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American Board Mission
Istanbul, August 11, 1936

Dear Friends:

During the absence of the Shepard family from Bebek, the Nilson family and Mrs. Block have been occupying the Shepard house, and have been enjoying to the full the various water sports of which they are deprived at Talas. Mr. Nilson has left for Talas, but not before swimming the Bosphorus in company with his eleven-year old daughter. Mrs. Nilson and the children plan to leave Istanbul on the 13th.

Mr. B. J. Ader, who gives his address as Leidsche Gracht, 110 I, Amsterdam (C), Holland, a young man who has recently finished his studies in the Theological Seminary and is now seeing this part of the world from his bicycle in preparation for his doctor's thesis, has been in Istanbul recently. He is now leaving this city and within the next week or two will probably be calling on some of our associates at Adana, Tarsus, Kayseri and other points in the Interior.

Dr. Albert J. Lybyer, who taught Mathematics at Robert College for six pre-war years, and thereby became deeply interested in the history of Turkey, arrived in Istanbul a few days ago in his own car having driven from Paris. His original intention was to continue this trip by car through Anatolia but he has now decided to avail himself of a thirty-day ticket on the Turkish railways instead. Mrs. Lybyer will, in the meantime, remain in Istanbul as a guest of the Kreider home. Other members of the party which will visit points of historic interest in Anatolia are Mr. Sydney Fisher, for several years a teacher at Robert College, and now an advanced student of history, Mr. Joseph Weinland, and the writer, who is taking this as his vacation. This group is planning to descend upon our long suffering associate at Izmir about Saturday, the 15th, Kayseri the 24th, and Merzifon the 28th, although these dates are necessarily somewhat subject to modification.

Miss Caroline Silliman and Miss Harriet Norton have written from the North Cape and report most enthusiastically on the cruise. They were planning to sail for England from Oslo on August 8, and hope to be back in Aleppo early in September.

Miss Jeanie L. Jillson has been spending this summer at Makhlouf's Camp, Lefkos, Cyprus. Enclosing a superb post-card view, she writes, "I wish every one could be in as lovely a place as this. Of course, Olympus above Bursa is beautiful and I don't want to make any comparisons. We are farther south and so it is warmer; just now two blankets are enough at night, and we don't need a bonfire, though we are about 6000 feet high. The air is lovely, the walks in all directions are beautiful. We are almost at the top of this Olympus, but on a sort of plateau which spreads out. There are four large camps with about 25 tents in each and many private tents, two hotels, several shops, an English Church, and barracks for English troops."

Prof. Laurence S. Moore, formerly of Robert College, has accepted a position at the Sofia American College, in the History Department, and one of his special courses is to be the History of Art.

Mrs. Edith Laird arrived Thursday from Beirut, and will be with the company at Uzunluh until Friday, when camp will be disbanded for this season.

Cordially yours,

H. H. Kreider.

Dear Friends:

Miss Jeannette Odell who has been spending the summer at the Orinda Childs Pierce College for Women at Alloniko, Greece, arrived here on August 13th. Miss Odell reports a very pleasant summer and prefers the dry heat of Athens to the variety she finds in Istanbul. She will leave on Thursday for Herzifon.

Miss Ilse C. Pohl, who spent the spring months in Athens with Miss Emily McCillum, and went to Germany with the Carleton family in July, has now completed her visit with friends in the homeland and expected to sail on August 15th to America via the S.S. "St. Louis" from Cherbourg.

Mrs. William L. Nute with Cyril and Marylee left T. I. S. on August 12th to spend some time in Narrun. Dr. Nute is very busy at his clinic work and will take his vacation somewhat later.

Word from Miss Lucina Ackerly from Acworth, Georgia, indicates that she has not forgotten her years in Turkey. She has given her dog a Turkish name and is keeping up her Turkish by frequent monologues with him. Perhaps he can now reply in the same language.

Mrs. Willcent Yarrow who has spent a number of years with her daughter Harriet in Istanbul and Izmir, is planning to return to America at the end of this summer. She is leaving Seyrna on the 19th going via Venice and Paris and sailing from Cherbourg the 26th on the "Acquitania". Mrs. Yarrow is expecting to give her time to the Peace Movement in the United States.

Miss Gladys Lucia returned to Istanbul on Wednesday, August 12th from Switzerland where she spent two weeks with her parents at Interlaken and Veggis on Lake Lucerne.

Word from Mrs. E. C. Blake indicates that the Blake family expects to sail from America on September 5th via Italian line and they will arrive in Istanbul about September 20th.

Miss Isabel Harley who has been spending the summer in Istanbul at the Scout School and with other friends, is leaving to-night on the Roumanian steamer "Dacia" for Piraeus and from there she will continue her journey to Saloniki by train.

Frederick Shepard, eldest son of Dr. Lorrin A. Shepard of the Istanbul American Hospital, is also leaving to-night, on his journey to America. Frederick is taking the Orient Express and will join Mrs. Ernest W. Riggs and daughter at Belgrade. From there they will continue to Cherbourg in a leisurely fashion with various stop-overs and sight seeing trips. They sail from Cherbourg on the 29th on the S.S. "Borengaria". Frederick expects to enter Deerfield Academy in September, and Margaret Riggs, Northfield Academy.

Mr. J. K. Birge and son Kingsley took the Monday evening train to Ankara for a flying visit. They are expected back on Thursday morning.

The Ulu Dagh Camp was broken up on Thursday and Dr. Shepard and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman McCillum and daughter, Miss Kutney and Mrs. Laird arrived home on boat from Mudania on Friday afternoon. Dr. Shepard with Frederick and Bob had an interesting trip last Wednesday to waterfall at the base of the south side of the mountain.

At the Berlin Olympic Games Turkey won 19th place, with one gold and one bronze medal to her credit.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) E. T. Leslie.

Bible House,
Istanbul, Aug. 25, 1936

Dear Friends:

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond R. White, formerly of Smyrna, have recently moved from Homers, Kansas, to St. George, Kansas, where Mr. White has accepted a position to teach Vocational Agriculture. Mrs. White writes that they have a large house with huge trees near a famous spring and they extend a welcome to passing guests.

President R. W. Riggs writes that Mr. T. Kagawa spent Thursday August 20th in Salonica and left that evening for Athens. We understand that Mrs. Kagawa hopes to visit Izmir and Istanbul before leaving the Near East.

Dr. Mills, Miss Greene, Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Marden, and Miss Genevieve Irwin are expecting to sail September 9th on the "Manhattan" and they will expect to arrive in Pireaus about September 21st.

Miss Dorothy Merrill, who has been visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Merrill in Aleppo this summer, is expecting to return to America sailing from Beirut on August 25th.

Miss Edith T. Parsons returned to Smyrna August 24th from Austria by the Dalmatian Coast - Pireaus route.

The marriage is announced of Miss Margaret Dodge, second daughter of President and Mrs. Bayard Dodge, Beirut University, on August 5th in Beirut to Mr. Johnson Garrett of Baltimore. The bride and groom sailed on Saturday, the 8th, for America. Mrs. Garrett was a freshman at Vassar last year but was not able to complete her year on account of ill health.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Crawford have arrived in Istanbul from Beirut to take up work at Robert College.

Mr. Edward S. Shairy returned last week to Istanbul and to his work at Robert College from his summer in America. He was accompanied by Mrs. Shairy's mother, Mrs. Houston, who will spend the winter in the Shairy home.

Miss Milliam J. Honiss is on vacation from her duties in Assistant Hospital and after spending several days here at Soutari, has gone on to Izmir to visit at the American Collegiate Institute.

After a two-year interval in which the country has had time to assimilate the progress already made, the Third Linguistic Congress was opened yesterday at the Dolma Bagtche palace in the presence of Ataturk and a distinguished gathering of Turks and foreigners. The main discussion will center around the theory that the first object to which man gave a name was the sun, and that all the words of any language can be traced back to that primordial syllable. It is expected that by this theory Turkish can be shown to be the primitive speech of mankind.

Miss Harriet Yarrow arrived from Smyrna this morning for a visit with old friends here. She is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Riggs.

Word from Mr. H. A. Kreider shows that Prof. Lybgen and his group are covering considerable territory in a short space of time. Principal stops had been Afion, Konya, Izmir, Izantli. The travellers expected to visit Adana and the Cilician Gates, toward the end of last week, before turning back to Malatya and Tatis.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. E. T. Leslie.

Dear Friends:

Mrs. Lawrence Seelye and oldest daughter Dorothea, sailed from Beirut August 25th by the Export Line taking with them to America Mrs. Nesbit Chambers, who is now 86 years old. She will live with them at their home at St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York.

Miss Dorothy Blatter returned to Istanbul on Tuesday, August 25th, from a summer in eastern Europe. She spent a month in Poland, a week in Hungary and also in Roumania where Queen Mary received the group of American art students with whom Miss Blatter was travelling. On Saturday last Miss Blatter underwent an operation for appendicitis at the American Hospital here and is making a good recovery.

Kingsley Birge who has been spending the summer here with his parents, left on Friday, the 28th, taking this summer's popular route via Roumania, and sailing from Southampton. Kingsley is returning to Dartmouth College and while here has been specially interested in studying the Turkish Revolution in preparation for his B.A. Thesis.

Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Maynard arrived in Istanbul this morning on their way to America. They will leave by train to-night and will visit Vienna, various cities in Germany and Holland, Belgium. They will also spend some time in London and expect to sail from Liverpool for Boston on the S/S "Carinthia" on October 2nd.

Miss Adelaide Dwight is arriving today from Talas for a short vacation. With her is coming Mrs. Sewny who has been spending the summer there, and who will soon return to her work at Anatolia College, Saloniki.

Mr. T. Kagawa is expected this afternoon on the Lloyd Triestino "Celio" coming here directly from Greece.

Miss Jessie G. Martin who has been spending the summer in the Bırücek Camp in the Taurus Mountains near Adana, came Friday for a few days here on her way to Merzifon. She leaves this afternoon on the GülCemal for Samsun, and will shortly return here to take up her work in the American Academy at Soutari.

The Lybyer-Fisher-Weinland-Kreider party reached Ankara on Sunday evening exactly on schedule. Dr. Lybyer and Mr. Fisher stopped off to see the capital and are expected in Istanbul today, but Messrs. Weinland and Kreider continued through to Istanbul yesterday. The party has toured something over 3000 miles in Asiatic Turkey in the past twenty days. The equivalent of six days and nights was spent on trains, and each stop made was for less than twenty-four hours. It was thus possible to touch at Bilecik, Sığıt, Kütahya, Manisa, Izmir, Afyon, Konya, Bırücek, Malatya, Kayseri, Sivas, Amasya, Merzifon, and Bogazköy.

The Third Congress for the study of the Turkish Language finished its work yesterday. For a week this Congress attended not only by the President and high functionaries of Turkey but by a number of European Scholars as well, has been meeting every afternoon in the Dolma Baghtche Palace. The main study of the Congress was the Sun-language theory which supports the doctrine that the Turkish language is the mother language of the world. Several of the foreign scholars expressed assent to the theory. All the others expressed deep interest, and promised not only to study the theory further, but to share with Turkish scholars all findings. The Fourth Congress on the study of the Turkish language will meet in 1933.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. E.T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

The outstanding event of several years was the three-day visit of His Majesty King Edward VIII over the past week-end. The city was beautifully decorated in honor of the royal guest and in a variety of ways the utmost effort was made to insure the visitor a pleasant and agreeable stay in Istanbul. His Majesty left by train Sunday night for Vienna.

Letters from the Board office indicate that Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Riggs, Miss Dora Shank, Mr. Lee S. Riley (for Anatolia College) and Mrs. W. J. Thomas, mother of Mrs. Leslie, also Prof. and Mrs. Harry Barnum, are on the S.S. "Examelia", which is scheduled to reach Istanbul on the 19th or 20th of this month. Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Riggs and family sailed on the S.S. "Excambion" from New York on September 1st, direct for Beirut.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett C. Blake and family were scheduled to sail on September 6th on the S.S. "Bremen" for Havre, and plan to reach Istanbul about the 21st from Marseilles. Mr. Blake writes that they will be accompanied by Miss Lucia Powell, niece of Mr. R. B. Smith, and Miss Francis Sadder, who is planning to stay in the Blake home for a year as a teacher of the Blake boys. A cablegram received this week indicates that Miss Gladys Terry is also travelling with the Blake family having been appointed to the Merzifon school to fill the position for which a teacher was requested by the Mission at the Annual Meeting.

Miss Dorothy Blatter, who underwent an operation at the American Hospital ten days ago, has made a splendid recovery and will probably be released from the Hospital today.

Mr. Joseph Weinland of Brazil, Indiana, who accompanied Dr. and Mrs. Lybyer on their trip across the continent to Istanbul, has accepted a position as instructor in the Department of Commerce at Robert College for this year. Mr. Weinland's mother will be remembered by some members of our circle as Nell Luther, who was a guest in the Lybyer home in Istanbul over the winter of 1904-5.

The centennial celebrations of the Levant Agency of the American Bible Society were repeated in the presence of a large native congregation on the evening of Sept. 2nd. Pastor Der Ohannesian presided. Congratulations were voiced by the Rev. A. H. Wilkinson, General Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, Bishop Humayak Bahtiyarian on behalf of the Armenian Patriarch, and Dr. T. Kagawa, who spoke of the benefits which the Bible had brought to Japan, Rev. Eric M. North, D.D., General Secretary of the American Bible Society, gave a brief address and Pastor Selbi Aghassian read a summary of the history of the Levant Agency. The event was well reported in several of the Armenian dailies.

The Rev. Eric M. North, A. H. Wilkinson and J. Oscar Boyd, left on Saturday evening for Salonica and Athens.

Dr. T. Kagawa delivered several very much appreciated addresses during the short space of two days in which he was in Istanbul, and left by Taurus Express for Beirut last Friday morning.

Mr. Cyril Nute who has been spending the summer with his parents at Talas, sailed for Brindisi on his way back to the States last Friday morning. On the same steamer, as far as Pireaus, was Miss Harriet Yarrow, who will be spending the remainder of her summer vacation with friends in and around Athens.

Cordially yours,
H. H. Kreider.

Dear Friends:

Mr. Donald E. Webster, formerly of International College, Izmir, arrived in Istanbul recently to take up certain research work in the field of sociology, in connection with a fellowship which was granted to him last April. Mr. Webster left Saturday evening for Izmir and various points in Anatolia. Mrs. Webster has accepted a teaching position in a private school at Claremont, California, and will be residing there with the children through this school year.

Dr. Albert T. Olmstead, professor of Ancient and Near Eastern History at the Oriental Institute, University of Chicago, has arrived in Istanbul with Mrs. Olmstead and their three daughters. Prof. Olmstead and family are planning to spend a full month in Turkey, visiting a number of points of historic interest and will spend the winter months at Bagdad. Dr. Olmstead is known to most of us as the author of "The History of Assyria", (1923) and "History of Palestine and Syria," (1931).

Dr. Wellman and Dr. Westover of the United States Department of Agriculture have spent a few days in Istanbul and are sailing this evening for Çanakkale. Mr. Wellman reports having received word from his cousin Merrill Isely to the effects that the Isely family is getting nicely started on its furlough. It is said that the most puzzling feature of the American life so far encountered by the Isely children is the mystifyingly universal use of English.

A letter from Miss Fanny G. Noyes indicates that she is visiting her sisters at Rocky Ford, Colorado and will be doing some travelling in Arizona and Kansas this fall, probably returning to Ohio next spring.

Mrs. Hovhannes Alexanian wishes to express to her friends far and near, her thanks and appreciation for their sympathy shown her on the occasion of her deep sorrow.

In a letter written from Acworth, Georgia, Miss Lucina Ackerly has the following to say about her activities:

"While I was in Connecticut last month, I went to see Elsa and Cal Keene in New Haven and found Olive Greene with them. She persuaded me to drive her up to Maine as she had been travelling by train. We stopped at 14 Beacon Street on the way up, and happened to meet the Iselys. The Greenses' home is certainly lovely -- at the end of a point that looks out on a great number of islands; there are spruces in back and wild roses all around the house. The combination of rose, sea, and spruce smells is delightful. The Keenes are very happy in New Haven, and their baby is a dear. You mentioned my activities; there certainly has been a lot of them, for I have covered the tobacco-raising territory in Connecticut and Massachusetts quite thoroughly since May, and that means a lot of travelling -- I have probably driven my car 12,000 miles since the first of May. In between I have been spending some time out here at the mill, getting acquainted with various aspects of the cloth business."

Miss Margaret Hinman who is returning from her vacation spent at Budapest, is arriving in Istanbul Thursday morning and will proceed to Izmir by Saturday's steamer.

Miss Sylvia Eddy, head nurse at the American Hospital here since the departure of Miss Rutledge, left yesterday for Talas, with Miss Dwight who has been spending her vacation in Istanbul.

Cordially yours,
H. H. Kreider.

American Board Mission,
Istanbul, September 22, 1936.

Dear Friends:

Mr. and Mrs. C.T. Riggs, Prof. and Mrs. Harry T. Barnum, Mrs. W.J. Thomas, and Miss Dora F. Shank arrived in Istanbul Saturday morning, the 19th, after a voyage of twenty-four days on the S.S. Examelia, having called only at Pireaus and Saloniki.

Mrs. Thomas, the mother of Mrs. E.T. Leslie of the Mission Treasury office, is an old resident of Northport, Michigan, and has been serving as township librarian for a number of years. Mrs. Leslie and Mrs. Thomas are making their home in "Baker Hall," with the Birge family.

In a circular sent out recently, Paul Nilson claims the distinction of having traveled in the first auto to reach the site of the ancient Roman city of Comana, now called "Zhar," in the heart of the Taurus Mountains. Mr. Nilson also visited "Saim Beyli," a thriving town which has sprung up on the ruins of the city known to our predecessors as Hadjin. Saim Beyli is the country center of some hundred villages, and its elementary school boasts 250 students. In the leading coffeehouse Mr. Nilson showed educational motion pictures to an appreciative audience.

Miss Gladys Lucas and Miss Dorothy Blatter sailed from Istanbul last Thursday afternoon on the S/S Ege for Samsun, and were hoping to reach Merzifon sometime Sunday, but newspaper reports indicate that this steamer's schedule was quite upset by storms on the Black Sea, so these friends will undoubtedly have a tale of adventure to contribute to our next issue.

Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Blake and party, who were scheduled to sail from Marseilles on the French steamer "Champollion," found upon reaching Paris that this sailing had been cancelled. We are now informed that passage has been engaged on the "City of Cairo" sailing from Marseilles for Pireaus on the 21st. No definite plans have been made for the passage to Istanbul, but the party will probably arrive here next Monday or Tuesday.

Dr. Wilson F. Dodd and family are enjoying a much-needed vacation with the Stuart Dodd family in Syria, at Ainab. Fortunately a military doctor was found who was able to relieve Dr. Dodd for this period and he, with the Turkish director of the hospital, are carrying the work very satisfactorily. Miss Honiss returned to the hospital recently from her vacation in Istanbul and Izmir.

The fourth volume of Halit Ziya's memoirs, entitled "Forty Years," has recently appeared, and contains interesting memories of all the important personalities of the Edebiyatı Cedide period.

In the opinion of our Literary Editor, Latourette's new book, "Missions Tomorrow," a recent choice of the Religious Book-of-the-Month Club, is the most important utterance on missions since the Laymen's Report. It contains some material of special interest to those working in Turkey, and is to be found in the Mission Library.

Fresh thought is being taken for the well-being and happiness of the thousands who come and go each day by means of the Bosphorus ferries. At the ferry-landings along the bridge and on either side of the Bosphorus the ferry company is installing radio loud-speakers. These will be used not only to announce the departure and destination of the ferries but to entertain those who are waiting for their steamer. Henceforth it will be almost a privilege to miss one's boat, for before him will stretch the prospect of an hour's varied and uplifting entertainment.

Cordially yours,
H. H. Kreider

Bible House, Stamboul, Sept. 29, 1936.

Dear friends:

In taking up once more the preparation of this weekly sheet, the undersigned wishes to express deep gratitude to those who in his absence have carried it on so successfully. He would also bespeak the continued cooperation of friends throughout the Mission by whose aid the undertaking can be made still more useful.

Two small tins of Baker Yeast have come to the Bible House from Boston, but through some error their destination is not known. Will the person expecting this please send word to the undersigned, and thus secure their property?

Miss Dora Shank, who arrived ten days ago from America, has begun her work as Nurse in the American Hospital in this city, taking the place of Miss Rutledge which Miss Eddy filled temporarily.

Miss Mary C. Rogers, of Oberlin, who also came on the S.S. "Examelia" Sept. 19th, is teaching in the College for Girls. She had formerly been a teacher in the Kyrias School, near Tirana, Albania.

Miss Dorothy Blatter and Miss Gladys Lucas were delayed by storms on the Black Sea, so that they did not reach Merzifon until a week ago today. At Hayza, on the way up from Samsun, they happened to fall in with Dr. and Mrs. Clark, on their way home after a most pleasant and restful three weeks' vacation trip to Boghazköy and Talas. At the former place, the German archaeologists showed them all about the diggings and sculptures. In Talas they were guests of the Nutes. Dr. Nute was taking a compulsory holiday from his strenuous work, owing to a nasty fall, but was recovering from his bruises.

Rev. David Julius, formerly of Aleppo College, having been for some years pastor of the Middlefield, Mass., church, has accepted a call to the Congregational Church of Middleboro, Mass., and is to begin his work there on October 15th. Here's hoping he will find the Boro more châl lenging than the Field.

Mrs. Helen Scott has spent a fine summer, mostly in England with a couple of weeks at the end in Switzerland; she is now just about returning to Athens to resume her work at the Junior College.

Dr. George H. Huntington has been appointed as the official representative of Robert College at the Harvard Tercentenary celebrations, as we learn through a letter from Mrs. Huntington. The Damons were also attending these epochal celebrations.

Miss Shabe Clary recently returned to Stamboul and to her place in charge of the Service Center in the old city, after a six months' leave of absence in the United States, during which she was kept fairly busy in the interests of the Y.W.C.A.

At least three of the newcomers at Robert College have had previous connection with this part of the world. Dr. Sidney N. Fisher was formerly a tutor in Robert College, and now comes to do part-time teaching while he perfects his knowledge of Turkish for further research in Ottoman History. Mr. Harvey P. Hall, son of the late Dr. William H. Hall of Beirut University, has come from graduate work at Harvard, and is to do part-time teaching also. Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Crawford come from Beirut, where he was formerly an instructor in the University, and latterly in charge of an experimental farm run by the Near-East Foundation. He is taking over the management of the College dining-rooms.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Oct. 3, 1936.

Dear friends:-

The American Board is glad to be able to report itself as having closed the fiscal year without any addition to its debt; although strenuous means were necessary to do this in spite of a falling off of more than \$67,000 in income during the year.

On Tuesday evening, after a delay of about ten days, the Blake family finally arrived here from Piraeus. Mr. and Mrs. Blake and the two children are accompanied by Miss Sadler, who will teach the Blake children, Miss Lucia Powell, a niece of Mr. R. B. Smith of Talas, and Miss Gladys Perry, who taught in Merzifon till two years ago, and is now once more to teach, this time in the Scutari School.

With this party as far as Greece were Dr. Minnie Mills, Miss Olive Greene, and Miss Genevieve Irwin, daughter of our late colleague, who is now coming out to join the staff of the College at Ellenico; also Miss Edith MacCallum, sister of Dr. MacCallum and of Miss Emily MacCallum, coming to visit her sister and brother in turn, and now staying with the former at Old Phalaron.

After making short visits in Oberlin and Cleveland, and with her old associates in the Board office in Boston, Mrs. L. O. Lee is expecting to sail from New York October 14th, reaching Stamboul about November 1st.

Our old friend Harold Pence, formerly of Aintab, is teaching Farm Mechanics this year in a high school at Covelo, northern California, and is hoping to work into regular agricultural teaching later on.

Yesterday morning Professor and Mrs. A. T. Lybyer sailed for Brindisi by Lloyd Triestino, together with their faithful automobile, intending to motor through to a French port and sail for America. They have had about eight weeks in this country, during which Dr. Lybyer has done a good bit of traveling and study. They return now to the University of Illinois.

The Isely family is now at the old homestead in Topeka, Kansas, at the end of a fine motoring trip, seeing the Wileys in Walpole, N. H., the Deweys in Mountain Rest, Mass., and other friends in New York and Washington, and driving through five or six other States. Mr. Isely is deep in the business of speaking for the Board.

On Thursday last, at the close of a Station business meeting, her colleagues of Constantinople Station surprised Miss Marion E. Sheldon with a celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of her coming out as a missionary. She left Boston Sept. 16, 1886, reaching Adabazar Nov. 2nd. Some friends put on a little scene recalling this arrival, after which there were speeches, refreshments, and a general good time of congratulation.

Rev. H. H. Riggs and family reached Beirut on their return from the U. S. A. on Sept. 21st, coming by American Export Line direct. On Wednesday they went up to Shimplan, Lebanon, for a conference of seventeen Armenian pastors and preachers, lasting the rest of the week, very successful.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana K. Satchell, of Salonica, are now living in Newton Highlands, Mass., in the same house with Miss Mary W. Riggs, formerly of Adabazar and Scutari, and their aunt Miss C. P. Dwight. They are all in pretty good health. The address is 60 Radclott Street.

Mrs. Manning of Robert College is having a visit from her nieces, Miss Wurtis and Miss Buckley, who recently arrived and are staying until November. Many friends came in to tea on Monday last, to greet them.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, October 10, 1936.

Dear friends:-

Mr. J. Harvey Hanfrew, of Salem, Missouri, a graduate of the University of Illinois in 1933, has been secured by the Board as a teacher for Tarsus College, and he is expecting to sail October 13th by the S.S. "Exeter" on his way to his new post.

Dr. and Mrs. Wilson F. Dodd have been spending a pleasant vacation with Prof. Stuart Dodd, at Aintab in the Lebanon. They have had fine trips to the Cedars, to Palmyra, and to two fine Crusader castles, and have climbed to the top of Mt. Hermon. They were expecting to be back in Gaziantep by October 9th.

Deerfield Academy, Mass., has at least three boys from Turkey in attendance this year. They are James Fowle, Frederick Shepard, and Charles Estes, all from Stamboul. Northfield Seminary, Mass., boasts of two girls from Turkey, - Katherine McLaren, and Margaret Riggs, - though the latter might claim to be now from Greece.

Mr. Blake and family, Miss Sadler and Miss Powell, left Stamboul last Sunday afternoon by steamer for Samsun, en route to their home in Merzifon, and presumably reached there Tuesday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. J.E. Merrill of Aleppo sailed from Beirut Sept. 10th to Cyprus, and have been staying at Kyrenia on that island. They are now about going to Cairo, to do some studying at the library of the American University there.

Mr. Isely reports having a three-weeks' speaking trip in Kansas, just at this time, with the expectation of repeating the experience in another State immediately after.

Dr. and Mrs. J.K. Marden reached Old Phaleron Sept. 23rd on their return from their brief stay in America.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Perry report that after a visit with Mrs. Perry's mother in Halifax, N.S., they are expecting to be in Cambridge again this year, and are to have an apartment of their own, the first time they have had a home of their own since leaving Stamboul.

Miss Agnes Baird writes that the building operations in No. 8, Buxton Street, Sofia, are almost completed. The school part on the second floor was finished, and the Hostel on the third floor would be ready early in October. This Community Center includes, besides the Hostel and Grade School, the Kindergarten, Baby Welfare Station, and Continuation Classes, thus keeping all of them busy and happy.

Dr. Eleanor Bisbee is teaching Philosophy at both the American Colleges here, this year. She comes from the University of Cincinnati, where she has been teaching for several years.

There are five new families connected this year with Robert College. In addition to the Crawfords, already mentioned, are Prof. and Mrs. Gyfford D. Collins; he has taught at Duke and Princeton Universities and at the Hill School, and will be Professor of Physics; Mr. and Mrs. John C. Bliss will be instructor in Mechanical Engineering, as will also Mr. John W. Jackson, who, with Mrs. Jackson, comes from the Engineering Department of Cincinnati University. The fourth new family of the group are Mr. and Mrs. John C. King, Jr., who comes from a position with the United States Reclamation Service, and is to be instructor in the Civil Engineering Department.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Oct. 17, 1936

Dear Friends:-

We learn from Athens of the death on Oct. 7th, of Rev. Stavros Demetrakopoulos, who until he recently removed to Athens, had been for about thirty-five years minister of the Evangelical Greek Church in Pera. He was nearly eighty years old, and had been ailing for some time. The funeral was very largely attended, and with abundance of floral tributes, for he was much loved and widely respected. A son and a daughter were present. Among those who took part were Rev. Messrs. Longinides, Moschou, Mihitsopoulos, and Brewster.

Dr. F.M. North, Secretary of the American Bible Society, returned to this city Thursday evening, after an extended trip to Egypt, back to Beirut, out to Deir-Zor, across to Mosul and Baghdad, thence to Aleppo and Antioch, and up to Stamboul. Dr. Wilkinson of the British and Foreign Bible Society was with him till Irak, and then went on to Iran (Persia) for a visit before returning to England. Dr. North was met in Angora by Mr. Lyman MacCallum, who accompanied him back here. Dr. North reaches England tomorrow, and will sail very soon for New York.

Miss Norton writes from Aleppo that they have at present sixty students in the Girls' School, and that the spirit of the school is fine. Economic conditions in the region are growing worse, and the fall of the French franc has been causing a rise in prices.

According to the press reports, there are now in the city of Stamboul, 780 taxis, 675 private automobiles, 470 motor trucks and camionettes, 230 motor cycles, and 89 autobuses. We give these figures under all reserve.

The Anatolia College circle celebrated on Oct. 14th the 75th birthday of Dr. George E. White, who is improving rather slowly after a recent illness.

Miss Telfer, a publicity agent, and Mr. Willard, motion-picture expert, are spending some time at the American Colleges here, taking pictures in preparation for a financial campaign to be put on in America early in 1937.

Recent word from Boston tells of the serious illness of Mrs. Curtis, mother of Mrs. L.R. Fowls.

The Stamboul Municipality has issued a statement of the number of fires breaking out in the city during each of twelve years past. The figures run from a minimum of 72 in 1923 and 192 in 1925, to the high peaks of 544 in 1931 and 554 in 1935. In the five years 1931 to 1935, there were nearly twice as many registered as in the five years 1923 to 1927.

In addition to those new instructors already mentioned at Robert College this year, there are also Messrs. John B. Coburn, of Princeton; William E. Dobbins, of Massachusetts Tech.; Norville M. Downie, of St. Lawrence University; Richard E. Gnade, of Yale; Welant Wathen-Dunn, of Wesleyan University; and Joseph L. Weinland, of Purdue and Northwestern Universities. This makes in all the largest number of new teachers in many years; but the actual increase in staff is not so great as would be imagined, owing to a number of withdrawals last spring.

A new pontoon for the steamers to Haydar Pasha and Kadikeuy has been put in position, at right angles to the Galata Bridge, replacing the old and decrepit one used till now. This one has a restaurant on a second floor, and is wider and more commodious than the former one.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

Miss Olive M. Vaughan, a missionary of the Central Turkey Mission from 1904 to 1919, died October 2nd, in Tempe, Arizona, where she had been living with Miss Billings these later years, in poor health. Miss Vaughan was born November 11, 1874, in Lansing, Minnesota, and was graduated at Carleton College in 1903, coming out the next year as a missionary with Miss Billings, under the wing of Miss Ellen M. Blakely. She was located at Hadjin, with the exception of about a year in 1912-1913, when she was working with Mr. Chambers in Adana. During the war years, 1915 to 1918, she was most of the time the only American in Hadjin, and was managing a school of some 200 pupils. It was only after the war was over, in 1919, that she returned to America. Remarkable tributes to her bravery and self-sacrificing devotion were paid her by the people of Hadjin when she left there.

Word has also come of the death, on September 27th, of Mrs. Curtis, mother of Mrs. Luther Fowle. Our sympathy goes out to the latter in her bereavement.

The new Pierce Memorial Kindergarten at Kokkinia, Greece, is now functioning, with about forty pupils. The pastor of the Kokkinia church and his family are nicely installed in the upper floor.

The Junior College for girls at Elleniko, Greece, has opened with the largest enrollment in its history, - about 280 girls, of whom about sixty are boarders. It is hoped that the McCallum Hall can be finished off this year, and the Administration Building be erected also.

On Sunday, Oct. 18th, a memorial service for Mr. H.S. Alexanian was held in the Gregorian Church of the Holy Trinity, Pera. The service was most impressive. The clergyman, Rev. K. Bahtarian, in his sermon referred to Mr. Alexanian's work as a teacher, and spoke highly of what he had done during the 42 years of his connection with the Girls' School in Adabazar and later here in Scutari, in the training of girls. He especially emphasized the fact that Mr. Alexanian, by his own faith and example, and by the whole influence of his life, developed in his students a solid and real Christian character. He said: "Mr. Alexanian belonged to the whole Armenian church and nation, and we recognize in him one of the fine results of the work done by American missionaries. These missionaries, too," he said, "belong to us; and such personalities as Miss Farnham, Miss Kinney, Robert Chambers, and many others, are very dear to us and will always be honored by us." The church was crowded with a congregation that must have numbered well over a thousand.

An additional fact of significance as showing a changed attitude toward Evangelical Christianity is that, at the close of the service, Rev. F.W. MacCallum, D.D., was asked by the Bishop to pronounce the benediction.

Mrs. Blanche Horton Trowbridge, widow of Rev. Stephen V.R. Trowbridge, formerly of Aintab, was married on October 13th at Warren, Penn., to Rev. Lynn Harold Hough, D.D., of Madison, N.J.

Dr. Haas writes from Adana that his clinic there is very crowded; he has to start in at 4:30 a.m., and has from 120 to 150 per day in attendance, about half of them free cases.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Oct. 31, 1936.

Dear Friends:-

Miss Nina Rice writes from Claremont, Calif., that Miss Anne Gordon is still living in Pilgrim Place, and is looking forward to the coming of Miss Ellen Blakely and Miss Katherine Fletcher on a visit. Miss Mary Marden, sister of Dr. Jesse K. Marden of Athens, is living with Miss Rice.

Miss Odell reports an attendance of 51 students thus far at Merzifon, of whom 45 are boarders. This represents an increase, though not a large one, and is encouraging.

In Aleppo College, 64 students are enrolled, says Mr. Markham, and the lowest or entering class is larger than last year. While the total attendance is not quite up to last year, more stringent entrance tests are largely responsible for that.

Mrs. Rattani, widow of the former gymnastic instructor at Robert College, is now acting as matron in one of the buildings of the Deerfield Academy, Deerfield, Mass.

Dr. and Mrs. George H. Huntington, after spending the summer in Maine, were going to start last week for Warm Springs, Georgia, stopping a week on the way with Mrs. Huntington's mother, Mrs. Dodge, in Riverdale, N.Y.

A bird has carried the message of the birth of a baby boy to the Stuart Dodd parents, in Beirut, last Monday.

Mr. Huntington Damon is attending the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, in Medford, Mass.

Last summer, the Daily Vacation Bible Schools in Greece enrolled a total of 539 students, about half-and-half boys and girls, in five different schools in the Athens area, under seventeen teachers.

Tomorrow, Sunday, the service at the Dutch Chapel will take the form of an anniversary marking the beginning of the seventh year of the pastorate of Rev. W. Clark Kerr, in the Union Church of Pera. Special music will be rendered by a large choir.

The Caroline Westervelt House, Anatolia College's latest addition, has just had its house-warming. This is the home of the Dean, Mr. Compton, and family. About a hundred friends, mostly Greeks, came in for tea. Dr. White told the story of the gifts which had made the house possible; and after each person present had laid a tiny stick of wood on the hearth-fire, President Riggs offered a dedicatory prayer.

Ideal weather, bright and warm, attended the thirteenth anniversary celebration of the Turkish Republic; and large crowds gathered to see the processions and decorations in Stamboul. Similar celebrations seem to have been successfully carried out in all parts of the country.

Mr. Caleb F. Gates, Jr., son of former President C.F. Gates of Robert College, has been appointed assistant to Dean Gauss of Princeton University. During his undergraduate days in Princeton, where he graduated ten years ago, he was captain of the track team, a letter-man in football and soccer, and a member of the Senior Council.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

Mrs. L. O. Lee arrived in Stamboul last Sunday morning, by train from Paris, having passed through the tail end of the big storm recently reported on the eastern Atlantic, but without being thereby delayed.

Mrs. Frederick S. Erdman and children, formerly of Robert College, sailed from Beirut last Tuesday for America, to join Prof. Erdman at Cornell University, where he has a fellowship in hydraulic engineering.

The Smyrna Girls' School is rejoicing in a very good beginning this year. There are 105 students, of whom 29 are in the beginners' class. The boarding department is exactly double what it was last year. There is a fine, harmonious spirit among teachers and students.

Another of the old veterans has passed on to his reward. Prof. Edwin Augustus Grosvenor, LL.D., L.H.D. from 1873 till 1890 professor of history at Robert College, died at his home in Amherst, Mass., September 13, aged 91 years and two weeks. Since leaving Stamboul, he had been professor and emeritus professor of history and international law at Amherst College. His son, Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, is president of the National Geographic Society, and editor of the National Geographic Magazine.

The Right Reverend H. Buxton, Lord Bishop of Gibraltar, has been making a visit of a week in Stamboul, coming from Rumania. He conducted service on Sunday at the Memorial Church, and during the week visited Gallipoli Peninsula and Troy. Today he goes to Smyrna, to conduct service there tomorrow and remain over Armistice Day, going on thence to Greece.

Miss Eleanor De Remer has been secured as teacher for Merzifon Girls' School, and leaves New York by the Italian liner "Rex" a week from today, arriving in Stamboul probably November 26th.

Tarsus College had a warm welcome for Mr. J. Harvey Renfrew, who arrived Nov. 1, coming from New York via Beirut. He has been appointed for a three-year term as teacher of mathematics and science. Since graduating from Illinois University he has had some business experience. Pending his arrival the College has fortunately had the help of Mrs. Haas, who has come from Adana each week and taken a number of classes. The present enrollment in Tarsus College is 68. The entering class of 26 is the largest in several years.

Dr. and Mrs. Nute are spending a very pleasant vacation in Beirut, the guests of the Misses Webb.

Among the new accessions to the Mission Library are:-

The New Orient. I. The Near East. Ed. by Lybyer, Sprengling, etc.
 The Religion of Islam. By Muhammed Ali.
 The Church through Half a Century. Essays in honor of Wm. Adams Brown.
 The Curse in the Colophon. By E. J. Goodspeed.
 Makers of Christianity, from Alfred the Great to Schleiermacher. J. T. McNeil.
 I Follow the Road. By Anne Byrd Payson.
 Colossian Studies. By H. C. G. Moule.
 Missions Tomorrow. By Kenneth S. Latourette.
 The Life & Letters of Paul the Apostle. By Lyman Abbott.
 The Character of Jesus. By Charles E. Jefferson.
 The Life of Christ as Represented in Art. By F. W. Farrar.
 The Shrine of a People's Soul. By E. W. Smith.
 The Law of Apostasy in Islam. By S. M. Zwemer.
 Islam Under the Khalifs of Baghdad. By Robert D. Osborn.
 From Moscow to the Persian Gulf. By B. B. Moore.
 The Atonement in Experience. By Leon Arpee (Chorigian).
 New Life Through God. By Toyohiko Kagawa.
 Childhood in the Moslem World. By S. M. Zwemer.

Yours very cordially,
 Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

Probably most of our readers, even in the remoter parts of Anatolia, have by this time learned that the election in America last week Tuesday resulted in the biggest landslide in the history of U.S. Presidential elections, with every State giving Roosevelt a majority except Maine and Vermont; and that the next Congress is to be more strongly Democratic than before, with 334 Democrats, 89 Republicans, 7 Progressives and 5 Farmer-Laborites in the House, and in the Senate, 75 Democrats, 17 Republicans, 2 Farmer-Laborites, and one each Progressive and Independent. An unusually heavy vote gave Roosevelt 25 million votes and Landon 16 million. Both here and in Beirut, the American colony or a large part thereof, met on Election night and held a rally with speeches and with a vote; the results in Beirut were: Landon, 44; Roosevelt, 37, with some support for Socialists and Communists. In the Social Hall at Robert College, the votes were: Landon, 21; Thomas, 16; Roosevelt, 14; and the votes for Browder were not announced.

President Ernest W. Riggs of Anatolia College left Salonica on Nov. 1st for an absence of several weeks in America, in the interests of the College. He sailed from France Nov. 5th, and is presumably on the other shore by now.

Athens has a large and varied quantity of vehicles as compared with our own city; at least, so reports the daily "Proia," giving the following figures:- taxis, 3034; private motor cars, 3094; market trucks, 1709; camions, 2965; autobuses, 1732; motorcycles, 891; bicycles, 9835; and horse-drawn vehicles, 7427. There are reported 428 women who drive motor-cars, presumably their own.

Miss Jordan, formerly a teacher in Constantinople College, came on this week from Angora to meet her mother, who crossed the ocean with Mrs. L.O. Lee, but arrived here only a day or two ago on a visit to her daughter. The latter is now in the employ of the Turkish Government as an expert in land chemistry, and the testing of soils.

On Sunday afternoon, October 25th, there was held in the Old South Church in Boston a service in memory of James Levi Barton, M.A., D.D., LL.D., so well beloved by us all. The pastor, Dr. Russell H. Stafford, presided; Fr. Ashley D. Leavitt read the Scriptures and offered prayer; Dr. Enoch F. Bell gave a chronicle of the life of Dr. Barton; and there were addresses by Rev. Manasseh G. Papazian on behalf of the Armenians, and President Rockwell H. Potter, D.D., on behalf of the Board.

A recent letter from Mr. Oscar S. Heizer, whom many of us will remember when he was in the Treasury Department at the Bible House, and later in the American Consulate-General here, tells of his having driven his car over 40,000 miles during the past year, between New York, Florida, and California. Since the death of Mrs. Heizer, in August 1935, he has visited his various children:- Helen in Garrison-on-Hudson, N.Y., Randolph, who now lives in Detroit, Mich., Pauline, in Bryn Mawr, Pa. Beatrice has her home in Casablanca, Morocco. Vivian is still unmarried; all the rest have families and Mr. Heizer has nine grandchildren. Mr. Heizer has been living in Washington, but was expecting to go south for the winter.

Mr. Harry R. Meyering, formerly of Tarsus, finished all the requirements for his Ph.D. in August, and it will be formally granted in February. At present he is working part time in the Extension Department of the Univ. of Michigan, as Director of Instruction in the Correspondence Division.

Mrs. F.W. Kunick returned this week in fine health to join her husband at Robert College, after some months of a "cure" in Germany.

Mr. Arthur Leavitt, formerly in the American Embassy here, now lives in Washington, D.C., where he has a position in the Archives Department of the Government.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

Miss Fanny G. Noyes, of Merzifon, after a stay of a month in Arizona, is now making Rocky Ford, Colorado, her headquarters until after the first of next year. Meanwhile she is now in all probability visiting another sister, in Western Kansas, for a brief period.

Miss Elizabeth Leslie, daughter of our Assistant Treasurer, has accepted a call from the Y.W.C.A. Service Center in this city, and will be arriving here in about a month. Miss Leslie took her B.A. degree at Olivet College this year, majoring in History. She is going to take the place of Frau Schultze, in the Service Center, and have charge of the educational work, taking the classes in English. Frau Schultze expects to start in January with her husband for America. A warm welcome awaits Miss Leslie on her return to the land of her birth.

Prof. and Mrs. George H. Huntington reached Warm Springs, Georgia, Oct. 28th, and are reveling in the sunshine and warmth of the place, and in the increasing loveliness of the colors of the oaks and other trees. They participated in a grand Victory parade there, when the Democratic sympathizers had a Republican elephant like real life, on an open truck, and took him for a good ride.

The inhabitants of Beirut, Aleppo, and those regions are showing a great degree of excitement over the newly ratified agreement between France and that mandated territory, looking toward complete independence within three years. The full terms of this agreement are only gradually coming to light; but they do not seem altogether satisfactory to those concerned; and riots and troubles have taken place.

Dr. and Mrs. A.H. Leyber have returned to their home in Urbana, Ill., in safety. While they were in Paris, Prof. Lybyer had a bad attack of his old trouble, but fortunately was able to proceed at the appointed time.

Miss Agnes Baird of Sofia, is planning to fill out her interrupted furlough next month by a trip to the Holy Land, passing through Stamboul and Anatolia, and reaching Jerusalem in time for Christmas.

The following biographies are among the recent additions to the shelves of the Mission Library. They come through the generosity of Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum:-

Life and Times of Girolamo Savonarola. By Prof. Pasquale Villari.
 William Robertson Nicoll: Life and Letters. By T.H. Darlow
 John Henry Jowett. By Arthur Porritt.
 Life of Alexander Whyte. By G.F. Barbour
 Beatrice D'Este and Her Court. By Robert de la Sizeranne.
 Twenty-five Years, 1892-1916. By Lord Grey of Fallodon, 2 Vols.
 Life and Adventures of James P. Beckwourth. By T.D. Bonner.
 A Galilee Doctor:- Dr. D.W. Torrance. By W.P. Livingstone.
 Aggrey of Africa. By Edwin W. Smith.
 Donald Fraser of Livingstonia. By Agnes R. Fraser.

The Turkish fleet, represented by the battle cruiser "Yavuz," and several destroyers and three submarines, has reached Malta on the first leg of a cruise that will include also Phaleron Bay, and Smyrna. They were given a most cordial reception by the British authorities at Valetta, Malta.

The current number of the Bible Society Record is mainly taken up with articles bearing on the Centennial of the Levant Agency of the American Bible Society, and the story of its achievements. It is well illustrated.

Yours very cordially,
 Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Nov.28, 1936.

Dear Friends:-

Miss Eleanor De Remer arrived from America on her way to Merzifon, on the day before Thanksgiving, having made a record trip from New York, via the Rex and by rail to Brindisi to catch the Lloyd Triestino express steamer, thus getting here in eleven days. Miss De Remer is a graduate of Keuka College, New York, where she was a pupil of our old friend and former associate, Rev. Charles A.S. Dwight. Since graduating two years ago, she has had graduate work in the Albany State Teachers' College. She is expecting to take the steamer for Samsoun next Tuesday.

On Tuesday of this week, there came to our city a group of five fine young men from the University of California, three graduates and two still in their course, who are making a tour of the world. When they arrived here on a British freighter from Varna, Bulgaria, they had already seen fourteen countries of Europe. They were given a friendly reception at Robert College, where the students will not soon forget their entertainment, and they themselves will not soon forget their Thanksgiving dinners. That afternoon they took steamer for Greece, going on thence to Egypt and India, China and Japan, and thus back to California, being absent about eight months.

The season's work in St. Sophia, in uncovering the ancient mosaics, has come to an end with the chilling days of the past week; and Dr. Whitmore is heading for America, probably by way of Egypt. His six assistants, including Ted Altemus, who has been living with the Birge family, left Thursday for America via Italy.

Miss Burtis and Miss Buckley, who have been visiting Mrs. A.W. Manning at Robert College for some two months past, also left on Thanksgiving Day by the evening train, on their return trip to the United States.

The Blake family have presumably been spending Thanksgiving in Talas with the Smiths, taking with them Miss Lucia Powell, who is to stay with her uncle and aunt there for some time now. The Nute family were also expected back in Talas from their visit in Beirut.

Thanksgiving Day in Stamboul was of the coldest for this season. Not since 1909, if memory serves, has this city seen snow on this anniversary before. It quite whitened the ground for part of the Day; and the papers tell of severe storms on the Black Sea and through Anatolia, with much snow in many places.

Surprisingly large crowds of faithful Moslems are attending the prayers during Ramazan in the large mosques of the city, especially the noon prayer, and more particularly the Friday noon prayer. A conservative estimate would put their numbers at up in the tens of thousands. This does not look like a tendency away from a belief in God!

After a good deal of negotiation, the French Government made the suggestion to the Turkish Government that the matter of the status of the region around Alexandretta and Antioch, and its future government, be referred to the League of Nations; and the Turkish Kamutay or Parliament has accepted the suggestion and agreed to thus refer it. Our associates in Aleppo and the clientele among whom they are laboring are particularly interested in the outcome.

President W.L. Wright, of the American Colleges here, is leaving shortly on a visit of a few months to the United States in the interests of the Colleges.

The first vesper organ recital at Robert College will be given tomorrow afternoon in Albert Long Hall. The program includes organ and piano duets.

Yours very cordially,
Charles Birge

Dear Friends:-

On the recent occasion of the ninetieth birthday of Miss Cornelia P. Dwight for some years a member of our Mission at Sivas and in this city, Rev. John K. Browne, ninety-three, senior survivor of our Mission, went from Auburndale to Newton Highlands to congratulate his fellow nonagenarian. Miss Dwight received the congratulations of many friends, in nearly or quite 150 letters and telegrams, with many bouquets of flowers and a wonderful birthday cake.

Thanksgiving Day was observed very socially at Beirut, where Miss Jillson invited the Misses Mary and Elizabeth Webb, Mr. & Mrs. H.H. Riggs and their daughters, and the two Markham girls, together with Mrs. Edith MacCallum Laird, Miss Frearson and her two associates, and Miss Davies to a particularly fine Thanksgiving dinner. The British members present seemed to enter thoroughly into the spirit of the occasion.

Word has come that Miss Elizabeth Scipio is coming from America with Miss Elizabeth Leslie, whose coming was announced two weeks ago and that they expect to sail on the "President Harding" on December 9th, which would mean their arrival here from France about the 21st. Further particulars are lacking.

The American Academy at Scutari has enrolled this year 157 pupils, which is more than the number last year at this time; of these, 59 are boarders, which is more than last year. Fifty of them are new students, including three who had been out for some time; 18 of these are new boarders.

Dr. and Mrs. John E. Merrill announce the engagement of their younger daughter, Dorothy Trowbridge, to Dr. Daniel Eliss Dorman, son of Dr. and Mrs. Dorman of Beirut. Dr. Dorman graduated from Harvard Medical School last June, and is an interne at St. Luke's Hospital, New York. Miss Merrill is teaching at Friends' Academy, Locust Valley, Long Island. Our congratulations are in order.

Talas had a snowy Thanksgiving. Tuesday night and all day Wednesday it snowed, in fact, for about forty hours without stopping. On Thursday morning Dr. Nute and Mr. Smith went to the railroad station to bring back Mrs. Blake and Lincoln and Miss Lucia Powell, coming from Yerzifon; but they could not get back up the hill through the snow, and Mr. Nilson and about twenty-five of his boys had to come and haul them up. After about fifteen hours of respite it began snowing harder than ever, and kept it up well into Friday. All this made the festive gathering around the groaning board at the Nilson residence, all the more festive. Aside from the grand dinner, our reporter says:- "I don't think I've ever seen a room more beautifully and appropriately decorated."

Stormy weather has prevailed throughout this region of late. The Roumanian steamer "Dacia" on its way here from Piraeus encountered such waves that the captain ordered all passengers to don their life-belts; it finally arrived several hours late. At Smyrna several houses are reported wrecked or seriously damaged. At Sregli, the coal-port on the Black Sea, a Greek steamer of 5,000 tons was sunk, the crew being rescued with great difficulty.

Another unit in the industrial development of Turkey is to be the erection of a steel-plant at Karabuk. The work is in the hands of British firms, and will, it is expected, be ready for opening by the end of 1937. The plans call for a capacity production of 180,000 tons per annum.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Owing to family exigencies due to the death of a near relative, Miss Sylvia Eddy has found it necessary to advance by some months the date of her furlough. She left Talas last Tuesday, reaching here the next day, and will leave by train this evening for Paris and Cherbourg, expecting to take the S.S. "Aquitania" there on Wednesday, and arrive in New York Dec. 22nd, in time to spend Christmas with her family. She plans to come back to her work at the end of her furlough.

The Turkish squadron, composed of the battle cruiser "Yavuz" and some destroyers and submarines, has returned to Stamboul and to the naval base in Izmid Gulf, after a very successful cruise to Malta and Piraeus, stopping at Smyrna on the return.

Mr. George Miles, for some years connected with Robert College, who has recently been working on the epigraphy section of the archaeological expedition in the Persepolis region of Persia, is in this city for a few days, on his way back to America for a vacation period.

Those who are interested in the latter part of the history of the Brousa Girls School will remember Miss Pakize Izzet, one of the graduates, who later studied medicine and practiced for a time in Stamboul. Later she married a member of the Afghan diplomatic mission at Rome, and she has been carrying on further medical studies there. A few days ago, she was on her way back by airplane to Stamboul, but stopped off in Salonica, and was hurried to a hospital, where a fine baby boy was born to her, who has been named Uchak, which is the Turkish for airplane.

Plans for the construction of the long-expected Gazi Bridge over the Golden Horn are being perfected; but it is not to be the type at first projected, - a suspension bridge from hill to hill, since the practical difficulties involved are too great. It will, however, be a finer and wider bridge than the Karakeuy bridge; and it is expected that it will be ready for use by the close of the year 1937.

Miss Eleanor De Remer made the trip to Merzifon as planned, arriving there a week ago Thursday. Mr. Blake went down to Samsun and escorted her up to her station.

The Night of Power special prayers last evening drew large crowds to many of the principal mosques of the city. One may perhaps say that Sultan Ahmed has taken the place of St. Sophia as the chief rendezvous now; but Beyazid and Fatih as well as Suleymaniye are frequented by thousands.

The abdication of Edward VIII. and his prospective marriage have been of particular interest to residents of Stamboul, in view of the Royal visit here the first week in September, when Mrs. Simpson was also of the party, and attracted much favorable comment.

The "Youth Movement" has reached Greece;- at least, this is implied in the recent order to all schools by the Department of Education. All schools are to follow a program of drill in marching, preparatory to taking part in parades to be called for in the near future. Schools are to be reorganized in companies for such drills, with junior officers from the students and senior officers from the ranks of teachers. Uniforms are to be made in accordance with orders which will be given out shortly, - one for elementary schools, another for the middle schools, and another for the higher departments. This will be an innovation for the girls at "Pierce College," Elleniko.

Yours very cordially,

Charles F. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

The painful news has come by wire that Mrs. Wilson F. Dodd has died of pneumonia, in Aintab. The end came on Thursday, two days ago, after what must have been a very short illness, as no word of it at all had reached us. Dr. Dodd has been expecting to take his family on furlough this coming summer. Mrs. Dodd leaves three children, aged twelve, nine, and six respectively. She was born Mary Benedict, at Elmira, N.Y., Jan. 21, 1894; graduated from Elmira College in 1913, she taught three years, and was then married to Wilson F. Dodd, M.D., with whom she came out in the fall of 1922, and was in the Language School for a year. From the first she endeared herself to all who met her, by her sweet, earnest, winning ways. Two years more were spent in Stamboul, and then two in Merzifon; and then one with the Near East Relief in Beirut. A year's furlough was followed by five years of successful hospital work in Talas; and after the closing of the Talas Hospital in 1934, they have been at work in Aintab. Mrs. Dodd will be greatly missed, not only in her own station, but in the entire Mission. Our deep sympathy goes out to Dr. Dodd and his little ones.

Dr. and Mrs. Birge have gone to Aintab to be with Dr. Dodd at this time of his great sorrow.

The Senior Class of the American Academy for Girls at Scutari, at a recent noon assembly, presented the school with a large framed picture of Mr. Alexanian, whose sudden death occurred last summer. Two of the girls, one a Turk and the other an Armenian, spoke words of appreciation of his character and of his work as a teacher. They were followed by Refik Bey, who told of his friendship for Mr. Alexanian. The picture now hangs in the study-hall, beside one of Miss Kinney, with whom Mr. Alexanian worked for many years.

Miss Harriett Ellen Wallis, who from 1897 till 1915 was in Adana as a representative of the Friends of Armenia, passed away November 2nd, at Wimbledon, England, in her 78th year. Her American associates and friends will remember her self-sacrifice and devotion and the efficiency with which she worked, in superintending a weaving industry, and in other ways. Since her withdrawal from this country, she has been engaged in many forms of relief work, for Armenians, Russians, Abyssinians, and others, till almost the end of her life.

Rev. Harrison Maynard writes from Topeka, Kansas, that he and Mrs. Maynard are at length settled down there (1327 Lane Street), after crossing the ocean in October and spending a while in Auburndale, Mass., and taking the cross-country drive in their own car, stopping off to see their three boys and four sisters in as many different cities. In September next, they expect to leave for Beirut, where they will be with the American University.

Mrs. Leslie has word from her daughter Elizabeth of a change in her plans, by which she was taking the S.S. "Rex" across to Naples, and coming on via Brindisi; she will probably arrive in Stamboul about the middle of next week.

Miss Harriet Yarrow has been in Stamboul for a few days, coming from Smyrna for the Bayram holidays.

By heroic struggle, our friends in Adana were able to prevent the inundation of the Hospital premises during the recent flood; and when the Government hospital became untenable, several of the patients were taken over to the former American Hospital for care. Quite a number of families also, flooded out of their homes, took refuge in the American premises.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:-

Dr. Haas contributes the following details about the recent floods in the Adana region:-

"We had a continuous downpour of rain for three days, which with rapidly melting snow on the Taurus mountains, soon resulted in the Seyhan river overflowing its banks and inundating an extensive part of the plain around Adana, as well as the lower sections of the city itself. To the present it is known that 52 people have lost their lives, either by drowning, or in mud houses, whose walls collapsed when flooded. Though the Hospital building is located in a low section of the city, we were not flooded, although water came up to the walls on three sides of our yard. By the use of sandbags at the gates we were able to keep the first floor dry. The former Women's ward was used by refugees of the neighborhood, who feared their homes would collapse; while the former Men's ward is now used by the City Hospital to house the male section of their Medical Unit. The City Hospital was in two metres of water; and it will be some time before they will find it possible to occupy the buildings again. The Staff of nurses are also living in the building, with us. Following the flood, it has turned very cold, so that much suffering continues. The one bright gleam in it all, is the way all the people have united to help those in distress."

Mrs. Le'llie is having a joyous Christmas season; for her daughter Elizabeth arrived from America via Italy on the evening of the 23rd, in fine content despite rather a rough voyage. She will begin her new duties with the Y.W. Service Center the first of January.

If plans were carried out as expected, Mrs. Sewny and Mr. Riley and Mr. Hibbard of Salonica are visiting Athens for the Holidays, while Mrs. Scott, Miss Pinneo and Miss Kershner from Athens are visiting in Salonica.

On December 7th, Mrs. Hawkes gave a musical tea at Anatolia College for all the Anglo-American group in Salonica, and delighted in this way some forty guests who hear her play. On Dec. 18th, the Staff Club, including all the staff of both Anatolia College and the Salonica Girls' School, with the husbands and wives, gathered at the Compton House for a supper and Christmas fun together. And last Sunday evening, there was a Carol Service at the Girls' School, with the glee clubs of the two schools singing, and the College orchestra playing, and a Staff quartet singing also. Tomorrow, Col. Kaymer, the Anglican rector from Athens, is to be in Salonica for his regular Christmas service for the Anglo-American colony.

There are in attendance this year at the Near East School of Theology, Beirut, twenty-three students, of whom nineteen are boarders. Ten are Armenians, eight Syrian or Lebanese, three Palestinians, one Bulgarian, and one Greek. Eighteen are men and five women. Four of the total are specials.

A further note of interest is, that of 20 Armenian graduates or special students in the School of Religion (Athens) and the Near East School of Theology (Beirut), 12 are today actually engaged in religious work in Syria and Lebanon.

Dr. and Mrs. Birge got back from Gaziantep on Christmas Eve, and report that the burial of Mrs. Dodd was on Friday, Dec. 18th; and on Sunday a very largely attended memorial service was held, in Turkish, Dr. Birge having charge, at which all the doctors in town were present. The visit was a great comfort to Dr. Dodd and the other friends there.

Miss Harriet Yarrow is returning today to Smyrna, after a somewhat prolonged vacation.

Miss Elizabeth Scipio, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Scipio of Robert College, has started on the S.S. "Normandie" for this side, and is expected to arrive in town next week.

Yours very cordially,
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