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American Consulate General.

Smyrna, June 13, 1923.

Rear Admiral,  
Mark L. Bristol,  
United States High Commissioner,  
Constantinople.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that there is being transmitted ~~in~~ for your information and files an interesting history of the organization and work of the Smyrna Disaster Relief Committee. The preparation and submittal of this report by the Chairman, Professor Caleb W. Lawrence, virtually makes the close of what, in my opinion, is one of the most noteworthy and inspiring chapters of relief work that has been accomplished in the Near East.

In transmitting Professor Lawrence's history I desire to make certain comments.

The Smyrna Disaster Relief Committee has conducted its work and administered relief in a manner which reflects great credit on the active members of its personnel. The activities of the Committee have always been characterized by an absolute display of impartiality with respect to race or religion, the determining factor always having been one of pure need. The conscientious effort which has been made by every member of the Committee to subscribe to the needs of the destitute irrespective of his nationality, and to refrain from displaying partiality or preference in any form is worthy of special commendation; that this effort has been a successful one is evidenced by the general respect and prestige which the Committee enjoys.

Professor Lawrence has conveyed a comprehensive idea of the work which the Committee has accomplished and has correctly ascribed the success which has indisputably met its endeavors, to the cooperation of the persons comprising the personnel. Yet it is felt, reticence has prevented him making appropriate mention of the share of the task borne by himself and his immediate associate, Professor S. L. Caldwell, or the particularly constructive aid they contributed.

While all the Americans to whom reference has been made in Professor Lawrence's, have rendered signal service to the Committee, the successful accomplishment of its mission is primarily due to the devotion, resourcefulness and indefatigable efforts of Professors Lawrence and Caldwell. Despite the fact that they were actively engaged in protecting and fortifying the interests of their proper affiliation, the International College, they found the time and the will to discharge in a most commendable manner the arduous duties resulting from their election to prominent offices in the Relief Committee. The invaluable contribution to the Committee, of time and labor, was gratuitous and was made without ostentation or any desire whatsoever, to obtain publicity.

With the resumption of scholastic work at the college in January, the demands upon the time of Professors Lawrence and Caldwell have greatly enhanced