



## CHARLES LUCIUS HOUSE

Three of his characteristics come most to mind.

His devotion to his work —

Not work to make money for himself,

Never work to gain recognition or glory,

But work which he felt should be done for the sake of the job to be completed.

Whether it was building a new building at the School,

Finishing a budget to be sent to the Trustees,

Or designing a barn for a villager —

He dove into it wholeheartedly and persevered until it was completed.

His father had written the School motto,

"To work is to pray,"

And Charlie lived this motto —

The Farm School which he built is a tribute to his work and devotion.

And the reputation the School's graduates have in their villages is founded on hard work and devotion to that work.

Great in Charlie's life was his love of his fellow man —

It mattered not whether the person was a workman or an industrialist,

A peasant or a landowner,

An enemy or a friend,

He loved them because they were humans and his life was devoted to serving them;

And he was quite prepared to sacrifice his life for them.

Finally, Charles House was a man of God —

He was born to a family that lived in faith and he carried that faith with him to his dying day.

When Doctor John Henry House, his father, started the School, he had no money but a vision and the faith to bring that vision to completion.

It was with that faith that Charlie carried on where his father left off —

It was his faith in God that led to his service in Greece,

That reinforced his devotion to his work,

and that motivated his love for his fellow man.

Our thoughts turn to a memorial for Charles L. House, But Charlie House doesn't need a memorial of stone and marble.

The School, which he built, is a memorial.

The graduates, his boys, all over Greece, are a memorial.

The boys now at the School who had this last year with him are a memorial.

The staff which he trained is a memorial.

And the love of his friends is a memorial.

## MOURNING BEGINS IN GREECE

*Salonica, Greece* — To tell of Greece's reaction — and the Farm School's — to Charles House's death, one does not need many words nor special words.

A School staff member expressed it this way: "We were surprised, shocked, doubtful, and then aware of a deep sense of loss. But then we realized that we have so much of him with us that he can never entirely leave us."

A telephone call the night of October 13 informed the Farm School of the passing of its beloved Dr. House. Many of the staff learned of it only the next morning when they saw the school flag at half mast.

At nine a.m., students and staff gathered in the assembly hall in a service which in its silence was a tribute to the memory of Charles House. No words were necessary. Someone said: "Each person there was vividly reliving his own experiences with the understanding human being who had been to him a brother, a father, a counselor."

A simple hymn was sung and Director Bruce Lansdale told of Charles House's death, and then, of his life.

Less than two months previously Charles, his wife, Ann, and two of his sisters, Grace and Ruth, had taken leave of the School after a ten-month tour of voluntary service. As the Mayor of Salonica wrote, "No one could believe that Dr. Charles House, whom just awhile ago we had among us, full of vigor, love, and activity, would go away forever, so suddenly."

On Sunday, October 15, again the staff, students, and many Salonica friends of the Houses gathered in the student-built Orthodox Church of St. John Chrysostom on the campus. All remembered well the many times Dr. House had stood at the church door to shake 200 students' hands, then to Anatolia College for interdenominational services, then back to School for evening vespers. ("Well, Sunday is for church," he would have said.)

At the close of the liturgy, representatives of the staff, students and Greek officials stood to present three farewell messages, each ending with the Greek words: "Eternal be his memory; lighten the earth of his country which now covers him."

"We, your children, the graduates of the School, promise you at this solemn moment to continue our task with faith and devotion as you wanted us to do and be worthy of our great teacher." So spoke the Secretary of the Alumni Association.

The following Sunday, one day before Mr. House's seventy-fourth birthday, Director Bruce Lansdale led an interdenominational service at Anatolia College attended by the American community in Salonica. An additional service is planned by the Bishop of Salonica at the School for the Blind, which also declared a period of mourning.

Speaking for the Ministry of Agriculture, the Inspector for Northern Greece said of Charles L. House, "You loved Greece as your second country and Greece loves you as her real child." And so the days of sorrow and remembrance began in Greece.