

Bible House, Istanbul, January 11, 1946.

Dear Friends:

With this first letter of the New Year we express our good wishes to all our readers for their happiness and prosperity and join our hope to yours that 1946 may see great advances in international unity and in the solution of the great problems before the nations.

Mrs. Gifford Collins with her small son arrived here December 16th on the "Güneysu" to join her husband at Robert College after spending the later war years in America. Eleanor remains at school in America.

With Mrs. Collins came Prof. and Mrs. Meservey for work at the Colleges. At present Prof. Meservey is teaching Physics at the Girls' College.

Rev. W. Clark Kerr writes of his regret in informing the Union Church Committee that he will not return to resume his former post as Pastor of the Union Church. He is now beginning a year of work among the Services in the Middle East as Director of Welfare and as minister of St. Andrew's Church, Jerusalem, which will be his address this year.

We regret to learn that Mrs. Harriet Blake Miller, mother of Mr. E.C. Blake, died suddenly on November 6th, while the Blakes were visiting on the West Coast. It will be recalled that Mrs. Miller visited Turkey and her family here in the spring of 1933.

A daughter, Eleanor Kathryn Bliss, was born to Dean and Mrs. Bliss of Robert College at the American Hospital on January 3rd.

Miss Edith Parsons writes in December of being very comfortably and happily settled with her brother and his family at 1240 Drake Ave., Burlingame, Calif. after various visits in the East.

Miss Evelyn Woodward has joined her sisters in South Wales for a short time, at Wolverley, New Road, Haverford, West. Her permanent address, however, continues to be Little Benhams, Horsham, Sussex.

Letters from Athens indicate that Mr. Lyman MacCallum is improving and hoping to leave the British Military Hospital at Ellenico in time to join his family here at the end of the month. Mrs. J. Riggs Brewster has been ill many weeks and is being cared for at the same hospital, this illness being the result of the strenuous journey from Naples to Taranto on the trip out from America, which again stirred up an old health difficulty.

Mr. Paul Nilson arrived here from Ankara January 1st and has been renewing contacts with old pupils and friends while awaiting for a place on a boat to America. His passage to-day on a Liberty ship from Izmir was made definite on Tuesday and he left Wednesday evening for Izmir via Bandirma. We trust that he will not be delayed further on his way home for his well-deserved furlough.

According to a cable received in December, it is expected that Mr. and Mrs. Blake and Jacklyn, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Lyman, Mr. and Mrs. Compton and Miss Gwinn for Thessaloniki, Miss Julie Hodges for Athens, are now on the Gripsholm, enroute to the Mission. Mrs. Lorrin Shepard plans to leave America by the end of the month on one of the Fern Line steamers.

During the past three weeks, Farnsworth Fowle's verbal reports to CBS in America have been heard between 15:00 and 15:15 o'clock Turkish time, on a strong Moscow station in the 25meter band, 11:83 K.C.

Sincerely,

Elvesta T. Leslie



Dear Friends:

Mr. Lyman MacCallum arrived home from Greece last Friday night, the 18th, via the Export Line steamer "Examiner" which arrived in port late in the evening. About midnight Mr. MacCallum made his unexpected appearance at the Bible House apartment.

By the same steamer came also Mr. and Mrs. Warden Baker from Piraeus where Mr. Baker is located as British Consul. They are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Middleton Edwards.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. J. Riggs Brewster could return to her home at 65 Aphrodite St., Old Phaleron, on January 12 from the Military Hospital at Ellenico where she has spent many weeks.

Mr. Wm. Sage Woolworth, Jr. was present at the ceremony in the Albany Hospital when Dorothy was capped as a student nurse on Nov. 3rd. She is taking a combined course at Russell Sage College and nurse's training at Albany Hospital, which leads to the B.S. degree. The Woolworths are occupying the "Harding, West" Apartment at 165 Grove St., Auburndale. Bob is in the Junior class at Newton High School. Mr. and Mrs. Woolworth have spent some time in Bridgeport, Conn. speaking, and visiting friends in the United Church whose representatives they are in foreign work.

A letter from Washington reports the death on December 15th. of Mrs. Mark L. Bristol, who had been ill for six years following a motor accident. Funeral services were held at the Fort Myer Chapel, and burial was in the Arlington National Cemetery beside her husband who was American High Commissioner in Turkey from 1919 to 1927. The Counsellor of the Turkish Embassy in Washington attended these ceremonies in token of the respect felt by the Turkish Government and people for these American friends who stood by them during the early struggles of the Turkish Nationalist Movement.

Rev. Carl H. Kopf, Pastor of Mt. Vernon Church, Boston, and a member of the Prudential Committee of the American Board, was the orator of the day at the annual observance of Forefathers' Day at Middlebury, Vt. December 21st, and Mr. Charles T. Riggs was one of the after-dinner speakers at the banquet following.

Rev. Leon Arpee of Athens, Ohio, son of the late Rev. Stepan Chorigian of this city, is the author of the first in a series of books to be published by the Armenian Missionary Association of America in commemoration of the Centennial of the Evangelical Church in Turkey, in 1946. It is entitled "A History of Armenian Christianity" and is a volume of 365 pages. A second volume by this author will deal with the Evangelical movement among the Armenians. Mr. Arpee was a pupil of Mr. Charles Riggs at Robert College and his classmate at Auburn Seminary, later holding pastorates in American churches.

Mr. Harry T. Baker retired from the Y.M.C.A. on December 1st and became associated with the National U.S.O. whose offices are in the Empire State Building. He is associate executive for New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey, which work involves considerable travelling about.

Many former residents of this city attended the Annual Tea at the Town Hall club, New York, given by Prof. George and Elizabeth Huntington on November 9th to friends of Turkey days. Among those present were the Bakers, Mr. Rupen Semerjian and bride, Bay ve Bayan Kenan Ipekci, Serge Lupenko and his mother, Miss Kuloefs (formerly of C.C., now with Sarah Lawrence College), Miss Fosdick, Miss Monroe, Mrs. C.D. Campbell, Mary Gleason, Sarah Ravendal, Selma Riza and brother, Dr. and Mrs. Sydney Fisher and son Alan, Mrs. Anne Barnum and daughters Ruth and Eleanor, Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Fisher.

Sincerely,

Elvesta T. Leslie



White House, Istanbul, February 5, 1946.

Dear Friends:

Mr. Alford Carleton writes from 666 Grove Street, Auburndale, Mass. that the family is getting well settled and is much enjoying life in the United States. Mr. Carleton had visited Washington, Princeton and New York on business.

The Carletons had called on Miss Marion Sheldon at the Newton Hospital where she is recovering from a broken hip and now "feeling very much like herself again." She hoped to be able to leave the hospital by this time.

Mid-year holidays at the Women's College and Robert College end to-morrow. Miss Rachel Smith has spent her vacation visiting at the Girls' School in Izmir. Messrs. Avery and Wilkins have visited Gassiantep. Others have spent several days at Brousa.

Mrs. Mary Monedjicova returns to-morrow to Sofia after a two weeks' visit here as guest of President and Mrs. Black of Robert College.

We regret to learn that Dr. Ernest Fye of Winter Park, Florida, was ill with pneumonia during November but are glad his recovery was such that he hoped to be home from the hospital in early December.

Dr. Glora Wysner, Secretary of the Moslem Lands Committee of the Foreign Missions Council of North America, has been making a trip to various cities in Iran, Iraq and Syria, being expected in Beirut on January 17th. To our great regret word has reached us that she will be unable to visit us in Turkey as we had hoped.

Dr. J. L. Dodds, Secretary for India, Iraq, and Syria of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions in New York, has been visiting stations of that Mission in North Syria in January. He is also Chairman of the Aleppo College Board of Trustees in Boston and while in Aleppo attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Managers of the College.

Word has been received of the marriage of Lorraine Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren E. Bristol, to Peter Arnold Wick in Monterey, California. Mr. Bristol spent several years here as a Secretary in the Y.M.C.A. after World War I.

Christmas Greetings from Mr. and Mrs. Raymond White give their address as 904 College St., Larned, Kans. Mr. White's work is connected with three rural churches and he is finding satisfaction in being back in the county of his birth. Their son, Ems. Burnley ("Bob White") was still on Iwo Jima as Bomb Disposal Officer when last heard from and daughter Josephine is busy in high school activities.

We are happy to learn that Miss Mabel Emerson, Secretary for the Near East of our Board in Boston, is planning a visit to us in the late spring and early summer. She hopes to visit North Syria, Greece, and Turkey and to attend the annual meeting of the Mission here in June.

At an evening gathering recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bliss, the engagement of Miss Shirley Jackson of the Women's College to Mr. Robert Butterfield of Robert College was announced. Miss Jackson was a new arrival last fall while Mr. Butterfield has spent several years here.

Sincerely,

Elvesta T. Leslie



Bible House, Istanbul, February 15, 1946.



Dear Friends:

Mr. Luther R. Fowle left for Izmir last Friday on a short business trip, returning Wednesday morning on the over-night boat from Bandirma.

With him came Mr. and Mrs. Everett C. Blake and Jacklyn who spent Wednesday here and continued on their way to Talas by the Taurus Express Thursday morning. The Blakes, together with Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Lyman, Mr. and Mrs. Compton, Miss Gwinn and Miss Hodges were passengers on the "Gripsholm", sailing January 10th from America and which touched in the eastern Mediterranean first at Alexandria. Not having Egyptian visas the Lymans and Blakes could not take advantage of the Turkish steamer leaving shortly for Izmir and Istanbul and thus they accompanied the group for Greece to Saloniki and Piraeus. By a lucky chance they were able to take an American boat directly to Izmir, arriving there February 6. Mr. and Mrs. Blake will assist in the Talas school till June in the absence of Mr. Nilson on furlough. Mr. and Mrs. Lyman are expected here by the next Turkish steamer from Greece.

Prof. Patrick DuVal of the Mathematics Department of Istanbul University is rejoicing in the arrival from England of his wife and mother. The reunited family continue to occupy the apartment on Mitat Paşa Caddesi, Gedik Paşa, which he took over from the Misses Dwight and Parsons.

A telegram from Mrs. Virginia Shepard from Tunis informs Dr. Shepard that she and Constance expect to arrive here after March 1st.

A long awaited and heavy American mail arrived on Wednesday, continuing to bring Christmas messages and the annual letters which keep us in touch with friends and former days here.

Mrs. Arthur Ryan writes from 910 Enderby Drive, Alexandria, Va., that her son Alden is busy at the Naval Research Laboratories in Washington, D.C.

Thru Mrs. Ryan we learn of the death some months ago of Mrs. Caroline Peet Hemphill who spent some years here with her brother Dr. William W. Peet, arriving in December 1921 on her 75th birthday. After his retirement she accompanied him to Greece on his mission to the Eastern churches. Later they made their home first in Claremont, Calif. and then in Chattanooga. Shortly before his death in September 1942, Dr. Peet went to Ames, Iowa to be with his son Will Peet and his sister made her home with her son. Mrs. Hemphill was 99 years old.

Mrs. Louise Peet is teaching Home Economics at Iowa State College, but she had been able to attend Hartwell's wedding in Syracuse, N.Y.

Yesterday brought us the first real snow storm and the winter. In the midst of it, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Thomson embarked on the "John Phillips Sousa" which left the harbor about noon-time for the U.S. The Thomsons will visit their daughter Margaret Biggs in Boston and his mother aged 89 in British Columbia. They will return to Istanbul via England where they will visit Mrs. Thomson's father, also aged 89.

Mr. Paul Nilson reports from Gibraltar on January 18th, and after taking on fuel oil for several hours they were to sail directly for Norfolk, arriving there January 30th.

Word of the death of Ir. Clarence R. Johnson at Saranac, New York on January 18th has reached Robert College.

The Near East Fellowship of So. California met on December 8th. at Altadena at the home of Mrs. Wylie Browne. Sixty-five were present, and Mr. George White spoke of his and Mrs. White's social work among the miners in Cyprus.

Sincerely,

Elvesta T. Leslie



Dear Friends:

Dr. Clarence R. Johnson whose death in January was reported in our preceding letter, will be remembered as an instructor in English at Robert College 1911-12 and professor of Sociology there from 1921-1923. For many years he courageously fought ill-health and continued many varied interests during his invalidism. In the last few years at Saranac Lake he and Mrs. Johnson (Lomie Lee Smith) published a series of booklets which had a wide circulation, particularly among the armed forces.

Mrs. Esther Hoover (Mrs. Alden) lives at 131 Cameron Lane, Charlottesville, Va. just across the street from her daughter, Katherine, whose husband John Canady since his return from war service in the south Pacific teaches art and architecture at the University of Virginia. Margie Hoover is now Mrs. James S. Brooks whose home is in Stillwater, Oklahoma where Mr. Brooks is also a teacher. Mrs. Hoover has five grandchildren in these two families.

Dr. and Mrs. George N. White who are in a Claremont, Calif. nursing home, were expecting a visit from their daughter Margaret at Christmas time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest O. Jacob send greetings from their new address at Suite 915, 420 Lexington Ave., New York 17. Mr. Jacob has retired from the West Side Branch Y.M.C.A. but is helping the Y.M.C.A. of the City of New York in its Capital and Rehabilitation Campaign. Their son, Philip, is an Assistant Professor in Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Ernest Pye has completed a two-volume work on the life and teachings of Dr. Bosworth of Oberlin and this is soon to be published. Hubert, a Lieutenant in the Navy, has recently returned from the Pacific area; Edward is with the Ryan Aircraft Co. at San Diego and has been working on the Navy's FR-1, a fighter plane combining engine power and jet propulsion. Willard has been exploring for petroleum in an area extending from New Mexico to Montana, but is now at his headquarters in Denver. Donald left his graduate work at Leland Stanford for work at various laboratories as a chemist investigating the new element, Plutonium in connection with the atomic bomb. All four sons are married and Dr. and Mrs. Pye have three grandchildren.

We learn from a recent Oberlin Alumni Bulletin that Arthur J. Martin, '23, (youngest brother of Miss Jessie E. Martin of our Scutari Girls' Academy), Dean of the College of Law at Ohio State University at Columbus, is one of the 150 persons being considered for the presidency of Oberlin College.

William O. Baxter (formerly of Robert College) was to leave Washington on February 15th. as a member of the American Mission to observe the elections in Greece.

The State department has announced that a bilateral Air Transport agreement between the United States and Turkish governments was concluded in Ankara on February 12th. The route to be operated by American Air Services under this agreement extends from the United States thru Central Europe to Turkey and beyond to India, via intermediate points, with commercial stops for international traffic at both Istanbul and Ankara. Pan American airways is the air line which has been designated by the civil aeronautics board for this route. Turkish air services are accorded reciprocal rights on a route to the United States to be determined at a later date.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie



Dear Friends:

Mr. Luther R. Fowle left for Ankara last Friday afternoon after learning that morning by cable that the Committee for Philanthropic Agencies investigating the purchase of Surplus War Supplies, would meet in Cairo on February 27th rather than in mid-March. By good fortune he was able to continue his journey to Egypt by an American plane which unexpectedly arrived in Ankara Monday just before noon and left again about 1:00 P.M.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Lyman arrived late Monday evening from Athens where they had disembarked from the "Gripsholm" on its last trip. They had a wait of several weeks there before making the connection with the Turkish steamer, Güneysu, which brought them here.

Mrs. Lorrin A. Shepard and daughter Constance are expected here on March 7th.

The Christmas letter from Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Stevens (Jean and Steve) formerly of the Istanbul YMCA, tells of a very interesting past year, their tenth in Panama, in which they have served the needs and helped in the entertainment of the many soldiers which have passed through the Canal going both to the west and to the east on some of our most famous warships. John Stevens and wife Dorothy are at Cristobal with their three children. Leslie lives in Grand Rapids, Michigan, 430 Madison Ave. with her husband, W. H. McClave (recently Lt. Comdr. in the Navy) and two little boys, Jane (Tiny) with baby daughter is at Austin, Texas, near her husband, Captain John C. H. Steele, who is at Camp Swift. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens expected to have a winter trip north to a USO Conference in New York, January 14-19. They were to visit Chicago, Cincinnati and in Texas on their way back.

Mr. Joseph W. Beach, known to many as Joe Beach in the days of his service with the Near East Relief, is pastor of the First Universalist Church, 72 Pleasant Street, Worcester 8, Mass.

Mrs. H. M. Irwin (Genevieve D.) is now living at 6 Warren Ave., Ottawa, Ontario when she is not with her daughter Genevieve (Mrs. Harry Rowed and granddaughter Daphne) who live near Ottawa. Corinne with her husband, Dr. Donald McEachern, and two children, Gail and John, lives in Montreal. Hugh Irwin is with the British Occupation troops in the Rhine section and is busy with the problem of displaced persons.

At a meeting of the Istanbul Municipal Council recently, the Mayor announced the findings of the special census taken on November 24, 1945 with a view to discovering the number of children of school-age and the degree of school attendance in this area. The census was made by house to house visitation, carried out by teachers and the students of Middle and Upper schools. The Mayor's report showed that in the Vilayet of Istanbul there are 132,713 children of primary school age, of whom only 11,673 are not registered in any school. Over one thousand of these suffer from some disability which makes school attendance impossible. The Mayor announced also that the campaign to improve school attendance and cut down absences has given such good results that in some districts the attendance figure has attained 70 per cent of the registration.

Mr. Dan Brewster was expected to arrive from America in Athens on February 25th where he had been appointed to serve as a member of the American Mission to observe the Greek elections.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie



Dear Friends:

Dr. Fred Field Goodsell has been attending the Committee and Interim of the International Missionary Council in Geneva where he planned to arrive February 13th and expected to leave about March 1st, getting back to America in mid-March. Dr. Goodsell had a smooth crossing on the Queen Elizabeth which carried 3,000 instead of the 20,000 of recent times.

Mr. Ezra P. Young had a business trip to Ankara in February and from there visited Samsun as the guest of General and Bayan Rüstü Erdelhün, formerly of Istanbul. Friends of the Men's Dersane will rejoice to hear that after several years of negotiation with the Department of Education, permission has finally been granted to increase the Dormitory from ten to thirty beds. This will be a boon to many young men studying in Istanbul University, who experience great difficulty in finding suitable places to stay in the city. The Dersane also passed another milestone on the 1st of March, with the registration of the 500th student in its classes and activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Curt Mulhausen of Robert College, left last Sunday on the S. S. Executor for America where he is called for his military service. Mr. Mulhausen spent part of his vacation last summer in showing educational films in Kayseri and other places.

Mme Mohai and a fellow country-woman were also passengers on the "Executor". Mme Mohai is joining her daughter, Mrs. Semih Temel, and family in New York.

Mr. George Williams is expected to return for another year at Robert College from Cairo where he had gone to regularize the matter of his military service.

Miss Jessie E. Martin received word last Saturday of the death of her brother, Arthur T. Martin, Dean of the College of Law at Ohio State University, mentioned in one of our former letters. News of his illness during recent months had not reached Miss Martin until Friday. Her friends sympathize deeply in her sad loss.

Dr. and Mrs. William L. Nute, Sr. report the birth on January 27th of a new granddaughter, Irine Rose, in the home of Dr. and Mrs. William L. Nute, Jr. Irine Rose is the namesake of Mrs. Irine Sinanoglu of the Women's College here.

With the Tunnel between Galata and Pera temporarily closed pending the receipt of new cables, those who prefer walking to the crowded tram cars, are rejoicing that "Step Street" has been newly paved in easy steps. Iron bars spaced at intervals indicate the separation of up-going from down-coming pedestrians but all do not yet take note of this suggestion to keep to the right.

Miss Hazel A. Coff, formerly in charge here of the Kizilay Nurses' Training School in Istanbul, for the past year has been doing a similar piece of pioneer work in Lisbon, Portugal, at the Escola Technica de Enfermeira, Palhava, which is situated in modern buildings dating from 1944.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta L. Leslie



Dear Friends:

Mr. Herman H. Kreider arrived here Monday evening, March 11th on the Roumanian steamer "Transylvania" from Alexandria where he spent only twenty-four hours after landing from a Victory ship from America. Mrs. Kreider and their two daughters expect to return in the summer. The "Transylvania" makes trips every three weeks from Istanbul to Marseilles, Alexandria, Beirut, etc.

The Norwegian steamer "Fernbrook" finally came into our harbor Thursday evening the 14th, after a two months' voyage from America, bringing Mrs. Shepard and Constance as passengers. They had enjoyed (?) a lengthy tour of the Mediterranean, Haifa and Beirut being among the ports where they were allowed to land.

Mr. Luther R. Fowle came up from Cairo to Beirut last week and reports regarding the matter of Surplus War Supplies that so little of what is required by our Board institutions had so far been posted as available for sale, that no orders had been placed. He will review the situation when he returns to Cairo on April 1st for the N.E.C.C. meeting. In the meantime he is spending a week each in Beirut and Aleppo where he will attend the College Board of Managers' meeting on the 29th. Mr. H. W. Glocker and Mr. Paul Allen of Beirut have also been in Cairo to purchase supplies, but Mr. Allen has returned to Beirut.

Rev. Norman Goodall, Secretary of the International Missionary Council expects to arrive in Cairo on March 28th to attend the meeting of the N.E.C.C. April 2-5th. He will also visit Palestine and the Lebanon.

A telegram from Athens last Sunday tells of the arrival there from Cyprus of Miss Emily McCallum.

Mrs. Alexander MacLachlan fell in her home in Kingston, Canada, in January and broke her hip. She was being cared for in the general Hospital of the city.

From the Beirut News Letter we learn that Prof. William A. West of Beirut has received a cable reporting the sudden death of his mother, Mrs. Robert H. West in Chicago on March 8th. Mrs. West was born in Damascus, a daughter of Rev. John Crawford of the Irish Presbyterian Mission. She spent several years here at Robert College making a home for her daughter, Miss Margaret West, who was Secretary to Dr. Walter L. Wright.

The Danish Mission K.M.A. has decided to close its work in Beirut, but will continue the Birds' Nest Orphanage in Jubail. Miss M. P. Jacobsen is now in charge of the Mission work since the retirement of Miss Peterson.

"Strange Destiny", the motion picture story of the life of Asa Jennings, Y.M.C.A. Secretary and later, founder of the "American Friends of Turkey" organization, was being shown through January at the Loew's theatres in the Metropolitan area of New York.

A cable from Boston received yesterday announces that Miss Mabel E. Emerson, Board Secretary for the Near East, and Pres. Alford Carleton are sailing on March 29th from America for Alexandria on the Vulcania. Miss Emerson will visit Greece at her earliest opportunity.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles House have twice been visited by burglars in their home at the Farm School, Thessalonica. Coats, blanket rugs and food have been taken on these occasions.

Yours sincerely,

Elvosta L. Leslie



Dear Friends:

Tarsus College began its Spring vacation last Friday and will resume work for the final term on April 1st. Mrs. Maynard and Miss Yarrow are spending this week in Gaziantep.

Dr. Fred Field Goodsell was not able to fly from Lisbon to New York as the Spanish-French border had been closed to all travel. He was hoping transportation via Liberty or Victory ship from Antwerp, a trip of nine days.

Miss Edith F. Parsons spent five weeks in southern California during January and February and saw many of those formerly of our Mission. Among these were Miss Nina Rice, Miss Jillson, Miss McNaughton, Mrs. Sewny, the Mardens, Getchells and Vroomans and others formerly connected with International College.

Miss Stella Loughridge and her sister have left Los Angeles to be near their niece at Auburn, California.

The engagement is announced of Miss Anne Slater of the Women's College and Mr. Richard Dunlap of Robert College. The young people arrived here last autumn, Miss Slater in September and Mr. Dunlap in November.

John Kenmison Stene Jr. weighing 8 lbs. 6 oz. was born January 29th at the Memorial Hospital, Syracuse, N. Y. His father John K. Stene is assistant trial judge advocate with the American occupation force in Korea. Mrs. Stene with Ingrid and "Kenny" expect to be with her parents at Conway, Mass., after April until Mr. Stene's return to America.

Mrs. Stene mentions a Turkey get-to-gether one evening at a Providence R. I. hotel, those present being Joselyn and Jim Pond, Agnes and Ray Pearson, Mrs. Distie Potts and Frances, Margaret and Mel Biggs, and the McCreddens. The latter couple live near Providence with their small son Brion. Concerning other Robert College tutors, we learn that Mr. John Savage has been home on terminal leave and Mr. Gene Cutts who had been in Washington expected to be returned to Cairo.

The American Battleship "Missouri" is due here Friday, April 5th, and will remain till Tuesday, April 9th, bringing the remains of former Turkish Ambassador to Washington, Bay Münir Erteğün. During her stay here, elaborate plans are being made by the Turkish authorities for entertainment of the personnel of the Missouri. Among special features will be demonstrations of American baseball and football.

Mr. Dri A. Davis has been in Germany since the end of September as senior representative of the World's Committee for YMCA/YWCA. His group has charge of a programme of leisure time activities in Camps for Displaced Persons; works with German prisoners of war in Germany; and is helping to rehabilitate the work of the German YMCA.

Yours sincerely,

Elvesta T. Leslie



Dear Friends:

Dean John Bliss of Robert College with Mrs. Bliss and children, left Istanbul last Sunday, March 31st on the "Exchequer" for their vacation in America.

Dr. Lorrin A. Shepard has returned to his home again after being in the Hospital a week with grippe. Mrs. Shepard and Constance have also had their turn there this week.

Dr. William L. Lute is ill with typhoid in Talas.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Nice and children will sail from America for Istanbul late this month on a Fern Line boat. Fred Shepard has passage on the same steamer.

The deputation from the American Board which has been visiting India will visit the Near East this spring. Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Educational Secretary, sailed from Karachi to Basra yesterday and goes on to Jerusalem. Rev. Raymond A. Dudley, Associate Secretary, sails from Karachi the 10th and Dr. and Mrs. Albert Buckner Coe of Oak Park Congregational Church, Illinois, leave the 28th coming via Bagdad to Beirut. After visiting Mission work in Beirut and Aleppo they will visit our Turkey Stations.

The Near East Christian Council is holding its biennial meeting in Cairo this week, though no regular meeting has been held since 1939. Mr. Luther R. Fowle is our Mission representative from this area. Mr. F. Lyman MacCallum as a member of the Literature Committee found it impracticable to attend, and his substitute, Miss Dorothy Blatter could not get accommodations by plane in time to go. Mr. Fowle will meet with the Board of Managers of the Near East School of Theology in Beirut on April 8th and will then return to Istanbul.

This last week-end Captain Ewart Seager paid a farewell visit here from Ankara as he expects to return to America the middle of the month. Mr. John Seager joined him here from Izmir for a visit. Col. Cedric Seager was here two days this week on a brief trip from Cairo where he is associated with the American Airways.

Amid salvos of guns, the long-awaited U. S. battleship, "Missouri" has this morning cast anchor in the harbour. She is accompanied by the cruisers, "Providence" and "Power." She has brought from America the remains of Münir Ertegün, for ten years Turkey's Ambassador to Washington, who died there during the war. The casket will be brought ashore this morning at Dolmabahçe, and will be taken with full military honours to Beşiktaş. Interment will be at the Modern Cemetery at Şişli. The funeral cortege will include the personal representatives of President Truman and of Secretary of State Byrnes, as well as high officials of the Turkish government and the Turkish and American naval commanders. Throughout the afternoon there will be official exchanges of visits.

On Saturday morning an American naval detachment will lay a wreath on the monument at Taksim, and in the afternoon, as well as on Sunday and Monday, a throng of invited guests will visit the ships. Arrangements have been made for a full programme of sports as well as for the entertainments on shore with parties and sight-seeing. A silver plaque engraved with a plan of Istanbul will be affixed to the "Missouri" as a memento of the visit. The American ships will leave Tuesday. It is recalled that the last time American naval ships came into this harbor was in 1930 when the U. S. "Chester" paid a visit here.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta M. Leslie



Dear Friends:

With the arrival of the "Missouri" and attendant ships Providence and Power last Friday, the city was filled with unprecedented crowds. Schedules were arranged for thousands to visit the ships, Saturday afternoon being the time assigned for the students and staffs of the two American Colleges and of Scutari Academy to go aboard the Missouri. American sailors added to the crowds on the streets, and the general public tried in every possible way to make their visit a success. The Bedesten in the Big Bazaar sold many of its daggers and other old weapons. The USO kept open house from 1 to 11 p.m. each day at the U.S.I.S. in Pera. A party was given there each of the four evenings. The ladies of the American community provided and served refreshments.

Ambassador and Mrs. Wilson held a reception at the American Embassy Sunday afternoon in honor of Admiral Hewitt and other naval officers. The Vali and Belediye Reisi gave a ball that night at the Dolma Baghce Palace. Admiral Hewitt received special guests aboard the "Missouri" on Monday afternoon.

The American ships left the harbor Tuesday forenoon, escorted by many small boats in addition to the appointed Turkish naval vessels. The American officers and sailors were much impressed with the friendliness of the Turkish people and said that nowhere had they received a warmer welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill N. Isely arrived in the city Monday morning from Gaziantop after several days' visit in Ankara. They hope to secure passage soon for America where they are due to spend a year's furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie J. Adkins are now in Andover, Mass., where he is pastor of the West Parish Congregational Church. Their address is 185 Lowell Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Stoltzfus are expected to join the faculty at Robert College next fall. They were associated with Sofia American College for twenty-five years previous to their leaving Bulgaria in 1942. This last year Mr. Stoltzfus has been teaching at Beirut University and Mrs. Stoltzfus has been taking courses at Columbia University. She will also teach at R. C. next year.

Prof. Whittemore arrived in Istanbul last week by plane from Athens.

On April 7th at a reunion of the Cary families at Greenwich, Conn., Mary Alice Cary and Fred Shepard announced their engagement. Mary Alice is finishing her sophomore year at Wellesley and is a sister of Otis Cary whose marriage to Alice Shepard took place in December, 1944. Fred is expected in Istanbul in May and will assist Mr. Van Nice in his study of the architecture of St. Sophia.

The engagement is announced in the London Times for March 18th of Miss Diana Elizabeth Schuckburgh, elder daughter of Sir John and Lady Shuckburgh to Major Harold J. Seager. The wedding will take place in May.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie



Dear Friends:

The following paragraphs record the passing of two people long associated with Robert College and the American Community in Istanbul:

Rev. Caleb Frank Gates, D.D., L.L.D. late President of Robert College, died on April 9, 1946, in his 89th year. He retired from Robert College in 1932, and has since lived near his children in Princeton, and in Denver, Colorado, where his son Caleb is Chancellor of Denver University.

Dr. Gates has had a distinguished record of service in Turkey. Coming to the Near East in 1881 he was the Director of the American boys' school in Mardin for thirteen years; then President of Euphrates College in Harput. In 1903 he became President of Robert College, which he served for 29 years. He was especially gifted in languages, an able administrator with scholarly interests and a fine influence on many generations of students, who will recall him with honor and gratitude.

Mrs. Frewen, for many years Matron of various buildings at Robert College, died in Roumeli Hisar on April 13, 1946, in her 84th year. She taught many generations of girls in the Community School in sewing, and was a great favorite with them. She was the step-daughter of Mr. J. U. Streeter, who served in the Mission Treasury Office for over forty years. Mrs. Frewen leaves two daughters, Mrs. Vinton Tompkins and Miss Ione Frewen, both of Hisar, and for many years has made her home with her younger daughter. Many will bear her in grateful memory, for her kindly spirit and devoted service.

Mr. L. R. Fowle reached home last Sunday morning from his trip to Cairo and Syria. Enroute, Dr. W. L. Nuto, joined him in Kayseri and they both spend several days in Ankara on medical matters.

Spring vacations lasting April 13 to April 24th are being enjoyed by faculty and students of the Women's College at Arnautköy, Robert College and the English High Schools for Girls and boys.

Early last Saturday morning April 13th at his home in Bebek, Mr. Ezra Young performed the wedding ceremony which united in marriage Miss Shirley Jackson and Mr. Robert Butterfield. After the wedding breakfast at the Youngs, the newly-weds took the 9 a.m. boat for Broussa, where they will spend a brief honeymoon. They will make their home at Robert College.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrill N. Isely were able to leave here for America Tuesday morning, on the Liberty Ship "H.M. Williamson".

Miss Salsie Hipward from Gaziantep arrived last Monday morning to spend her vacation here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Birge.

Mrs. Swan Larsen is in the American Hospital recovering from a broken hip, which mishap occurred in her home at the College Gate in Bebek.

Yours sincerely,

Elvesta T. Leslie



Dear Friends:

Miss Mabel Emerson and Dr. Alford Carleton landed in Alexandria from the Vulcania on April 11th, and reached Aleppo on the 18th. Latest plans reported call for Miss Emerson's sailing from Beirut on May 8th for Athens, with hope of visiting Thessalonika also and reaching Turkey about June 1st, to visit Anatolia Stations before Annual Meeting.

The S. S. Vulcania is taking over the Mediterranean trips heretofore made by the S. S. Gripsholm. She comes out again in May, and return date from Alexandria is tentatively set for May 20th.

A telephone message from Izmir announces the birth of a daughter Frances Olivia on Easter Sunday, in the family of Mr. and Mrs. John Seager. Mrs. Leslie is with them for some days.

A letter from Rev. J. Riggs Brewster of Athens reports an impressive ordination service held in that city on April 7th at the Kokkinia Armenian Evangelical Church, when Pastors Krikor Demirjian and Giragos Farajian were ordained to be Ministers of the Gospel. Greek, Armenian, and American clergymen took part in the Service, Rev. S. Ralph Harlow making the address to the congregation; Dr. Cass Arthur Reed the charge to the candidates; and Rev. J. Riggs Brewster extending to them the right hand of fellowship. It is indeed cause for gratitude that after the trials of war and military occupation, the Evangelical Churches in Greece are girding themselves for the future, with new leadership coming forward in this task.

On his recent travels, the Treasurer met many friends and associates of other years. Miss Elizabeth Webb in voice and vigor of thought as many of us have known her, lives in her Beirut home. She watchfully fosters the fine work at the Trad Center. She sends greetings to all in the Mission circle.

Miss Martha Frearson has given up her war work in the Lebanon, and now lives quietly among her friends in Beirut. Her work for girls in Turkey and Syria in the past five decades is reflected in hundreds of homes, where her name is recalled with gratitude and affection.

Miss Annie Davies, Supt. of the Adana Hospital during the first World War, has just returned from holiday in England, to her work in Beirut. She too sends greetings to her wide circle of friends of the American Board.

Aleppo in 1946 is perhaps the outstanding city in the Near East in its generally asphalted streets, and unique stone architecture. Old and new buildings with excellent carving and decoration please the eye, while the asphaltting has done much to prevent the distressing dust of other years. Its bazaars are still the most extensive and varied in the Near East. New quarters are pushing out from the city, readily following the wide asphalted streets. The "finger of Cyprus" once pointed to the "center of the world." It is still a great city.

Yours sincerely,

Luther R. Fowle



Bible House, Istanbul, May 4, 1946

Dear Friends:

Boston letters report the death on March 23rd, of Mrs. Etta Doane Marden, who since the fall of 1945 had been living with her son Dr. Jesse K. Marden, in California. Mrs. Marden came to the Mission in 1881, and served till 1925. Together with Miss Anna B. Jones and Miss Annie M. Barker, Mrs. Marden formed the trio under whose leadership, the Gedik Pasha School became so outstanding an influence in the lives of many generations of students, during the early decades of this century. No less was her influence felt in Church and Community activities. Had she lived another four weeks, Mrs. Marden would have had her 95th birthday.

As of May 1st, 1946, the Turkish air-mail rate to the United States has been reduced to 0.57 piasters. For this sum, letter of 10 grams may be sent.

Mr. Raymond A. Dudley, Secretary of the American Board in Boston, writes from Adana on April 29th, reporting that he spent Easter afternoon in Beirut, and has since visited Aleppo, Gaziantep, and Adana. Tarsus and Talas are his next objectives, as he moves in this direction, hoping to go from Turkey to Greece, and connect at Alexandria with the "Vulcania" due to sail about May 20th, for America.

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill was reported in Palestine at Easter, and was expected in Beirut during the last week of April.

Beirut News letter reports Miss Angie Crew as making a good recovery after an operation at the Presbyterian Mission Hospital, Tripoli.

The first full meeting of the Near East Christian Council since 1939 was held in Cairo during the first week in April, with delegates from areas extending from Morocco to Iran, and from the Balkans to the Sudan. Organizational and program questions received careful review; and the tendency seemed to be away from centralization and toward area planning and co-operation. The next full meeting of the Council is planned for 1949. Rev. Lady H. Allen of Iran was elected Chairman; and with the hope that he might be available, Dr. E. E. Elder of the United Presbyterian Mission in Egypt was chosen Executive Secretary. Since he is just starting on furlough, Rev. James H. Nicol of Beirut was invited to serve as Executive Secretary, pending the more permanent arrangements that are being made. By postponing his retirement to America for a further period, Mr. Nicol is able to render this additional important service to the N.E.C.C.

With the retirement of Miss Constance Padwick from the leadership of the Literature Committee, new plans are also being formulated for the continuation of this important work. Happily Miss Padwick plans to remain in the Middle East, and will devote herself to writing, with residence in Jerusalem.

The three Arabic language Presses in Cairo and Beirut are drawing closer together, and a joint catalogue of their publications is one mark of this closer co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Luther R. Fowle



Dear Friends:

Our Board Secretary, Mr. Raymond A. Dudley, arrived in Istanbul this morning from Izmir and hopes to leave for Saloniki Monday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. Cass A. Reed, who are associated with UNRRA in Greece, expect to arrive Izmir on the 17th for a visit with friends and their daughter Joan (who is teaching there in the American Collegiate Institute for Girls). They will visit Istanbul on their way back to Athens via train to Saloniki.

A recent letter from Mr. Oscar S. Heizer to friends here, reports the death on February 14th of Mrs. Heizer at their home in Palma Sola Park, Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Heizer were married in 1937 after Mr. Heizer's retirement from the U.S. Consular Service. He expects his sister, Mrs. Irene A. Weed, to make her home with him.

Last Sunday afternoon at 3:30 P.M. a service in memory of Dr. Caleb L. Gates, formerly President of Robert College, was held in Albert Long Hall. President Floyd H. Black, Vice-president Husein Pektaş, Dr. Eleanor I. Burns, Dr. B.V.D. Post and Dean Harold Scott made short addresses.

Recently Mrs. E. C. Blake, Miss Maryly Nute, with some of the teachers and pupils from the American Boys' School at Talas took an overnight trip to Urgup to visit the Troglodyte region. The preceding evening the boys at the School gave a play and Mr. Blake and Mr. Fukuyama entertained the audience by a special skit.

To-morrow is May Day at the Scutari Girls' Academy and a program of sports is being prepared.

President Ismet İnönü has issued his annual survey of the year's progress towards the goals set for the Ten Year's plan for Primary School Education. 875 new village schools were opened during 1945, and an additional 851 schools were so improved and enlarged as to be classed as new schools, making a total of 1,756 new village schools for the year. 993 teachers' homes were erected, and 741 plots of ground set aside for these teachers to work with the help of their pupils. The total of urban and rural primary schools in the Republic is now 14,981 and the total of primary school pupils is 1,357,200. Of this year's new schools 578 are district schools, some with, and some without, boarding departments. The President mentions with special satisfaction the assistance given in the construction of these new school buildings by teams of students from the village institutes. The program for the current year includes some 2000 schools, and in order to make the work of these teams from the village institutes even more effective, state motor transport is to be placed at their service by the local governors. The President's strongest complaints are, as was the case last year, over non-attendance and failure to complete the three or five year courses. Less than half of those who enter the first grade ever graduate. President İnönü promises to keep hammering away on this point until every local governor, every civil servant and every parent becomes convinced that every Turkish boy and girl--particularly every girl--must have at least the primary school diploma.

The American Consulate announces that Income Tax forms have come and are available for those who desire (!) or need them.

Yours sincerely,

Elvesta T. Leslie



Bible House, Istanbul, May 17, 1946.

Dear Friends:

Fred Shepard's May 10th. sailing from America for Istanbul has been cancelled, while he gets a broken arm repaired. He was a passenger in a rented car when the steering gear broke, the car leaving the road and hitting a tree. His fiancée, Mary Alice Cary was uninjured.

Charles Estes, son of Prof. Charles Estes of Robert College, has ended his war service at the Naval Research Laboratories in Washington, and with his wife Vera will shortly arrive, to spend the summer with his father, in Hisar.

Farnsworth Fowle's departure from Moscow has been delayed until June, according to a message received this week by his parents.

Miss Charlotte B. Reid of our Scutari Girls' School left here Tuesday on the Turkish steamer, "Gheysu", for Athens where she hopes to get transportation by boat or plane for America to attend the wedding of her twin sister in June. She will return for the opening of school in September.

Rev. Evangelos Panousis, pastor of the Greek Protestant Church in Istanbul for about forty-five years, also left for Athens on the same steamer, with the intention of retiring from active preaching service. He will make his home with his daughter who has recently returned with her husband to Athens from England.

Beirut letters report the death on May 1, 1946 of Nouritza Bezdjian, wife of the late Prof. Zenon Bezdjian, for long years a teacher at Central Turkey College, and later Civil Representative of the Protestant Community in Turkey. Mrs. Bezdjian was living in the home of her son Albert in Beirut. She was a woman of keen mind and strong character.

Concerning our Board Deputation visitors:

Miss Mabel E. Emerson, Secretary of the American Board for the Near East Mission, was due in Athens on the 16th from Beirut. She will fly to Saloniki and after visiting Anatolia College will proceed here by train. Twice a week there are now sleeper accommodations between these two cities.

Secretary Raymond Dudley left on Monday evening for Saloniki by this train route. He expects to get passage on the Marine Transport "Shark" for America leaving Saloniki on the 18th.

Miss Pattie Lee Cogbill arrived in Istanbul Monday morning from Talas and Ankara, after visiting our Mission associates in Adana and Tarsus on the way. Her further travel plans are indefinite.

Dr. and Mrs. Albert Buckner Coe were due in Beirut today from Jerusalem and will shortly be visiting our Mission stations in this country.

Bay Cevat and Mrs. Helen Height Orhan left Izmir on the "Fenglen" Wednesday for several months in America where Bay Cevat will visit various Socony Oil installations.

Miss Marion Nasser, who teaches at the Maarif Cemiyeti Koleji in Ankara, arrived here Wednesday to await transportation to America where she will spend the summer months.

The beautifying of Istanbul with new and useful buildings is continuing in a way that is most gratifying. In 1953 there will be the celebration of the 500th. anniversary of its capture by the Turks. Recently the Vali, for his monthly meeting with Journalists, took his guests to see three new buildings. One was a modern dispensary, created by remodeling the ancient Medical Medrese connected with the Süleymaniye Mosque. The second was a Hospital for tuberculosis patients, connected with the Jerrold Pasha Hospital. The third was the new University building now being erected near the site of the Zeyneb Hanim Konak which was destroyed by fire several years ago. In digging for the foundations of this new building for the University, workmen uncovered remains said to be those of the oldest church building in the city.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie



Bible House, May 24, 1946.  
P.K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

News has reached us of the death of Dr. George E. White in Claremont, California, on April 27th after a period of ill health. Dr. White was born in Marash. Before going to Turkey for missionary service he taught at Hastings College, Nebraska, for two years, and was a pastor in Iowa for three. He taught at Merzifon, Turkey, in Anatolia College and in the Theological Seminary from 1890 to 1921. He was made Dean of Anatolia in 1905, and President in 1914. In the postwar years he was active in the Near East Relief both in Minneapolis and in Merzifon. He was the creator of the new Anatolia College at Salonica, Greece, spending great effort and achieving shining success both in the establishment of the college and in the cultivation of a supporting American constituency. He continued his active service as president, until his retirement in 1933.

Edward C. Riggs, eldest son of the late Theodore Riggs who served in the Army Medical Corps during the war, is studying Chinese at Yale preparatory to sailing to China under appointment by the American Board.

Mr. Allen T. Hazen, formerly a tutor at Tarsus College, and recently a teacher at Middletown, Conn., gives his present address as University of Chicago Library, Chicago 37.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Estes arrived here last Sunday morning to spend the summer with his father, Prof. Estes of Robert College. They came on an American boat directly from Philadelphia. During the war Charles had been associated with the Naval Research Laboratories in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Nice and two children also arrived here last Sunday on the Turkish steamer "Güneysu" from Piraeus where made a close two hour connection from the "Marine Shark" on which they sailed from America. Mr. Van Nice will continue his study of the architecture of St. Sophia.

The latest news of our Board deputation is: Miss Pattie Lee Coghill left yesterday for Izmir expecting to return here next Thursday. Miss Mabel Emerson will arrive here from Saloniki by train Sunday morning, June 2nd. Dr. and Mrs. Coe arrived in Adana Wednesday evening, May 18th. Sec. Raymond Dudley reported his visits at Anatolia College, Thessaloniki, and the Agricultural Institute directed by Mr. Charles House, and to other places of interest in that city. He had his ticket to sail on the 19th. on the "Marine Shark", due in New York on May 31st. The "Shark" is a troop ship with four-deck sleeping arrangements, and "meals standing up". Passage is \$150. with a further "Embarkation Tax" of \$47.50. This boat will probably return for a further trip to America in "late June or early July".

A group of Americans desiring to take this next sailing is forming at the Colleges in this city. Early arrangements for Greek visas, etc. will be essential. Any Board personnel interested please inform this office at once.

Mr. Chas. T. Riggs, on behalf of the American Board, has spent a large amount of time this spring in sorting and arranging a large collection of letters written by and to Eli Smith, who with Mr. H.G.O. Dwight were commissioned by the Board to explore the possibilities of Mission work in the interior of Turkey.

Among other treasures found, there was the passport issued to Eli Smith by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on his first journey to Turkey in 1830, also the Imperial Firman given to him and to Mr. Dwight by the Sultan for their famous journey to the borders of Russia and Persia.

Recently Dean Harold Scott of Robert College has been going over a collection of old papers stored in an attic at the College. Early correspondence between Dr. Hamlin and Christopher Robert; the original of the first sermon Dr. Hamlin ever preached; and the American passport with which, at the age of 27, he came to Turkey, are in this collection. These historical papers are being entrusted to the College Library for preservation.

Yours sincerely,

Elvesta T. Leslie



Bible House, May 31, 1946.  
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

Mr. F. Lyman MacCallum left here last Monday for Beirut with the expectation of returning in the latter part of June.

Miss Marion Nossner was able on short notice to get accommodation on a Liberty ship which left here for America about a week ago.

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill returned yesterday morning from her visit in Izmir at the American Girls' School. She leaves to-night for Saloniki.

Dr. and Mrs. Albert Buckner Coe of Oak Park, Illinois, visited Adana, Tarsus, Talas and Ankara on their way from Syria, arriving here yesterday. Dr. Coe is Chairman of the Committee on War Victims and Reconstruction of the Missions Council, and expects to visit Greece, Italy, and other European countries.

Miss Agnes Fenenga is now living at 1018 Court Merrill, Mitchell, S. Dakota, during the winter and early spring. She has had speaking engagements many Sundays in that state.

Final examinations are now the order of the day in various Schools. Tarsus commencement is held today, but examinations proceed until June 7th. Talas Boys' School closes to-day.

Memorial Day was observed by the American Community here in a service at the Feriköy Cemetery yesterday afternoon at five o'clock. Consul General Macatee presided and gave a short address in appreciation of the sacrifice of American G.I. soldiers, quoting from Ernest Pyle.

Our attention has been called to the summer season of the Choueir Conference Center, Dhour-el-Choueir, Lebanon, which opens July 1st and lasts till September 25th. Living expenses vary from Six to Ten Lebanese Pounds per day or 220 per month. More detailed information can be furnished by our office to anyone interested. Until July 1st, application can be made to The Bible Lands Union for Christian Education, Post Box 582, Beirut.

Wednesday, May 29, the corner stone was laid of a city theater which is to be built at Taxim. The theater is to cost 8,000,000 Liras and is to have 2,214 seats. Underneath the main theater there is to be a concert hall seating 700. The whole project is to be completed by 1953, in time for the 500th. anniversary of the capture of Istanbul.

Dr. and Mrs. Cass Arthur Reed, formerly of this Mission, and now associated with UNRRA in Greece, have been visiting Izmir and their daughter there. They left this week for Greece.

Anatolia College is planning a summer course of eight weeks from July 8th. to the end of August of concentrated English study, for its students in the upper classes, to make up for the years lost during the war. Teachers in other areas who are ready to put in five mornings a week of English teaching, living on the college Campus, and having afternoons and week-ends for such summer activities and trips as western Macedonia affords, are asked to get in touch with President Ernest Riggs, Anatolia College, Thessaloniki, Greece.

June graduation exercises at the Colleges in Istanbul are set as follows:

Thursday, June 13th. at 17 o'clock: American College for Girls  
Friday June 14th. at 17 o'clock: Robert College.

Application for passage on the S.S. "Marine Shark" sailing from Greece for America late in June, has been tentatively made for some sixteen college passengers from Istanbul.

Yours sincerely,

Elvesta T. Leslie



Bible House, June 7, 1946.  
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

A cable received on Tuesday brought news of the sudden death of Brewer Eddy on June 1st. Mr. Eddy came to the American Board as Educational Secretary in 1908 and later became Assistant Secretary and then Home Secretary. He retired in 1941 but a year ago. During this last winter in Florida with Mrs. Eddy, he again filled many speaking engagements. He will be sadly missed in Board circles where his cheery presence and optimism were always a tonic.

Rev. and Mrs. William Lytle, of the Irish Reformed Presbyterian Mission at Idlib, formerly at Iskenderun and Antioch, sailed from Port Said for the British Isles about the middle of May.

Mr. Paul B. Anderson, senior Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. for Europe, is in the city as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra P. Young in the interests of the International Committee of the Y.M. on Education.

Mrs. Leroy W. Foote (Sarah Stone, formerly of the Adana Hospital staff) writes that her new address is R.F.D. 1, Middlebury, Conn., due to a change in mail route, not change of residence. Her trio of children are Wayne, Carolyn and Judy who are twelve, seven and four respectively.

Mrs. John Moffitt (Lucina Ackerly) lives near the Footes at Granby, Conn. and is now the mother of two sons, the youngest of whom was born in February last.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Treat and four sons live in Waterbury, Vermont where Mr. Treat is pastor of the Congregational church. Mr. Treat was formerly a teacher in our Talas school and Mrs. Treat (Jennie Paige) was nurse in the Talas Hospital.

The First Congregational Church of Woodbury, Connecticut, of which Mr. Wm. E. Hawkes is pastor, celebrated its 275th birthday last November, the church having been established with the founding of the town in 1670. The present church building dates back to 1818. Mr. Hawkes is the 26th minister having begun his pastorate in 1938 after his furlough and earlier work at Anatolia College.

Mrs. Connie Clark Pfister of Stryker, Ohio now has two daughters, Marilyn and Marjorie Ann. Mrs. C. E. Clark visited with them in January.

Thru Miss Kathleen Moore, formerly of Merzifon, we learn that Miss Claribel Platt of Toronto suffered a stroke in early December but in February was able to walk with help and read a little.

Miss Mary Mathews formerly in Bulgaria, now retired, lives in Oberlin at 171 West College Street.

Miss Sara Cornin formerly of the N.E.P. in the Caucasus and later in Merzifon, is again at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia after the winter in Florida.

Miss Mabel E. Emerson left for Izmir and other points in Anatolia on Wednesday evening, going via the Bandirma route.

Dr. and Mrs. Albert B. Coe, mentioned in our recent letters, leave tonight for Thessaloniki.

Yours sincerely,

Elvasta T. Leslie



Bible House, June 17, 1946.

P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

Mr. Luther R. Fowle returned Saturday from Ankara where he had gone Monday evening on Mission business.

Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Hannaford of the Presbyterian Mission in Japan, who have been assisting in Aleppo College and the Girls' High School in Aleppo the past year, have been recalled to America in the expectation that they will shortly return to Japan. They will probably sail from Haifa toward the end of this month.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Dorman and children, of Aleppo College, and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas H. Decherd and family of the Tripoli Boys' School who are leaving on furlough also expect to get this sailing from Haifa.

Mr. and Mrs. Cass A. Reed returned to Greece directly from Izmir after visiting their daughter there recently. The marriage of Howard Reed to Dory Gates was expected to take place today at Northampton.

Miss Edith Parsons writes of being in touch with fifteen Turkish students at Stanford University. - Recently she entertained twelve of them at tea in the home of a friend and expected to see them again in her home in Burlingame.

Mr. Paul E. Nilson had a two weeks' speaking trip in Minnesota and N. Dakota the last part of May which brought his number of speaking engagements up to sixty since he landed in America.

On Thursday Commencement Exercises were held at the Women's College at Arnautkoy. Ambassador Wilson gave the address there and also at Robert College Commencement on Friday.

The Ambassador and Mrs. Wilson and Consul General Macatee attended the Commencement at Scutari on Saturday where Dr. Akil Muktar Ozden of Istanbul University was the guest speaker.

Friday morning Mrs. Vinton Tompkins, Mr. and Mrs. MacNeal, Mr. and Mrs. Butterfield and Prof. Ulyot left for America on the Liberty ship "Thomas Pollock".

On Sunday afternoon at 4 P.M. on the terrace of Barton Hall, Rev. J. K. Birge performed the wedding ceremony which united in marriage Anne Slater of the Women's College and Richard Dunlap of Robert College. Dean Eleanor I. Burns was hostess to the assembled guests. Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap will live at the Women's College next year.

Miss Harriet Yarrow of Tarsus American College arrived on Friday and is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Birge until the Annual Mission Meeting opens next week.

Miss Kathleen VanCleft is visiting Miss Jessie Martin of Scutari Academy on her short vacation from duty with UNRRA in the Peloponnesus, Greece. Miss VanCleft was a teacher in our Adana Girls' School from 1926-1929.

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill and Miss Charlotte Reid left Athens on June 7 by plane for London.

Miss Katharine McElroy arrived in America on May 5, Mr. and Mrs. Isely on May 16th. and Secretary Raymond Dudley on May 31st.

Mrs. C. H. Haas, Mrs. Emily Block, Misses Sylvia Nilson and Dorothy, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sage Woolworth are expected to sail on July 18 for Haifa on the S.S. "Marine Shark".

Yours sincerely,

Elvesta T. Leslie



No. 42

Bible House, June 21, 1946.  
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Blake and Jacklyn arrived Monday from Talas for a visit with friends before Annual Meeting begins next Tuesday.

Misses Margaret Blemker, Eleanor Gants and Joan Reed arrived Wednesday morning from Izmir and are the guests of Mrs. Birge, Miss Thelma Ingles and Mrs. Harold Scott.

Mr. Cecil Edwards is visiting his brother Mr. W. G. M. Edwards en route to Bagdad and Persia on business connected with the Oriental Carpet Manufacturing Company of which he is a Director.

Messrs. Robert Avery, Huntington Bliss, John Linn, John Reed, and Homer Wilkins of Robert College left on the "Ege" Wednesday afternoon for Piraeus expecting to continue to America on the "Marine Shark" which is due to sail next week. Miss Ina Tezar was also a passenger for Marseilles whither the "Ege" is making a first trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Brewster are expected to arrive in Athens about June 28th. on a State Department mission.

Mrs. Richard S. M. Emrich, former missionary of our Board in Mardin, died in Framingham, Massachusetts, on May 18th after an illness of about five weeks. Mr. Woolworth on behalf of the Board attended the funeral service on May 21st. The service was conducted by the son, Richard, and by Rev. Harry Lowd of South Easton. Mr. and Mrs. Emrich sailed for Turkey in 1905 where he was principal of the High School for Boys in Mardin until the Great War. Mr. and Mrs. Emrich returned to the Near East for relief work after the war and he died in Aleppo on May 4th, 1919 of influenza. Mrs. Emrich was associated with the Federal Council of Churches for a number of years with headquarters at 287 Fourth Ave., New York City.

On May 29th occurred the death of Miss Mary E. Brewer at the Iowa State Hospital on the 25th. Miss Brewer was a missionary of the Dakota Branch of the W.B.M.I. She went to Sivas in 1888 where time was divided between the Principalship of the Girls' School there and touring the field both for religious work and for relief. She returned to America in 1902 because of illness.

Miss Madeline S. Gile died of heart attack in her home at Bountiful, Utah on April 9th at the age of 72. Born in Haverhill, Massachusetts, she went to Provo, Utah in 1905 to teach in the Congregational mission school there, and from 1907 to 1910 taught in our Girls' High School at Adabazar, Turkey, whence she returned because of ill health. She then taught in Utah schools for some thirty years until her retirement in 1944.

A telegram from Mr. Paul Rowland to our Boston office on June 1st brought the word that his wife, Mrs. Marion Allchin Rowland, passed away on May 31st, 1946, in Jacksonville, Illinois, after a long illness. Mr. Rowland is the son of Mrs. George M. Rowland, retired, of the Japan Mission, and brother of Mrs. Harold M. Lane. Mrs. Rowland was the daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. George Allchin of the Japan Mission. Mr. Rowland was engaged by the Board in 1920 and served in Samokov, Bulgaria, until 1924. After their marriage in June 1927 Mr. and Mrs. Rowland went first to Samokov and then Sofia to teach in the American College. Since 1938 Mr. Rowland has taught in MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois.

Yours sincerely,

Elvesta T. Leslie



Bible House, July 6, 1946.  
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

June 30, July 1st, and 2nd saw the arrival in Istanbul of a large number of mission personnel for attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Mission.

This Meeting of the Near East Mission had its opening session on Tuesday evening, June 25th, at 8:00 p.m. The session was devoted to organization and after adjournment Mr. Farnsworth Fowle, en route to America gave an informal talk, answering various questions.

Those present at the Annual Meeting were as follows: Adana-Tarsus: Delegates-Mrs. Maynard, Miss Yarrow, also present, Robert King, Joseph Stewart; Aleppo: Mr. Carleton, Miss Dunning; Athens: Miss Barnes, Miss Donner; Beirut: Mr. Philip Ward; Gaziantep: Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Dewey; Istanbul: Mrs. Birge, Mrs. Fowle, Mrs. Lyman, Miss Martin, also present most others of Istanbul Station; Izmir: Mrs. Blake, Miss Greene, delegates, and Misses Blemker, Gants, Foster, Reed, Kieliszek; Mardin: Miss Dewey; Talas: Mr. Blake, Miss Eddy, Mrs. Nilson, delegates, also Mr. Fukuyama; Ex-officio: Mabel Emerson, Luther Fowle, Elvesta Leslie, J. K. Birge.

The sessions of June 26 and morning of 27th. were devoted to Station and other reports. Thereafter, business sessions and committee meetings were the order of each day, aside from early and mid-morning devotional services. The Annual Meeting sermon and Communion Service conducted by Rev. Philip Ward took place on Sunday, June 30th. Other special features of the Meeting that will be remembered were the three evening gatherings, at one of which a group of the recent newcomers to our Mission gave us their impressions and reactions to work on the Mission field. The second was a memorial service in honor of the fourteen missionaries of the Board and three Mission associates who have died since our 1944 Annual Meeting. At this impressive service, Mrs. Fowle and Dr. Shepard gave brief reminiscences of these departed associates, and Miss Kieliszek spoke on behalf of those present of the challenge to all of us to carry on in the tradition and spirit of those whose memory we were honoring. On the third evening Miss Emerson gave us an interesting talk on the Board work in South Africa. Earlier in the meeting she had spoken of the impressions she had gained from her recent trip through the stations of our Mission.

The business part of the Annual Meeting closed at noon, July 2nd, with Educational Council meetings held on Wednesday and Thursday forenoons of this week. Tuesday afternoon was devoted to a motor-launch picnic to Bulwer and Heybell islands.

Monday evening Miss Eleanor Gants and Miss Joan Reed left by train for Saloniki for sight-seeing and visit in Athens.

Others of our Mission group have also left the city during the week. Misses Barnes and Donner of Athens went to Izmir Wednesday night by way of Bandirma and Bergama. Mrs. Nilson and Mr. and Mrs. Iaian Campbell took the Turkish steamer Thursday night for Ordu and Trebizond respectively. Miss Foster left for Izmir yesterday. Dr. and Mrs. Dewey go tonight via Ankara to Namrun where they will spend the rest of their vacation. The Blakes return to Izmir on tomorrow's Turkish steamer.

Pres. and Mrs. Ernest W. Riggs on June 29th. were on board the S.S. "Henry Wilson" (Liberty Ship) at Kavala from which port they expected to sail for America within thirty-six hours.

Consul General and Mrs. Macatee were at home to the American Community July 4th. at 6:30 P.M. in the garden of the American Embassy in Beyoglu.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie



Dear Friends:

Turkish elections for members of the Grand National Assembly are to be held on Sunday, July 21st., and the election campaign is on throughout the land. The Peoples Party faces stronger opposition than ever before, in the Democratic Party, led by Celal Bayar, formerly Prime Minister. Party principles and personalities are being discussed as never before. If this can go on without passing the limits of moderation, a larger section of the citizenry will have awakened to the meaning of democracy and the vote than has been the case heretofore.

Miss Mary Ingle and Miss Alice Gwinn, both of Anatolia Girls School in Thessaloniki, arrived in Istanbul on July 14th. for holiday. Miss Gwinn plans to visit Syria and Palestine, whither Miss Barnes and Miss Donner of Pierce College have preceded her. Miss Ingle remains for the present with her many friends in Istanbul.

Annual Meeting visitors are scattering from Istanbul. After visiting in the Izmir region, Mr. Fukuyama starts shortly for a trip on the Black Sea. Mr. Stewart has gone to Talas for some weeks. Miss Blemker is in charge of the Service Center Girls Camp on the Marmara. Miss Kieliszek is visiting a pupil in Ayvalik; Miss Greene is in the Bolu forests, with another former student. Mr. King is also planning a Black Sea trip.

Having been unable to secure transport to America till this week, Miss Martin has decided not to make a quick trip to America this summer. Four teachers from the Woman's College got off on the 11th., on a steamer that could not also take Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maynard. While working on the vizas to catch the "Marine Carp" on August 5th. at Haifa, a phone on the 13th. reported the "Cotton Mather" due from the Black Sea in the afternoon, departing the same evening. With it went the Maynards for a well-earned first furlough.

Mr. Demetrius Kalopathakes, son of the founder of the Evangelical Movement in Greece, of the Harvard class of 1888, and Ph.D. from Berlin, long a newspaper correspondent, and at various times serving the American Legation and the Greek Foreign Office, a lifelong elder of the Evangelical Church, and the last member of this pioneer family, died in Athens on July 2nd.

Forty-six boys and girls were expected to get Certificates at Anatolia College in Thessaloniki, as having completed the Gymnasium Course. The war-caused irregularity of their studies preclude at present their getting Anatolia Diplomas. Indications point to an enrollment of over 500 students in the fall. Mr. Compton is in charge "on the ground", while President and Mrs. Ernest Riggs are reaching America, to seek essential resources for rehabilitation of the College, following the damage of war years.

On Sunday, July 7th. there was observed at the Aynali Cheshme Evangelical Church in Istanbul, the Centenary of the Church and of the founding of the Evangelical Movement in Turkey, with full recognition by the Government. The Pastors of the three Evangelical Churches in Istanbul participated, while a high Prelate of the Gregorian Church brought fraternal greetings from that Church. Letters and telegrams came from various directions, a letter from the Roman Catholic body and a telegram from the Evangelical Union of Syria and the Lebanon being particularly welcome. Miss Mabel Emerson spoke, representing the American Board, which has been associated with the Evangelical movement since its inception.

Miss Angie Ducas, Prof. Laird of Robert College, and Farnsworth Fowle of CBS left on the 9th. for Athens. Mr. Fowle continues westward to Paris, London, and New York, after fourteen months in Moscow.

Dr. and Mrs. Albert Buckner Coe of Oak Park, whose recent visit to Board Stations in the Near East so delighted us, report very interesting experiences in Greece, whence they flew to Rome as guests in a westward-bound plane. UNRRA and other officials have been most generous in giving them opportunity to see conditions as they are, and "the Coes" return to their great Church in Oak Park with a new vision of the world - the One World - of which we are all a part. They send greetings and good wishes to all their friends along the line of travel.

Sincerely yours,

L. R. Fowle



No. 45

Bible House, July 25, 1946.  
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

The first direct election by the voters of Members of the Turkish Grand National Assembly took place on Sunday, July 21st. In this city voting was conducted with admirable decorum, with careful control of voters who signed their names on the voter's lists as having voted, as they cast their sealed ballots into the boxes provided. Early reports gave substantial majorities to the candidates of the Democratic Party in the larger cities, but later reports indicate that the votes of the large country districts tend to more than balance the votes of the cities. Latest figures give the Peoples' Party 396 seats; the Democratic Party 62 seats; while 7 other candidates are reported elected. Thus for the first time, the Turkish Republic will have the benefit of a compact and real parliamentary opposition, to exert its influence in the public interest, as observer and critic of the political scene. This marks a very real measure of progress.

Announcements have been received of the marriage on June 1, 1946, at Middlebury, Vermont, of Helen Sarah, daughter of the late Rev. Henry H. Riggs of this Mission and of Mrs. Riggs, to George Alan Rice of the Army of the United States.

Miss Harriet Yarrow is in charge at Tarsus College, pending the arrival of the Woolworths from their furlough in America. They are expected in mid-august.

Miss Mabel Emerson is having a short holiday in Istanbul before sailing on August 6th. for Greece, there to meet Dr. McElroy, who is expected from America about August 10th. Miss Emerson hopes to fly from Athens, to reach Boston by September 1st. With her, as far as Athens, goes Mrs. Sophie Huri of the Publication Department, to visit her two children in Athens.

Mrs. Leslie has decided to forego the long trip to Haifa to catch the "Carp". She hopes for a freighter from the Black Sea that will take her to America. Maryly Nute is expected to sail from Mersin on July 28th, to catch the "Carp". She and her parents have been spending July at Namrun, the traditional Christie-Nute summer resort in the Taurus mountains.

The MacCallums are occupying the MacNeal home at Robert College for the summer. Edith MacCallum Laird of Beirut will be with her Mother during August, when the Lyman MacCallums join the Shepards in camp on Bithynian Olympus, above Bursa.

A cable from Earle Smith to Athens indicated that the Woolworths, Ruth Haas, Jeannette Rankin, Dorothy and Sylvia Nilson, and Emily Block are expected to reach Athens on August 9th.

Helen Marjorie, daughter of Wilson Farnsworth Dodd and the late Mary Benedict Dodd, was united in marriage to John Herbert Bruner of Indianapolis in the Chapel at Silver Bay, Lake George, New York, on Sunday June 16th. The Chapel was decorated by Mrs. Robert Hume: the organist was the groom's grandmother; the ushers were the bride's brother Robert, a student at Princeton, and her uncle Stuart Dodd of Beirut University, while the bride's one attendant was her sister Margaret. The wedding service was conducted by the Rev. Edward Treat of Waterbury, Vt., who, with his wife, was associated with the Dodd family in Talas Station of this Mission.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruner met at Earlham College, Richmond, Ind. whence Mr. Bruner went to his war service as a B-17 radio gunner in the 8th. Army Air Force in England. Their summer address is at Earlham College, where Mr. Bruner is completing his college work, interrupted by the war.

Miss Diantha Dewey has been at the American Hospital under Dr. Shepard's care since Annual Meeting. Much restored in health, she is now enjoying the cool Bosphorus breezes of Hisar, and hopes to return to her station in August.

Yours truly,

Luther R. Fowle



Bible House, August 5, 1946.

P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

Born, on July 27th. to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Thomas of Robert College, a son, Glenn Nichols. The Thomas trio plan to go shortly to Belgium, where Mr. Thomas will carry on special studies in Turkish history, on a Rockefeller Foundation fellowship.

Dr. and Mrs. S. Ralph Harlow of Smith College, having spent a happy and exceedingly useful sabbatical year at Pierce College, sailed from Greece on a Liberty ship in July, bound for New Orleans. They hope to have some weeks in their summer home on Martha's Vinyard before returning to Northampton for their regular tasks.

The Pierce College buildings at Elleniko, near Athens, long occupied by British Medical Hospital units, are being vacated to be turned back to the College. Dr. McElroy is expected from America about August 10th., to take charge of the reconstitution of the College in its own property, after the years of war, and military occupation by both sides in the great struggle.

On June 17th. in the Little Chapel of Smith College, took place the marriage of Howard A. Reed, younger son of Dr. and Mrs. Cass Arthur Reed, now of UNRRA Greece Mission, and Miss Dorothy Gates, Smith College 1946. A few days before the wedding, the Navy Department announced the award of the Legion of Merit and a Gold Star to Lt. Reed, for over two years' service in Middle East waters. Mr. and Mrs. Reed are expected in Athens in late August, where they have a year's appointment with World Student Relief.

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Cecil K. Lyans (Laura B. McDowell) who served under the American Board as a Nurse in Van and Bitlis from 1910 to 1912.

On Friday last, the Mt. Olympus campers sailed from Galata for Mudanya and the great mountain. This year's group included the Shepards and Constance, the MacCallums and Elizabeth, Dorothy Birge, Caroline Gurney, and the Scotts of Robert College. A second Uludag party has left for a week at the Ski Shelter - Blatter, Ohanyan, Blemker, Helton, Ingle, Shinn, Phil Ward, Bob King, Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson.

Word has been received that Miss Helen Cassile has been appointed by the Presbyterian Mission to the Aleppo Girls' School. Half her time must be given to second year language study.

Olive Greene of Izmir, after two weeks in the forests of Bolu, has started for Susurluk Mines to visit the MacDonalds before returning to Izmir in mid-August.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Riggs are spending the summer in the beautiful and spacious home of a friend, half a mile from their winter home in Middlebury, Vermont. Here they expect to welcome the MacNeals and other friends. Ere this, Mr. Riggs has doubtless attended the 53d. reunion of the Princeton Class of 1893, when some twenty-five members of the Class hoped to be present.

Miss Mabel Emerson leaves Istanbul tomorrow for Athens and Boston. True to oriental custom, two of our number, Sophie Huri of the Publication and Miriam Hagopyan of the Soutari School go with her as far as Greece. Her presence has meant much to the Near East Mission in these times of readjustment to post-war conditions.

Yours truly,

Luther R. Fowle



Treasury Dept.

Bible House, August 12, 1946.  
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

The new Grand National Assembly met in Ankara on August 5th. when Ismet Inönü was again elected President of the Turkish Republic with 388 votes from the 451 deputies present. Marshal Fevzi Chakmak received 59 votes, in general from the Democratic Assemblymen, altho the Marshal is an Independent. General Kazim Karabekir was elected President of the Grand National Assembly.

The President entrusted the formation of the new Cabinet to Recep Peker, long recognized as one of the leaders of the Peoples' Party. It may be hoped that the recent elections, and the public and private discussions of national issues, mark a new step in advance on the road of responsible political democracy.

Merrill Isely writes from 1638 Arkansas Avenue, Wichita 4, Kansas where the American rush has got him in its grip. They have visited Salsie Hibbard's family, seen their two daughters, and expect son Bill back from the Pacific in September.

A telegram announces the expectation in Adana on Sunday of the Woolworth, Mrs. Haas party. Just who has arrived is yet unknown at this office.

A 13 hour walking and riding trip, with one horse between them, brought Dr. Nute and Maryly from their Taurus Mountain resort to Adana at midnight, on July 25th. "Thoroly enjoyable" is Dr. Nute's comment. Maryly sailed from Mersin on the 28th., finding Miss Gwinn of Thessaloniki already on the steamer, bound for Beirut. Presumably Maryly sailed for America from Haifa on the "Marine Carp" on August 6th.

Miss Sylvia Eddy of Talas arrived in Istanbul on August 5th. to catch the first available sailing for America. The same afternoon a boat was reported, and on Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Elvesta Leslie and Miss Eddy boarded the "Adelphi Victory" stated to be going without stop to Norfolk, Virginia. Mrs. Leslie had been waiting some weeks for such a sailing. It looks like another speed record for bizim Kayserililer.

Miss Gladys Lucas wires that she expects to leave England on August 25th. by S. S. Franconia, for Port Said, and her new work in Arabic speaking lands. She will study at the Newman School in Jerusalem this fall, and assume her full responsibilities at the Aleppo Girls School a year hence.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Birge, a son, Robert Richards, on August 10th. Mother and babe "doing fine".

A Board cable of August 9th. reports that Mr. and Mrs. John Scott have been appointed to the Mission, with service in Talas in view. The same message reports a motor accident to the mother of Mrs. Philip Ward, which may delay Mrs. Ward's departure for Beirut till October.

Early in August, regular Turkish air services to many parts of the country, were inaugurated. Prices are very little in excess of first class rail fare. Bob King reports a delightful flight from Bursa to Istanbul on Saturday last, costing Ten Liras and lasting about 20 minutes. The American transport plane used DC-47, was very comfortable.

Repairs to the Chapel Apartment at the Bible House have been completed, and the James Lymans will move in shortly.

Brush fires have for several days been sweeping the hills behind Scutari and Beikos, on the Asiatic side of the Bosphorus. Water continues to be a major problem in Istanbul.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle



Dear Friends:

The Turkish Government Air Service entered upon full operation early in August. The Air Service covers eighteen cities from Erzroum and Van to Istanbul and Izmir; and from Samsun to Iskenderun. In general, there are three flights per week to each center, one group being served on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; the other on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. The planes are American Douglass machines, carrying 21 passengers. Schedules of start and arrival are printed "to the minute", and yesterday Miss Dewey was in the air a very few moments after the scheduled time. Baggage is weighed, and apparently every kilo must be paid for. Thirteen kilos to Diyarbakir cost Miss Dewey Lt. 15.47.

The Antalya Ambar are the Agents for the passenger service of the Government Airways. It is reported that this same Turkish firm will represent in this country both the Pan-American Airways and TWA.

Three miles an hour - the measure of time and distance from ancient times to the 19th. Century, is fading into history.

The last group of summer visitors from the Stations to Istanbul are homeward bound this week. Miss Blenker, Miss Kieliszek, and Mr. King left by Izmir boat on Sunday morning; Mr. Ward took the Taurus Express on Monday morning for Syria; at the same hour, Miss Dewey's plane left Istanbul, to put her in Diyarbakir in five hours of flying; Miss Ingle takes the night sleeper for Thessaloniki on the same day. Reports from the Shepard-MacCallum camp on Ulu Dag indicate a happy holiday, even if the trout are not biting as usual.

The big issue in Turkey in mid-August is Russia's request for the modification of the Montreux Convention for the control of the Black Sea Straits, with suggestion that Russia join with Turkey in the occupation and defense of these important waterways.

The Turkish Press reflects a gratifying solidarity between the two leading parties which so recently fought an election campaign, as the country faces this foreign issue.

The American Board is by no means alone in seeking young recruits for its activities in the Near East. A fine group of young Americans - three couples and two unmarried men - have arrived for work with the Gary Tobacco Company. They go this week to Samsun for several months of study of Turkish before scattering to the districts in which the Gary Company operates.

Mrs. Block of Talas, accompanied by Sylvia and Dorothy Nilson, sailed on July 28th. from New York on the British ship "Telemachus", bound for India. In Piraeus Harbor they trans-shipped to the Swedish "Viking Land" which brought them to Istanbul. Landing with three trunks and 17 bags was delightfully uneventful. They joined the Birge Howle households for a garden supper, spent the night with the Bible House family, and started by train for Kayseri, where they were due at 3 a.m. on Sunday the 18th. Daddy Nilson is due to sail from New York on August 30th.

Toward Peace in the Aegean. Looking south from the Bay of Phaleron across the blue waters, with Hymettus behind its left shoulder: Athens and the Parthenon behind the right, our school for the daughters of Greece has been in turn the Hospital for Tropical Diseases for Rommel's fierce Afrika-Korps, a refuge for citizens of Piraeus, fleeing from Allied air attack on that essential port, and finally British Base Hospital No. 52, with Nissen huts barnacled along its sides. Last week vacated but still guarded by British soldiers, it awaited surrender to its new commander - a woman. Pierce College, under Dr. Katharine McElroy, expects to open its fall term in its own property. Hymettus, the Parthenon, the Areopagus, the blue Mediterranean, and the free spirit of mankind, guard its future.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle



Bible House, August 29, 1946.  
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

The many friends in Turkey and Greece of Mr. George Wadsworth, United States Minister to Lebanon and Syria, have learned with sorrow of the sudden death on August 1st. of Mrs. Wadsworth. Funeral services were held on August 3d. at the Anglo-American Church in Beirut.

Aleppo letters indicate that the Mission Girls' School in Aleppo which expects about 500 girls this fall, is taking over the building in the Aziziyeh district, heretofore used for the Elementary Boys' School. Meanwhile the College administration is engaging other property in the Jamiliyeh quarter. With the zeal for education in the Near East, problems both quantitative and qualitative arise.

Even if the trout do not bite this year, daily French lessons for Constance Shepard and Dorothy Birge carry on, with a good deal of French spoken at table and about Camp by the entire group, on the heights of Olympos.

Friends expecting to meet Mrs. Haas and the Woolworths at Adana at midnight on the 11th. were half way to the Station when the train whistled an earlier approach. Even though the train won the race, a young chap of 70 was reported to have outrun all the others of the reception committee.

Paul Nilson reports his expectation of landing in Haifa in mid-September with a pick-up truck which will be loaded high with booty from America which he will himself drive from Haifa to Talas. Already he has assembled and crated 15,000 lbs. of goods, ready for shipment. Best of all, he writes "John and Gwen Scott hope to sail in September".

Dr. McElroy, expected in Athens on August 10th. where Miss Emerson awaits her, cabled that she was held up in London till the 15th. Meanwhile Miss Emerson is having further visits with Brewsters, Reeds, and other friends. She reports that Dr. Ruth Parmelee, now of the Near East Foundation, is happy in the prospect of service in the Childrens' Hospital of Athens, after September 1st.

The Turkish newspaper "Vatan" for August 11th., carried a half-page announcement of the formation of an International Oriental Society, which will be carried on under the leadership of Hellmut Ritter, Professor of Arabic at the Istanbul University. The Society hopes to stimulate and foster research into various phases of the life of the Near, Middle, and Far East. The founders of the Society are Adnan Adivar, Ahmed Ates, J. K. Birge, W. M. G. Edwards, Hellmut Ritter, and Lewis Thomas. An English prospectus will be printed shortly, and will be available for all who would like to consider membership in the Society.

Dr. Arthur Jeffery of Columbia University is to be on the Staff of the American School for Oriental Research in Jerusalem, during the coming year. The disaster at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem touched very closely the Newman School of Missions. Three of the British who lost their lives had done their Arabic study at the Newman School, while Mr. and Mrs. Wehby who have taught at the school for eighteen years, lost one daughter in the ruins; another daughter being hospitalized with severe injuries.

After the Ramazan month of fasting, the feast of Bayram began at sunset on August 27th. In Istanbul, holiday spirit prevailed; and crowds patronized the candy booths, sellers of greeting cards, and all the worldly delights that mark this feast. The package-loaded commuters rushing for their boats at the Galata Bridge seemed strangely reminiscent of the December 24th. crowds on Tremont Street, hurrying for the Park Street Subway.

With travel conditions better than for six years, reinforcements for the Missions and Colleges in the Near East are expected in large numbers. The Beirut News Letter reports 150 persons sailing from New York on August 30th. for the Near East Colleges on the S. S. "Marine Shark". The "Vulcania" sailing a few days earlier, is due in Syria on September 11th., bringing others for the various American educational institutions in Near Eastern lands.

Very truly yours,

r E. Fowle



Dear Friends:

A Board cable of August 29th. brings word eagerly awaited of our travellers. Misses Crew and Eddy and Mrs. Leslie reached America on August 21 and 22; On August 27th. the S. S. "Vulcania" sailed from New York, due in Beirut on September 11th. It brings Mrs. Carleton and daughters and Mr. Miller for Aleppo College; Edith Douglass for Izmir; Grace Towner, Alma Woodruff; and Charlotte Reid for Scutari; Paul Nilson for Talas; the Misses Davis and Osborne for Athens; and (Mr.?) Reis for Thessaloniki. Heartly welcome to all. Search continues for tutors for Tarsus and Talas.

An American replacement for Miss Mellon Turner of the Lovetch School in Bulgaria, has been awaiting permission in Naples to complete her journey. Such permission is reported granted by the Control Commission, and she was expected to arrive in Sofia on August 30th. Miss Turner and Miss Carhart will seek early transportation to the United States.

Ex-Congress-woman Jeannette Rankin and Miss Harriet Yarrow, after spending ten days in Istanbul, have started for Ankara and Tarsus. Miss Rankin hopes to continue her travels to Iran, before turning homeward.

A delightful organ recital was given in the Robert College assembly hall on Sunday last by Prof. Charles E. Estes, assisted in two numbers by his son Charles L. Estes at the piano. Next Sunday Mr. Estes and his wife are homeward bound, after a four month visit in Hisar. By beautiful coincidence, this concert took place on the birthday anniversary of Carrie Lee Estes.

Dr. McElroy arrived in Athens on August 16th. where Miss Emerson had five days with her before flying to London on the 21st. Miss Emerson reports from London no sailing till September 8th., but hoped to get plane to reach her desk by September 3d., following Sunday and Labor Day.

Dr. Cass Arthur Reed reports that UNRRA Greece is beginning to fold, and they may be homeward bound by Christmas. Mrs. Reed may be able to visit Turkey before that time. Howard Reed and bride have reported from Geneva, and are probably in Athens before this, to spend a year in work for University students, under the World Student Relief organization.

The American Men's Dershane of Istanbul closed its Summer School with fitting exercises in the Gymnasium on August 27th. During July and August 180 teen-age boys participated in language classes and sports program. At these exercises, some seventy boys received awards for progress in study, friendship, and sportsmanship, the awards being presented by Consul-General Robert B. Macatee. The teaching staff of ten persons was drawn from Robert College and from the staff of the Dershane. Added to the regular enrollment of 588 at the Dershane, the Summer School has enabled 768 young men and boys to share in the benefits of this institution. Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Young are now enjoying about 18 days of travel on a Turkish boat, visiting Black Sea ports.

Miss Marion Nosser of the Maarif Cemiyeti Koleji in Ankara writes from America of holiday visits at Nantucket, Mt. Holyoke College, and Washington. She is living with a sister on Long Island, and hopes to return to her work in Ankara shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dorman have reached their furlough home-base at 15 Trowbridge Road, Worcester, Mass. Crossing on the "Marine Shark" with two little folk was not easy, but quite possible when homeward bound.

Very truly yours,

LESLIE R. FOWLE



*Treasury Dept.*

No. 51

Bible House, September 10, 1946.  
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

Some 300 applicants have had to be turned away from the Lovetch Girls' School in Bulgaria for lack of space. Humor, alas untrue, indicates that the College in Sofia is to open in September, indicating that there are those who would eagerly welcome such a development.

Notices in the Istanbul press indicate that visas for Syria will no longer be granted by the Egyptian Consular authorities in Turkey, but by the Syrian Legation in Ankara.

From Athens we learn that Mr. Daniel Brewster, now in the regular diplomatic service of the United States, has been appointed to Beirut, and will shortly arrive there with his wife.

In response to a telegram from Aleppo, Miss Kieliszek is seeking Syrian visa in order to proceed thither, to serve this year with Miss Dunning, and with Miss Cassile in the American High School for Girls.

From Aleppo, Dr. Carleton reports entertaining six Pan-American officials, whom he drove to the air-field early on a Wednesday morning. They invited him to join them, to spend the night in Rome, call at Ankara on Thursday, and be back in Aleppo on Friday. Not having Mission permission to leave the borders of the Mission, Dr. Carleton felt constrained to refuse this invitation. Why mention college duties, passports, etc.!

The Istanbul Press of September 8th, announces important government fiscal decisions, clearing away some of the financial restrictions of war years on import, export, and foreign exchange. It is stated that steps are being taken to bring Turkish prices more in line with those of world markets, and to set her currency values in line with the Bretton Woods agreements, and with United Nations principles.

Dealing with Foreign Exchange, the papers report that the Dollar, which for some years has been officially at 130, and by special permit 180, is henceforth to be 280 piasters per dollar. Similarly, the value of the pound sterling is moved from 728 piastres to 1128. It is a basic hope that the cheapening of Turkish currency will open the way to greater buying of Turkish products by foreign markets, thus making it possible for Turkey to compete with world markets. Meanwhile, to prevent a corresponding rise in internal prices, the Government is selling gold to all who desire it, at a rate of 31 liras paper to the Gold Lira. There is reason to hope that these measures will go far toward strengthening Turkey's economic position, internally and externally. (These unofficial comments are only for the information of our own interested circle)

Miss Theda Belle Phelps is spending her holiday from duties in Gaziantep as the guest of the Nutes in Talas. This week, Miss Thelma Ingles of the Bristol Hospital in Istanbul, goes to the other American Hospital in Turkey, at Gaziantep, for her holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. James K. Lyman, who have been camping in Mr. Riggs' office in the Bible House since their arrival in February, have now moved to the apartment over the Chapel, which has been prepared for them.

Dr. Katharine McElroy has taken up residence in Miss Pinneo's house on the Pierce College property at Ellenico. The tide has turned.

Very truly yours,

Luther K. Fowle



Bible House, September 19, 1946.  
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

The Syria Mission of the Presbyterian Board has asked that its name be changed to "The Syria-Lebanon Mission", thus keeping step with the political developments of the area.

A telegram from Miss Lucas dated in Aleppo on September 11, reports her arrival in that city. Miss Mabel Emerson and Miss Evelyn Woodward were at Euston Station in London on August 25th as Gladys Lucas started on her return to the Near East.

Miss Emerson reached London on August 24th, but was unable to continue her homeward journey until the sailing on September 7th of the S.S. Washington. Possibly this long delay will cause her to miss the September meeting of the Near East Committee which considers appropriations, personnel, etc. for the year ahead. Meanwhile, she was renewing acquaintances with many British friends and Mission agencies whose headquarters are in London. She writes "It seems as though it would be years before the terrible (Blitz) scars could be covered up. But this gallant people goes on with chin up".

Dr. Puzant Donigian and family, long associated with the American Hospital in Istanbul, reports from Forest Hills, Long Island that they are happily settled in their new home. Their daughters are studying at Pennsylvania University and Barnard College and the doctor has received license to practice in the State of New York. They send warm regards to their friends in this country.

Some thirty Americans for the two Colleges in Istanbul reached Beirut last week, and arrived by Taurus Express in Istanbul on September 17th. Among the families arriving were the John Blisses, the Huntington Blisses, and the Ray Pearsons. By the same train, Mrs. Woodruff, Miss Towner, and Miss Charlotte Reid arrived for the Scutari School. Miss Douglass coming from Beirut by boat, is due in Izmir on Sunday.

By telephone from Sofia, it is learned that Miss Mellony Turner and Miss Esther Carhart of the Girls' School in Lovetch, Bulgaria, are starting by plane for Paris and America. The new American principal of the school has arrived and taken up her duties.

Pan-American airways has established a Ticket Office at the Tokatliyan Hotel in Istanbul. It is hoped that planes will be operating from Ankara to London and New York by the latter part of this month. Final rates are not announced as yet, but are expected to be approximately \$650. to New York and \$300. to London. It is expected that a technical landing will be made at Rome on the way to London; and at Shannon, Ireland and Gander, Newfoundland on the way to New York.

Miss Alice Gwinn of Thessaloniki left Istanbul on September 13th, to return to her Station after a wide-ranging summer trip through Turkey, Palestine, the Lebanon and Syria. The Near East Mission has been fortunate in its visitors from the Far East and our good wishes will be with the Hannafords, Miss Crew and Miss Gwinn as they return to their "Home Field" in Japan.

Operation Cross-Current, C.E.D. Constance, Elizabeth, and Dorothy, 12 and 14 year old daughters of Istanbul Station (Shepard, MacCallum, Birge) early this week dove into the swift Bosphorus current above Rumeli Hisar, in Europe, landing in due time in Asia, on the other side.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle



Bible House, September 30, 1946.  
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Partridge of this Mission have now settled at 108 East College Street, Oberlin, Ohio. During the war Mr. Partridge was Chairman of the USO Committee connected with Eglin Field in Valparaiso, Florida. Their daughter, Mrs. Frances Locke with her daughter Barbara will make their home with the parents in Oberlin this winter.

The Presbyterian Mission in Syria-Lebanon is planning to hold its language school in Sidon this year. Miss Gladys Lucas will be among those enrolled.

Miss Cooper of the Methodist Foreign Board, has arrived in Bulgaria to direct their Girls' School at Lovetch, while the Misses Turner and Carhart presumably left by plane this week for home and home. When Miss Carhart phoned on the 23d. from Sofia, they hoped to start next day.

Three student nurses from Istanbul reached Gaziantep on Sept. 20th. to start their training in our hospital there. One or two additional candidates would have been welcomed.

A Boston cable reports the expected sailing of the John Scotts on October 7th. for service in Talas. Paul Nilson arrived there safely, with his heavily loaded car; car, load, and driver having landed from the "Vulcania" in Beirut on the 12th. It is hoped that Walter Wiley for Istanbul, and Miss Engle for the Gaziantep Hospital will sail early in November.

Word has reached the officers of the American Hospital of Istanbul of a bequest of Ten Thousand Dollars made by Helen Moore Bristol, widow of the late Rear Admiral Mark L. Bristol; another bequest of Five Hundred Dollars was made by a traveller "in grateful appreciation of the care given me at said Hospital in May and June, 1935". This is particularly gratifying, since the Hospital is endeavoring to raise \$150,000. for the erection of a suitable Nurses' Home and School. The Hospital in Istanbul is a community project, without the backing of contributing agencies in America. It is hoped that increasing numbers of those whom it serves, and their friends in home countries, will contribute to its building needs, and widening service.

The air-mail postage rate from Turkey to the United States, reported as 123 piastres following the exchange adjustments of Sept. 8th., is now 113 piastres. Within Turkey, airmail postage is 17 piastres.

Miss Annie M. Barker, who arrived in Turkey 52 years ago as a teacher in the Gedik Pasha School, together with Miss Ethel Putney, are awaiting a direct steamer for the United States. In America she will meet her associate of these long years, Miss Anna B. Jones, who came to Turkey in 1890. The third member of the Gedik Pasha triumvirate, Etta Doane Marden, who came to Turkey in 1881 (sixty-five years ago) passed away in California last year. Truly a remarkable record.

Dr. Jean Davis, of Wells College, Aurora, N.Y. is spending her sabbatical year in teaching at Pierce College, Athens. She arrived on Sept. 15th. on the "Vulcania". On the same steamer came Miss Lois Riess, bound for the Anatolia Girls' School in Thessaloniki. Miss Riess is not a stranger to Thessaloniki, where she spent some of her school years while her father was Physical Director of the Y.M.C.A. there. These ladies took "the long way round" via Egypt, Palestine, and Syria. Their shipmate Miss Christine Osborne of Scripps College, on term appointment to Pierce College, left the "Vulcania" at Naples, and is shortly expected in Athens.

Very truly yours,

Lester R. Fowle



Bible House, October 11, 1946.  
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

#### Subscription Rates to News Notes

Notice: Greatly increased postage rates, as well as cost of paper, ink, and production, require the following as subscriptions are renewed:

Abroad - \$1.25, as heretofore. (Lt. 3.50 if paid in Turkey)

In Turkey, by post - Ltq. 2.00 (heretofore Lt. 1.25)

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On October 7th. the Pierce College teachers who have enjoyed the hospitality of the Athens YWCA for many months, were to take up residence on the college property in Elleniko. It is hoped that the boarding department will be able to furnish a noon meal to a number of day students. Pierce Hall is being thoroughly renovated, for class-room and administration use. The Nissen huts are still on the Campus, but most of them will soon be dismantled.

A late-September letter from Thessaloniki reports the campus of Anatolia College buzzing with activity. Three rooms are being added to the Girls' School, and the scars left by military occupation are rapidly being removed. A new residence for Girls' School faculty is in construction. Classes were to start on October 11th.

Miss Minnie B. Mills writes from 4050 9th. Avenue, N.E. Seattle 5, Washington, with greetings to all friends. She spent much of August in hospital with a broken knee-cap, but the tedium was lightened by a long visit from Mrs. Samuel Caldwell.

Miss Mae Kieliszek, loaned from Izmir to Aleppo, was delayed nearly 48 hours by the Elmadag wreck on her trip south, but safely reached Aleppo on September 28th. Classes at the Aleppo Girls' High School were to begin 48 hrs. later.

Bayan Nebahat Karaorman, professor of psychology at the Chapa Girls' Normal School, left by plane for London last week, where she will join Lawyer Sureyya Aghaoglu, and former Deputy Bayan Tezer. All three hope to find transport to New York, where they constitute the Turkish delegation to the International Womens' Federation, meeting in New York on October 12th. The Mission Legal Counsel, Hamit Karaorman, flies this week end to Stockholm and London on a business trip, due back in early November.

Dr. George P. Michaelides of International College, Izmir, and formerly associated with us in the Near East School of Theology, has been elected president of the Schauffler College of Religious and Social Work, of Cleveland. Many of our circle will also remember his wife Domna, long of the Treasury Office in Istanbul. Our best wishes go to them in this important task.

Miss Barbara Hauenstein, who taught in the Aleppo Girls' School last year, was married on September 12th. in Edinburgh to Mr. William Tod. Mr. and Mrs. Tod's address will be Galashiels, Roxburgh, Scotland.

The Turkish government's budget for 1947, now under discussion in the Grand National Assembly, designates Liras 117,323,755 for public education out of a total budget of Liras 1,134,000,000. This represents an increase of over twenty million liras on the sum appropriated for education in the 1946 budget. Only two other items in the national budget, Defense and State Debts, receive larger grants than does Education.

(Istanbul Press, Oct. 3, 1946)

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison A. Maynard, who served with this Mission in Bitlis, Izmir, and more recently in the University in Beirut, have bought a cottage in Evanston, within walking distance of their sons Robert, and Richard, now on furlough from Tarsus, and studying at Chicago University.

Very truly yours,

Edmund K. Fowle



Bible House, October 17, 1946.  
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

Reports of fall enrollments from our Schools will be given as they come in. Aleppo College reports Elementary School 150; High School 388; College 56 - Total 594, with forty teachers, of whom 3 are American, 37 Syrian or Lebanese. Work has begun with good spirit among both staff and students. Central heating system is installed, but the boiler is still in New York awaiting export license.

The Scutari School has enrolled 390 students, of whom 140 are boarders. Ten Americans are part of the teaching staff of 31, and clerical staff of 8. The newly re-constructed Barton Hall provides laboratory, gym, library, class-rooms, two new dormitories, and teachers' rooms. Fine year in prospect.

The Izmir Collegiate Institute, reports enrollment of 280, divided as 76 Preps.; 136 Junior High; and 68 Senior High. Of the teaching and administrative staff of 33, 8 are Americans, 25 nationals. Most of the latter teach in government schools, and give part time to the American School. Like Scutari, Izmir comments on the extraordinary fact that all teachers were on hand for the opening of school - never possible during war years. Remodelling of class-rooms and office space, and "almost ruthless" measures to raise standards, especially in English, mark this year. The great need is buildings, to replace those lost in the Izmir fire of 1922.

A most unusual welcome awaited Mrs. Elvesta Leslie, as she reached her home in Northport, Michigan, for her furlough. All five of her brothers were there to welcome her - the first such gathering of the family in 40 years. And Mrs. Thomas, aged 88, was well, as she received these six children in the old home.

Gladys Lucas left Aleppo on October 3d. to start her Arabic language study in Tripoli, under the Committee of the Syrian Mission.

Douglas Hill, appointed to teach at Aleppo College, writes that he will be sailing from New York on the "Marine Carp" on October 8th., with Mr. and Mrs. John Scott. But alas - that elusive fish is today reported as still in New York, due primarily to the marine strike in America.

The budget of the Turkish University of Istanbul, as submitted by the Rector to the Ministry of Education, requests Liras 11,900,000. (Press)

Modern Ankara relies on motor transport, having passed from horse-drawn vehicles to automobiles, without the intermediary trolley or tram cars. Last week their best twenty-two municipal busses, stored under cover, were destroyed by fire. Others, stored at night in the open, survived. Istanbul and Izmir are being asked to loan busses in the emergency.

A trim French warship, the "Jeanne d'Arc", is visiting Istanbul. Once again, the tricolor gives and receives the traditional honors in this port.

Robert Allen, whose interesting method of teaching English to foreigners is being used successfully at Robert College, has been visiting Izmir, where our school has profited from his lectures on this subject.

Miss Naomi Foster of Izmir hopes to spend bayram days at the end of the month by visiting Miss Dunning in Aleppo.

Miss Barker and Miss Putney are hoping to travel to America on the "Marine Carp", sailing from Thessaloniki, whither they can go by "sleeper".

Very, truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle



Treasury Dept

No. 56

Bible House, October 24, 1946.  
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

Miss Gladys Lucas has started her language study in Tripoli, with two lessons daily. She is living in the delightful home of Mr. and Mrs. Decherd, with Mrs. Oltmans, who is the only American connected with the two schools this year, the Decherds being on furlough. Mr. Nassar, acting head of the Boys' School is directing her Arabic studies.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Maynard write from 1708 Washington Ave., Wilmette, Illinois, but hope to shortly move to the home they have bought in Evanston. With Richard home from Tarsus, their three elder sons, with their wives, are all near. Edward, the fourth son, just out of the Navy, is temporarily with his oldest brother, but has some thought of going to Japan.

Dr. Allen O. Whipple, who retired as Chief of Surgical Service of the Presbyterian Hospital, New York, is coming soon to the American University of Beirut. (Beirut News Letter)

For Sale: A long handled hand pump, unused, British made, imported for the Gedik Pasha School and never installed. If interested, write the Mission Treasurer,

A letter from Rev. W. Clark Kerr, written from a hospital bed in Jerusalem, reports a motor accident in Egypt, which will hold him in hospital for a time.

Report from Beirut indicates that the Trad Social Center property, as well as the residence in Beirut, both provided by the Misses Mary and Elizabeth Webb, have now been transferred into the name of the American Board, with provision for their use in the future the religious and social purposes for which they were built. Miss Elizabeth Webb continues to live in the house, and writes as vigorously as ever about the substantial movement of Armenians from the Syria-Lebanon area to the Soviet Armenian Republic. One ship had recently left, with a reported 6500 group.

On Sunday, October 20th. took place the marriage of Bayan Madeleine Hüsman, of the Mission Treasury office, and Bay Yetvart Dövletyan, in an impressive service at the Saint Vartanantz Church in Feriköy, Istanbul. Happily, Bayan Madeleine will continue her services to the accounting department of the Mission.

Three students who had completed their first year in the Near East School of Theology, and one entering this fall, have joined the migration of Armenians to the Soviet Republic of Armenia. Their venture of faith may produce most interesting results. The NEST carries on with twelve students in Theology, Religious Education, and Social Studies.

A special effort is now being made to provide for the Admiral Bristol Hospital of Istanbul, funds to erect a modern building to serve as Nurses' Home and School. It is hoped that friends in Turkey can raise \$15,000. for this purpose, this being 10% of the estimated cost of the new building. At present, Nurses are still housed in the three-story wooden building purchased with the property.

A marked tendency of price-advance is showing itself in Turkey. Many categories of government salaries are being increased; local steamer fares went up 20% to 40%; increase of postal, rail, and tram rates are under discussion. Food staples are also showing an upward tendency.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle



Bible House, October 31, 1946.  
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

Notice: The American Community in Istanbul is invited to the Admiral Bristol Hospital on Saturday, November 16th, at 16:30 o'clock, to hear the annual reports of the Hospital, to elect a class of three members to the Board of Managers, and to transact such other business as may be brought before this annual gathering.

On October 24th., Istanbul Station gathered at the Bible House apartment in honor of Miss Barker's 82nd birthday, which actually was on the 26th. After a half hour of delightful piano music by a student of the Turkish Conservatory, 31 people sat down to supper at six tables in the big parlor. Miss Barker was at the head table, decorated with autumn leaves and flowers. That she asked surgical help from Dr. Shepard to cut the cake should not lead to the assumption that it was anything other than Scutari's best. Miss Barker and Miss Putney await suitable ocean passage, to start for America.

In February 1946, the Istanbul School of Language and Commerce (ex-Association activity, under leadership of Mr. Ezra Young) received permit to increase its hostel accommodations from 10 to 30. Today every place is taken by students in the Istanbul University and the other higher schools of this city, while over one hundred names are on the waiting list, seeking accommodation in the Hostel. Fall program in class-rooms, gym., social and group activities is in full swing. Mr. and Mrs. Young hope to start on leave in June 1947, five years after Mr. Young arrived to take charge of this work.

President Floyd Black and Mrs. Black of Robert College started for America on October 23d. by Liberty ship, to share in the winter campaign in the interest of the Near East Colleges. They hope to be back early in 1947.

Dean Carl Compton of Anatolia College, Thessaloniki, reports the year well started, with more students than at any time since the College moved to Greece. Eight Americans were expected on October 20th. per S. S. Vulcania, and the immediate problem was adequate housing for them. A permanent personnel house is being constructed, while a temporary class-room building for girls helps in the overcrowding of students.

Pierce College, Ellenico. Dr. McElroy reports mid-October enrollment as 555. Of the teaching and administrative staff of fifty, eight are Americans and 42 Hellenes. After an absence of six years from its own campus, the students are again enjoying large rooms, outdoor play, and the advantages of library, assembly hall, laboratories and gymnasium. It is hoped to start the boarding department next year. This year, it is a "country day school".

Under date of October 15th. reports from the American High School for Girls in Aleppo indicate that the High School classes are full to capacity. Lower classes are happily smaller than last year, due to opening of new government and private schools. The main book-order has arrived in Aleppo, and although the teaching staff is largely new, it is taking hold in excellent spirit. Remodelling and decoration of school rooms, and an additional building help to raise the tone of school life and work. Miss Dunning's American associates are Miss Helen Cassile of the Presbyterian Mission, and Miss Mae Kieliszek of the American Board.

The 23d. anniversary of the founding of the Turkish Republic was observed on October 29th. with the usual celebrations. The city of Istanbul was widely decorated, with many illuminations at night. As usual, weather was propitious.

Very truly yours,

Luther K. Fowle



No. 58

Bible House, November 7, 1946.  
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

Press dispatches report the death from heart failure in New York on October 23d. of Bay Semih Temel, known to many of our circle in Adana, Tarsus, Kayseri, and Istanbul. The Temels went to America in January 1944, to enable their three children to continue their education there, while Bay Semih sought to develop Turkish-American commercial relationships, through the Temel Corporation of 220 Broadway. Our deep sympathy goes to the bereaved family.

Tarsus College. A group of 43 Tarsus students, under the leadership of Bob King and Şevket Özgün, is using the National and Bayram holiday period for a "See Turkey first" trip of almost two weeks. Assigned a car by the railways, they travelled to Ankara, spending four days there. Now they are in Istanbul for six days, where they are receiving gym. floor sleeping hospitality from the Dershane.

Slowly the world is moving to the new achievements made possible by war-time technical advance. Air letter mailed in Istanbul on October 14th. was delivered in Cambridge, Mass. on the 19th. Airmails for the USA close at the Central Post Office in Istanbul at 15 o'clock on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays.

Anatolia Girls' School. Late October report gives 195 girls in attendance at the Anatolia Girls' School in Thessaloniki, 50 of them being boarders. Of the teaching and administrative staff of 24, 18 are Greek, 5 Americans, 1 British. "Given peace, at home and abroad, the year promises well".

Six appointees to the staff of Anatolia College and Girls' School, travellers on the Vulcania, reached Thessaloniki at midnight on October 27th. They are Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Hill, with Clarissa 9, and Dana 7; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Myers (he having served earlier in Robert College, Izmir, and Athens); Miss Margaret Arnott, and Miss Aura Ginieris. The Hills and Miss Arnott will teach in the Boys' department; Mrs. Myers and Miss Ginieris in the Girls' School, while Mr. Myers will divide his time between the Boys' department, and the Alumni City Center. Miss Lois Riess arrived a few weeks earlier, and assists in the Girls' Department.

Letters from Genoa from Philip Ward indicate safe travel to that point, and ere this he is doubtless in America. Mr. John E. Wallace, who has had earlier mission experience in India, is being assigned by the Presbyterian Board to its Syria and Lebanon Mission, and will probably assist in the NEST, whence Mr. Ward has had to withdraw.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Brewster, under State Department appointment to the American Legation to the Lebanon, were booked for sailing on the Marine Carp from New York on October 8th. The strike is now ended, and the Carp may be on the high seas. The John Scotts are presumed to be on the same boat.

U.S. airmail rates were reduced from 8 to 5 cents on October 1st. 700 commercial transport planes are now carrying airmail within the U.S. It is expected that 3000 planes will be required within two years, to carry the volume of airmail. U.S. airmail rates abroad are reduced as of November 1st. and we hope shortly to report the new figures.

By agreement between Canada, France, Great Britain, Netherlands, Sweden, and the USA, north Atlantic round-trip air travel costs \$595. between New York and London. Single fare \$325. New York to Paris, \$345.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle



Bible House, November 14, 1946.  
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

Istanbul American Community Gathering. At the Admiral Bristol Hospital on Saturday, November 16th. at 16:30 o'clock, to hear the annual reports, to elect three members to the Board of Managers, and to transact such other business as may be presented.

The Office of the Near East Christian Council reports the agreement of the Reformed Presbyterian Mission Board to the service as Executive Secretary of the Council of Dr. E. E. Elder of its Mission in Egypt. Furthermore, Dr. Elder has accepted this appointment, and after furlough will take up his new duties in the fall of 1947. Dr. Elder will give half his time to the NECC and half to the service of the Mission in Egypt, with which he has been associated for so many years.

Barton Hall, Scutari. Some 140 alumnae were guests of the school on November 2nd. to "house-warm" the restored Barton Hall, and to strengthen the bonds between the School and its Alumnae. A delightful occasion is reported, including a gratifying contribution by Alumnae toward the expense of equipping the new laboratory. On November 5th. the School entertained many other friends, and guests were shown through the new and older buildings. The original Barton Hall was destroyed by fire in December 1905, but its well-built walls "stood fast", and now enclose the new building.

A letter from Mrs. Lillian Cole Sewny reports visits with many friends in a summer trip east from her Claremont home. Mr. and Mrs. William Hawkes are serving a church in Woodbury, Conn. Other former associates mentioned are Margaret White and her mother; the Mardens and Miss Morley, Belle Harley, the Getchells, and others of the American Board family in California.

The Marine Carp finally sailed from New York on November 6th. with the Scotts for Talas on board. It is scheduled to call at Istanbul on November 27th. for some 80 American citizens, mostly from the Balkans, awaiting repatriation. Miss Barker and Miss Putney plan to take this sailing.

The Rev. John E. Wallace, who has had considerable experience in India, is being assigned by the Presbyterian Board to its Syria and Lebanon Mission, and will probably serve in the NEST for the current academic year.

Toward "normalcy". Official estimates of privately owned passenger cars in the USA in 1946 place the number at over 27,000,000.

Miss Webb reports from Beirut that 22,500 Armenians are reported to have sailed from Beirut this fall for the Caucasus. Unemployment in Syria and Lebanon has been one cause for this migration.

In the Trad Center school in Beirut 110 pupils were registered for the fall term.

Air-mail from USA to Istanbul was reduced from .70 to .15 cents on November 1st. Possibly this rate is applied because Istanbul is in Europe. We await reports from Anatolian Stations.

At 15:30 on Sunday, November 17th. Prof. Charles E. Estes will give the first of four "Farewell Recitals", using the Dodge organ at the Robert College assembly hall. This will be the 37th. year of such concerts under Prof. Estes, the organ having been installed in 1909. Statistically, the next concert is the 438th., but no statistics can measure the value, cultural and inspirational, of these musical hours to many generations of college students, and to the wide circle in the community and city who have attended them.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle



Treasury Dept.

Bible House, November 21, 1946.  
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Webster, and daughter Deborah, reached their home in Ankara early in November. Daughter Jane continues her studies in America for the present.

Dr. Cass Arthur Reed's service with UNRRA, Greece, ended on October 31st. and he expects to return to the United States this month. Mrs. Reed left for America in September.

Mrs. Henry K. Wingate, formerly of Kayseri Station, is living at No. 15 East 10th. Street, New York, while seeing through the press her translation of the twelfth century poetical Prayer by the Armenian writer Nerses Shnorhali. This is being printed in English, primarily for the benefit of Armenians in America who have lost the use of their ancient tongue. It is reported that profits from the sale of this work will go to a scholarship Fund, which former students of the Talas School are gathering, in memory of the late Henry K. Wingate.

The Order of the British Empire has been awarded by His Majesty, King George VI, to President and Mrs. Bayard Dodge of the American University in Beirut, in recognition of their services to the British Forces during the war. This is one of the rare occasions when this honor has been conferred to husband and wife, in this case for the generous opening of their home to officers and men of the armed forces, throughout the long months of the war. (Beirut News Letter)

The international observance of "Children's Book Week" was marked in Istanbul by posters in schools and book-stores carrying the slogan "Her kitap bir köprüdür" (Books are Bridges). Similar posters were used in other lands during this same week - November 10th. to 16th. Several papers carried articles discussing the exhibit of Turkish and English children's books, on display at the library of the Office of Information and Culture. On Friday, at a gathering at that library, four speakers dealt with children's books, in various aspects. Several hundred children's books were collected for distribution to the hospitals and orphanages in the city. The illustrations in English books had received Turkish captions, added by young women of the Service Center, in the interest of their youthful Turkish readers.

Co-operating in this project were the editor of Dogan Kardeş, (the Children's Magazine) Vedat Nedim Tör; Bayan Fahrünissa Seden; the U.S. Office of Intercultural Relations; and the American Board Publication Department.

It is hoped that this is but the first observation of Children's Book Weeks, and that the idea of "More books for more children", taken up with such enthusiasm, may mark a real advance in this field, in Turkey.

The Annual Meeting of the American Community to hear reports from the Admiral Bristol Hospital, and to elect Managers to its Board, was held at the Hospital on November 16th., with Ambassador Wilson presiding. In spite of the increase of operating costs from 100,000 liras in 1938 to over 300,000. in 1946, the Hospital expects to finish the year without major indebtedness. Substantial contributions were reported toward the campaign for the new Nurses' Home and School building.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Finney Markham, formerly of the Erenköy Boys' School in Istanbul, have joined the staff of St. Lawrence University, Canton, N.Y. Mr. Markham is Dean of the University.

October registration at the American University of Beirut was 2286.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle



Bible House, November 28, 1946.  
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

We regret to report the death from heart attack on November 27th. of Mr. Ernest Hedden, for fifteen years associated with the YMCA in this city. Mr. Hedden has been the very effective General Secretary of the Nannan Memorial Branch YMCA of Detroit, since his withdrawal from Istanbul in the mid-1930s. It was under his leadership that the first organized summer camp was established in this city, at Kilios Beach, in 1922; and the development of a Boys' Department in Association activity also owes its inception to him. Mr. and Mrs. Hedden and their two daughters will be remembered by a wide circle in this city, to the young people of which they made so distinctive a contribution, in the years following the First World War.

A Washington cable of November 23d. reports the raising to Embassy rank of the diplomatic mission of the United States to Iraq, and the appointment of Mr. George Wadsworth, Minister to Syria and the Lebanon since 1944, to be the first American Ambassador to Iraq. Mr. Wadsworth came to the Near East in 1914 as a Staffite at the American University of Beirut, entering the Consular Service two years later. His Foreign Service appointments have brought him into close touch with the American Communities in Istanbul, Sofia, Alexandria, Cairo, Teheran, Bucharest and Beirut, in all of which he has won esteem for his personal qualities, as well as in his service as an officer of the American Government. These new honors to a diplomat whose service in various countries is not so much "to get" but rather to understand, interpret, and co-operate, will gratify a wide circle in the Near East.

Miss Marion Sheldon, who served many years in American Board schools in Adapazar and Scutari, has challenged her 85 years by making a remarkable recovery after experiencing a fractured hip. She spent a three-day November week-end visiting friends in Worcester, returning to Auburndale by train without difficulty. Thanks to the "car committee" she continues her weekly attendance at the beautiful Church in West Newton, and on Thursdays joins the ladies working in the Red Cross group. She sends her greetings to her associates "over here". Address: 138 Hancock St., Auburndale.

Miss Sylvia Nilson is assisting at the Scutari School, after having had some time with her parents in Talas, where she assisted in fall classes.

A Board cable of November 22nd. reports the arrival in America of Philip Ward on November 12th., and sailing engaged for Christmas week on the "Marine Carp" for Miss Engle, coming to the Aintab Hospital as Nurse; and Mr. Walter Wiley, bound for Istanbul.

A Talas telegram of November 25th. reports the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. John Scott, who landed in Syria from the "Marine Carp", on November 19th.

Early in November, the first private car to make the direct trip since the war, brought Dr. Carleton, Miss Mae Kielliszek, and the Turkish Consul in Aleppo, to Gaziantep for a visit.

The Istanbul Press reports a project of the Turkish Council of Public Health, calling for the annual expenditure of fifty million liras for the next ten years. The Republic is to be divided into seven Health Districts, each to be provided with hospital and infirmary facilities, with teams of doctors and nurses to serve the villages.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Brewster have reached the American Legation to the Lebanon, where Mr. Brewster is to be Assistant Commercial Attaché.

Very truly yours,

Eugene R. Fowle



Treasury Dept.

Bible House, December 5, 1946.  
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

The S.S. "Marine Carp" reached the Galata Quay on Saturday, November 30th, sailing six hours later for New York, with Miss Barker, Miss Rutney, and Miss Mercedes, nurse, on Board. Miss Putney goes on furlough.

Miss Barker arrived in Turkey in 1894, and taught for forty years in the Gedik Paşa School. Since her retirement, she and Miss Putney have made their home at the Bible House apartment, that has also been a gathering place for Gedik Paşa friends, through which the very vital spirit of that school has carried on. Stairs being forbidden to her, Miss Barker took her seat in the famous "Clara Barton" wicker chair in her own apartment, and was carried down four flights to the street. Chair and lady were placed in a car, and soon were moving up the long gangway ladder of the "carp" and to her cabin, where she rose from her chair to seat herself on her lower berth. Thus after 52 years in the Mission, our senior member turns homeward, hoping to settle in the Boston area, in the circle of Board friends.

CARE - Committee for American Remittances to Europe, 50 Broad St., New York.

CARE is a non-profit co-operative of the 25 major American relief agencies through which individuals and groups can order food packages for delivery to designated friends in certain European countries, swiftly, economically, and safely. Or if you wish, CARE through its local agencies will select a needy family, to receive your package.

Among the 25 co-operating agencies are the Friends Service Com.: Congregational Christian Service Com.: War Relief Services, of National Catholic Welfare; and YWCA World Emergency Fund.

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The resignation of Bishop Gwynne, Anglican Bishop of Egypt, took place in November, after 26 years in this post. Bishop Gwynne's interests and services went far beyond his own Church, and he has been one of the leaders in the Near East Christian Council since its inception.

Farnsworth Fowle reports a chance meeting in Chicago, at a Marian Anderson Concert, with the Maynard family. Banker Bob, Teacher Dick, Lawyer John, and ex-Navy Edward, with their parents, were there. Edward was to start shortly for a civilian post, under the military government of southern Korea.

Miss Ruth Mumford, who served in Italy with the YW during the war, and recently has been in Beirut for six months in similar service, has arrived in Istanbul to co-operate in the program of the Service Center. The return of Miss Phoebe Clary from furlough is postponed for a time, as she assists in raising funds in America for the reconstruction work of the Association.

Very truly yours,

Luther K. Fowle



Bible House, December 12, 1946.  
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

Mr. Douglas Hill, appointed by the Presbyterian Board to serve in Aleppo College, reached the College late in November, having travelled with the Scotts of Talas on the "Marine Carp." His first duty is reported to be the taking of seventeen hours of weekly teaching, which until his arrival has been carried by Mrs. Carleton.

Our shrinking world. The Carleton trip by car from Aleppo to Gaziantep in early November was comfortably done between breakfast and lunch. Actual driving time was less than 150 minutes. Both ends of the line are looking forward to subsequent similar visits.

The airplane carrier "Randolph" accompanied by three other units of the U. S. Navy, has been visiting the port of Beirut. The men particularly enjoyed the facilities for sports and games at the University; while many of the American homes kept "Open house". There were many good times, both ashore and afloat.

As of December 9th. new duty charges on many categories of imported goods have come into force in Turkish Customs Houses. The Press refers to "increases of 156%". Two days later, one of the papers headlined "Imported goods disappear from the market."

Geometrical retirement. Welcome letter from the Harrison Maynards indicates that their married sons Bob, Dick, and John live at three points of a Chicago equilateral triangle, 90 minutes travel from each other; AND the lucky parents hope by Christmas to move to their own new home in Evanston, within that triangle.

Farnsworth Fowle began in late November to give for CBS Chicago, the 10:30 p.m. News Broadcasts, 12 minutes nightly, Monday to Friday. It goes out over WBBM Chicago, frequency 780.

A long line of ambulances awaited the "Queen Elizabeth" at Southampton last week, to receive the 21 passengers with fractures, and others bruised in the storms which battered the great ship on its eastward trip. The same fury broke the moorings of the liner "Europa" in the harbor at Havre, the ship sinking in shallow water. We hope the westward-bound "Marine Carp" with Misses Barker and Putney aboard, has dodged south of these gales.

The Rockefeller International Health Board has established in Cairo an administrative office for the Middle East, with Dr. Soper in charge. He is familiarizing himself with conditions in the "Middle East and Africa", and recently has been visiting Ankara and Istanbul. With him has been Miss Tennant, who is primarily concerned with Public Health Nursing problems, and shortly flies to India for several months of study and observation.

The American Community in Istanbul and Ankara is one with the British Community in their regret that Canon Hutchinson, Chaplain of the Crimean Memorial Church in Istanbul, is leaving us, to return to his old parish in London. His friendliness and catholicity; his readiness to lend a hand in every good thing; above all, his devotion to his Master, and gift of ministering to the spiritual needs of many, have made his years among us an important service. Our affection and interest will follow him.

Letters from New York indicate about \$20,000. there toward the cost of erecting a new Nurses' School and Home in connection with the Admiral Bristol Hospital, under the direction of Lorrin Shepard of this Mission. A similar sum has been raised in Istanbul. Steps are being concerted in America which will, it is hoped, produce the balance required for this building.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle



Bible House, December 19, 1946.  
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

The American University of Beirut is to have a new library building, given by the wife and sons of the late Na'ameh Yaffet, a graduate in the Class of 1882 who emigrated to Brazil, where he made his fortune, and died there a year or two ago.

The Istanbul Men's Service Center has asked that Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baker be assigned to this institution, to serve it during the approaching furlough of Mr. and Mrs. Young. Letter just received from Mr. Baker expresses their great regret that obligations accepted to the work of the USO, as well as family considerations make it impossible for them to accept this opportunity.

After a remarkably mild and open fall, with but a week of cold weather in October, the Poiraz north wind from the Russian steppes hit this city on December 13th. In the realm of weather, from now on till the end of March, all things are possible.

The Beirut News Letter reports that the Ghazir School for the Blind, so long under the direction of Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Kunzler who formerly served in fellowship with our personnel in Urfa, has now been moved to the Swiss houses at Trad, just north of Beirut. Mr. Th. Wieser, who also served in Turkey in Swiss relief and educational activities, will be Director of the School. We regret to report that Dr. Kunzler was taken severely ill on November 15th., and is being nursed at his home in Beirut.

Dr. and Mrs. Howard D. Hannaford, who served last year in the Aleppo Girls' School and in the College, sailed from Texas for their own field of work, Japan, on Nov. 15th. They hope to keep in touch with their friends in the Near East, but state that present postal regulations permit the sending of only open-faced post-cards and packages to civilians in Japan. Their address is,-

Meiji Gakuin, Shirokane, Shiba, Tokyo, Japan.

Payne Field, the war-time American air-base near Cairo, has been given by the American Government to the Government of Egypt, and was delivered on December 15th. with suitable formalities. It is to be renamed in honor of King Farouk I.

Mr. George Catt, who during the war was with the Botanical Department of the Istanbul University, writes on December 9th. from "Pay Tree Cottage, South Road, Hayling Island, England" to send their Christmas Greetings to their many friends in Turkey. Daughter Ruth gradually improves in health, and they hope soon to have a house nearer Mr. Catt's work.

Cable of December 17th. from Miss Emerson, reports the arrival that day in Boston of Miss Annie M. Barker "in fair condition". We await further news by air-mail. The same cable indicates that Miss Engle for the Gaziantep Hospital, and Mr. Walter Wiley for Istanbul, expected to sail on Dec. 20th. for Turkey.

Mildred and Merrill Isely of Gaziantep (on furlough) shared in the commissioning service and farewell at the Owosso and Imlay City churches in Michigan, as Miss Clara Engle, R. N. set out for her new tasks at the Hospital in Gaziantep. They give glowing accounts of the spirit and purpose of these churches, in this venture in international service and brotherhood, conceived in spiritual terms.

Very truly yours,

Luther F. Fowle



Bible House, December 26, 1946.  
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

Tarsus College, 1946-1947. A mid-December report from Mr. Woolworth reports registration of 211, of whom 103 are boarders. Academically, 81 are in lise classes, 92 in Orta (middle), and 38 in the prep. class where the learning of English is a major consideration. Including Mrs. Haas, who generously teaches in Tarsus from Monday to Thursday, there are 6 Americans on the Staff; and eleven Turks, one of whom gives full-time service. This year, dining-hall has had to be enlarged, a new dormitory opened, and the second study-hall has found larger quarters in the Stickler Building. In short, growth-pressure from within is constant.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Thompson of the Socony Accounting Department, returned last week from holiday spent in America and England. For four months they were in Boston with their only child, Margaret, now Mrs. Melvin Biggs; and bring the happiest report of that young couple. Mr. Thompson brings back a remarkable photograph of his 89 year old Mother in Vancouver, surrounded by her five children in 1946; remarkable in that there is another photograph of the unbroken group taken 50 years ago, wherein the same five are similarly arranged around their Mother, with Duncan as the plump baby. Time has dealt gently with this family, whose Father and Grandfather were associated with the American Board work in Bulgaria and in Istanbul.

On December 21st. Istanbul Station and a few invited friends shared in a Nativity Play, presented in Pantomime by the young people and the children of the Station, under the direction of Virginia Shepard. The accompanying scripture readings recounted the familiar stories of the search for lodging, the shepherds, the Bethlehem stable, and the wise-men from afar. Old French carols by the group or by a quartette made their contribution to the dawning of Christmas in the hearts of those present.

A Christmas letter from George and Elsie White reports their return to the social and recreational activities of the mine workers in Cyprus. Address - C. M. C. Skouriotissa, Cyprus. A son of the Board's Merzifon Station, George and Elsie White gave devoted service in this country under the Near East Relief, followed by years at Anatolia College, as it was putting down its new roots in Thessaloniki. Their greetings to "the old-timers" of our circle, would be most heartily reciprocated.

A December 15th. letter brings greetings from Mr. Charles Riggs to his associates in the Near East. Having long carried the burden of the "News Notes" he sends in two welcome items. Would that others would do the same. a. The Harvard School of Graduate Engineering is inaugurating professorships "to recognize, in teaching and research, engineers who have distinguished themselves in their profession, and scholars who have led in the advancement of engineering sciences." The first recipient of these appointments is Dr. Karl Terzaghi, founder of the Science of Soil Mechanics, formerly of the Engineering Faculty of Robert College. b. In December two ships sailing from California carried the largest group of mission workers (980) ever to sail for foreign lands. Representing 56 Boards and Societies these teachers, preachers, doctors, nurses, and social workers are bound for China, Japan, India, Siam, and the Philippines. 8000 gathered in the Oakland Civic Auditorium in an impressive farewell service. In this group was Edward Clark Riggs, M.D., son of the late Theodore D. Riggs of this Mission, who served in Merzifon and Saloniki.

Very truly yours,

Luther K. Fowle