work.

Quite a shake-up is taking place in Stamboul Station; for the delayed plans of several have taken shape with the announcement of a possible passenger steamer from India for the United States; and now Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Birge, with Dorothy Birge, Mrs. L. R. Fowle with Richardson, Mrs. Eula B. Lee, and Miss Fosdick of the American College for Girls, are expecting to start for Baghdad by rail on Monday next, with the prospect of flying from Basra to Ararat. There has been scant time to make all preparations; but apparently the arrangements are being completed.

Word from California tells of plans for a gathering of the Near East Fellowship of Southern California on Dr. W. W. Peet's birthday, Feb. 14th, to send him birthday greetings. Miss Jessie Martin was to be the principal speaker, and the gathering was to be at Pasadena. Mrs. J. Wylie Brown, formerly of Stamboul, is the treasurer of the organization, and Mr. D. K. Gatchell, formerly of Thessaloniki, is secretary.

The Beirut News Letter tells us that Rev. Wm. Sage Woolworth of Tarsus was to be the speaker on Monday of this week at the Near East School of Theology Assembly, in Beirut.

Miss Eleanor De Remer and Miss Erma Carl, who have completed their term of work in the Smyrna Girls' School, are planning to leave there to-morrow on their return to the United States, going by rail to Egypt and thence by airplane to America. This leaves the school somewhat shorthanded for the rest of the term, but needful arrangements have been made.

A letter has come from Mrs. J. K. Lyman from Nelson, N. E., dated Feb. 8th, where she and Mr. Lyman keep very fully occupied, and are in good health and spirits.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, May 8, 1942

Dear Friends:-

The party spoken of in our last week's issue, consisting of Dr. and Mrs. Birge and Dorothy, Mrs. Fowle and Richardson, Mrs. Lee and Miss Fosdick, left as per schedule on Monday morning last, and have been heard from as far as Angora, having a fine trip. They have probably reached Baghdad before now.

Word has come that Miss Annie Pinneo was leaving for Lisbon to take the same steamer as Miss Agnes Baird for the United States.

The administration Committee of the Near East Foundation in New York has cabled to their representatives in Athens authorization to spend \$5,000.00 monthly for the feeding of Greek children.

President William S. Woolworth of Tarsus College spent a good part of his spring vacation on a trip, April 14th to 29th, to Beirut and Palestine. In addition to addressing the N.E.S.T., as noted last week, he succeeded in finding a Danish teacher for Tarsus. From Beirut he took his daughter Dorothy with him, and they saw a good deal of Palestine, including of course Jerusalem and vicinity.

A very successful meeting of the Moslem Work Committee of the Foreign Mission Conference was held at Hartford, Conn., on March 20th and 21st. Dr. Robbins Barstow of the Hartford Seminary Foundation was the host; and among those present were Dr. John E. Merrill, who gave what seems to have been the best paper of the gathering; Rev. Walter Wiley, Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Lyman, Mr. Stoltzfus of Syria, also Miss Wilson of Syria, Dr. Fred F. Goodsell, Rev. and Mrs. Henry H. Riggs, and a dozen other persons from the Near East. Dr. Robbins Barstow was formerly a teacher in Mardin.

Mr. Moore Gates, well-known to most of us as the son of ex-President C. F. Gates, has arrived in Angora from America.

Mr. Dana Getchell reports from Claremont, California, that he and Dr. J. K. Marden are among the wardens appointed by the government for the Pilgrim Place district against possible air attacks by the enemy.

The fourth meeting of the Turkish Language Congress is announced to be held at Angora beginning on August 10th, 1942. These meetings are held theoretically every three years; but the one scheduled for the summer of 1939 did not prove possible.

Bread distribution has had to be curtailed somewhat for a time; every other day the usual ration of 300 grams for adults, half that for children, and 750 grams for those in heavy work, is cut to one-half, the alternate day it is as usual. This applies only to this city.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, May 15, 1942.

Dear Friends:-

The Beirut News Letter informs us that Mr. Cornelius Van Hemert Engert, Consul-General at Beirut, and formerly located in our city, has received a well-deserved appointment as American Minister to Afghanistan, but that he had not yet been informed of the date of his transfer. He will be much missed at Beirut.

Letters along the route tell us of the progress of the party on its way to America, as far as Adana. They had brief visits with Mr. Nilson at Kayseri, Mr. Woolworth rode with them from Yenidje to Adana, and there Dr. and Mrs. Haas visited with them at the station. A cable has been received from Karachi, telling of the safe arrival of the party there, on the 13th.

Mr. Paul Nilson writes of quite an influx of holiday-makers at the Talas School on May 1st, about three hundred children coming from the Zinirdere Military School, the Kayseri Lise, the Kayseri Girls' Institute, and the Factory.

One of the old stand-bys of the Mission passed away on May 5th at Talas, when Muharrem Agha, doorkeeper and attendant at the Clinic, died after two weeks' illness. For forty-four years he has been in the employ of the Station, first as driver of the station wagon for Rev. J. L. Fowle, in succession to his uncle, Ali Agha; then as watchman during the last war; and after the N.E.R. days Dr. Clark took him on as doorkeeper at the Clinic, where he served under Dr. Clark, Dr. Dodd, and Dr. Nute. His constant faithfulness, quaint humor, and absolute loyalty have made him to the Station group and to the town of Talas a much loved friend who will not soon be forgotten. He was about 62. Dr. Nute writes of him;- "One could always be sure of him. He never complained, even though he often suffered severely. He never shirked; he was always cheerfully willing to do a little more than his bit. He was not only a faithful servant, he was a beloved friend. We shall miss him sorely."

The American Red Cross has furnished about forty-five tons of food-stuffs and medical supplies for the approximately four thousand Greek refugees who are in a town near Smyrna; and these supplies have arrived at their destination.

Rev. W. Clark Kerr has now sent definite word that owing to pressure of work in the Canteen service at Haifa, he will be unable to make his hoped-for visit to Stamboul this spring, but that he hopes to be able to come up in the fall, for a short time.

Mr. Oster, Seventh-Day Adventist missionary in Stamboul, left last evening on a relief visit to Athens via Sofia.

The Annual Meeting of the Mission has been tentatively fixed to begin Tuesday, June 23rd, at the Scutari School.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, May 29, 1942.

Dear Friends:-

In our issue of May 8, we stated that Mr. Moore Gates had arrived in Angora. This statement was made on what we believed to be unimpeachable testimony. It now turns out that Mr. Gates has not even left America, and that the gentleman who arrived was an entirely different person. We crave indulgence.

Miss Edith Parsons left early this week on a trip to Smvrna stopping off at Susurluk for a visit. She expects to return to our city after the Commencement exercises of the Girls' School.

Through a traveler we have learned that Ann and Charles House, after three months away, during which they experienced many kindnesses, are back in their own home, and in good health.

The Robert College Field Day took place last Saturday, in perfect weather. The Pole-vault record was broken by twenty-five centimeters.

A letter dated May 18 informs us that Miss Agnes Beird, the Allens and the Huntington Blisses were expecting to start shortly from Sofia on their way home; all preliminaries had been negotiated and the Swiss Consulate was awaiting final approval from Berne.

Mrs. Duncan Thomson, who has been helping out with the English teaching at the Talas Boys' School, returned on Sunday last to Hissar, with her daughter Margaret. Mr. and Mrs. Thomson and Margaret are living in the Birge home during the furlough of the latter family.

Letters from the Birge party of travelers report from Baghdad that they reached that city almost on time, were received into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hacken of the United Mission, where every courtesy was extended to them, even to supplying Dorothy and Rik with the outgrown topees of the Hacken children. The entire party flew on Monday the 11th to Karachi, whence cable reports their arrival. Friends from Talas, Tarsus and Adana provided them with abundant good things to eat, which supplied not only this party, but also Miss DeRemer and Miss Carl, en route to Egypt. Even ice-water was thought of by our Adana associates, - to make perfect the generous eatables.

Reliable word received through Switzerland indicates that 600,000 persons daily are served from the public soup kitchens in Athens and Piraeus operated under the International and Hellenic Red Cross Societies. The food situation is somewhat improved, due to flour that has been imported; the greatest need seems to be for dried vegetables and fats.

Another report indicates that in Thessaloniki about 15,000 children are being fed each day. The normal mortality of the city is about 350 per month; under present conditions it has reached 1500 per month.

We learn that David Scott, son of Prof. and Mrs. Scott of Robert College, is graduating this next month from Deerfield Academy in the cum laude division; and that he has won a scholarship at Princeton for next year.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

Mr. Ezra Young, formerly of Adana, and now the successor of Mr. Harry Baker in charge of the work of the Derslane, or Y work, arrived in Stamboul Tuesday last, from America, coming by way of Cairo. He left Mrs. Young in New York City, where she is private secretary to Dr. R. M. Fagley of the General Congregational Council.

Mr. Nilson writes under date of May 31st:- "Last week Dr. and Mrs. Nute, in their little gig behind the little sorrel horse, had a pleasant ride to Kayseri. But the sorrel horse got scared, knocked Dr. Nute down, ran into the field and tipped Mrs. Nute over in a pile of stones. The airplane factory's white ambulance brought them home to Talaz, badly shaken but not seriously injured. Now they have their bandages off."

Later word from Sofia states that our American associates are not getting off yet, and may be some weeks still in leaving.

The Commencement exercises at Aleppo College will be held on June 16th. President Bayard Dodge of Beirut University is to give the Commencement address.

The two American Colleges here have their Commencement exercises next week:- the Girls' College on Thursday, June 11th, and Robert College on Friday, the 12th. The following day, Saturday, is the great day for the American Academy at Scutari.

A late letter from Rev. W. Clark Kerr at Haifa gives us renewed hope that he may be able to come to Stamboul for a visit within the next few weeks, though the date is still uncertain.

The Near East School of Theology at Beirut had its baccalaureates sermon and graduating exercises together on Sunday, May 24th. Three candidates received their diplomas, one each in the Theology, and special theological courses and the Short Course for Women.

According to the Beirut News Letter, Dr. C. S. Bell of the Bible Society expects to make a visit soon to Stamboul. While on a recent visit to Baghdad he saw the Birge-Fowle party on their way to Karachi.

The Annual Meeting date for the Near East Mission has been made definite for June 23rd, and it will be at the Scutari School. Mr. Fowle is to be the chairman, and Mr. Riggs the preacher.

According to the local dailies, the Turkish Red Crescent is to cooperate with the International Red Cross in sending food supplies to certain Greek islands of the Aegean. Conforming to an international agreement, some 660 tons of food stuffs besides 500 sacks of flour are to be sent to the islands of Chios, Samos, Mitylene, and Nikaria, in Greek bottoms, from the port of Smyrna, under the control of the International Red Cross.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

In the rush of affairs connected with the various Commencements of last week, no issue of this sheet appeared, we grieve to admit.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, June 11, 12 and 13, were glorious days, though unusually hot; and five o'clock was none too late an hour for public exercises. At the American College for Girls, on Thursday, a class of twenty-five, well over the average in character, took their diplomas. Speeches were made by Bay Ibrahim Dibliam, Deputy for Kocaeli, and President Wright, in Turkish and English respectively. At Robert College on Friday, the speakers were Bay Kasim Gülek, Deputy for Biledjik, a graduate of the Class of 1926, and President Wright; and a class of 38, fourteen in the College Department and twenty-four in Engineering, was graduated. At the American Academy, Scutari, on Saturday, the fine music by the student chorus was quite the feature of the afternoon. The Turkish address was by Bay Burhan Toprak, of the Güzel Sanatlar Mektebi.

We are glad to report that news has come of the safe arrival of Miss Annie E. Pinneo in America via Lisbon; also of the arrival of Miss Agnes Baird and the Huntington Bliss and Allen families from Sofia in Switzerland on their way to America by the same route.

Mr. Forrest Crawford, Miss Dr. Bisbee, and Mr. and Mrs. Wise of Robert College left last Monday on their way to America via Egypt. With them went Mr. H. H. Kreider, going for a visit to his family in Beirut and expecting to return here shortly.

Mr. Oster, who was mentioned in our issue of five weeks ago as on his way to Sofia and Athens, was unable to get farther than Sofia, and returned here last week; but has since had word that his permit is now in order, and has started once more with good hopes of arriving, on his errand of relief.

Dr. and Mrs. Shepard are to be congratulated on the latest success of their children. Bob Shepard has been placed on the Dean's List at Yale, which means he is in the first ten in scholarship during his Freshman year.

Mr. Paul Nilson has arrived from Talas, the first one of the Annual Meeting delegates to arrive. Dr. Nute will be coming on later, and they with Miss Dwight will be the Talas delegation. Others expected are; from Aleppo, Miss Fenenga; from Gaziantep, Mr. and Mrs. Isely; from Smyrna, Miss Parsons, Miss Hinman and Mr. Blake; and from Tarsus-Adana Station, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard and Mr. Woolworth. The Stamboul delegates are Miss Lucas, Miss Ingle, Miss Perry and C. T. Riggs.

To suit the convenience of some, a change has been made in the date of opening of the Annual Meeting, which is now set for Friday next, one week from today, at 10:15 a.m., at the Scutari School.

The Commencement exercises at Aleppo College were set for June 16th, and those of the Aleppo High School for Girls for June 22nd.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

In the rush of Annual Meeting and its preparations, this issue has been delayed a week.

The Annual Meeting took place as was forecast in our number of June 19th, beginning one week ago today, and closing this morning. The delegates were as there indicated; and in addition there were present from outside Stamboul, Miss Woodward and M. Maurice Beguin of Smyrna. Six of the eleven Stations were represented; three of the five others are occupied but could not send delegates; while three are at present vacant.

The Meeting was organized with Mr. Fowle as Chairman and C. T. Riggs as secretary. From all Stations came encouraging and optimistic reports, showing more opportunities than could be utilized with a more adequate force. In fact, the main problems before the gathering were those of personnel, especially for the coming school year. The most urgent calls were those for a tutor for Talas School, a nurse for Gaziantep Hospital, and a tutor for Tarsus. The spirit shown throughout the meeting was most happy; and with comparatively few thorny problems, it was a leisurely time, with opportunity for several outings. One afternoon was spent in a visit by all the delegates to the old Erenkeuy School grounds, to visit our lawyer, Hamit Bey and his wife, who have fitted up one end of the grounds as a most attractive residence. Another afternoon was taken up with a trip to Hissar, where tea was served at the Riggs home, after which at the MacNeal home next door, Professor MacNeal entertained us with a piano recital, greatly enjoyed by the company.

Chairmen of the most important committees were Mr. Woodworth, Mrs. Leslie, and Miss Parsons; but everyone had enough to do to keep out of mischief; still, several members found time to present on one evening the one-act play "The Flower-Shop", with great success. Another evening, an indoor picnic took place in the rain, with sausages roasted over man-gals, and much hilarity; the new American Vice-Consul, Mr. Birge, being present with us.

On Sunday last, the Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. C. T. Riggs, and at the Communion service following, he was assisted by Rev. P. E. Nilson on the subject, "The Joy of the Lord is your Strength".

For next year, Dr. C. H. Haas was chosen as Chairman, with Mr. Blake as alternate; for Preacher, Dr. A. W. Dewey, with Mr. Nilson as alternate. Mr. Fowle and Mrs. Leslie remain Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, while Mr. Fowle will also carry the duties of Mission Secretary.

We are glad to learn that Dr. Dewey is making a successful recovery after a minor operation at Gaziantep Hospital. This morning Mr. Isely underwent a similar operation at the American Hospital in this city.

Cables have been received telling of the safe arrival of Miss Baird of Sofia in America, and later of Miss Erma Carl of Smyrna; Miss De Remer who started out with Miss Carl, was crossing the ocean by steamer instead of air, and has not yet arrived. Word has also been received of the Birge-Fowle party passing through Capetown on their steamer for America. Miss Olive Greene, who was expecting to go to America, has not yet left Smyrna.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, July 10, 1942.

Dear Friends:-

The most noteworthy event of the week has been the death of the Turkish Prime Minister, Dr. Refik Saydam, suddenly, of heart failure, on Tuesday night at midnight, while he was on a visit to our city. He had been Prime Minister since January, 1939, and was a trustworthy and respected man. As his successor President İnönü has appointed Şükür Saradioglu, till now Minister for Foreign Affairs, and before that Ambassador to London. The new Cabinet includes, in addition to the Foreign Affairs post which the Prime Minister retains, National Defence, Gen. Ali Rıza Artunkal; Justice, Hassan Menemenjioglu; Interior, Dr. Fikri Tuzer; Finance, Fuad Agrali; Public Works, Gen. Ali Fuad Jebesoy; Public Instruction, Hassan Ali Yudjel; Economy, Sirri Day; Hygiene, Dr. Hulusi Alatash; Customs and Monopolies, Raif Karadeniz; Agriculture, Shevket Hatipoglu; Highways, Fahri Engin; Commerce, Dr. Behjet Uz.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maynard left on Monday last by air for Adana via Angora. Mr. Woolworth and Miss Dwight left the next day for Angora, where Mr. Woolworth was to stop over a short time on his way down to Tarsus, while Miss Dwight went on to Talas.

Letters received from our Fowle-Birge party from Bombay state that the bungalow previously occupied by the Ross Thomas family there was turned over to our seven travelers; and that later some fifteen other American Board missionaries also came there on their way to America. They sailed for New York shortly after Memorial Day, and thus escaped the dreaded monsoon season with its oppressive moist heat. No word has yet come from them since they left Cape Town.

On July Fourth, the new offices of the American Embassy at Angora were officially opened, with an evening meal including such distinctively American dishes as asparagus, baked beans with brown bread, etc. There was an unusually large gathering of Americans, who were enthusiastic over the feast. The new headquarters is in a fine location, in the Pavuz Bashi quarter, near the Red Crescent building.

This morning M. Maurice Seguin of Smyrna, Johnny Blake, and Mr. Thomas Dickey of Robert College swam the Bosphorus, their record from the Hissar point to Kandilli being 23 minutes.

Mr. Lyman MacCallum started out this morning for Brousa on his way up Ulu Dagh to arrange a camping-place for a party, the other members of which, including Miss Putney, Miss Blatter and others, plan to go on Monday next. These campers talk of stay about three weeks; but others will probably join them later.

News has been received from our associates in Bulgaria that they have now received more favorable word regarding their future work, so that they expect to keep right on, and open the schools as usual in the fall, with a reasonable hope of going on through the coming year.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

A cable from Boston tells of the arrival, late in June, in America of Miss Agnes Baird, of Sofia; also of the arrival during the second week in July of Miss Eleanor De Remer, of Smyrna.

Dr. Nute expects to start to-morrow for Talas; and Mr. Blake and Johnny are leaving soon for Smyrna. M. Beguin of Smyrna has gone to Talas for a visit.

Miss Mary I. Ward arrived this noon from Smyrna, coming by the sea route via Dardanelles. She will be at the Bible House, during her visit.

Mr. Oster, the Adventist missionary who went to Athens a short time ago on relief work, telegraphs from Sofia that he is back again there after his mission; he is expected here shortly.

Dr. Edward C. Riggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore D. Riggs, formerly of Thessaloniki, has been appointed by the American Board to medical work at Foochow, China. He will go first to Berkeley, California, to study Chinese, and then be ready to take any opportunity to go to his new post.

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

The Resources of Religion, by Georgia Harkness
 God in These Times, by Henry P. Van Duzen
 It Happened in Syria, by Alfreda Post Carhart
 We Prophecy in Part, by Willard L. Sperry
 The Voice of Books, by J. V. Moldenhauer

How Came the Bible? by Edgar J. Goodspeed
 Psychology and Pastoral Work, by Eric S. Waterhouse
 Christianity, its Nature and Truth, by Harris Franklin Rall
 Can Christianity Save Civilization? by Walter M. Horton
 From the Stone Age to Christianity, by William F. Albright
 China Rediscovered Her West, by Yi Fang Wu and Frank W. Price
 Dangerous Opportunity (in China) by Earle H. Ballou
 On the Shantung Front, by John R. Hearn
 Medical Work of the Knights Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem,
 by Edgar Erskine Hume
 W.H.T.G. (Gairdner) to His Friends; letters selected by his wife.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

Number Nine Hundred! We are humbly grateful to have had the opportunity of continuing this little sheet so long a time. The event comes at a very appropriate date; for it is just eighteen years since, on July 26, 1924, the first issue was put forth. We bespeak the cooperation of our many readers in the attempt to make the sheet worth while for everybody.

A cable has come from one of the Birge-Fowle party, from Capetown, South Africa, showing that they did not get away from there until July 9th, having been delayed there a fortnight. This will explain why no word has yet come of their arrival at home.

We regret to announce the death, on July 22nd, at Fotchiya, near Smyrna, of the father of Bay Ilhami Polster, of the Men's Dersane, or educational center, of this city. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Bay Ilhami and the members of the bereaved family.

Miss Olive Greene of Smyrna has joined the campers at Ulu Dagh, coming via Susurluk and Brousa. Miss Greene still hopes to get away later on, perhaps in the fall, for her year in America.

Miss Agnes Fenenga expects to leave Stamboul to-morrow, on her way back to Aleppo, but hopes to stop for a while in Gaziantep before crossing the frontier.

The Beirut News Letter tells of the arrival in Beirut of Miss Mebel Long and Mr. John Burns, both of Tarsus, on their way through for a trip in Palestine. Miss Long is to be in Scutari Academy this coming year.

The 106th Annual Meeting of the Presbyterian Mission in Syria was to begin July 7th, according to the same Letter, the meeting being in Beirut. The mission work in Beirut was begun in 1823, but apparently the first meeting of all the missionaries in Beirut and Jerusalem was not held till 1836.

Rev. E. C. Blave and his son John have returned to Smyrna from their visit in Stamboul.

Mr. Oster, who was mentioned last week as on his way back here from Athens, has arrived, and brings a vivid picture of conditions in that city. During the summer, fresh fruit and vegetables are being brought in there, and living conditions are somewhat better, though with fantastic prices. But everything points to an extremely difficult time this winter, unless the situation changes radically. Miss Mayston is the only American worker there, as far as we know.

Mr. Gordon, who was formerly with the American Express Co. in Stamboul, has arrived in our city again, this time in a different capacity.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

A letter of June 16th from our Board Secretaries tells us of the death, on May 27th, in Pelham, New York, of Mrs. Herbert M. Allen, who was connected with our Mission work in this country from 1889 till 1898, and again from 1903 till 1911. Mrs. Allen underwent an operation late in April, but had returned to her home and seemed to be making a good recovery when a heart attack brought the end within half an hour.

As Miss Ellen R. Ladd, she went out in the fall of 1889 to teach in the Girls' School at Van. After three years she returned to America, and on June 10th, 1893, was married to Rev. Herbert M. Allen at Bangor, Maine. They went out that fall to Van, remaining there till 1898, when family reasons led to their return to America, where Mr. Allen worked under the Home Missionary Society among the Armenian colonies. In 1903 he returned to Turkey with the purpose of succeeding Dr. H. S. Barnum in charge of the weekly Avedaper. First he spent two years at Baghchedjik in charge of the Bithynia High School for Boys, where Mrs. Allen was busy mothering the boys; and then, after Mr. Allen had spent another year touring the country to get acquainted with his constituency, they settled down in Scutari while Mr. Allen was busy daily at the Bible House. When left a widow with six children, by the death of her husband on January 25, 1911, Mrs. Allen decided to return to the homeland. She always considered America so, although she was born in Upper Clapton, London, England, Sept. 19, 1865, and was thus in her seventy-seventh year.

Her daughter, Mrs. Brigham, with whom she lived, writes thus: "She had always weathered every storm and trouble with such strength and fortitude that we could not believe the time had come for her to go Home. She lived a Christlike life, and we her children are at once proud and humble with such a heritage."

Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Shepard are leaving Stamboul for the Ulu Dagh Camp today; and President Wright and Miss Katherine Wright of the Girls' College are going also. We are led to suppose that Miss Putney, Miss Greene, Mr. MacCallum and others are on their way back to town today from the Camp.

At the meeting of the General Council of Congregational and Christian Churches, held at Durham, N. H., on the grounds of the University of New Hampshire, the Near East missionaries in attendance were Rev. and Mrs. Ernest W. Riggs, Rev. Henry H. Riggs, Miss McElroy, Miss Pinneo, Dr. Parmelee, and also our former members, Rev. and Mrs. P. B. Kennedy of Albania. One of these writes that while the platform addresses were on a high level, the most valuable part to him seemed to be the seminars and forums of the afternoon sessions. About two thousand people were in attendance.

Miss Isabelle Harley is reported as having been in the Baker Memorial Hospital in Boston for a minor operation.

Miss Alice Lindsley of Scutari has returned to California after her months of service at Pleasant Hill Academy.

A telegram just received by Mr. Kreider reports the arrival of Mrs. C. E. Clark and Mrs. Kreider with her four children at Karachi, on their way from Beirut.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, August 21, 1942.

Dear Friends:-

Again we must apologize for having failed to send out any issue for the past two weeks.

Letters have now been received telling of the arrival in America on July 13th of Mrs. Fowle and Richardson, Dr. and Mrs. Birge and Dorothy, Mrs. L. O. Lee and Miss Fosdick, after a journey of seventy-one days from here. This is two days more than the time required eighty-four years ago when Dr. Elias Riggs and family made the voyage in the opposite direction in sixty-nine days.

President Wright returned to his post at Robert College this week, after a pleasant fortnight on Ulu Dagh with the Shepards at their camp. Miss Katherine Wright remains there, and Professor Scott and Mr. David Garwood left Wednesday to join them at the camp.

Miss Olive Greene has at last secured her permit to travel through Egypt, and started yesterday for Cairo in hopes of flying to the United States for her furlough.

Mrs. Everett C. Blake of Smyrna is visiting friends in Stamboul and Angora during a brief vacation. She reports all going well in our sister city.

Word has come that Mrs. Kreider and her four children and Mrs. C. E. Clark have sailed from India on their way home.

Mr. Arthur Lanckton, formerly of Robert College, is now reported as a Lieutenant in the Coast Guard, stationed at New London, Conn.

The Beirut News Letter informs us that Prof. and Mrs. Harrison A. Maynard have left Beirut to spend the month of August with their son Richard and wife in the mountain camp of Namrun, near Tarsus. It adds that Robert Maynard is living with his family in Chicago waiting to be called to the colors; John has been appointed to the Navy as an ensign; and Edward, the youngest, is studying in Columbia, hoping to be a civil engineer in the navy. Also that Mr. John Burns, of Tarsus College, who has been visiting Beirut, Baalbek and Homs, went back to Tarsus with the Maynards.

We regret to announce the death on Sunday last of Dr. Fikri Touzer, Minister of the Interior. In his place Bay Redjeb Beker, Deputy for Kutahya, has been appointed in that position. For the vacant post of Minister for Foreign Affairs, Bay Numan Menemenjioglu, well known in Turkish public life, has been chosen.

Professor Lutfi Levonian of the Near East School of Theology at Beirut is spending his summer holiday at Brummana, in the hills not far from that city.

Miss Agness Fenenga, who has been visiting in Gaziantep after leaving here, has secured her papers for the return journey to Aleppo, and is presumably going there immediately.

Latest advices indicate that Rev. W. Clark Kerr is on his way to Stamboul for a brief vacation from his strenuous work in Haifa.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, August 28, 1942

Dear Friends:-

Rev. W. Clark Kerr, whom the Union Church of Pera still claim as their pastor, arrived from Haifa a week ago, and gave a happy surprise to his congregation by taking the pulpit Sunday morning. He plans to spend four weeks here, and to preach again on the following two or three Sunday mornings.

Miss Mabel E. Long, of Athens, who was teaching this past year in Tarsus, has arrived in Scutari, where she will be taking charge of the mathematics during the coming school year.

Miss Norton and Miss Silliman of Aleppo are having a good vacation at Shemlan, in the Lebanon, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dorman, who are also there from Aleppo. Dr. Carleton and family are spending their summer vacation at Suk-el-Gharb, near by; and they and the ladies plan to return to Aleppo at the beginning of September, to be there for a meeting of the Armenian Union of Churches which will be held in the College buildings.

Miss Woodward returned this week to Smyrna, after spending some weeks in Stamboul for a change of air. Miss Parsons and Miss Ward have already gone back to Smyrna also.

Miss Olive Greene has been heard from on her journey, as far as Aleppo, and is now presumably well on her way to Egypt on her way home on her furlough.

Dr. C. E. Haas expects to come up from Adana to Stamboul on September 8th for some necessary dentistry.

President Ismet Inonu arrived here yesterday from the Capital to spend a holiday with his family at Floria. He has been making a tour of various cities of Anatolia, including Kayseri, Sivas, Tokat, Samsun and Bafra.

It is the expectation of the American colony here that Mr. Wendell Willkie is to visit our city as well as Angora on his forthcoming trip to Europe and the Near East. Further particulars are awaited with eagerness.

Mrs. Paul Nilson is planning to take her younger daughters to Beirut during the first week in September, to enter them in the Community School there. The two older children return to their schools in Stamboul.

Preliminary registration at Robert College indicates that the greatest weeding-out will be necessary to keep enrollment below a thousand for the coming year.

Letters from the Birge-Fowle party mailed in Cape Town tell of their all (except Dr. Birge) being in a former two-berth cabin with bath, now fitted with nine berths; they spent most of the time on deck from preference whenever possible. They also found as a fellow-passenger on the steamer, Miss Mildred Monroe, formerly of our Girls' College here.

Cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, September 4, 1942.

Dear Friends:-

A cable has been received from Boston stating that a tutor for Tarsus has been appointed, and that application has been made for his passport and travel accommodations. This sounds hopeful. We learn also that eight new teachers for Robert College have been engaged, of whom four are presumed to be already on the way.

Dr. and Mrs. Albert Dewey left Gaziantep August 22nd for a two-weeks' holiday, going to GÖzne, in the mountains near Tarsus.

Dr. Cemil Bey, who has been studying in this city for some years in preparation for returning to Gaziantep, returned there a couple of weeks ago, and he and his family are settling down in the apartment formerly used by Dr. and Mrs. Clark. He is taking over the doctor's part of the hospital work, which enabled Dr. Dewey to get off for his vacation.

Dr. and Mrs. Shepard, Miss Katherine Wright, Professor Scott and Mr. Garwood broke camp on Ulu Dagh last Saturday, arriving here on Sunday morning, just before the heavy rain, well satisfied with their outing. Incidentally they caught while on the mountain more than a hundred trout, the largest being about ten inches long.

The Socony-Vacuum Co. has been using the building next to the American Embassy, formerly used by the Constantinople Club; but since the Municipality has requisitioned that building, they are to move back again to their former quarters in the Borsa Han, Stamboul.

Miss Agnes Fenenga left Gaziantep on August 20th on her return to Aleppo, going via Akje Koyunlu.

Mrs. Block and Miss Towner of the Near East Mission returned to Beirut last week from a satisfactory visit in Palestine. They have been guests of Miss Elizabeth Webb.

Bay Mithat Enç, of Gaziantep, the blind man who has been mentioned before in our columns, and Bayan Sabahat are reported as being married on Thursday of last week, August 27th, in Aintab.

The local papers inform us that three Norwegian steamers have arrived in Greece, bringing 15,000 tons of grain for the hungry population; and that five more steamers, of Swedish registration, are leaving Canada for Greece similarly laden. The distribution is to be made by the International Red Cross under Swedish direction.

Early registration has completely filled up the American Academy at Scutari, with a long waiting-list. Apparently no ~~others~~ ^{others} need apply.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, September 18, 1942.

Dear Friends:-

A cable from Boston informs us that Mrs. H. H. Kreider and the four children, and Mrs. C. E. Clark arrived in America this week, coming via South Africa; and also that Miss Olive Greene, who left later and went by air, has reached America.

The same cable also brought the word of the passing away of Dr. William Wheelock Peet. During the forty-four years of his residence in Constantinople, Dr. Peet was such an outstanding character and influence, that we feel justified in repeating here much of what has already been said in the biography which he published three years ago. The American Board Missions in the Near East owe a great deal to his capability and devoted service, his statesmanship and deeply spiritual leadership. He earned the sobriquet of "trainer of ambassadors", and the Department of State put great confidence in his advice. He was much respected by all who knew him, and warmly loved by all his associates. He stood high in the esteem of the Turkish Government, and of the Greek and Armenian communities of the country.

William W. Peet was born in Fall River, Mass., Feb. 14, 1851, and was thus ninety-one years and seven months old. He studied at Williston Seminary, Easthampton, Mass., but his studies at Grinnell College, Iowa, were broken by ill health, and he left to go on a farm. For seven years he was in the employ of the Burlington Railway Co., as tax agent and chief clerk. At the same time he was president of the Omaha Y.M.C.A., and superintendent of the Sunday School and a deacon in the First Congregational Church there, and a member of the executive Committee of the State Board of Home Missions. In 1881 he was led to give up his bright prospects in Nebraska and come to Turkey to be treasurer and business manager for the Board's work in its four missions. On August 11, 1881, he was married to Miss Martha H. Cartlidge, and three weeks later they sailed from Boston, reaching Constantinople Oct. 1, 1881. He was, as far as known, the first layman to be commissioned and assigned to purely secular work by any mission board in America. On his arrival, besides immediately taking up his new duties, he gave his spare moments to studying Turkish, and also to a systematic reading of law books, later taking a full law course by correspondence. His office soon became a banking house, a purchasing agency, and a diplomatic office, strong in every department. The immense relief work of all sorts which he headed up in times of war, famine, and massacre endeared him to the hearts of the various peoples of this land. His active and energetic part in the release of Miss Stone from her brigand captors is an epic in itself. His personal friendship with the Armenian patriarchs is told in his book. Dr. Peet played a large part also in the establishment of the American College for Girls in its new site at Arnavoutkeuy, of which he was long a trustee. He had an important part in the organizing and management of the Near East Relief, and was one of the first Commissioners sent to this country to start that great work. At the Lausanne Peace Conference he took a helpful part in securing the recognition of the rights of American missionaries in this country. When at last he had to retire to America in 1925, it was for one year only, till he was appointed by the Federal Council of Churches to represent them before the old Apostolic Churches of the Near East; and the next two years he had Athens as his headquarters. He then definitely retired to Claremont, Calif. and since 1933 has lived in Chattanooga, Tenn., most of the time with his sister Mrs. Hemphill. Recently he moved to Ames, Iowa, to be with his son Will and wife; and presumably his death occurred there.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Sept. 25, 1942.

Dear Friends:-

Miss Gladys Perry left Stamboul last week to take up her new duties at the Girls' School in Smyrna, where she will teach mathematics. Her place at the Scutari Academy is taken by Miss Long.

Rev. W. Clark Kerr left last week on his return to Palestine, after a most profitable stay in Stamboul. His many friends were delighted to have the opportunity of seeing him. He was stopping over last Sunday in Angora, to conduct a service at the British Embassy by request of the Ambassador and his wife.

Aleppo College has secured the use of the Wakf Keyali building in the city of Aleppo for its Primary School. This was used until last year by the Banco di Roma, and is a very modern building with excellent lighting, central heating, and sanitary arrangements, excellently located for the purpose. This move will give more room on the College campus for the upper classes. Prospects point to an overflowing enrollment this fall.

Registration at Robert College previous to the opening yesterday morning totalled 698; but it was expected that many more would present themselves later, as a large number of former students had not yet registered.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Maynard, of Beirut University, returned to Beirut from Tarsus on September 5th, after a visit with their son Richard and his wife.

Dr. C. H. Haas went back from Stamboul to his home in Adana last week after a strenuous time with his dentistry here.

Professor Stuart Carter Dodd of Beirut University, son of our late colleague Dr. W. S. Dodd of Talas, is the author of a book, published by the Macmillan Co., entitled "Dimensions of Society", which is advertised as the first attempt to formulate and verify a scientifically exact, systematic framework for the social sciences. Hurry up and order it while the price is only \$12.00.

Dr. Edgar J. Fisher, formerly of Robert College, and now for some time living in New York City, has been appointed by the Turkish Government to have general superintendence of all Turkish students in American Universities and colleges. This signal mark of confidence is a welcome sign of growing friendship.

Miss Harriette Yarrow and her mother, Mrs. Millicent Yarrow, are happily and busily employed now in Washington, D. C., where their address is 1701 Park Road, N. W.

The Girls' School in Izmir expects to open on Tuesday of next week, with an enrollment of about 235.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, October 11, 1942.

Dear Friends:-

Ten Americans from Sofia arrived here on Friday last, after very trying experiences. Some mutterings of trouble had been heard earlier; but the American College was allowed to open its sessions on September 10th, with nearly four hundred students in attendance. Two days later, a Bulgarian treasurer, appointed by the Government, appeared, followed soon after by a newly-appointed Bulgarian Director, and with the statement that the Americans were no longer to have any connection with the institution, and that their houses would be requisitioned. Since it was clear that there was no longer any place for them, they decided to come away; and in this there was no difficulty put in their way by the authorities. The Community House of the Mission had also been taken over in a similar way; so that the ladies could no longer remain in it. Miss Elizabeth Clarke and Miss Mary Haskell, both of whom have been retired on age limit, elected to stay in Sofia; but Miss Douglass and Mrs. Woodruff joined the College people and came to Stamboul. The others in the party are:- President and Mrs. Black, Prof. and Mrs. B. F. Stoltzfus and son Benjamin, Prof. Laurence Moore, Mrs. Mary Whittle Monedjikoff and Miss Harriette Steele, five of whom have already lived and taught in our city. Every courtesy was shown to them on the journey; and the Swiss Consul accompanied the party to the Bulgarian border.

Mr. Zakar Der Sarkis Papazian, who for over forty years has been connected with the Treasury Office at the Bible House, most of the time as cashier and purchasing agent, died at the American Hospital, Nishantash, on Monday morning, and the funeral was at Bakirkby on Wednesday. Mr. Papazian was seventy-seven years of age, but had been at his work as usual until a short while ago.

The enrollment at the Smyrna Girls' School is reported at about 235; while that at the Soutari Academy is about 325. The Boys' School at Talas has some 53 boys in attendance, - a gratifying increase over last year.

Mrs. Nilson took her two younger children to the Community School at Beirut, a short time ago, and was expected back in Talas some day this week. May and Paul are back at their schools in Stamboul.

Treasurer Fowle is back again at his desk, after a couple of weeks in the American Hospital following a slight operation.

Rev. Ernest W. Riggs of Thessaloniki writes that he is booked for a series of lectures in California during late October and early November, beginning in Los Angeles October 26th.

Rev. Charles S. Bell, of the American Bible Society Agency at Beirut, is in Stamboul on a visit.

Miss Anna B. Jones, formerly of Gedik Pasha, writes of the very happy celebration at Washington, D. C., of her eightieth birthday, May 2nd of this year, a part of which was the receipt of some 150 letters from friends.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

No. 908

Bible House, Stamboul, October 25, 1942.

Dear Friends:-

Mr. Charles S. Bell, of the American Bible Society, left Stamboul on Tuesday morning last on his return to his post at Beirut.

Mr. Woolworth sends word that in Tarsus College they now have a total enrollment of 169, somewhat over the registration of last year; of these, 42 are in the three lise classes; 91 in the three orta classes, and 36 in the preparatory class. Like the other schools, they could have accepted many more had there been accommodations. Of the total eighty-one are boarders. There is a Turkish yardirektor, or assistant principal, three full-time Turkish teachers and two on part time; six Americans, one Frenchman, and one Dane. They are still looking forward hopefully for the new tutor from America who has been secured; for the teaching load on some of the staff is very heavy.

Mrs. A. W. Manning of Robert College, who has now recovered from a serious illness, has moved down to the veterinary hospital under her care in Pera, where she expects to spend the winter.

A cable of acknowledgement has been received from ex-President C. F. Gates of Robert College, in reply to congratulations sent him on the occasion of his eighty-fifth birthday a week ago today. Dr. Gates is living with his son Caleb in Denver, Colorado, where the latter is Chancellor of Denver University.

President and Mrs. Black of Sofia College are making their arrangements to go on to America by air, and expect to start in a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Stoltzfus and their son will also be leaving shortly for Syria, to be located probably at Aleppo. Professor Moore is at present working for the American Embassy in Stamboul. Miss Douglass expects to leave in a few days for Smyrna, to help out in the Girls' School there and Mrs. Woodruff will be teaching in Scutari Academy.

The courses in the University of Istanbul will commence on Monday, November 2nd. All the lower schools have been functioning for some weeks already.

Much discussion is going on in the local papers about the prices and distribution of such staples as bread, rice, coal, wood, etc. For the time being many of these are obtainable at high prices if at all. Rationing is gradually being regulated, despite difficulties.

Preparations are under way for the celebration of the anniversary of the Republic on Tuesday next. All schools have a vacation including that date.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, Nov. 6, 1942

Dear Friends:-

Mr. Farnsworth Fowle, who has been stationed in Angora for a good while past, has been transferred to Cairo for newspaper work, and presumably went thither during the past week.

A letter from Dr. J. K. Birge tells us that the Birge family has settled at 239 Grove Street, Bristol, Conn., for the winter, after spending some time during the summer at Oak Bluffs, Martha's Vineyard, in a cottage owned by Prof. Ralph Harlow. Their youngest son, Bill, is at the U.S.N.R. Midshipmen's School at New York, and they have had visits also from Kingsley and his wife, and Ann. Robert Birge is now an Assistant Analyst in the Bureau of Economic Warfare at Washington.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry H. Riggs have changed their address in Auburndale, Mass., having taken an apartment at the Home. They may now be addressed at 144 Hancock Street.

Miss Mary W. Riggs of Claremont, Calif., has also changed her address, which now is 627 Alden Road.

At the annual Missionary Conference at Auburndale, which occurred Sept. 16-18, the representatives from the Near East Mission included Mr. and Mrs. Brewster, Dr. and Mrs. Birge, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Riggs, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Riggs, Mrs. C. E. Clark, Miss Greene, Miss I. Harley, Mrs. L. R. Fowle. Lynda and Warner Dewey were also present. The sense of fellowship and of common interest was heightened by the presence of a number of missionaries from China and Japan just arrived; and it is spoken of as more strongly felt than usual.

After spending six weeks in Vermont, Mrs. Luther Fowle and Richardson have settled for the winter with Mr. Fowle's cousin, Helen Gulick King, and her two children, at 111 Holland Road, Brookline, Mass. Richardson has entered the Brookline High School. While in Thetford, Vt., Curtis Fowle and wife Jean, and Jim and Joy Fowle were each with them for several weeks. Dr. King, who is one of the American Board's medical men, is in the South in army service.

Rev. and Mrs. B. Frank Stoltzfus and their son Benny are leaving today by train for Aleppo, where they will be helping in teaching, while Ben goes to the Community School at Beirut as a boarder.

During the summer months, Professor Lutfi Levonian of Beirut completed three of a new series of tracts, and these will soon be published in English and Arabic at Beirut. Mr. Levonian also gave during the summer a series of four lectures at a Retreat for Army Chaplains, arranged by the American University of Beirut. About sixty chaplains were present.

Mr. J. Forchhammer, who is a teacher in Tarsus College, is spending a few days in Stamboul for necessary medical and dental work.

Notification has come that recent United States regulations limit the amount of American currency which may be taken into the United States to \$50. for each person entering. Sums above this amount are forwarded by customs officials to Federal Reserve Banks, to be there blocked. Checks and drafts are not affected by the above restrictions.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, November 13, 1942.

Dear Friends:-

President and Mrs. Floyd Black of Sofia, who had been intending to start very soon for America, have yielded to the request of the Department of State that they remain here in Stamboul for the present, where Dr. Black will be connected with the Embassy Staff. They will continue to reside at Robert College. Needless to add, their friends here are delighted.

Mr. Forchammer of Tarsus has completed his dental work here and has returned to his post at Tarsus.

Miss Edith Douglass, of Sofia, expects to start on Sunday for her new work at the Smyrna Girls' School.

A letter from our Board Secretaries gives us the cheering word that the Board's fiscal year closed with encouraging signs. Gifts from churches showed an increase over the previous year of \$16,437.00. However, there were losses in other categories, so that the total receipts showed a loss. This was made good partly by the fact that funds for travel expenses set aside for returning missionaries could not be used, and partly from a surplus of the year 1940-41; so that as a result the Board starts out the year 1942-43 with a clean slate and with sums set aside to meet charges for travel when the way opens for new recruits and returning missionaries.

Dr. Ruth Parmelee of Athens has gone to Boston to take a year of work in the School of Public Health of Harvard University. Miss Pinneo was at last accounts still with her sister in Idaho.

The new tutor secured for Tarsus College is Mr. Benjamin Candee, Jr., of Syracuse, N. Y.; but he has not yet been released by his local Selective Service Board for work overseas.

Rev. Robert E. Chandler, of the North China Mission, is acting as Candidate Secretary for the Board; and the Candidate Department has been authorized to secure 150 accepted or appointed candidates to be sent out as soon as circumstances permit, and finances are assured.

Mr. Huntington Damon, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Damon, is expected shortly at Angora, coming out to join the staff of the American Embassy.

Among the new teachers for Robert College who should be arriving very soon are Dr. Laurens Seelye, formerly of the Beirut University staff, and latterly President of St. Lawrence University, Canton, N.Y., and also Mr. George Williams, son of our old friend Maynard O. Williams of the National Geographic Magazine.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

Considerable damage in flooded basements and overthrown trees or broken branches was caused by the severe wind and rain storm of last week Thursday and Friday in Stamboul. The greatest inconvenience was through the flooding of the engine-room at the electric light plant at Silihtar, up the Golden Horn, by which practically the whole city was thrown into darkness at about sundown on Friday. Some quarters were without any illumination for many hours.

Mrs. Leslie, by an unfortunate acquired habit, chose Friday, the stormiest day for many weeks, to start out for a Thanksgiving visit to her daughter in Smyrna. On getting a short way out into the Marmora, the captain of the Bandurma boat decided wisely and returned to port; and Mrs. Leslie waited till the fine weather of Monday for her journey.

Miss Edith Douglass of Sofia has begun her work at the Smyrna Girls' School and seems happy in it.

BORN:- On November 11th, at Oberlin, Ohio, a son, Charles Estes, to Mr. and Mrs. (Peggy Estes) Ballantine. Congratulations to them and to Grandpa Charles Estes of Robert College.

Mr. Huntington Damon, whose expected arrival was chronicled in our last, two weeks ago, reached here in record time from America, - eleven days, - and is busily at work at the Embassy.

Four new teachers for the Engineering Staff at Robert College arrived last week Friday, and have taken up their duties. Dr. Baker is from Illinois and has taught at Lafayette College and also at Drexel Institute, Philadelphia; Mr. Benner is a graduate of Lehigh University. Mr. Grove, who is from York, Pa., has been teaching in his own alma mater, Penn State College. Mr. Applegarth is a graduate of Johns Hopkins Engineering School, and has been teaching in the University of Pittsburgh. The first three are all married and have left their families in America.

Fifty Americans of the College communities united around the generous tables of President Wright at Kennedy Lodge on Thanksgiving Day, to enjoy a Community celebration. Six others on the list were prevented from attending for various reasons. The turkeys and the pies, with all the necessary concomitants, were the best ever; and just before the dinner President Roosevelt's Thanksgiving Message had come over the radio. Also, a letter of greeting from ex-President Gates, from Denver, Colo., was read. Songs of the olden days were sung, and games of various sorts followed.

One indication of the present high cost of living is given in the report just given to the Stamboul Municipal Council, which shows that the necessary municipal expenses are now at least three times as high as in 1939; so that special legislation will be needed to meet the resulting deficit.

The run of Bosphorus fish of all sorts has been so huge, for the past few weeks, that rather than throw back into the sea the fish not locally needed, great quantities have been put in salt and exported to Europe. One result has been a serious shortage of salt on the market.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

The annual Robert College Tea given by Dr. and Mrs. George H. Huntington in New York during their transfer from summer headquarters at Prout's Neck, Maine, to winter headquarters at Warm Springs, Georgia, took place on November 13th at the Town Hall Club. Among those present were Miss Isabel F. Dodd, Professor and Mrs. Sheiry and their daughter, Professor and Mrs. Scoles, Miss Elsie Van Zandt, Mrs. E. J. Fisher, and Edgar Fisher in his midshipman's uniform; Mr. Robert Moore, Mr. and Mrs. John Ceburn (Ruth Barnum), Mrs. Walter L. Wright, Mrs. Ezra P. Young, Miss Edith Fosdick, Mr. and Mrs. Conn, Miss Mary Gleason, Miss Helen Hart, Mrs. Harold L. Scott, and Mrs. Luther R. Fowle. It was a fine occasion of reunion and the renewing of old friendships.

Ambassador Laurence P. Steinhardt arrived in Angora on Monday last on his return from his trip to the United States.

The statement in our last issue as to the date of the birth of Professor Estes' grandson, Charles Estes Ballantine, was slightly in error. The day was Nov. 7th, not Nov. 11th. Weight, seven and a half pounds.

A letter from Mrs. Luther Fowle tells of seeing Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Jacob, in New York, and says that their son Philip has secured his degree of Ph. D., and is the father of two children. Time certainly does fly!

Mrs. Eula B. Lee is reported as in excellent health, and doing quite a bit of speaking in churches, etc., near Oberlin, Ohio.

Mrs. Leslie returned on Monday from her visit to her daughter in Smyrna. She reports all well there.

The American Colony in Smyrna had a fine Thanksgiving gathering at the Blake house, with twenty-three present, including, besides the Blake family, the ladies from the Girls' School, Mrs. Leslie and Mr. and Mrs. John Seager, Mrs. Helen Haight Orben and her husband, Consul Johnson, and four men from the Tobacco Companies. The simple repast was preceded by a thanksgiving service, led by Mr. Blake.

A letter from Mrs. L. R. Fowle dated October 20th says:- "Dr. Caroline Hamilton and Miss Elizabeth Trowbridge are leaving this week in Dr. Merrill's care, to go to a nursing home in White Plaine, N.Y., recommended by Louise Clark (Mrs. Bingham) formerly of Aintab." Dr. Hamilton and Miss Trowbridge had been living until then at West Newton, Mass.; but this will be an easier and better plan for them.

Two serious cave-ins have occurred during the week past in the coal-mines at Zonguldak, on the Black Sea coast, the first resulting in the death, according to the local papers, of sixty-three miners, and the other carrying with it a house, in the wreck of which two grown people and two children were killed.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:-

Miss Mary M. Haskell telegraphed from Sofia under date of Saturday last, December 12th, to tell of the death that day of Miss Elizabeth Clarke, of our Mission, from pneumonia. Miss Haskell and Miss Clarke were the only Americans left in Sofia when the rest came away early in October, and they have been living together; so this leaves Miss Haskell very much alone.

Miss Clarke was seventy-five years old, having been born June 1, 1867, at Philippopolis (Plovdiv) in what is now Bulgaria, but was at that time a part of Turkey. She was the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. James F. Clarke, missionaries at Philippopolis and later at Samokov; and a sister of Rev. William P. Clarke, who with Mrs. Clarke was at Samokov and Monastir for thirty-three years. Miss Clarke came out to Bulgaria in 1899 as a missionary, and after a year of study, went to Sofia and began her kindergarten work, which was to be her great life-contribution to the country. She was very successful as teacher of kindergartners, and for many years there were from forty to over a hundred children in her modal kindergarten. When she began, Sofia was not organized as a Station, but was a branch of Samokov Station. Besides her teaching, she took an active part in the church work and the Sunday School, and visited constantly among the women, helping in their meetings as well. She succeeded in securing a well-suited building as a home for her kindergarten; but later, when the Community House project was housed, she went in there, where she was till recently associated with Mrs. A. Woodruff and Miss E. Douglass in that great work. From 1906 till his death in 1916, her widowed father lived in Sofia, where she tenderly cared for him and helped him in his extensive temperance work. Some ten years ago Miss Clarke nominally retired from active service, but she actually kept up so fruitful a service that it would be a mistake to think of her as not active. Her remarkable sweetness of character, and her absolute devotion to God and to her beloved people will long be most gratefully remembered.

The Beirut News Letter tells of the fatal accident to the Rt. Rev. George Francis Graham-Browne, Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem, on Monday, Nov. 23rd, while returning from Beirut to Jerusalem, when his car was hit by a train on a level crossing. The funeral was two days later in St. George's Cathedral, Jerusalem. His place at the Anglican Bishopric will temporarily be taken by Ven. Archdeacon W. H. Stewart, who has recently been serving in Irak but was formerly with St. George's in Jerusalem.

On Sunday last a very successful and enjoyable Vesper Organ recital was given at Robert College by Professor Estes, assisted in the final number by Adele Majorkas on the piano.

President Carleton writes from Aleppo College, December 9th: "The Fun Fair conducted by all the students, ten days ago, to raise funds for student activities (including the swimming-pool) proved to be much more of a success than we had anticipated, both in financial return and in moral effect as a big common effect of all the teachers and the students to one single end."

Today is Kurban Bayram, and all schools are having a holiday which naturally includes Christmas and New Year as well. The Nilson children and several others have gone to Talas for a jolly time.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maynard of Tarsus spent their Christmas vacation with his parents at Beirut University. Shortly before they left Tarsus, Dr. Nute from Talas and Mr. Isely from Gaziantep were in Tarsus for the meeting of the Tarsus College Board of Managers.

A party from Robert College went to Brousa during the Christmas week hoping to do some skiing on Ulu Dagh, but found no suitable snow. Stamboul has not yet seen its first snow of the season, either.

Mrs. Wiles, whom many of our readers will remember as the wife of Dr. and Mrs. Huntington's chauffeur, arrived in America with Mrs. Kreider and children, and has joined her husband who is working in Columbus, Ohio. They are happily established in a house within one block of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cowell, formerly of Robert College staff.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron J. Damon, with their daughter Caroline and the latter's baby, Peter, are now living at No. 60 North Street, Grafton, Massachusetts.

A letter from Miss Mary W. Riggs from Claremont, California, says that Miss Ilse Pohl, formerly of Talas, has been much improved of late, so that there is talk of taking her out of the Sanitarium where she has been so long. She will not return to Claremont, but live near the home of Dr. and Mrs. Cass Reed, in Pomona. No date for such a move had yet been set.

The Christmas celebrations in this city were favored with lovely weather; in fact, of late the winter has been quite mild as compared with last year, and fair and quiet days have been the rule. Stamboul Station got together at the Scutari School; while at the two Colleges there were dinners and parties, as well as at a few private homes.

The Bulgarian newspaper "Zora" of Sofia, dated Dec. 15th, contained a very appreciative notice of the death and funeral of Miss Elizabeth Clarke, of which we have already spoken. It was from former pupils of hers and spoke about her long and successful career in educating girls and especially in the kindergarten work. To have such a tribute during a war in which she had to be classed as an enemy alien, is a proof of the high place she held in the love and esteem of her friends.

Messages have been in all the papers as to the recent severe earthquake in Anatolia, in which about six hundred persons lost their lives. The town worst hit of all was Erbaa, formerly known as Herek, which for many decades was one of the outstations of the Merzifon field, and had quite an Evangelical community in the old days. Niksar was also badly hit.

Negotiations have been successfully undertaken between the Turkish and German governments for the removal from Berlin of the remains of Talaat Pasha, one of the three big men of the Union and Progress Government here before and during the first world war, and who was assassinated in Germany shortly after it. Only a short time ago his memory was execrated by the Republican Government.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs