

Dear Friends,

The following sidewise view of the Mission gives statistics culled from the reports of the eight schools in Lebanon, Syria, and Turkey.

	ENROLLMENT										1964 GRADUATES			TEACHERS							COSTS ⁵	
	Preps	Middle	Lycee	Jr. College	Other	Graduate	Total	Boarders	Scholarships	Middle	Lycee	Other	UCB	National Full-time	National Part-time	Other	Total	Additional UCB Staff	Tuition	Boarding		
ALEPPO BOY'S DIVISION ¹		255	87	33			375	42	130		35	27	3	26	3	5	37		350-500	1,200		
ALEPPO GIRL'S DIVISION		152	58	25			235		72		33	5	1	18	5	1	25	1	350-400			
GAZIANTEP NURSING ²					21		21	21	1			4	3		4		7	7				
I ZMIR	89	244	181	53	9		576	50	42	66	48		29	8	15	3	56	2	1,570	1,780		
NEAR EAST SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, Beirut					14	37	51	24	31			3	1	1		6	8		600			
TALAS	39	117					156	153	4	46			9	2	5	1	17		1,300	1,800		
TARSUS ³	44	112	137		120		293	201	38	25	49		11	5	7	2	25	3	1,200	2,100		
ÜSKÜDAR	89	199	205				493	149	25	61	73		19	6	17	4	46		1,734	2,000		

1. Aleppo school levels do not correspond with those in Turkey: 7th to 9th grades are listed under Middle School; 10th and 11th under lycee; and Baccalaureate under Junior College.
2. The nursing school in Gaziantep pays its students rather than charging them admission fees.
3. Tarsus has 120 students registered in evening English classes for adults. These meet four hours per week.
4. Costs are listed in the currency of the country: Syrian pounds, Lebanese pounds and Turkish liras.
5. There are additional fees for such things as labs, laundry, or piano lessons for each school.

Dear Friends,

The first of the year, with Christmas so recent, is a good time to remember friends: Greetings to the Mission have come from the Carl Comptons (1913 - 1958) in East Northfield, Massachusetts; the Gardner Bennetts (Robert College) in Fairhope, Alabama; the Doug Herrons (Keitha Van Engen, 1961 - 63) in Presque Isle, Maine; Ethel Putney (1914 - 1951) in Wellesley, Massachusetts; Alice Lindsley (1928 - 1964) who has been speaking around the United States on her pre-retirement furlough; Olive Greene (1914 - 1953) in Boston; the Raymond Whites (1928 - 1934, 1948 - 1957) in Wilson, Kansas; the James Ditteses (1950 - 52) in New Haven; the William Sage Woolworths (1919 - 1963) in Redlands, California; Luther Fowle (1912 - 1954) in West Dennis, Massachusetts; Bessie Lyman (1913 - 1953) in Munsonville, New Hampshire; Dr. and Mrs. Jack Brown (1958 - 1963) in Cincinnati, Ohio; Elvesta Leslie (1913 - 1917, 1923 - 1953) in Olivet, Michigan; the Merrill Iselys (1920 - 1962) in Wichita, Kansas; Alice Reed (1951 - 1959) in Claremont, California; the Walter Wileys (1924 - 1934, 1958 - 1963) in Claremont (508 W. 6th St.) California; Char Bunker (1961 - 1964) in New York, New York; the Lloyd Swifts (1951 - 1958) in Maryland; Howard Reed, now working with Education and World Affairs, Inc. in New York; the Iain Campbells (1931 - 1943) in Weeping Waters, Nebraska, and others.

Since the last Dear Friends the following have visited the Mission offices in the Bible House in Istanbul: Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Clark of the Bible and Medical Missionary Fellowship in Toronto, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. John Button from Andover-Newton Theological Seminary; Dr. and Mrs. Donald Typer, President of Doane College, Crete, Nebraska; Mr. and Lawrence Jones (Alice Darnell) of Izmir before leaving for the United States; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Havice of Pierce College, Athens; Dr. J. Lowrie Anderson, Acting Executive Secretary of the Near East Council of Churches; Mr. and Mrs. Otis Cary of Amhersthouse, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan. (Mrs. Cary is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Lorrin Shepard.)

News of former members of the Mission comes from:

Robert Eaton (Üsküdar 1959 - 1964) has accepted a job with Church Interiors, Inc., an adjunct of the Weirhauser Lumber Company of Washington. Mildred Eaton and their two daughters are still in California until the end of the school year. Dr. and Mrs. Lorrin Shepard are now living in their new home in West Boothbay Harbor, Maine. The Robert Kellers, home on furlough from Talas, are in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their address is 2645 Hampshire Road, Ann Arbor.

With much regret we report the deaths of three people who through their residence in the Near East have been well-known by members of the Mission: Mrs. Paul Sato, wife of the former director of the University Christian Center in Beirut, died in Hartford, Connecticut on September 22 following an operation. Prior to their being in Beirut the Satos were at Aleppo College. Mrs. Middleton Edwards, long-time friend of the Mission, died November 13 at the age of 90. Almost all of those ninety years she lived in Istanbul. Dr. Patrick Murphy Malin died in New York City on December 13. From March of 1962 until his death he was president of Robert College.

According to a report from the Peace Corps in Turkey they have approximately 280 people located in 109 different centers this year. In addition to the large majority of English teachers, there are also eleven nurses in Denizli, Erzurum, Konya, Muğla and Trabzon; four social workers in Istanbul, Konya and Sivas; three nursery school teachers in Ankara and Zonguldak; and eight home economists in Ankara, Antalya, Bursa, Iskenderun, and Istanbul. New this year is a program of fifty village assistance volunteers located in twenty-five villages in such varying places as Ankara and Kastamonu, Hatay, Burdur, and Kırklareli.

The new buildings of Pierce College on the Aghia Paraskevi campus in Athens, Greece, were dedicated on October 18, 1964. This service was the climax of several years search for and construction on a new site when the jet age swooped down on top of the former campus in Elleniko. Dr. Rosemary Park, President of Barnard College, gave the main address. Mrs. Douglas Horton, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the College, Crown Princess Irene, representing the Greek royal family, and U.S. Ambassador LaBouisse also participated in the program. Present at the dedication from Turkey were Lynda Blake, Helen Morgan, Ruby Birge, and Leonette Wishard.

Harriet Yarrow has returned to Izmir from furlough in the United States. Two new teachers arrived in Talas on January 8: Mrs. Ruth Berry is teaching English and director of residence; Sophie Eldridge is teaching science and math. Miss Eldridge taught physics at Üsküdar (1958-1961). Betsy Kleinginna arrived November 6 to teach English at Üsküdar. She was followed by Dr. Virginia Canfield on January 13, who will be chairman of the English Department there. Mrs. Berry, Miss Eldridge and Miss Kleinginna are on three-year terms; Dr. Canfield is here on a five-year term. Also Carol and Tom Goodrich arrived in Istanbul at Christmas time and plan to be here while Tom works on his doctorate in history.

A report from R.H. Helfferich, General Secretary for Service for the United Church Board for World Ministries, says that through Church World Service 48,530 pounds of relief materials valued at \$50,182.00 have been sent to Turkey during 1964 as of November 30, 1964. Although much of this has been distributed by the World Council of Churches Service to Refugees it does not include what has been given to the victims of the October earthquake in the Lake Manyas area.

A significant noon meeting was held at the Bible House on January 20 when representatives of the Armenian Protestant, Armenian Orthodox, Anglican, Latin rite Roman Catholic, Chaldean Catholic, Syrian Orthodox, Lutheran, Presbyterian, and United Church joined with the Mission staff to observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Alma Mater, a forty-page, illustrated alumni bulletin of the four Board Schools in Turkey, is due to appear soon after Şeker Bayramı (February 3-5). While it is being distributed particularly to alumni, if you wish to have a copy write to the Publication Department. This is one of the first activities of the newly-organized Amerikan Bord Okulları Cemiyeti whose headquarters is in Ankara.

On Saturday, February 27, the Alumnae Association of Üsküdar plans to hold a Talent Exhibit and Show in Istanbul.

Again with thanks to Ruhama Yeranian we correct the item about Miss Mary M. Olmsted who was in Üsküdar 1959-62 and who received her M.A. from Columbia University in February 1964.

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Dear Friends,

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE AMONG REFUGEES

A stern reply, "Why?" when two, young and frightened American girls asked not to have an Israeli visa stamped in their passports; an elderly German reading "The Legend of the Wandering Jew" in a taxi from Jerusalem to Haifa; the pride of a former Czech, come to Palestine in 1934, when he said: "How do you like our country" (emphasis his own); the large number of teen-age boys and girls in military uniform; the avid interest of a professor of social work at Hebrew University concerning life in 'the other Jerusalem' and his emotionally charged query as to whether I thought that during my three years in the Arab world there was any greater readiness among Arabs to come to terms with the Israeli or whether there had been no change in attitude: (my reply, 'No change!').

These brief and, I'm sure superficial, impressions gave me an inkling of the mood of the Israeli today, strong nationalist pride, somewhat frustrated by the fact that there are those in the world who will not give full cognizance and credit to what the Israeli consider their due; a mixture of fear, curiosity and perhaps some guilt concerning the Arab world around them; and a deep desire to live in peace ... though not the willingness to take those steps necessary to make that peace possible.

However, my visit to the Israeli-occupied portion of Palestine was not undertaken to analyze the Israeli conscience or character, for which I am not equipped, but to visit the work and workers of the Refugee Committee of the Near East Council of Churches working for needy Arabs living there yet. It may seem strange to some that a Committee whose mandate limits its operation to work for Arab refugees would be operating today in Israel, as indeed the Israeli government does not recognize a refugee status for the Arabs of that country. In 1952 UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Arab Refugees) turned over responsibility for the 17,000 ration-receiving Arab refugees in Israel to the authorities of that country after being requested to do so by the Israeli. However, the Near East Council of Churches' Refugee Committee has continued its work as the need for which it was created, has continued.

There are an estimated 280,000 Arabs living in Israel today... constituting approximately 10% of the population. The greatest number, about 125,000, are concentrated in villages north of the Sea of Galilee, many of these being villages of Christian Arabs. Another large group live in the so-called 'triangle' which extends from Nazareth south to the Tulkarem area. Here there are approximately 45,000 Arabs, mostly Moslem. Some 22,000 still live in the Negev desert region and the remainder are scattered in cities and towns such as Haifa, Jaffa, Lydda, Ramleh and in and around Jerusalem.

The lot of this minority group has been termed variously as 'third class citizenship' or more recently as being 'remnants of a defeated people'. From the stories one hears of the almost daily incidents of discrimination and humiliation which the Arabs of Israel endure, one can understand the truth of these labels. For example, a young Arab boy goes to Tel Aviv to study in a trade or industrial

school and he finds it almost impossible to secure a lodging. When he seeks to rent a room and it is learned that he is an Arab, existing vacancies suddenly become occupied. If a family does rent to the young man, it will soon find that the neighbors are bringing pressure to bear to remove this 'undesirable element'. In the field of employment, Arabs find that they are the first fired in case of economic recession and the last re-hired during the up-swing. As a result of this, some young Arab men will adopt Jewish names and speak only Hebrew (quite akin to Arabic) during working hours in order to safe-guard their job in case of a lay-off.

Discriminatory practices are evident even in the predominantly Arab areas. During my visit to villages in the so-called 'triangle area' I came upon case after case of general improvements which were extended to the new settlements or 'kibbutzim' but not to adjacent Arab villages. Power lines carry high voltage electricity right up to the boundaries of the Arab village of 'Ara, south of Nazareth. There the line stops and makes a ninety degree swing up to a new settlement of Jewish immigrants. The Arab village, by-passed by an essential element of technological change, lives on in the past. Efforts of the Arabs to pull themselves up by their boot-straps have been hindered by their poverty and continually increasing impoverishment. This was an agricultural village, but today most of its land has been taken by the government and given to that same new settlement on the hill which also enjoys electricity, piped-in water, new roads, modern schools...all the elements of modern living.

This is not to say that every Arab village or town has been completely neglected. There are some show-places, such as the Israeli section of Beir Safafa. One prominent Arab in Israel has commented on this Israeli town as having new schools, good roads, medical facilities...quite unlike the Arab portion of the village, separated perhaps by much more than the barbed-wire which bisects it. "We have here in Israel all the conveniences which one expects in twentieth century living. But we also have delinquency in our youth, broken homes, a loosening of morals. "No", he says sadly, "there is no future for an Arab here. For us, the future lies only on the other side of the truce line."

These preceding lines have not been written as a pro-Arab apology, or in an effort to incite emotions or feelings against the Israeli Jews. These are facts which provide the background against which a significant work of Christian service is set.

The chief contribution of the work of the NECC Refugee Committee in Israel is not in the amount of assistance it gives, but in the fact that it brings to the Arabs there the realization that though they may consider themselves a 'defeated people', they are not entirely a 'forgotten people'. I was impressed and moved during my visit, to hear an old man, a Moslem Arab, say of the work of the Committee that it is truly a living example of the highest teachings of Christ, an example in deed, not just in word. This, I believe, was said in all honesty, for the work of the NECC Refugee Committee in Israel, as elsewhere, knows no division according to creed, ministering to the needy whether Christian or Moslem.

Because of budget limitations, work of the Committee in Israel has been channelled into those areas where the most need exists and where the impact of the funds available will be the greatest. This has been a difficult choice for the volunteer committee there, as, for the most part, this is the only organization whether government or private assisting Arabs in Israel. Therefore the demands upon the Committee's resources have been greater than in some areas where the United Nations and various other church-related agencies have been present.

Education has received the most stress in this work. There is great need for expanding the educational opportunities for young Arabs in Israel. Generally the standard of education in the Arab schools is lower than that of the rest of the Israeli school system. There are several reasons for this. As a

result of the fighting in 1947-48, and the forced flight of the Palestinian Arabs, there were not sufficient qualified teachers remaining in that portion of Palestine which was to become Israel. Classroom facilities were also insufficient. Therefore, Arab students today in Israel often find it difficult to attain the scholastic level necessary for entering a college or university. A recent check showed that there were only 130 Arab students attending the Hebrew University which has an enrollment of over 8,000. There are few vocational schools in the Arab areas of Israel and therefore students go from these areas to such institutions only at great expense.

To meet this need, the NECC Refugee Committee is building up a revolving educational scholarship fund which in one year's time will reach \$50,000. In 1962, sixty-three of these loans were granted to needy, qualified students. Last year, in 1963, the number increased to seventy-four. In 1965, the Committee's goal of \$50,000 will be reached and it is expected that the loan fund will then operate on a revolving basis, with repayments maintaining the capital funds needed for granting new loans.

In addition to these loans, the Committee has also given smaller grants to enable Arab students to complete their education in private secondary schools. There is a great desire among the Arabs, both Christian and Moslem, for their children to attend private, Christian schools. For in government schools, the Arabs find that there is an overwhelming stress on Zionist principles, ideas and history, with no acknowledgement of an Arab history or heritage in Palestine. This is preserved for them in the Christian schools. In 1963, seventy-six grants were given to needy students to enable them to continue studies in private schools.

Next to assisting in the education of the young Arabs, the Refugee Committee has found the greatest need among the aged, the chronically ill, the widows and orphans...in other words the traditional subjects of Christian charity. The Ministry of Social Affairs of the Israeli Government, probably one of the most advanced in the world in its degree of professionalism, has no program in several of the Arab areas of the country. Thus, the Refugee Committee of the NECC is the only agency working for the Arabs in the 'triangle area' and in the Arab villages of upper Galilee along the Israeli-Lebanese border. The volunteer committee members have therefore become listening posts for cases of need which the Committee could assist through a small cash grant. For example, during the meeting which I attended in Nazareth a total of over two-dozen such cases were considered. Take the case of Nahil Kavar who is 63 years old and totally blind. Nahil's only income is about \$16. per month from a national insurance scheme. Three times each year, the Committee grants an extra \$16. to supplement this meager income. Lack of resources prohibit further assistance. Or take the case of Daoud Alayan, a young man of thirty-six. He was formerly employed as a janitor in a large institution in Jerusalem. Recently he went blind from a congenital defect in his eyes. Daoud has four children, aged fourteen years to two years old. Of course he lost his position, but took up basket weaving to try to earn something towards support of his family. As a stop-gap assistance while Daoud is learning his new trade, the Committee has granted the family a sum of about \$25. This of course, will not meet all the needs of this family. However, it will keep the family alive until more permanent assistance through employment is available. Multiply these few cases by several thousand and you will get a picture of the needs which confront the Committee. Unfortunately, in 1963, the Committee was only able to extend assistance to several hundred, almost four hundred in all, granting a total of \$7,377 dollars in social relief.

To aid in a more permanent and constructive type of relief, a rehabilitation loan fund was established in 1961. This fund enables the Committee to help talented and skilled men and women establish themselves in business by providing the capital on an interest-free basis. Again, budget limitations

have meant that few such opportunities can be extended. The success of this type of program, both among the Arabs in Israel and among Arab refugees in other countries has prompted attempts to enlarge the capital reserve available for these loans.

This, then, is a brief summary of the work of the church for a people who feel themselves insecure in their work, their daily lives. They live under a cloud of hopelessness and rejection. They remain, many of them, only out of a sense of faithfulness to a cause which they believe is just... that of the rights of the Palestinian Arabs to their homeland.

It is in this environment that the church is working to bring a measure of Christian love.

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Dear Friends:

The Mission has welcomed five new people since the middle of January. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tucker and their children, William and Amy, arrived in Istanbul on January 25th. They are now in Talas on a five-year term. Miss Magdalena Yap Sy, R.M., is now working in Gaziantep having arrived by plane February 28 from the Philippines.

Istanbul has been host to several recent visitors: Professor and Mrs. Claude F. Shouse from San Diego State College; Mrs Ruth B. Piette of Hindsdale, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Westwood Wallace of Martinez, California; Mrs. Ann Woodard Ezal of Mersin enroute to the United States for several months' visit; the Reverend and Mrs. Hartley Jago of Victoria, Australia; and Mr. and Mrs. William Cooper and his parents. Mrs. Cooper is the former Clare Dunlap (Üsküdar 1960-63). The Misses Borghild Sundheim and Anne Blegen, French teachers at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, were guests of their former colleague, Miss Helen Morgan. Mrs. Esther Hymer, official observer for the United Church Women (interdenominational) at the United Nations since its beginning in 1945 and a member of the sub-commission on the role of women, addressed a station gathering in Üsküdar, February 24. She was on her way to attend the Commission meeting in Tehran. Mrs. Helen Orhan returned to Turkey after nearly a year in the United States. She was in Istanbul about two weeks in February before going to Izmir where she expects to settle. The Reverend John Satterthwaite, Director of External Relations for the Archbishop of Canterbury, was in Istanbul on an official visit in late February. Pastor Friedrich Ziegel, pastor of the German Church in Istanbul for the past several years, and his family are leaving Turkey this month for Munich, Germany.

The first part of February was a busy one in Istanbul with meetings of the Turkey Schools Council, the Publication Council, and the Mission Executive Council. Since then the Medical Council has met in Talas, February 27th and 28th.

World Day of Prayer was observed March 5th in Istanbul at St. Helena's Chapel, Istanbul. The meeting was led by the women of the Istanbul churches. Mrs. Phyllis Wofford and Miss Miriam Hagopian were the main speakers. Money from the offering has gone towards the World Council of Churches refugee housing project.

Miss Ethel Putney (Istanbul 1919 - 1951) writes to say that she is now living at Barton House (138 Hancock Street, Auburndale, Mass., 02166). She mentions having seen Miss Katherine Fletcher (former principal of the Üsküdar American Academy for Girls) who is now in a nursing home in Waban, Mass., and hoping to see Betty Lewis Smith (Gedik Paşa 1922 to 25) and Gwen Perry (Istanbul 1924-31) in Florida this month.

Miss Ethel Lovatt, R.N., has been appointed Assistant Director, Nursing Service in Lubec, Maine. She was with the hospital in Gaziantep from 1952 to 1960.

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NOTES FROM THE PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

It has been some time since our department has reported through these pages so we take pleasure in introducing to you our most recent publications.

Religious books:

İŞİĞA DÖNÜŞ (Release) by Starr Daily. This is an autobiographical account of a hardened criminal who came to know God. 650 kuruş

PROTESTAN AKİDESİNE BİR BAKIŞ (A Look at Some Protestant Beliefs) by Georgia Harkness. This new book written especially for the Near East is something you should put into the hands of all friends, whether Moslem or Christian, who are seeking to know more about the Protestant faith. 200 kuruş

For Young People:

İBRAHİM AĞABEY, Düşen İn Dostu (Big Brother İbrahim, Friend of the Under-Dog) by Dorothy Blatter. This career book for teenagers will introduce to them the field of Social Service which is so new and so needed in Turkey. 500 kuruş

For Children:

BİR ARKADAŞ (A Friend Is Someone You Love) by Judith Brown. Children and parents will enjoy together this sensitive book delightfully illustrated in black and white by Patricia Rosen-cranz Larsen. 100 kuruş

TATLI DİL GÜLER YÜZ (Penny) by Marjorie Torrey. A book especially for little girls who tend to be shy and withdrawn. For children between 8 and 12 years of age. 250 kuruş

GELİNCİK TOHURLARI (Poppy Seeds) by Clyde Robert Bulla. Watch for this new book for children. Pepe, a small boy in Mexico brings friendship to a cross old man and beauty to his village. Two colors. 125 kuruş

SARIBAŞ (Old Yeller) by Fred Gipson. This fine animal story made a fine movie and should win the heart of anyone who is fond of dogs and small boys. 400 kuruş

For the Newly Literate:

GÖKKUBBE ALTINDA (Under the Sky All Men Are Brothers) These tales bring in three slim books ideas found in the folk tales of many lands. 50 kuruş each

YABANCININ MÜJDESİ ve ÇİFTÇİNİN DÖRT OĞLU (The Stranger's Good News and The Farmer's Four Sons). Here we have two more parables, "The Lilies of the Field" and "The Sower" rewritten with the setting of a Turkish village. This small book and its two predecessors, "Baba Ocakı" (The Prodigal Son) and "Komşum Kimdir" (The Good Samaritan) all now have their English counterparts which sell for 25 kuruş each and make a fine help in the teaching of English. They are entitled "The Stranger's Good News", "A Father's Love" and "Who Is My Neighbor?" 50 kuruş each

Also in English:

THE SEVEN CHURCHES TODAY by Vernon Flynn. This series of sermons which are also travel talks take one to the sites of the Seven Churches of the Apocalypse. 900 kuruş

RUGS AND DYES OF URANOPOLIS - PROSPORIAN by Joice Loch. To anyone interested in rugs this book is a "must". Illustrated in sepia. 200 kuruş

ALMA MATER A few copies of this first issue of the Alumni Bulletin of the Four American Board Schools in Turkey are still available. If you wish copies please order soon. 300 kuruş

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Dear Friends:

Two recent publications will be of interest to readers: Copies of Reflections by Fred Field Goodsell have arrived at the Redhouse Bookstore and will be mailed to Mission personnel and others within Turkey at TL 38.50 postpaid. Turkish Village by Paul Stirling is also available at the Redhouse Bookstore. Some will remember the author, who was doing his field work near Talas in 1950. The book is a technical sociological treatise in spots, with "agnates" and similar terms abounding; but it repays careful reading for its clear, sympathetic, and stark analysis of the plight of the villager and the nearly complete lack of communication between him and the people of the towns. TL 75.00.

Miss Fanny Noyes who served as a missionary-nurse in Merzifon from 1909 to 1915 and again from 1919 to 1937 passed away in a nursing home in Oberlin on February 23 at the age of eighty-seven. Miss Noyes will be remembered for her untiring service not only as a nurse and as Station Treasurer, but as one who cheerfully took on many of the countless but necessary tasks that constantly crop up in a Mission Station. Village trips were her specialty and she was Doctor Clark's "right hand man" in the village homes he visited.

A number of people from a number of countries have visited the Mission since the last edition of Dear Friends. The most important visit from the United States was that of Mr. William Searles, Assistant Treasurer of the Board for World Ministries. During the time he was here (April 29 to May 18) he visited İstanbul, İzmir, Tarsus, Gaziantep, and Aleppo. Other visitors from the United States include Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hayes, members of the United Church in Scarsdale, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Miles Standish of the West Hartford, Conn. First Church of Christ; and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lunt of Norford, Connecticut. The Rev. Theodore Wieser from Thessaloniki, Greece, came through İstanbul enroute back from Soviet Armenia. Miss Ann Foltz, traffic director of the Radio Voice of the Gospel in Addis Ababa discussed her work with several groups here, Miss Gertraud Posch, medical student in Vienna, and Dr. Paula Stutter, practicing physician in Lienz, were guests at the Üsküdar school during their stay in the city. The Rev. Joe Moulton was here several days as he returned to the United States from India where he had been helping to write a history of the American Board work in India from the beginning of this century. He also visited in İzmir and Tarsus where he had the misfortune to break his leg. Mrs. Bodil Graae, Program Secretary for the Danish State Radio, was in İstanbul for several days gathering material and information for a program series that she is directing on women's and family life. Turkey is one of nine countries she is covering for this series. Mrs. Graae is the sister-in-law of Patricia Rosenkranz Larsen who taught art in İzmir from 1959 to 1962. Dr. Burton Thurston, Director of Development and Centennial Affairs, Professor Zeine Zeine, professor of Ottoman History, Mr. Farid Fuleihan, registrar, and Dr. Terry Prothro, dean-elect, all of the American University in Beirut were here for several days. Professor Zeine lectured at Robert College during his stay here. Mr. Donald O. Newby, Associate Secretary in Geneva of the World Council of Christian Education was here May 3-4. Dr. and Mrs. John Lewis and Mrs. Frank Milburn, cousins of Dorothy Blatter were guests at the May meeting of İstanbul Station. They are on their way back to Korea where Dr. Lewis is engaged in the Public Health program under A.I.D.

The Rev. and Mrs. Walter Wiley have settled in a new home in Pilgrim Place near the Graydon Bells (Louise Wiley). Their address is now 555 West 7th Street, Claremont, California. A letter from the Rev. and Mrs. Raymond White (İzmir 1929-34, Mardin 1948-57) tells of his retirement from the ministry, and his appointment to Grace Church in Mount Vernon, Washington, which is south of Seattle. After May 31 their address will be 314 West Section St., Mount Vernon, Wash. 98273.

Bruce Privratsky, son of the George Privratskys of Gaziantep, has been chosen editor of the Deerfield yearbook, The Pocumtuck. Bruce is a junior at Deerfield this year. Miss Sophie Eldridge of Talas entered the Eye Bank Hospital in Ankara April 23 for surgery for a detached retina. Dr. and Mrs. William L. Nute, Jr. left the end of March for New York City where Dr. Nute took up a new position with the Christian Medical Council of the Division of Overseas Ministries of the National Council of Churches. Paul Andre joined the Louis Wilkins family in April. Congratulations to the whole family! Miss Mary Ingle, dean of the girls' division of Anatolia College in Thessaloniki, leaves there this summer to become the principal of the Evangelical Girls' School in Bagdad, Iraq. Miss Saralaine Evans (Üsküdar 1963-64) was married to Nicholas Byram Miller on May 8 in Fort Valley, Georgia.

A workshop on teaching language skills was held in Tarsus April 22 to 24. It was attended by twenty-five English and Turkish teachers from the Amerikan College for Girls, Arnavutköy; Ayaz Koleji, Adana; and the four Board schools. The topics considered at the workshop were methods of improving reading, writing, and oral skills. Increased contact with more joint planning and fuller interchange of information between the Turkish and English programs and among the schools was recommended, as were adequate tests of reading comprehension and programs for remedial reading in both Turkish and English.

The Near East School of Theology Board of Managers met in Beirut, April 9 and 10. George Miller, Frank Stone, and Melvin Wittler attended as Mission representatives. The Aleppo College Board of Managers met in Aleppo May 6 and 7 with Arthur Whitman, Richard Maynard, and William Searles as representatives. The Drs. Richard and Virginia Updegraff, Mrs. Viola Richardson, Mrs. Richardson Fowle, Mrs. Marion Brandon, and Miss Magdalena Yap Sy have been in Beirut attending meetings of the Christian Medical Association and the AUB medical seminar in early May.

Dr. Dwight J. Simpson has been appointed President of Robert College. This year Dr. Simpson has been teaching in the Institute of Economics and Business Administration at Istanbul University. He was on leave from Williams College.

The Dutch Chapel choir gave a sacred concert at the church March 21 and at the Gedik Paşa Armenian Evangelical Church March 27. The music, all acappella was mostly Renaissance motets.

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Dear Friends:

Nineteen sixty-five marks the 125th year in the life of the Evangelical Union Church of Pera, known generally as the Dutch Chapel. In 1840 a small group of English speaking people in Istanbul began meeting in homes; seventeen years later the group began using a small, thick-walled building on the grounds of the Dutch legation. The basement of the building at that time was a prison. Today that basement provides pleasant, airy rooms for three Sunday school classes.

In the first years the responsibility for the Sunday service rotated among the people attending (a practice not unfamiliar to many of us presently on the field). As the congregation grew in numbers and in interests represented it became evident that a full-time minister was needed. The names of all the men who have served the Dutch Chapel are not known, but a partial list is appended at the end of this article. Since June, 1963, the Rev. Edward Radcliff has been the minister of the church, about the twentieth one in the history of the church.

A small booklet was published in 1897 in Scotland by the members of the church giving the highlights of the early years. The following quotations are taken from it:

The Evangelical Union Church of Pera has its origin in the services begun about the year 1840 by the American Missionaries for the benefit of their families and the few English residents in Pera and Galata. The services were held in the houses of the Missionaries until the autumn of 1857, when the Dutch Chapel was placed at their disposal by Count de Zueland, then Ambassador of the Netherlands...

In the autumn of 1863 the Rev George Washburn (now Rev Dr Washburn, Principal of Robert College, Constantinople) and Mrs Washburn came to reside in Pera. Mr Washburn, with the assistance of his brethren of the American Mission, took charge of the services, he himself preaching on alternate Sundays for two seasons...

Encouraged by the large attendance at the Sunday services, it was thought advisable to continue them all through the summer of 1865. In the month of July of that year cholera broke out all over the city and suburbs; during several weeks the death rate was about 2000 per day from amongst all classes and nationalities. The little congregation felt like being in a battle field, as they saw their companions suddenly cut down from day to day; and they derived special comfort and encouragement at the Sunday services from the ministration of the pastor. Much sympathy was felt with Dr and Mrs Washburn when their little boy fell a victim to the scourge. This terrible visitation helped to draw the congregation more closely together, and the need of a formal bond was increasingly felt. Meetings were held to consider the matter, and after much conference and prayer a Covenant and Creed was /sic./ drawn up, based on the principles of the Evangelical Alliance, and was signed by some 17 members who formed the nucleus of the church. There is no date on the document, but from the first signatures on the Register it must have been finally adopted about April 1866. The Covenant and Creed were considered to be sufficient at the

time as a bond of union, and it was thought better to postpone the drawing up of rules for the government of the church until the members had a little more experience of the needs of the work.

During the spring of 1869, in Dr. Washburn's absence, the Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D.D., supplied the pulpit. The Rev. Mr. Hamlin at that time was also occupied with being the first principal of Robert College. When Dr. Washburn was not able to return to the pastorate, the church decided to ask for the services of the Rev. A. van Millingen, a licentiate of the Free Church of Scotland. With an annual stipend of TL 250 Mr. van Millingen agreed to come and was inducted to his charge in April, 1869.

The Young Men's Bible Class was begun in the spring of 1871, chiefly through the influence of Capt. Stephen, its first chairman; the pastor's time was so fully occupied that he could not take charge of it. This class has been held with the exception of two seasons, ever since that time with more or less success. It was nominally in connection with the Evangelical Union Church until the spring of 1885, when it formed the nucleus of the Young Men's Christian Association inaugurated by the late Rev A. N. Somerville, D.D., Glasgow. This association, though not connected with the Evangelical Union Church, has been chiefly supported by the members of that church...

The present church property, known as the Manse/ adjoining the Swedish Legation, was acquired on favourable terms by the issue of debentures. Several alterations and additions were made on it, and the whole was occupied in November, 1888. This scheme added at once to the income of the church, which will increase year by year as the debentures are paid off. The church was thus placed in a position of financial stability, and a long-standing source of anxiety to the members was removed.

In January, 1889, a hotel company offered LT. 15,000 for the church property. This offer was considered by the Church and Finance Committees. The committees were unwilling to part with the property, as they felt that it would be difficult to get another investment on such favorable terms; still, they felt that, as the large amount of profit offered would enable the church at once to pay the whole stipend of their pastor, the committee would not be justified in refusing to treat with the company. They therefore offered to sell the property for LT. 18,500 but before the terms were adjusted the hotel company was dissolved. The committees have not regretted that the offer fell through, seeing that the property is so well situated and will soon yield sufficient for the needs of the congregation, and that there is room on it for the erection of a hall for Evangelistic work, should that be required.

In the early years of the church its ministers were found with the help of the Free Church of Scotland. Mr. van Millingen was the first of these. One of his successors tried hard to unite the Dutch Chapel with the Free Church of Scotland, but the members felt the church

could serve a wider congregation if it remained independent. With the withdrawal of the Free Church of Scotland from the area during the Second World War the church began in the 1950's to use the services of the Department of Churchmen Overseas of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America.

This does not mean that the Dutch Chapel has become an American institution for there are no official ties with the National Council of Churches. On the contrary, for hardly half of its members presently are from the United States. This year (1965) the 168 members registered on the church rolls represent thirteen different countries: Austria, Bulgaria, Germany, Great Britain, Holland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Nigeria, Russia, San Salvadore, Turkey (with Armenian, Greek, and Syrian church backgrounds included), and the United States. The religious backgrounds they represent are the following: Judaism; Islam; Roman Catholicism; the Armenian Gregorian Orthodox, the Greek Orthodox, the Russian Orthodox, and the Syrian Orthodox Churches; and these Protestant bodies: African Methodist Episcopal Zion, USA, African Church of Nigeria, Anglican Church, Baptist Church of the USA, Baptist Church of Great Britain, Church of Christ, Episcopal Church, Evangelical Protestant Church of Turkey, Evangelical Christian Church of New Guinea, Evangelical United Brethren, Lutheran, Menonite, Methodist, Presbyterian Church of Ireland, Reformed Church of America, the Religious Society of Friends, United Church of South India, United Church of Christ, and the United Presbyterian Church of the USA.

All of these members have been received into the church either 1) on presenting evidence of membership in some Christian church, 2) on reaffirmation of their Christian faith, or 3) on confession of that faith. Those who have membership in some other church may continue that relation and thus be associate members of the Dutch Chapel.

The activities of these members as a church include the Sunday service and the Sunday school. Fifty-four children between the ages of four months and fifteen years are taking part this year. The church choir has sung at several additional services and has given a concert of sacred music both at the Dutch Chapel and at the Gedik Paşa Armenian Evangelical Church. A Women's Fellowship holds weekly meetings. The benevolence committee distributes about a tenth of all the expenses of the church as it helps more than two dozen people on a regular basis and many others in emergencies. Two young people's groups also hold frequent meetings at the Manse. These all, however, are activities typical of almost any church almost anywhere.

In addition there are two activities worthy of special note: In observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Mr. Radcliff shared his pulpit on Sunday, January 24th, with Father Angelo Beghetto of St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church of the city. This event and its significance was noted in the Christian Century in its Letters to the Editor column. Since then there have been other exchanges between the Dutch Chapel and the Roman Catholic Church, the underlying theme of which has been a mutual respect for the efforts of each.

Istanbul, as a crossroads for many peoples, is peculiarly suited as a place for such experiments in ways to increase understanding among Christian faiths. For the same reason it also is a stopping place on the route of many refugees. Every Friday evening (except through the summer) an increasing number of people has been attending Open House at the Manse. from 8:00 to 10:30. Among those attending are American military personnel, Istanbul business and professional people of many nationalities, and refugees who are cared for in Istanbul by

the World Council of Churches Service to Refugees. The refugees, particularly, find in the Radcliffs' hospitality a much-appreciated source of re-creation in their otherwise frustrating, tedious, unproductive lives in the city. Informal entertainment--ping pong, chess, travelogs, dancing--which depends on a minimum of verbal communication usually begins the evening. Although many of those attending are not Christian, the evening always ends with a benediction pronounced by Mr. Radcliff.

The small booklet quoted at the beginning of this article ends with the following remarks, the continuing appropriateness of which is evident:

The union thus formed has also given many opportunities for fellowship with travellers who, while staying a few days to see the sights of this old city, turned aside to worship in 'The Dutch Chapel.' The gathering together for worship of members of so many different nationalities and denominations helped all to realize more vividly the sacred bond which united those who love the Lord...

The present condition of the country has a depressing effect upon the community, and the church life is, naturally, not left unaffected by it. But, as the congregation has kept together through many trying seasons in the past, and has been enabled to render some service to the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ in this city, the confidence is cherished that its usefulness will increase, and that pastor and people will be able to make use of the various opportunities that arise for exerting a Christian influence.

Anna G. Edmonds, editor

List of Dutch Chapel ministers in chronological order:

Dr. George Washburn

Dr. Cyrus Hamlin

Rev. Robert van Millingen

Rev. I. G. Bliss

Rev. John Irving

Rev. R. Hannington

Rev. James Henderson

Rev. F. W. Anderson

Rev. Robert Frew

Rev. R. Clepahne Maccanna

Rev. Clark Kerr

Rev. Charles T. Riggs

Rev. Ezra P. Young

Rev. Walter B. Wiley

Rev. Ian Campbell

Rev. V. I. Flynn

Rev. Edward Radcliff

30 July 1965

Dear Friends:

Although this is not the year for Biennial meeting, Istanbul was almost as busy as if there had been an Annual meeting. The Publication Council met June 12-13, followed on June 26, 27, and 28 by the Turkey Schools Council meeting. The Mission Executive Committee met for a busy two-day session July 1 and 2. These various meetings brought many people into Istanbul from the other stations of the Near East Mission.

Besides Mission personnel there have been many travelers and tourists who are either visiting Istanbul for the first time or re-visiting and renewing old acquaintances. One of the early arrivals in the month of June was the Rev. Clifford L. Miller, retired Pastor of the United Church of Christ of Roxbury, Mass. who had been making an extensive tour of the Near East. July 15-18, Dr. and Mrs. Alford Carleton stopped in Istanbul for an all-to-brief visit, Dr. Carleton's first visit in seven years. Although it was the middle of the summer, 50 Mission members and for Mission members gathered at the Üsküdar school for a picnic supper on Friday evening. Dr. Carleton had audiences with the Armenian Patriarch and the Ecumenical Patriarch and met with Church leaders of Istanbul. On July 18 he was the guest preacher at Dutch Chapel.

Other recent visitors have been Nancy Emmons of Clinton, Iowa, who has been visiting the Wittlers; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Butler, Oak Park, Illinois, Miss Helen Fitts, of Providence, R.I.; Mrs. Blanche Tolle, of Chicago; Dr. Ruby Worner, currently working with the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization in Cairo; Mrs. Clare Dunlap Cooper, (Üsküdar 1960-63) of Erlangen, Germany who not only visited but sang for Dutch Chapel on Sunday, July 4. Professor and Mrs. James E. Dittes, of Yale Divinity School, (Talas 1950-53) will be in Rome during 1965-66 on sabbatical. He has a Fulbright research appointment and a Guggenheim fellowship to pursue a project entitled, "Psychological Analysis of the Regulating Functions of Religions." Dr. Paul R. Lindholm, who has specialized in Christian stewardship education, stopped in Istanbul July 8-10 enroute from Nigeria, Ethiopia and Egypt to New York for a meeting with local church leaders. The Rev. Romain A. Swedenburg, Pastor of the Community Church of Beirut, Mrs. Swedenburg and two sons spent several days sightseeing in Istanbul. Also visiting from Beirut were Dr. William Halladay, Professor of Old Testament at the Near East School of Theology, Mrs. Halladay, Catherine, David, Martin and Peter. Mr. and Mrs. J. Richard Irvine and family, serving in Iran with the United Presbyterian Commission were here for a few days, as were the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Wyatt of the Greenbelt Community Church, Greenbelt, Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. Necdet Ayas passed through Istanbul on their way for a visit to Mrs. Ayas' family in England. Mr. and Mrs. Ayas are operating a private school in the building used formerly as a Mission Clinic in Adana. Newly returned from a year of furlough in the United States were George and Grace Privratsky with two of their boys, Brod and Scott, Bruce remaining in the States to continue his education at Deerfield Academy. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Noyce of White Plains, New York, spent a few days in Istanbul on their way home after a year in Ceylon where Mr. Noyce has been teaching at the University of Colombo. Mrs. Noyce was formerly Miss Marjorie Hostetter who taught at the Merzifon Girls' School from 1928-1931. Mr. Paul James, senior medical student at the University of

Wisconsin School of Medicine, arrived in Istanbul June 12 to spend the summer at work in our Gaziantep Hospital. Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Barker of Pierce College, Athens, 1964-65, visited in Istanbul. Dr. Barker is a professor of Sociology from the University of Colorado, and Mrs. Barker is librarian for the Bureau of Standards, Boulder, Colorado. Mrs. Clara Chassell Cooper, who has been teaching psychology at Tunghai University, Taiwan, visited briefly in Istanbul on her way home to Berea, Kentucky.

On Sunday, June 13, Melvin Wittler gave the Commencement Address at the Near East School of Theology in Beirut. Mission members in attendance at the Jerusalem Study Conference sponsored by the Near East Council of Churches were: Mrs. Marion Brandon, of the Talas Nute Clinic Staff, Miss Miriam Huber and Miss Sue Walcott of the Üsküdar Girls' School, Mrs. Leonette Wishard, Izmir, Drs. Richard and Virginia Updegraff of Gaziantep Hospital and Mrs. Viola Richardson also of Gaziantep Hospital. They report a most interesting and challenging program with outstanding leaders.

Mrs. Garabad K. Daghljan (Alice Carolyn Bower) who served as a nurse in the hospital at Aintab from 1907 until her marriage in 1914 to Dr. Daghljan, died at the age of 84 on April 8, 1965 in New London, Connecticut. Dr. Daghljan's address is 35 Sherman Street, New London, Connecticut.

Nathan Wittler was in Admiral Bristol Hospital for two weeks for corrective surgery. Ruth Jones, of the Izmir School also underwent major surgery in Izmir. Dr. Virginia Canfield has been in the hospital recently for treatment for erysipelas. Jason Scheideman, son of Jean and Jerry Scheideman of the Üsküdar faculty, is still wearing a cast on his broken leg, but should soon be returning to full activity. Gladys Jensen, recovering from torn ligaments in her knee as the result of a fall continues to make steady improvement and is now once again living in her apartment on the Üsküdar campus. Sophie Eldridge, recovering from her operation for a detached retina is still being watched closely by her doctor at the Eye Bank Hospital in Ankara.

On Sunday afternoon May 30th, there was a revival of an old custom--a Memorial Day service in the Feriköy Cemetery where so many missionaries of the American Board as well as former teachers from Robert College, consular representatives, and other Americans are buried. Children distributed flowers to all the graves and a fine memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Edward Radcliff with participation by U.S. Consul General Lansing V. Collins and Melvin A. Wittler.

Worthy of note as a civic improvement in Istanbul was the opening of the pedestrian underpass in Karaköy. The process of building has been long, but now that it is open to our admiring view and we see not only a six-way underpass but also shops under the street we feel repaid for minor inconveniences these past months.

Mr. Paul H. Nilson, Bible Society representative in Turkey, together with his wife Jean and sons, Geoffrey, Teddy and Arthur left the end of May to spend the summer in the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Blake flew to the United States to help celebrate the 60th Wedding Anniversary of the Fred Goodsells, Mrs. Blake's mother and father. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keller have moved into a new home in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Mrs. Keller's mother, Mrs. Ruby Birge, will be with them as much as possible during her furlough year which is just

beginning. The new address is 2709 Towner Blvd., Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48104. Other Mission members going to the States for furlough are Bill and Ann Edmonds, of the Publication Department with their children, Colin, Robert, Susan and James. They will be living next year at 52 Westminster, Hamden, Conn. 06518, during the time that Bill will be studying at Yale Divinity School. Fred and Mary Alice Shepard, after a busy year at the Talas School are on their way home on furlough with their four children, Susan, Margaret, Lorrin and Whitman. Dr. Warren Winkler and Mrs. Winkler left Istanbul July 3 for the United States following seven years service in Talas Nute Clinic. Dr. Winkler will spend some time working with the Board's Personal Department prior to entering a residency in a Chicago hospital later this year. The Rev. Wallace Robeson and Mrs. Robeson and daughter, Mary Heather, are visiting in the United States after completing a five-year term at the Izmir Girls' School. They will return in the fall to go to the Talas School where Mr. Robeson will be the Principal for the coming year.

A "Writing for Children" workshop, sponsored by the World Literacy and Christian Literature Committee of the Division of Overseas Ministries, NCC, New York, was held at Alexandria, Egypt, from July 5 to 24 under the direction of Mr. Habib Said of Cairo and Miss Marion Van Horne of New York. Twenty-one writers, editors, teachers and professors spent three weeks learning more about the technique of writing for children, and in actually writing stories which will be printed for use in the Near East, especially the Arabic-speaking area. Dorothy Blatter of the Publication Department served as consultant in illustrating, and also advisor to the participants in writing techniques. Miss Dorothea Teeter of the Tripoli Girls' School, in addition to helping the delegates with their writing, guided them in choice of subject material. About 50 stories were produced during the workshop, some with illustrations, but even more important was the training the delegates received, for this should bear fruit in the months and years ahead as these writers seek to improve the level of children's literature in their areas.

In recent weeks, too, the Publication Department has related itself more closely to Turkish newspapers and periodicals, as a result of the efforts of Roy Kietzman, who has been working in the Department for the past few months. Press releases about new books have gone to about 480 editors throughout the country, helping to report our work in newspapers from Edremit to Van, and from Samsun to Iskenderun. Offering articles by Mary Lou Winkler about social concern in Turkey brought 37 requests from interested newspapers.

An international seminar on literacy-teaching and simple literature sponsored by the World Literacy and Christian Literature Committee of the Department of Overseas Ministries of the National Council of Churches, New York, was held from May 11 to June 12 in Jerusalem. Robert Avery attended the second half of the seminar directed at the problem of producing and financing simple literature. Delegates were present from Puerto Rico, Indonesia, Ghana, Brazil, and a dozen or so other countries.

Dr. William L. Nute, Jr., writes from New York of meeting Dikran Donchian, an active member of the New York Monthly Meeting of Friends, a grandson of Dikran Donchian, whose name is well-known to Mission members.

Lois Huebenthal, editor

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Dear Friends:

Now that summer vacation time is over and schools have resumed, life has returned to normal.

We welcome the following New Personnel to the Near East Mission: at the American Collegiate Institute in Izmir, Miss Antoinette Hondelink of Rochester, New York; Miss Joan McQuain, Rainelle, West Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd T. NeSmith, Florham Park, New Jersey; Mrs. Julia Tigner, Gasport, New York; at the American School for Boys in Talas, Mr. John Van Horn, Avalon, Wisconsin; at the American College, Tarsus, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Deaver of Arizona State College, Flagstaff, Arizona; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ehly, Montclair, New Jersey; at the American Academy for Girls, Üsküdar, Istanbul, Miss Judith Chapman, Bellevue, Ohio; Miss Susan Combs, Salt Lake City, Utah; Mrs. Harriett James, Lawrence, Kansas; Mrs. Lelia Matthews, Burton, Texas; Miss Sylvia Thorne, Atlanta, Georgia.

Visitors to Istanbul have been: the Reverend and Mrs. Victor O. Wallgren, Jr., Pastor of the First Congregational Church in Thomaston, Connecticut, on August 13-15; also in August, Dr. W. Baars, a Syriac scholar from the Netherlands who was guided during his visit to Eastern Turkey by Emmanuel Bağdaş. In September, Mrs. Catherine Linder of the Office of Communication of the United Church of Christ, visited with her daughter, Fay, who returned to Istanbul for her second year of teaching at Girls' College in Arnavutköy; the Reverend and Mrs. Joseph A. Howell of the Board for Homeland Ministry. Dr. Fred Rex of the Christian Literature and World Literacy Committee was in Istanbul for several days on his way back to the United States from a meeting in Teheran, Iran; Mr. Frederick Allen, Consultant of Persian Broadcasting, from Teheran, Iran, visited for several days in Istanbul. Following Sunday morning service September 19, in the Dutch Chapel, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Palmer, Mrs. Weihing and children of Lincoln, Nebraska, joined a group from the Near East Mission for a picnic excursion out to the "old walls" and the Eyüp Mosque. Our most recent visitors have been Dr. J. T. Seamonds, Professor of Christian Missions at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky, Miss Sara Lee Tuck, Springfield, Missouri, Mr. Bernard Guckgejian of Worcester, Massachusetts, Mrs. Lucy Bannis of Los Angeles, California, Mr. John Dean of the British Bible Society, London, Mr. John Erickson, newly appointed Asia Secretary of the American Bible Society, and the Reverend J. K. Moody, Chaplain of the Anglican Church, Ankara.

Friends and colleagues of Miss Mabel Long will be sad to learn that she passed away in Claremont, California on September 28, two days before her 78th birthday. Miss Long's missionary service began in Samokov, Bulgaria, in 1920. She taught at Pierce College from 1945-1954, for two periods she was Acting President of Pierce College. Then in 1941 she returned for four years of teaching in Tarsus, Üsküdar, and Izmir in Turkey, and in Aleppo, Syria. Her brother, Mr. Thomas G. Long, lives at 1436 Chicago Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan.

Miss Mary Ingle, well known for her long service at Anatolia College, Thessaloniki, Greece, flew to Baghdad on September 3, to take up her new duties at the American Girls School there. She writes enthusiastically of her associates and her experiences. Our best wishes go with her as she enters upon this new venture.

Miss Hilaria Alaan, who served in the Gaziantep Hospital as nurse for a five-year term, sailed from San Francisco on September 14 bound for her home in the Philippines.

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Harold and Ann Schoup, unable to work in Aleppo College, Syria, are a welcome addition to the faculty of the Izmir School this fall.

Dr. and Mrs. Jack Brown, formerly of Gaziantep Hospital, have moved from Cincinnati to Seattle, where Dr. Brown is now engaged in psychiatric work. Their new address is: 916 36th Street, Seattle, Washington.

Miss Deloris Baird, teacher at the Üsküdar School for two years, became Mrs. Wayne Williams on August 14th. Her address is 506 Cherry Street, Lansing, Michigan. Miss Margaret Geroch, teacher at the Izmir School for three years was married on August 28 to Wilson W. Bradburn. Both are graduates of Wooster College, but they renewed their acquaintance in Turkey while he was doing military service in Sinop. Rebekah Jean Somes, teacher in Izmir for four years, now teaching in Massachusetts will marry Harold Crampton next summer. They met in Izmir while he was serving in the NATO Forces.

Friends of Frank and Barbara Stone will be saddened to learn that their infant daughter, Ann Emel, born in Mersin on September 19, died on October 24 of a complication of diseases.

In our last issue we reported on the opening of the new Karaköy underpass, now we feel that a change in the Istanbul skyline should be reported: the Galata Fire Tower has had its top removed, and there is a rumor that a touristic center and restaurant are to be opened there.

The many friends and colleagues of Bill and Jean Griswold will be interested to hear that they and the children, Jimmy, Ruthie and David have now returned to the States after two years in Istanbul during which time Bill was completing his doctoral dissertation. Address: Department of History, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado 80522.

The Rev. John A. Kingsbury, enthusiastic member of the Near East Mission 1954-59, and staunch supporter of the Mission thereafter, died on October 17 of cancer of the lungs after a brief illness. His wife, Sara, is living at 1421 South 18th Avenue, Maywood, Illinois where John had been serving as Pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church and of Calvary Community Church of Christ. Our sympathy goes out to Sara and the children, Robert, Erika and Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nilson, Sr. have returned to Iskenderun for a visit. Alan (Mick) McCain--Talas 1961-64--was married on September 11. Bill and Ann Edmonds and Ruby Birge represented the Mission at the wedding. Mrs. Yura Sihon (Winnie Hertzog), Üsküdar 1960-63, has a new baby boy. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Patriquin, Nancy Wittler's parents, visited in Istanbul for several weeks this summer. There were two grandchildren whom they had not seen before, Heather and Kent with whom it was their joy to get acquainted.

From August 10-15 the Middle East Study Seminar of the National Student Christian Federation was in Istanbul, quartered at the Girls College in Arnavutköy. They were a group of 30 young people from several countries and varied religious backgrounds engaged in a six-week study tour of the Near East.

The Üsküdar Alumnae Association has held its first business meeting of the year in conjunction with a Tea to which the faculty had invited them. They have set up nine standing committees and are making ambitious plans including various social service projects.

Lois Huebenthal, Editor

Dear Friends:

The following chart gives statistics for the school year 1965-66 as gathered from the reports of the eight schools in Lebanon, Syria, and Turkey.

	ENROLLMENT								1964 GRADUATES			TEACHERS						COSTS		
	Preps	Middle	Lycee	Jr. College	Other	Graduate	Total	Boarders	Scholarships	Middle	Lycee	Other	UCB	National Full-time	National Part-time	Other	Total	Additional UCB Staff	Tuition	Boarding
ALEPPO BOYS' DIVISION ¹	—	249	88	36	—	—	373	52	?	50	27	34	2	?	?	?		—	350-500	1,200
ALEPPO GIRLS' DIVISION	—	145	53	17	—	—	215	—	?	30	15	20	1	?	?	?		—	350-400	—
GAZIANTEP NURSING ²	—	—	—	—	22	—	22	22	22	—	—	7	4	—	4	—	8	2	—	—
IZMIR	98	252	240	56	—	—	590	52	38	59	51	—	18	6	24	8	56	5	1570	1930
NEAR EAST SCHOOL OF 6 THEOLOGY, BEIRUT	—	—	—	—	32	40	72	26	29	—	—	2	1	1	1	4	7	—	600	750
TALAS	50	113	—	—	—	—	163	163	7	40	—	—	11	1	6	—	18	—	1300	1900
TARSUS ⁴	48	113	148	—	302	—	611	201	37	22	31	—	15	6	8	1	30	3	1400	2300
ÜSKÜDAR	92	212	196	—	1	—	501	151	17	55	66	—	18	7	15	3	43	1	1634	2000

1) At Aleppo College the Baccalaureate equals the lycee, and graduates of the 2nd Secondary Class as listed under "Others."

2) Nursing School in Gaziantep pays its students rather than charging them tuition.

3) There are additional fees for such things as labs, laundry, or piano lessons, for each school.

4) Tarsus has 200 primary school students on Saturday mornings, and uses its lycee students in an English teaching program. For the 11th year, evening classes are being held, and 100 students enrolled in English, German, French, and typing courses.

5) Costs are listed in the currency of the country: Syrian pounds, Lebanese pounds, and Turkish lira.

6) Of the 40 graduate students enrolled in the Near East School of Theology, nationalities are as follows: 20 Lebanese, 11 Syrian, 4 Iranian, 3 Turkish, 4 American, Sudan 1, Kenya 1, Indonesia 1, Angola 1, Cyprus 1, Jordan 1, Egypt 1, Nansen 1.