

Dear friends:-

The Mid-Year Council of the Turkey Mission closed on Tuesday last, after a very successful meeting. The delegates all felt that it had been a helpful and satisfactory gathering. While not all the decisions were unanimous, the most harmonious feelings prevailed, and we trust that the results will be good.

One of the policies adopted, and which influenced the decisions of the meeting, was the continuation of the work where already begun, and the strengthening of such work, before opening up or resuming work elsewhere. The Field Secretaries may be surprised by the twenty-two calls for new personnel; but they will certainly be helped in their consideration of these calls by their classification into very urgent calls, urgent ones, and those soon to become urgent. Special attention was given to arranging this classification.

Practically all the recommendations of the preliminary report of the Committee on greater efficiency of annual meetings were adopted; and that committee can now go on to consider its further report to be laid before the Annual Meeting.

The time and place for the next Annual Meeting were referred to the Committee ad Interim, to whom it was suggested that this gathering might perhaps take place before the Field Secretary and the Recording Secretary take their furloughs this summer.

Our devotional hours were under the helpful direction of Mr. Edward Perry; and on one evening during the meeting there was a most searching conference on the topic of Spiritual Efficiency in our Work.

In addition to the delegates from the various Stations,- Messrs. Isely, Nute, Wilby, Maynard, Irwin and Brewster,- there were present Miss Day from Brousa, Messrs. Carleton and Matteson from Tarsus, and Mr. Rose from the School of Religion in Old Phelaron. Mr. John F. Stearns, who represented the Bulgaria Mission, was accompanied by his wife. It was a matter of regret that neither Marash nor Caesarea Station could be represented.

The informal addresses that followed our last session, by Professor Charles H. Farnsworth, of the Department of Music in Teachers College, Columbia, and Professor Herbert A. Miller, of the Department of Sociology in Ohio State University, were both greatly enjoyed. Professor and Mrs. Farnsworth have come to spend a couple of months with their nephew, Mr. Luther Fowle, and his family, after which they plan to go on to Beirut to visit Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fowle.

Admiral and Mrs. Bristol returned to Constantinople on Thursday last, the last day of the old year; and on New Year's Day they held the usual reception at the Embassy, to which most of the members of the Mission went. Admiral and Mrs. Bristol seem in excellent health and spirits.

Mrs. R.S.M. Enrich, formerly of Hardin, has been made a Secretary of the Federal Council of Churches of the United States, and is acting on its Committee on International Justice and Goodwill.

The statistics given here a month ago of the population of Constantinople are now supplemented by the official figures of the Civil Service Bureau, which indicates a slightly larger total, the entire population being given as ~~1,622,495~~ 1,622,495, of whom 692,333 Moslems, 181,158 Greeks, 70,097 Armenians, 59,995 Jews, and 19,970 foreigners. There are said to be over 100,000 more Moslem men than women in the city,- 397,939 men and 294,344 women.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Mrs. Lydia Flint, of the International College, Smyrna, recently made a trip to Eudemish, some thirty-five miles east of that city, and was very much encouraged by what she saw of the opportunity among the schools there.

Dr. Lorrin A. Shepard of Aintab, has assumed since January 1st the post of Resident Surgeon in the Second Surgical Division of the Bellevue Hospital, New York City. The appointment is for one year.

MARRIED:- In Toronto, Ontario, December 30th, 1925, Miss Frances Hamilton MacCallum, youngest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. W. MacCallum of our city, and Mr. Keith F. Crowther. Mr. Crowther is teaching in Lower Canada College, Toronto.

Miss Zoe Demetracopoulou, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Stavros Demetracopoulos of Constantinople, has won high honors in vocal music at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. Her voice is considered the best soprano of the past year; and she is taking an extra year of study there.

Miss Louise Clark, formerly of Aintab, has a temporary position in the Dispensary of the Presbyterian Hospital, New York City.

Miss Martha Greeley, who was assisting in the Brousa School for a time last year, has returned to this country and left last week for Adana, to help in teaching in the Adana Girls' School.

The delegates to the Mid-Year Council have nearly all returned to their posts. Word has been received of the arrival of Dr. Nute and Mr. Isely in Adana. Mr. Wiley of Merzifoun and Mr. Carleton of Tarsus hope to start in a short time for Angora with Mr. Fowle, Mr. Wiley to see about securing the consent of the Government to his remaining at Merzifoun, and Mr. Carleton to get permission at the Capital for his journey to Mardin.

In the Near East Relief orphanages in Syria, there are 2700 children located in five institutions within twenty-five miles of Beirut.

Mr. Barclay Acheson of the Near East Relief has arrived in Constantinople, returning from Beirut, where he had to undergo some surgical treatment as a result of a fall. He seems well again.

Miss Sylvia Eddy's many friends will be happy over the word that comes from Talas of the continued improvement of her vision. She can read quite easily now, if she does not use her eyes too long at a time; and she sees off nearly as well as ever. There have been many proofs during these weeks, of the widespread friendly interest in her among the population of Talas and Caesarea.

Yours very cordially,

Charles F. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

A letter from Rev. L.F. Ostrander dated Philippopolis, Jan. 11th, says:- "Word from Mr. Holway reports that he reached Waukesha on Christmas evening, and that his wife died on the evening of the 21st, of cancer of the liver and the spleen, without much suffering and apparently without knowing that she was seriously ill. The funeral was on the 26th. Mr. Holway plans to return here as soon as necessary arrangements can be made." Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mr. Holway. It will be remembered that he was racing with death in trying to reach her from Bulgaria. Even his record trip of 13 days could not avail.

Mrs. Charlotte Tichener Holway was born Aug. 27, 1869 at Waukesha, Wis., where she also died. She was married to Mr. Holway Aug. 23, 1919, and helped him efficiently in his pastoral work at Two Rivers, Wis., till they came to Philippopolis in October, 1922. She studied music in the Oberlin Conservatory, and had taught it before her marriage.

Mrs. Lester Briggie, who has been with her husband in Angora for some time, came back to Constantinople last Thursday, and is the guest of Mrs. Ascham at Roumeli Hissar for the present.

On New Year's Day Dr. & Mrs. Clark received in Talas, while Miss Dwight and Miss Eddy joined the Woolworths in Caesarea. At the latter centre there were over eighty Turkish callers.

Communion services were held in Caesarea Jan. 2nd, with one baptism, and in Talas Jan. 10th. The Week of Prayer was observed in Talas with prayer meetings.

Mrash reports four Christmas tree celebrations on Christmas Day: at the Sunday School, the Bethel Orphanage, the Hospital, and the Lyman Home. The Sunday School children sang carols and recited pieces and had quite a program.

President MacLachlan of International College, Smyrna, was in quite poor health during November and December; but he is now so much improved as to encourage the hope that he may safely remain at the College till the end of the present academic year.

We learn from Mr. Joseph W. Bosch, now U.E.R. Director at Leninakan, Caucasus, of a third child in his family, a fine lad now five months old. The Caucasus climate seems to be wonderful for them.

The Board has authorized the return to Adana this summer of Mrs. Haas and the children, to the great joy of Dr. Haas. The Hospital is full up, the Doctor writes, and the clinics large.

Miss Nossler of the Language School and Miss Ferguson of the Girls' College at Athens had a very successful trip to Egypt, going up the Nile as far as Luxor. They returned in fine fettle, Miss Nossler reaching Constantinople last week, in time for the reopening of the Language School.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

A telegram from Aleppo announces the entrance into her rest of Mrs. Tillman C. (Margaret Riggs) Trowbridge, yesterday, after a long and painful illness following her operation for appendicitis May 9th. She has been living with her younger daughter, Mrs. J.E. Merrill; and Miss Elizabeth Trowbridge has also been with her mother for several months. Mrs. Trowbridge was born in Smyrna Oct. 14, 1841, and was married May 15, 1861, in Constantinople. Most of her long life was spent in Aintab and Constantinople, with eight years in Marash. Her son, Rev. Stephen V.R. Trowbridge, is Sunday School Secretary in Egypt; and another son, Edward, is in business in America.

A daughter, Dorothy Lucille, was born to Rev. and Mrs. W.S. Woolworth Jr., in Caesarea Saturday, Jan. 16, weighing 6 lbs. 10 oz. It has been claimed that she resembles her mother; but her parents are reserving judgment till they can be more sure of the maiden's looks.

Our sympathy goes out to Rev. Ernest Pye on the cable news he has received from Boston of the death, on Jan. 9th, of his brother, Dr. Watts O. Pye, at Fenchow, Shansi, North China. Dr. Pye had just returned from a furlough in America; and the cable gives no explanation. His widow and little son remain in Fenchow. Dr. Pye had been in China since 1907. He was one of the strong young men of the Mission.

Miss Lucille Day of Brousa has gone to Smyrna via Bandirma and the railroad, for her winter holidays.

Mrs. Esther Ferguson, who has for the past two years been in Y.W.C.A. work in Bellingham, Wash., arrived in Constantinople last Sunday by Orient Express, and leaves tomorrow for Brousa, where she will be in charge of the housekeeping in our Girls' School.

Word has come of an accident to Miss J.L. Jillson of Brousa, the first of the year, in New York, when she was struck by an automobile and fell, breaking her arm. This, however, did not interfere with her going on to California according to her previous plan.

Several vacation parties have been to Angora during the past two weeks. Prof. Laurence Moore conducted a party of three; President Adams and three other ladies went with Messrs Ross and Jennings; and the undersigned was escorted there by five young people. Among the latter was Mr. Alfred Carleton, trying to secure from the Angora authorities permission to go on to Mardin, his assigned post. In this effort he has failed, and has returned to Constantinople.

Mr. & Mrs. Luther Fowle are expecting to start from Constantinople on Thursday of this week with Prof. & Mrs. Charles Farnsworth, for a trip of a month or six weeks to Egypt, Palestine and Syria. They take their two older boys along with them, to broaden their education.

Rev. Ernest Pye was expecting to come from Athens to Cons/ple this week, but an attack of influenza has compelled him to give it up.

It is proposed to hold a preliminary Inter-Mission Conference in Cons/ple this Thursday and Friday, with representatives from the various missionary societies at work in the Balkans and Turkey. Morning & afternoon sessions will be held, for intelligent and thorough discussion out of which may grow a plan for missionary cooperation in this area.

In connection with the above, there will be a meeting of the Cons/ple Christian Workers' Union Friday afternoon, at which friends from Bulgaria will tell of social & religious conditions there.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

The engagement is announced of Miss Dorothea Chambers, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. W. Nesbitt Chambers, and Mr. Donald Blaisdell, formerly an instructor in Robert College, now studying in Columbia University. Miss Chambers, who went to Beirut during the winter holidays on a visit to her parents, is teaching in Constantinople College.

International College, Smyrna, is rejoicing in the receipt of a cable:- "Four hundred thousand endowment secured also twenty-five thousand annually from campaign. Barton." As the endowment till now consisted of one thousand dollars, this is indeed a most welcome piece of news. The campaign of course refers to the \$2,500,000 campaign of the five Near East Colleges which was successfully completed December 31, 1925.

The American Board reports news from its deputation to India, which started right after the National Council meeting. Despite the fact that Dr. Strong was ill and temporarily confined to his bed at Ahmednagar, the work of the Deputation was going on. The members expect to return to America early in July.

The telegraphic address of our Mission in Salonica has been changed from the form given in a previous News Letter, to FERNSTALK, in accord with a suggestion from the Boston office. Interested parties please take notice.

Miss Lucille Day returned to Brousa this week after a somewhat prolonged but most strenuous and enjoyable vacation in hospitable Smyrna.

The Inter-Mission Conference mentioned last week, was held at the Bible House last Thursday and Friday. Rev. W.C. Cooper of Philippopolis & Pastor Ehmann of Varna represented Bulgaria; Herr Jacob of Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, and Rev. J.R. Brewster of Salonica, Greece. Some ten or a dozen persons representing local organizations were also in attendance. A preliminary organization was effected, and recommendations were made to all Boards and Missions interested, looking toward a more permanent yearly Conference, to embrace all missionary organizations in Turkey and the Balkans. The delegates from abroad all left early this week on their return journeys.

Dr. J.P. McNaughton's birthday, Jan. 29th, was celebrated very pleasantly at the High School at Geuz Tepe, of which he is Director. The boarders were seated for dinner by classes, and each class had part in the program of songs, recitations and addresses, in English, French, or Turkish. Mr. Markham acted as toastmaster. The Athletic Club presented a letter of appreciation; the teachers and the members of the 4th class gave valuable presents. Cheers were frequent, and a spirit of good fellowship marked the occasion.

An Italian steamer, the Conte Verdi, with tourists from Argentina, was the innovation that marked last week the opening of the Constantinople tourist season. She was followed by the White Star liner Adriatic. Several more steamers are due within a few weeks. The Turkish authorities are counting on 10,000 tourists or more during the season.

The American School at Tarsus has secured two additional Turkish teachers for the primary grades, and is now conducting the full program of the government schools in the first five years, together with the addition of English.

From an interior point which shall be nameless, comes this word:- "Our school superintendent has lost his job because he punched a teacher in the face with an umbrella." Deponent saith not whether this was by accident or intentionally; but we are glad that school ideals are being maintained.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

Mrs. Etta Doane Marden is now living at Route 1 - 197, Atascadero, Calif., and is better in health than when she left Constantinople. She would enjoy hearing from any of her friends out here.

Mrs. J.K. Greene, who is also in California, is in very poor health, suffering from hardening of the arteries. Her son Theodore, who is teaching at Princeton, spent the Christmas holidays with his mother.

Miss Lena L. Lietzau of Salonica writes that she expects to sail on her return from America to her post on March 12th.

BOIN:- To Dr. and Mrs. Albert W. Dewey, in Beirut, Jan. 24th, a daughter, Lymia Ruth, weighing 7.9 lbs. All goes well, at latest word.

Rev. Paul E. Nilson has closed up his deputation work for the ABCFM, and has moved with his family into Chicago, where he is studying for his M.A. degree at the University of Chicago.

Dr. Merrill writes from Aleppo Jan. 19th, that Dr. Altounian fell from his horse the week before, the horse falling on top of him, resulting in a bad fracture of thigh-bone and humerus. He is "getting on well, but must stay in bed for at least six weeks. After an atmospheric week, matters are resuming their normal trend again. We had school all through the week, but various schools did not. Miss Foreman tried to open on Thursday but had to give up for the whole week."

We have just learned of the death of Miss Martha Jane Gleason, who was a missionary in Heskuy and Gedik Pasha from 1879 to 1886, and from 1891 to 1898. She was born in McIndoes Falls, Vt., Sept. 8, 1848, and on her retirement from the service, lived there again till her death. A niece Miss Mary Gleason, was recently in Constantinople for several years.

According to the latest figures from the American Consulate-General, there are now in Constantinople 353 Americans, or 150 men, 150 women, and 56 children.

Our information about Miss J.L. Jillson and her accident, given two weeks ago, was incomplete. The break in the forearm was more serious than at first supposed, and she was obliged to have it re-set at the Clifton Springs, N.Y. Sanitarium, and to stay there instead of going on as she had planned, to California.

Rev. and Mrs. Fay E. Livengood are expected in Constantinople this week Thursday, on their return from America to their work in India as missionaries. Mr. Livengood endeared himself to the Harput missionary circle during his service there as teacher from 1911 to 1914.

The Samokov Schools have learned that to them also has come a grant of \$400,000 from the Hall Estate, which gives them great cause for rejoicing. Attendance at these schools this year is: 133 in the Boys' School and 164 in the Girls' School.

Miss Eleanor Emerson, who comes to take the place of Miss Larrabee in the Girls' College at Athens, is due to reach Patras from New York on Feb. 12th, just in time for the work of the new term.

Word has been received from Mrs. Nellie F. Brooks, on her way around the world from Constantinople, at Hong Kong, after a good visit in the Philippines. She expected to stop in Shanghai, but nowhere else in China. She must now be reaching Seattle from Japan.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, Feb. 16, 1926

Dear friends:-

Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Mark Lambert Bristol will be at home to their friends on Monday, February 22nd, - Washington's Birthday, - at the American Embassy in Pera, from half-past four o'clock on.

As indicated in our last week's letter, Rev. Fay E. Liven-good, formerly of Euphrates College, Harpoot, with his wife and baby & daughter, arrived in Constantinople last Friday, on their way back to Jubbulpere, India, after a furlough in America. They expect to leave for Egypt on Saturday next.

Miss Grace Towner, Principal of the Girls' Boarding School at Adana, came yesterday to Constantinople, having been told by the local educational authorities that she could not be Principal since she did not hold a diploma from a University. We believe she will soon be able to show the Ministry of Public Instruction that Washburn College deserves a sufficiently high rank to satisfy all legal requirements.

Mr. D. Alton Davis, of the General Committee of the Y.M.C.A. for Europe, and formerly General Secretary of the Constantinople Y.M.C.A., is here for a week's visit and conference. He gave a most interesting address to the Robert College students last Sunday evening.

A letter from Marash dated Feb. 7 says:- "This week has not been without things of interest. In the first place some men came to take measure of our buildings and make plans of the same. They have also measured the German Mission buildings and made plans of them. When we asked what the purpose of this work was, we were told that there was an order from Angers to make such measurements. Of course there are rumors as to what is going to be done. One has it that they are going to make a high school in Marash, and that they propose to use these buildings. Another thinks that Marash is to be a military centre, and that the buildings are to be used for military purposes. But to tell the truth, no one knows what the Government has in mind. Perhaps it is only to get the plans of some of the best made buildings in the country. In any case, they will have some good purpose in mind."

Miss Elizabeth Trowbridge writes from Aleppo that she hopes to be back in Aintab by the end of this week.

Telegraphic word has come from the Fowle-Farnsworth party from Jerusalem, where they apparently spent last Sunday. They are expected back in Constantinople in about two weeks.

Some time ago a shark, about fifteen feet long, was caught by fishermen after quite a struggle, in the waters off Prinkipo, and exhibited in the Stadium in Pera. A shark is a very rare visitor to Constantinople. Receipts from admission fees to view this curiosity are reported at Litq. 1,100. A second but smaller shark was caught in the same vicinity a few days ago, and has also been placed on exhibition. Let's not have our next Annual Meeting at Prinkipo! How about the bathing at Geuz Tepe?

A new set of postage stamps for Turkey has been printed, and is to be put in circulation beginning March first.

The Syria Stations of the American Board will hold their Annual Meeting in Aleppo beginning April 6th.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

A few of our readers in America have not yet sent us the fifty cents requested to cover postage and paper till the end of June. Probably the easiest way for them to do this is to send the amount to Mr. Gaskins at the Treasury office in Boston, to be credited to us.

Rev. Floyd Henson Black, till now Professor of Latin at Robert College, has been elected President of the Sofia American Schools and will enter on his duties in September next. He is at present studying in the Graduate School of Harvard University. He thus becomes the successor of Rev. L. F. Ostrander as head of the Samokov Boys' School; but hereafter the Boys' and Girls' Schools, which are soon to move to Sofia, will be under one management. Prof. and Mrs. Black will be sorely missed at Robert College, where they have made themselves well-nigh indispensable.

Rev. J. Oscar Boyd, D.D., Secretary of the Arabic Levant Agency of the American Bible Society, and Acting Secretary of the Levant Agency, arrived in Constantinople from Cairo on Sunday last, and is spending a week here on his way through to Bulgaria and Vienna.

Mr. H. B. King of Sofia passed through Constantinople last week with his mother-in-law, going on by the S.S. "Republic" to Piraeus.

We regret to have to report the illness of Dr. Ruth Parmelee, of Athens, with scarlet fever. She is so far not very ill, but must be quarantined for six weeks. This comes just as she was assuming responsibility for the A.W.H. Hospitals at Koknia and Dergouti. Dr. J.K. Marden is taking charge of the case.

Dr. Peet writes from Winter Park, Fla., "My sister and I are quite well. The climate is simply wonderful. It cures you of what you sought it for, and incidentally of all your other ailments; so that you come out in the Spring all 'repaired,' and ready for what may confront you." However, he admits that it rains surprisingly easily, and is a paradise for ducks, with an annual rainfall of 50 to 60 inches.

Mrs. E.D. Marden has taken over the charge of the children's sermons in the church at Atascadero, California, and is making a big success of it.

The American Luncheon Club of Constantinople listened with breathless attention last Thursday to Mr. Julien Gillespie, American Trade Commissioner, who was a passenger on the "President Roosevelt," as he told the thrilling story of the rescue by that steamer of the crew of the "Antinoh" in the storm in mid-Atlantic last month. As he described the fury of that storm, it seemed a wonder that anybody in either steamer survived.

All who have ever lived in Constantinople will be grieved to learn of the sudden death of the Chevalier Giza Hegyöi, the well-known Hungarian pianist who has been for thirty-eight years teacher and concert artist here, and was appointed pianist to the Turkish Government. He was for many years piano teacher at Robert College. He died of angina pectoris Saturday evening, just after he had given a brilliant concert in the German Embassy before a distinguished audience. He leaves a wife and five children. A pupil of Liszt, he was himself a really great player, and a man of much personal charm.

Rev. William Sage Woolworth, Jr., of Caesarea, has been appointed one of the six Missionary Fellows at Union Theological Seminary for the year 1926-27, which is his furlough year.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

Dr. and Mrs. Alexander MacLachlan, of the International College, Smyrna, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on St. Valentine's Day, Feb. 14th, when a large number of their friends, Turkish and foreign, surprised them at tea time, bringing gifts and scores of valentines, bearing greetings and good wishes. An appropriate poem was read by Professor C.W. Lawrence, and music was furnished by Mrs. Reed and Miss Caldwell.

That same afternoon, Professor and Mrs. Samuel L. Caldwell announced the engagement of their second daughter, Helen, to Mr. Richard C. Dutrow, of Maryland, a graduate of Princeton University 1925, and a member of the International College staff.

A second son, Francis Arnold, was born in January at Kingston, Ontario, to Mr. Grant MacLachlan, son of President and Mrs. MacLachlan of Smyrna, and Mrs. MacLachlan, who will be remembered as Miss Sara Snell, a member of this Mission 1919 - 1922.

John Maynard, youngest son of Rev. and Mrs. Harrison A. Maynard of Smyrna, has just recovered from a light case of typhoid fever, to which he fell a victim in spite of having been inoculated.

A baby girl was born last month to Dr. and Mrs. Mark H. Ward, of the A.B.C.F.M. in Boston, formerly of Harpout; but it lived only a brief time, leaving them stricken and sorrowful.

Dr. and Mrs. Francis E. Clark passed recently through Constantinople and Athens on a tour of the Mediterranean on one of the excursion steamers. They were given a tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin, in Old Phaleron; and Dr. Clark addressed the Girls' College, and the School of Religion.

Two sisters, Miss Eleanor Emerson and Miss Marjorie Emerson, graduates of Vassar, have joined the teaching staff of the American College for Girls, at Old Phaleron, and are proving a very valuable addition.

The recent stormy period seems to have been quite general. Word comes from Beirut and from Adana and Marash of severe winds and torrential rains there. Tourists to Constantinople have had disagreeable weather for sight-seeing.

Dr. J. O. Boyd, of the American Bible Society Agency in Egypt, left Constantinople this morning on his way to Bulgaria. After a brief stay there, he expects to go on to Vienna, to investigate the cost of printing, binding, etc., at that centre and perhaps elsewhere, as compared with the cost in Cairo or Beirut.

Dr. C. E. Clark of Caesarea Station has recently been sued by a previous employee for back wages on the basis of a claim for almost eight times what he was really supposed to get. After several sessions in court, in which every legal point was most carefully observed, an attempt was made to settle between the disputants. The bargain which was made with the plaintiff's lawyer was not acceptable to the man himself; so report was made to the court, which struck a bargain somewhat near the previous one, and gave decision on that basis:

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, March 9, 1926

Dear friends:-

Rev. C.A. Reed, Ed.D., of Smyrna went to Angora on business last week, passing through Constantinople. He was fairly successful in his quest, and is in Constantinople for a few days on his return journey.

Mrs. and Mrs. L.R. Fowle and their two older boys, and Prof. and Mrs. Charles Farnsworth returned last week Tuesday from their pilgrimage to Egypt, Palestine and Syria. They had a fine time and are in splendid health.

Our Field Secretary expects to start within a week on a trip to the southern stations of our Mission.

Mrs. Nute, mother of our medical colleague Dr. William L. Nute, passed through Constantinople last week on the tourist steamer "Empress of France," and expects to leave the cruise after seeing Egypt, and go via Mersin to Adana to spend some time with her son and his family.

Dr. Edward Hume, Director of the Yale Mission at Changsha, China, with his wife and daughter are expected to reach Constantinople about the middle of March for a brief stay, perhaps not more than three days, on their way to America.

The newly organized Board of Trustees for the Sofia American School, Inc., includes Dr. William F. Slocum, ex-President of Colorado College, as Chairman; Dr. James L. Barton, Secretary; Mr. Fred'k A. Gaskins, Treasurer; Dr. Wm. E. Gilroy, of the Congregationalist; Mr. Charles S. Olcott, of Houghton, Mifflin & Co., and Messrs. John L. Grandin, Harold B. Bolcher, Enoch F. Bell, Cornelius E. Patton, Ernest W. Riggs, and Albert W. Staub.

In conformity with the change of corporate name, the news sheet formerly published as "Samokov News" now appears as "Sofia News."

Another new luminary in the periodical sky is the "High School News," representing the Boys' High School at Aleppo, which with its eleventh number first comes out as a printed sheet of four pages. In its preparation the students have an editorial share, and do the setting up of the type, and the printing on the College Press.

Rev. and Mrs. Phineas B. Kennedy, for some years missionaries of the American Board at Kertcha, Albania, are still carrying on their work at that point, despite the withdrawal of the Board from that field. Contributions for this work may be sent to "The Albanian Mission Fund," c/o Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Compton of Salonica have been spending some time in Athens, in intensive language study, in further preparation for their work in the Salonica College.

Church and school work in Beirut and Aleppo are continuing with the extraordinary vitality which they have manifested ever since the immigration into Syria of the Armenian group from the north. During the year 1925, the Evangelical Church in Aleppo has contributed Ltq. 945 gold to their new church. The camp congregations are large, and doing most effective work. The Beirut Camp church is raising its ceiling and pushing out its light board sides to accommodate a larger congregation. Much thought and effort and money are being put into the community schools of these groups. They are helping themselves, and are worthy of every outside help.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

Mr. Goodsell has decided to make a brief visit to Athens and Salonica before going south; he starts today for Athens, intending to be back in about ten days, and then to go to Adana, Antakya and Marash, and on thence to Syria and Egypt.

Mr. Alford Carleton, having received a definite and final negative from the government authorities regarding his going to Mardin, left Constantinople on March 7th for his former station of Tarsus, to pick up his belongings and go thence to Aleppo, to help out for the rest of the school year in the Boys' School under Dr. J.E. Merrill.

The distressing news was brought up from Beirut by Mrs. Howard Bliss and Miss Jane Van Zandt, who passed through Constantinople last week, of the murder of Dr. Dray, head of the Dental School of the American University of Beirut, by an insane man, in his own house. He leaves a wife and several small children. He had been connected with the Dental School for thirty years.

A letter from Miss Lena Lietzau tells of her plan to sail from New York March 12th by the Ruben liner "Brags," on her return to Salonica, arriving there about April 1st.

Dr. George E. White was to leave America March 13th, for England, spending some time there before going back to Salonica. Mrs. White expected to follow him a fortnight or so later.

Miss Towner and Miss Berg, Mr. Fowle and Mr. Waley went last week to Angora, - "hem ziaret, hem tidjaret." Miss Berg returned yesterday, and the others are due today.

Mrs. Perry, mother of Rev. Edward Perry, and his aunt, Miss Perry, arrived in Constantinople from America by the S.S. "Providence," last Saturday. The latter has gone on to spend a month or so with her cousins the Ford family at Salon before returning here. Mrs. Perry remains with her son and daughter.

On this same steamer were Rev. Livingston Bentley and family, of the Presbyterian Mission in Hamadan, Persia, returning thither after a furlough in America.

We regret to report the illness of Miss Ellen Catlin, of the Gedik Pasha School, with a combination of scarlet fever and erysipelas. Happily she seems to have passed the worst of it.

Miss Olive Wyon, who is on the staff of "World Dominion" of London, has been visiting Athens and Salonica, investigating religious conditions there; and is now spending a week as the guest of Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum at the Bible House, on a similar errand.

During the month of February, 277 men and boys visited the Museum on the Mission premises at Merzifoun. About half of these were soldiers; and half of the other half were boys. Many of them came for the second or third time. Quite a number of women also visited it, though figures are not given.

Mrs. Lillian Sewny has accepted the position of matron and nurse for the American College at Salonica, and is expecting to take up her new duties there in October. She has been for some time in N.E.R. work in Beirut.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Mr. and Mrs. Dana K. Gatchell of Salonica are coming to Constantinople about the middle of April for a month's work in connection with certain mission treasury matters in which he has expert knowledge.

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Wilson Doid, of Merzifoun, who has just heard of the passing away of her mother, in Elmira, N.Y., on Feb. 13th.

Rev. Walter B. Wiley left Constantinople last Thursday on his return to his family in Merzifoun, after an absence of nearly three months in connection with his efforts to secure all the privileges of the "most favored nation" clause.

Miss Grace Turner has likewise returned to Adana, after her trip to Angora, and is supposedly now at work again.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward Hume and their daughter Joy spent two busy days in Constantinople last week, on their way from Port Said to Marseilles; and on Wednesday they met a group of the missionaries, whom Dr. Hume told about his work at "Ta-li," the Yale Mission at Chang-sha, China. He is to spend some time in Europe, looking into educational systems there, but will not go on to America before returning to China.

The new College press has arrived at the High School in Aleppo and is being assembled for use. It came in six boxes, weighing in all four tons.

Miss Jeannie E. Jillson of Brousa, after some weeks of treatment at Clifton Springs Sanitarium, was leaving on March 3rd for California, to do some speaking for the W.B.M.F. She is loud in her praises both of the medical care at the Sanitarium and of the helpful, cordial and delightful atmosphere of the place. She also writes:- "The appointment of a medical secretary for the Board, and the choice of Dr. Mark Ward as that Secretary, is as fine a thing as they could possibly do. It is going to mean a tremendous lot to us all to have such sympathetic and helpful advice as he is so ready to give."

Chaplain Hester, and his wife, who was Margaret McNaughton, have gone to Tutuila, Samoa, where he has been assigned to shore duty as Navy Chaplain for a year and a half, with duties also as School Superintendent. They have two children.

Dr. Baronig Mattoosian, who served as surgeon in the American army during the Civil War, and who has been a prominent figure in Constantinople medical circles for so many years, died yesterday at his home in Pera. The funeral will be tomorrow. He was for quite a while the physician for Robert College.

The Annual Meeting of the Syria Stations and the meeting of the Cilicia Union and of the Conference have been set for April 7 - 10, at Aleppo; and the dedication of the Aziziye Church will take place on April 11th.

Mrs. Nellie F. Brooks, formerly of the Bible Society office at the Bible House, is now at 1626 N. Holyoke Ave., Wichita, Kansas. She has entered as a regular student in the Senior class of Fairmount College, and expects to take her diploma with the class in June.

Dr. Altompon of Aleppo has so far recovered from his recent accident that he has begun to see patients again.

An interesting rally of four Christian Endeavor Societies in Aleppo was held at the end of February, when some 350 members were present.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Starboul, March 30, 1925

Dear friends:-

Miss Elizabeth Trowbridge returned from Aleppo to Aintab March 2nd. She writes:- "The car went off the road into a ditch as night was coming on and a snowstorm was beginning. We finally got help and spent the night in a village. It was just God's care that kept us from a serious accident, and from getting chilled through in the snow."

Mr. Alford Carleton has arrived in Aleppo and is hard at work. His mechanical ingenuity was immediately called into service in helping get the new press at the High School assembled.

Miss Sanderson and Mrs. Ferguson of the Brousa School came up last week to Constantinople, and the latter is staying over for a while for medical treatment. Miss Sanderson returned today.

A baby girl was born to Rev. and Mrs. Carl Compton of Salonica, at Athens on March 15th, but it did not live. The hearts of us all will go out in sympathy to these friends in their sorrow. They are hoping to return soon to Salonica.

Dr. and Mrs. W. Washitt Chambers, of Beirut, arrive in Constantinople today for a visit of about a month with their daughter, Miss Dorothea Chambers, of the Y.W.C.A.

The sad news has come of a fatal accident to Professor Alfred Dwight Foster Hamlin, son of Pres. Cyrus Hamlin. He was struck and killed by an automobile on Riverside Drive, New York. He was born in Constantinople Sept. 5, 1855, and was a graduate of Amherst, Mass. Tech., and the Ecole des Beaux Arts of Paris; and since 1904 has been Professor of the History of Architecture at Columbia University.

Pres. George E. White, D.D., was due to arrive in Salonica on Sunday last, coming from England by train. Mrs. White, and Miss Catherine Bugbee of Philadelphia, who is to be office secretary for the College, are to sail from New York direct for Salonica on May 4th on the Fabre Liner "Providence."

Pres. and Mrs. C.F. Gates of Robert College are leaving Constantinople today by rail for Cherbourg, to sail on the "Republic" for New York. After some time in America they will go to England, and perhaps to Switzerland for the latter part of the summer.

Rev. F.F. Goodsell returned on Sunday from an absence of about twelve days in Athens and Salonica. He leaves again on Friday to visit our southern stations, going thence to see our colleagues in Aleppo and Beirut, and then down to Egypt.

Here is a testimony to the character of the Armenian refugees at Aleppo:- "Last night I went with Dr. Merrill to the prayermeeting in the little shack-church in the Camp. The same building is a school for 300 children during the day. And last night there were nearly a hundred men, and close to twice that number of women present. What a motley crowd they were, and how ragged and poverty-stricken; but they would shame any congregation at home by the way they enjoyed the service and were eager to take part in it. Surely few people on earth could more justifiably rail against 'righteousness' and religion, and yet the depth of their faith is something to marvel at."

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stampul, April 5, 1926

Dear friends:-

The Annual Meeting of the Bulgarian Mission is announced to begin in Philippopolis on the afternoon of April 29th. On May 4th the Bulgarian Evangelical Union will begin its meeting, in the same city.

The Girls' School at Merzifoun continues to gain in popularity. Already six new girls have applied for admission next September, as boarders. What may we expect by September itself!

Rev. Fred FADEN Goodsell left Constantinople as indicated, on Friday last for Adana, Aintab and Marash stations; and he is to go on thence to Aleppo and Beirut, and then to the Literature and Council Meetings in Cairo, returning home in about a month. He and Mrs. Goodsell and Caroline start May 24th on their furlough to America.

Miss Shaw of the Scuteri School, and Miss Nesser and Miss Wells of the Language School, started today by Roumanian steamer for Greece; they expect to visit Delphi as well as Athens before returning.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana Gatchell of Salonica are expected in Constantinople on Monday next, for a stay of about a month, while Mr. Gatchell assists in special work in the Treasury Department.

Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum and Mr. Lyman MacCallum leave Constantinople next week Tuesday for Egypt, where they will attend the Literature and Council Meetings, and do some sightseeing.

Miss Elizabeth A. Bury, of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, has been designated by the Board as a nurse for the Adana Hospital for a term of three years. She has been a registered nurse for twelve years past, and was for about four years with the Near East Relief, first in the Caucasus, then in Harput, and later in Salonica and in Syria. For two years past she has been with the American Red Cross Chapter in Pawtucket and vicinity. She will receive a most cordial welcome back to Turkey on the part of the many who remember her work here. She is due to reach Adana the latter part of May, going from Providence to Beirut by Fabre Line S.S. "Sinais," and thence right on to Adana.

Secretary Ernest Riggs writes from Boston that the adjourned Annual Meeting of the American Board was to reassemble in Park Street Church on March 16th, when "one of the chief tasks will be to elect twenty-four new members to the Prudential Committee, twelve of whom will be women. This new Prudential Committee will then at once begin to function." Half of the thirty-six members will reside at some little distance from Boston; but it will still be possible to secure the attendance of the other eighteen at the regular meetings. This does not mean however that the merger with the Woman's Board takes place now; that Board continues to administer its own affairs as before.

Easter Sunday this year at Constantinople was not a day for straw hats nor for thin dresses. Snow and hail, accompanied by a severe north wind blast, made it rather an unusual anniversary, and far from comfortable. But the squall seems now to have passed by, and spring is in the air again.

Rev. Henry H. Riggs and family plan to start from Beirut for their furlough in America May 4th, going via Marseilles.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

The Spring holidays,- Easter holiday, Bairam holidays, as you choose,- have given many persons the chance for visiting other places. Mrs. Lydia Flint has come up to Constantinople from the International College, Smyrna, for a few days, and so has Miss Hiller from the Brousa School. Miss Estelle Day is expected shortly also, for a brief stay.

Dr. and Mrs. F.W.MacCallum and Mr. Lyman MacCallum are leaving this afternoon by Roumanian steamer for Egypt, to attend the conferences to be held there. They expect to be gone three or four weeks.

Mrs. Cass A. Reed of Smyrna and her son Lachlan have gone over to Athens, for some necessary surgical treatment to his nose.

Rev. & Mrs. R. Finney Markham, Mr. Frank Ferguson, and Mr. Deakinger, of the Bithyria High School, have all gone to Smyrna via Bangura for a holiday trip.

The engagement is announced of Miss Mary A. Whittle, of the Hissar Community School, and formerly of the American College for Girls at Old Phaleron, to Mr. John Monadjikoff, who is at the head of the Bulgarian Department at Robert College. Mr. Monadjikoff is a nephew of Mrs. Floyd H. Black, of the Sofia American Schools.

Rev. Mr. Geuvkalaidjian, of the Evangelical Church at Adana, is starting for America, where he has been called to be pastor of an Armenian church in Philadelphia. He will be sorely missed in Adana, in the Turkish service there.

Mrs. Etta D. Marden, now of Atascadero, Calif., writes of visits during February and March with Mr. and Mrs. Harold I. Gardner, formerly of Hadjin, and Mrs. Gardner's sister, Miss Richter, who now live in Whittier, Calif.; also with Mrs. Webber, a sister of Mrs. MacLachlan of Smyrna; and also in Claremont with Miss Cornelia S. Bartlett, formerly of Smyrna. In both towns Mrs. Marden had numerous opportunities to speak before large audiences about the situation in Turkey. Today, tomorrow and the next day, she is to be attending the Annual Meeting of the Southern California Branch of the W.B.M.P. at Long Beach; and Miss J.L.Jillson of Brousa is also to be there as one of the speakers.

Mrs. Marden says further:- "While I was the guest of the Gardners, one day Mr. Freyer (for some years treasurer of the Presbyterian Mission at Beirut) came in. He lives in Oakland or Berkeley. In that forest fire that swept over that part of the State the Freyers lost everything they had,- all their rugs, & things they had collected from many parts."

For the better regulation of traffic in the crowded streets of this metropolis, little island platforms of wood, about 18 inches high, have been provided for the traffic cops at the corners, who now look conspicuous in the splendor of their red helmets, as their magic wands direct the constant stream of automobiles and carriages.

For the first time in many months, the lira has gone down to below fifty piastres on the local market, and the dollar has been quoted at 202 1/2 piastres. No one can foretell how long this may last.

The steamer on which Mr. & Mrs. Gatchell are coming from Salonica was delayed in starting, and they are now expected tomorrow.

Miss Lena L. Laetzaeu arrived in Salonica April 2nd after her furlough. Dr. G.E.White had reached there March 28th.

Mr. & Mrs. Woodworth expect to leave Caesarea with little Dorothy for their furlough about June 1st, and go via Venice and Paris, reaching New York July 14th.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Rev. and Mrs. L.F.Ostrandier of Bulgaria arrived in Constantinople last week Thursday, coming from Philippopolis, where they have been spending the winter. They expect to be for a month or so with Mr. Ostrandier's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Angus Swan of Kibek.

Mr. and Mrs. D.K.Gatchell of Salonica arrived in Constantinople also on Thursday last, and are settled in the MacCallum apartment, taking care of the Hostel in the absence of Dr. & Mrs. MacCallum in Egypt.

Vice-Admiral Roger Welles, U.S.N. arrived by destroyer last week, having come as far as the Dardanelles on the cruiser "Pittsburgh." He addressed the American Luncheon Club Thursday; and on Friday Admiral and Mrs. Bristol gave a tea in his honor at the Embassy, when the jazz band of U.S.S. "Scorpion" again woke the familiar echoes and made certain toes to twitch.

Canon W.H.T.Gairdner has been visiting Athens, and during the week of April 9-15 gave five lectures on Islam before the School of Religion, on invitation of President Pye. Canon Gairdner is Rector of the Church of the Saviour at Boulak, Cairo, and Lecturer at the School of Oriental Studies, Cairo, and is the author of various works in both English and Arabic.

On Sunday, April 12th, the church in Caesarea held a special service. Eighteen persons, previously members of various Protestant churches, re-affirmed their faith and renewed their covenant, thus forming what might be called the charter membership of the newly organized Protestant Church in Caesarea. Up to the present there has been a church committee, but no real organization. Two who were thus to have renewed their covenant were absent because of sickness. Four people were accepted as "corresponding members," being resident in Talas but wishing to be recorded on the Caesarea books. Five persons, on confession of faith, were newly received into church membership; and three babies were baptized.

Rev. F.F.Goodsell was in Adana for Easter, and administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to the mission circle, and took part in the Easter service of the Turkish speaking community. This was the last service of Rev. Hampartsoum Geukalsijian, whose departure for America after 40 years of labor, was announced last week.

Mrs. Mute, mother of our colleague Dr. Billy, reached the home of her son in Adana on April 3rd, and will spend some weeks if not several months with him and his family.

The energetic ladies of the Brouse American School established an enviable record for the absorption of Turkish coffee when they made forty-one calls on the homes of pupils and friends during the three days of Bairam. Several Constantinopolitans, including the undersigned, Miss Sarah Riggs, Miss Whittle, Mr. Monedjikoff, Miss McKinnon, and numerous instructors from the two colleges, spent part of the Spring holidays in Brouse.

Mrs. H.A.Flint of International College, after a brief stay in Constantinople, sails this afternoon returning to Smyrna. With her goes Miss Cecelia Berg, of the Treasury office, for a little visit there.

Regular work at the American College, Salonica, was somewhat interrupted by military operations on April 9th, in connection with the suppressed attempt at revolution among the troops of that city. But everything was running as usual the next day. No casualties.

Miss Mary D. Uline, who from 1910 to 1915 was a missionary in Erzurum and Bitlis, and has since then been Home Secretary of the W.B.M.I.; began work March 15th as Assistant Secretary to Mrs. Franklin Warner, in the Commission on Missions, in New York City.

Rev. H.H.Riggs, Miss Loughridge and Mrs. Sewny were the delegates from Beirut to the meeting of the Syria stations at Aleppo right after Easter.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

Summer has come upon the Bosphorus with a rush, the past week. Nightingales rollick in song; it is Judas-blossom time, and the hillsides are a riot of color, with Wisteria, Lilacs, and many belated fruit-trees in bloom as well.

President G.E.White, D.D., of the American College in Salonica, has been in Athens this week, attending the formal opening of the new Gennadius Library building of the American School of Archaeology, as the official representative of Grinnell College, at the request of President Main. Dr. E.J.Fisher was there as the representative of Robert College.

A letter received a few days ago from Miss Bertha Morley, in Florida, reports steady and gratifying progress toward health. She is in good hope of being able to return this summer to Merzifoun.

Our friends of the Bulgaria Mission have their hands on a most attractive project in Sofia, in the Community House idea. The location is very central and attractive, almost directly opposite the County Court House. They plan to add some rooms to the present building, which houses the Kindergarten and the Grade School; and also to add two wings, one of them to contain an Assembly Hall for gymnastics, lectures, concerts etc., and the other a residence for the social workers. Various departments are contemplated in the future, such as a day nursery for working mothers, a child welfare clinic (already functioning in temporary quarters), a Hostel for University students and business girls, a Cafeteria, Rest-room, Industrial classes, Mothers' Clubs, etc. The one thing needed now is some generous friend to furnish the \$55,000 needed to complete the building. For the immediate future, \$4,000 of this sum is urgently needed for accommodations to make possible the continuance of the school work this fall.

Miss Ruth Goodsell, sister of our Field Secretary, arrived in Constantinople last week, and will visit the Goodsell family for a month, and go with them to America. After a short stay in the Eastern States, they expect to go from New York to California via the Panama Canal.

We have received the following from Dr. Dodd, Chairman of the Health Committee of the Mission:-

"About two months ago it was reported that John Maynard, son of Mr. Maynard of Smyrna, had been ill with typhoid fever, in spite of having been inoculated against the disease a year ago. Investigation by the Health Committee has revealed the fact that there is considerable uncertainty about this inoculation. In fact it is fairly well established that he did not receive any inoculation. Since there is so much skepticism about vaccinations and inoculations in general, it is only fair that the above facts should be made known. Evidence points to green vegetables purchased in the local market as the source for John's disease. The water supply used by the Maynards has been shown bacteriologically to be innocent. The lesson for us in this incident is that the age of ten is not a low enough limit for beginning inoculations. John is 8 years old.

A communication signed by over a hundred Americans resident in Constantinople, and sent to the American Senate and to the Department of State, urging the immediate ratification of the Treaty with Turkey by the Senate, was given to the American press early in April, and called forth considerable favorable editorial comment in New York and Boston papers of April 7th and 8th. Some of these editorials, together with the text of the communication from here, have recently appeared in several of the leading Turkish papers, including the Milliet, Aksham, etc., and have made a favorable impression.

Rev. and Mrs. E.H.Riggs and their two daughters, and Mrs. L.C. Sewny and Miss Davies, sail from Beirut May 5th by Messageries S.S. "Lotus" for Marsa Matruh via Alexandria, and thence on to America by way of London, taking about a month for the trip.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

A sad telegram was received last Saturday from Dr. Haskell, in Samokov, dated the same day, saying: "Miss Abbott died influenza pneumonia this morning; funeral Sofia Sunday afternoon." Miss Luez I. Abbott had been working beyond her strength for some time; but her illness was brief; it was from the start recognized as serious. Her loss is a severe blow to the Girls' School, of which she was Principal. She was born in Fairfield, Mich., July 20, 1869, and came out to Samokov in September 1907. She has been on the field now continuously since April, 1920. In 1914 she was decorated by Queen Eleonora with the decoration of the Red Cross.

Rev. Joseph W. Beach and wife and three children reached Constantinople from the Caucasus last Thursday, and left again yesterday for a vacation in America, expecting to return in due time to the Directorate of the N.E.R. in the Caucasus.

Rev. E.C. Partridge of Leninakan plans to leave Batoum May 7th, reaching this city May 10th, on a brief visit for consultation regarding the future.

Mr. Edwin Plitt, for some time connected with the Consulate-General in Constantinople, has been transferred to Athens as Consul in-charge there. A farewell reception was given by Consul and Mrs. Allen for the American Colony here, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Plitt last Friday, just before they left for Greece.

Mr. Theron J. Damon concluded his services the last of April as Secretary of the American Chamber of Commerce for the Levant, and has become Manager of the Vacuum Oil Co., for this district. In connection with this, he is now on a six weeks' trip to Egypt.

Rev. W. Nesbitt Chambers, D.D., and Mrs. Chambers left on April 30th by French steamer "Lotus" on their return to Beirut after a visit with their daughter Miss Dorothea Chambers, of Constantinople College. By an inadvertence, Miss Chambers was mentioned as of the Y.W.C.A., which organization she served before joining the College staff.

Dr. W.F. Dodd and family of Merzifoun have decided to go this summer to Beirut, to help out for a while in the N.E.R. work there.

The Misses Ferguson, of the American College for Girls at Athens (Old Phaleron) are spending a few days in seeing Constantinople. They leave Thursday on their return to their post.

Among the official representatives of institutions at the opening of the Gennadius Library of the American School for Classical Studies at Athens were Miss I.F. Dodd from Constantinople College, and Dr. C.A. Reed from International College.

Dr. White and Messrs. Brewster, Hawkes and Harper made a week-end visit to Mt. Athos from Salonica, the first of May, for the Greek Easter.

Rev. F.F. Goodsell reached home on Friday last, after his visits to the south. Mrs. G.H. Huntington came back on the same steamer from Egypt.

Mrs. C.A. Reed and her son Lachlan have returned from Athens to Smyrna. The doctors advised against the need of an operation for Lachlan.

May-day brought into force throughout this country a whole army of new taxes, intended to produce revenue for the Government; it also brought into use the new and attractive set of postage stamps for Turkey; but it failed to bring the expected change to daylight-saving time. We are now informed that it has been decided not to introduce this at all, this summer, on the ground that it is not suited to this country.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Dr. Hamilton of Aintab spent a week with the friends in Marash the first part of May, having not visited there for ten years past. It was refreshing to the Marashites to have such a visit from another place.

Miss Mary G. Webb of Adana took a trip to Beirut in April, to see her sister, Miss Elizabeth S. Webb, and other friends.

Miss Olive M. Vaughan, formerly of Hadjin, writes from Whittier, California, where she and Miss Virginia Billings, also formerly of Hadjin, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gardner, who also used to be in Hadjin. Miss Kate E. Ainslie, of Marash, was to join them there about April 20th. Mr. Gardner is making good in the insurance business. They have a fine little adopted son.

Miss Lucile Foreman of Aleppo expects to start tomorrow from there for her furlough in America. She goes via Tripoli and Baghdad to Kuwait and on to India, providing that route is considered safe; otherwise she will go to Port Said and take a steamer to Colombo. Thence on to Japan and across to Seattle.

The Turk Odjaghu of Smyrna gave a farewell tea in honor of Dr. Alexander MacLachlan, of International College, on May 9th. A very complimentary notice of Dr. MacLachlan and of his work in Smyrna appeared in this connection in the daily press of that city, with expression of sincere regret that he is now permanently retiring. Dr. and Mrs. MacLachlan expect to leave for America via England very soon.

Word comes from Tarsus that Sarah Anne Adkins, who will be one year old this Saturday, is not well; and that with Dr. Haas's approval Mrs. Adkins was to start on May 2nd with the young lady for England.

The record for Bairam calls can no longer be claimed by Brouss. Mr. Lyman in Marash reports having made fifty. Can anyone beat that? Some of our Merzifoun friends, however, insist that it is not merely numbers but quality that should count, - or length!

Miss Cecelia Berg returned last week from her trip to Smyrna to her desk at the Bible House.

Capt. E.A. Yarrow, formerly of our Mission station at Van, and more recently with the Near East Relief in the Caucasus, and now in business in Tiflis, reached Constantinople last week with Mrs. Yarrow and their three younger children, and after a few more days is returning alone to Tiflis, while Mrs. Yarrow and the children have started on for America, where their other three children are. Mr. Yarrow will stay on for at least six months in the Caucasus, possibly more, depending on the development of business.

Rev. Leroy F. Ostrander is making good progress toward renewed health and strength, in the quiet of Bebek. The oggenic difficulty that showed itself last year has apparently been overcome. Mr. and Mrs. Ostrander talk of returning to Samokov after a few more weeks.

Prof. J. Russell Smith, Professor of Economic Geography in Columbia University, and more recently in Wharton School of Commerce, of the Univ. of Pennsylvania, has arrived in Constantinople, coming overland through Aleppo, Adana, Tarsus, etc. He is interested in the production of textbooks on geography that shall lead to better international relations, and has traveled extensively with this in mind. He is to address the American Luncheon Club this Thursday.

Mrs. Charles T. Riggs and Mrs. B.V.D. Post leave Constantinople next Saturday, going by rail to Cherbourg, and thence by the S.S. "Arabic" to New York, where they are due June 2nd. Mrs. Post's father, Rev. O.J. Gardin, formerly of the Theological Seminary of Beirut, joins them in Paris for America.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Arrangements have been made whereby, after the departure of the undersigned on his furlough, this series of News Letters will be continued under the charge of Mr. Luther R. Fowle. On receipt of this joyful news, you are therefore requested to arrange, as best you choose, for the sending of your share of postage and paper expense, or one dollar for a year, to him. Some have already paid up to the end of 1926.

Miss Elizabeth A. Bury sailed from New York April 24th by Italian steamer for Trieste, expecting there to connect on May 20th with a steamer leaving for Mersin, and to go thence to Adana, instead of via Beirut.

Mrs. George E. White of Salonica, accompanied by Miss Catherine Bugbee of Philadelphia, sailed May 4th from New York for Piraeus, on the Fabre Liner "Providence." As already announced, Miss Bugbee comes for a three years' term as secretarial worker in connection with Salonica College.

Miss Mabel Lydia Pihl, of New Britain, Conn., a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College 1924, and since then a teacher in the schools of her home town, has been secured for a three years' term as teacher in the American Collegiate Institute, Smyrna, and will come out this fall. It is hoped that she may eventually return for life service.

Miss Annie E. Pinneo, of Athens Girls' College, who has been in the western part of the United States for some months, has come to Boston for a stay of a month or longer.

President and Mrs. Gates of Robert College went to Clifton Springs Sanitarium shortly after landing in America, for a few weeks of toning up before going through the ordeal of seeing their youngest son Caleb receive his diploma at Princeton University.

Mrs. Charles T. Riggs and Mrs. Bertram V.D. Post left by train for Paris on Saturday last, and will take the S.S. "Arabia" May 24 at Cherbourg for New York. On the same train went Mrs. Dennett, who, as Miss Redfern, was for three years a teacher in Constantinople College, 1899-1902, and who, after a few weeks' renewal of old ties, left for Italy

Dr. and Mrs. F.W. MacCallum and Mr. Lyman MacCallum returned to Constantinople a week ago from Egypt, via Palestine and Syria, having had a most successful and pleasant trip.

Wedding bells are ringing across the seas these days, for the children of missionaries. Miss Florence Shepard, sister of Dr. Lorrin Shepard and of Mrs. Ernest Riggs, was married May 2nd to Mr. William Gell, of New York City. And on May 4th, Mr. Reid MacCallum, son of Dr. and Mrs. F.W. MacCallum, was married to Miss Alice Maude Miller, of Nova Scotia.

Owing to the sailing of the steamer more than an hour ahead of its scheduled time, Miss Ruth Goodsell, sister of Rev. F.F. Goodsell, failed to leave Constantinople on the Fabre liner "Braga," as anticipated. But she will now join her brother and his family, starting on Sunday next by the "Milano" of the Servizzi Marittimi.

Dr. John H. Finley, formerly President of Knox College, of C.C.N.Y., and of N.Y. University in succession, and now an editor of the N.Y. Times, has been visiting Constantinople; he addressed the American Luncheon Club last Thursday, as did also Prof. J. Russell Smith of Columbia University.

Yours very cordially.

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, May 25, 1926.

Dear friends:-

Upon their definite retirement from missionary service, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Alexander MacLachlan of Smyrna came around by way of Constantinople, spending a couple of days here while their steamer waited in the harbor, and going on to Marseilles on Sunday last. Dr. MacLachlan, who is in his sixty-eight year, came out to Turkey in 1890, and was married in February, 1891, to Miss Rose Blackler of Smyrna. After a brief stay in Adana and Tarsus, they have spent nearly thirty-five years in Smyrna, in connection with the International College from before its assumption of the status of a college.

On the same steamer, the Italian "Milano," sailed also Rev. and Mrs. F.F. Goodsell and their daughter Caroline, and Mr. Goodsell's sister Miss Ruth Goodsell. After seeing Lynda and Lincoln graduate from Wellesley and Deerfield Academy respectively, the Goodsells expect to make California their headquarters during their year of furlough.

With them on this same steamer went Dr. Cole of Robert College, who is to be engaged in research work in the Philippines the coming year; also Miss Caris Mills, of the League of Nations Commission, who goes for a holiday.

A wife from Dr. J.E. Merrill of Aleppo states that Dr. and Mrs. J.C. Martin of that city have been invalided home. No details have yet arrived. Dr. Martin had been expecting to carry on there for a couple of years more before reaching the retiring age.

The closing exercises of the American Collegiate Institute, Chifte Havouslar, will take place on June 4th, at 4:30 P.M. Admiral Mark L. Bristol will give the English address. All readers of this notice are cordially invited to be present.

Miss Charlotte R. Willard of Merzifoun expects to sail from New York on her return on June 10th by the Fabre line SS "Braga", through to Constantinople.

Dr. C. E. Clark of the Talas Hospital has been kept in for a while by a swollen knee. Miss Eddy has been carrying on bravely in the interim.

Rev. H.M. Irwin of Athens, is up and about again after his recent illness; and he and Mrs. Irwin hope to get away soon for a rest and change.

Miss Day and Mrs. Ferguson of Brousa spent a few days in Constantinople the past week on business.

Rev. and Mrs. W.S. Woolworth Jr., and little Dorothy Lucille are expected in Constantinople on June 4th, and are to sail June 10th for Trieste on their way to New York.

Miss Sara Beahm, of the Adana Girls' School, comes in here on June 6th, and sails on the Messageries SS "Pierre Loti" June 10th for Marseilles on her way to America.

Miss Towner of Adana and Mrs. Block of Tarsus are announced to arrive in Constantinople on June 12, remaining till after the Annual Meeting.

A very sweet service was held at the McNaughton home in Geuz Tepe on Sunday, May 16th, when little Barbara Ann Markham was baptized by her grandfather, Dr. J. P. McNaughton.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Those recipients of this little news letter who wish their copies sent to some summer address, would confer a favor by notifying us of the correct address as soon as possible. Perhaps those going on furlough desire a separate copy hereafter, sent to their furlough address. It would merely mean the cost of postage and printing.

Miss Elizabeth A. Eastman of Minneapolis, Minn., has been secured for a three years' term with the Salonica Girls' School, and will be sailing August 9th with Miss Mabel Paul, who goes to Smyrna. Miss Eastman is a graduate of the Univ. of Minnesota, 1923, and has been teaching since then.

Rev. Philip K. Swartz, of Berkeley, Calif., is sailing June 12 from Boston, coming out for two years' teaching in the American College, Salonica. He is the son of President Herman F. Swartz, of the Pacific School of Religion, and is a graduate of Phillips Andover, Dartmouth College 1923, and the Pacific School of Religion. He was ordained May 6.

Mrs. Cyril H. Haas and her four children, and Miner Rogers, son of Dr. and Mrs. Nute of Adana, are sailing from New York July 9th for Beirut on their way to Adana. Great will be the rejoicing on their arrival.

Among other sailing this summer for Turkey are Miss Wollard, June 14th, and Miss Morley, July 28th, both for Merzifoun, and Miss Jessie Martin, July 19th, for Adana.

Dr. W.W. Peet has accepted appointment as a friendly representative of the Federal Council of Churches, with residence in Athens. He and Mrs. Hemphill start eastward some time in July or August, expecting to reach Athens in September.

Rev. and Mrs. L.F. Ostrander plan to leave Constantinople the day after tomorrow, on their return to Samokov. Mr. Ostrander is greatly improved.

Memorial Day was celebrated as usual in Constantinople with exercises at the Ferikeuy cemetery at 3 P.M. last Sunday. About 100 Americans gathered, and listened to an address by Professor Paul Monroe, of Columbia University. Admiral Bristol also spoke; and Dr. John B. Ascham led in prayer.

The annual American Board Conference for new missionaries is set for June 2nd to 8th, in Boston. As a reflection of the policy of economy, this will be a small conference, not over twenty in all being present.

Dr. and Mrs. W.L. Nute of Adana, with their son Billy, expect to attend Annual Meeting, reaching Constantinople about the middle of June.

The Athens delegates to Annual Meeting are Dr. and Mrs. Marden and Miss Rice; also Mr. Pye representing the School of Religion. Marsh sends Mr. and Mrs. Lyman; and Smyrna, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard, Mr. and Mrs. Vrooman, and Miss Gordon. Miss Ward will represent Merzifoun, and Mr. H.N. Isely Aintab. Miss Dwight and Mrs. Clark come from Caesarea; and if rumor is correct, Dr. White and Miss Lietzau are coming from Salonica.

Letters from Dr. Merrill at Aleppo confirm the word that Dr. Martin is advised medically to return to America this summer for health reasons. The Martins expect to start in July.

Mrs. G.E. White and Miss Bugbee, and Mrs. White's friends Miss Hell and Miss Cochrane, spent a few days after reaching Greece with Mr. and Mrs. George D. White in Syra before proceeding to Salonica.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

According to plan, Rev. Wm. S. Woolworth Jr., with Mrs. Woolworth and baby Dorothy, arrived from Caesarea on June 4th, and are staying at the Mission Hostel. They expect to take the Lloyd Triestino steamer on Thursday for Trieste, and go on thence across Europe, sailing for America from Cherbourg.

Miss Sara Beahn, of the Adana Girls' School, reached Constantinople last Saturday evening, and is taking the Messageries S.S. "Pierre Loti" on Thursday for Marseilles, on her return to America. Miss Beahn expects to be married this summer.

Miss Edith Sanderson of Brouss left Constantinople by train this morning, with Miss Rutherford of the Constantinople Y.W.C.A., to attend the sessions of a School for Gymnastics in Denmark, with a group of thirty or so American young women who are to introduce the Danish system into America. Miss Sanderson will spend the remainder of the summer in Europe, visiting several points.

Rev. and Mrs. Leroy F. Ostrander, after spending several weeks in Constantinople, returned last week to Samokov. They expect to take up their residence this summer or fall in Sofia.

Rev. H.M. Irwin has made steady improvement at Old Phaleron, and plans now to start soon with Mrs. Irwin and Genevieve for a summer in Switzerland.

Miss Adelaide S. Dwight, who is one of Caesarea's delegates to Annual Meeting, hopes to get here by June 19th, so as to accomplish some other work before the meeting begins.

Miss C.R. Willard, of Merzifoun, who is sailing from New York on the "Braga" June 14th, is due in Constantinople July 7th, and expects to go on immediately to Merzifoun.

The closing exercises of the Boys' High School at Geuz Tepe were held last Friday afternoon, in the presence of a goodly number of friends. Rear-Admiral Bristol made an address in English, and Dr. Abdullah Djevdet Bey in Turkish. Some Debussy music was very pleasingly rendered by Mrs. Marknam, Mr. Denkinger, and Mr. Yacouvides, with Mr. MacNeal of Robert College at the piano.

Rev. Theodore T. Holway, after an absence of three and a half months in America, returned to Philippopolis late in May, and is at work again.

Miss Mary Robbins, a niece of Mrs. George E. White, and Mr. Maurice H. Bigelow, a teacher in the American College at Salonica, are to be married on June 18th in Salonica, by Dr. George E. White, President of the College.

A number of missionaries engaged in educational work in this region, together with Mr. L.R. Fowle, Treasurer, had an interview of considerable interest last week with Nedjati Bey, Commissioner of Public Instruction, who was visiting this city. It is hoped that this conversation will pave the way for increasingly cordial relations with the Turkish educational authorities.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear Friends:-

The undersigned would like to take leave of his many friends to whom this weekly letter has seemed a personal message. He and his daughter are leaving Constantinople Thursday on the way to America, expecting to reach New York via Rotterdam July 23rd.

Miss Emma Zbinden of Merzifoun, not at all discouraged by missing the Paquet steamer at Samsoun, came on as soon as possible by a Turkish steamer, deck passage, arriving in Constantinople yesterday morning, to find the paquet still in the harbor; and by a stroke of the best good fortune, she had her papers all in order and left for Marseilles in the afternoon. She goes for a summer of rest in France and Switzerland.

The Commencement exercises of the School of Religion at Old Phaleron, Greece, were held on Friday, June 4th, when five students graduated, two with diploma, and three with certificate. There were addresses by Prof. George Sakellariou of the University of Athens, and Dr. Frank Kalopothakes of the Department of Foreign Affairs; but the chief address was by Dr. E. B. Haskell of Samokov, on "Jesus Among the Philosophers". President Pye gave out the diplomas and certificates.

Two of the American boys at the International College, Richard Maynard and Herbert Caldwell, were awarded a mark of 100 by the official examiners for their work in Turkish, and promoted to the third class. Richard also received his general certificate with a red seal, his average being third highest in the institution for all subjects.

Mr. Richard C. Dutrow, a member of the International College Staff, whose engagement to Miss Helen Caldwell was announced in February, has been compelled on account of health to return to America; he sailed on the "Sinaia" June 14th. Messrs. Macfarlane and Van Zanten, after three years of effective service, left via Brindisi and Paris on the 7th, and will continue their studies in America.

Dr. William L. Nute of Adana, with his mother and with his small son, arrived in Constantinople Sunday evening. His mother will start soon on her return to America via Paris.

The Turkish steamer "Kara Deniz" with the floating exposition of Turkish goods, left Constantinople at last June 13th for Moudania, where the exposition was to be reviewed by the President; and thence she sailed the next day for Barcelona, her first stop. She carries about four hundred persons on board, connected with the expedition, and it is expected she will be several months visiting various European harbors.

The closing exercises of the school for blind children at Aleppo were held June 2nd. The teacher is herself blind, and has written the textbooks of the school herself on a typewriter for Braille. The expenses of this school are in great part borne by friends of Mr. Gracey and others.

The Evangelical party in the Gregorian Armenian Church in Aleppo is strongly supported by the priest in charge, who preaches openly evangelical sermons, and refuses to allow the burning of candles before the images in the church.

Rev. and Mrs. George Marsh, of the School of Religion at Athens, are in Constantinople on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Vrooman of Smyrna and Mr. Adkins of Tarsus have also arrived, coming for Annual Meeting; and Miss Day is expected from Brousa today. Messrs. Vrooman and Adkins, with Mr. Perry, have gone to Kilios for a few days.

Mrs. Perry, mother of Rev. Edward Perry, and his aunt also, left Constantinople for America on the Fabre Liner "Sinaia" last week.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:

Editor Charles Riggs, accompanied by his daughter Miss Sarah Riggs who has been teaching in the Community School in Hissar, left Constantinople on Thursday, June 17th for America. Miss Riggs is to return to the Community School after a year's study in America at which time her parents will also rejoin the Mission following their furlough.

Miss Lucie Borel of Adana reached Constantinople on June 18th leaving two days later by steamer for France and Switzerland. In August she makes her first visit to the United States hoping to return to Switzerland toward the end of the year. Her many American friends who have so long been associated with her will follow her with best wishes as she visits America for the first time.

A June letter from Dr. Lorrin Shepard reports Mrs. Shepard and children as already in Maine for the summer. After spending three weeks with them in June, Dr. Shepard returns to the Bellevue Hospital to continue "the splendid training for work in surgery" which he is so much enjoying in New York City.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Martin plan to leave Aleppo about the 1st of July and will probably sail from Alexandria on July 7th by the Dollar Line with Boston as their destination.

The deep interest of a wide circle will follow the Irwin family as they go to Switzerland for the summer leaving Athens about June 20th.

Miss Mary Webb of Adana has gone to Beirut for the summer to visit her sister Miss Elizabeth Webb.

Miss Jillson is leaving America the latter part of June and is due in Constantinople and Brousa before the middle of July.

The principal Commencement address at the 63rd graduation exercises of Robert College was delivered by Dr. Ora Sherman Morgan, Dean of the Department of Agriculture of Columbia University. Of the fourteen receiving degrees seven were Turks, this being the largest number of Turks ever graduated from Robert College in any one year.

Dr. Reed of Smyrna hopes to get away by July 15th to join Mrs. Reed and the children somewhere in Europe. Mr. Reed's Mother plans to join them for a time in Europe making this a noteworthy summer for the Reed family.

Among the Annual Meeting and summer arrivals in Constantinople from the Mission circle there are Rev. and Mrs. Lee Vrooman, Rev. Leslie J. Adkins, Miss Grace Towner of Adana, Mrs. Emily Block of Tarsus, Miss Edith Parsons and Miss Lucille Day of Brousa, Miss Crockett and Miss Nora Ward from Smyrna, Mrs. Dr. C. E. Clark and Miss Adelaide Dwight of Caesarea and Talas, Miss Hotson of Adana, Miss Mary Ward of Merzifoun and Dr. William Nute and Billy accompanied by Dr. Nute's mother. Others will be coming in through the week.

Under date of May 28th Paul Nilson reports good health for his family, great enjoyment of beautiful America and eagerness to return to work in Turkey. They hope to be in Turkey in September.

Miss Day, Miss Wells and Miss Crockett of our Mission will have a part in the direction of activities in the YWCA summer camp near Geuz Tepe, Constantinople this summer.

Cordially yours,

Luther R. Fowle.

Dear Friends:

The 1926 Annual Meeting of the Turkey Mission (including the Greek area) was held at the American Academy for Girls, Scutari, from Friday June 2nd to Thursday July 1st. It proved to be a gathering of spiritual vitality and a valuable interchange of counsel and thought, steady progress in adjustment to new conditions and problems, and delightful in its friendships made and renewed. Much of these values is due to the plan now followed for four years of holding the gathering in such place as permits continual intercourse at table, on athletic field or walk, in informal worship or music or frolic, and in leisurely conversation.

The first hour each morning was given to devotional exercises, the five hours being a unit in their consideration of a developing line of thought. This treatment gives possibility of far more serious accomplishment during these hours than the giving of each hour to a different leader dealing often with unrelated subject matter. Under President Pye's leadership the meeting considered questions arising out of two books: "The Life of the Spirit and the Life of Today" by Evelyn Underhill; and "The Christian Religion and its Competitors Today" by Bouquet.

On Sunday morning the fraternal delegate from Bulgaria, Mr. Stoltz-fus conducted a very helpful service. The Annual Sermon by Dr. MacCallum on the subject "Walking in the Spirit", Gal.5:16 was held in the afternoon and was followed by the Communion Service at which Mr. Maynard and Dr. White officiated.

Among the impressions emerging from the Meeting were the following:

-the steady progress in school development in Greece from experimental to permanent activity. During the year, desirable sites have been purchased in Salonica both by College and Girls' School.

-the general feeling of those teaching in the nine schools operating in Turkey that there was a greater degree of assurance and freedom in their activity that existed even a year ago. Regulations are being better understood both by the authorities and by our schools. Our personnel feels that there is adequate room to emphasize those values, educational, spiritual and social, which alone justify our service through Schools.

-that adequate foreign personnel to maintain worthy standards & fill the gap left by local teachers no longer available is the greatest material need of our schools. -also, that new local teachers of merit can be developed with time and patience.

-that while not sacrificing definite quality standards in existing schools, it is also important to reopen within a few years certain other of our former schools. The delectate task is to occupy our field both intensively and extensively.

-that non-institutional work through personal relationships with individuals and groups working for self or community improvement along various lines, offers a unique opportunity of service to the Newer Turkey, and may be made as significant as educational or medical work now is.

-that the absence of Treaty Relationships between the Turkish & American Governments hampers our work in all special problems as well as in the questions of medical permits for new doctors, permits for erection of needed school buildings, sale or transfer of properties. We are in Turkey on tolerance and courtesy, we would like to be here on Treaty rights.

-that the Mission would advise the transfer of the Wileys to Marash, Miss Parsons to the principalship of the Smyrna Girls' School, and point out that the sending of two new teachers to the Adana Girls School is the most urgent of many needs in personnel.

Yours truly,

Luther R. Fowle

Bible House, Stamboul, July 13, 1926.

Dear Friends:

Various members of the Mission have enquired as to whether Mr. Pys's "Studies" used in the Annual Meeting Devotional Hours could be obtained. Cost depends on the number required, but will probably be about One Lira. Send your orders to Mr. Pys or Mr. Fowle not later than August 15th.

News items in the Constantinople Press refer to examinations in Turkish for Foreigners who are Directors of Schools in Turkey. While happily most American principals of Schools in Turkey speak the Turkish language, it is not true that such examinations are required.

Miss Mary Atkinson Whittle, Director of the Robert College Community School since September 1920 with the exception of one year of service in the Womans College in Old P haleron, is to be married in Roumeli Hissar on July 20th, 1926 to Mr. John Mondjikoff of the Bulgarian Staff of Robert College.

Times have changed. Annual Meeting guests no longer depart in yallis, or horse-back; no more katirdjis, pack-saddles, and four A. M. starts. The Nutes, Mrs. Block, Miss Towner, & Mr. Isely took through-train for Adana, and are now in the famous health resort of Namroun. The Markhams, Perrys, and Miss Parsons are in the pine forests of Cham Korea, in Bulgaria. The Lymans, Miss Berg and Miss Fletcher took to "Sleepers" for Marash, Aleppo, & Namroun, respectively. Our associates from Greece left on the closing day of Annual Meeting for their home stations, by steamer. Mrs. Clark, Connie, and Miss Dwight of Talas returned to their Station by train and auto. The Caesarea Railway depot is in construction, and one of these days through tickets will be available.

Dr. Merrill reports fifty candidates for the preliminary entrance exams for the High School in Aleppo. Increasing enrollment, and pressure of boarding and Industrial Departments is forcing the consideration of larger premises for the coming school year.

Steady progress is being made in drawing together the organization and support for the Sofia American Schools under the leadership of Floyd H. Black. A recent letter from him reports a substantial grant of timber from the Bulgarian Government, a gift which means much in itself and still more in the interest and good-will which it implies.

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Dodd may be addressed at 300 Montgomery St., Bloomfield, New Jersey. Of our Circle in America they have recently seen the Deweys, Beachs, and Mrs. Sewry.

After wrestling several days (and nights) with the problems of the Plans and Measures Committee, Mr. Vrooman took to his bed with a high fever. He is better now and plans to start on the 16th, with Mrs. Vrooman for Smyrna, and a summer on the edge of a lake near that city.

Mr. Nilson has summer conference appointments at Olivet, Tower Hill, and Green Lake. With Mrs. Nilson and Baby May, he hopes to sail for Constantinople by the Fabre Line on September 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Compton are due in Constantinople July 14th, on route to Merzifoun. Miss Willard and Miss Ward left Constantinople for Merzifoun on the 12th.

Mr. Gentle-Cackett writes that Pastor Harper and he plan to be at the Conference for Pastors in Samakov on July 22nd., after which they hope to journey Eastward, visiting Constantinople.

Yours truly,

Luther R. Fowle.

Special Peet Number.

Dear Friends:

Dr. Peet & Mrs. Hemphill are scheduled to sail today from New York on the SS Edison, directly for Piraeus. Feeling that nothing could be of more interest to their Friends who are the readers of these lines, we give you herewith a Special Peet Number.

Florida proved an ideal winter home. Mrs. Hemphill started North weighing more than ever in her life before. Numerous friends were made with some of whom automobile excursions sometimes lasting days gave opportunity to see much of the State.

Several trips to Washington and New York furnished change of scene, and kept Dr. Peet in touch with interesting groups in the Congregational National Council, the Near East Relief, the Federal Council and other groups of wide outlook. On one trip the Near East Relief Service Medal and Diploma were given to Dr. Peet. On another, the plan was matured leading to Dr. Peet's acceptance of the appointment as Representative of the Federal Council to the Churches of the Near East. Associated with the Council in this appointment are the Near East Relief, the American Board, the Y.M.C.A., and the American Bible Society. While feeling some reluctance at accepting this responsible mission, Dr. Peet has done so feeling it both a duty and an opportunity which he could not lightly refuse.

The Northward trip was begun on May 20th, the first stop being Chattanooga the home of Mrs. Hemphill's son. Dr. Peet then went West, to Omaha, visiting the scenes of his earlier manhood. The general offices of the railway company at Omaha still occupy the building of which Dr. Peet was custodian in 1881 and where his own office was located. The Treasurer of the railway, one of Dr. Peet's associates in those earlier days "rounded up all the old railroad dogs" for a lunch. Eight or nine old timers including the general superintendent of the railway sat down together to talk over the old days.

Lincoln, Nebraska, was no less interesting than Omaha. Dr. Peet is looked upon as founder of the Lincoln Y. M. C. A. and a dinner was given in his honor to which the present Association people came. An attempt was made to gather together all the surviving associates of his earlier days in that city. From Lincoln Dr. Peet went to his home in Iowa visiting the fields where for the first time the prairie sod was turned over by his plow drawn by oxen, the school house where he first taught, the church which he helped to build, the land he used to own with the house much of which he built with his own hands.

The return trip took him to Chicago where he was given a lunch at the University Club then on via Albany to Burlington, Vermont where he was guest of the University and the town, and was given an honorary degree in connection with which the Dean of the University used the following words. "William Wheelock Peet, Treasurer and business manager of Missions in Turkey; disciple of Christ and friend of men; his life a brave ballad of East and West, dedicating to the troubled lands about the Golden Horn the wisdom, loyalty, love and zeal of the American idealist; spiritual thinker and practical worker, serving his country by service to the World".

Dinners from Armenian & Greek friends, address all along the road, were scheduled until the sailing date. His friends in the East will rejoice that today Dr. Peet sails again from New York for the lands which he has so signally served for half a century.

A Royal welcome awaits Dr. Peet and his sister.

Yours sincerely,

L. R. F owle.

Constantinople, July 27th, 1926.

Dear Friends:

In the absence of the eminent Editor who has, as noted below, gone out for a walk, the temporary acting office boy tries his prentice hand on this learned sheet.

Recent letters have brought news of the safe return to their stations of the annual meeting delegates. On their arrival at the most noted health resort on the Cilician Plain the Adana delegates were pleased -- not to say surprised -- to find a good rain in progress. Mr. and Mrs. Getchell are enjoying their quiet hilltop cottage at Salonica. Repairs to the school property are progressing and applications for admission are coming in so rapidly that some three hundred students could easily be obtained if there were accomodation for that number. Admissions are to be limited to two hundred.

The location of Miss Edith Parsons for the next school year was not definitely settled at Annual Meeting, pending consultation with Miss J. Jillson. It was finally decided that from the point of view of Mission work as a whole Miss Parsons should meet the urgent need in Smyrna. Before assuming her new duties as Principal of the American Collegiate Institute at Smyrna, Miss Parsons is taking a few weeks' rest at Tcham Korea, Bulgaria.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Horn (Eleanor Ketchum) and daughter Edith are leaving Beirut on August 8th on the SS "Braga" which will touch at Constantinople on the 12th and 15th, and at Piraeus on the 18th. They hope to catch a glimpse of their friends at both ports. After several months in the States they expect to return to Syria.

The marriage of Miss Mary A. Whittle, Principal of the Hissar Community School, to Mr. John Monedjikoff, of the Bulgarian Department at Robert College was solemnized on July 20th at the home of Mr. L. R. Fowle, Rev. F. W. MacCallum, D.D., officiating. After receiving the congratulations of a host of friends the happy couple left for Bulgaria. Mr. and Mrs. Monedjikoff will return to Robert College in the Autumn.

Our distinguished editor and treasurer, Mr. L. R. Fowle, was seen making for the Bulgarian frontier on the 21st. There had been some brave talk of hiking on foot through the mountains near Philippopolis -- of which more when the Editor returns. As he was accompanied by Professor Estes of Robert College there is every hope of his turning up in excellent spirits and health, the first week of August.

Mr. Charles Fowle of the NER, Beirut accompanied by his son, Richard, and Messrs. Ross and Frye of the Near East Educational Survey, arrived in Constantinople from Beirut on the 20th. Mr. Fowle and his son left for the Caucasus on the 23rd. After a rather extended trip they hope to return to Beirut via Samsun, Talas and Mersine.

Miss Jeannie Jillson returned to Brousa after an absence of ten months on furlough in America. Her many friends in that city are delighted to have her with them again.

Dr. Willson Dodd, Mrs. Dodd and little Miss Helen arrived from Samsoun yesterday.

Miss Esther Jaquith returns to America by the same boat, ^{"Braga"} as do also Miss Seybold of the A.U.B. Hospital, Miss Margaret Merrill of Aleppo and Mr. Paul Ward, son of Dr. Ward of the A.U.B. Hospital.

Gratefully yours,

F. Lyman MacCallum.

August 3rd, 1926-Constantinople,
Turkey.

Yes, the homefires are kept burning this summer in our Stations, but the larger number of our associates have found rest and change in other environments thus following Dr. Dodd's suggestions. Tcham Koria, Bulgaria and Namroon, Turkey are the popular resorts for those who long for the quiet nature gives. Others have migrated to Europe for stimulation in that atmosphere.

After a brief tour through Syria and Palestine during the latter part of July Miss Mary Cashmore of Aleppo, Mr. Alford Carleton and Mr. Roger Matteson have joined the Namroon group where the Nutes, Iselys, Miss Towner, Miss Fletcher and Mrs. Block hold forth. Miss Clara Bissel of the YWCA in Constantinople has been there for some weeks finding there renewed vigor and strength for the coming year.

The "Siria" of the Fabre Line brought Mrs. Cyril Haas and family with minor Rogers to Constantinople for a 24 hour stay before sailing on to Beirut where they go on to Adana to join Dr. Haas who waits their arrival so eagerly. They too will join the Namroon folk until their apartment on the top of the hospital in Adana is ready for them in the fall.

Mrs. Leslie and her daughter Elibabeth, Dr. and Mrs. Mc Naughton and Miss Lucille Day will swell the number at Tcham Koria. Miss Day left this morning after a month of directing the Girls' Camp near Constantinople; the McNaughtons go to-morrow and Mrs. Leslie a few days later, after Mr. Fowle returns from Bulgaria. Reports from the Markhams, Perrys, Miss Parsons and others say that for a restful spot Tcham Koria beats the band. Dr. Post of Robert College also adds his commendation to this place of summer refuge having returned from a month's stay as Mrs. Manning's guest in her cottage.

Dr. and Mrs. John Merrill and their daughters Margaret and Dorothy found a ten day's jaunt to their old home in Aintab refreshing from the dust and heat of Aleppo. Miss Trowbridge, Mrs. Merrill's sister, was of course the strong incentive for this visit together with Margaret's eager wish to see Aintab before her departure for America this month. The Lymans of Marash had Gay's sojourn in Aintab while the Merrills were there, although Hill Crest is their oasis from the constant winds and heat of the city of Marash.

Dr. Cass Arthur Reed of Smyrna has joined his family in France leaving Rev. and Mrs. Vrooman, the Maynards and others to carry on in Smyrna Station.

Mr. Frank Ferguson of Geuz Tepe, Constantinople writes from Venice that he has spent a wonderful month in Italy and plans to go on to Paris spending the greater part of August there.

Dr. and Mrs. Wilson Dodd have chosen Amras, Austria as their resting spot and expect to be there until the middle of September when they go on to Beirut for their new work there. Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Fisher of Robert College too find Amras delightful.

Mrs. Edith M. Laird from the Library at Princeton University, is making a short visit in Constantinople with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Mac Callum.

Miss Marion Nasser is in Italy these months having started from Naples and going northward through Rome and Florence.

Miss Helen Wells is sticking close to the Girl's Camp in Constantinople finding there recreation while she assists with the YV work.

Miss Cecelia Berg of the Treasury Dept. returns to Constantinople after a full three week's of travel which included a visit in Aleppo with friends there a dash through Syria and Palestine with the Carleton Party and a happy two days with Miss Blakely and the Lymans in Marash and Hill Crest with a night's stop over in Adana and Tarsus to cap the climax. She says one could not find a warmer welcome or more genuine hospitality than that found in our Stations. And a glimpse at the problems outside our own is well worth while and stimulating.

Mr. and Mrs. Pye and family leave Athens today for a six week's stay in Switzerland. The two eldest boys Hubert and Edward remain there the coming year for study in one of the schools.

Gratefully yours,

Lynna Mac Callum

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Stamboul, Turkey August 11, 1926

Dear Friends:

Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Ostrander are planning to start for America during this month, in the hope that Mr. Ostrander may find better health there. He has recently been the recipient of one of the highest Civil Decorations accompanied by a Certificate, granted by His Majesty King Boris of Bulgaria. And Alumni, Students, and Faculty of the Samokov Schools have all found opportunity to express their loyalty to Mr. and Mrs. Ostrander, and appreciation of what their services have meant to the developing life of the Bulgarian Nation. Our abiding interest goes with these Associates as they turn homeward.

The Cham Korea summer colony includes the Heddens and Stevens of the Constantinople YMCA, the Finney Markhams, Mc Naughtons, Misses Parsons and Day, and Mrs. Manning. At Samakov nearby the Brewsters have joined for the summer the Mission Circle.

Messrs. Gentle Cackett and Harper of London have been sharing in a summer conference of the Evangelical Workers in Bulgaria, which was held in late July in Samakov. Since then they have spent a few days in Constantinople, and today start for Beirut, whence they will return via Marseilles to London.

Mr. Finney Markham returned from Cham Korea on the 3d, thus releasing Dr. and Mrs. McNaughton for a well deserved holiday. By the same train Prof. Estes of Robert College and Mr. Fowle returned from a two weeks trip in Bulgaria, via train and foot. They walked from Kazanlik, center of the rose oil industry, to Shipka; thence over the Pass to Tirnovo and Plevna, famous in the Russo-Turkish war of 1877 as the site of Ghazi Osman Pasha's defense; then to Sofia, Cham Korea, and Rilski Monastery, the cradle of Bulgarian national life.

The Woolworth Jr. family, after a happy visit with the Senior Branch in Brooklyn, are spending August with Mrs. Woolworth's relatives in Minnesota. For the winter they have engaged one of the new apartments for Graduate Students at Union Seminary. Their homeward trip was enjoyable, and included journey by air from Lausanne to Geneva.

Among recent claimants as popular health resorts, Salonica is presented by Mr. Getchell. On the Hill, blankets were needed throughout July and in inviting associates there this able publicity man uses the words, "Cool, quiet, mosquito-less, fly-less, bug-less". We herewith refer his case to Adana Station, but hope there will be no repetition of the California-Florida controversy.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kreider, appointed to the Turkey Mission with the needs of the Treasury Department especially in mind, are scheduled to have sailed from New York on August 10th. Mr. Kreider's Commencement Exercises ended at noon on June 14th., and the wedding took place six hours later. We eagerly await their arrival by the S. S. "Asia" about the end of August.

A telegram has this moment been received as follows, "Chicago ill; Martin, Brauer, Orvis, Van Cleft, Adana - Lee". We are sorry Chicago is ill about it all, but rejoice that Adana is OK. Three cheers for General Lee!

Rear-Admiral Mark L. Bristol and Mrs. Bristol have started on a month's holiday on the U.S.S. "Scorpion". They will visit the Turkish Black Sea Ports, stopping in Roumania before returning to their duties in this city.

Yours truly,

Luther Fowle.

Constantinople, August 17th, 1926.

Dear friends:

Secretary Charles Riggs reports his family as summering at Bread Loaf in the Green Mountains. Their winter address will be 71 Cottage Street, New Haven, Conn., about a mile from the Yale Campus where Miss Sarah Riggs and possibly her father will do some studying.

Word has been received of the death of Miss Fenenga's sister, Mrs. Harrison. The deep sympathy of the Mission circle will be with Miss Fenenga in her lonely post. As yet there has been no response to Mr. Carleton's petition for permission to go to Mardin.

Mrs. Edith Laird, eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. W. MacCallum, who came from America to spend a few days with her parents, has accepted a telegraphic offer of the post of Librarian in the American University of Beirut, Syria.

Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Partridge and children have reached Constantinople after four years spent in the Caucasus. Their son George immediately continued his journey to America where he will continue his Oberlin course with the Junior Class. Billy, Francis and Alfred go to Syria with their parents and will establish their home in Beirut where there is a Community School for the children. Probably Mr. Partridge will have to commute between the Aleppo and Beirut areas in supervising work heretofore divided between Dr. Martin and Mr. Henry Riggs.

On the Steamship Braga which sailed from Constantinople on August 15th for New York were Mr. and Mrs. Horn and daughter, Paul Ward of Beirut and Margaret Merrill of Aleppo. Constantinople friends regretted that Eleanor Ketchum Horn was unable to get ashore but admit the prior claims of Baby Edith. Margaret Merrill goes to the Auberndale Home. On its return this good missionary ship will bring Paul Nilson. Under date of July 23rd he writes that Mrs. Nilson and baby will remain in America until the Spring or Summer of 1927.

Miss Trowbridge reports that with Miss Blakely and Dr. Hamilton she plans to start about August 27th for a little visit in Talas.

A card from Dr. Peet mailed at Patras assures us that Mrs. Hemphill and he are safely on this side of the water. We hope shortly to hear from them in Athens.

Word from the Irwins in Switzerland indicate continued progress in returning health on the part of Mr. Irwin. The Pyes are also in Switzerland for their summer holiday.

A group of some thirty-five students from American Colleges and Universities, including one Japanese and two Spaniards, have been visiting Constantinople on a trip through Europe. This group is under the auspices of the International Student Service of Geneva, and is an effort to increase knowledge and friendliness between the students of all nations.

Mr. Paul von Allmen of Neuchatel, Switzerland has been engaged for service in the American School in Tarsus.

After a six weeks holiday in Europe Mr. Richard Smigh spent a few days in Constantinople en route to his post in Tarsus.

Miss Emily MacCallum and Miss Mills of the Woman's College in Phaleron report six wonderful weeks in Italy with unusually cool weather. They plan to return to Athens on August 20th to prepare for the busy Fall season.

Paul Bobb, formerly of Tarsus, will finish his theological work in June, 1927. He and Mrs. Bobb continue their interest in the work in Turkey and we trust that in good time they may join our circle in this land.

The Merrills of Aleppo have been spending some days at another of the famous Anatolian summer resorts, Ghazi Aintab. They are now getting settled in a new house in Aleppo.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Constantinople, August 24, 1926.

Dear friends:-

On August 20th Mr. and Mrs. Partridge with their three younger children left Constantinople for Beirut where they will establish their home. This decision and the Beirut Community School makes it possible for the children to remain a further period with their parents. Although much of Mr. Partridge's work will be in the northern Syria area where Dr. Martin was stationed, he hopes to serve that area by extended trips from Beirut.

The summer travellers are beginning to return. Mr. and Mrs. Stoltzfus have returned to Samokov after spending the summer with the brother's family in Syria. President Black and family have returned from America to Bulgaria. Miss Sanderson is back from Denmark accompanied by a friend, Miss Grace Wilson. Miss Parsons is collecting her belongings before going to Smyrna. Miss Gordon is doing the same in Smyrna before starting for Athens. Dr. Wilson Dodd reports a delightful vacation at Amras near Innsbruck. With Mrs. Dodd and baby Helen he plans to reach Beirut on September 10th to take up his medical work under the Near East Relief.

From the Trossachs comes the word that Miss Harley has had a delightful summer in Scotland and England.

We would like to call attention to Mr. Bell's letter of June 28th to all Board Missionaries suggesting further cooperation to make still better the best Missionary Magazine in English. The last phrase is not from modest Mr. Bell. His needs are: 1. LOCAL COLOR PICTURES; 2. NEWS NOTES; 3. PERSONALIA ITEMS; 4. ARTICLES AND SHORT SKETCHES. Mr. Bell uses the best material that reaches his desk. If we want more about Turkey in the Missionary Herald the means are in our own hands.

Among August sailings from America are listed: Miss Eastman, Miss Pihl for Smyrna, Mr. and Mrs. Kreider for Constantinople, Miss Pinneo for Athens, Mr. Hand and Mr. Boyer for the International College, the Misses Orvis, Brauer and Martin for Adana, Mrs. Sewney for Salonica and Mr. Nilson for Talas.

Dr. Albert Dewey has been studying in Boston ever since reaching America. At the end of August the family starts for Colorado to spend four months with the home folks before returning to the Caucasus under the Near East Relief. "Mrs. Dewey and the wee ones are all fine". Address, 1134 St. Paul Street, Denver, Colorado.

Miss Willard reports a brief visit in Merzifoun from Admiral and Mrs. Bristol. We are glad indeed that these good friends lose no opportunity to come into personal touch with American activities throughout Turkey.

The Minister of Public Instruction has expressed the desire to place Turkish students as boarders in each of the American Schools in Turkey. We rejoice at this proof of confidence in our Schools and in our desire to serve the youth of Turkey. We shall make every effort to meet His Excellency's suggestion and venture to hope that after several years of continuous inspection this step may mark the beginning of easier relationships and make possible better service by our schools to the people of Turkey.

It is reported that 35 relatives were on the dock to welcome the Goodsell family in California. No news since. We trust there were no casualties.

Very truly yours,

L. R. Fowle.

No. 96.

Constantinople, August 31st, 1926.

Dear friends:

The financial year of this News Sheet is from July 1st to June 30th. Subscriptions are 50 piasters in Turkey and one dollar outside of Turkey. We would appreciate prompt remittances from all as our postage drawer is empty. Unless word to the contrary is received charges will be passed from this office to all those within the Mission to whom the News Sheet is sent. Subscribers abroad please send the dollar either to the undersigned or to Editor in Chief, Charles T. Riggs, 71 Cottage Street, New Haven, Conn.

At the Treasury office in Constantinople there are 60 copies of a lesson book on "Kindness to Animals", 31 copies of "Black Beauty", 100 copies of a book on "Humane Education", and about 100 pamphlets by Professor Santours. All of these are in Turkish and will be sent to those desiring them at cost of postage only. First come, first served.

It is with sincere regret that we announce the death on August 30th of Husni Bey, for 13 years the faithful teacher of Turkish in the Gedik Pasha School. Many of our American circle have taken Turkish lessons with him. His loss is deeply felt.

Miss Norah Ward has returned from England and with Miss Ruth Crockett starts for Smyrna on Friday, September 3rd. After collecting the belongings she has there she will come North again to be in the Brousa school next year.

Miss Edith F. Parsons and Miss Hinman left Constantinople on the 27th for Smyrna where Miss Parsons assumes the principalship of the Girls' School. Miss Hinman found Constantinople attractive enough during Annual Meeting to stay on during most of the summer.

A letter from Mr. Nilson reports a son and heir Donald, born in June to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bobb.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon of the American Express Company in Constantinople also have a son, David Crockett Gordon. The Gordons will be in the Riggs' home in Hissar next year.

Miss Marion Nossier has returned from her holiday spent in Italy. Mr. and Mrs. Perry have returned from Tcham Korea.

Mrs. Nellie F. Brooks reports a full month in June at Fairmount College where she is continuing her studies during the summer, thus completing her college work.

Salaries paid to teachers in Turkish Government Schools have been materially increased. While involving American Schools in increased expense, this wise measure will result in time in more & better teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fowle and Son, after spending some weeks in the Caucasus, are now crossing Anotolia from Samsoun to Syria, with stopovers at places of special interest.

Word has been received of the death on July 30th at Thetford, Vermont, of Edward Leeds Clark, son and grandson of Board Mission, one's in Japan and Hawaii. Mrs. Clark, who was Eleanor Fowle of the Turkey Mission, with their three small sons, is with relatives in Thetford.

Yours truly,

L. R. Fowle.

Constantinople, September 7th, 1926.

Dear friends:

The good ship "Asia" reached the Bosphorus September first bringing Miss Pihl for the Smyrna Girls' School and Mr. and Mrs. Kreider for the Treasury Department. Miss Eastman left the steamer at Salonica. Miss Pihl proceeded on September 3rd to Smyrna with Miss Crockett and Miss Ward.

Miss Gertrude Emerson of the editorial staff of "Asia" Magazine spent a few days in Constantinople last week then proceeding to Angora with Miss Day of Brousa. Miss Emerson continues her journey eastward planning to spend the winter in India.

After five weeks' illness with cancer Lena M. Dickinson who formerly taught at the Gedik Pasha School died at her home in Wiscasset, Maine on August 16th. Her last letter to her Gedik Pasha Associates told of her eagerness to return to Constantinople and promised financial assistance to a former pupil, even though she herself could not come then.

Among returning vacationers we have welcomed Mrs. Leslie and Elizabeth from Tcham Koria, Miss Zbinden of Merzifoun much refreshed by three months in Switzerland, Miss Hiller of Brousa returning from a brief visit to Athens and Dr. and Mrs. Wilson Dodd and daughter en route to Beirut.

President and Mrs. Gates of Robert College and Professor and Mrs. Huntington have arrived in the vanguard of teachers for the Constantinople Colleges. With the Huntingtons have come for the winter their two neices, the daughters of Theresa Huntington Zeigler, formerly a member of Harpoot Station.

Dr. Cass Arthur Reed has returned to Smyrna for the duties which precede the opening of the International College. He reports a delightful summer in Europe with his mother visiting the Reed family. Mrs. Reed and the children are expected in Smyrna about the end of September.

Dr. and Mrs. Alexander MacLachlan of the International College may be addressed at 106 Barry Street, Kingston, Ontario.

Mr. Isely of Aintab has favored us with a News letter dated August 27th reporting summer activities, fall prospects, and information of interest to a wide circle of personal friends or those of missionary interests. Mr. Lyman sends out similar news letters. Would that more of us would cultivate understanding and interest at home through such communications.

The Turkish Department of Commerce has requested the foreign Chambers of Commerce in Constantinople to no longer use the name "Chamber" but rather some word such as Association or Club. The various foreign Chambers are examining the possibility of the suggested change.

Miss Bertha Morley of Merzifoun Station has been spending the summer in Chautauqua with Dr. Marden's sister, Miss Mary Marden. Miss Morley's winter address will be 9277 Amesbury Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kingsbury are enjoying life in a home of their own in Berlin, Conn. fifteen miles from Hartford. They hope to develop a special school for small children, their own trio furnishing a nucleus. The sincere interest of the Mission will follow them in their new work.

Many of our circle besides those of Constantinople Station will rejoice in having the Goodsell apartment occupied and opened. Mr. and Mrs. Kreider are establishing their home in that apartment.

Preliminary reports from our schools indicate heavy enrollments, particularly in the Boarding Departments.

Very truly yours,

L.R.Fowle.

Constantinople, September 14th, 1926

Dear friends;

Among Mission Personnel passing through Constantinople this week we would list the following:-

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Compton, returning to the American College, Salonica, after a successful visit in Merzifoun.
Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Adkins from England, Mr. Adkins has started for Adana, leaving Mrs. Adkins and daughter in Constantinople for a short period.
Mr. Paul von Allmen of Switzerland started for Tarsus with Mr. Adkins, to take up his work in the French Department of the Tarsus School.

Some question has arisen concerning the recognition by the Education Department of the appointment of Dr. Mute as Director of the Tarsus School. Diagnosis is not yet complete, but when the difficulty is located and isolated, we trust it can be removed.

From Merzifoun, a jolly summer party including the Wileys, Comptons, Charles Fowles, and Miss Noyes recently made a trip to Boghaz Keuy, visiting the interesting site of Pteria, the Northern Hittite Capitol.

From Talas, Misses Dwight & Eddy, with the Charles Fowles have been climbing Ali Dagh. David Clark will accompany the Fowles to Beirut, to enter the Community School. Possibly David's family will accompany him as far as the Cilician Gates, visiting the Urgub alabaster region, and the Troglodyte Caves on the way.

May saw the introduction of the Consumption Tax of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % on all sales; the new form of the Profits Tax went into effect in June; and in September there is to be introduced the new Fixed or "Maktou" Tax. This involves the making of a return by all Tax Payers, individuals or institutions, during the current month of September, to their local Tax Offices, showing the taxes they pay as Profits Tax, Tax on Buildings, or Tax on lands. (Kazanj, Musakafat, Arazi) On the total thus paid, the new Fixed Tax calls for a payment on a graded scale, in the neighborhood of 5%.

Dr. and Mrs. Ascham have returned to Constantinople, bring with them a friend, Miss Kunz, a recent graduate of Cincinnati University.

President Bayard Dodge of the American University in Beirut, with Mrs. Dodge and their two daughters, are spending several weeks in Constantinople with the Huntingtons of Robert College.

Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones, in charge of the Near East Survey now being carried on to better understand the Educational, Social, and Health situations in several Near Eastern Countries, is expected in Constantinople early in October, whence he will proceed to Syria and Palestine.

Mr. Asa K. Jennings, with Mrs. Jennings and their three children, is spending a month in a vacation visit to Syria, Palestine, and Egypt.

We regret to announce that permission to go to Mardin to assist Miss Fenenga in school work has again been refused to Mr. Carleton. He returned to his work in Aleppo.

Miss Harley, Miss Fletcher, Miss Lucas, and Mr. Ferguson have all returned from their holidays to their duties in Constantinople.

Mrs. Ferguson, who during the past winter served in the Brousa School, is this fall taking up her new duties under the Constantinople Y.W.C.A.

Secretary Ernest Riggs was scheduled to sail from New York on Sept. 2 for an absence of five weeks during which he will attend a Mission Conference on Africa, held in Belgium.

Dr. Hamilton, Miss Trowbridge, and Miss Blakely are visiting Talas, having made the trip from Aintab by train and auto in three days.

Cordially yours,

L. R. Fowle

Constantinople, September 21st. 1926

Dear friends:

Dr. and Mrs. Doremus Scudder and son are expected in Constantinople the latter part of September. Dr. Scudder is widely known in Congregational Circles and has served many years in Honolulu and Japan as well in pastorates in America.

Mr. and Mrs. Pye were expected in Athens on Saturday, September 18th. The Irwins were expected on October 2nd. Dr. Peet left Athens on September 16th for a two months' visit to Egypt, Palestine and Syria. Miss Pinneo has joined her Station and taken up work at the Woman's College in Old Phaleron.

More than a dozen Turkish boys of Ghazi Aintab are enrolled in Robert College. Many others are in schools in Smyrna, Constantinople and elsewhere. Aintab seems to maintain its tradition of deep interest in education.

Letters dated early in September report both Dr. Patton and Dr. Strong as absent from their offices on account of illness. Mr. Bell was on leave. Fortunately J.L.B. was holding down the lid while Secretary Riggs was on his trip to Belgium.

Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Woolworth are settled for the winter in New York City close to Union Seminary. They may be addressed at 99 Claremont Avenue.

A letter from Rachel North Trudeau reports the death of her father on August 21st. Mrs. North survives her husband after a comradeship of fifty-five years. The address of these friends is Minitonas, Manitoba, Canada.

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Miss Towner reports the acceptance of the Educational Department in Adana of a Turkish teacher found in Constantinople whose papers had been forwarded to Adana for approval. This teacher thus starts for her new work with definite authorization. We trust this opens the road to a similar procedure in other cases.

After serving in the Y.W.C.A. Camp on the Sea of Marmora, during the summer vacation, Miss Helen Wells has started for her school work at Adana. Miss Orvis and Miss Martin reached Constantinople from America on the 20th and are due in Adana by the end of the week.

Mr. Lyman MacCallum left for Paris on Thursday to meet Dr. Haven who wished to talk over with him some features of American Bible Society work.

Cordially yours,

L. R. Fowle.

The local Educational authorities have informed Dr. Nute that his appointment as Director of the school in Tarsus was not approved and have asked that another person be appointed as Director. It is hoped that when the real nature of the difficulty is understood, approval of Dr. Nute's appointment may be obtained.

Constantinople, September 23th, 1926.

Dear friends:

Letters from Beirut report the delight of our associates there at having the Partridge family join their circle. They are still house-hunting. Miss Loughridge and Miss Elizabeth Webb will this year live in the little house owned by the Webb Sisters.

A September letter from Mrs. Etta D. Marden reports her pleasure on receiving letters from her associates in the Turkey Mission. She follows with deep and abiding interest the progress of our work in Turkey and news bearing upon the development in this land.

The Goodsell family is settled at - 1611 Oxford St., Berkeley, California, and is very busy with matters big and little. Lincoln started for college at Oberlin on September 10th.

Miss Jillson reports a satisfactory enrollment of students of promise. The Brousa school is discontinuing the three lowest primary grades and developing the orta grades. This emphasis is a wise one and the reputation of the school as a Lycée is spreading.

The first rains having reached the Adana plain, Mrs. Adkins and daughter left Constantinople on the 27th to join Mr. Adkins in Adana.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley and son are spending a couple of weeks in Constantinople on their way to the new Station in Marash.

Miss Cecelia Berg of the Treasury Department has accepted the invitation of the Gedik Pasha school to join their teaching staff. Fortunately great progress has been made since the war in native secretarial ability and the Mission offices at the Bible House now have the help of three secretaries, graduates of the Scutari Girls' School in the Class of 1925, who have been trained by Miss Fletcher.

Student enrollment at Robert College has already reached 725. This is a very substantial gain over the preceding year.

Dr. and Mrs. Clark of Talas have decided to place both David and Constance in the Community School in Beirut. They plan to accompany their children thither for a brief stay.

Mrs. Edith M. Laird, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum, has accepted the position of Librarian at the American University in Beirut and proceeds this week to her new post.

New instructions to American Consular Offices in the Near East provide for the extension of the validity of American passports for a maximum period of four years, for citizens who are boni-fida teachers in schools. The new regulations go into effect on October first.

Mr. Fowle has made a special application for permit to visit Mar-din. If granted, he will hope to start about October 8th visiting the southern Stations on the way.

The Mission Language School opened on September 18th with Mr. and Mrs. Kreider as students and Mr. Perry as Acting Director.

Dr. Julius Klein, Director of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the United States, has just spent several days in Constantinople. He addressed the American Men's Club at their first Luncheon on September 23rd.

Cordially yours,

L. R. Fowle.

No. 101.

Constantinople, October 5th, 1926.

Dear Friends:

From Salonica comes word of the opening of the College on September 23rd. A hundred boarders were expected but the number will exceed that limit. The total enrollment promises to approach two hundred. The Girls' School expects forty-four boarders and the list is already filled.

On the "SS Sardegna" have come from France and Italy, Mrs. Cass Arthur Reed and three children of Smyrna and Miss Brauer and Miss Van Cleft both for the Girls' School in Adana. These travelers continue by the same steamer for Smyrna and Mersin.

The request of the Minister of Public Instruction to various American Schools with reference to the acceptance of boarding students named by himself has reached the schools and colleges in Constantinople. The institutions are doing all they can to meet this request but find themselves somewhat limited by the lack of room for further boarding students as well as by lack of funds. In general foreign schools seem to be crowded this year.

After spending the summer with her sister in Beirut Miss Mary Webb has returned to her Station in Adana.

Word from Boston indicates that the Board's Fiscal Year was closed in September with no added deficit, thanks to the unusually large sums received from legacies during the year. It is not encouraging to have the amounts given by living donors diminish and the Board would prefer increase in this category rather than in that of those who give money to the Board on their death. Nevertheless the year is closed with no added deficit and this should be a source of courage to all friends of the Board.

Under date of September 15th Mr. Goodsell reports the beginning of Fall activities. Lynda is beginning on a M.A. course in the University and in the Pacific School of Religion. Lincoln has started for Oberlin and Caroline is settling into the busy activities of High School life. Mr. Goodsell already has a heavy schedule of speaking, writing and teaching, and of course it is Mrs. Goodsell's steady hand that keeps the machine running. These friends would appreciate numerous letters from our circle in the Near East as to the development of their work and tendencies which are making themselves manifest round about us.

Eleanor Fowle Clark has taken the position of night-superintendent at the Pillsbury Hospital, Concord, New Hampshire. Her three little sons live in a bungalow near by and she hopes to be able both to carry on her work and maintain a home for them.

Miss Blakely writes from Marash that Miss Edith Cold has been compelled to stay in America on account of her mother's health and has taken a position as teacher for the present school year.

Very cordially yours,

L. R. Fowle.

Constantinople, October 12th, 1926.

Dear Friends,

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Beach and children have returned from several months' furlough in America. Mrs. Beach and children proceeded at once to the Caucasus while Mr. Beach remained here a few days longer to confer with Mr. Acheson.

Mr. Shreger and Mr. Tidball of the European V. N. C. A. are visiting the Constantinople Association.

The "SS Braga" sailed from Providence on September 17th, carrying Mrs. Sewney bound for her new position in connection with the new College in Salonica, Mr. Nilson en route to his new station in Talas and Mrs. Wells who plans to spend the winter with her daughter in Adana school. Mr. Nilson and Mrs. Wells arrived here on October 10th, and will proceed to Adana on the 18th.

Mr. Acheson, Director of Over-Seas Operations of the Near East Relief is again in Constantinople, accompanied by his father.

Mrs. C. A. Reed and children arrived in Smyrna on October 9th. Misses Brauer and Van Cleft, bound for Adana and Dr. Fiske, Dean of Women at Oberlin College, made a hasty inspection of International College while their boat was in Smyrna harbor.

Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones of the Phelps-Dodge Foundation, Chairman of the Near East Survey Committee, spoke on October 7th to the members of Constantinople Station. He emphasized the newer approach to educational problems as being not primarily based on the individual's psychology but rather on terms of the Social and Community activities in which the individual is to engage. In these activities, health, economic pursuits, the home and recreation are the four primary human concerns. Dr. Jones' plea is for a closer relation between educational processes and community life.

Mr. L. R. Fowle accompanied Dr. Jones and Dr. Frye to Adana leaving here the 8th. Mr. Fowle expects to spend some days in Tarsus, Adana, Marash and Antab.

Miss Ellen Catlin writes from Burlington, Vermont that she is busy with some classes in the University and with speaking engagements.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin and Genevieve arrived in Athens on October 3rd. Mr. Irwin states that he is in fine fettle and that his health is much improved.

Reports from the American Junior College in Old Phaleron show that the school is crowded, that applications for both day and boarding students have had to be refused. The village schools show a like condition.

The Department of Education has recently created in various districts in Turkey the office of "Mearif Emni". These officials are the direct representatives in their districts of the Minister of Instruction.

Henceforth the Minister will correspond with local Mearif Mudirs not through the Vilayets, but through the Emin of the District. Emins may inspect all schools in their districts excepting the University.

Similar to their authority over government or community schools in their respective districts, the Emins have the right to appoint teachers in all foreign schools in their districts, and enjoy the prerogatives of general inspectors in all matters of inspection and investigation.

It is believed that this decentralization will not only assure greater efficiency in the schools, but will also relieve the Ministry from much detail that should be handled locally.

Very cordially yours,

L. R. Fowle,

per E.T.L.

Constantinople, October 19th, 1926.

Dear friends:

Dr. Sze, Chinese Ambassador to the United States, is spending some days in this city and is expecting to visit Angora to attend the first meeting of Parliament. Dr. Sze is studying various conditions in this country.

Mrs. Nellie F. Brooks has concluded her work at Fairmount College, Wichita, for the summer and has taken a position with the Cedar Falls Congregational Church as Student Secretary, her work being in connection with the 2400 students of Iowa State Teachers' College located in that city.

Mr. Lyman MacCallum of the American Bible Society has returned to Stamboul after a month's absence in Europe. In Paris he met with Dr. William I. Haven, one of the general secretaries of the Society, with whom the possibilities and means of extending the work in this area were discussed. The need for a modern Turkish version of at least the four Gospels is to be presented to the Versions Committee at New York, with considerable hope that they will consider it favorably.

Word from Dr. Peet tells of his recent visit with the Patriarch of Alexandria, Egypt. Dr. Peet is now in Jerusalem where he expects to stay about three weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. Doremus Scudder and daughter who are the guests of Constantinople College, leave here on the Tuesday for Beirut on their way to India. Dr. Scudder addressed the first meeting of the season on October 15th of the Christian Workers Union, speaking on the subject "The Growth of Democracy in Japan". He first traced the ten great steps in the progress of Japan during the last thirty years. During this period, which was one of conquest, he emphasized the fact that we white nations, by our methods of approach to her, compelled Japan to become a militaristic nation; and that this was the Japan of the ruling group only, not the Japan of the people. After the World War it became possible to organize a real democratic movement in which the five greatest leaders were all Christians. The Washington Arms Conference which opened the door in Japan for the discussion of militarism, was a defeat for the militarists and a new democratic policy is the outcome. This shows itself in a new attitude towards militarism, towards soldiers themselves, and in the removal from many school books of all militaristic ideas.

On Saturday, October 16th, the ladies of the American Women's Club at their first luncheon of the season listened to a very interesting talk by Dr. Scudder on the League of Nations.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley and Lincoln arrived in Adana from Constantinople on October 12th, and remained there for several days visiting friends before proceeding to their station in Marash.

Mr. Fowle after spending a very interesting week visiting the work in Tarsus and Adana, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Wiley to Marash. He will remain there several days and then continue his trip to Ghazi Aintab.

Dr. Ascham and Mr. Briggie are travelling through Anatolia by automobile, visiting many towns and villages. They will eventually reach Angora as their destination.

Rev. C. T. Riggs is in the midst of a six weeks' speaking campaign in New York State, under the Commission of Missions. He reports meeting many friends and acquaintances on this trip. Mr. H. H. Riggs is also at work in Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. Both he and his brother are to speak at the Annual Meeting of the American Board at Akron, Ohio, October 26-28.

Cordially yours,

L. R. Fowle

per E.T. Leslie.

No. 104.

Constantinople, October 26th, 1926.

Dear Friends:

International College in Smyrna reports the registration to be 268 on October 12th of whom 167 are boarders. This is about the enrollment they had last year but a number of students were yet to be registered.

Friends of Miss Lillian Brauer will sympathize with her in the news which awaited her on her arrival in Adana, that her small niece had been killed in an automobile accident. Miss Brauer had had the little girl in her charge during the illness of her mother.

Mrs. Jean Turnbull Marsh formerly of Harpoot, is living at Wells River, Vermont, where her husband has a pastorate.

Dr. and Mrs. White left Salonica on October 12th going over land to Paris on their way to the United States. They expected to reach New York about the 23rd of October.

Mrs. Inez Lied Johnstone writes that her address will be Banning, California for another year.

Dr. and Mrs. Caleb F. Gates, are rejoicing in the news of the arrival of a grandson in the home of their son Moore. The young man's name is Moore Gates, Jr.

Miss Elizabeth Lewis in writing to friends here regrets the impossibility of her return to Turkey but announces her engagement to Mr. Walter Smith of Philadelphia, the marriage to take place in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Getchell were planning to have a holiday in Syra, Greece during the latter part of October.

Miss Grace Towner reports a good enrollment for the American School for Girls, Adana. She is rejoicing in the fact that the school could start with teachers on hand at the beginning and with the students of such a caliber to make it the most promising year yet. One factor of encouragement is that students have come from places at some distance away, from which there have been no students for a number of years.

Among the school notices in Harper's Magazine we note an interesting item which shows that Rev. and Mrs. John H. Kingsbury are in charge of "Merricourt" which is "just the place for children". The many friends of the Kingsburys here wish them success in their new work and wish they might visit this interesting little school.

Mrs. Wells and Mr. Nilson arrived safely on Sunday, the 17th, in Adana. They had a very pleasant trip.

The American College at Salonica reports an enrollment of about 180 students on the 13th of October. Those in charge are rejoicing in the quality of the students who have come to them.

Mrs. Sarah Woodman Paul and her sister, Miss Anna Woodman, who for thirty years have been directors of the Kent Place School at Summit, New Jersey, are guests of Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum during their stay in Constantinople. They are on a three years trip in Europe and Near East.

Very cordially yours,

L&R. Fowle,
per E.T. Leslie.

Constantinople, November 2nd, 1926.

Dear Friends:

Miss Edith Cold announces to her friends that her present address is 1741 Mission St., South Pasadena, California.

Mr. W. E. Johnson (Pussy-foot) arrived in the city on October 28th and is spending some days here. Mr. Johnson is interested in the education of Turkish girls, one of his protegees being in the Brousa school and two in Constantinople College. During his stay here, Mr. Johnson is addressing various meetings.

Miss Lillian Brauer, as well as the children of that neighborhood, is rejoicing in the permission which has been granted to her to open the Play-ground in Adana. The Play-ground is now under the Department of Education.

A letter from Dr. J. C. Martin states that he and Mrs. Martin will make their home at 154 Lincoln Ave., New London, Conn., until next September. Dr. Martin is improving in health and is encouraged by the hope that he may take up his work again after a sufficient rest. Miss Isabel Martin who is on the staff of the Chapman Tech, is at home with her parents.

Miss Helen Wells reports that her mother, Mrs. Wells, who has recently arrived in Adana, is most enthusiastic over the school and especially over the classes in Arithmetic which she is teaching.

Rev. Roland F. Burrough who has been Chaplain of the Crimean Memorial Church for seventeen years left the city on October 30th for Jerusalem on his way to England to take up a Rectory in his native town of Derby. Mr. Churchward, who is in charge of Russian refugees here, is officiating until the appointment of a new Chaplain.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hilton of Chicago, together with their son and his bride have been guests at Constantinople College recently. Mr. Hilton, Jr. expects to spend the year in study in Germany, and his bride is remaining here as a student in Constantinople College. Mr. Hilton, Sr. is a member of the firm of Ginn and Company, and is a Trustee of Constantinople College.

The British and American communities in the city are sorry to lose from their number Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Leavitt who with their family plan to return to America in December to make their permanent home there. Mr. and Mrs. Leavitt are well known here and they will be greatly missed.

The Russian artist Ismailovitch has had his paintings on exhibition at Social Hall, Robert College over the week end. Those visiting the exhibition have been especially interested in his paintings of still life and in his re-productions from the mosaics of the Kahries Djami. Mr. Ismailovitch expects to leave the city shortly and to place his pictures on exhibition both in Europe and America.

The first Vesper Organ Recital of the season at Robert College was well attended last Sunday. Prof. Estes was assisted by one of the students Nedjdet Remzi, on the violin.

Very cordially yours,

Luther R. Fowle.

Per E. T. Leslie.

Constantinople, November 9th, 1926.

Dear Friends:

Reports from the earthquake in Leninakan and vicinity in Armenia, show that the disaster assumed serious proportions. In the city of Leninakan where the main orphanages of the Near East Relief are located, 600 houses are completely destroyed and practically all the buildings of the Relief Society were so seriously damaged that the 6000 orphans housed therein have been forced to evacuate the dormitories. Twelve of the villages in the vicinity of the city were totally and twenty-three partially, destroyed. About 5000 inhabitants of the smaller towns were forced to camp on the bleak hill-sides without shelter, bedding and even sufficient clothing. The Near East Relief is rendering all possible aid to these village sufferers but is extending a special appeal for help in this new situation. The people of that region which were beginning to face a promising future are again without homes, implements and animals with which to begin life anew.

Miss Irma Finley, formerly secretary of the Y. W. C. A. at Atlanta, Georgia, has recently joined the staff of the local organization.

Miss Lydia Flint made a short visit to Alashehir, the ancient Philadelphia, over the Republic Day week end. Eight members of the International College staff during this same holiday, climbed Nymph Dagh, the towering mountain behind Smyrna, under the leadership of Professor Seylez an enthusiastic Alpinist. They report wonderful views from this mountain but a great drought in the surrounding country.

Local papers announce that the excavation of the central axis of the Hippodrome will be begun in the Spring of 1927 by the British Museum.

Rev. David N. Beach, father of Joseph W. Beach, Director of Near East Relief activities in Russian Armenia, died in October in Connecticut, at the age of seventy-seven. Rev. Beach in his earlier years filled pastorates in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Minnesota and Colorado. After 1903 he was Professor of Homiletics in Bangor Theological Seminary. He was prominent in Local Option work in the pre-war days and in good civics work, and was the author of various books.

At the Fall Convocation of Queen's University, Ian MacLachlan will receive his B. A. degree, having taken his B. Sc. last year. His fiancée is also receiving her B. A. at the same time.

Rev. Robert Frew, D. D., formerly of the Union Church in the city here has been recently married in England.

Mr. Luther R. Fowle, on his visit to the southern Mission Stations, continued his journey from Aintab back to Adana and Tarsus and drove from there by auto with Mr. Nilson to Talas. This week Mr. Fowle will continue his journey to Merzifoun.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana K. Getchell have returned to Salonica from their trip to Syra and Athens.

Grant MacLachlan is doing Engineering at Ottawa, while Mrs. MacLachlan (Sara Snell of the Language School, class 1920-21) and her two children remain at Kingston with Dr. and Mrs. MacLachlan.

Very cordially yours,

L. R. Fowle,

per E. T. Leslie.

Constantinople, November 16th, 1926.

Dear Friends:

News has been received of the death in New York of Rev. Dr. George H. Herrick at the age of 92. The funeral services were held at the Broadway Tabernacle.

Dr. Herrick was for 52 years a missionary in Turkey, during 25 years of which time he was a teacher in the Theological Seminary at Merzifoun and for three years the President of Anatolia College. Later he was in the Publication Department for many years. As an author he has written books in English, Turkish and Armenian, and has done valuable work as a translator into these last two languages. Dr. Herrick was beloved by a wide circle of people and he will remain in their memory as a gentle and courtly Christian gentleman.

Prof. Manley O. Hudson, Professor of International Law at Harvard and a member for seven years of the Secretariat of the League of Nations, is in the city for a short time and spoke at the American Men's Luncheon Club on November 11th. Prof. Hudson is investigating Capitulatory countries.

Miss Clara Nolen arrived on November 1st by steamer from Italy to help in the American Academy for Girls at Scutari for the remainder of the school year.

The first reports from the Annual Meeting of the Board held at Akron, Ohio, pronounce the meeting an especially inspiring one.

Misses Sill and McKibben from the Near East Relief in Syria are in the city for a few days' visit. The earlier part of their brief vacation was spent in Egypt. Miss Sill has charge of the work in Aleppo which cares for the orphans placed out in families.

Kenneth P. Kirkwood, joint author with Prof. Toybee of a recent book on Turkey, and a former member of the International College staff at Smyrna, is now a member of the History Faculty at Columbia University. He is living at International House.

Archibald Macfarlane, another recent International College instructor, is similarly teaching at the University of Pennsylvania and working for an advanced degree.

Charles Van Zanten is studying at the University of Chicago.

Miss Norton of Alepp reports a very busy year in the Girls' School. The work there has been interrupted somewhat by considerable malaria and influenza among the girls.

Reports from Beirut state that a number of people are ill there with sand-fly fever from the lack of rain. According to the meteorological report they have had only 100 cm. of rain this year while last year there was over 5000 cm.

Mr. E. A. Yarrow spoke at the American Women's Luncheon Club on Saturday the 13th, giving a brief account of the earthquake at Leninakan which was reported in our News Sheet of last week.

Music lovers in Constantinople have been enjoying a series of concerts this last week by the master violinist Jan Kubelik. During this same time the foremost Hungarian pianist, Youra Guller, has given several recitals.

At the Robert College Club November 13th, Dr. Gates gave most interesting reminiscences of his early days in Turkey which were spent in Mardin and Harpoot.

Cordially yours,

L. R. Fawle,

per E. T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

Recent letters report the Salonica Girls' School Boarding Department as full to the limit with room for two or three more in the College. National boundary lines seem to mark no change in the desire for education on the part of Near Eastern peoples.

Miss Nataline Dulles after serving a year in Athens has joined the nursing staff of the American Hospital of Constantinople. She is a sister of Allen W. Dulles, recently Director of the Near East Division of the State Department in Washington.

Eleanor Ketchum Horn writes of the rapid development of Miss Edith and states that the Horn family will probably settle in the New England district where Mr. Horn is considering various business possibilities. We hope to be able to give their permanent address in the near future to their numerous friends in the Near East.

Miss Mary Gleason, formerly connected with Y. work in Constantinople has become Secretary to Dr. Paul Monroe in New York City.

The School of Religion in Athens is looking forward to the arrival in December of Dr. and Mrs. John Wright Buckham and their daughter. Dr. Buckham is of the Faculty of the Pacific School of Religion and comes to give two courses of lectures at the School in Athens. The visits and lectures of such leaders in the churches of the East or West to the other group is doing much to increase mutual understanding, good-will, and cooperation.

Mr. Edward L. Gulick and his wife, who was formerly Harriet Farnsworth of Caesarea are expected early in December to spend several months visiting their nephews, the Fowles, in Beirut, Athens and Constantinople.

The Mission Treasurer returned on November 19th from a six weeks' trip in Anatolia visiting all Stations east of the Euphrates except Smyrna and Brousa. Having twice crossed from the Black Sea to the Mediterranean by horse in pre-war days, the following facts impressed him tremendously: Marash and Aintab are within 9 hours' reach of Adana, of which 6 are by rail and 3 by auto. Actual running time by Ford car with dry roads was as follows:

Tarsus - Olou Kishla	7 hours	Tokat - Amasia	5 hours
Olou Kishla - Caesarea	9 "	Amasia - Merzifoun	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
Caesarea - Sivas	7 "	Merzifoun - Yosgat	6 "
Sivas - Tokat	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Yosgat - Yerkeuy (rail-head)	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "

The average speed of travel was 20 kilometers or 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles per hour. The building of roads is being pushed with energy throughout the district visited. Railway construction shows equal vigor. The new line from Angora - Yerkeuy, 204 kilometers, is open to regular traffic and a further 50 kilometers is to be opened on December 1st. The roadbed is practically complete to Caesarea and officials confidently expect the establishment of regular service in April next. Engineers are surveying the route to be followed from Caesarea to Sivas, and already substantial construction work has been accomplished on the section from Samsoun toward Sivas. There can be no doubt that the increasing ease and means of transportation is doing much to create a firm foundation for Turkish national consciousness, and by the same token is breaking down the district sentiment which was the earlier substitute for national patriotism.

In succeeding numbers of the News Sheet it is hoped to give a few paragraphs about each of the Stations visited by the undersigned. Of course such brief statement must be inadequate and incomplete, but will, it is hoped, serve to bring at least some of the problems of each Station to the attention of the deeply interested group to whom this sheet goes. Thus in advance we beg the indulgence of the friends visited.

Very cordially yours,

L. R. Fowle.

Constantinople, November 30th, 1926.

Dear Friends:

No Station of the American Board in Turkey is nearer to the standard of normal pre-war activity than Adana Station. The adjustments to new conditions, new constituency and new non-American personnel have been successfully made, and the need is for the steady continuation of present activities with normal development and adequate support in personnel and means.

ADANA HOSPITAL: Cramped for space, running at maximum capacity, remarkable in its abundant service in the spirit of Jesus, with a rare loyalty to the ideals of the institution on the part of the entire staff, the Adana Hospital continues the best traditions of the long history of the Board's medical work in Turkey. Treaty relationships involving additional American doctors and the permanency of medical work condition the further development of this fine institution. There is too much life in the Hospital not to expand substantially in equipment and service in the near future.

ADANA GIRLS SCHOOL: A student enrollment of 154, over half in the high school, 63 new students this fall, 45 boarders from twelve cities extending from Iconium to the Euphrates, seven American teachers, five Turkish teachers -- the Adana School is very much of a going concern. Eighty-six percent of the student body are Turks, and in their happy life and interests can hardly be distinguished from Twentieth Century girlhood the world over. Adequate support and steady service is the best that can be wished for this institution which is contributing so vitally to the development of the new Turkey in the nation's womanhood.

GENERAL WORK: Through teaching in Turkish government schools, through visits in many homes, through leadership in the inter-national evangelical church group and through friendly touch with many who are now feeling the new currents of thought in this land, the non-institutional service of the Mission is advancing effectively along new lines. The best that could be wished for the Board's work in Turkey would be the development in all occupied centers of similar work to that now in progress in Adana together with provision for the inevitable growth demanded by so vital an organism,

Born in Toronto, Canada, a son to Professor and Mrs. Keith Crowther - formerly Frances MacCallum,

Born in Athens, Greece, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Farnsworth Fowle.

Dr. Merrill has just made another visit to Aintab to get books and other college properties for use in the Aleppo school. Miss Towner and Mrs. Block were expected in Aintab for Thanksgiving.

Some forty of the Mission circle, big and little, gathered at the Scutari School for Thanksgiving service and dinner and a delightful afternoon of jollity. Miss Prime and Miss Dodd, for many years of our Mission staff, and Mrs. Nute with Billy and Cyril added much to the pleasure of the occasion. Miss Day and Miss Hiller of the Brousa Girls' Lycee spent Thanksgiving in Constantinople with us.

Thanksgiving is one of the important days of the year for the boys of the American School at Erenkeuy. The afternoon programme consisted of a cross-country run followed by a reception to the thirty competitors. A big dinner came in the evening, at which time the championship class numerals and school letters were given to those who had won the athletic contests of the fall term. To the surprise of all the boys, the Fourth Class ran away with the honors of the day, and were awarded the medals and the class cup. At 8:30 the Glee Club, under the direction of Mr. Denkinger, gave Guilbert & Sullivan's Opera "Pinafore". Having already given a successful performance of the first act last spring, they were eager to give the full opera. Mrs. Markham and Miss Berg were the only ones called upon to assist. Much enthusiasm was shown by the audience as well as by the actors.

Very cordially yours,

L. R. Fowle.

Constantinople, December 7th, 1926.

Dear Friends:

TARSUS NUMBER

Eighty pupils, Seventy-five of whom are Turks, and Forty Boarders constitute the Student Body of the Tarsus American School. On the teaching Staff are four American teachers, two other serving part time, six Turkish teachers and one Swiss, teaching French.

The temporary discontinuance of the School in 1925, and three different Directors since that date, have been enough to explain much of the uncertainty of the Institution during this period. Dr. Nute is now in charge and during the past four months has accomplished much in drawing together a Turkish teaching Staff, and a student body somewhat larger than the year before. But the need of the School is not so much increased numbers as it is for steady worthy accomplishment in class room and other activities. It is to be hoped that relations with the Educational Authorities will continue to improve, making it possible for the best thought of all to be given to the great task of teaching these eager boys.

Most urgent needs are:

A second permanent family for Educational Work, to be prepared after Language Study to lead the School during the Nute furlough, and longer if by that date Medical Permit is granted Dr. Nute.

Appointees to replace Mrs. Block and Mr. Matteson, who are due to leave on furlough.

A careful consideration of Tarsus School finances to assure adequate support in the future. Under new conditions no one can both direct the School and bear the burden of raising funds for it through personal effort as was done so remarkably under pre-war conditions by Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Christie.

The Tarsus School is the sole American Boys' School in Turkey, outside the coast cities of Smyrna and Constantinople.

Mr. Getchell reports "a most glorious Thanksgiving celebration" wherein 32 Americans sat down to a Thanksgiving feast in the Study-hall of the American College in Salonica. So happy was the fellowship that they plan to gather again at Christmas time at the American Farm School.

The more inter-Station visiting there can be the broader will be our understanding and sympathy. Miss Towner and Mrs. Block have recently been in Aintab. Miss Kinney, Miss Bertha Cold, Mrs. McNaughton and her guest Mrs. Judsam have been visiting the Brousa Girls' School.

Letters were received last week from Mrs. T. D. Christie whose address is the Glendale Sanitarium, Glendale, California. She particularly mentions Professor Charles Anderson of Robert College who has met with a most unfortunate accident. A fall resulted in a broken hip requiring long weeks of forced quiet in a cast. A word of greeting from friends particularly at this season would be eagerly welcome by Dr. Anderson whose life and thought has been so closely bound up with service in Turkey.

In no way does Robert College more happily reach the general public than through its Department of Music. A recent special treat has been a concert by the Sevcik String Quartet. On December 19th the Christmas Organ Recital will be the 240th concert under the effective leadership of Professor Estes.

The latest figures on student enrollment in the nine schools operating in Turkey in connection with the American Board are as follows:

	1923	1924	1925	1926	1926/27
Total Students	838	1096	1340	1389	1257
Total Turks "	257	518	759	855	919

To those familiar with pre-war conditions when few Turks could attend our schools this showing is really remarkable. And best of all it indicates a general eagerness on the part of Turks for education. The Turkish government schools are crowded to the doors. There is great promise in this situation.

Very cordially yours,

L. R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

MARASH NUMBER

In no center of Anatolia is there a prospect of a more helpful service than in Marash. A compound well located, buildings well planned and in good repair, and a group of workers whose numbers have been recently supplemented by the Wiley Family, with Miss Wells available next year - Marash Station is eager to develop its activities. In addition to much visiting in a wide circle of friends, plans for an industrial shop and playground work with boys are being pushed. But the re-opening of the Girls' School, to take advantage of the traditions of the past, and bring our work into close and immediate touch with many young people and their homes, is the most important "next step". Efforts to clear the way for permission to reopen are to be made this winter at the Capital. For American teaching Staff it is hoped that Miss Edith Cold can be ready to lead the venture in September 1927, with Misses Blakely and Wells to be associated with her. Valuable help in music can be given by Mrs. Lyman, and possibly others of the station can take some classes at least till the new venture is well started.

Marash is rapidly building the road to Keller on the railway, about 50 miles away; whence it is six hours to Adana, and less than 48 hours to Constantinople. A rice factory has recently been built, and schemes for water-power development, opening of coal mines, and mineral concessions are in the air. Even in this city, so long felt to be a center of conservatism, fresh currents are stirring.

Members of the German Evangelical Mission who worked in Marash before the World War have again taken up their work there, in happy fellowship with the American Board group. The re-opening of their Hospital is particularly hoped for by the population of the city and the wide territories surrounding it.

To enable better connections for certain delegates, the first meeting of the Mid-year Council has been set for Thursday, December 30th, at 2:30 P.M. The gathering will be in the Mission Library, at Constantinople.

Miss Annie Davies, long serving in close fellowship with our Mission in Adana and in Syria, is visiting friends in Constantinople en route to Syria from England. Her Orphanage work has been under the supervision of Miss Elizabeth Webb, during Miss Davies' absence.

Dr. E. B. Haskell is back in Samokov, after a couple of weeks in a Sofia Hospital. Happily it was only a most troublesome boil.

After a happy Thanksgiving dinner in the "Dodd-Irwin" House in Talas, the Station Ford-ed it to the new Airplane Factory just outside Caesarea. Four large buildings are already erected, and three more are to be put up in the Spring.

Mr. Edward Leeds Gulick and his wife (formerly Harriet Farnsworth of Caesarea) have arrived in Constantinople to spend some weeks with their nephews, the Fowles.

Richard Smith of Tarsus is spending some days at the Adana Hospital.

Reporting some of our associates in America Mr. Charles Riggs has been stumping New York State with the visiting Commission on Missions. Mr. Henry Riggs has been similarly engaged in Vermont, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, and Mr. Goodsell has been doing similar work on the West coast particularly through a series of lectures at the Pacific School of Religion. His latest letter points out that the Goodsell family is having "a most superexpidudious year". Doubtless that state is found only in California but there can be no question concerning its being something pretty fine.

Turkish Educational Authorities have brought to the attention of some of our schools a book of "Beginners English" prepared by Miss Dorothy Kennedy of Constantinople College. A book by Mr. Thompson, and Englishman teaching in Galata Serai Lycee is also on the market.

Very cordially yours,

L. R. Fowle

Constantinople, December 21st, 1926.

Dear Friends:

Early in the fall some question had arisen with reference to the recognition by the Turkish Educational Authorities, of Dr. Nute as Director of the College in Tarsus. We are happy to report that his recognition has now been granted. Furthermore, the government has confirmed the appointment to the Tarsus College of two much needed Turkish teachers.

Our latest letter from Salonica gives much news of associates there. Dr. and Mrs. White are in the Middle West and for some months to come their headquarters will be at Minneapolis. Mr. Hawkes is the Station's delegate to the Mid-year Council and together with Mrs. Brewster and Mr. and Mrs. Compton is representing Salonica Station at the Inter-Station gathering to be held in Athens on December 28th and 29th. The Christmas vacation is from December 22nd to January 9th and Miss Bugbee plans to spend the period in Italy. Mr. Chapman and Mr. Swartz are planning a trip to Vienna. Mr. Riggs Brewster hopes to spend this time in a tour through Macedonia. Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow have now returned to Salonica after a month spent in renewing health on the island of Skyros.

Mr. Woolworth has supplied us with information concerning the twenty apartments for missionaries on furlough who desire to continue their studies at Union Theological Seminary in New York. These apartments are fully furnished and are of either four or six rooms. Assignments for the year beginning September 1927 will be made early in the new year, hence any who are interested should apply at once to the Faculty Committee on Missionary Apartments, 3041 Broadway, New York City.

Many of the Americans in the Near East have traveled on the "SS Braga" of the Fabre Line. This good ship met disaster early in December 1926 while steaming northward through the Aegean in tempestuous weather. She ran on to the rocks near the island of Samos and was severely pounded by the waves. In response to SOS calls other vessels came to her aid and the passengers were taken off without loss of life. A number of officers remained with their vessel but its situation eventually becoming hopeless they were forced to abandon it. It is believed that the vessel with its cargo estimated at 2000 tons, is a total loss. A wide circle of Americans in the Near East will regret this accident to a Company which has served us so well for many years past.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Hedden of the Constantinople Y.M.C.A. are the happy parents of a second daughter, Nancy Erwin.

Dr. and Mrs. Gates of Robert College are rejoicing in a visit from their son Caleb at present a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, who is spending his Christmas vacation at his old home on the Bosphorus.

Trains now leaving Yer-Keuy at 7:40 a.m. on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays, are due at Angora at 4 p.m., where they connect with the train leaving at 5 p.m. and due in Constantinople at noon the following day. With the rapid improvement of automobile roads, this service should bring our associates in Caesarea and Merzifoun much closer to the Capital and to Constantinople.

The Turkish Press reports the successful completion of negotiations with Belgian and Swedish financial and engineering interests which will result in the construction of rail-roads from Caesarea to Sivas, from Sivas to Erzingan, from the Angora line to the Adana line at Ulu Kushla and from Angora to the Black Sea port and coal mines at Zonguldak.

Very cordially yours,

L. R. Fowle.

Constantinople, December 28th, 1926.

Dear Friends:

GHAZI AINTAB NUMBER

In the old story, a newly appointed Governor of Aintab commented on the fact that the Americans, who had crowned three hills with Central Turkey College, the Hospital & Girls' School, and the Marden Hill Orphanage had been content to leave one hill for the ruins of the ancient castle of the city. It is still true that that which is set on a hill can not be hid. The influence of the Aintab Schools and Hospital still shine out through this populous district, and the question is continually asked why they are not operating in fuller measure. At present only the Hospital, under the leadership of Dr. Charles Piper, Dr. Hamilton and Miss Theda Phelps, is active. This Institution eagerly awaits the return of Dr. Lorrin Shepard with permission to practice Medicine in Turkey, so that it may undertake the development of its work for which there is such great need.

The Girls' School, recently repainted, is ready for immediate use if and when Permit and Staff are available. It is estimated that fifty girls would be glad to enroll at once. About 200 boys and young men from this city are seeking educational opportunities in Constantinople, Smyrna, and Angora. Most of their parents would prefer to keep their boys at home if the desired educational facilities were available. This is a great challenge and opportunity that must not be too long neglected.

In addition to medical work, Miss Trowbridge is doing much visiting in the homes; while boys and men flock to the Isely home in search of newer and better things in recreation, reading and thinking. The experiences of the past few years in Aintab illustrate clearly how potent in the lives of individuals may be the friendship and influence of people of the West, who come to the East with the desire to serve.

The second monthly musical of the year at the International College Smyrna, on December 19th, was attended not only by the students for whom it was especially arranged, but by a large number of friends as well, including the Governor Kiazim Pasha, the Military Commandant Fouad Pasha, the Mayor Aziz Bey, heads of the various governmental departments, and of the Peoples Party, who came for tea at Kenarden Lodge, before the recital. Miss Caldwell's songs and the two duos on the piano by Arensky, Mozart and Cesar Frank, by Madame de Rovaart and Mrs. Reed, were greatly appreciated by the large audience.

Recent letters report that Dr. Alexander MacLachlan, whose health has greatly improved in Canada, has been busy with College interests in New York and Boston, and has shared actively in the effort at Washington to insure the ratification of the Lausanne Treaty, which is expected to come up early in January for definite action.

A recent circular from the Post Office points out that prompt delivery of mail is conditioned on having the Post Box number appear in the address. "Stamboul, Post Box 142" is the correct address for mail intended for delivery at the Bible House.

With the approach of a new year, "Dear Friends" must take stock of its financial position. For copies mailed to members of the Mission, charges for the year ending July 1st, 1927, are being passed out through the monthly accounts. We would appreciate all other subscribers sending in their money as promptly as possible, indicating with the remittance the period which the subscription covers. In the belief that Mr. Charles Riggs will carry on this News Sheet after his return we would suggest that such subscriptions be sent in to the end of 1927, so that finances may thenceforth be handled on the basis of the calendar year. Subscription rates are: Turkey 50 cents; Abroad \$1.00; Constantinople 50 pts. Advertising rates on application.

Very cordially yours,

L. R. Fowle.