

July 26, 1924

No 1.

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Dear friends,

Since the Annual Meeting most of the delegates have returned to their posts, the last to leave here being Miss MacCallum, Miss Willard and the Clark family. This leaves only Miss Pohl who is putting valuable time in the study of Turkish, and the Markhans from Bulgaria. The two Messrs Markhan have not yet returned from their trip to Syria.

We have been glad to welcome back from their vacation in Greece the Pye family who appear to have profited by their trip.

Mr. Heynard and family arrived from Erivan last Tuesday. It was found to be impossible to renew their arrangement with the Armenian University at Erivan and they are obliged to postpone for the present any hope of going on with missionary work in the Caucasus. The question of their further location and work will be decided by correspondence. They will at present remain in this city.

Mr. Powle is expecting to leave within a day or two for a visit to his family in Chankoria, Bulgaria; and Mr. Peet and Mrs. Hemphill are expecting to join the party on the tourist steamer "Tuscania" which is due here the later part of next week and will be going southwards. Mr. and Mrs. Kiser passed through Constantinople this week on their return from a trip to America and are due in Batoum by Wednesday of next week. They report both of their daughters as studying to be nurses, while Hugh is in the High School at Oberlin. Mr. Partridge who went to America at the same time with Kiser is expected to pass through here on his return in about two weeks.

Rear Admiral Bristol is expecting to leave shortly for a visit to Angora where he will take up with the Angore Government some of the questions pending between the two governments.

Professor John Dewey of Columbia has arrived here as Educational Expert and Adviser to the Turkish Government.

The new missionaries coming to the Language School by some misunderstanding are backed to arrive here not earlier than October 1st. This makes the opening of the Language School of necessity a fortnight later than had been hoped. Apparently there will be at least a dozen and possibly more students in the school.

If this kind of occasional bulletin is really appreciated other similar ones may be sent round from time to time.

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, August 11, 1924

Dear friends:-

A previous circular found cordial welcome, and this is sent out in the hope that it will be as welcome. If, however, it is to carry out its purpose, to keep us in touch with each other, each should feel some urge toward contributing items of interest that may be passed on. News ought not to be manufactured, but should grow like the pile of stones, each contributing a share.

Dr. MacLachlan has reached Smyrna after his trip to America. Mrs. Caldwell was booked to sail from New York Aug. 8, instead of July 9 as originally expected, owing to necessary surgical treatment.

Mr. Maynard and family are to spend the coming year in Smyrna, connected with International College. They will leave shortly for their new post. Robert Maynard sailed Aug. 9 on the Fabre Liner "Madonna" for New York. On the same steamer went Mrs. Zankovski (Miss Barstow) of Robert College.

Miss Trowbridge and Dr. Hamilton expect to return to Aintab August 19th from Aih Zahalte, Lebanon. Miss Foreman and Mr. H.H. Riggs and family are spending the summer at Shimlan, Lebanon.

Miss McLaren has at last secured from Washington permission to take her Katherine into the United States; and is in process of legally adopting her now.

Miss Jillson of Brouse is visiting her sister in Gens Tepe. Mrs. Goodsell and Caroline have gone to Brouse for a visit with Miss Sanderson.

A letter from Mr. Irwin states that Mrs. Irwin and Miss Katherine Fletcher, the latter for Soutari School, were to sail Aug. 9 from Boston on the S.S. "Presidente Wilson." But a letter from Mr. Case from Boston gives the ship as the "Canada," August 11. Take your choice, - they're coming anyhow.

Mr. & Mrs. Getchell and Miss Mary Riggs have been spending July and August at Portaria, on Mt. Pelion, above Volo. Mr. Getchell has now returned to Salonica to take charge while Dr. White has gone off for a vacation, with Mrs. White.

Dr. Post and Mrs. Hemphill, who went on the "Tascania" to Beirut, expect to visit Syria, Palestine, Greece, Switzerland and England before returning here. Among the passengers on that tourist ship were Mr. & Mrs. Horn of the N.E.R. Mrs. Horn was Miss Eleanor Ketchum of the Bible House staff.

Rev. Arthur C. Ryan and family sailed Aug. 8, from Sweden, for a furlough in America. They will visit Dr. Hoover and family in Elizabeth N.J., for a while.

Miss Thiam, of the Deutscher Hilfsbund, at Harash since 1910, is in Constantinople on her way to Germany for rest and change.

Miss Certz of Salonica visited this city last week, ascertaining conditions for Armenian migration to Armenia from Macedonia and Thrace. Apparently the Hellenic Government does not wish a large number of Armenians in those regions.

The Turkish Government has insisted on the dismissal from Robert College of Prof. E.J. Fisher the Dean, on the ground of unfriendly acts toward that Government. The case is being protested.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Cowell, Gymnasium Instructor at Robert College, and Miss Elizabeth Otte, formerly of the Community School, Hissar.

Messrs. Markham have returned after a very successful trip to Egypt; and Mr. R.H. Markham and family have returned to Bulgaria.

Miss Ilse C. Pohl leaves Constantinople August 13 for Smyrna.

Dear friends:-

The welcome which this News Bulletin has received seems to indicate that it is desired to continue it, and we look for a widening cooperation to secure best results. Any items of interest to your Station which will interest others also we should be glad to pass on.

Miss McLaren has unfortunately not found it as easy as she thought to arrange for the admission of her Katherine into America and her future movements are still uncertain.

Miss Jillson goes back to Broussa August 25th. Mrs. Goodsell and Caroline have returned from Broussa to Hissar.

Miss Mary Riggs is expected back from Greece within a week.

President Gates of Robert College arrived in Constantinople August 17th and is busy with the interests of the College.

Miss Harley sails from America August 20th for Cherbourg and is coming to Constantinople via Salonica.

Dr. and Mrs. Shepard and the other missionaries from Aintab are at a camp about five miles from the city where they have fine water and fresh brookes. Miss Phelps who had been ill with malaria is reported as better.

Mr. Goodsell has been delayed in his plans for his visit to the interior stations but expects to leave on Tuesday August 26th.

Mr. Powle and family are expected back from Bulgaria on the 30th.

Mrs. Flint returned from Europe to Constantinople on the 20th and is getting the Language School Hostel ready.

Reports from Dr. White's school at Salonica indicate that it will be full to overflowing this year and with a waiting list of at least one hundred boys.

Miss Emerson reached Boston July 28th and has resumed her duties in the Women's Board Office.

Miss Mary Ward and Miss Elsie Van Zandt are expected back from Beirut August 26th, with them come Dr. Edwin Ward and family on their way west.

Mr. Andrew Ryan, first dragoon at the British Embassy has been appointed British Consul General at Rabat, Morocco, and is leaving about the end of this month with Mrs. (Ruth Van Milligen) Ryan.

Dr. Wilfred Post of the American Hospital is expected back during the early part of September from a vacation in Switzerland.

The Y.M.C.A. is holding a setting up Conference at Kilios, Aug. 31 - Sept. 2. Several of the Constantinople missionaries are cooperating.

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.

3087: In Kingston, Ontario, about August 12, Alexander MacLachlan, to Grant and Sara (née Snell, formerly of Snyrna) MacLachlan.

Dear Friends:-

Our Field Secretary, Mr. Goodsell, left this noon by Turkish steamer for Samsoun on his way to Merzifoun, Sivas and Talas. He expects to return by about Sept. 17th, in good time for the opening of the Language School.

Mr. & Mrs. Vrooman are planning to visit Smyrna, their future Station, on their way to the Language School in Constantinople.

Three days ago there came in from Beirut the Messageries steamer with Dr. Edwin St. John Ward and family, on their way to Europe and America; also Miss Mary Ward, returning to Brousa after a summer with her brother and family in the Lebanon; and also Dr. & Mrs. W. Nesbitt Chambers of Adana, who have gone on to England for needed radium treatment for Mrs. Chambers. They hope this treatment may not take a long time. Miss Van Zandt of Robert College returned by the same steamer, after a summer with her sister in the Anti-Lebanon Mountains.

Miss Jillson has returned to Brousa from her visit at Geuz Tepe.

Miss Dwight has consented to remain two months longer with the H.E.R. at Athens, at the urgent request of Mr. Jaquith, and expects to leave for her work in Talas November first.

A letter from Miss Edith F. Parsons gives the good news that she now expects to be able to return to Brousa to the School a year from now.

The sympathy of all friends will go out to Mrs. T. T. Holway of Bulgaria, who has been obliged to undergo the removal of one eye, to prevent worse fate.

Mr. Cowell of Robert College and Miss Dixon of U.S.A. were married early in August, and are on their way out to join the Robert College staff. Mrs. Cowell will teach in the music department.

Mr. Hayes of Robert College and Miss *Nissiat* of France were married Aug. 7 and will shortly be back in the College where he has charge of the English.

Miss Kate G. Lamson, for so long Secretary of the W.B.M., Boston, has sent out the announcement that with the November meeting of the Board, she is retiring from service, having reached the age limit, and her place will be taken by Miss Mabel Emerson, who visited the Near East last spring.

The Congregationalist announces a tour to the Holy Land and the Mediterranean countries, under the personal conduct of Mrs. Jeannette Wallace Harich, to start from New York September 24th.

The first issue of the *Bahnüma*, which has resumed publication, again under the editorship of Rev. H.K. Erikorien, this time in New York City, has reached Constantinople. It is a 16-page Armeno-Turkish religious paper, appearing for the present once a fortnight.

This first issue announces the death, on August 2nd, of Professor M. H. Anenikian, so long connected with Hartford School of Missions. He was a graduate of Central Turkey College, Antab.

Mr. Luther Fowle and family are expected back in Constantinople today, from their summer holiday in Cham Koris, Bulgaria.

Miss Jones of Gedik Pasha has returned to her post after attending the World's Sunday School Convention in Glasgow, and going to ~~London~~ *Switzerland* for a visit.

Constantinople has probably never seen before such a storm in August as met which began Wednesday last and kept up through part of Sunday. Six inches of rain fell in the first two days. The estimated damage to property is half a million liras. Several persons lost their lives, and hundreds of houses were destroyed or very badly wrecked. Very heavy rains are also reported from Bulgaria.

Of the new missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Adkins are visiting his relatives in England; Mr. and Mrs. Vroosen were to sail for England July 26, and Mr. and Mrs. Perry August 27th, - if Mrs. Perry can complete her naturalization by that time. Miss Ferguson and Miss Larabee sail for Athens Sept. 9th, and Miss Satton for Salonica may come with them.

Dr. Barton writes, July 15:- "We get occasional word from your brother in Africa. He is evidently having a very important trip and he finds conditions in South Africa not entirely satisfactory. The South African field has been the least cooperative among Mission Boards of any field with which the American Board has any connection. You may recall that the Commission at the Edinburgh Conference in 1910 openly criticized South Africa for her failure to cooperate. I do not see that that criticism accomplished anything. Denominationalism runs mad."

Very cordially yours,

No. 2, continued

Charles P. Reggs.

Miss Blakely, who has been vacationing in Shiklan and Brummana, Lebanon, is expected back in Marash the first part of September.

Miss Cold, Miss Rehder, and Mr. Woolworth have spent the summer at various gailas near Marash, - Yavshan, Hillcrest, and Durnalu. Miss Rehder also spent a week in Aintab.

The last word from Sec. Ernest W. Riggs tells of his attending the Annual Meeting of the Zulu Mission, at Adams, Natal; the sessions began with a business meeting at seven a.m. and ran on pretty steadily till 9:30 p.m. During the nine weeks he had in the region of Johannesburg and Durban, he attended four major conferences, visited about 40 stations and outstations of our Mission and a dozen of other missions, visited 18 homes of our missionaries, and 10 of missionaries of other boards, made 44 addresses besides attending many committee meetings. From the time he first reached Johannesburg till he sailed from Durban for Beira and the Rhodesia Mission, he had travelled 4,000 miles. Notwithstanding all this, he has been in excellent health all the time. This letter was written July 20th.

Be sure to keep me informed of items that will interest others, in a sheet like this.

Yours very cordially,

*Charles T. Riggs*

P.S. August 30. Mr. Partridge reached Constantinople today on his return to the Caucasus, and expects to start for Batoum Wednesday next.

*No. 4, continued.*

Dear Friends:

A letter from Dr. Patton dated August 1st. gives the news of the death of Miss Fannie Burrage who from October of 1880 to July of 1917 was connected with the Cesarea Station. Miss Burrage was born in Arlington, Mass. January 22, 1852.

All her friends will sympathize with Miss Anne E. Gordon in the death, through accident, of her brother Thomas, the last of July. Miss Gordon expects to sail from New York Sept. 9th. going to Athens and Smyrna.

Miss Catlin has arrived from her summer in the United States.

Miss Green has returned to Smyrna having spent part of the summer in studying Turkish in Hissar.

Miss Norton of Aleppo leaves Constantinople tomorrow, by rail, on her return. We trust that other missionaries may from time to time follow the example of these ladies in coming to the Mission Language School for farther study.

Last week a party of nine -- five gentlemen and four ladies -- under the leadership of Mr. Kirby Page, spent a few days in Constantinople investigating conditions especially with reference to the problem of world peace. They have gone on to Athens and Salonica on their return to America.

Miss Willard is being delayed somewhat in her plans for reopening the school in Merzifoun because of the contention of the Amasia authorities that although the school has the regular permit and was functioning before the war, its summary closing in 1921 alters the situation and necessitates a new permit. It is hoped, however, that this trouble may be overcome later. Mr. Goodsell at latest accounts was in Merzifoun and will doubtless be of assistance to Miss Willard at this time.

Mr. Maynard has returned to his family after a slight operation at the American Hospital, and they are expecting to start for Smyrna in about three weeks.

Miss Harley, Miss Whittle and Miss Riggs are due tomorrow on the steamer from Athens. Miss Harley and Miss Whittle are returning from America for Scutari and Hissar respectively. Miss Riggs comes back from a summer in Portaria, on Mt. Pelion.

Mr. Laurence Moore, formerly instructor in Robert College and during the past year in charge of the New York office of the college, is on his way to Constantinople to relieve the situation caused by the removal of Dr. Fisher.

Our genial friend, Miss O'Niell has taken up her new position as nurse in charge of the infirmary at Robert College.

Mr. Brewster and family are returning this week to Salonica, across country, from a very pleasant and profitable summer in Chamkoria.

Miss Barker and Mrs. Manning are expected from Chamkoria in Constantinople on September 11th.

Drs. Wilfred and Bertram Post and their families have returned from Switzerland much benefitted by their vacations there.

A letter today from Mr. Ryan gives 98 Lincoln Ave., Riverside, Illinois, as their address for the next ten months.

Yours very cordially

Charles T. Riggs

engagement is announced of  
Miss Pauline Reader.

Stamboul, September 15, 1924

Dear Friends:-

Mr. William E. Johnson (Pussy-foot) has been in Constantinople for a few days visiting, and gave the address at the services yesterday morning at Robert College, his theme being the Progress of Prohibition Sentiment.

Word has come from America of the death on July 12th of the mother of Miss Minnie Mills of Athens. Miss Mills is still in America but hopes to return to her work in Athens.

Last week Friday President Moustafa Kemal Pasha passed through the Bosphorus on the cruiser 'Hamidie' on his way from Moudania to Trebizond. It is expected that after three weeks in Trebizond he will return and it is hoped that he may land in this city at that time.

An Exposition of Polish manufactures and products was opened last Friday at Top-Hane, and is being visited daily by large numbers.

Mrs. Emily Block and Mr. Matteson of StPaul's Institute, Tarsus, arrived in Constantinople last week. Mrs. Block expects to spend her year's furlough in the Language School, studying Turkish. Mr. Matteson plans to return in a few days to Tarsus, hoping that the school will be allowed to reopen.

Miss Margaret Rogers has been secured for part-time work in the Gedik Pasha School for the coming year.

Indications from the advanced registrations point to a large attendance in all the American Schools in this city. The probabilities seem to be very favorable also in Salonica and Smyrna.

Dr. and Mrs. William S. Dodd, after having spent the summer with their son, Dr. Edward M. Dodd, on Long Island, are expecting to make their winter home with their son Carter, near Stamford, Conn.

Rev. Charles W. Riggs, formerly in Aintab, expects to start in October with his son Charles and family for Shaowu, China, where his son Charles is an agricultural missionary.

Word has been received that Dr. J. E. Merrill and family and Mrs. Margaret R. Trowbridge will leave America the latter part of October on the Martha Washington, on their way to Aleppo. Margaret and Dorothy Merrill are to be in the Faculty School at Beirut and live in the home of Mrs. Howard Bliss.

Dr. Hamilton and Miss Trowbridge have returned from The Lebanon to Aintab after a very restful vacation. They stopped at Baalbek on the way back to see the interesting ruins there. The Aintab Hospital re-opens today, the 15th. Dr. Piper expects Mrs. Piper to come out shortly from England to join him.

Dorothy King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. King of Sofia, is coming to attend Constantinople College this year. The new Missionary Residence at Sofia will be ready the last of October. It is located at #50 Gladstone St., not far from the American Kindergarten. The King and Markham families expect to reside in this building.

Born: - September 6, in Athens, a son to Prof. and Mrs. Levonian.

The Congregationalist records the death on Aug. 25, in Dorchester, Mass., of Mr. Jacob J. Arakelyan, the well-known Armenian-American printer.

NOTE -- Extra copies of the News Letter are available and will be sent to any address desired providing arrangements can be made for meeting postal expense.

Charles P. Riggs.



No. 7

Bible House, Stamboul, September 23, 1924.

Dear Friends:

Dr. Peet and Mrs. Hemphill returned Friday morning last from a successful trip to Beirut, Sidon, Jerusalem, Cairo, Athens, Venice and Geneva, from which point Dr. Peet went on to London where he had visits with Dr. Robert Frew, and Mr. Gentle-Cackett among others.

Ex-President Patrick, after having spent the summer in Switzerland and in Paris, has returned to the United States.

Mr. Goodsell and his son, Lincoln, returned last Saturday morning having visited Merzifoun, Sivas and Talas. They climbed about 12000 ft. up Mt. Argaeus from the latter point, but did not reach the top.

Mr. Laurence Moore who was stated a couple of weeks ago to be coming to Robert College to help out in the absence of Prof. Fisher, seems not to have left New York at all owing to the receipt of a communication which appeared to him to make it unnecessary.

The International College at Smyrna has registered two weeks previous to their date of opening, more students than they had during the whole of last year.

Miss Richmond of Talas has gone to Smyrna to help in the Collegiate Institute there. Indications point to a large registration here also.

Mr. Matteson of Tarsus leaves this afternoon on his return to that point, making a stop at Smyrna.

Mr. H. A. Maynard and family expect to start next week Tuesday for Smyrna where they are to assist in the International College.

The last letter from Secretary Ernest W. Riggs was from Mt. Silinda in Southern Rhodesia and reported an interesting visit at that station and Gogoyo. He is probably by this time in West Africa.

Dr. C. D. Ussher, formerly of Van, is now in Worcester, Mass. in the private practice of medicine.

The latest word from Miss Willard indicates that she had good hopes of securing the necessary permission within a few days for the reopening of the Girls School at Merzifoun.

Rev. Henry A. Atkinson, D.D. of New York, General Secretary of the Peace Union and World Alliance for International Friendship, and Associate Secretary of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, and Mrs. Atkinson, are due in Constantinople Thursday. They expect to be present at the reception at the Scutari School for Miss Fletcher and Miss Narley on Friday afternoon, where friends will have the opportunity of seeing them.

Dr. Kelsey, who has been engaged in Archaeological Research with Sir William Ramsay, at Yalovatch near Antioch in Pisidia, has just left Constantinople on his return to America.

Very cordially yours,

Bible House, Stamboul, September 30, 1924.

Dear Friends:-

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vrooman arrived at the Language School September 25th after a stop of two weeks in Smyrna. Miss Day, also for the Language School is on the Madonna which has gone up to Roumania and is expected in Constantinople in a day or two. Mr. and Mrs. Lyman of Marash are on the same steamer, returning to Marash. Messrs Adkins, Perry and Wiley and their wives were delayed in Athens and are coming on the Patris, due tomorrow.

Miss Alice B. Caldwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Caldwell of the International College spent some weeks in Smyrna on her way between the United States and Berlin, where she is going for further piano study. She gave a highly appreciated concert in the International College Chapel on September 19th. She arrives in Constantinople next Sunday on her way to Germany.

Miss Sylvia T. Eddy, well known in the Central Turkey field where she was in the N.E.R. work, has been appointed on the three year term as nurse to be associated with Dr. Clark at Talas.

Miss Cecelia J. Berg has been secured as stenographer at the Bible House in place of Miss Ketchum and is expected to arrive very soon.

Born:- To Prof. and Mrs. Louis Leresche of Robert College, in Switzerland, September 19th, a daughter, Marguerite.

The N.E.R. gives notice that it has ceased collecting mail from the Bible House and must henceforth be addressed by Turkish mail, P.O. Box 145, Galata.

In the terrible cinema fire at Geuz Tepe, Smyrna, September 19th, among the victims was a newly registered girl pupil in the A.C.I. Several other families of patrons suffered losses.

The A.C.I. Smyrna opened September 15th and the enrollment at once passed last year's record and taxes the capacity of the buildings. Miss Richmond arrived on the 17th to take up her work.

The International College began preparatory classes on September 15th and college classes on the 22nd. The registration by that date had reached 197 including more than 140 boarders, is the largest number of boarders since 1914. The dormitories are filled and applications are being refused. New instructors are Prof. William Fowler of Glasgow, Mr. Harold Disbrowe of the Ontario Agricultural College, Mr. Max Vaucher of the Neuchatel Normal School and Yousouf Zia Bey B.S. in Engineering of the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. Haas and Miss Hotson and the native hospital staff returned to Adana September 17th and winter clinics began September 19th and were crowded. Miss Towner, Miss Borel, Miss Martin and Miss Brauer have returned to Adana from their summer resorts and enrollment in the Girls' School began September 19th with good promise.

Mr. Carleton, the new tutor for Tarsus arrived from America September 10th and went to Namroun for two or three weeks. Mr. Mark Briquet is also there, as are the Nilson and Nute families until October 7th.

Mrs. D. K. Getchell of Salonica is expected in Constantinople early in October for hospital treatment.

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.

No. 9.

Bible House, Stamboul, October 7, 1924

Dear Friends:-

Professor Hagopos Djedjizian, for many years Prof. of Armenian at Robert College and one of its earliest graduates, died Sunday aged 80 yrs. 5 mos. The funeral occurs today.

President Gates on a visit to Anzora was able to arrange the case of Prof. Fisher, Dean of the College, who has been re-instated by the Turkish Government and returns tomorrow to resume his work.

Miss Day and Messrs Adkins, Perry and Wiley with their wives, have arrived at the Language School and lessons began regularly this week. These with Mrs. Harry A. Flint, Mrs. Emily Block, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vrooman and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Tobin, comprise the School.

The last word from Rev. Ernest Riggs indicates that he was to reach West Africa October second and expects to arrive in Boston some time in December.

Wilfred Post Jr., son of Dr Post of the American Hospital broke his leg through the fall of a heavy weight on it a few days ago. He is doing as well as could be expected.

Admiral and Mrs. Bristol have returned from an absence of several weeks on a motor trip through Europe.

A letter from Miss Rice, formerly of Sivas and lately of Athens, gives her address as 407 Harrison Ave., Claremont, Calif. where she is staying with her parents. She hopes to return next year to the field.

The attendance at the Collegiate Institute at Smyrna October third was 117, which Miss Greene describes as "a tight squeeze." The gardener's house and stable are being used for classes.

After enjoying day-light-saving-time all summer, Constantinople returned to sun-time October first.

The provisional program of the Annual Meeting of the American Board at Providence, R. I. October 21-23 reveals no speaker representing Turkey, aside from Miss Mabel Emerson of the W.E.M. Mr. Paul Rowland represents Bulgaria.

Miss Marguerite Caillet of Lausanne, Switzerland, is coming soon to teach French in the Scutari and Gedik Pasha Schools.

Miss Dooley who has been teaching in a Syrian School in Schweifat, and Miss Breeze, who since 1912 has been a nurse in Dr. Altounian's hospital in Aleppo, passed through Constantinople yesterday on their way to America.

NOTE: -

Any persons desiring to have the News Letter sent to their address can secure it by the payment of 50¢ for postage.

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs

No. 10.

Bible House, Stamboul, October 14, 1924

Dear Friends:

Mr. Pye has gone to Old Phaleron, Greece, where he will remain for some time giving instruction in the School of Religion of which he is Dean.

Prof. Fisher, Déan of Robert College, has returned to Constantinople and has resumed his duties as Dean and as head of the Department of History.

The sad news has just come of the death of Mr. Douglas G. Crawford, son of the late Dr. L. S. Crawford of Trebizond, on September 23, of cancer of the brain. He was living at Andover, Mass., and leaves a wife and two children.

President and Mrs. G. E. White of Anatolia College expect to arrive in Constantinople from Salonica on Thursday of this week for a conference regarding health problems of the Salonica Station.

Dr. MacCallum and Mrs. Huntington are leaving this afternoon for Cairo to attend the meetings of the Committee on Literature for Moslems and the General Council of Workers in the Near East.

Mrs. Getchell of Salonica has gone to Athens for a month of rest and recuperation.

Mrs. E. D. Mardén left this afternoon for Athens to visit her son.

The last news from the Merzifoun School under Miss Morely and Miss Zbinden is that they have 22 pupils -- nearly three times their last year's attendance.

The Adana Girls' School has 130 pupils besides the Kindergarten. 75 of these are Moslems. Many of these girls come from places which have hitherto sent no girls to the school.

Since Dr. Haas returned to Adana his clinics have been more than crowded and the hospital has been unusually busy. To date there has been no official hostility shown to his work.

Mr. Matteson, after a visit in Smyrna has returned to Tarsus and is intending to work there in connection with the Turkish Schools.

Mr. Carleton and Dr. Nute are taking charge of the English classes in the Turkish Commercial School at Adana. Mr. Carleton is also helping out in Play-ground work that Miss Brauer is starting. With the help of Mr. Nilson of Tarsus, she is having a number of old store rooms etc. removed from the Mission grounds and the space thus given will be used for playground for the children of the neighborhood.

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, October 21, 1924.

Dear Friends:

The appreciation voiced by our readers is gratefully acknowledged. Several have asked in regard to the expense of postage, etc. This comes to a little more than 50¢ per year if the News Letter is issued weekly. It would seem easier to send \$1.00 than 50¢ and we would therefore suggest that \$1.00 will pay for a copy until the end of 1925. Friends in America may send this to Treasurer Gaskins in Boston to be credited here. If more than one copy is desired by any of our stations in Turkey please let this be known.

Dr. and Mrs. George E. White arrived from Salonica on Friday last and after consultation with the Committee ad Interim on Friday and Saturday and after a quiet Sunday, left Monday by steamer on their return. They found the railroad journey rather tiring with two long waits by the way.

Dr. and Mrs. Nesbitt Chambers are expected in a few days on their return from London where Mrs. Chambers' radium treatment has been quite successful.

Miss Sylvia Eddy, who is on her way as nurse to Talas, arrived in Constantinople this morning. She hopes to go on after a short time to Talas. For about two years she was in Aintab in connection with the Near East Relief.

Rev. Paul E. Nilson arrived in Constantinople from Tarsus October 20th and goes in a few days to Angora to try to secure the reopening of the school in Tarsus.

Miss Edith Cold, formerly of Hadjin, reached Constantinople last Saturday, coming from Aleppo on her way to America. She is rendering temporary help in Scutari in the illness of Miss Riggs who has been having paratyphoid of a very mild form.

Miss Cecelia Berg, the new stenographer for the Bible House is supposed to have left America and is expected in Constantinople in a few days.

Miss Paasche, stenographer at the Language School, has arrived from France and is at work.

Born:- At Robert College on October 19th. a son, David Alexander, to Prof and Mrs. Harold Schutt.

Attendance at various schools according to the latest figures is as follows:

Adana Girls' School, 150, which is the limit of their accommodations.  
The College at Salonica, 154, of whom 92 are boarders.  
Bithynia High School, practically exactly the same numbers.  
Scutari Girls' School, 265 of whom 98 are boarders.

Base Ball has been introduced among the Turkish boys at Tarsus under the leadership of Mr. <sup>Matison</sup> Nilson. It is played with an in-door baseball instead of a hard ball and is becoming increasingly popular.

Mr. Carleton in Adana, in addition to teaching in the Commercial school and preparing a public play ground on the Mission premises, is busy with private lessons in English, and has been requested to teach in the Turk Ojashu night school.

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, October 28, 1924.

Dear Friends:

The sad news reached Rev. Paul E. Nilson in Constantinople on Saturday last that his only remaining child, Ruth, passed away at Adana, presumably the day before. Mr. Nilson accompanied by Mrs. Block, left Sunday morning returning to Adana and Taras. Our deepest sympathies are with Mr. and Mrs. Nilson who have been called upon to part with four small children.

Dr and Mrs. Nesbitt Chambers arrived October 24th from England and are spending some days here before proceeding to Beirut.

Capt. E. A. Yarrow and family were in Constantinople on October 22-23, returning from the United States to the Caucasus for further work with the Near East Relief.

Mr. Wilson Fowle is now in Athens in the employ of the Standard Oil Company.

A party consisting of Mr. Buchman and Messrs Schumaker Hamilton and Wale, reached Constantinople Sunday for a visit of a week. Mr. Buchman and his friends are working for the deepening of the spiritual life of Christian workers and others.

Miss Cecilia Berg sailed presumably October 24th from New York on the Martha Washington for Naples on her way to join the staff of the Treasurer's department of Constantinople. Dr. Merrill and family and Mrs. Trowbridge were to sail on the same steamer, connecting November 5th with the steamer Sicilia from Naples for Beirut on their way to Aleppo.

Word has come from Prof. Lawrence that Miss Gertrude Grohe is to leave America probably December 1st for Smyrna. Prof. Lawrence is spending the year on furlough with his family at Melrose, Mass.

Recent letters from Rev. S. Ralph Harlow, now of Smith College, report a narrow escape for his children when his summer house was blown from its foundations by a terrible storm. Fortunately all escaped unscathed. John Harlow, whose health is much improved, recently went successfully through an operation on his leg.

Rev. J. Kingsley Birge has terminated his work as Student Secretary for the New England Y.M.C.A. and will spend the coming year at Bristol, Conn.

Miss Alma French has returned to Mersin after a vacation in the Lebanon, and is alone now. Miss McElroy has gone to Latakia and Mr. Robb has returned for seminary work in the United States.

The attendance at the Merzifoun Girls' School has grown to 27.

In Adana, Mr. Geuvkalaijian continues church services in the Gregorian church with about 150 in attendance. The Protestant church building has been used since spring for a Turkish Girls' School.

Gedik Pasha School has now 250 pupils.

Miss Pohl arrives in Constantinople from Smyrna on Sunday next on her way to Talas.

Mr. Ryan is at present temporarily supplying the place of Mr. Mann, one of the General Secretaries of the American Bible Society who recently resigned, in the New York headquarters, Bible House, New York.

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.

No.13.

Bible House, Stamboul, November 4, 1924.

Dear Friends:-

Rev. Paul Erdman, Treasurer of the Syria Presbyterian Mission, has returned to his post in Syria after the death of his wife in the United States, following a surgical operation.

Dr. W. S. Dodd took charge of the Personal Service Department of the Near East Relief headquarters in New York on November 1st.

The B.L.M.A.S. will hold its 70th anniversary celebration on December 4th at Kingsway Hall, London.

Born:- At Strassbourg, France, October 16th, 1924, Allen Porter Ward, sixth child and fourth son of Dr. and Mrs. Edwin St. John Ward of the American University, Beirut.

Born:- In Constantinople, November 1st, a daughter, the fourth, to Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Thompkins of the Standard Oil Company of New York, formerly of Robert College.

Dr. and Mrs. G. E. White arrived in Salonica Saturday, October 25th. after a five days trip from Constantinople.

Mrs. D. K. Getchell expects to return November 7th to Salonica from her visit in Athens.

Ex-President L. Clerk Seelye, from 1873 to 1910 president of Smith College, died October 12th, aged 87 Yrs. 22 days.

Dr. F. W. MacCallum returned from Egypt November 2nd. and reports a good meeting of the Literature Committee.

Miss Pohl from Smyrna and Miss Dwight from Athens are on their way to Constantinople, expecting to join Miss Sylvia Eddy and go right on to Talas.

Rev. W. S. Woolworth Jr. and Miss Pauline Rehder are to be married in Constantinople November 14th and proceed hence to Talas.

Miss Elliott writes as follows from Salonica:

"Last year when we dropped 72 boys we expected to have a decrease in the number of students. To make doubly sure I did not do any advertizing - did not even announce in the papers when school would open. But it has seemed to make no difference. We have an enrollment of 330 and from 250 to 300 or more have been turned away. As to nationality they are largely Greeks. Only 62 out of the total number are Armenians and 20 of these are in the Boarding school and are largely girls from orphanages who are being sent to school by some American. We have 52 boarders while last year we had 30."

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:

Miss Pohl reached Constantinople from Smyrna, Nov. 4th and Miss Adelaide Dwight is arriving today after a slow journey from Athens via Varna, Bulgaria. It is expected that these two and Miss Sylvia Eddy will proceed on Thursday by train on their way to Talas.

Mr. Luther Fowle returned on Nov. 6th from a brief visit in Angora in the interest of reopening the Tarsus School. The final result of this visit is not yet apparent.

Rev. W. S. Woolworth, Jr. and Miss Pauline Rehder arrived from Marash on Nov. 6th, and are staying with Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum. The wedding is set for Friday morning next.

Rev. and Mrs. James V. Lyman reached Marash on their return from America on October 23rd, and have taken up their work there much to the joy of their associates.

Rev. John E. Merrill and family and Mrs. Trowbridge left New York October 24th on their return to their work in Syria. Mrs. Trowbridge is expecting to spend the winter in Cairo with her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Trowbridge.

Born:- In Melrose Heights, Mass., October 21st. to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore D. Riggs, twins, James Howard and Frances Dwight. Each weighed about six pounds and they are described as "a healthy pair."

Mr. David Hoagland, whose address is Hotel Chelsea, West 23rd St., New York, has engaged to help the N.E.R. for the next two months on the "Golden Rule Campaign."

The Adana Turkish Lycee has invited Mr. Carleton to teach English in that school, Angora having granted permission to the school to have a foreign teacher.

Miss Lillian Brauer has almost completed her playground on the Mission Premises at Adana.

Salonica Station has adopted the word "ABOARD" as their code address and it is suggested that this be used in all telegrams to that station.

Official Permission for the American College for Girls, Old Phaleron, Greece has just been received from the Department of Public Instruction

For the benefit of our Interior Stations, we would record the results of our Presidential Election as far as heard from:

Coolidge - 379  
Davis - 129  
LaFollette - 13

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.



No.15.

Bible House, Stamboul, November 18, 1924.

Dear Friends:

The most important news of the week is naturally the wedding of Rev. Wm. S. Woolworth Jr. and Miss Pauline Rehder which occurred November 14th, at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. MacCallum at the Bible House. The ceremony was performed by Dr. MacCallum assisted by Mr. Goodsell, pastor of the Mission Church. Despite the inclement weather a large circle of their Mission friends were present. Katherine McLaren acted as Flower Girl; James Fowle and Wallace Kingsbury bore the rings, and the ribbons which formed the aisles were in charge of Elizabeth Leslie, Curtis and Farnsworth Fowle and Willard Pye. The bride and groom are spending a few days in Constantinople before proceeding to their new home in Talas.

Born:- At Beirut, Syria, to Rev. and Mrs. Henry H. Riggs, a second daughter, Helen Sarah, on November 11th.

Miss Sylvia Eddy, Miss Ilse Pohl and Miss Adelaide Dwight left Constantinople for Talas at the end of last week.

Our Symosthy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Compton on the news contained in Mr. Compton's letter of October 23d of the sudden and unexpected death of his mother. Mr. and Mrs. Compton expect to leave America very soon to be connected with the work at the Salonica station.

The Bithynia High School has reached the limit of its capacity, having registered over 150 pupils, 80 of whom are boarders. 60% of the whole number are Turks. Many applicants have been refused for lack of space.

The Girls' High School at Mardin has 71 pupils, 40 of whom are boarders, and the Boys' High School has 51, 25 of whom are boarders.

The Protestant Church School at Mardin opened November 3rd after four months effort to secure the necessary permission.

Mrs. George H. Huntington returned Monday from her visit to Egypt and Syria.

President Bayard Dodge of the American University at Beirut is due tonight or tomorrow morning in Constantinople for an educational committee meeting, and will spend Thanksgiving with his sister, Mrs. Huntington, on his way to the United States.

Messrs Buchman and Hamilton returned to Constantinople on Tuesday last, after a very interesting and profitable visit with the King and Queen of Roumania, having also visited Belgrade by airplane from there. They left the same day with Messrs Wade and Schumsker of the same party for Egypt, via Smyrna and Athens.

Rear Admiral and Mrs. Andrews arrived in Constantinople a few days ago on the U.S.S.S. Scorpion for a few days visit with Admiral and Mrs. Bristol. Admiral and Mrs. Bristol are giving a tea in their honor this afternoon at the American Embassy.

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, November 25, 1924.

Dear Friends:

Miss Cecelia J. Berg arrived from America this morning to take up her work as stenographer in the Treasurer's Department.

Word has arrived by cable of the death on November 18th of the father of Miss Sylvia Eddy of Talas, at Simsbury, Conn.

A conference of the Educational workers of the Near East Relief and other organizations has been held in Constantinople during the past week. Pres. Bayard Dodge of Beirut, Mr. Jacquith and Mr. Wilcox of the N.E.R. headquarters at Athens, Mr. Barclay Acheson of the New York office of the N.E.R., with Mrs. Acheson, and Mr. Chas. Fowle of the Beirut headquarters of the N.E.R. were here for the conference. Sessions were held with representatives of educational work in this city and several points connected with the future policy of the N.E.R. work were discussed at length.

Mr. Chas. Fowle accompanied by his wife and their son, Richard, and Mr. Fowle's aunt, Miss Ellen Farnsworth, have been spending some days with his brother, Mr. Luther Fowle, on their way from America to Beirut, where Mr. Fowle is returning to his work. They leave on Friday next.

The enrollment at the American University at Beirut this year is the largest in its history, eleven hundred and more having registered.

Mr. E. M. Robinson who is at the head of the Boys' Work Department of the International Committee of the Y.M.C.A. has been visiting Constantinople during the past week. He starts back for Geneva tomorrow, going via Athens and Salonica.

Rev. H. M. Irwin of Athens and Pres. George E. White of Salonica expect to attend the 70th anniversary meeting of the B.E.M.A.S. in London, December 4th. Dr. White is on his way to America in the interests of the College at Salonica, and during his absence Mrs. White will stay with her son, George, at Syra.

Mrs. Paul Nilson of Tarsus expects to start for Constantinople on Thanksgiving day on her way to America, going from here by the Simplon Express to Cherbourg. It is expected that Mr. Nilson will accompany her as far as Constantinople, but return to Tarsus. Mrs. Block, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Nilson in Tarsus, expects to return this week to continue her studies in the Language School.

Rev. G. H. Stambolian has returned to Athens after a trip of several months among the refugee Armenians of Syra and Cyprus. In addition to Beirut he visited Zanlen, Damascus, Homs, Hama, Aleppo, Tripoli, Lanarca and Nicosia.

In addition to the 27 girls in the Girls' School at Merzifoon 16 men and boys and 5 Turkish young women are taking English or French lessons from our staff. There is a definite demand for the opening of a Boys' School also a primary school and a desire on the part of prominent people for a kindergarten.

The young Men's Union of Merzifoon has recently been organized. The Mufti and the Mustantuk of the city have addressed them on successive nights on the subject of Religion. They emphasize the fact that religion is not opposed to progress. A young lawyer speaking to them used the story of Robinson Crusoe to illustrate the dependence of every man on his fellow-men. He also urged upon every member of the Union the principle of universal truthfulness. This Union has a Football Club under the direction of a Turk who learned the game as a prisoner of war with the English.

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.

No.17.

Bible House, Stamboul, December 2, 1924

Dear Friends:

Dr. and Mrs. Nesbitt Chambers and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fowle and their son left Constantinople on Thanksgiving morning on their return to Beirut. Miss Ellen Farnsworth remains in Constantinople two weeks more with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Fowle before proceeding to Beirut.

Dr. J. P. McNaughton left Constantinople also on Thanksgiving day for London to attend the anniversary meeting of the B.I.M.A.S.

Dr. Merrill and family arrived in Bierut November 20th on their way to Aleppo. Mrs. Trowbridge who came with them from America, remains for the winter at Cairo with her son, Rev. Stephen Trowbridge, and his wife.

Mrs. Paul Nilson of Tarsus arrived in Constantinople last Saturday and is going right on to Cherbourg to take the S.S. MAJESTIC on the 9th for New York. President Bayard Dodge goes by the same steamer.

Mrs. Block has returned from Tarsus to her work in the Language School. She accompanied Mrs. Nilson as far as Constantinople.

Mrs. E. D. Marden returned on Sunday from a six weeks' absence in Athens much improved in health by her visit with Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Marden.

Dr. and Mrs. Mac Callum spent a very pleasant Thanksgiving in Brousa and report the school there in very good shape with an attendance of about 150 in both branches.

No one Station has any monopoly on malaria. Mrs. C. A. Reed of Smyrna has had a severe attack of it, but is slowly improving.

The attendance at the International College, Smyrna, has arisen to 237 in the regular college classes, together with seven boys at the farm and about 40 men from town who come for special lessons in English and Stanography.

Rev. Ernest W. Riggs writes from West Africa that he expects to reach New York about December 10th by the S. S. Sinaia of the Fabre Line from Lisbon. He has visited every Station of the West Africa Mission and together with ten out-stations has traveled during the one month in Angola 570 miles by train, 820 by automobile and about 20 by hammock and bush-car, or Kaffirmobile as it is called. He reports the roads as remarkably fine all through the Province. The growth of the Native Church has been remarkable. Twenty years ago there were about 400 church members in the Mission. Now there are 4000 with two or three times that number on the waiting list in the Catechumen class. Our Missionary representatives in West Africa live in adobe huts with thatched roofs which he says were, in October; "Not damp all the time, but later when they have long rains, they say the floors get to be mud and the walls woolly mold."

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.

Bible House, Stamboul, December 9/24

Dear Friends:

We shall all wish to express our deep sympathy with Mr. Paul Nilson of Tarsus on the death of his father, Mr. August Nilson, at Rockford, Illinois, December 2nd. at the age of 73.

The date of the arrival of Dr. and Mrs. Marrill and their daughters at Beirut was wrongly given in our last issue. They landed November 17th and not the 20th. Dr. and Mrs. Marrill went on within a few days to Aleppo, where they are now at work. Their two daughters remain at Beirut in the Community school, the tallest but not the oldest of the children in attendance.

Born:- December 2nd, at the American Hospital, Constantinople, to Rev. and Mrs. Walter Wiley of the Language School a son, Lincoln Benjamin.

President George E. White who went from Salonica to the B.L.M.A.S. anniversary in London is not going on immediately to the United States as planned, but is returning to Athens to complete the business with the Government regarding the location of the college above Salonica.

Dr. F. W. MacCallum has gone to ~~XXXXXX~~ Bulgaria for a brief visit to the various Armenian Refugee colonies there in connection with Evangelistic work among them.

Just after Dr. MacCallum's departure came the news that Rev. Johann Ehmann has arrived at Philippopolis. Mr. Ehmann, who was formerly in Harpout is accompanied by Miss Schaefer and another lady worker. He represents the Deutsche Orientmission and the Deutscher Hilfsbund of Frankfurt. He is studying the possibility of establishing mission work for the Armenians of Bulgaria with a center possibly at Varna.

Mr. Matteson of Tarsus is playing football every afternoon with the boys of that city and is also studying Turkish, as is Mr. Nilson.

Two Stoves for sale. See Dr. W. W. Peet at the Bible House.

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.

No. 19

Bible House, Stamboul, December 16, 1924.

Dear Friends:-

Mr. and Mrs. Woolworth arrived at Talas on Friday, November 28th and the Station delayed its Thanksgiving dinner for them at which time there was great rejoicing.

The date for the Mid-year Council of the Turkey Mission has been set for December 30th. at Constantinople.

Dr. McNaughton has returned from his visit to London, and Mr. Pye arrived yesterday after a stay of two months in Athens.

Capt. E. A. Yarrow was in Constantinople for a brief visit last week, coming from the Caucasus for a conference with Mr. Acheson.

Mr. and Mrs. Acheson and Miss Ellen Farnsworth expect to leave Constantinople for Beirut on the 18th by French steamer.

Mr. Charles R. Crane spent a few days in this city last week on his way from America to India.

Mention should have been made sometime ago of the death of Mrs. Mary L. Huntington, widow of the late Rev. Henry S. Huntington, on November 11th in her 84th year. She spent the year 1908-09 with her husband, in Constantinople, and was here again alone from November 1920 to June 1921. Four of the six children who survive her have given some period of service in Turkey. Her son, Ellsworth, now a Professor in Yale University and her daughter Theresa, now Mrs. Chas. L. Ziegler, whose husband is editor of the Pilgrim Hymnal, were both connected with Euphrates College in Harpout, and another daughter, Cornelia, is Mrs. T. J. Damon of Constantinople; and her son, Prof. George H. Huntington is connected with Robert College since 1900.

Many of our readers will sympathize deeply with Mardiros, the door keeper at the Bible House, on the death of his wife which occurred last Sunday.

Rev. Reuben H. Markham has resigned from the editorship of the Zornitsa. This paper, which has become a semi-weekly, has reached a circulation of over 5000 copies under his able management.

Rev. Ernest W. Riggs was due in New York December 9th on the S.S. Aquitania, having gone from Portugal via London.

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:

Miss Ellen Farnsworth and Mr. and Mrs. Acheson left Constantinople on Saturday last for Beirut, by the French steamer, expecting to arrive on Christmas Eve.

Prof. Harold Scott of Robert College has received word of the serious illness of his father in Egypt, where he and Mrs. Scott are visiting on their way from Japan to America. They have been expecting to make a visit to their son in Robert College and to their daughter, Mrs. Prof Wiley of Robert College.

Mr. Nilson writes from Tarsus, Dec. 19th:

"I've just returned from a visit to Adana where both Hospital and Girls' School are running full and strong. Miss Towner has all the girls she wants and has turned many away.

"Miss Brauer has lately opened a playground where boys and girls come on alternate days to play - and how they do enjoy the swings and games!

"Dr. Haas is constantly busy in the Hospital and his reputation continues to grow. Coming home on the train last night four Turks were drinking "raki" in the next seat. One of them asked me whether I knew Dr. Haas and then all four of them joined in his praises. One of them had had his eye saved, the other said his wife had been brought back to health in the Hospital. They praised Dr. Haas so much that I suggested to the man with the bottle (which was still half full) that he throw it away for the doctor's sake. "A'right!" and through the window he flung the bottle!

"Here in Tarsus our school is still closed but hopes are increasing that the new permit will be given us. Meanwhile we keep busy giving private lessons, doing playground work, studying, and repairing the buildings. Mr. Matteson has a gang of boys every afternoon playing soccer football. The Turk Ojaghu, a national young men's club, is enthusiastically developing 'sports' and football seems to be the favourite game.

"Dr. Nute and Mr. Carleton in Adana have embarked on a new venture. Both are teaching English to boys in the Turkish Commercial school!

"Evacuation is not yet complete. Mr. Woolworth and Miss Dwight have just come from Talas bringing 190 orphan children, collected in that interior section, and have sent them on to Beirut. However in all our cities the Greek and Armenian remnant is very small."

Mr. W. J. Wiseman, for some time in charge of the Constantinople agency of the British and Foreign Bible Society, is returning to England in February. His place will be taken by Mr. St. Clair, who is expected here in January. The latter has been till recently in the Egyptian Government service.

Miss Inez J. Abbott of Samokov has been appointed delegate of the Bulgarian Mission to the Mid-year Council of the Turkey Mission.

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Riggs.

Dear Friends:-

Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Ostrander, of the Collegiate Institute, Samokov, arrived in Constantinople Saturday, Dec. 27th, and are guests of Mr. Ostrander's cousin, Mrs. Maurice Rowntree. Mr. and Mrs. Ostrander expect to remain here about three weeks.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Frances MacCallum, youngest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. W. MacCallum of Constantinople, to Mr. Keith, of Canada.

Miss Elizabeth Lewis of Gedik Pasha School has gone to Egypt during her Christmas vacation.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Marguerite Wood, niece of Prof. and Mrs. Wm. S. Murray of Constantinople College, to Mr. Smith, formerly of the Standard Oil Company's Constantinople Staff, and now with the same Company at Belgrade. Mr. Smith was visiting his fiancée for Christmas.

W. F. V. Goodsell and his son Lincoln are leaving this week Saturday for America, going to Athens and thence by train to France and via England. Mr. Goodsell will attend the International Missionary Convention in Washington, January 30 to February 2. Lincoln will enter school in America.

The first Mid-year Council of the Turkey Mission begins its sessions this afternoon, at the Language School in Roumeli Hisar. Some of the delegates arrived Monday, and others are arriving today. They are:-

Adana	Miss Turner
Athens	Mr. Irwin
Aintab	Mr. Isely
Brousa	Miss Sanderson
Bulgaria	Miss Abbott of Samokov
Caesarea	Miss Dwight
Marash	Mr. Lyman
Salonica	Mr. Getchell
Smyrna	Dr. Reed
Tarsus	Mr. Nilson

Also the members of the Committee ad Interim:- Miss Kinney, Mrs. Marden, Messrs Fowle, Goodsell, MacCallum, McNaughton, Markham, Peet and Rices. It is planned to hold sessions mornings and afternoons, leaving the evenings for committee work. The hope is that the business in hand may be completed by Saturday. It was hoped that Mr. Ehmann, of the German Mission in Bulgaria, might be present; but he has sent his regrets.

Miss Arnold and Miss Jamison of Salonica College are spending the holidays in Constantinople.

Most of our people know and remember Miss Eleanor Ketchum of Boston, who was for eight years connected with the 14 Beacon Street offices as stenographer to Dr. D. Brewer Eddy, and later was for three years in Dr. Peet's office in Constantinople, returning home a year ago. After some months in the Near East Relief office in Boston, she was married on June 25, 1924 to Mr. B. L. Horn, an old Near Easter, and together they come again to the Near East, being stationed in Aleppo, where Mr. Horn is director, while Mrs. Horn has a man-sized job in looking after the interests of more than a thousand out-placed orphans.

Very cordially yours,

Charles T. Rices.