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American Board Mission, Post Box 142
Istanbul, Turkey, January 13, 1961

Dear Friends:

Christmas greetings bring word that "Molly" Bliss is studying nursing administration at Columbia University Teachers College this year. Her address at present is International House, Room 842, 500 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N.Y. Marilee Wheeler, who taught at Üsküdar 1955-58, is also studying this year in Berkeley, California. Her address is 2522 1/2 D Piedmont, Berkeley 4, California.

Azariah Smith Memorial Hospital in Gaziantep welcomed the return of George Privatsky on Christmas eve after 2 1/2 months in North Dakota where he was called to transact business.

Word has been received of the death on December 21 of Miss Annie E. Pinneo, at the age of 84, in Auburndale, Massachusetts. Miss Pinneo taught at the American Collegiate Institute in Izmir 1910 to 1915 and 1919 to 1922. As the School which is now Pierce College in Athens opened in 1922 Miss Pinneo became head of the English Department at the College and served on its faculty until 1942 when she retired to the United States.

Miss Ethel Putney of Wellesley Hills, Mass., for many years Principal of the American School in Gedikpaşa, Istanbul, enjoyed a ten-day visit with her former students and friends in Istanbul in late December. This visit was part of a trip to Europe and the Near East, including also stops in Greece, Egypt, and points in Europe. The trip is a gift of a former Gedikpaşa student, now a textile mill owner in Alexandria, Egypt.

The Rev. Theodore Van Dyck, Administrative Assistant to the Executive Secretary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church Commission on World Service, visited in Istanbul for two days in late December as he was in the course of a tour of Europe and the Near East to see projects which had been supported by his Commission and to become acquainted with needs of this part of the world.

The Mid-Winter Conference which included Orientation meetings for new teachers in our Turkey Schools, and sessions of the Spiritual Outreach Committee met in Talas December 28-31. Rev. Vernon I. Flynn, minister of the "Dutch Chapel" in Istanbul addressed daily meetings of these two groups in joint sessions. While Turkey has experienced this year the mildest winter in many years, snow had fallen sufficiently to permit skiing on Mt. Erciyes, but not so much as to prevent a trip to Urgüp as well.

Dr. Duncan Ballantyne, President of Robert College, has announced his resignation to begin immediately. He will be succeeded by Dr. Hazen of Massachusetts Institute of Technology who will act as President in the interim until a new President is chosen.

The first step in the organization of the Second Turkish Republic was taken on January 6 with the opening of the Constituent Assembly in the new Parliament Building in Ankara. This Assembly which represents professional and trade groups, area representatives, and political parties

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is faced with two responsibilities--the ratification of the proposed Constitution and the establishment of election laws in order that an elected government may take office by October 29, 1961.

Dr. Cyril H. Haas, who served as a medical doctor in Turkey for 42 years, died January 8, at Pleasant Hill, Tennessee, at the age of 85 years. Dr. Haas, beloved physician of thousands, served in Turkey from 1910 to 1951 with his service centering in the International Hospital in Adana, and in a clinic in Adana which he opened when the hospital was closed.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Robeson have moved to Talas from their language study in Izmir in late December in order to permit Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keller to have six-months of Turkish language study in Izmir. The Kellers expect to move to Izmir in the immediate future.

A Social Service Seminar, attended by 30 Lycee students from our Schools in Tarsus, Üsküdar, and Izmir and the Bornova College, Izmir, was held in Izmir December 27-30. The featured speaker was Dr. Bernard Russell, whose field is social work for children, as a UN representative in Ankara. Those in attendance at this second annual Seminar are most enthusiastic for the experience.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lees in late December. Mrs. Lees is the former Elizabeth MacCallum, the daughter of Mrs. Robin MacCallum and the late Lyman MacCallum.

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American Board Mission
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey
February 10, 1961

Dear Friends:

Ofelia Miranda-Menendez and Wilma Mosholder arrived in Istanbul on January 24 aboard the S.S. San Giorgio to begin their work as teacher of home economics and librarian, respectively at the **Uskudar School**.

The meeting of the Board of Managers of the Publication Department on January 21-22 brought to Istanbul Judy Brown of Gaziantep, Mary Nute of Ankara, Mary Lou Winkler of Talas, Harriet Yarrow and William Edmonds of Izmir. Mr. Edmonds remained in Istanbul until January 28 in order to become better acquainted with the work which he will begin in the Publication Department in the **Summer**.

The Rev. Harold Fisher of Beirut visited in Istanbul January 20-21 in the interest of the Near East Christian Council radio project which expects to begin broadcasting by Christmas 1962.

Friends of the Rev. Hassan Deghani-Tafti will be happy to hear that he has been appointed as the future Bishop of the Anglican Church in Iran. The service of Consecration will be some time in the Spring.

William Griswold of 10753 Strathmore Dr., Apt. 2, Los Angeles, Calif., writes that he is at work on 15th Century Turkish documents with Dr. Andreas Tietze of the Near East History Department at UCLA where he is working toward his doctorate in Turkish studies. "Jimmy", age 5, is now in kindergarten and Ruth is 8 months old. "Bill" and Jean Griswold taught in Talas 1953-57.

Mrs. Ruth West Campbell writes on December 15 from "Enroute to Shanghai" aboard the N. S. "Basilea". She says, "After visiting five more ports I will be leaving the vessel in Osaka, Japan, the end of the first week in January. I expect to sail again on N.Y.K. Line, 'Sagama Maru' on February 2nd via Philippines, San Francisco, Panama Canal and some Northern South American ports to New York. I have seized this open time to avail myself of the long way around as the shortest way home."

Marguerite Bicknell writes from 138 Hancock St., Auburndale, Mass., that she is settled for her retirement at Barton House of the Walker Missionary Homes following her return to the United States travelling with her sister.

Ethel Putney writes appreciatively of her recent trip to Turkey, Egypt, and England, saying, "This business of Church in the morning, dinner here in London and supper in Wellesley Hills, Inşallah, is as incredible as all the trip has been".

Those interested in a Summer School in Islamics which might be held in Jerusalem approximately July 5-25 which would be directed by Dr. A. Kenneth Cragg with the help of other lectures are invited to express their interest to Robert Avery in order that plans may proceed.

Melvin A. Wittler

No. 521

American Board Mission
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey
April 7, 1961

Dear Friends:

William and Mary Nute left Ankara on March 25 and 26 respectively to begin their furlough in the United States. Dr. Nute is travelling through the Orient to visit centers of public health on a special grant from the Rockefeller Foundation. Mary Nute is travelling via England where she will visit their daughter, Irine.

Recent visitors in Istanbul include Mr. Murray of the World Council of Churches Office of Information and Publicity, Geneva, and the Rev. William Pottenger, minister of the Episcopal Church, Tempe, Arizona. A group of students and professors from Beirut were in Istanbul March 30 through April 4 on a tour sponsored by the University Christian Center, Beirut.

Mrs. Went-van der Vring, Senior Field Representative of the World Council of Churches Service to Refugees in Istanbul, is having a two-months' leave with her family in Holland. During her absence, Mr. G.E.M. Allard of the Austrian World Council staff is serving in Istanbul.

Friends of Dr. Kenneth Cragg will be interested to know that he has been appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury to serve as Warden of St. Augustine's College in Canterbury. Dr. Cragg remains as Study Director of the Near East Christian Council.

The Board of Managers of the Turkey Schools met in Tarsus from March 18 through March 21. The meeting included members from Izmir, Talas, Tarsus, Istanbul and Aleppo.

The Rev. B. Frank Stoltzfus, Box 102, Bluffton, Ohio, writes, "Our final address is still undecided, but it will probably be either Bluffton or West Liberty, Ohio." Mr. and Mrs. Stoltzfus retired from their work at Robert College and the American College for Girls, Istanbul, in August 1960.

Luther Fowle writes from Gladwyme, Pennsylvania, that he and his wife, Mary, expect to return to their Cape Cod home on March 17. Their return to Cape Cod following a Christmas visit with Luther's children--Curtis, Farnsworth, James and Joy--has been delayed due to Mrs. Fowle's having fallen and broken a hip which required two surgical operations.

For those planning trips to Damascus, your attention is called to the opening of Hotel Nefrtiti, Sharia Baghdad, Damascus. Single and double rooms are available with full board at reasonable rates. The proprietor is Miss Khoury, a friend of many in Mission circles of the Near East.

Lynda Blake announces that the date of Language School this summer is August 2-30 in Izmir. Any who wish to participate in this Turkish language school are requested to write directly to Mrs. Blake.

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Dear Friends,

Many visitors have come to Istanbul and the Mission in recent weeks. The largest group came with a tour, "Journey to Understanding," led by Mrs. Mary Ann Williams of Lake Worth, Florida. Other visitors include Mrs. Walter Palm of Dunellen, N. J.; Mr. Victor Haflich of Garden City, Kans.; Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Bean Evans of the Seventh Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio; Miss Louise Cobb of Berkeley, Calif.; Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Martin, jr. of Union Theological Seminary, New York City; the Rev. Porter French of Decatur, Illinois; Miss Carrie Lake of Seattle, Wash.; and Mrs. Wm. H. Peet of Ames, Iowa. Miss Lake is a former teacher at Uskudar and Anatolia College, Thessalonica, Greece. The occasion which brought her return to the Near East was the 75th Anniversary of the founding of Anatolia College. Mrs. Peet is the daughter-in-law of the famed Dr. W. W. Peet, long time Treasurer of the Central and Western Turkey Missions of the American Board.

Sandra Kamper flew to the United States on April 30 because of her father's death. We look forward to Sandra's early return to her work at the Gaziantep Hospital.

Attending various meetings of the Near East Christian Council in Beirut in late April were Robert Avery, E. C. Blake, Paul Nilson and Wm. Sage Woolworth. Burton Thurston of Beirut and Melvin Wittler represented the Near East Mission at the Aleppo College Board of Managers meeting in Aleppo May 11 and 12.

Warren and Mary Lou Winkler and Yuiko Nakajima of Talas and Clara Engle of Gaziantep attended the Near East Christian Medical Conference in Beirut in early May.

May Bryant arrived in Istanbul May 5 to resume her work in the Talas Nute Clinic following a three-month's furlough with her family in Illinois. Arthur and Marianne Whitman with their children, Alan and Beth, arrived in Istanbul on May 12 following a six-month's furlough in the United States. Arthur spent a good portion of his furlough working with the Board Treasury Department in Boston.

Anne and William Edonds and three children arrived in Istanbul May 23 following their year's language study in Izmir. "Bill" has already begun to assume his responsibilities in the Publication Department.

Several persons who have completed their work have left Turkey for the United States. Yuiko Nakajima of the Talas Nute Clinic left Istanbul on May 21 to spend several months speaking in the United States before her return to Japan in October. Charles Farrand and William Ludwig left Istanbul on June 8 to travel through Europe enroute to the United States following completion of their work at the Talas School.

According to an announcement received from John and Marge Mahy of Waters Road, Germantown, Md., they are the parents of a son, John Scot, born May 20. Marge (Kirkpatrick) Mahy taught at Uskudar 1955-57.

Arden Bucholz writes on May 1 from Fort Dix, N. J., that he has just finished two months of basic training at Fort Dix and will soon begin a fifteen week's course at the United States Army Intelligence Corps Training Center at Fort Holabird, Md. He taught at the Talas School 1958-60.

Preparations are very much underway these days for the Mission Annual Meeting which will be held at the Girls' School in Izmir June 28 through July 8.

Melvin A. Wittler

Dear Friends,

The Rev. and Mrs. Walter Wiley returned in June to live in Istanbul having completed three years of fraternal service with the churches of the Diyarbakir-Mardin area. While there Mr. Wiley was also civilian auxiliary chaplain at the American Air Base in Diyarbakir. After spending about two weeks in Rome, he is now beginning in his new position as the representative for the World Council of Churches in Istanbul working with refugees in the city.

July marked the departure of the Merrill Iselys from Gaziantep and from Turkey, they having completed forty-one years of service in the Mission. Many honors were accorded them by their Turkish friends at farewell functions in Gaziantep, Ankara and Istanbul. During a dinner given by the city government of Gaziantep a street parallel to the main street was officially named Isely. At the suggestion of the Ministry of Forestry one of the peaks of Duluk Baba was named Isely. Among the pictures of them appearing in newspapers in Gaziantep and Istanbul one has now become a picture postcard. The address of the Iselys in the States will be: 1638 Arkansas Ave., Wichita, Kansas.

Richard Maynard was awarded his Ph.D. degree at the June commencement of the University of Chicago. His thesis concerned the development of curricula for lycees in Turkey. Dr. and Mrs. Maynard expect to be back in Tarsus in early August after their year's furlough in the United States.

The Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission was held from June 28 to July 7 in Izmir. Seventy-two delegates and non-delegates attended the meetings while twenty-five of their progeny sported and comported themselves on the periphery.

New arrivals on the field on July 18 include the Drs. Richard Updegraff and their four children, Ruth, Gwen, David and Karen, and Mrs. Darrel Gwynn. Both the Updegraffs and Mrs. Gwynn proceeded from Istanbul to Izmir where they will study language. The Updegraffs expect to be in Izmir for a year before continuing on to join the medical staff of the hospital in Gaziantep. Mrs. Gwynn is to be in Izmir until January when she will go to Talas to join the clinic staff as a nurse.

Other new arrivals among those already on the field include Craig Kendall who joined his brother Ross and sister Ruth and their parents Dr. and Mrs. Jack Brown in Gaziantep on May 10, Arthur Joseph who joined his brothers Geoffrey and Teddy and parents Jean and Paul Nilson on July 21 in Istanbul and James Roy on July 29 to the Edmonds' family.

Mrs. Elvesta T. Leslie arrived in Istanbul on July 20 for a year's visit with her daughter, Mrs. John Seager and her family.

Word of the deaths of two former members of the Mission has been received in recent days. Mrs. Marion Stafford Harlow, wife of Dr. S. Ralph Harlow, died June 20 in Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts. Both she and her husband have been active and interested in Mission affairs in Turkey and Greece since 1912 although they have not been continuously on the field the whole time. Mrs. Ernest C. Partridge died while visiting her son in Hinsdale, Illinois on July 13. She and her husband were with the Mission from 1900 to 1933. During these years they were in Sivas, the Caucasus and Erivan (relief and rehabilitation), Beirut, Aleppo and Izmir. Mr. Partridge died on May 4, 1955.

Visitors in the Mission have included Dr. William Woodard, founder of the International Institute for the Study of Religion located in Tokyo who was here to visit his daughter Ann Woodard of the Uskudar school and to visit our Mission and report on his work; Mr. and Mrs. Wieser who are to take charge of an Armenian refugee home in Saloniki sponsored by the Norwegian Refugee Committee and the Gulbenkian fund; and Dr. and Mrs. Howard Stone Anderson of Scarsdale, New York. He was at one time pastor of the home church of the Woolworths in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Anna G. Edmonds

Dear Friends,

The foremost news these days for all of us involved in any way with the people of Turkey centers on the outcome of the trials at Yassıada. The decisions are public knowledge; the wise continuance of democracy here concerns all who have at heart and at mind the welfare of this nation and the world.

September marks again the arrival on the field of a number of teachers: Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Webster for a repeat appearance (5 years), Granthia H. Lavery (3 years) and Mrs. Frances O. Severinghaus (3 years) for Uskudar; Florence E. Ashwell (3 years), Charlotte Bunker (3 years), Mr. and Mrs. Peter Davies (5 years), Mrs. Faith B. Drobish (2 years), Mr. and Mrs. James L. Jorgensen (5 years), Dorothy Pickard (3 years), Martha Shaler (3 years), Rebekah Jean Somes (3 years), Mrs. Lois E. Winegarner (3 years) for İzmir; Mr. and Mrs. Allan L. Forsythe (5 years), Mildred L. Brandt (3 years), Gerald Miller (3 years), Lawrence Manglitz (3 years) and Alan McCain (3 years) for Talas; and Ralph Noyce (3 years) for Tarsus.

Likewise several career missionaries have left the field during the summer for their year of furlough in the United States. Dr. and Mrs. William L. Nute, Jr., the Rev. and Mrs. George F. Miller, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. C. Robert Avery are all located at Walker Missionary Homes, 144 Hancock Street, Auburndale 66, Massachusetts. The Rev. and Mrs. Melvin A. Wittler are living at Payne Hall, Alexander and Dickinson Streets, Princeton, New Jersey. Mrs. Homer D. Washburn left early in September for four months in the United States. Her address is: 16 Lyns Drive, South Hadley, Massachusetts.

Other repeat appearances included the following this summer: Thomas Goodrich was in İstanbul enroute to and from two months language study in Giresun in connection with studies for his Ph. D. at Columbia University. Dr. Paul E. Nilson arrived in Turkey September 16 to take up duties as teacher and advisor with the İskenderun College. He will be joined by his wife early in October.

Those profiting from Language School this year in İzmir include Mr. and Mrs. Hans Meyer in addition to the Drs. Updegraff and Mrs. Gwynn mentioned in the last Dear Friends.

Dorothy Blatter attended the meeting of the Radio Committee of the Near East Christian Council in Jerusalem, August 31 to September 1 as the Near East Mission representative. Paul H. Nilson also attended this meeting.

Lisa Jean Keller was born August 13 in İzmir to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keller. The family is now in Talas where Robert is director of the Boys' School. With them in İzmir and then briefly in Talas was Mrs. Keller's mother, Mrs. Ruby Birge, who in addition to grandmotherly pleasantries also assumed several school duties. She returned to İstanbul in September to resume her regular responsibilities as teacher and dean of Orta girls at Uskudar. Also visiting in İzmir and Talas with Mrs. Birge was her daughter Kathy Birge who was in Turkey for a while this summer.

Beth Miller, after a vacation travelling with Hilaria Alaam in Eastern Turkey and Iran, is joining the nursing staff of the Nute Clinic in Talas until Christmas. Louis Wilkins returned to Tarsus for a fourth year of service having spent the summer in the United States. Dan Horiuchi also has extended his service for a fourth year in order to teach in Talas.

Congratulations are in order to Miss Ethel Lovatt who received her Master of Science degree in Administration of Nursing Services from Boston University in August. She will enter residency at the Newton-Wellesley Hospital this month.

A great friend of long standing was lost to the Mission and to the entire United Church Board in the death of the Board lawyer, Mr. Sargent Wellman on September 5. In recent years he has been of special service in helping incorporate Pierce College in the United States and also in attending to legal matters concerned with the formation of the United Church Board for World Ministries. Our sympathies go out to his family, and also to the families of Mrs. Harrison wife of Rev. Max Hunter Harrison who spent many years in Ceylon with the Board, and Mrs. Bertrude Emerson, sister-in-law of Miss Mabel Emerson in their losses.

A yearly reminder: Please note that while there is no charge for Dear Friends, contributions however small towards the printing and mailing costs are not scoffed at. They should be made to the Treasurer of the United Church Board to the account of the Publication Department of the Near East Mission. Changes of addresses are requested when pertinent, and interesting and appropriate items of news are welcomed along with criticisms and corrections.

Anna G. Edmonds

The Publication Department would like to call your attention to some of our recent publications.

For Lise Students and Adults "Hayata Hürmet" (The Story of Albert Schweitzer) and "Kalk Borusu" (Reveille for a Persian Village) are highly recommended. A life of Gandhi is now at the press and should soon be available.

In the field of definitely religious literature "Gaye Uğrunda" (Jesus, the Carpenter's Son) is especially suitable for young people, although adults too will enjoy it. And have you a copy of the first of the series of new devotional booklets, "Together We Meditate" compiled from contributions from former and present members of the Mission? The second of the series is in process of preparation for the press and will appear as soon as we can get it printed on our multilith machine. These will also appear in Turkish.

For New Literates "Mümin'in Yolculuğu" (Pilgrim's Progress) is ready for distribution. You doubtless already know about "Komşu Kimdir?" and "Baba Ocağı" both of which are adaptations of two favorite parables.

We should like to remind you that the series of small books containing the Martin and Judy Stories (Mehmet and Meral) makes a fine gift for small children. The whole series of thirteen books comes to only 6.50 TL, and makes a complete rainbow.

STOP PRESS ! TÜRKÜM is just off the press. If you know any primary school children buy this book. It makes the Turkish pledge they repeat each morning become meaningful. Price 1

Have you bought your Christmas calendars or cards? Early ordering will be helpful in preventing disappointments. We do not expect to reprint the calendars, so we hope Mission folk will buy before we put them on the open market. You may place your orders personally or through the Publication Committee in your station. For all orders, book, cards, calendars, we hope you will use the blanks provided.

Of course you know that the REDHOUSE BOOKSHOP carries a wide selection of books in English, especially books on religion, philosophy and the Near East. A catalogue will soon be out.

2 October 1961

Dear Friends,

This past summer two work camps were set up in Turkey in which Mission personnel participated. Because of the interest of this work we are using the reports from them to initiate a new feature of the Dear Friends. We hope that similar reports may be forthcoming each month to alternate bi-weekly with the regular news of Mission members.

Çiftlik Work Camp

For five weeks during July and early August thirty students and teachers from four continents and nine nations came to Çiftlik Köyü 65 km. from Kayseri to build a village primary school. These young men and women volunteered their time and talents to work with Çiftlek villagers building a seven-room, stone and brick structure with large windows and concrete slab roof capable of supporting a second story. The Turkish Work Camp Association in cooperation with the American Friends Service Committee chose the campers and administered the camp. The living expenses for the group were supplied thru the good offices of the Governor and the Education Director of Kayseri. But supplies in the form of tents, fuel, beds, utensils, tools, and local transportation were furnished by the village, the Talas Boys' School, the Trade School and the Moslem theological seminary of Kayseri, the Turkish Army, the Kayseri Sports Club and CARE.

The eight-hour work day began at 6 a.m. and went on till 4 p.m. with an hour and a half for lunch. Campers working alongside volunteers from the village did every job that is necessary on a construction site--from digging ditches to mixing and pouring concrete. The architect and construction engineer for the building was a camper from Switzerland, an architecture student who was on his way to Israel when he happened along and decided to offer his talents to the camp. The building was finished up to the roof before the campers left, and the villagers eagerly agreed to complete the work.

After work hours the campers played ball with the village youngsters, read stories and ran a lending library with books especially chosen for children and paid for by church and Mission donors. Two campfire programs for the villagers and four movie shows for them were put on by the campers. Twice people of the village invited the campers to meals in addition to bringing many gifts of fruit and vegetables.

Mission participants among the campers included the Scotts who led the camp; the Johnsons who did much to organize the project; Mary Olmsted of Üsküdar; and students, one each from our Talas, Üsküdar and Tarsus schools and two from our İzmir school. More than a dozen Mission personnel visited the camp, some coming to work for a day or so, in addition to a steady stream of government officials and other interested people from the Kayseri area.

--John Scott

Sam Work Camp

In a village 15 km. from Gaziantep called Sam there is a community center with two meeting rooms, a library, a kitchen and a lavatory. It wasn't there in June. Twenty-six work-campers and numerous villagers built it. And the rubbing elbows that took place while that building was going up--between camper and camper, and camper and villager--makes it a very rare building indeed. Its name is going to be the "O.K. Evi". It will be used by all groups in the village, but it was particularly built for a model youth 4K club. It got its name from the fact that while it was being built the work-campers were always shouting O.K. at someone or other and the villagers took to shouting it, too, and O.K. and its meaning became the one English phrase many villagers learned.

We worked from 6 a.m. to 11 and again from 3 to 6 p.m. on our building--avoiding the hottest part of the day. While digging the foundations we would often bog down--it was before we were used to the hard physical labor--and we would be amazed when a villager would take our pick and drive deeper and harder in half the time we took. At times when work slackened a bit we women would go off in twos on a baby-feeding demonstration program we started. We talked to almost no mother who had not lost half of the children she had

given birth to. All the mothers were eager to have us demonstrate in their home just for the comradeship of it both with us and with their neighbors who came in to watch. The chief value of the program was the contact it gave us with the women and children. We had only one Turkish girl and me who spoke Turkish, but we went out in twos and in turns, so everyone got a crack at it.

We lived in the schoolhouse in the village. It wasn't big enough, though, to house the boys, so they had a large tent outdoors. We had Turks, French, Americans, a German girl, an Indonesian fellow and a Swedish girl. In the evenings the gas light burned while we discussed such topics as "Is Westernization Right or Wrong?", or folk danced or listened to Turkish informants on Islam and politics and agricultural activities. We all learned a lot of songs. We took four week-end trips, one overnight when we slept in tents on a wide Mediterranean beach as the guests of the Turkish Army Commanding General of this area.

Our family fared mighty well. I had some qualms before hand about whether it was really fair to expose the kids to all the added health hazards of the village--particularly the littlest one, Craig. But this was another experience that taught me that one shouldn't worry in anticipation, that most things work out to be easier than one anticipates. The kids had an initial bout with diarrhea apiece, and Craig got a slight eye infection, but with a doctor daddy we got them cleared up pronto, and they were fine the rest of the camp.

It was difficult for Jack to be in a village as a doctor and not do some medicine. People began coming as soon as they heard. He always told them that he hadn't all his equipment with him, that he had come to work on the building not at being a doctor, but--. He sent them to the city when they needed real examinations and he did begin distributing some of our hospital free medicines. There was a terrible amount of eye infection in the village this summer, and three times a day they lined up to have him put ointment in their eyes. The last week when his vacation ran out and he was coming in to the hospital each day and coming back in the late afternoon several of the rest of us learned how to do it because we had so much trouble getting them to come regularly that when they did come we didn't want to let them down for lack of a doctor.

Each of us will remember different high moments of the camp, but one of the high points for those who were there until the end was the final party with the villagers. We all gathered on one of the threshing floors around a bonfire aided by the light of a full moon. The campers did some of their national songs and dances, and the villagers played some of their games and brought out their most typical instruments, the pipe and the drum, to do their dances. Then there was tale-telling. We ended the evening with a huge circle dance. We campers were in the habit of ending an evening with a friendship circle and a song, so we turned the dance circle into a crossed hands friendship circle, sang a song, and said goodnight. Hearts were warmed that night, well enough to stay warm a good long time.

--Judy Brown

This year, as last year, week-end work camps are being planned in the cities. For more information about them please contact John Scott in Üsküdar.

As next month's alternate to Dear Friends we are sending a report of each school as they begin the new school year. We will be glad to consider any material sent us as potential subject matter for these letters. Progress reports, short talks, items of historical interest to the Mission, and extracurricular activities are among the subjects we are interested in publishing.

Anna G. Edmonds

Dear Friends,

Much of the news this month concerns visitors to Istanbul: Mrs. Dumont Clark and Miss Margaret Forsyth were here for the 50th anniversary of the Girls' Service Center. Miss Forsyth was formerly associated with the YW in Izmir. She is recently retired as executive head of the Foreign Division of the Y. Mrs. Clark needs no introduction to her many friends in the Near East.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Andrews and son Timmy left October 19 after having visited friends and family in Istanbul. Mr. Andrews is working on his Ph. D. dissertation under a Fulbright grant. Mrs. Andrews is the former Loretta Kreider. Mrs. Paul E. Nilson passed through the city Oct. 4th on her way to join her husband in Iskenderun. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Boniface arrived Oct. 13th to spend some time with their daughter and her family, the Paul H. Nilsons. Mrs. Susan B. Goodykoontz arrived with her niece, Marilyn Blakey, to visit her daughter and her family, the William Edmondses.

Mrs. Cass Arthur Reed arrived on Oct. 7th to visit in Istanbul, Ankara and Izmir. Cass Reed was director of International College in Izmir. Mrs. (Roslyn Mac Lauchlin) Reed is the daughter of the first president of International College. The Reeds were missionaries of the American Board while at International College.

Robbins Strong was in the city for three days spending his time with the Men's and Girls' Service Centers and the Uskudar School. At present he is with the World Alliance of the YMCA; in the spring he is to take up a newly-created position as Secretary for Specialized Ministries for the United Church of Christ. He spoke about this and other aspects of his work at the Istanbul station meeting Oct. 12. From Istanbul he went on to visit briefly in Tarsus.

Mrs. Laurens Seeley arrived to spend the winter with her family, the Peter Franks of Robert College. Mrs. Seeley taught for many years at the Girls' College in Arnavutköy; her husband taught there and at Robert College.

The Rev. and Mrs. A. Ray Meserve were here briefly on their way around the world, and visited the Uskudar school Oct. 18. Mr. and Mrs. Herman C. Ahrens arrived Oct. 21st. Mr. Ahrens is editor of the magazine YOUTH.

Two daughters to report: Nancy Stone was born to the Updegraffs in Izmir of Sept. 19th. She is their fifth child. Lincoln and Louise Wiley announce the birth of their sixth, Ann Louise, on Oct. 9th. They are living now at 12682 Swidler Place, Santa Ana, Calif. Their grandparents, the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Wiley are now residing at Küçük Bahçe Sok. 14/2, Linda Apt., Şişli, İstanbul.

In Izmir on Oct. 6th, Mr. and Mrs. Everett C. Blake announced the engagement of their daughter Jacklyn Blake to the Rev. Paul C. Clayton, minister of Central Congregational Church, Orange, Mass. The couple hope to be married early in August 1962.

A letter from Ruth S. Wolfe tells of her return to Kinnaird College in Lahore for her last three years. She was on loan from the Methodist Board as a teacher of English for the years 1948-50 at the Uskudar school.

Three deaths are recorded regretfully: those of Professor Lootfy Levonian and Mr. James Allen were reported in the Boston Secretarial letter No. 8. Mrs. Hanna Reinhard, for many years accountant at the Uskudar school, died in Germany on Oct. 7th.

Several corrections are necessary: the Davieses and the Jorgensons are both on three year appointment; Mrs. Severinghaus and Ralph Noyce are here for one year each. It must have been wishful thinking that made us report longer terms for these people.

World Communion Service was celebrated at Gedik Paşa Church on Oct. 1st with eleven speakers in five different languages: Turkish, Armenian, Greek, German and English.

Anna G. Edmonds

American Board Mission
P. O. Box 142, Istanbul, Turkey
15 November, 1961

Dear Friends,

Vital statistics of the four Turkey schools indicate that this year should prove to be the biggest and best in their histories.

Tarsus College

The enrollment at Tarsus this year is at an all-time high of 298 students, of whom 195 are boarders. The school took in its normal number of new students to the preparatory class (34), but an unusually large number of new students from Talas and fewer drop-outs than usual have caused serious overcrowding. Dormitories especially are badly overcrowded. For example, the dormitories in our new building, Unity Hall, which were designed for 48 students are occupied by 58.

With the arrival of Ralph Noyce, the only new American teacher this year, all teaching positions except that of teacher of physical education left empty by Dan Horiuchi, have been filled. A fourth full-time Turkish teacher has been engaged to teach orta Turkish. Now all except 24 hours of the subjects taught in Turkish are met by full-time teachers.

R. E. Maynard

Uskudar American Academy for Girls

The current school year has started well, chiefly because of the cooperation and devotion of both American and Turkish staff. Last year's superior group of short-termers has been increased this year by four able and dedicated people. We now have 25 full- and part-time American teachers.

The student population remains approximately the same as for the past three years. This year there are 512 students currently enrolled, 166 of this number being boarders. An innovation this year has been the acceptance of nine American girls whose parents are working in Turkey, either in the armed services or as Fulbright teachers. The experiment seems to be working reasonably well, with the American girls thrilled to make Turkish friends, and the latter honoring them by electing several of them to posts in the Student Association.

Student activities, including the club program, are well under way. A leadership conference and career day are among the activities planned for fall. The "Speak Better English" campaign is off to a good start, following a playlet written by Dorothy Blatter and performed both by members of the Turkish and American faculty and by students.

In spite of political uncertainties of disturbing thoughts of world conflict, our school community is making significant progress toward responsible leadership in the Turkish community.

Helen L. Morgan

Talas American School for Boys

The school opened this fall with many things different from the closing days of last May. One dramatic change, even noticeable as one drives up the road from Talas, is the growth of Shattuck Hall. From the footings planted deep in the earth last spring have grown columns which support the floors and roof of the future classrooms and gymnasium.

Many new faces are to be seen too--seven new faculty members and forty-four new students. And of course changes are also noticeable in the size, voices and English ability of the 129 boys returning after three months of vacation. This year the repeater prep section has been discontinued, but a second section was necessary in the first class which numbers 57. With good fortune we expect to graduate 25 boys next spring -- the smallest number for many years. Our second class is overflowing with 47 eager ones.

A new development is our plan for a room for meditation to be used by members of all faiths, this in place of the prayer room requested by the religion teacher last year. At present we will use the Köşk because of its inspiring view.

Robert S. Keller

Izmir American Collegiate Institute

We started school on September 18th with 570 students, our largest enrollment. Two years ago it was 565, last year 568, so we seem to have just about found our even keel, graduating only a few less than we take in each year. Our Senior class is the largest we have ever had with 57 regular members and two part-time American girls. It is interesting that as more firms come in to Izmir, we have a more international character: three Americans, two Canadians, a German and an Italian this year. We had a South African last year. These transient students are interesting to have, yet they stay too short a time usually to feel a real part of the school life. Lise 250; Orta 219; İnzari 101.

We also started school with eleven new teachers all right on hand. We lost 14 teachers last year -- nearly 50% turn over -- but with Miss Foster's and Mr. Blake's return and the Robesons in Language School we do have stability too.

Two more classrooms and the Lise Dean office were completed in Beacon, and the front considerably landscaped. The view from there is really exciting, midst pines, cypress, olives and almonds to be blue sea beyond.

Mrs. Ruth Washburn left in early September for four months in the States; her place is being ably taken by Miss Beth Oliver, who seems to enjoy her 52 children!

In general the spirit of the student body seems serious and earnest. One hundred and fifty have signed up for volunteer work in Social Service, and some 30 clubs of one sort or another began actively to function, -- these all in the Lise section. The Orta department has its own activities.

The first Friday of school we had a very interesting assembly when ten Lise girls who had worked during the summer answered questions, panel fashion, representing the many who had worked. The tendency toward some sort of summer work is new in the past five years.

We wish all our colleagues throughout Turkey and the Near East well, -- and a chance, in time and spirit, to meet the opportunities before us.

Lynda Blake

Anna G. Edmonds

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Dear Friends,

On October 22nd Lynda Blake informed the group gathered at her home for supper that, "I just got a 170-pound birthday present." Jack Blake, after twenty months of service in Talas, returned to Izmir in time for the party.

Notes from several former Turkey-ites report that: Bill Ludwig finds American High School students more carefree than their Turkish peers, but no more engaging. He visited with the Donald Meyerings in Minnesota where Don is also teaching in high school. Cynthia Chaney is busy speaking and settling back into American life.

Anna Parakilas writes that she and her sister Mary, Ruth Washburn, Audrey Monsen, Gertrude Drury and Tom Goodrich were all present at a mission week-end in South Hadley the first part of November. Anna is now teaching business English in her home town high school, Enfield, Conn.

The Near East Bulletin written by Mabel Emerson states that a Haas Memorial Fund to endow a bed has been started in the Uplands Cumberland Medical Center in Pleasant Hill. Contributions may be made to J. F. Meisamer, Uplands Sanitorium, Pleasant Hill, Tennessee.

Recent visitors to the Near East have included Dr. and Mrs. Alford Carleton who were in Beirut and Aleppo on their way to New Delhi. Also in Aleppo at the same time were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Whitman, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hill, Dr. Richard Maynard, Miss Teeter (Girls' Institute in Tripoli), Mr. and Mrs. Ben Weir, Mr. Paul Joseph Owens and Rev. Nasser of Pakistan, who was in the Near East making a survey of theological education. All were present at the installation service for the Rev. Peter Doghramji as president of Aleppo College.

A goodly number of young men have joined the mission in the last few weeks: Martyn John was born to the George Millers October 18 in Boston; Stephen H. to the Robert McKays on November 9 in Gaziantep; Bryan Kevin to the Melvin Wittlers on November 17 in Princeton, New Jersey; and Loren Christopher to the Felix Powells November 21 in Istanbul.

Thanksgiving around the mission was celebrated by large family gatherings. Forty-eight sat down at tables both in Izmir and in Rumeli Hisari. Gaziantep's board was graced by a Jack-o-Lantern which was, according to Isabel Hemingway, "The thing the children enjoyed most... which was a by-product of the pie making." Talas was honored at their gathering by the presence of various Kayseri officials including the Vali and his wife.

According again to Isabel Hemingway, "Judy Brown and Hilaria Alaan have been going each Saturday to Sam Köy and holding Baby Clinic in the building made by Work Campers this summer. There is increasing interest shown by mothers who bring their baby to be weighed and to receive powdered milk and instruction."

"Clara Engle continues to have crowded clinics each week where she gives milk powder to mal-nourished babies as well as giving the mothers instructions as to proper foods to prepare for their babies. So many babies came that she has had to limit attendance to 30 each time in order to have time for some individual teaching. These two clinics -- one in the city and one in a village -- are both to try to help mothers to give their babies proper foods. The usual pattern is to nurse a baby till it is well over a year old and by that time it is hard to get it started on foods so there is often a time of malnutrition, and sickness sets in easily. It is one of the big problems of the country and we are trying to make a start in solving this in our little corner."

Dorothy Blatter and Paul Nilson were off again on Radio Committee work for the Near East Christian Council, this time meeting in Cairo, Egypt Dec. 1st to 5th. Dorothy Blatter also attended a script writers' conference prior to the Radio Committee meeting.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Anna G. Edmonds