

Dear friends:

The Turkey Area Regional Conference closed its sessions at the Bible House this noon, after a very profitable and enjoyable four days. Meeting on Friday morning, it paid strict attention to business, and took very few recesses except such as were needed for committees to have a chance to meet. The delegates were:-

Adana	Dr. Nute	Marash	Mr. Wiley
Aintab	Mr. Isely	Merzifon	Mr. Bobb
Caesarea	Miss Dwight	Smyrna	Miss Parsons
Constantinople	Miss Kinney		

Also, ex-officio, the Mission Treasurer, the Field Secretary, and the Recording Secretary.

Mr. Bobb acted as chairman, and the undersigned as secretary. The main topics of discussion centered around the necessary arrangement for the 10% reduction in appropriations for 1930, and the question of concentration for efficiency, as well as for economy. The desirability was stressed of having some well-rounded stations, such as Dr. Butterfield styles "development units," where many lines of helpful activity can be carried on, but also the possibility of smaller and more specialized stations carrying on intensively one form of work. Arrangements were made for the formation of a general committee to study the entire Mission with a view to this, and to report to the Annual Meeting this summer.

The designations of Mr. and Mrs. Carleton to Mardin, of Mr. Richard Smith to Caesarea, and of Miss Lucille Day and Mr. Ezra Young to Adana Station was recommended to the Committee ad Interim; and it was announced that Miss Helen Post, daughter of Dr. Wilfred Post, formerly of Talas and later of Konia, is expected to join the staff of Gedik Pasha School this fall.

BORN:- to Mr. and Mrs. H.H.Kreider, of Constantinople, at the American Hospital on New Year's Day, a son, Lorrin Arthur. All' well.

Miss Sheldon, Miss Nash, Miss Knapp and Miss Hirst of the Scutari Academy, went to Talas for their Christmas vacation, and are expected back today. The Talas friends also entertained Miss Hallett and Miss Small of Adana and Mr. Hazen of Tarsus during these holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry returned to Constantinople yesterday from their visits to Aleppo, Aintab, Marash, Adana and Tarsus. With them came back Miss Shank of the Language School, who spent her vacation with her future station colleagues at Adana.

Most of the attendants at the Mid-winter Conference had a chance to see the Saturday evening performance of Sheridan's "School for Scandal," by the Hissar Players, given in the Social Hall at Robert College. It was well rendered, and the staging and costuming were particularly effective. There is talk of a repetition at a later date.

It is with mingled feelings that we announce that the old "Bebek Seminary" building, otherwise known as the "Chelebi Yorghaki House" or the Old Konak, where Dr. Cyrus Hamlin had his Bebek Seminary and which later became the cradle of Robert College, has been sold for the purpose of wreckage, and is now in process of being torn down and the materials sold. The old building was bought some years ago by our friends Mr. and Mrs. O.S.Heizer, and was rented out in several flats until it was no longer in suitable condition for renting. Recently it was bought by a son of Mr. Walter Seager, who now expects to replace it with a smaller house or two. Thus another of the old landmarks of early missionary history has gone the way of all the earth.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Jan. 14, 1930

Dear friends:-

Miss Iäse C. Pohl, on her return from America, is expected in Constantinople next Saturday.

Dr. Wilson Dodd writes from Talas:- "Our clinic record for December which is not a good month according to previous records, brought us 750 patients. The weather was uniformly good. The best previous record was 400, and that in the month of May."

We rejoice in the above, but still more in the fact that Dr. Dodd has at last succeeded in getting the Talas Hospital opened and at work.

Most of the delegates to the Mid-winter Conference have gone back to their posts. Messrs. Wiley and Isely start today.

This sheet is not equipped to reproduce pictures; but all at the Bible House have been interested in seeing five illustrations in the Bulgarian ZORNITZA describing the dedication of the Folk School at Pordim near Plevna, on December 1st, 1929. Instead of 30 girls entering, as Dr. and Mrs. Haskell had hoped, only 16 have come this year. But this is one more than Kristen Kold had in his Folk School in Denmark during its first year, and 12 more than entered the present "Sofia American College" in its first year. The Holy Synod has been waging a fierce campaign against this enterprise the past three months; so that our friends feel they are coming on pretty well considering.

Dr. Haskell writes:- "We finished our Christmas celebrations yesterday, Jan. 9. We had the only Christmas tree in Pordim. Jan. 7 it was for our own school; Jan. 8 the 300 school children of Pordim visited it in relays at two, three and four o'clock, being especially interested in the scenes depicted with little figures amid grass and rocks under the tree (a la Suisse); Jan. 9 the village council, school trustees, and managing board of the village reading room and library came to dinner with us and stayed to see nativity scenes enacted very successfully on a stage by our pupils. On the day the school children came, a man slipped in behind them. When they had gone he said: - 'I am 68 years old and never saw a Christmas tree till today. I thought you wouldn't mind my looking at it.'"

On Jan. 3rd, 1930, the "Zornitza" began its 50th year. It is the oldest existing Bulgarian newspaper.

Mrs. John Monedjicoff (Mary Whittle) of the American College at Sofia, after a visit of two weeks in Hissar, left two days ago on her return to Sofia.

The campaign of the Near East Colleges to secure fifteen million dollars closed successfully in the United States on Christmas day, the entire amount having been subscribed.

Professor Laurence S. Moore of Robert College is leaving on Friday of this week for America, to take the work of Mr. Albert W. Staub in the New York Office of the Near East Colleges, while Mr. Staub goes for a three months' tour of these Colleges. Mr. Moore hopes to be back again here in May.

Mr. Charles W. Fowle, brother of our illustrious Treasurer, has accepted a secretaryship in the American Bible Society, and has for some week been installed in his new office in the New York Bible House.

Miss Deering, publicity representative for the Near East Colleges, after spending some time at the American University of Beirut, has come to Constantinople to study the two Colleges here; later she hopes to visit Smyrna, Athens, and Sofia on the same errand in preparation for the fuller carrying out of her task.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

BORN:- on Friday, Jan. 17th, at the American Hospital, Pera, to Mr. and Mrs. Burhans, of Angora, a daughter, Janeake. Mr. Burhans, who is associated with Mr. Jennings in his work, has returned to Angora.

BORN:- On Saturday, Jan. 18th, at the American Hospital, Pera, to Rev. E.C. and Mrs. (Lynda Goodsell) Blake, of the American Collegiate Institute at Bronkney, a son, John Goodsell. Our hearty congratulations to the happy parents and the equally happy grandparents! The young man was given the name of Mrs. Blake's maternal grandfather, on whose birthday he arrived.

Miss Jessie Perkins, of Redondo Beach, California, arrived in Smyrna Jan. 14th to take up her work as secretary to Dean Lee Vrooman, whose new duties as Chairman of the Educational Committee of the Near East Christian Council have greatly increased the demands on his time.

Rev. Walter Wiley of Marash visited Smyrna on his return to his station after the Regional Conference in this city.

Miss Ilse C. Pohl of Caesarea arrived from America after her furlough on Saturday last, having stopped in Germany on the way to visit relatives and friends. She expects to go on within a few days to Caesarea.

Miss Charlotte R. Willard of Merzifon, who has been connected with the work there since 1895, and who is now retiring from the Mission, reached Constantinople two days ago on her way back to America. With her came Miss Noyes, who accompanies her as far as Athens, returning from there to her post in Merzifon.

On the last day before the Salonica Girls' School closed for its Christmas holidays, on the invitation of Miss Morley, Acting Principal, the Metropolitan of Salonica gave the girls of the School a talk as their closing exercises. He spoke very earnestly and helpfully, on the birth of Christ and its meaning to Christians.

For the Christmas holidays, the Misses Nollen and Miss Hill of Salonica went to Egypt; Mrs. Brewster and the boys joined Mr. Brewster in Athens; Miss Morley went to her sister's in Athens; Messrs. McGinness Lamb and Hine went to Vienna; Miss Roberts and Mr. Gates went to Athens. Miss Margaret White came up from Athens to Salonica to spend Christmas with her family.

Dr. Goodsell would like to ask the members of the Mission who have books from his personal library to be so kind as to return them to him not later than February 10th. There are a number of his books which he is unable to locate; and he would greatly appreciate an immediate word from those who have any books which belong to him. He is especially desirous of finding the following:-

Oliver: Fear
 Hoyt: Spiritual Message of Modern Poetry.
 Schweitzer: Christianity and the World's Religions.
 Tuberville: Christ and International Relations.

Dr. Wilson Dodd is evidently securing the confidence of the people in the Caesarea region. He has forty to sixty patients in clinics daily; and one man came asking for "pills to make his hens lay!" Possibly he confused the time-honored Talas names of Dodd and Fowle.

We regret to have to record the recent deaths of Mrs. E. Panousis, wife of the Greek preacher in this city, and of Mr. Stepan Izmirlian, the architect of the Pera, Gedik Pasha and Adabazar Evangelical churches.

When Mr. Bobb took his family back to Merzifon, they just missed the train from Samsun up, but found that an automobile was able to take them up cheaper and more comfortably than the train plus the transfer from the railroad station at the other end.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Miss Pohl left Constantinople on Friday last for Caesarea, expecting to reach there the next day. In the early days, such a journey would have taken at least two weeks; and even after the building of the railroad as far as Angora, it still took more than a week.

Miss Willard and Miss Noyes, whose arrival from Merzifon was recorded last week, are leaving the day after tomorrow by Lloyd Triestino for Athens. They take the magnificent steamer, newly transferred from the Trieste-Alexandria line to the Constantinople express service, "Helouan." They plan to make a visit of a few days to friends in Salonica, and then return to Athens to take the "Byron" from Piraeus for New York. That is, Miss Willard goes on ~~xxx~~ to America, while Miss Noyes turns her face again to Merzifon.

The graduating exercises of the School for Nurses, of the American Hospital in Nishantash, take place on Friday of this week, Jan.31, at 3 p.m., in the Feyziye Lisesi at Teshvikiye, almost opposite the Hospital. The Director of the Red Crescent School of Nursing is to make a speech. Dr. Shepard invites all friends to be present.

President Kathryn Adams, Miss Morrow, Miss Hall and Miss Pierce of Constantinople College have returned from their vacation trip to Beirut and Damascus. They had hoped to take the motor trip across the desert to Baghdad; but they found conditions unfavorable. Unusually heavy rains had transformed parts of the way into a swampy soup, in which several cars had become stalled, to the great discomfort of passengers.

Professor Hewitt of Robert College has also returned after a delightful vacation in Beirut; and Mr. Ouellette is back from Merzifon; and most of the others who went off on trips have returned, for the two Colleges reopen their doors tomorrow.

Constantinople's transatlantic tourist season is apparently just beginning. This afternoon the S.S."Laurentic" is expected, with 175 American tourists aboard. The skies have cleared up encouragingly for them.

President H.F.Swartz, D.D. of Pacific Theological Seminary, with Mrs. Swartz, is due in this city tomorrow for a stay of a few days. They have been in Palestine and Syria, and are on their way West again. They will be guests of Dr. and Mrs. Goodsell.

Among new books recently added to the Mission Library are:

Temple Gairdner of Cairo, by Miss Padwick. 1929

Islam: Beliefs and Institutions, by H.Lammens. 1929

Splendor of God (Life of Adoniram Judson) by H.Morrow. 1929

The Place of Jesus Christ in Modern Christianity, by J.Baillie, 1929

The Near East and American Philanthropy; Near East Survey. 1929

Love the Law of Life, by Toyohiko Kagawa. 1929

Essentials of Civilization, by T.J.Jones. 1929

My Education and Religion, By G. A. Gordon. 1925

Turkey: A Commercial and Industrial Handbook, by G.B.Ravndel, 1926

Yoljuluk, by W. Nesbitt Chambers, D.D., 1928

The Word of God and the Word of Man, by K.Barth. 1928

A faith for the World, by W. Paton. 1929

Across the World of Islam, by S.M.Zwemer. 1929

The young graduate of the Industrial Department of the Robert College Engineering School, Kemal Bey, who has taken the place of Mr. Schleipp at the Talas Boys' School as Trades teacher, has begun his work with vigor and shows fine cooperation with the faculty in their work.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Miss C. R. Willard and Miss F. G. Noyes left as indicated in our last issue, on Thursday last by the Lloyd Triestino S.S. "Helouan," for Piraeus and Athens. They were to go right on that evening by train for Salonica, and spend a few days with the friends there before going back to Athens. Miss Willard was sailing on the S.S. "Byron," for New York, while Miss Noyes will be coming back to her post in Merzifon. It is a strange and lonesome feeling for our Merzifon colleagues to let Miss Willard go, after all these years. Comint out there in 1895 on a visit to her friends Miss King and Miss Gage, she was there when Miss King was suddenly taken away by smallpox the following February. Miss Willard felt a call to remain there permanently, and in 1897 was appointed a full missionary of the Board. Space forbids our even mentioning the thrilling experiences of her life of over thirty years there. We trust she may some day return, even though not in active service again.

On Friday, Jan. 31, the graduating exercises of the American Hospital's School of Nursing took place in the hall of the Feiziye Girls' School at Matchka, near the Hospital, which was graciously loaned for the occasion. Nine nurses were granted the diploma, four of them Turks, four Armenians, and one Russian. There were addresses by Dr. Shepard, Dr. Emin Bey, Director of the Red Crescent School of Nursing, and Ambassador Grew. Mrs. Wylie and Mrs. Allen furnished music. The audience room was well filled with friends.

President and Mrs. Swartz of the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif., were somewhat delayed in reaching Constantinople; but Sunday was a full day for them. Dr. Swartz preached at Robert College in the morning; and at five o'clock about forty of the Mission circle, including children, met at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Goodsell, and listened to a most illuminating address by Dr. Swartz on the relation of the American churches to the support of foreign work. After this, there was general discussion, and then a bountiful supper was served. There followed the service of consecration for John Goodsell Blake, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Blake. Dr. and Mrs. Swartz left Monday by steamer for Salonica, and after a twelve-hour stop, were to take the same steamer on to Piraeus, for a visit of a few days in Athens.

BORN:- In Hartford, Conn., Jan. 20th, to Mr. and Mrs. Alford Carleton of our Mission, a daughter, Muriel Elizabeth. Hearty Congratulations!

Dr. W. W. Eeet writes that he and Mrs. Hemphill went to Pasadena, Calif., Dec. 30th to Jan. 4th, and attended the Rose Tournament with Mrs. T. D. Christie and her daughter Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner and Miss Richter. They greatly enjoyed this show; and also and still more a meeting of the "Turkey Legion," in the parlors of the Pasadena Congregational Church, with thirty-five Turkeyites present, at which a permanent organization was formed. Miss Lucille Day was the chief speaker. Miss Day is doing a lot of speaking for the Board in California.

Plans are being perfected for holding the Inter-Mission Conference for the Balkans and Turkey in Sofia, this year, on March 5th and 6th. The last Annual Meeting appointed as delegates for the Near East Mission Mr. Birge and Dr. Marden. The previous three Annual Meetings have been held in Constantinople.

Reports from Anatolia indicate extremely good prospects for heavy crops of wheat and other cereals. Recent rains have benefited those crops very much. Only a severe winter cold can cause great damage. Thus far the season has been unusually open, and mild.

Ramazan, the month of fasting for Moslems, began on Saturday last. It seems to be making less difference than usual with the life of the city.

Miss S. Alice Tupper, who from 1914 to 1917 was a nurse in connection with the Merzifon Hospital, and who served for a short time in Constantinople College also, is now a Christian Science nurse located in 109 Mira Mar Avenue, Long Beach, California.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

IN MEMORY OF MISS MARY E. KINNEY

No. 274

Bible House, Stamboul, Feb. 11, 1930

Dear friends:-

Another of our fellow-workers has been summoned to higher service, and we who remain are called to a closer walk with God and with each other, as we realize that her vacant place is a summons to greater endeavor on the part of us all.

Mary Ella Kinney finished her task on earth on Friday last. Her illness was so brief that hardly any of our own circle realized that she was not in perfect health. It became evident a week before that she was suffering from gallstones, and that an operation was indicated. On Dr. Shepard's advice, she went to the American Hospital, Nishantash, and on Thursday Dr. Shepard operated. Conditions were found to be much more serious than he had hoped; and the operation lasted fully two hours and a half. At first it seemed as though she would pull through; and she seemed fairly bright on Friday morning. But in the afternoon there was a change; her heart gave way under the strain, and the end came at 8:15 in the evening. Even the greatest medical and surgical skill could not bring her through this severe attack.

To the large number of Miss Kinney's friends, both in this country and in America, this comes as a heavy blow, and a very personal loss. Miss Kinney had the happy faculty of making warm friends, by her quiet, joyous, even-tempered, reassuring poise; and her good-nature and constant helpfulness, the resources of her unselfish devotion to her girls, her teachers, and the whole community where she lived, fills the hearts of a surprising number with deep gratitude.

Miss Kinney was born in Boston, Mass., October 27, 1874, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E.S. Kinney, and received her early training in the Boston schools, graduating from the Normal School in 1896. As a member of the Boylston Church, she won high regard from her pastor and from all members of the church. In 1899 she was appointed a missionary of the American Board and of the Woman's Board of Boston, and came out to Adabazar to be associated with Miss Farnham. Others with whom she worked in the Girls' School there included Miss Hyde, Miss Riggs, Miss Gile, Miss Hale, Miss Holt, and Miss Razez. In 1910, after the 25th anniversary of the School's establishment in Adabazar, Miss Farnham retired to America, and Miss Kinney became Principal of the School. In 1914 she went to America on furlough, and was detained by the outbreak of war. Going to Port Said in September of 1916, she worked under the American Red Cross among the Armenian refugees three years, and then in 1919 returned to Adabazar and opened an orphanage for girls. Unsettled conditions in 1921 compelled her to flee with her orphans to Nicomedia, but from there again they were driven out. In September, 1921, she came to Scutari and opened the present American Academy for Girls, gathering around her a large proportion of her Adabazar staff of teachers, and a few of her old girls. Miss Riggs was again associated with her, and Miss Harley and Miss Fletcher soon joined the force. The same spirit of high purpose and happy adventure has animated the Scutari School, which was so characteristic of that at Adabazar; for the quiet, unobtrusive but ever active and vigilant soul of the two was the same.

Despite the inclement cold and rain, several hundred people gathered at the Ferikeuy cemetery on Sunday afternoon for the funeral. Dr. Goodsell took charge, and read some appropriate Scripture passages, and offered prayer. Dr. MacCallum made a brief address, and a double quartet from the Mission sang two of Miss Kinney's favorite hymns. The Department of Public Instruction sent an official representative; and four ecclesiastics representing the Armenian Patriarchate recited part of the burial service of the Gregorian Church.

The chapel could accommodate but a few of the great throng; but it was beautifully banked with flowers, wreaths, and greens. The casket was covered with a complete mantle of violets given by the girls of the School. There were at least a score of floral emblems sent in. At the grave, Dr. McNaughton offered prayer.

In the near future, memorial exercises will be held, at which there will be opportunity for more of her friends to testify to their deep appreciation and affection.

Yours in our common grief,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:

During the evening of Feb. 4th, fire broke out in the building known as Marash Hall, at Tarsus College, the building in which Mr. and Mrs. Meyering live. It seems to have been started by some carelessness, in the basement. Thanks to prompt action both by an impromptu bucket brigade of the students and by the Tarsus Fire Department, it was completely extinguished in three hours, with comparatively small loss.

President Redd of International College was here on business for a few days last week. Mrs. Bobb of Merzifon has returned to the American Hospital, Pera, for further medical and surgical treatment. Miss Noyes of Merzifon, who went with Miss Willard to Athens and Salonica, has returned to this city, having seen Miss Willard off on her ocean trip. The latter is due in New York on Feb. 23rd, and Miss Noyes expects to return to Merzifon starting on Thursday.

Dr. W.L. Nute of Adana, with his son Cyril, came up to Constantinople last week. Dr. Nute has been informed by the Health Department in Adana that the American Hospital there is entitled to only two physicians, and that since Dr. Haas has returned from America, and Dr. Remzi Bey is there also, he himself is not to practise in the Hospital. He hopes to get this difficulty straightened out soon.

A service in memory of Miss Mary E. Kinney will be held in the Dutch Chapel, Pera, on Friday of this week, at 10:30 A.M. Dr. MacCallum will preside, and there will be several brief addresses in English. On the following Friday, Feb. 28th, another Memorial Service will be held, at the Ainali Cheshme Evangelical Armenian Church, when the addresses will be in Turkish and Armenian. The service at the Dutch Chapel this Friday is particularly for English-speaking friends.

Our Field Secretary has gathered into one volume the statements recently prepared by individuals on the Purpose of the Mission in its work in Turkey. A copy has been sent to each Station. The members of each Station are urged to secure and read these statements carefully, for this will deepen our sense of fellowship and give us a renewed inspiration for our task.

Mr. Lewis C. Martin, who was associated recently with the Mission Schools in Samokov and later in Erenkeuy, has received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Vienna, and with Mrs. Martin is to sail Feb. 21st for America on the S.S. "Berengaria."

Mr. Levon Zenian, World's Sunday School Association representative in Syria, visited Athens the first week in February. Rev. S.W. Gentle-Cackett, of the B.L.M.A.S., was also there; each of these friends addressed the School of Religion. Rev. Manasseh Papazian, of California who is on a visit of inspection and inspiration to the Armenian communities of the Near East, was due in Athens Feb. 13th, after a stay in Bulgaria; and he also will help during his stay there, at the School of Religion.

Four new Educational books have recently been added to the Mission Library Educational Department, and are available for loan to members of the Mission desiring to read them:-

- The Physical Effects of Smoking; by Fisher & Berry.
- What is Christian Education?- by Dr. George A. Coe.
- Christ and Modern Education; by Canon C.E. Raven.
- Character Education; by Germane and Germane.

Among those present at the formation of the "Turkey Legion" at Pasadena, California, recently, as mentioned in our issue of two weeks ago, were Miss Cornelia S. Bartlett, of Caesarea and Smyrna; Miss Clara Bissell of the Y.W.C.A., Constantinople; Mrs. T.D. Christie and Miss Jean Christie, of Tarsus; Miss Lucille Day, of Brousa and Salonica; Rev. Samuel Edgar, of Latakia; Miss Elma French, of Mersin; Rev. and Mrs. Harold T. Gardner, of Hadjin; Mrs. Caroline Hemphill, Mrs. Etta D. Marden, and Dr. W.W. Poet of Constantinople; Miss Sarah Louise Poet, of Adana, and Miss Flora Starr, for fifteen years Assistant Treasurer of the W.B.M.I. Dr. Poet was elected President of the Legion, and Mrs. Gardner, Secretary.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Rives

Dear friends:-

Dr. Fred Field Goodsell left Constantinople last Thursday for Athens, expecting to go from there to Salonica and to Sofia before returning here March 8th. He and Mrs. Goodsell plan to leave for America March 20th.

Miss Noyes left the same day by steamer for Samsoun on her return to Merzifon. She must have gone out into quite a heavy sea, judging from the strong winds prevailing here ever since.

On Sunday evening the S.S. "Providence" arrived in the harbor, bringing Miss Grace Towner from America, who will spend some weeks in language study before returning to Adana. Also Mr. Ezra Young, on his way for Adana. Mr. Young leaves in a few days for his post. Dr. Nute and Dr. Shepard leave tomorrow for a medical conference at Adana, to which Drs. Dodd and Dewey are also going.

We regret to learn that Dr. Brewer Eddy of the American Board had a bit of an automobile accident about three weeks ago, that somewhat smashed up his car, and gave him a rather unpleasant cut on the head when he went through the windshield. All the reports seem to indicate that it is only a temporary difficulty and he was expected back at his office in a few days.

Miss Emma Zbinden of Merzifon has received word of the home-going of her father in Switzerland, at the age of 71. He had been ill since New Year. Our hearts go out in sympathy with our colleague.

Mrs. E.B. Haskell writes from Pordim, Bulgaria:- "You may be glad to know that the Near East Mission's youngest baby is gradually getting on its feet, and is enjoying life greatly in spite of many ups and downs. Its population has reached the modest number of fifty, including teaching staff, students, occupants of kindergarten, day-nursery, and clinic. But if we counted the numerous visitors to the school, it would keep us busy counting!" Evidently a "Folk-School" is a God-send.

We are glad to announce the engagement of Rev. William E. Hawkes of Salonica, now studying in New York, to Miss Jessie H. Newgeon, of New York City. Miss Newgeon is a Mus.B. from Yale, and expects to receive her Master's degree in music this spring from the Union School of Sacred Music. She studied piano under LaForge. This year she is organist and choir leader in a Methodist church in Brooklyn. She is a New England girl, and has also lived in Colorado. For three years she taught music in a Girls' College in the South. They are looking forward to coming out to gether this fall to Salonica.

A beautiful service in memory of Miss Mary Kinney was held at the Dutch Chapel, Pera, on Friday last, Dr. MacCallum was in charge, and the speakers included Miss Sheldon, Miss Harley, Miss Jones, President Adams of Constantinople College, Professor Huntington of Robert College, Dr. McNaughton, Mr. Fowle and Mr. Riggs. President Gates was to have spoken, but was detained on account of his health, and sent a written tribute which was read. The prevailing notes were of deepest appreciation and of triumphant faith and joy. On Saturday, another service was held at the School in Scutari, expressly for the students, when they themselves told of what she meant to them. This Friday there is to be a service in the Gregorian Church of Sourp Khatch at Scutari; and next week Friday, another conducted by the three Evangelical Armenian Churches, at Ainali Cheshme, Pera. Testimonials are multiplying on all sides to the wide extent of the influence of Miss Kinney and the universal sense of loss in her passing away.

Rev. M. G. Papazian, of Fresno, Calif. is giving some two weeks more to labor among the Armenian churches of Greece; he then goes to Egypt, where he will spend perhaps three weeks in Cairo and Alexandria before going on to Syria. He expects to attend the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Union at Beirut beginning April 23rd.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Mr. and Mrs. J.K. Birge and Mr. F. Lyman MacCallum left yesterday for Sofia to attend the Inter-Mission Conference which takes place there tomorrow and the next day. This ought to be a fine gathering. Dr. Goodsell, going there from Greece, and Dr. Marden of Athens, and possibly Mr White of Salonica, were expected; also Mr. Wiles of Belgrade, Mr. Hoppe of Rustchuk, Mr. Gantcheff of Varna, Mr. D.A. Davis of Geneva, and several other workers from Bulgaria. There was some hope that Bishop Shepard of the Methodist Church, from Paris, would also be able to attend. The general topic of the gathering is the carrying out of the Jerusalem Council decisions.

Among the visitors to Constantinople during this past week have been Mrs. Paul E. Nilson of Talas, who came for dentistry work; Miss Small of the Adana Hospital, Miss Hitchings and Messrs. Allee and Cheney of Smyrna; also Miss Lily Dexter Greene, a missionary of the Methodist Board at Delhi, India.

The Educational Department of the Turkish Government has awarded to Miss Olive Greene and Mr. Paul E. Nilson the sum of Ltq.336, for their work on the "Introductory Lessons to English." Thus again does the Government recognize the efforts of Americans to help them in their advancement.

Mr. John G. Hosmer, who from 1900 to 1923 was Purchasing Agent of the American Board, died on January 25th. Since his retirement, he has been living with a sister in Camden, Maine, and was until recently still quite active in his missionary interests.

The Commercial Treaty between the United States and Turkey, which recently passed the American Senate, was signed during the last few days of February. It is believed that this is a step toward the signing of a political treaty also. Ambassador Grew is to be congratulated on the successful outcome of his efforts in this direction.

A new Schedule of trains has come into operation on the Anatolian Railroad, including the following arrangements:-

	Express	Conventional	Mixed	
Lv. Haidar Pasha	19:04	14:08	20:00	all
Ar. Angora	9:02	7:55	16:00	these
Lv				daily
Lv. Angora	19:00	19:55	12:00	
Ar. Haidar Pasha	9:05	13:37	7:54	
Lv. Haidar Pasha	16:08	Sa.M.W. 9:58	daily	
Ar. Adana	20:45	Su.T.Th. 19:50	daily (34 hours)	
Lv. Adana	6:10	Sa.M.Th. 7:00	daily	
Ar. Haidar Pasha	12:30	Su.T.F. 18:10	daily (35 hours)	

The blanks for the U.S. Income Tax returns have arrived and may be secured from the American Consulate-General. "An income tax return must be filed by every citizen of the United States whether residing at home or abroad, having a gross income for the calendar year 1929 of \$5,000 or over, or a net income for the same period of (a) \$1,500 or over if single or if married and not living with husband or wife, or (b) \$3,500 or over, if married and living with husband and wife."

The memorial service for Miss Mary E. Kinney, held at the Gregorian Church of the Holy Cross in Scutari on Friday last, was very largely attended. The officiating clergyman was Hmayak Vartabed, who was a pupil at the Bardizag School under Dr. Robert Chambers and knew Miss Kinney personally, and who spoke with deep appreciation of her work. A fine choir of men's voices from Couroutcheshme sang the Mass as harmonized into four parts by Gomidas Vartabed, with good effect. There followed a reception of which several others spoke of their admiration of Miss Kinney.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, March 11, 1930

Dear friends:-

Yesterday morning's local papers inform us of the death of former President Taft, after a long illness. Mr. Taft was born Sept. 15, 1857. His funeral occurs today.

Dr. F.F. Goodsell returned Friday last from his trip to Greece and Bulgaria. He and Mrs. Goodsell expect to leave Friday of this week for a brief visit in Smyrna, returning here before they start for America. Their sailing from Italy is booked for the last of this month.

Rev. M.G. Papazian of Fresno, Calif. is delivering a course of seven lectures at the School of Religion, Old Phaleron, on the general subject of "The Church." The sixth is on the program for today, and the last on Thursday.

Our sympathy goes out to Miss Lucille Day of our Mission, now on furlough in America, in the death of her father on Feb. 11th.

Dr. Mary Mills Patrick, whose book, "Under Five Sultans", has recently appeared from the press, passed her eightieth birthday yesterday.

At the memorial services in memory of Miss Kinney, held by the Evangelical Churches of this city at the Ainali Cheshme church on Friday last, the church was packed to the doors. Special music was rendered by two choirs, and by a soloist. The speakers included Rev. S.B. Manoukian, Rev. Y. Kassouni, Prof. A. Der Hagopian, Mr. Otto Djiladjian, Mr. H.S. Alexanian, Bishop Sumpad, representing the Armenian Patriarch, and C.T. Riggs, representing the Mission.

Mrs. Paul F. Bobb, who has been under treatment for some weeks at the American Hospital, started on her return to Merzifon on Thursday last, much improved, Miss Noyes reached Merzifon two weeks ago.

The fourth meeting of the Inter-Mission Conference for the Balkans and Turkey was held in Sofia, Bulgaria, March 5th and 6th. This Conference is a branch of the Near East Christian Council. Nine Missions and five countries were represented. Mr. Lyman MacCallum was chairman, and Rev. W.C. Cooper of Philippopolis, Secretary. Others present included Mrs. Count and Mrs. Krill of the Methodist Mission at Lovetch, Mrs. P.B. Kennedy of Kortcha, Albania, Messrs. D.A. Davis of the Y.M.C.A., Birge and Goodsell of Constantinople, White of Anatolia College, Marden of Athens, Wiles of the B. & F.B.S., Belgrade, Hoppe of the German Mission, Bulgaria, Popoff, Gantcheff, Fournadjieff, Isekoff, and Ziapkoff; also a number of interested visitors. Each session was attended by between 30 and 40 persons. After devotions and organization, the first morning was given up to reports from the delegates. In the afternoon Dr. Goodsell gave an illuminating account of the relation of the home churches to the foreign mission enterprise, dealing especially with the intricate problem of finance. At the close of the discussion following, Rev. M.N. Popoff, Sub-Agent for Bulgaria of the A.B.S., dealt with the important question of "Relations with the Oriental Churches." Drs. Davis and Goodsell, fresh from the Athens Conference between the Y.M.C.A. and Orthodox Church leaders, were able to present a heartening report on this subject. On the second day of the Conference, Dr. Davis conducted devotions. The Herf Hoppe of the German Mission led the discussion on "Moslem Work," followed by Dr. Haskell on "Rural and Extension work." The final discussion on "Native Leadership" was conducted by Rev. D.N. Fournadjieff. The session closed with a business meeting when Dr. E.B. Haskell was elected Chairman for the next year, and Rev. V. Fournadjieff Secretary. These yearly Inter-Mission Conferennces are useful chiefly for the bonds of acquaintance, understanding and sympathy which they create between the members of the various missions at work in this area.

Mr. Fowle, our worthy Treasurer, plans to be in Angora from March 17 to 20, and may be addressed there, c/o American Embassy.

The engagement is announced of Miss Doris I. Roberts and Mr. James Y. Gates, both of Salonica Station.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

On Thursday, March 13th, a very pleasant reception took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fowle in Hissar, to give a chance to many friends to meet and say farewell to Dr. and Mrs. Goodsell before they should leave Turkey. Nearly 150 persons of many nationalities called, and the keen and universal regret at the departure of our friends was clearly in evidence. The same evening, Constantinople Station gathered for a farewell pass-around supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Birge, when over forty, big and little, sat down at small tables. A few hilarious games followed; and then, with felicitous speeches by Mr. Fowle and Dr. MacCallum, Dr. and Mrs. Goodsell were presented, on behalf of all their associates in the Near East Mission, with a silver tea-set (to be purchased later), and an ancient lectionary for use in the Greek Orthodox Church, printed in 1793, and handsomely bound in embossed silver.

The next morning Dr. and Mrs. Goodsell sailed for Smyrna, for a short visit, expecting to be back here by the end of the week. They sail for Italy next week Thursday; and the next day Dr. and Mrs. McNaughton are to start from Constantinople.

Mrs. Paul F. Bobb arrived in Merzifon on March 8th, much improved by her treatment at the American Hospital in Constantinople.

Mr. Fowle, accompanied by Hamid Bey, the lawyer, is spending a brief time in Angora.

Mrs. Mary Wood Bliss Dale, only daughter of the late Dr. Daniel Bliss, and sister of the late Dr. Howard Bliss, died in Beirut March 8th, aged seventy-three. She had been very ill for a week or two, and had been laid aside from active service for two or three years, and was living with her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Dorman. She was born in January, 1857, and was married in April, 1879, to Rev. Gerald F. Dale, Jr., who died seven years later. They made their home in Zahleh; and for twenty-five years she was in active service under the Presbyterian Board. Then she became the Superintendent of the Maria Jesup Hospitals and the Training School for Nurses connected with Beirut University. The funeral of Mrs. Dale took the place of the usual Sunday morning service at the Anglo-American Church on March 9th, and was the occasion for a quiet but very impressive demonstration of the love and esteem of the community, both foreign and native. Rev. H.H. Riggs took charge, and President Bayard Dodge, Dr. Webster, Pastor Mufid of the Arabic congregation, and Mr. Nicol had shares in the service.

Last Wednesday afternoon there was a short but very violent storm that struck Constantinople, doing considerable damage in various places, and causing the death of two persons. The wind reached hurricane violence, registering from 75 to 80 miles per hour. Trees, tiles, and the snuffer-tops to minarets, suffered most.

Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum have had the pleasure this week of entertaining a brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Ernest MacCallum of Kingston, Ontario, who are among the 250 tourists on the "Empress of France, and who left yesterday going south. Dr. MacCallum is among the best known physicians of Kingston, and a lecturer in the Medical School of that city.

Among other visitors to Constantinople the past week have been Prof. Elliot G. Mears, formerly U.S. Trade Commissioner here, and now of Stanford University; Prof. Howard B. Woolston of the Univ. of Washington, at Seattle; Dr. D. Alton Davis of the Y.M.C.A., from Geneva; and Mr. Michael Dorizas, of the Univ. of Pennsylvania, famous graduate of Robert College.

Rev. R. C. MacSweeney till now pastor of the Union Church, Pera, preached his farewell sermon last Sunday. He will still live in this city and direct the Scottish Mission School in Galata. Rev. G.S. Hendry of the United Church of Scotland, comes from Edinburgh for three months or more as his successor at the Church.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

A very pleasant reception occurred at the A.C.I., Erenkeuy, on Friday last, affording an opportunity to nearly three hundred friends to shake hands with Dr. and Mrs. J.P. McNaughton before they leave for America. These were mostly the students and their families, and the teachers and their Turkish and other friends. A small orchestra furnished music; tea was served, and several speeches in appreciation of the life-work of these two veterans followed. Previous to this gathering, at a special school dinner, a fine portrait of Dr. McNaughton was unveiled, and the School presented Dr. and Mrs. McNaughton with a valuable brass tray and utensils.

Word has come from Rev. Ernest Pye, who underwent on Feb. 27th a serious operation at the Clifton Springs Sanitarium. He came through this in good shape, and several days afterwards all indications were good for a good recovery. We rejoice in this word.

Dr. and Mrs. Goodsell had a most enjoyable visit in Smyrna, last week, and went also to Ephesus and Pergamum on excursions. They came back on Friday last to this city, and are picking up last things, and visiting daughter, grandson and friends preparatory to leaving on Thursday for Italy and America.

The wedding of Rev. William E. Hawkes of Salonica and Miss Jessie Harriett Newgeon will take place in the James Memorial Chapel at Union Theological Seminary, New York, on April 5th. They expect to be in Salonica in the early autumn. Miss Newgeon was on March 11th appointed a missionary of the American Board.

Rev. Lee Vrooman, Dean of International College, left last week Wednesday from Smyrna for Egypt, to attend the Executive Committee meeting of the Near East Christian Council, of which he is a member.

The Turkish local daily "Milliyet" states that very shortly the British Ambassador, Sir George Clerk, and the American Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Grew, are planning to go on an excursion with the staffs of their embassies, as far as Mersin on a steamer of the Turkish line, stopping at Samos, Rhodes and Cyprus on the way. No political significance is attached to this sea-voyage.

The same paper, in the issue in which it records a terrible motor collision between Beshiktash and Ortakuey last Friday night, (in which two men were killed and nine others injured, both drivers being under the influence of liquor) gives the following figures of liquor consumption in Turkey. The people yearly drink 5,315,000 kilograms of raki, 1,000,000 of beer, 1,800,000 of wine, and nearly 6,000,000 of other drinks. Wheredoes the country's money go? Who pays the bills?

The Mission Treasurer, accompanied by Hamid Bey, Legal Advisor, has just returned from a most interesting week spent in Angora. Distinct progress was made in two major issues which involve precedents that will touch all phases of American philanthropic work in Turkey, namely in the transfer of property titles to the corporate name of the American Board, and in the differentiation of appropriated Funds and income of Endowments from "Gifts," which are subject to a tax from 10% to 30%.

The Education Department is considering the opening of the Marash Girls' School, and the building proposition of the Smyrna Girls' School. A favorable action on either or both would not be a surprise.

There is reason to expect that the Health Department will shortly confirm its acceptance of the principle of two American doctors as the normal staff of each of our American hospitals (provided they have Turkish permits). This is of particular importance to our Hospitals in Afana and Talas.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends -

We rejoice to learn of the birth, on March 21st, at the American University Hospital, Beirut, of a daughter to Rev. and Mrs. Leslie J. Adkins of Aleppo. She weighed seven and a half pounds, and is doing finely. Her friends are authorized to call her Beverley Carol. Mrs. Adkins went through a very serious time, but is now reported as making good progress.

Rev. C.F.H. Crathern, now a pastor in New Hampshire, whom many of us knew as on the staff of Near East Relief workers in this country, was in Constantinople last Friday, in charge of a party of tourists on the S.S. "Adriatic." Mrs. Crathern was also along.

On Thursday last, Dr. and Mrs. Goodsell sailed at 10 a.m. for Brindisi on the Italian steamer "Tevere." Many of their Mission associates and other friends from the Turkish circle and from the various other bodies, were there to see them off. Ambassador Grew with Mrs. Grew and their daughters came to the steamer to bid them goodbye. On the same steamer went also Miss Deering, who has been visiting the Colleges here, and who goes to Athens and Sofia before returning to America. Dr. and Mrs. Goodsell were to cross Italy by rail, taking the Dollar Line S.S. "President Johnson" at Genoa yesterday, which is due in New York April 15th.

The next day, Friday last, Dr. and Mrs. McNaughton bade farewell to Constantinople, as they set their faces toward America. Despite his snowy hair, Dr. McNaughton's face and figure are so young that it is not easy to think of him as retiring on age limit. May they both have many years still of fruitful service wherever they locate. They left here for Smyrna by that superannuated ocean greyhound, the "Gul Djemal," and after five days in the city which was the scene of their first twenty-three years of service, they will make a stay of perhaps a fortnight in Greece and then go on via Sicily, Italy, and so in a leisurely way across Europe.

A pleasant farewell meeting took the time of the usual station prayer meeting at the Bible House the day before, Thursday, when Dr. and Mrs. McNaughton each gave a parting message to their colleagues, who in turn presented some small tokens of their affection to our departing friends. The gifts were accompanied by short speeches by Miss Harley and Mr. Perry.

Just fifty years ago today, two small rooms were hired in Gedik Pasha, Stamboul, where Mrs. Susan M. Schneider immediately began a Sunday School, among other branches of work. The first year there were about fifty or sixty pupils. This year the highest total attendance for any single Sunday has been 451, with an average for the year of 400. Arrangements are under way for a suitable commemoration later on of this semi-centennial.

Mrs. Ernest Pye was able to write on March 16, eighteen days after Mr. Pye's operation, that his improvement had been slow but continuous and that she had been authorized by the doctors in charge to leave him and return to Grinnell, Iowa. She speaks of the wonderful skill, tenderness, and unsparing care of physicians, surgeons and nurses at Clifton Springs. On her return to her boys, she found Willard and Donald getting over the measles.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters was conferred by her Alma Mater, Olivet College, on Founder's Day, February 24th, on Miss Minnie E. Mills, President of Athens Junior College for Girls. Miss Mills, a graduate of Olivet, 1893, has been a member of the Mission since 1897, first in Smyrna, and since 1922 in Athens.

President Reed has been advised of the appointment of Fred E. Boyer, Principal of the Junior High School at Oates, N.D., as instructor in English and Music, and of Melvin Hilgenfeld of Pomona College as Bureau at International College, Smyrna.

The many friends of Miss Ruth Hitchings of the Smyrna A.C.I. and of Mr. Ralph Allee of International College, are congratulating them on their engagement, recently announced.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Dr. McNaughton writes thus of the visit he and Mrs. McNaughton made to Smyrna, their first Station, March 29 to April 4:-

"The marvelous progress made in the last 19 years is a continual surprise to us. Not only in the splendid plant erected at International College, largely under Dr. MacLachlan's administration, but in the kind of personnel he collected to perpetuate the splendid work he developed. Our week here has given us not only an opportunity to investigate in some detail the various activities in progress, but the generous courtesy extended to us, culminating in a dinner given by the professors and teachers of the College, and surprising us with a gift of great beauty and value, let us in to the splendid spirit of cooperation and mutual esteem that characterizes this band of consecrated men and women. Under the present leadership and enthusiasm the International College is sure to make a very important contribution to this land.

"The same can truly be said of the American Collegiate Institute. Regretfully we must except the plant; but the fact that such splendid work is done with such inadequate tools, reflects the highest credit on that group of ladies handling our work in Geuz Tepe.

"Before closing this letter, I want to thank our associates on behalf of Mrs. McNaughton and myself for all they have done to make our departure so joyful and so sad, - so joyful in their generous expressions of affection, materially and verbally, so sad that we were compelled to leave those with whom we were privileged to work so long and whom we learned to esteem so highly."

Dr. W.A. Kristensen, who, with his wife, has been visiting the stations of Aintab and Marash, where he was formerly in the service of the Near East Relief, arrived in Constantinople a few days ago. They expect to spend two or three days more. There is a good hope that they may be able to return later for medical work in connection with our Mission.

Dr. and Mrs. Nute write that they will not need their Namrun cottages and tents this summer, and would be glad to rent them furnished for housekeeping. Two families and servants can be accommodated. A cook and a market man will also be available. The automobile road from Tarsus to Namrun is more than half completed. At present the last four or five hours of the journey would be on horseback. For further particulars, address Dr. and Mrs. W.L. Nute, Adana.

As Professor Paul Monroe, of Teachers College, Columbia, was returning with his daughter from a trip to Petra, Arabia, to Jerusalem, when they were near Maan, in Transjordan, the party was attacked by four mounted Bedouin, who fired at the automobile, trying to halt it. The tires were punctured; but despite the sand, the chauffeur put on all speed and soon got beyond the reach of the whistling bullets. No one was injured. Prof. Monroe is a familiar figure to Constantinopolitans, having frequently visited the American Colleges here.

After a long period of intense suffering, Mrs. Bertha Smith Koch, formerly connected with Miss Burgess's Mission in Koum Kapou, and after that with Robert College as Matron, died of cancer at the American Hospital in Pera on Thursday last. The funeral on Friday was largely attended.

Dr. Elmer Ellsworth Helms, pastor of the largest Methodist Church in the world, at Los Angeles, and Mrs. Helms spent two weeks in March visiting the Seven Churches in the Smyrna region. Dr. Helms is a lecturer and writer of note. He preached at International College March 23rd.

Dr. J.O. Boyd, Representative at Vienna of the American Bible Society, who has been in Constantinople for the past week consulting with Mr. F.L. MacCallum of that Society, left today for Sofia and Vienna.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Miss Charlotte R. Willard, of Merzifon, after spending a busy week or so in Boston, and addressing a women's meeting in the Dorchester Church, and speaking to the Prudential Committee, reached her home in Chicago the middle of March, and is much enjoying home life with her sister.

Our hearts go out in sympathy with Mrs. Theodora D. Riggs now of Denver, Colorado, whose father passed away on March 24th, after a long illness. This was less than two months from the passing away of her mother also.

President Cass Reed of International College and Mr. Albert Staub of the Near East Colleges, who had been to Beirut on a business trip, returned here via Angora, and went right on by Friday's steamer for Smyrna. From there Mr. Staub goes back to America.

Queen Marie of Roumania is spending ten days or so at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Huntington at Robert College, on her return to Roumania from a visit in Egypt. She had planned a trip to Brousa today, but the south wind has made the sea very uncomfortable.

The typesetters are at work on the Gospel of Matthew in the new Turkish characters and in the revised version on which a committee appointed by the American Bible Society has been laboring for some time. It is hoped that the edition may be ready for sale in about six weeks.

The Easter season gives the Mission Language School a good chance for a vacation; and most of its members are taking advantage of this. Mr. and Mrs. Perry left on Thursday last for a visit to Merzifon, Sivas and Caesarea and Talas, going by steamer to Samsoun. The same day Miss Shank left by train, expecting to meet Miss Hotson of Adana Hospital, at Eski Shehir, and go with her to Angora and Caesarea and Talas. The next day Miss Towner left here by steamer for Smyrna. They will all be coming back in the course of the next week.

On Easter Sunday, the Robert College Chorus will render Handel's Messiah at a Vesper Service at 4:30 in the College chapel.

Miss Margaret A. Smith, who spent two years helping the Merzifon Girls' School, is back again in Tunghsien, North China, hard at work; but her thoughts often turn back to her experiences in Turkey and her friends here.

The right to vote in municipal elections has been granted to women in Turkey; and they seem to be astonished, for they had hardly begun agitating for any such privilege. In celebration of this great step, a monster meeting was arranged for last Friday at the Taxim. The women were to gather in the Sultan Ahmed square in Stamboul, and march over in joyous procession to Pera. A squad of some fifty police were the advance guard, and as many more marched on either side of the women to protect them from the incursions of the great crowd of onlookers. There were many thousands to watch the parade; but only about a hundred women took part. Apparently feminism is not yet much of a cult here.

An indication of the better state of feeling as between Turks and Greeks today was seen in the celebration at Athens of the centennial of Greek independence (from Turkish rule), when President Ghazi Mustafa Kemal sent a congratulatory message, and Turkey was officially represented by her Ambassador at the celebration.

Mr. Wilson F. Fowle, brother of our Treasurer, arrived in Constantinople a couple of days ago, and expects to make his headquarters here for a while. His wife and son had preceded him.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Two of the retired members of the Turkey Missions passed on to their reward last month. Miss Clarissa H. Pratt, who from 1875 to 1900 was missionary in Mardin, and who resigned from the Board's service in 1902, died in America on March 7th. She was a native of Huntington, L.I. and for the last years of her life had been engaged in city mission work.

Rev. Henry T. Perry, D.D., whose name has long stood at the head of the Honor Roll of Turkey missionaries, died in Ashfield, Mass., on March 30th, in his 92nd year. He had long been in feeble health, and was seriously ill for more than a week. Dr. Perry was born in Ashfield, May 6, 1838, and was graduated from Williams in 1862, and from Auburn Seminary in 1865. In 1866 he married Miss Jeannie H. Jones, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and they sailed that fall as missionaries of the Board. They were located in Aintab from 1866 to 1871, and in Marash from then till 1876, when they were transferred to Sivas. Mrs. Perry died in 1884, and in 1886 Mr. Perry returned to America. In 1892 he came out again and was in Sivas for another twenty years, retiring to America in 1913, since when he has lived quietly at Ashfield. His second wife, Mrs. Mary E.H. Perry, whom he married in 1892, survives him, as do a son and a daughter.

The oldest living ex-members of our Mission now are Rev. John K. Browne, of Harpout, born July 4, 1843, and Rev. Theodore A. Baldwin, of Brousa, born Sept. 1, 1843.

The Syria Section, Union and Conference meetings are on the schedule for this week, at Beirut; and the Student Conference at Baslbek comes at exactly the same time.

President Gates of Robert College has been called to America to attend the May meeting of the Trustees, and leaves Monday next.

The American Ambassador and Mrs. Grew, with their daughters, are to start tomorrow or the next day for a visit in the United States. Mr. Grew expects to be back at his post in about three months.

Rev. William E. Hawkes of Salonica and Miss Jessie H. Newgeon of New York City were married on April 5th in the Chapel of Union Theological Seminary, by President H.S. Coffin. Among the ushers were Messrs. Theodore S. Ward and Martin Hardin, former teachers at Robert College. The bridal couple went to Hartford, Conn., where the next day Mrs. Hawkes was given her commission as a missionary of the Board by President Rockwell Harmon Potter of our Board. They expect to sail in August for Salonica.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana K. Getchell of Salonica are spending a week in Old Phaleron, to become acquainted somewhat with the sort of work into which they are to come for the next year, helping in the absence on furlough of Dr. and Mrs. Marden. Miss Morley, the Misses Nollen, and Miss Mary Hill all accompanied them to Athens.

Miss Towner has returned from her visit in Smyrna, having had some exciting experiences on a trip with Mrs. Flint and Miss Parsons to Pergamum and Ephesus, being left out all night on the plains by the exhausting of the gasoline of their car.

Having held the Roumanian steamer a couple of hours in order to be able to attend the Easter Sunday morning service at Robert College, Queen Marie and her retinue left at noon for her home. Mr. and Mrs. Theron J. Damon and their daughter went with her for a week's visit.

Dr. Ellsworth Huntington, who left Constantinople in December for a trip to Central Africa, returned last week to rejoin his family here.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Miss Dora Shank returned to the Language School after her trip to Angora, Caesarea and Adana, on which journey she was accompanied by Miss Hazel Hotson of the Adana Hospital. They, too, had their experiences; for on the way from Caesarea to Adana they missed their train at Bozanti, so that instead of reaching Adana Saturday evening, they had to spend a rather lonesome Easter Sunday (Miss Shank's first in this land) in the Bozanti Hotel, - not the most inspiring place.

Dr. Sidney A. Weston, General Manager of the Cong. Pub. So., well known for his religious education and Sunday School work with the Near East Relief, with Mrs. Weston spent a few days in Constantinople last week. They have gone on from here to Palestine.

Mrs. L.A. Shepard, with Miss McKnight of the American Hospital in Pera, have started out on a rather an extended trip, to include Adana, Aintab, Marash, Aleppo, and Beirut, and other points.

Dr. and Mrs. McNaughton left Athens last Friday for Sicily after an interesting fortnight in the Greek metropolis. Mrs. McNaughton writes:-
 "Two weeks spent in Athens gives time for an insight into the work which is being carried on in the various camps. At one gathering recently held, twenty-two persons from as many different cities of Turkey gave speeches. We are much impressed by the courage and self-reliance of these friends of former and better days. Mr. Stambollian is doing a fine work, as the head of the religious work in all the camps. On Easter Sunday we attended two services, in one of which twenty-one young people united with the church on profession of faith, and in the other, ten. About twelve older men and women, who were church members in former days, were gathered into these congregations. Twelve young girls were from the Girls' College, which is under Miss McCallum's leadership this year. Our last Sunday among associates and friends of many years has been to me one of great joy and spiritual blessing. There is a fine band of young men and women in the School of Religion, and it has been a privilege to come in contact with their earnest leaders. We are fortunate in being entertained in the hospitable home of Dr. and Mrs. Marden, whose kindness is unbounded."

Mr. Sanders, one of the instructors at the Sofia American College, and Miss McIlhaney, niece of Mrs. Monedjicoff, went back to Sofia on Friday after a few days of vacation in this city.

President and Mrs. Gates of Robert College left on yesterday's Simplon Express on their way to catch the Berengaria across to New York. Dr. Gates has been asked to attend the May meeting of the Robert College Board of Trustees.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry are back again from a most interesting visit to Merzifon, Boghaz Keuy, Caesarea, and Angora. They are most enthusiastic over what they saw at our two Stations, and much interested also both in the ancient Hittite capital and the modern Turkish capital.

On Thursday last, Dr. Ellsworth Huntington gave a lecture before the Turkish Geographical Institute, at the University, in the former War Department Building, his subject being "The Conquering Nomad." His character-delineating of the present-day nomad, illustrated from his own experiences in visiting several nomadic tribes, was most illuminating. While the lecture lost something in translation, it was eagerly heard by the students and other members.

A sad accident befell in connection with a holiday picnic of the Adana Girls' School, on April 23rd. The matron, a servant, a pupil and another girl were in a carriage on the road along the river, when the horses, frightened by a passing automobile, backed down the bank and the carriage was upset. The two girls escaped, but the matron was thrown into the river and was with difficulty rescued, being able to swim. The servant, however, was not seen at all after the catastrophe, and her body had not yet been found, at last accounts.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, May 6, 1930

Dear friends:

Word has come from America that Prof. S. Ralph Harlow of Smith College, formerly of our Smyrna Station, is to be at the School of Religion this coming fall, for the full year of work. It is naturally to be understood that Mrs. Harlow and the family will be with him. This is a most welcome bit of news, for the prospect a short time ago seemed quite dubious. President Pye is recovering but slowly from his recent operation at Clifton Springs, N.Y.

According to the latest letters from Boston, it is also assured that Mr. Richard Smith, formerly of Tarsus College, will be coming out this fall, to be connected with the Talas Boys' School Trades Department.

Rev. E. C. Blake and Mr. Fred H. Thompson of the Erenkeuy School left on Wednesday last on a visit to Aleppo, Aintab, Marash, Tarsus and Adana, expecting to be gone about two weeks.

Last Wednesday the School of Religion at Athens went as a School to Delphi to the great Festival. They secured very good discounts for tickets and transportation, and in going lost only one day of actual school work, so that it was well worth the time, from an educational point of view.

Miss Adelaide S. Dwight of Caesarea is in Constantinople for a week or so, having some necessary dentistry attended to.

Among recent visitors to this city have been three or four separate parties of missionaries from various missions in India, most of them coming by the now popular route across the desert from Bagdad to Damascus. One of these friends is Miss Gertrude Avery, of our Marathi Mission in Bombay. She is a granddaughter of Rev. and Mrs. John O. Barrows, who were connected with the Western Turkey Mission at Caesarea and Manisa from 1863 to 1880. On her trip she meets former missionary associates from India in Mrs. Stuart Dodd of Beirut, Mrs. Birge of Constantinople, and Mr. and Mrs. Rose of Athens.

Miss Dewey writes from Mardin, April 29th, "After we had about given up hopes of rain, and prices had begun to go up, the Lord had mercy on us. It began to rain April 24. We have cloudy weather, with a little rain nearly every day, but very little for the wells. Many people are buying water from the springs. Even there the water is scant. But the wheat is doing well. Unfortunately the big vineyard grasshoppers have made their appearance. They eat them down south, and it seems they have sent them up here for pasture, as we send down our sheep and horses in the early spring. They went into the ground around here, and we expect hordes of them to come out in about a month. Fortunately the government does its best to exterminate them."

Since our Mardin ladies visited Diarbekir, two Christian churches have been given back to Christian communities for worship:- the Protestant Church to the Protestants and Gregorians, and the Greek Church to the Catholics.

Miss Elizabeth J. Hurlbut, of the Prudential Committee, formerly Treasurer of the W.B.M.I., is in Constantinople on a brief visit, having come up from Beirut through Aleppo, Adana and Tarsus. She goes on from here by way of Salonica, Smyrna, and Athens, to return to America after a world-encircling trip. Her brother, Dr. Hurlbut, is with her.

A telegram, sent from Elmira, N.Y., May 3rd at 2:30 p.m., has been received at the Bible House, containing but four words:-

PELT STAMBOUL GONE MOTHER

There is no indication of the person from whom it is sent. If any of our readers can identify it, the Treasury Office will be relieved.

Mrs. A. W. Manning, of Robert College, has humane literature in Greek and Armenian and Turkish, which she will be glad to supply to schools, or to any of our personnel that care to use them, without charge other than postage expenses.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

The report for 1929 of steamers visiting the Port of Constantinople shows that Italian steamers lead all others in tonnage, with 3,558,789 tons; British are second, Turkish third, Greek fourth, and French, with 922,047 tons, fifth. American ships stand eleventh, with 294,647 tons. In the previous three years, the tonnage was from 10,393,000 to 10,987,000 but in 1929 it rose to 14,086,660 tons.

The girls of the Adana School recently made a substantial and much appreciated gift to the Himaye-i-Etfal, or Turkish Save-the-Children Society. Each class collected money among themselves, bought cloth ("yerli mal" as far as possible) and then made undergarments, dresses and suits. The Preparatory Class made stuffed dolls, scrap-books, and other playthings. An exhibition of the toys and the 52 complete suits was given, in an attractively decorated room, when the President of the Society and the Principal of the Lycee gave short speeches. In addition to what was made, about Ltq.42.00 were contributed to the cause.

The Adana School has been honored by the fact that Helen Keller has sent to Miss Small a beautiful autographed photograph of herself and Mrs. Macy, and also her book, "Mid Stream". Miss Small had written to a friend who knew Miss Keller, that her Ethics #class had been studying about Helen Keller's life and were very much interested in her; and thus the whole thing happened.

During the Kurban Bayram holidays, May 3-14, the Adana ladies were expecting to scatter, Miss Hallett and Mrs. Nute going to Namrun, Miss Small and Miss Loughridge to Aintab, Miss Borel and Miss Martin to Bürüjuk.

Very few persons knew when Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson, the now famous "evangelist" of Los Angeles, reached Constantinople lately, on her return from Jerusalem to America, or when she left here, a few days ago. But she has reason to hold in grateful remembrance the American Hospital in this city, and Dr. Lorrin Shepard, who was probably the means of saving the life of her daughter. The young lady had had a bad fall on the steamer, and only a skilful operation and kindly care has restored her to health. She leaves the Hospital today to follow her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Bobb and their two children arrived on Thursday last from Merzifon. The family are guests of the Shepards; but Mrs. Bobb is in the American Hospital for needed care.

Dr. and Mrs. Goodsell reached New York April 15th, and Boston the following day, after a fine voyage across the Pond. They were given a warm reception by Caroline and the Staff of the American Board; and on April 24th the Staff gave them a welcoming luncheon. They are living for the present in the Howard Cottage, Auburndale; and Dr. Goodsell began his new duties at Headquarters on May 1st.

Miss Pauline Sage of Chicago, a Wellesley graduate of 1901, who has had experience as National Secretary of the Y.W.C.A. and also among foreign women students, and has taught in several colleges in China and India, has been secured to teach at Scutari Academy next year.

Mr. William Griffith Couser has accepted a three-year term appointment to teach in ~~Aidap~~ Aleppo College, replacing Mr. Julius, whose term ends this Spring.

During the Bayram holidays, International College sent up to Constantinople a team of twenty-five athletes, for a series of games with Robert College. The visitors lost the two volley-ball games and the two basket-ball games, but were happy to win the second football game by a handsome margin, five to nothing, after tying the first.

Nearly two dozen persons connected with the two Colleges here returned yesterday from a highly successful visit to the Delphic Festival in Greece. They were enthusiastic over the performance, and over all their Greek experiences.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

A daughter, Esther Anne, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Compton, of Anatolia College, Salonica, on April 21st at Vienna. Mother and baby have been doing splendidly, and returned to Salonica May 11th.

The Syria Section of the United Missionary Council of Syria and Palestine held a very successful meeting at Beirut, May 7 to 9, with 22 delegates from 11 member organizations, and 17 visiting delegates from 8 native church bodies. By invitation of the American University the sessions were held in the Faculty Room in Marquand House.

President Kathryn N. Adams of Constantinople College has been asked to come to America for a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the College, and has left. It was her purpose to remain but a few days, and to be back at her post in time for Commencement Day.

On the advice of Dr. Shepard, Mrs. Paul Bobb of Merzifon is starting out on Thursday next for America, via Venice and Cherbourg. The two children go with her, and Mr. Bobb plans to accompany them as far as Cherbourg. A sister will meet Mrs. Bobb and the children in Montreal, and they will spend the summer in Canada.

Rev. Ernest C. Partridge, of Aleppo, has been spending six weeks during April and May in a speaking trip through from Oberlin to Miami, Fla., and back to Philadelphia, as well as in the Carolinas. He spoke at Berea College, Vanderbilt and Miami Universities, and many churches, besides attending two State Conferences.

While visiting Chattanooga, Mr. Partridge found traces of the second Mission of the American Board, organized in 1817, the Brainerd Mission among the Cherokee Indians. Another interesting fact learned was that at the close of the Civil War, Mr. Christopher R. Robert bought property on Lookout Mountain, and founded Robert College for needy white children of the South. In 1871, the College was closed, owing to Mr. Robert's interest in the new institution on the Bosphorus, which he felt was more needy.

Mrs. Morris Schinassi, widow of the wealthy tobacco merchant of New York, has been visiting this country in connection with a provision of the will of her husband for a hospital to be established in his native town of Manissa, near Smyrna. She is accompanied by Mr. Turner, representing the banking firm which is trustee for these funds. At their request, the Mission Treasurer accompanied them on their trip to Smyrna and Manisa, from which they returned yesterday. Mrs. Schinassi is returning now to America. She is herself a native of Salonica.

The Gregorian Armenian Church has within less than a month lost two of its great leaders, in the death of Archbishop Yeghishe Tourian, Patriarch of Jerusalem, and of the Catholicos Kevork V., of Etchmia-dzin. The Patriarch Yeghishe was once Patriarch of Constantinople, and was about seventy years old. The Catholicos Kevork V. was 83 years old. A very pompous service for the repose of their souls was held in the Patriarchal Church in Koum Kapou, Stamboul, last Sunday, the Patriarch Mesrob Naroyan presiding.

Mrs. Lorrin A. Shepard and Miss McKnight returned last week after a very interesting trip to the five southern Stations of our Mission. Their visit at each place was much appreciated by those resident there, but was in each place regarded as too short.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

During the Bairam vacation of ten days, ending May 14, Miss Loughridge and Miss Small from the Adana Girls School went to Aintab and thence to Marash; Miss Martin and Miss Borel, with Miss Brauer and Dr. Haas were in Buredjek for longer or shorter period; Miss Hallett went to Namroun with Mrs. Nute and some of the Tarsus teachers; Mr. and Mrs. Woolworth and Mrs. Allen from Tarsus visited Geuzne. Dr. Nute, with Cyril and little Mary Carmelite went to Aintab, where Mrs. Nute was to join them and go thence to Aleppo for a visit. On the other hand, Mr. Young was in the Adana Hospital for an attack of jaundice, and Mrs. Meyering at Tarsus has been taking days off with attacks of Malaria.

The Adana School has recently enjoyed visits from Miss Parsons of Smyrna, Messrs. Blake and Thompson of Erenkeuy, and Miss Hurlbut and her brother Dr. Hurlbut from Chicago.

Summer quarters are being repaired and improved at Buredjek for the benefit of the Adana Hospital staff this summer; and similarly improvements are being made at Geuzne, to restore the buildings there for the use of the Tarsus missionaries.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobb of Merzifon with little Donald and Marjory left Constantinople by steamer on Thursday last for Venice on their way to Cherbourg. There Mrs. Bobb will board a Cunarder which takes her and the children to Montreal, where a sister will meet them. Mr. Bobb returns from Cherbourg on his lonely way back to Merzifon.

Congratulations are due to Prof. and Mrs. George Michaelides of the School of Religion, Athens, on the birth of a son, May 20th, at Athens. Mrs. Michaelides will be remembered by many in Constantinople as Miss Donna Andreades, of the Treasury Office at the Bible House.

A quartet of American Aviators, who flew their machines of various types last week from here to Angora, returned two days ago, having had the privilege of taking up on a trial flight the Prime Minister, Ismet Pasha, and others. They left yesterday, going to exhibit in the Balkan capitals as well. This is no part of any world flight, but a commercial proposition.

The usual observation of Memorial Day by the American colony of Constantinople will take place on Friday of this week, at the Fesikeuy Cemetery, at ten in the morning. In the absence of the Ambassador, a committee consisting of Messrs. Williamson, Huntington and Fowle are in charge of the arrangements.

Among recent additions to the Mission Library are the following:
 The Orthodox Eastern Church, by Zankoff
 If I had Only One Sermon to Preach on Immortality, by Stidger.
 The Motives of Men, by Coe.
 The New Testament in the Light of Modern Research, by Deissmann.
 The Making of the Christian Mind, by Atkins.
 Twice-born Ministers, by Shoemaker.

Also, in the Educational Alcove, the following:-

School Clubs, by McKown
 Studies in the Organization of Character, by Hartshorne & May
 Studies in Service and Self-Control by Hartshorne & May
 Program Making for Junior High Schools, by Harrington
 A Guide to Books for Character, Fiction, -by Starbuck.

The Mission Secretary has a number of copies on hand of the Board's Handbook. Members of the Mission not already provided with such may obtain one on application.

Mardin has been having quite a severe visitation of both locusts and grasshoppers, which did a lot of damage to drops. They seem to have come from the south, and appear to be going back that way, after eating all they liked. The vineyards have been badly hurt.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

We are glad to pass along the good news that Dr. Nute at Adana has received word from the medical authorities that he is again allowed to practice his profession in the American Hospital. This established the principal of the right of American Hospitals to more than one physician and clears up a misunderstanding that was causing difficulties. Once again patience wins out for our friend Dr. Nute.

BORN:- On Saturday, May 31st, at the American Hospital, Pera, to Rev. and Mrs. Davison of Robert College, a son, John. In this connection we may add that Prof. Davison has accepted the position of Assistant Professor of Homiletics and Worship at Auburn Theological Seminary, N.Y., and will enter on his new duties next September.

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Lorrin A. Shepard, who has word of the death of her father, Dr. Moffat, last Tuesday, Dr. and Mrs. Moffat and their other two daughters were in Constantinople from December, 1928, to April, 1929, and many of our readers will remember him.

Rev. Robbins W. Barstow, who was a tutor in Mardin from 1910 to 1913, and has recently been pastor of the 1st Cong. Church of Madison, Wis., has been elected President of Hartford Theological Seminary, to succeed Dr. W.D. Mackenzie, resigned. Once again the Turkey Mission furnishes the man for a prominent position.

Miss Towner and Miss Shank, who have been studying in the Mission Language School, have completed their courses, and left last week for their posts at Adana Station, in the Girls' School and the Hospital.

Consul-General G. Bie Ravndal, who since his transfer from Constantinople to Zurich has also served in Hamburg and Berlin, is retiring on age limitation, as he completes his 65th year June 27th. The American colony at Berlin has been honoring Mr. and Mrs. Ravndal in many ways; and the American Club of Constantinople has sent them a letter of appreciation on this occasion. They expect to visit Norway on their way back to America.

After having paid toll on the Galata Bridge for 87 years, the populace of Constantinople is now, since June 1st, enjoying the removal of this tax. Until the War, a pedestrian paid ten paras, or one cent; recently it has been one piaster, or half a cent, in the depreciated currency.

The American Colony of Constantinople held its usual observation of Memorial Day, last Friday, at the Ferikeuy Cemetery, quite a large number being present. Prof. Huntington presided, in the absence of Ambassador Grew on leave, and an address was delivered by Mr. J.K. Birge. Perfect weather helped make the occasion a success.

On May 23rd, the first Track and Field Meet for the individual championship of Constantinople was held at Robert College under the auspices of the Turkish Athletic Federation, and was very successful and largely attended. The presence of such American athletes as West of Stanford, Collier or Brown, and Gates of Princeton, added much to the interest. Collier ran a very pretty 110 m. hurdle in 15 1/5 seconds, the best performance of the day. Last Friday the usual class championship meet at Robert College was held with fair success, but the former Meet had taken the edge off.

After reaching France with his family, Mr. Bobb of Merzifon decided that it was wisest to accompany them across the ocean also. They land at Montreal.

Rev. Frank J. Woodward, of our Mission Station at Oroquieta, Philippine Islands, passed through Constantinople last Friday on his way to America, with several missionaries of the Presbyterian Mission in those islands. Mrs. Woodward has been in America the past year on furlough. Mr. Woodward is engaged in evangelistic work, and is Mission Secretary.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Two fires of recent date have to be here recorded as of interest for different reasons to our big family. Many of us have crossed the ocean on the Fabre Line S.S. "Asia", with none too much comfort. She burned and sank in the Red Sea a short time ago, while carrying pilgrims; and over a hundred of these are reported missing, - but all the crew were saved.

The other fire a few weeks ago destroyed the new Protestant church at Katerina, the refugee Greek settlement near Salonica. The charred walls remain, and the people have made new benches and are worshipping under the sky in their now roofless sanctuary. By having their services early or late, they escape the heat of the midday sun.

On May 13th, Miss Helen Read Post was engaged by the Board for a three-year term as teacher in the Gedik Pasha School. Miss Post is the daughter of Dr. Wilfred M. Post, formerly of our Mission Hospital at Talas and later at Konia, who for some time worked after the War with the Near East Relief in the medical service here. Miss Post will be warmly welcomed as she returns to Turkey.

Miss Mary Eleanor Ringer of Walla Walla, Washington, has been engaged for a three-year term as teacher in the A.C.I., Smyrna. She is trained especially along physical education lines, and will fill an important need there.

Miss Irene Bostrom, of Grand Forks, N.Dak., has likewise been secured for a three-year term as teacher at the Junior College for Girls, Old Phaleron. She is a graduate of the Univ. of North Dakota, and has special training in music.

Cards are out for the wedding of Miss Doris I. Robert and Mr. James Y. Gates, on June 15th, at Salonica.

Mr. and Mrs. James K. Lyman of Marash arrived in Constantinople last Friday, on their way to America on furlough. They expect to proceed on Thursday, going via Venice. On their way, they attend the Fifth International Congregational Council at Bournemouth, England, as delegates of the Near East Mission.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Meyering of Tarsus reached Constantinople last Sunday, and are expecting to spend the summer here.

Dr. Ruth A. Parmelee of our Mission and of the American Woman's Hospitals at Kokkinia, Piraeus, Greece, has come up to Constantinople for a few days, with Miss Willms, a nurse in the same Hospital.

BORN:- At Talas, Sunday, June 8th, to Rev. and Mrs. Paul E. Nilson, a daughter, Dorothy Grace; weight nine pounds, All goes well.

Word has come of the sudden death of Mr. C. C. Thurber, of the Near East Relief office in Athens, following a couple of shocks. Mr. Thurber will be remembered also in this city, where he worked in the Selimie Barracks and elsewhere, about 1922; he also worked in Sivas with the N. E. R.

Dr. and Mrs. Jesse K. Marden left Athens a week or ten days ago on their way for a well-earned and delayed furlough, in America. Dr. Marden hopes to arrive in time for his 35th Class reunion at Dartmouth, and we may expect a further announcement regarding him after that.

Mrs. E. T. Leslie of our Treasury office has been visiting in California during the latter part of May; Mrs. E. D. Marden reports a good time with her at Atascadero. Mrs. Marden will be in Chautauqua, N. Y. this summer.

Miss Ethel W. Putney is sailing for England on the S.S. Adriatic June 14th from New York, and expects to spend about six weeks in England, and reach Constantinople about the middle of August.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

We are asked to request those coming as delegates to Annual Meeting to bring with them as far as possible, mosquito nets for their own use. Such as find this impossible, will be provided with nets as far as possible by the Committee of arrangements; but they ask your cooperation.

Miss Margaret Hinman, of the Collegiate Institute, Smyrna, left there for a year's furlough in America on June 8th, going to New York by the American Export Line steamer.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. White, of Anatolia College, Salonica, returned to their duties on June 5th, after a year in America. They also patronized the American Export Line, and report a restful voyage.

Miss Doris I. Robert and Mr. James Y. Gates of Salonica were married on Sunday last, President White being the officiating clergyman. The newlyweds took the evening train for Athens, en route to America.

On May 29th, Dr. J. Henry House of the Salonica Farm School, celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday; and in this he was aided by the students and faculty. A towering cake with 85 candles and a giant bouquet of flowers were presented to him as a token of esteem and affection. Dr. and Mrs. House came out as missionaries in 1872.

Miss Jeannette Odell and Miss Marjory Hostetter of Merzifon arrived last week from their school, coming via Angora, Miss Hostetter goes on for a summer in Europe; but Miss Odell remains here for the Annual Meeting, for which Miss Zbinden will also be coming. Miss Dorothy Goodenough of the Athens Junior College is also here on her way to Europe for the summer.

Miss Katharine O. Fletcher, of the Scutari Academy for Girls, was given her full commission as a permanent missionary of the Board, at a service in Central Congregational Church, Boston, on May 25th. Dr. Barton made the address and presented the Commission. It was a beautiful service, writes Miss Putney of Gedik Pasha. Miss Fletcher, with her sister Miss Elizabeth Fletcher, is sailing from Montreal on the S.S. "Albertic" for Liverpool June 21st, and they tour Europe before coming to Constantinople.

Miss Ethel W. Putney was due to sail June 14th from New York on the White Star S.S. "Adriatic" for Liverpool, on her return to her post at Gedik Pasha, Constantinople.

The Washburn Scholarship, established at Robert College by the Alumni, and awarded each year to the incoming Senior who has maintained the best scholastic record for the previous three years, has been won this year by the son of Rev. Y. Kassouni, pastor of the Emmanuel Church, Constantinople. This is the fourth or fifth time it has been captured by a former Gedik Pasha School student. The highest mark in the Academy of Robert College this year was also secured by a Gedik Pasha Boy.

The International College at Smyrna announces that they have registered "KOLEC IZMIR" as their telegraphic address, and would request their friends to make use of this in wiring to them.

Commencements very many are taking place; we hope to report some of them next week. Summer vacations are beginning; and we would ask any friends who wish their copies of this little sheet sent to summer addresses, to notify us promptly of any such new or temporary address.

Dr. & Mrs. Hubert Adolphus Miller, formerly of Oberlin but now of Ohio State University, are due at Hotel de Londres, Pera, June 24th, coming from the Far East. They send greetings to their many friends in the Near East.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

A very quiet wedding took place last Saturday evening at the MacCallum apartment at the Bible House, when Miss Edith Mabel Roberts became Mrs. Frank Lyman MacCallum. The civil ceremony had taken place the day before, at the British Consulate; and the happy couple are now at their new home in Scutari. We feel sure we express the desire of all our readers when we pass on to them the warmest good wishes of all our circle of readers.

BORN:- At the American Hospital, Constantinople, on June 23rd, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Meyering of Tarsus, a son, Ralph Arvy; weight, 7 1/2 lbs. All goes well.

The past two weeks have seen a series of Commencement exercises in this city; and we can only touch in brief on the main features of these occasions in the American institutions. The American Collegiate Institute at Erenkoy led off with a graduating class of sixteen boys. The addresses to the graduates were by Niazî Tewfikîk Bey, until recently Head of the Kadikoy Orta Mektebi, and Dr. Lerrin Shepard. At the closing exercises of the American Academy at Scutari, nineteen girls received diplomas, eleven in the collegiate course, 3 in Home Economics, and 4 in the Commercial course. Two of the girls read essays in English and one in Turkish. Addresses were given by İzzâm Nâmî Bey and Rev. R.F. Markham. The exercises of the Gedik Pasha School were held as usual in the open air, and twenty-one received diplomas, eight boys and thirteen girls. Mr. L.R. Fowle gave an address in Turkish, and Prof. George H. Huntington one in English. At Constantinople College, 41 young women completed the course and took their degrees; the addresses were by Mustafa Shokîb Bey, Professor of Psychology in Stamboul University, and Dr. Franca Foster of C.C. At Robert College, the largest class in the history of the institution, - 48 - was graduated, twenty-nine from the College course, and nineteen from the Engineering course. In the absence of President Gove, Vice-President G.H. Huntington presided and gave the graduates some good advice. The chief speaker was Keuprulu Zâde Fuâd Bey, Dean of the Faculty of Literature at Stamboul University.

The Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission opens its sessions on Friday morning next at ten o'clock, at the Scutari Academy. Delegates have already begun to arrive, and about forty-five are expected in all, making this possibly the largest Mission meeting ever held here. A full list of the delegates will be given next week, when all are here. In addition, Miss Hostetter of Merzifon has arrived in this city, and Miss Small and Miss Borel of Adana, and others.

On Thursday last there was a very pleasant Station Meeting at the Fowle House, in Roumeli Hisar, which took the form of a farewell greeting to Miss Anna D. Jones, who starts very soon for America after retirement from the Mission work after forty years of splendid service. Supper was served in the lovely garden, at small tables; and later, after some touching reminiscences and historical references, Miss Jones was presented with a brass tray as a memento from her Station colleagues. Dr. MacCallum led in a closing prayer before the party broke up.

Mr. Joseph W. Beach, of the N.E.R. work in the Caucasus, is stopping here for a conference with Mr. Barclay Acheson, before proceeding on leave to America.

The Trustees of Euphrates College, Harpout, as a Massachusetts corporation, has been dissolved, and the funds held by them have been legally turned over to the American Board to be used in the educational institutions at Aleppo, Salonica, Athens, or elsewhere as the Board may deem best.

The 50th anniversary of the starting of the Gedik Pasha Sunday school was celebrated last Sunday in an interesting service. A presentation was given by the pupils, of one of Robert Kellomä's first Sunday Schools in England, since it was also the 150th anniversary of his beginning. Mr. Kapriel S. Kaprielian, a pupil in the Gedik Pasha school 50 years ago, gave some most impressive reminiscences of those days. The large share taken by Miss Jones in the success of the School was gratefully acknowledged in the presentation to her of a gift from the pupils.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

The Annual Meeting of our Mission is in full swing, which may explain in part the lateness of this issue. The American Academy at Scutari has opened its heart and home to the delegates, and the sessions are being held in the chapel. Business sessions take place both morning and afternoon, and committees are sitting both afternoons and evenings.

The following are here as delegates:-

ADANA: Miss Turner, Miss Hallott, Miss Loughridge, Miss Hetson, Mr. Woolworth, Mr. Meyering.
 AINTAB: Miss Phelps, Mr. Ponce, Dr. Dewey.
 ALEPPO: Mr. Adkins, Dr. Merrill.
 ATHENS: Miss McCallum, Mr. Gatchell, Mr. Rose.
 BEIRUT: Mr. & Mrs. Henry H. Riggs
 CAESAREA: Mrs. Block, Dr. & Mrs. Dodd, Mr. Wilson.
 CONSTANTINOPLE: Miss Harley, Mrs. MacCallum, Miss Yarrow, Mr. Birge, Mr. Blake, Mr. Markham.
 MARASH: Mr. & Mrs. Wiley.
 MARDIN: Miss Fenenga.
 MERZIFON: Miss Odell, Miss Zbinden.
 SALONICA: Mrs. Gatchell, Miss Morley, Dr. White.
 SMYRNA: Mrs. Flint, Miss Greene, Miss Parsons, Mr. & Mrs. Vrooman.
 Ex-officio: Messrs. Fwle, Kreider, MacCallum, Perry, C.T. Riggs.

Among the guests present at some of the sessions have been Mr. Barclay Acheson, Professors Barnum and Scott and their wives and Mrs. Manning of Robert College, Miss Clarahan of Constantinople College, Mr. Russell of the B.&F.B.S., Mr. & Mrs. F.L. MacCallum of the A.B.S., Mr. Balzer of the Y.M.C.A., Miss Clary and Miss Rutherford of the Y.W.C.A., etc. Other members of the Mission attending have included Miss Orvis and Miss Small of Adana, and Mrs. Dute; Miss Corning of Merzifon, Dr. Reed of Smyrna, Messrs Hasen and Clark of ~~Smyrna~~ Tarsus, Messrs Lamb and Newman of Salonica, and the members of Constantinople Station.

Dr. Wm. L. Nute is Chairman of the meeting, and the undersigned secretary. The annual reports from the various Stations were very interesting and encouraging. On Sunday afternoon there was the annual sermon by Rev. Walter B. Wiley, on 2 Tim. 1:12. Louise Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wiley, was consecrated by Dr. MacCallum, Pastor of the Mission Church, who also administered, with Dr. John E. Merrill, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

It is impossible to predict when the meetings will close; but they will continue into next week, at any rate.

On Saturday, June 14th, Mr. Roger P. Matteson, who was a tutor in Tarsus College some five or six years ago, was married to Lillah Mauree, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Edward McLean, at Lancaster, Wis. Mr. Matteson is teaching in Wisconsin.

On Friday last, Miss Neville-Cox, instructor in violin at Constantinople College, was found dead at the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Macanna, in Galata. Heart-failure is the probable cause. Miss Neville-Cox was expecting to accompany Mrs. Macanna to England in a few days.

The Commissioning service of Mr. Richard B. Smith, who is coming to Talas, took place at the Congregational Church of Middlebury, Vt. his home church, on Sunday, June 15th. Dr. F.F. Goodsell preached the sermon and gave him his commission as a missionary of the Board. Rev. Wm. F. Frazier, State Superintendent of Vermont, bade him "Godspeed from the Congregationalists of Vermont."

The engagement is announced of Mrs. Hannah Hume Lee, of the American Board, to Mr. John Calder, of the Executive Committee of the National Congregational Council.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear friends:-

Owing to summer vacation plans, this will be the last issue of this weekly till the first of September. The undersigned and his wife plan to spend six weeks in Italy, Austria, and Germany.

At the Commencement exercises of Oberlin College, the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on President Ernest Caleb Pye, of the School of Religion, Old Phaleron, Greece. At the Commencement exercises of Dartmouth College, the honorary degree of Doctor of Science was conferred on Jesse K. Marden, M.D., of our Athens Station. What with the Doctorate conferred on Miss Minnie B. Mills, President of Athens Junior College for Women, Athens Station would seem to have carried off its full share of honors! Felicitations are due to all three of our fellow-workers.

Mr. Hugh DuVal Irwin, son of the late Rev. H.M. Irwin of Talas and Athens, and of Mrs. Irwin, was married on June 14th to Miss Marion Estelle Nagle, at Montreal, Quebec.

The Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission closed its sessions July 9th, after a strenuous but satisfactory period of two weeks lacking one day. Most of the delegates have scattered, some returning to their Stations, others going on more or less brief summer vacations in various directions.

The Annual Meeting was most appreciative of the work of the Committee on Re-evaluation, with its careful study of conditions in the whole field, especially in the Turkey area. It was voted to continue this Committee for another year, in the hope that its work may be still more valuable and lay the basis for a more correct appreciation of the needs of every part of the Mission.

Important decisions were reached concerning the use of the Rehabilitation, Exchange, and Knapp Funds, whose release will be of great benefit to many lines of work. A happy agreement was also reached as to the property interests of Anatolia College in Merzifon. The difficult problem of supplying the Stations with sufficient personnel for the work, was met in so far as possible and with as few shifts as possible.

The Mission is very happy to learn of the appointment of Miss Esther V. Sargent as a regular missionary on life service. She will be in Language School for the coming year, after which it is expected that she will join the staff of the Adana Girls' School.

Dr. & Mrs. Fred F. Goodsell have found an abode in Cambridge Mass., with which they are well satisfied. It will be a convenient spot from which the Executive Vice-President of the Board can commute.

Mr. Ralph Alice of International College and Miss Ruth Hitchings of the Smyrna American Collegiate Institute, were married on June 21st in Smyrna. They are now on their way to Maine, U.S.A., for a summer trip, and will spend the coming year in study before returning for a further period of service in International College.

Messrs. James Clark and Allen Hazen of Tarsus came across Anatolia through Talas, Sivas and Angora, and have gone on to Ober-ammergau, etc. Mr. Clark returns via France; but Mr. Hazen, after meeting his parents in England, is returning to America at the close of his term.

Miss Anna B. Jones left Constantinople two weeks ago, on her retirement to America, together with her adopted daughter, Miss Naeck. They visit Ober-ammergau on the way, and several other places, reaching America in September.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:-

A hearty welcome back again to your accustomed places of work to all our readers who, like the undersigned, have been off for a summer holiday. If all had as fine a time as he did, the summer was a decided success. Incidentally, this is our first issue since July 14th.

Dr. James L. Barton and Mrs. Barton, who have been in France, etc. since the Congregational Council in Bournemouth, expect to join Mr. Acheson of the N.E.R. early this month, either in Albania or in Athens; and later on they plan to visit Salonica, Sofia, Constantinople, Smyrna, and Aleppo, though at just what dates it is not yet settled. They regret being unable to visit all the Stations of our Mission.

Our sympathy goes out to Miss Theda Phelps of Aintab, who had the misfortune, while on a visit to Geuzne, near Tarsus, to fall from a horse and break her arm. She has recovered, however, sufficiently to go back to Aintab.

The slopes of Mt. Olympus, above Brousa, have proved a popular resort this summer; the Fowle and Markham and Heck families joined the Shepard family there for a longer or shorter period. All are back again now, at their posts.

Our colleagues of the Adana Girls' School were considerably stirred up not long ago by a peremptory demand from the Finance Department authorities, for the payment of a very large sum, alleged to be due from the School on the score of a tax on donations. However, a hurried visit by Mr. Kreider, and our lawyer to Angora secured relief, it being acknowledged that the demand was an error, since the Council of State had already given its verdict that such demands on our institutions were contrary to law.

Mr. Lyle S. Shelmidine, of Grinnell College, has been secured for a three-year term of teaching at Tarsus College, and is due to sail for Turkey from New York on the American Export Line September 5th. On the same steamer come Mr. Richard Bonsall Smith, for Talas, and Dr. Ralph Harlow and family, for the School of Religion at Old Phaleron.

Rev. Yeghia Kassouni, pastor of the Emmanuel Church of Constantinople, has accepted a call from Kessab, Syria, to be their minister for two years, and is leaving Constantinople immediately for his new post. His church has consented to his going for one year, and will try to find supplies for his pulpit meanwhile.

Miss Ethel W. Putney, Principal of Gedik Pasha School, has returned to her post after a year of furlough in America. The school will be further strengthened soon by the arrival of Miss Helen R. Post for a three-year term.

Miss Lucille Day, formerly of Brousa and Salonica, is living at the International House of the Univ. of California, at Berkeley, and is taking courses leading to the certificate of Social Service, preparatory to her return to the Near East Mission.

Dr. Charles E. Clark, with his daughter, Miss Ruth Clark, and Dr. Minnie B. Mills of Athens Junior College, sailed from America Aug. 19, on the S.S. "George Washington" for Plymouth, on their way back to the Mission.

Mr. & Mrs. D.K. Getchell transferred themselves early in August from Salonica to Athens, in accord with the desire of the Mission, to undertake the work of Dr. & Mrs. Marden during the furlough of the latter. They are occupying the house of the Mardens in Old Phaleron.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:

Among those returning to their stations after more than merely a summer's absence, are Miss Edith L. Douglas, who reached Sofia August 31st; Miss Katharine O. Fletcher, who returned to Scutari last week, and Dr. Minnie B. Mills, President of Athens Junior College, who arrived in Old Phaleron last Saturday.

Miss Susan W. Orvis, who is to join Miss Dewey in Mardin for the coming year, has been spending the summer at Hofgastein and Vienna, Austria, and is expected here in about two weeks.

Dr. Edward M. Dodd, of the Presbyterian Board, New York, and Prof. Stuart C. Dodd, of Beirut University, have been here for a few days, and are off again today for Talas to visit their brother Dr. Wilson F. Dodd, before going on to Beirut.

Mrs. Nilson of Talas, and Miss Adelaide Dwight of Caesarea, have come to Constantinople, the former for some dentistry, and the latter for a month's holiday. The smallest Nilson accompanies her mother.

The death, in Bar Harbor, Me., July 23, of Mrs. John S. Kennedy in her 97th year, removes one of the most generous friends of American work in the Near East. Mr. Kennedy, who died in 1909, and Mrs. Kennedy made several visits to Smyrna, Constantinople, and other points, and were most loyal friends of Robert and International Colleges. Kennedy Lodge, the President's house at Robert College, bears their name; and International College is indebted to Mrs. Kennedy not only for practically the entire cost of its campus and buildings, a generous share of the endowment, and many other gifts, but for an interest which continued strong and vital to within a few days of her death.

Another friend of the Near East passed on on July 6th at Florence, Italy, Rev. Henry Park Schauffler, who was born in Constantinople in 1870, the son and grandson of American Board missionaries and graduated from Amherst and Hartford Seminary. For the first half of the year 1927-1928 he acted as President of Constantinople College during the absence of Pres. Adams. His book, Adventures in Habitecraft, is one of the standard textbooks for Sunday-school work.

Dr. & Mrs. John E. Merrill of Aleppo and Dr. Hamilton and Miss Trowbridge of Aintab spent a good part of the summer at "Pine Ridge" camp, up above Alexandretta and ten miles from that harbor, among the pine and oak woods, enjoying the change from the dryness and heat of the cities.

Mr. Meyering of Tarsus, after spending the summer in Constantinople with his family, has left them at Geuz Tepe and has returned to Tarsus to be on hand for the beginning of school work. Mrs. Meyering and baby Ralph are awaiting the coming of her parents on a visit from America next month.

A new party, the Liberal Republican Party, has been formed in this country with official recognition, and has already established branches in this city and in Smyrna, Brousa and Elaziz. Its leader is Ali Fethi Bey (the name is pronounced Fet-hi), and it includes several prominent men. Its chief plan is financial reform, including lowering of taxes.

Dr. Barton writes that his program includes visits to Durazzo, Albania, Sept. 6-11; Salonica, Sept. 14-15; Sofia, Sept. 16-21; Constantinople Sept. 23 for two days only; then Smyrna, Athens, and Syria. Possibly he may get back to Constantinople in October.

The A.C.I., Smyrna, is rejoicing in having received the long awaited permission to build two buildings which will in part replace the buildings burned in 1922. It is hoped to complete a small classroom building during the present year, leaving the erection of the larger residence building till early spring.

Yours very cordially
Charles T. Riggs

Bible House, Stamboul, Sept. 16, 1930

Dear friends:-

News has come of the arrival in Boston of Miss Anna B. Jones and her adopted daughter, Naomi; also of Miss Agnes Fenenga. Miss Jones had a hard time in the custom-house in entering, but the authorities were finally persuaded that her companion was actually coming in for the purpose of study as declared.

A cable has been received telling of the decision that Mr. and Mrs. Bobb of Merzifon are to remain in America for a year's furlough in the interests of their health. This is a hard blow to our colleagues of that Station, who were confidently counting at least on his return this fall. Miss Bertha Colmyer, after a summer holiday in Germany, has gone back to resume her work there.

Last week occurred the death in Bebek of the well-known Russian Mr. Tcharykoff, who previous to the great war was for several years Russian Ambassador to Turkey. Valuable contributions from his pen have been frequent in English and French political reviews. He had lived quietly in Bebek since the war with his family.

The other day Miss Anita Grew, daughter of our Ambassador, attempted what has perhaps never yet been done, in trying to swim the length of the Bosphorus. Taking the water at the Black Sea entrance to the strait, and accompanied ~~by~~ part way by Miss Gurney of Constantinople College, she swam as far as Roumeli Hissar in five and a half hours. The strong wind, however, driving the spray in her face, made it inadvisable to go farther, though she was by no means exhausted when she came ashore there. Under more favorable conditions we trust she will be successful another time.

Mr. Hedden and family, of the Pera Y.M.C.A., are back again after a leave of absence in America; and now Mr. Harry Baker and family have gone in their turn. The Y Camp at Suadie on the Marmora is today closing a very successful season.

Miss Helen R. Post arrived in Gedik Pasha on Saturday, and is taking up her work there. She is, as has been stated, the daughter of Dr. Wilfred M. Post, formerly of Talas and Konia, and was born in Talas. She is a graduate of Wellesley 1929, and has been taking courses the past year in Teachers College and Union Theological Seminary, N.Y.

Dr. S. Ralph Harlow and family on their way to Athens are accompanied by Miss Mary Ringer of Washington, on her way to the A.C.I., Smyrna. Messrs. Melvin Hilgenfeld and Hunter Mead, classmates from Pomona College, Calif., the former the new bursar, and also Mr. John McCutcheon of Leeds, are to join the staff of International College, Smyrna. Professor Albert Seylaz of the French Department is on leave, and will spend the winter in Massachusetts. Miss Hinman of the A.C.I. is also on furlough.

Mrs. Condayan, wife of Nishan Condayan, translator in the Publication Department at the Bible House, died on Thursday last after a painful illness. The funeral was on Friday. Mr. Condayan has been at work at the Bible House, first as teacher and then as translator, for more than forty years. They were expecting to start very soon for America, to join their children there.

With the return of Mrs. Elvesta T. Leslie and her daughter Elizabeth after a year in America, and the return of Miss Woodward from a summer in England, and the arrival of Miss Pauline Sage for work in Scutari, and the return of Miss Alice Lindsley to Scutari, the mission circle at Constantinople is about complete for another year.

The engagement is announced of Mr. John Sheldon Collier, formerly of Robert College, and Miss Frances Whitten, of West Newton, Mass.

The U.S.S. "Chester" sailed into Constantinople harbor yesterday for a short visit. A reception is being held tomorrow afternoon at the American Embassy, to which all Americans are invited, to meet the officers of the cruiser.

Yours very cordially,

Charles T. Riggs

Dear friends:-

Three hundred numbers! This little sheet has been running now for more than six years. It remains one of the facts that such sheets have been sent out from Constantinople quite often in years past. We have not attempted to say which Volume the present is, for it would require too much delving into the past. But Vol. I. No.1 is dated Pera, July 9, 1845, and is signed W. Goodell, and is addressed "For the brethren at Broosa, Trebizond, Erzroom & Ooroomiah from the Treasurer of Constantinople Station. Dear Brethren," Do you suppose that included the sisteren too?

Rev. and Mrs. Alford Carleton and baby Muriel arrived in Constantinople by Lloyd Triestino on Sunday evening, and are settling in at the Bible House flat which will be Language School headquarters this year. Miss Sylvia Eddy is expected tomorrow, and then the Language School will be complete. With the Carletons came Mr. Carleton's aunt, Miss Wilson, and Miss Goodenough, aunt of Miss Dorothy Goodenough of Athens.

Two disastrous fires occurred lately in the Athens region:- the first destroyed the larger part of a refugee camp just outside Athens, leaving many persons again homeless and shelterless. The other was on Sept. 8th, when the contents of a gasoline tank had leaked on to the surface of the Piraeus harbor, and a burning brand, innocently but carelessly thrown into the water, made the whole harbor blaze up, resulting in the burning of a large number of small craft and the loss of some sixteen or more lives.

September 13th was the Golden Wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. F.W. March, of the Syria Presbyterian Mission; and a large Company of friends went to Suk-el-Gharb in the Lebanon, to help celebrate it.

After a round of festivities both on board and on shore, the U.S.S. "Chester" sailed away from Constantinople yesterday, for Piraeus or Old Phaleron. Many Americans went abroad on Friday, when a reception was followed by a dance.

Our sympathy goes out again to Mrs. Lorrin A. Shepard, whose mother Mrs. Edgar V. Moffat, passed away at Southport, Maine, on Sept. 17. Mrs. Moffat has not been well since the death of her husband late in May last. Dr. and Mrs. Moffat will be remembered by many from their visit here nearly two years ago.

A letter from Dr. James L. Barton from Salonica Sept. 15th says:- "Plans have been so changed that I will not go to Constantinople from Sofia, but later will go from Athens. This is the better plan, for it will allow me more time there, and I expect Mrs. Barton will be with me. We are making good progress; have just come out of Albania, where the Government, including His Majesty the King, heartily enter into the plans of the Near East Foundation for cooperation. We go to Sofia later this week." Incidentally, today, Sept. 23rd, is Dr. Barton's 75th birthday.

Mrs. Paul E. Nilson and her daughter Dorothy left last week on their return to Talas. Mrs. Nilson was the first person to purchase a reservation on the sleeper on the new through train to Sivas via Angora and Caesarea, which now runs twice a week.

Rev. and Mrs. Rose returned on Sept. 15th to Athens after their summer in Europe, and moved the next day into their new house. Miss Irene Bostrom, for the Athens Junior College, arrived there Sept. 14th, on the S.S. "Exton," together with Mr. Rollo May and Miss Elizabeth Webster, who go to the Salonica schools, and Miss Sylvia Eddy of Talas, and Mrs. M. Rector and baby girl who come to rejoin the husband and father at Erenkeuy.

Mr. Birge announces that he will hereafter issue a resume in English of each article in "Muhit" every month. Those wishing to receive copies of these resumes will please send him their names.

Yours very cordially,
Charles T. Riggs