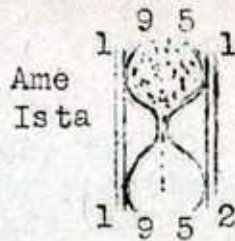


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rd Mission, Post Box 142,
urkey, January 5, 1952.

Dear Friends:

A HAPPY NEW

YEAR TO ALL !

During the vacation just ending, there has been much travelling about throughout the Mission. Special mention might be made of those going "home:" Wesley White to Mardin; Sylvia and Dorothy Nilson to Talas.

Dorothy Woolworth sailed yesterday on the "Tarsus" for Marseilles. Because of lack of connections she omits Casablanca, and goes directly on the "Excalibur," scheduled to arrive in Boston on the 21st. On the 31st she starts graduate work in public health nursing at Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

Dr. Robert Tobias of the Interchurch Aid Service of the World Council of Churches, and Dr. J. D. Metzler of the Christian Rural Overseas Program have come to Istanbul, as part of extended tours, seeking information to help American churches plan their aid programs.

Dean William H. E. Allen of Robert College, after having been ill with heart trouble, died on Wednesday at the college infirmary. Funeral services were held Thursday, with interment at Ferikby Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at the College on Monday.

During the Christmas vacation 2500 students and leaders from universities all over the world met at the University of Kansas for the sixteenth quadrennial conference of the Student Volunteer Movement. The theme was the question: "What is the Mission to which God calls His church in 1951?" Roger Greenslade was scheduled to represent Louisville Theological Seminary. -BNL. And we may add that, of our own circle, Louise Wiley was to be present from Oberlin.

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The Orientation course in Tarsus was a grand success. The staff consisted of Fernie Scovel as chairman, replacing Dr. Carleton; Dr. and Mrs. Birge, Dick Maynard, Dr. and Mrs. Nute from Talas, and Ginger Nute. Georgie Maynard and Betty Avery furnished hospitality with a capital "H." The other attendants were Lillian Brauer, Anna Goodykoontz, Mrs. Marion Henderson, Martha Millett, Alice Reed, Betty Richmond, Marion Schoenheit, and Dorothy Smith from Istanbul; Gene Blumenfeld, Jim and Fran Dittes, Bill Edmonds, Allen King, and Lloyd Swift from Talas; Dorothy Robinson from Izmir; and all of the Tarsus Adana Station.

The arrival of the Taurus Express six hours late delayed the beginning of the Course, but every one was there on Friday evening before Lloyd had finished showing his pictures from North China. Saturday and Sunday talks and discussion centered on the history and present working of the Mission; educational problems; history, politics, and religion in Turkey; How we can put religious emphasis in our teaching; and Religion in our work. A trip to Kiz Kalesi on Monday included some who swam in the Mediterranean, travelled that night by train from the Old Year to the New, and went skiing the next day in Talas.

MARRIED: George Helling of Tarsus and Bobbie Burns of Izmir; on New Year's eve! More details of the happy event when we get them.

Sincerely,

Dear Friends:

If we should list all the friends once associated with us in the Near East who have sent their greetings to one or another of us at this Christmas-New Year Season, the list would be long indeed. To all across the seas who have thus remembered us, hearty thanks.

For the old-timers of our fellowship, we make special mention of Mrs. Herbert M. Irwin, of Jasper, Alberta, Canada. The Irwins served long years in Talas, and later in Greece. With vision somewhat impaired, Mrs. Irwin keeps in touch, and sends New Year wishes to all friends. Son Hugh is in Montreal with the transport Dept. of the Royal Canadian Air Force: Daughter Corinne's husband, Dr. Donald McEachern died in October, and she "carries on" with Gail (14) and John (11). Daughter Genevieve and family are Mrs. Irwin's near neighbors in Jasper, to her great joy. To those of us privileged to know the Irwins, thought of them and their service in this Mission must always bring gratitude.

Bobbie and Donald Webster, formerly of the College in Izmir, and more recently attached to the Embassy in Ankara in Cultural Relations activities, are now with the State Department, dealing particularly with cultural exchange programs, and Fulbright programs. Daughter Jane is in the School of Nursing of the Presbyterian Hospital, while daughter Debby was to fly on December 29th for the American Legation at Phnom Penh for her first post under the USIE. They have acquired a home at 1706 North Jefferson St. Arlington 5, Virginia, where Bobbie is thrilled with her garden, and various community activities.

The final section of ten Pierce College visitors to Istanbul leaves today by air, when President Nichol, Roberta Cook, and Mrs. Greig return to Athens to take up their duties on Monday next.

For our friends, particularly those in America, I venture to mention some trends of interest in the developing Turkish Democracy, as reflected in the daily press.

a. Turkish newspapers are sending their own foreign correspondents to Korea, to the new State of Libya, and to western Europe and America. A clever Turkish young woman writes from New York about shopping on Fifth Avenue, the American home, and United Nations groups visiting in American homes in the suburbs.

b. With two political parties really functioning in Turkey, there is an outpouring of individual and party criticism that is something entirely new - and seems to be part of the price of democracy. Sharp personal rivalries appear, but political discussion, criticism, and argument within proper limits, and based on the interests of the nation as a whole, is steadily gaining public support.

c. "Government in business" seemed almost essential in the early years of the Republic, and railroads, steamship lines, banking, and certain important commodities handled by Government Monopolies, were the dominant note. Now the tide is in the other direction, and private initiative, or non-Governmental co-operative activities are playing a more important role. Meanwhile, the past 25 years had seen emerge an important category of competent business men, technicians, and engineers that hardly existed before the first world war.

d. Turkey is welcoming foreign commercial capital, invested in non-political activities. In partnership with Turkish capital, General Electric, Squibbs, the Hilton Hotels, and various other American and European organizations are entering the Turkish field.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

A January 4th letter from Boston indicates that Miss Ethel Lovatt, formerly a nurse in our medical work in China, hopes to sail from New York on February 20th for Naples, trans-shipping to reach this city on March 11th. Her assignment is to the Hospital in Gaziantep, but plans are being made to give her concentrated language study in this city from her arrival till after Annual Meeting.

Tentative plans for the visit of Miss Margaret Blemker, Secretary of the Board for the Near East Mission, indicate that she may visit De Chambon in southern France and possibly Germany, on her eastward trip, reaching Athens late in March.

Prof. Lutfi Levonian writing from the Pacific School of Religion states: "The year in Union Seminary I found to be a great privilege, to be in the company of the professors and students of that institution. After spending a couple of months in Pendle Hill, the Quaker study center near Philadelphia, we came here. This term I have been lecturing on Muslim theology, and from December to February shall be lecturing to the Senior class on Missions, their history, organization and Christian apologetics." (Beirut N.L.)

The Rev. W. M. Chirgwin, D.D., General Secretary of the United Bible Societies, in Geneva, arrived by air on Tuesday and left for Cyprus on Friday. During his two days at the Bible House, Dr. Chirgwin interviewed various people and addressed the Station on the subject of his researches. "The Use of the Bible in Evangelism". He is to continue eastwards to India, Pakistan and Ceylon and the book which will grow out of these studies will form part of the material for the World Youth Conference on "Evangelism" to be held in 1954. Until his retirement two years ago, Dr. Chirgwin was General Secretary of the London Missionary Society (Congregational) and thus in close association with his American opposite number, Dr. F. F. Goodsell.

On Tuesday, January 15th, there took place at Etimesgut, near Ankara, the official opening of the School for the Blind, with the Turkish Minister of Education presiding. The Director is Bay Mitat Enç, who himself lost his vision many years ago when a student of Law in the Istanbul University. After a period of deep discouragement, he found a friend who opened to him the possibilities of Braille and of worthy living in spite of handicap. This led to a year of study at the Perkins Institute, another in New York where he took his graduate degree at Columbia in Education of the Physically Handicapped. For many years he has been teaching psychology at the Ankara Educational Institute, and now the opportunity has come to start the first modern School for the training of the blind. Recently Bay Enç represented Turkey at a gathering in Paris of a United Nations agency working for the Blind and this spring he hopes to spend some weeks in America under the Cultural Exchange Program, in further observations that will help in the new task which is his in this School for the Blind.

Traffic lights, experimentally introduced at certain points in Istanbul in recent months, are now being more generally installed, or changed where not wisely placed at first. As part of the educational process, a keen-eyed traffic officer with loud-speaker attached to his car parked near-by, has patiently given comment and suggestion to both car drivers and pedestrians, many being unfamiliar with such gadgets and the social conduct expected.

For teachers and pupils a 50% reduction on Train and Ship fares begins January 20th and ends February 3rd, the end of mid-year vacation.

Sincerely,

Elvesta T. Leslie

The 1952 Turkish calendars are now on sale at the Publication Department for 50 kuruş, and the English for 35 kuruş.

Dear Friends:

Mrs. Leslie and Fay started off to Izmir this noon for a week's vacation. They expect to be back a week from tomorrow.

Lyle Shelmedine writes from the Social Science Research Center, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, where he is lecturing for a year, on leave from the College of Puget Sound. He prefers Turkey.

Ruth Shinn writes from 128 N. 16th St., Apt. 1, Lincoln, Nebraska. She is in her fourth year as secretary of the University of Nebraska YWCA. This last July she directed a children's camp in Massachusetts, and at the close of camp joined with other camp counsellors in a four-day bicycle trip along the Connecticut River.

Our sympathy goes to Dr. Goodsell as we hear of the passing on of his mother in Berkeley, California, just two days before her 96th birthday. She had been living in Berkeley with her daughter Mary.

Beirut has rejoiced in three recent visitors. Dr. Frank Laubach visited with friends while passing through the city. At a meeting of the Community Church Dr. Hans Zellweger, a colleague of Dr. Albert Schweitzer's, gave an account of the life and work of his friend. Dr. E. Stanley Jones spoke at West Hall on the accord of Science and religion in life. -BNL.

The ink on my last issue of "Dear Friends" was hardly dry when I was told that I had omitted a Senior of the name, with apologies for the delay.

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And this week we add our last group of Seniors, the "freshmen" who did not come until 1914: -

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Bob Woolworth is happy to have been moved out of the city of Casablanca to the camp at Ben Guerir where he is busy in his own line of civil engineering. Construction of the camp is not quite complete, and work on the air field itself is just beginning. About 400 men are in the camp. The sun is hot, the air is cool, and nights are cold. Meanwhile Dorothy has arrived in Boston, getting in on the 19th. She sat at the captain's table, had a birthday party, and at last word was enjoying Auburndale.

Miss Towner expects to arrive in Washington, D. C. on February first for a visit with her friend Miss Beth Chandler, and sight-seeing with Mrs. Woodruff, who lives in nearby Alexandria. Ethel Putney presumably visited Mrs. Woodruff on the 25th and 26th of this month, on her way to Arizona.

"Dear Friends" wish Emily Block a VERY happy birthday today!

Sincerely,
Dr. S. W. J.

Dear Friends:

Dr. Lorrin Shepard has just presented his 25th Annual Report to the Managers of the American Hospital (Admiral Bristol Hospital) of Istanbul. It is the first year of full use of the new Nurses' School and Home Building, which is fulfilling promise of better teaching facilities, and more attractive and efficient living conditions for the Nurses. As 1951 ends, the new X-ray equipment brought from America by Dr. Komili, is being installed, and will greatly strengthen this department.

After two years of study made possible by the Rockefeller Foundation, Dr. Atikkan is ready to initiate a chest-surgery service. Half the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars requisite for providing space for ten TB patients is in hand, while this week a long hoped-for grant of \$8500. has been authorized for the special instruments, and anesthesia equipment for this Service.

Dr. Halil Arpacioğlu is also back from two years study in internal medicine in America, again made possible by a Rockefeller fellowship. Both these young men will bring new strength to the departments they serve. Two other young doctors who interned at the Bristol Hospital will have further study in America in 1952, Dr. Süheyl Egilmez in ear, nose, and throat at the Presbyterian Medical Center, New York; while Dr. Salahaddin Pişkin starts today for a residency in the Mercy Hospital, Springfield, Mass.

Births in the Hospital in 1951 totalled 578, and the record of no maternal deaths in over 4000 births in six years is maintained. The nurses Misses Shepardson and Lloyd are giving fine service in the Hospital and Maternity Departments, while Miss Mason gives full time to instruction in the School of Nursing.

The point of concern is in connection with rising costs and limited bed-payments. The operating deficit in 1951 was Liras 54,000. Something over Liras 30,000 has come in through the Annual Health Service campaign, and further sums will be received from Ankara, Samsun, and Izmir. An interested constituency in America, giving moderately for current expenses, and the building up of the Endowment Fund in America, are the primary financial needs of this unique Community project.

Recent letter from one of Boston's best known hospitals indicated that rates for normal hospital service in that institution cost from \$14. to \$35. per day. Similar rates at the Admiral Bristol Hospital are Lt. 7.00 (\$2.50) in a four bed ward to Lt. 18. (\$6.45) for a private room with bath. With favorable roundtrip air rates from USA, there is room to develop visits by old time Near Easterners to Istanbul, with their surgical needs met here, the total costing less than many hospital experiences today, in America.

Prof. Charles E. Estes, Director of Music at Robert College for 40 years, now retired, writes of a busy and satisfactory Christmas season at the Dover, N. H. church, of which he is musical director. He reports his pleasure in dining with President and Mrs. Black, who fortunately "seem to be delighted with their new daughter-in-law". He reports Dave Julius, formerly of Aleppo, as planning a visit to the east this summer, from his church on the west coast; and that Bob King of Tarsus expects to be married this summer, his lady being at present attached to the Medical Center in New York.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Espy of Robert College are rejoicing in the presence in their home of the son, Lincoln Lee, born in January.

Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, also of Robert College, have announced that Janice, one year old on January 18th, has come to make her home with them as their daughter.

Miss Mary Morrill of the American Collegiate Institute in Izmir, has announced her engagement to Mr. Anthony Tius of that city, the wedding to take place in June. Miss Morrill is completing her three year term with the school this summer.

Miss Putney expected to leave Worcester on January 21st for visits along the way to Phoenix, Arizona, where she will have a six weeks' visit with her friend, Susan Mendenhall. Her address will still be the Worcester one.

Dr. Alford Carleton reached Aleppo on January 26th from America where he attended the assembly at Toronto of the National Council of Churches of Christ and spoke on Christian strategy in the Near East and the Arab Refugee problem. He also attended the Mid-year meeting of the Board at Cleveland.

Dr. Eleanor I. Burns: The American Community learns with sorrow of the death in New York from heart attack, on February 1st, of Dean Burns of the American College for Girls in Istanbul. Miss Burns served this institution for 42 years, from 1908 to 1950 when she retired. She was a Cornell graduate with teaching experience in Physics at Wellesley when she came to Istanbul. Her service with the College starting at the Scutari hill-top whence the college moved to its present site in Arnavutköy six years later. She became Dean in 1924 and American Vice-president in 1932. As teacher, administrator, and wise leader, her contribution to the College has been distinctive. She is borne in grateful memory by a wide circle of students, parents, associates, and friends in this community of which she was an honored member.

An account has been received of a concert given by Miss Alice Caldwell and her sister, Helen Carrell, in memory of their brother Herbert who died some months ago, and who also like his sisters, was a great lover of music. Miss Caldwell as the result of a very serious head injury in an automobile accident, has given up the concert playing which for years delighted her listeners and now gives herself to composing. This Memorial concert included music by Miss Caldwell herself and Mrs. Carrell delighted the audience by her lovely voice, especially in the a setting of the 23rd Psalm, composed by her sister.

One of the recurring marvels in the Turkish fairy tale is to be "made to view the whole of Hindustan through a needle's eye". To visit the exhibition of Indian Art which will be on display here throughout February seems to bring that fairy-tale experience into real life. The exhibit is in the halls of the Mimarlik Faculty of the Teknik Üniversitesi, which is housed in the great Taşkılla building somewhat below and to the left of the Taksim Belediye Casino. Among the 450 original pictures and photographs on display one gets richly colored glimpses of India from the crashing ice-peaks of the north to the salty deserts of Sind and steaming creeks of Malabar. In age they range from facsimiles of very ancient cavern paintings to the works of most modern Indian followers of Picasso and modernist schools. But chiefly one comes away with a kaleidoscopic impression of color, warmth, poetry and teeming rural life. (FLM)

Newspapers report the present prison population of Turkey as 38,000. Of these some 25,000 are arrested and undergoing trial, and 13,000 are under sentence. (FLM)

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, February 14, 1952.

Dear Friends:

Dorothy Woolworth, recently returned from the Admiral Bristol Hospital, and now taking up study for Public Health Nursing, reports from Auburndale that the Heiningers, directors of the Walker Home, are withdrawing from this position, to take up again a former pastorage in El Paso, Texas. She had had lunch with Gwen Wolsted (formerly of Scutari School) whose new address is 35 Concord Avenue, Cambridge 38, Mass.

Talas School activities. On Sunday, Feb. 2nd Messrs Nilson and Swift with help from five boys from the School, showed movies to 600 prisoners in the new Model Prison in Kayseri.

While the School Student Parliament was in session on the following evening, the Vali (Governor) came in accompanied by road-personnel working in the area. The Vali was much interested in this practical training in self-government, and congratulated the boys on this project.

The boys are showing a continuing interest in the prison inmates, and hope to give for them a presentation of their Class Play.

In the mid-March holiday, Mrs. Nilson hopes to visit daughter Sylvia in Aleppo, while Messrs Edmonds and King plan to see Damascus, Baalbek, Beirut, and Aleppo.

Scripture distribution in Syria-Lebanon in 1951. Bibles 3508; Testaments 2722; Portions 33,400-Total 39,630. This is 2000 above the 1950 figure; 4000 above that of 1949. In language, over 31,500 were in Arabic; 3200 Armenian; 2500 English; 1150 French; others in German, Greek, Hebrew, Hungarian, Italian, Serbian, Kurdish, Maltese, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Syriac, and Turkish.

From the World Council of Churches in America, four shipments have been received by the Voluntary Relief Service Committee in Istanbul since December 1st. They are endorsed over to the Turkish Red Crescent Society which can process them through the Customs House inexpensively, and are distributed mostly to Turkish immigrants coming from Bulgaria. The needs of non-Turkish political refugees are also being supplied thro the RSC. The recent four shipments were as follows,-

230 bales used wool clothing, and American carloads of wheat and beans.

66 bales of used bedding

15 bales of used blankets

110 bales of clothing

Pierce College, Athens, reports three army trucks being loaded at the College with equipment for forty families in a twice-destroyed village, which has been adopted by the student body of the College. The Christmas Bazaar produced the initial funds, and other agencies, both Greek and foreign, have also helped, with the result that food, clothing, tools, and other essential equipment will this week reach that village, as spring plowing must begin. This is Relief and Rehabilitation, at the grass roots.

Turkish students studying abroad. Figures newly issued by the Turkish Ministry of Public Instruction indicate that at present 2761 Turkish students are studying in foreign countries. Of this number, 185 study at the expense of the State, while 2576 have been sent by other organizations, or are meeting their own expenses.

Last evening, the Consul General and Mrs. Matthews received the American Community at the Residence, to meet Ambassador and Mrs. George C. McGhee who were visiting Istanbul for the first time since their arrival early in January at their post in Ankara.

W. W. Peet, Treasurer-Today, St. Valentine's Day, is the 101st anniversary of the birth of Dr. Peet, Treasurer of the American Board Missions during the last four decades of the Ottoman Empire. Our present registered cable address "PEET, ISTANBUL" is a continuing tribute to one who was the friend and counsellor of all our Stations, in good works as in times of distress.

Very truly yours,

Lusher R. Fowle.

OUR FRIENDS ARE DEAR - A Novel of the Week

Chapter I. A Great Storm and a Helping Hand.

From Miss Emily MacCallum in Athens: "We are not as bad off as most places because we have not had hail and snow, but rain almost every day and some thunder storms, and high winds. Out of 230 trees 175 were blown down. It is a pity for they have been planting them and we need them." February 12th.

From Aintab Station: "Voted: to pay half the salary of their teacher (in Adana) if the half was not more than 50 Piast, themselves to support the whole as soon as able to do so." Friday 21st Oct 1853, Andrew F. Pratt, Sect.

Chap. II. Quiet Action. From Ray White: "I wish you could see our Reading Room in action! At the rush hour between 3:30 and 4:30 yesterday there were forty boys intent on their lesson preparation or quietly reading. It was hard to find a place to put them all. ... During recent months there has been a steady increase in the number of boys coming to the Reading Room, especially among the younger boys, and the quietness of the place is greatly increased."

Chap. III. Conditions Are Improved. It is ten years now since the Ministry of Public Instruction began issuing the world's classics, ancient and modern, in Turkish translation. During the intervening years 752 titles have been published. Of these 227 are from French originals, 83 German, 82 Russian, 78 Greek, 65 English, 28 Latin, 5 American, 4 Chinese, 1 Babylonian, etc. FLM.

Chap. IV. Among the Great. Mrs. Woodruff, writing from Washington, reports visits with Ethel Putney, Mrs. Ryan, and Grace Towner. With the latter she attended sessions of the Senate and of the Supreme Court.

Chap. V. A Doubt Arises. Is there any connection between the chapters of this so-called novel? *

Chap. VI. A Trip, and A Party. Janet Bergmark, Mary Barber, and Sylvia Leamon were in Istanbul this last week-end. On Saturday evening at the Taksim Casino, the engagement of Sylvia to Ali Seden, whom she met while he was studying at Harvard, was announced.

Chap. VII. Wedding Bells. George and Bobbi Helling write from Minneapolis. They mourn that no Turkey friends were at the wedding, but got greetings in Turkish from the Blakes. Wedding at the bride's home; honeymoon at the Mission Inn of Riverside; visits at Santa Barbara, Death Valley, Boulder Dam, Grand Canyon.

Chap. VIII. Vain Regrets. Since Marriage is the greatest thing ever invented, George regrets that he did not poach from the Mission two years earlier.

Chap. IX. To the Hospital! This last Monday Lorrin Shepard operated on Luther Fowie, seeking and finding a gall stone, and incidentally collecting an appendix.

Chap. X. The Healing Touch of Sympathy. In the limited time at his disposal, Barclay Shepard was unable to produce a gall stone, but did take a flying trip to the hospital on Tuesday, had his appendix removed, and roomed with Luther during his own brief stay. Luther is now making an excellent recovery.

* Oh, yes: but professedly the connection is a week one.

Sincerely,

W. S. Woolworth, Jr.

Dear Friends:

This is one of the rare occasions on which the above date can be used. In the late 'Twenties on this date we had one of the heaviest falls of snow experienced here.

And now for the wintry blizzards which usually accompany the Tourist ships! On Wednesday came the "Oslofjord" with 350 tourists. To-night the "Independence" is expected; on March 3rd the "Britannic" and the "Colonia" on the 18th. (FLM)

Miss Margaret Blemker, American Board Foreign Secretary for the Near East, expects to sail to-night from New York on the S.S. "America" of the United States Lines. She will visit relatives in Germany for a few days before going on to College Cevenol at Chambon, France. After five days there, she will take TWA plane from Geneva on March 20th, arriving in Athens the same day.

Word has come from Boston that the Board closed the sixteen months' fiscal period ending December 31, 1951, in good shape. This was due to the fact that the termination date of the fiscal year was changed and that in the sixteen months' accounting span there had been two periods of heavy income. The bulk of the income from churches comes in the last two months of the calendar year, and in the period just closed there had thus been two November-December periods. We trust that this good showing may carry thru for this next period of twelve months in the calendar year.

Dr. R. H. Helfferich of the National Council of the Churches of Christ, is making a world trip with the purpose of seeing first-hand refugee situations in all countries, and then using this experience in helping to assign projects for help, and in the publicity which will be used for the "One Great Hour of Sharing" on March 23rd of this year. Dr. Helfferich has been in Korea, Japan and China, Pakistan and India, the Hashimite Kingdom of Jordan. Here in Istanbul he has been the guest of Ezra Young, an old friend, and made calls at the Bible House, on the Chairman of the Refugee Service Committee here, Dr. Hans Wildbrandt, on the Vali, the Greek Patriarch, Red Crescent officials. With aid from members of the latter Society, he has been taken to see the condition of refugees in and about the city. Dr. Helfferich goes on to Greece, then thru Europe to Holland and home to the U.S.

The Alumnae Association of the Scutari Academy for Girls held a successful Tea Party at the Konak Hotel on Saturday afternoon, February 23rd. Bayan Seniye spoke to the guests briefly on how the Association was started and concerning its latest activities. About 450 guests attended the party, including teachers from the school and about 100 alumnae. About one thousand liras was realized for Association activities.

The Carletons in Aleppo and Maynards in Tarsus entertained Prof. and Mrs. Blakey (Uncle and Aunt of Ann Goodykoontz) during the mid-term holiday of the Ankara University where he is teaching. Besides Tarsus and Aleppo, the Blakeys visited Antakya, Damascus, Jerusalem, Beirut and Cyprus.

Curtis Fowle arrived in London this week to spend six months in the British offices there of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. Following this period Mrs. Curtis is due to join him for a month's holiday to-gether, perhaps to be spent in Switzerland and Istanbul.

Mr. Luther Fowle has made good recovery from his operation on the 18th. He returned to the Bible House apartment yesterday afternoon and flies to-night by Pan Am to London to spend some weeks in convalescence there with Farnsworth, Phyllis, and Curtis.

Mr. Paul Olander recently spent eight days on a "Preaching Mission" to the churches and villages along the Turkish border. Ten sermons were given in this time in addition to visits to Turkish villages and all Protestant communities in the area. The people had a warm welcome for him and the weather was also kind.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

Luther Fowle left the Istanbul air port at 2:30 in the afternoon of March first. He was in London ten hours later, and by London midnight was "at home." He has a separate apartment next to that of Farnsworth & Co. The day after his arrival he and Curtis visited Windsor Castle, including the chapel where the late king is buried. In the evening he helped to entertain 35 guests of whom five - besides the Fowles - were from Thetford. Luther feels that this is a wonderful way in which to recuperate.


Mr. Dean Woodruff of the American consular service was in Istanbul from February 26th to March first. He intended to see more of his friends, but was called away on short notice.

Since we know that you know, and you know that we know that you know that "No news is good news," we were willing last week to consider the negative happiness of omitting the News Notes. And when we considered and saw that we knew, and that you knew that we knew that no one had sent us reports of local doings, we let our consideration settle into firm resolve. Now for a program of positive happiness!

The Welcoming Committee was very happy to meet Miss Ethel Lovatt as she arrived in Istanbul on the "Tarsus" Tuesday evening. The Committee's report is submitted herewith. Our new member from China will be staying at the Admiral Bristol Hospital for at least the first month of her language study period in Istanbul.

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Having Miss Lovatt;
Let nobody else
Covet Miss Lovatt!

Dr. and Mrs. Birge left by car on Tuesday for a trip to Izmir and vicinity. They were accompanied by Miss Lloyd of the Hospital, as also by Dr. Etem Vassaf and Bayan Belkis.

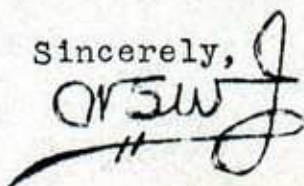
 On February 25th about twenty five people gathered at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Goodsell in Waban for an early afternoon party in honor of Miss Blemker who was soon to sail for Europe and the Near East. Only three men were present: Fred Field, Sr., Fred Field, Jr., and the latter's father, Lincoln Goodsell. After dessert, which included Baklava, Jacklyn Blake appeared under an open umbrella from the ribs of which cheerfully dangled gaily wrapped shower gifts. Poems and stunts kept everything lively. Constance Shepard gave added gaiety to the party by arriving in the last few minutes, having just made it from Wellesley. (FLM)

Miss Emerson has presumably by now arrived on the west coast to visit friends and relatives. Her itinerary includes a week or ten days at Pilgrim Place, and a stay at Palo Alto where she hopes to see Edith Parsons and Saisie Hibbard Pratt. (FLM)

Ethel Putney writes of a visit in Phoenix, Arizona, where the First Congregational Church is gradually improving both the church and the personage, and at the same time giving an average of \$5. for missions.

Aintab, January 5, 1894: "The next item was the subject of delegate to the Annual Meeting - on which at present we could come to no definite arrangement. It is necessary that some one visit Adana, and if Mr. Schneider can go to the Meeting, he can do that labor and it does not seem so necessary that either of the younger members have relaxation." January 10: "We next took up the subject of Annual Meeting, and it was decided that as far as appears now it would on the whole be most advisable for Mr. Schneider to make the visit, and take Adana on his way."

Sincerely,



Dear Friends:

Prof. Lootfy Levonian has finished his lectures at the Pacific School of Religion and will be spending the next few months in Los Angeles where he will devote his time to writing. His article on the "Millet System in the Near East" will appear in the April number of the Moslem World. His new address is 190 $\frac{1}{2}$ Talmadge Street, Hollywood 27, California.

Those who recall Miss Anna B. Jones and her proteje, Miss Naomi Pekmezian, will be interested to know that Naomi is one of thirteen teachers of the Linguistics Institute in Washington through which all the State Department appointees going to non-English language areas have to pass. Excellent results from these courses are reported. Miss Pekmezian lives in a little home of her own in Georgetown.

Mrs. (Cass) A. Reed keeps busy with speaking engagements in her home area, after a trip to England and the Eastern States last fall. Lachlan is Head Master of Northrop Academy for Girls in Minneapolis. Howard is still teaching at Yale and received his Ph.D. last year at Princeton, but had just been called to McGill University in Montreal where he takes up work in the new School of Islamic Studies, subsidized by the Rockefeller Foundation, which opens next September. He has also received a Rockefeller award to study Youth Leadership in England, France, Germany, Austria and Turkey for four months this summer. Joan and her husband are in Omaha and she finds time for speaking assignments and work two days a week in the local hospital.

The Press reports that during the coming year the Ministry of Public Instruction plans to construct 437 new village schools. The Republic now has 15,771 village schools, but an additional 19000 similar schools still need to be built. This year, 1,182,000 pupils are registered in the primary schools, but an additional 1,365,000 children of primary school age are not in school. (FLM)

The four mission schools in Turkey have been having their Spring vacations in the last two weeks. Paul Nilson took a bus-load of boys to Ankara and spent some days visiting in the homes of the boys. A group of other Talas boys had a trip to Syria.

The spring meeting of the Turkey Schools' Board of Managers was held in Talas this past week on the 17th, 18th and 19th. Misses Greene and Foster attended from Izmir ACI, Misses Martin and Reed from the Scutari Academy, Messrs. Avery and Maynard from Tarsus, Mrs. Leslie as Mission representative, Mr. Woolworth as invited guest. Besides these official members, Messrs. Savage and Schinske from Tarsus and Mary Rowden from Adana were guests. Talas School was represented by Mr. Nilson and Mr. Swift, with Mr. Blumenfeld also attending. Mrs. Block dispensed generous hospitality in the absence of Mrs. Nilson who was visiting daughters in Mardin and Aleppo.

Messrs. Schinske and Savage spent part of their week in Ankara. Misses Greene and Foster took their place in the Tarsus car on the return trip to get a view of the Cilician Gates and to fly back to Izmir from Adana on a quicker schedule than by train.

Miss Dorothy Nilson has been loaned to Ankara by her Mardin associates for the spring months, to fill the sudden vacancy in the American Community school there and to help Chaplain Young in the choir and Sunday School.

Dr. and Mrs. Birge returned home last night from their trip to Izmir, coming by way of Ayvalik and Edremit, which are the main olive-growing centres of Turkey. In the latter place they were guests in the home of a woman doctor surgeon, the only surgeon in the area of 60,000 people. They report a most interesting time in all the places visited along the way.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

Rev. Ernest W. Riggs. Cable of March 25th brought word to the Mission of the death on that date of our associate Ernest Riggs. While in Dallas, Texas, a sudden heart attack called him. Alice Shepard Riggs was with him at the time. Son and grandson of American Board missionaries, most of Mr. Riggs' years were given to educational-administrative work. Tutor and later president of Euphrates College, Harput, the First War took him to Beirut, where he was Principal of the Prep. Dept. at SPC (now AUB) for two years. There followed service with the Near East Relief, and eleven years as Associate Secretary of the American Board in Boston. In 1933 he returned to Thessaloniki as President of Anatolia College, piloting it through Depression and War, till his retirement in 1946. Since then, his service has been continuous to the College, in promotional work in America.

Ernest Riggs was born in Merzifon on July 3, 1881, youngest of four brothers and three sisters, six of whom gave their major years in service in the Near East under the American Board. Surviving are Susie Getchell, Emma Barnard and eldest brother Charles, now living in Istanbul with his daughter.

Four student nurses who started training last fall at the Gaziantep American Hospital received their caps in March in token of their qualification for fuller training. A new class of three, Turkish girls from Aintab and Eski Shehir, and an Armenian girl from Istanbul, are this month starting their training.

Press announcements report that the Department of Religious Affairs (Diyanet İşleri Bakanligi) is about to publish a series of religious books and pamphlets. These are to be in simple Turkish, and are to sell at very low prices. Printing is to begin as soon as authorization for the expenditure is secured. (FLM)

The Treasurer has returned from three weeks of post-surgical convalescence, spent in London with Farnsworth and Phyllis, with his elder son Curtis also in London, and daily with us. There were visits from many friends of the Istanbul Community, all of whom send warm greetings to friends and associates still in Turkey. Only their names can here be given:- Alfred and Bella Sellar of Bebek, Mary O'Neill of Robert College, George and Vi Catt, the parents of Gladys Lucas, W. H. and Nina Andrews, and Elizabeth MacCallum. Letters from Evelyn Woodward, and Duncan and Nora Thomson brought to you all their greetings and continuing interest.

There seems no limit to what the big planes can do. 150 air minutes took me from London to Frankfurt: another 270 minutes from Frankfurt to Istanbul - total flying time seven hours. (LRF)

Latest word from Miss Margaret Blemker, Foreign Secretary in Boston of the Near East Mission, comes from her from Athens Station. She plans to fly to Istanbul on April 4th and to leave Turkey through Hatay on May 5th, where Dr. Carleton of Aleppo will meet with his car the car from Tarsus, driven by Mr. Maynard (Shades of St. Paul's journeys on foot)!

In this interval there will be visits in Istanbul, Izmir, Ankara, Talas, and Adana-Tarsus. After two weeks in Syria and Lebanon, Miss Blemker hopes to enter Turkey again at Mardin about May 20th, visit the Mardin and Aintab Stations, and return to Istanbul in the second week of June, possibly with several supplementary visits to various Stations. There must be room for some rest and writing before joining the Annual Meeting pilgrims, who will converge on Pierce College about June 21/22.

The Rev. Paul Olander of Athens and Mr. David Bergmark will shortly be heading for Cairo, Beirut, and Aleppo to represent the Near East Mission at the meetings of the administrative committees of the Near East Christian Council (Cairo); the Near East School of Theology (Beirut); and Aleppo College. Mr. Woolworth is delegate to some of these gatherings, but there is still some uncertainty about his being able to get away at the dates designated.

Very truly yours,
Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Miss Blemker has arrived, bringing Spring and joy with her! As per schedule she spent some time at the College Cevenol at Chambon, France; visited headquarters of the World Council of Churches in Geneva; and flew to Athens on March 20th. Besides visiting all our work in Athens and vicinity, and meeting the leaders of the Evangelical, Orthodox, and Armenian Churches, she had the opportunity of meeting our American ambassador, Mr. Peurifoy; with Dr. Carleton and with Prof. Alivsatos as interpreter, had an interview with the Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox Church; and, in company with Miss Nichol, Mr. Olander, Dr. Parmelee, and Dr. Frank Watson, had an audience with the Queen.

On the 29th of March Miss Blemker went to Thessaloniki; spent the following day, Sunday, at Katerini, where they have an evangelical congregation of some two thousand; and followed this by two days at Anatolia College.

Yesterday she flew to Istanbul, where she was met by Dr. and Mrs. Birge, Mr. Fowle, and Miss Reed. She is making the Üsküdar school her center as she visits us all here.

The Shepard family is rejoicing in a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dorr, Mrs. Dorr being Virginia's sister Ethel. With them is a friend, Mrs. Richard Cushman of West Hartford, Conn.

Remzi Göneng, the doctor who for many years was associated with Dr. Haas in our Adana Hospital and is now executive of the Red Crescent in Ankara, has flown to London this week for medical treatment, and was accompanied by his wife Bayan Mebrüre. We hope that he may have a rapid recovery. The daughter, Gülgün, who graduated from Üsküdar in 1950, is making excellent progress at Pomona College.

Miss Joanne Gauntt arrived in Istanbul Wednesday evening, and had her appendix removed the following morning. She is making a good recovery and plans to go to Izmir next week with Miss Blemker.

Mrs. Marion Henderson, who has been helping at the Üsküdar school this year, sailed for America on the "Prominent" of the Fern Line on the 22nd. She had a good visit with the folks at Izmir, and was last heard from in Genoa. She was the sole passenger, and was enjoying the trip.

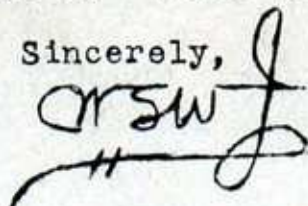
As a matter of interest, the "Prominent" included in its cargo some sixty tons of eggs, taken on at Istanbul and Izmir.

Miss Maxine Stavroulakis arrived in Athens on March 29th for service at Pierce College. She comes from Inanda Seminary.

The Rev. Paul Collyer, D.D., general secretary of the American Bible Society and now returning from a Bible Societies' Conference in India, is expected in the Bible House this next Saturday, and will stay till the following Thursday.

Birge guests include Mrs. Clyde Fisher, whose husband is professor of economics at Wesleyan College, Middletown, Conn., and daughter Anne Fisher, who has recently been studying in Florence; Miss Kitty Henrey, formerly of the Anglican Mission in Damascus, and later an assistant of Miss Padwick on the Central Literature Committee; and Miss Gertrude Stern, Ph. D., author of "Women in Early Islam."

Sincerely,



Dear Friends:

Today, at the Old South Church in Boston, there is being held a Memorial Service for the late Ernest W. Riggs. The thoughts of many associates in the Mission will be turned toward the gathering of his friends in Boston.

Miss Blemker flew on Thursday afternoon from Istanbul, to spend some days at the Izmir Girls' School, where she taught during her first three years' service with the American Board. She was accompanied by Miss Joanne Gauntt, who came up from Izmir last Wednesday, carelessly lost her appendix somewhere in the neighborhood of Nişan Taş next morning, and now returns to finish her term of teaching in Izmir.

The Devlet Deniz Yollari (Turkish National Steamship Line) has issued its summer schedule. The fine express service linking Istanbul with Piraeus, Naples, Marseilles and Genoa will operate each week from May 16th to September 26th. A second weekly service links Istanbul and Izmir with Piraeus, Beirut, Alexandria, Naples, and Marseilles.

Miss Muriel Lester of Kingsley Hall, London, is visiting in Istanbul on her return from the Far East and Africa, travelling in the cause of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. She is addressing various groups, and our Istanbul Station had the privilege of hearing her on Thursday.

The long desired "chest surgery project" of the Admiral Bristol Hospital has reached the implementation stage. The plan called for \$10,000. for building a tuberculosis ward and other essential construction on the pent-house roof of the Hospital, and a further \$8500. for requisite chest surgery and anesthesia equipment. Sparked with \$5000. from Dr. and Mrs. Huntington, two other gifts have come in, reaching the total of \$18,500.

Miss Marion Horton arrived this week, to spend two months at the Scutari Girls' School in organizing and improving the school Library. Miss Horton retired in January 1952, after being associated for twenty years with the Los Angeles Public School Libraries, where she organized many of the present High School and Junior High School library facilities.

The Relief Service Committee in Istanbul, which endeavors to meet the most elementary needs of the several hundred political refugees from the Balkans who have reached this city, has carried on with difficulty since IRO ended its grants last March. Funds from the International Rescue Committee, at first \$1200. monthly, later \$1000., have been our major resource during the past year. Now word has come cutting this grant to \$300. Special donations from several groups and individuals, and \$2000. recently received from the World Council of Churches office in Geneva, are the primary resources at the moment. Meanwhile, the Turkish Red Crescent Society continues to serve many of these people with one hot meal a day, and has pledged substantial monthly grant to the project of a farm on which these refugees may meet most of their own needs - a project which it is hoped will be under way shortly.

Units of the United States Sixth Fleet under the command of Vice Admiral Gardner are in the harbor this week-end. Sight-seeing trips, athletic events with local teams, and a "central" for the men on shore leave, will mark these days, with many of the American Community cooperating in the various activities.

Spring is in the air. Judas, wysteria, and abundant spring flowers are renewing the pledge of new life and beauty. It is Easter week.

Very truly yours,
Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

We regret to learn of the death recently of Miss Edith W. Fosdick, sister of Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, Minister Emeritus of the Riverside Church in New York, and twin of Raymond B. Fosdick. Miss Fosdick had wide experience as a social worker in the United States, Japan and China, was a former teacher at Pierce College, Athens, and was for ten years a member of the faculty of the Women's College at Arnavutköy, Istanbul, from which position she retired several years ago.

The Hugh Hubbards are reported as having left Communist China and to have arrived at Hongkong. It is expected that they will travel to America via the Near East Mission where they will visit their daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Swift, in Talas.

An interested visitor to Istanbul from one of the ships of the Sixth Fleet in the harbor, was Henry D. Brigham, Jr., grandson of the Rev. Herbert M. Allen of this Mission, who died in this city in 1911. Mr. Allen's daughter Gladys, now Mrs. Brigham of Pittsfield, Mass., is the mother of this visitor. He found his grandfather's grave at Feriköy; saw the Cham Konak at Scutari where his mother lived as a child; called on various mission households finding some who knew his family back to his great-grandfather, the Rev. Orsen B. Allen and his great-aunt, Miss Annie T. Allen, of our Girls' School in Brousa, who most usefully had represented American interests in Ankara in the earliest period of the Turkish Revolution.

Twenty girls of the senior class of Anatolia Girls' School, Thessalonica, reached Istanbul on April 16th to spend ten days. They were accompanied by Miss Mary Ingle and Mr. Hajimateo of the College faculty and are being entertained at the Girls' College at Arnavutköy.

Also thirty-eight boys accompanied by Mr. Pararas and Mr. Papahajis of the Faculty of Anatolia College arrived yesterday, coming by train. They are given hostel privileges at the Men's Dersane.

Miss Blanche Stevens, retired from the College of Puget Sound, now teaching Home Economics at Anatolia College, Miss Watson and Prof. and Mrs. Nydal and two sons, are also spending their Easter holidays in Istanbul. Miss Watson and Prof. Nydal are Fulbright appointees, the Nydals coming from Mankato, Minn., home of the Meyerings.

In Syria, Caroline Carleton and Wesley White went home to Aleppo and Mardin from Beirut for the Easter vacation. The ladies of the Girls' School, Aleppo, went in various directions. George Miller left for Dahrhan, Venita Bright to Jerusalem with Mrs. Jacot and Mr. Sherlock.

Dr. Carleton left on Wednesday for Cairo and Jerusalem for the NECC and the UMC meetings. Mr. Bergmark joined Mr. Olander in Athens for a flight to Cairo to attend the NECC meeting.

Mrs. F. W. MacCallum flew yesterday to Athens to visit Miss Emily McCallum. Due to repairs on the BEA plane, the flight scheduled for Thursday was delayed a day.

The Director of the Highways is visiting Istanbul arranging the preliminaries for the construction of a Suspension Bridge across the Bosphorus. A German bridge expert has been studying the topography and geology in the vicinity of Rumeli Hisar with a view to selecting the best location for such a bridge, for the design of which the Turkish Government is shortly to open an international competition. (FLM)

Miss Margaret Blemker returned from Izmir on Wednesday and expects to leave for her Talas station visit on Tuesday evening next.

Rumor has it that there will be two June 20th weddings in the mission. Confirmation and elucidating details are awaited.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:



On the invitation of the Jammat Church Mr. Fowle went to Ankara and addressed the congregation this Monday evening, telling them about the work of our Near East Mission. The Church made an appreciable contribution to our work.

Dr. and Mrs. Birge started this morning on about a week's trip to Ankara, Konya, and Kütahya.

Miss May Nilson has accepted a period of service as head of the Chemistry Department at the girls' section of Istanbul American College, to begin service this fall.

The Southern California Near East Fellowship met for lunch and fellowship at Claremont Inn on March 29th. The speakers were Prof. Levonian and Miss Putney. Among others present were the Misses Baird, Dwight, Jillson, Norton, Rice, Bissell, Mrs. Getchell and her sister Mrs. Barnard, Mr. and Mrs. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. Gates, Mrs. C. E. Clark and daughter Constance, Mrs. Cass Reed, Mrs. Marjorie Bullock Grunewald, Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Ussher, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Wiley, and several graduates of our schools. In Seattle, Washington, Miss Minnie Mills and her sister Mrs. Mapes entertained Miss Putney and an old pupil. Three days later Miss Parsons was hostess in San Malto, and guests included Miss Emerson and Mrs. Saisie Hibbard Pratt.



On March 20 - 22nd 10,000 pine, acacia, and juniper seedlings were planted by the Forestry Department on Duluk Baba near Gaziantep under the direction of Bay Ihsan Isikli, a Turkish Forester who has had special training in the United States.

More are to be planted again this fall, and the work will continue for two years, so that the whole hill will be covered.

The Russell H. Dorrs en route to the State Farm at Ceylan Pinar were guests of the Iselys, and then Mr. Isely accompanied them to Ankara. The trip via the Cilician Gates and Bor took twelve hours of actual travelling time.

Miss Towner writes of continued sightseeing in Washington, and then a five day visit with Miss Phelps, Miss Fletcher, and the Haases at Pleasant Hill. Among the advantages of being located here is the fact that folks are in the TVA area, and even the house is heated with electricity. But Dr. Haas still has the disadvantage of being Dr. Haas to whom more and more people look for help, so that "retirement" still keeps him very busy. After leaving Pleasant Hill Miss Towner went off on a three weeks speaking tour through Alabama and Georgia.

For Rent: delightful summer house in Gözne, fully furnished, 4 bedrooms, maid's room, dining room, kitchen, large living room and porch, large grounds. Located in mountains with view of the sea. Easy transportation from Tarsus or Mersin. Rental Ltq. 75, per month, or Ltq. 150. for the season. Any one interested please get in touch with Mrs. R. E. Maynard, Station Secretary, Tarsus. It may be pointed out that the property is Mission owned. The rent is to help cover payment made on the furniture which was recently purchased by the college.

-Adv. Note: this advertisement is guaranteed correct by the Editor.

Sincerely,

Dear Friends:

The American Community in Izmir and their Turkish and other friends held a very successful "Admiral Bristol Hospital Party" on April 25th. Dr. Shepard went down from Istanbul for this occasion, and reports a very delightful time.

Dr. Carleton writes that our Aleppo associates attended a fine Easter service in the Arab Evangelical Church in the morning, followed by a picnic visit to Kalaat Simaan. Prof. and Mrs. H.A.R. Gibb of Oxford, and Mr. Robert Marsh of Aramco were of the party. Mr. George Miller was in Dhahran, helping to pick Aramco scholarship candidates for the coming year.

The long years of secularization in the Turkish Republic, and the natural retirements with old age, have resulted in a shortage of Moslem chaplains for the Turkish Armed Forces and for military hospitals. The Press reports that the Ministry of National Defense is to train a sufficient number of chaplains to fill existing vacancies, as well as the new chaplaincies to be established among Turkish armed units.

The Shepards' Twenty-fifth: On April 29th about one hundred friends of Lorrin and Virginia Shepard met in the assembly hall of the Nurses' Home in a surprise party, to mark the 25th anniversary of the coming of the Shepards to Istanbul. A beautiful box of polished inlay, with suitably engraved silver inscription inside the cover, was given as a token of the esteem and affection of the Community. The real monument to this quarter century is not so much the existing fine plant of Hospital and School of Nursing, as the spirit and service of this institution and all its personnel to the thousands that have been helped by it, through these years.

Dr. Ahmet Remzi Gbneç: Dr. Remzi Gbneç went to England three weeks ago in hope of surgical help, returning on April 26th by plane, after operation was found impossible. Forty hours later he passed away. Dr. Remzi was a rare citizen and public servant. Early in his career he was associated with Dr. Haas for a dozen years, in the Adana American Hospital. Called to public service he became Health Officer in Mersin; later went to Ankara where his great task was as Central Executive of the Turkish Red Crescent Society. In this capacity, his office was the major help in time of earthquake, flood, or disaster in Turkey. He also represented the Red Crescent in many international gatherings in Moscow, Switzerland, Paris, and elsewhere. At least twice, he supervised the exchange of prisoners between Allied and Central Powers during the Second War, these exchanges taking place in the harbors of Mersin and Izmir.

Dr. Remzi was a man of the highest personal character; a wise counsellor; a generous friend. He will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife, for many years a member of the Grand National Assembly, and by three daughters, all former students in the Scutari School, the youngest now studying at Pomona College.

David Bergmark reached Istanbul on April 29th after two weeks spent as a delegate of the Mission at various gatherings in Cairo, Beirut, and Aleppo. Athens and Jerusalem also were visited in transit - all five of these great historical centers seen for the first time. Air transport is indeed out-reaching.

Pilgrim's Progress: Miss Margaret Blemker, visiting the Near East Mission took train from Istanbul on Tuesday April 22 for Talas. On Tuesday the 29th accompanied by Mary Christie Nute, they planned to take car from Kayseri thro the Cilician Gates to the Adana Plane, to visit our associates in Adana and Tarsus. Unless plans are changed, Tarsus friends will drive with Miss Blemker to the Hatay-Syria frontier beyond Antioch, where Dr. Carleton will meet her with the Aleppo car at noon on May 5th.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle.

Dear Friends:

Word has come to us from the Board of the death on April 23rd of Mrs. Henry K. Wingate (Jane Caroline Smith) at the home of her eldest son John Williams Wingate in New York. She is survived by a daughter and two other sons. Services were held at the Broadway Tabernacle Church in New York on April 25th, Mrs. Wingate's 87th birthday, with Dr. Albert Penning officiating and the 23rd Psalm being read in Armenian by Mr. Bedikian. A memorial service was held at the Congregational Church in Northfield, Minnesota, with Rev. Max Volkmann officiating.

Mr. Wingate was a tutor in "Marsovan" from 1890 to 1893; from the fall of that year until 1917 he and Mrs. Wingate were in Talas, where he took over the principalship of the school from James Luther Fowle, put up the new building, and otherwise continued to develop the school. He returned for a period of service in 1919-1920. Mr. Wingate died in Northfield, Minnesota on February 22, 1944.

Included in the full reports in the Turkish press concerning the visit of the Turkish Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister to Greece, returning the visit of Venizelos some time ago, was included a cartoon entitled, "History Does Not Always Repeat Itself." Turkey and Greece were pictured at war with each other in 1922, and in close friendship in 1952.

Mrs. F. W. MacCallum returned by plane on Monday afternoon from her visit in Athens. She had had a pleasant trip and visit, but reported various people struggling with colds and grippe.

Paul Olander flew to Cairo to attend a series of meetings beginning there and going on to Aleppo. But he came down with pleurisy, was hospitalized, and flew back to Athens on April 27th. He hopes to complete his recovery in time to give his annual service as a navy chaplain beginning with the 17th of this month.

Elvesta Leslie left for a visit with her family in Izmir on April 28th and returned last evening.

Dorothy Blatter wrote on April 19th from Clifton Springs: "Am leaving today, hale and hearty. ... Doctor's orders, '... Do what you want to do.' Look out, New York! ... Hope to start west about May 8th."

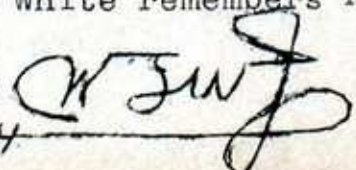
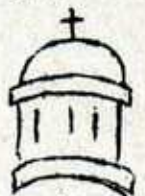
Miss Blemker was scheduled to arrive in Beirut yesterday.

Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Greenslade left Beirut by KLM plane on April 3rd. They spent some time in Switzerland and, after visiting other places of interest in Europe, expect to sail from England for America about May first. (BNL)

Mr. Rolla Foley, formerly a teacher of music at Aleppo College, has recently visited in Beirut. (BNL)

On April 24th the Whites started out on a trip with Jeep Willy, going to Midyat and then to Killit. Things began to move in Killit on Monday afternoon, when some 25 men and boys started clearing out the building which has not been used as a church for almost 40 years. Tuesday and Wednesday they continued; cleared out the masonry bakery which had been installed, and with the stones built a wall around the church. A church committee was elected, and a pastor is being sought. Ray White remembers Nehemiah 4:6: "For the people had a mind to work."

Sincerely,

Dear Friends:

Although the awaited parental word from Talas has not been received, it is now generally known that Dorothy Nilson, now teaching in the school for American children in Ankara, and James Fyfe, teacher at Tarsus, have announced their engagement. The wedding is being planned for late June at the family home in Talas.

Also engaged- Miss Alison Bozorth of Short Hills, N. J. and Mr. James Warren Fowle, of the Fine Arts Department, Bowdoin College. Miss Bozorth has spent much of the past three years studying in Europe, particularly the cello. A late June wedding is being planned, Joy and Richardson representing the family, since Curtis and Farnsworth are in London.

Again, engaged- Miss Gwen Wolsted, who completed a three year term of teaching at the Scutari school last June, and Mr. Robert Welch who is associated with his father in the candy manufacturing business. Mr. Welch is a Quaker.

Born - to Mr. and Mrs. John E. Seager, Izmir, a son, on Sunday, May 11th. Further particulars unknown.

Miss Fernie Scovel of the Scutari School whose three year term is now ending, is giving up her summer work-camp plans in Europe because of her father's uncertain health. She plans to fly on June 1st for London, New York, and Portland, Oregon.

"Rainbow Travel" is the new name for air Tourist Travel, started in May across the Atlantic and in America. It is some 30% less expensive than standard air travel and meals must be paid for: breakfast 50¢, lunches and dinners \$1.75. But with present air speeds, one cannot eat more than two meals over the Atlantic. The new Pan America "Asia Express" travels between London and Istanbul without stop in seven hours.

Miss Ann Goodykoontz yesterday accompanied her guest Miss Dorothy Bennett to Ankara for the week-end and Sports Day holiday on Monday. Miss Bennett is the editor of the Golden Books series published by Simon and Schuster. She has been in Istanbul on her trip around the world, coming from visits in Greece and England and five European countries. From Ankara she is making a "Fulbright" trip to Ürgüp and Talas. She will continue her travel east at the end of next week, thru Beirut, India, Pakistan, Siam, etc.

Annual Meeting-1952. This year Pierce College in Athens is host(ess) to the Near East Mission Annual Meeting, assembling on the evening of June 23rd. Four delegates from Syria will travel by KLM plane from Beirut. Forty-four delegates and others from Turkey who are continuing on their furloughs or summer travels, are expecting to attend. Half of the Turkey group will sail (and we mean sail) from Çeşme the Greek island of Chios, whence an evening steamer departure will land them in Piraeus on Saturday morning the 21st. Another twenty-two expect to leave from Istanbul by the S.S. Ankara on the 20th or by plane on the 21st.

Following recent Turkish-Greek rapprochement by treaty, by NATO and by visit of Foreign Minister Venizelos to Ankara, the Turkish Prime Minister and Foreign Minister have enjoyed a warm welcome in Greece. Now exchange of visits between the King and Queen of the Hellenes and President Bayar of Turkey are planned for the early summer.

Unquestionably sports have come to stay in the Near East. On yesterday the 16th, thirty thousand fans crowded the new Mithat Pasha Stadium at Dolma Bace to witness a close soccer match in which Greece defeated Turkey 1 - 0.

Yours sincerely,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

Seager: The name of the May 11th son born to Mr. and Mrs. John Seager in Izmir, is John Richard Middleton Seager.

Nilson-Fyfe: Mrs. Paul Nilson of Talas was in Ankara over the past week-end visiting daughter Dorothy, and helping her in preparation for the wedding. Jim Fyfe was due in Ankara on Sunday afternoon, to comply with requisite formalities for the civil marriage. He had to make the trip from Tarsus by bus, due to the railway wreck north of Adana.

The religious ceremony will probably take place in Talas on June 23d when it is hoped that sisters May and Sylvia and brother Paul Jr. may be present.

Wreck in the Taurus: A freight train, carrying one passenger car, broke from the locomotive on the long slopes from the Taurus railway tunnels down toward the Cilician Plain. Some twenty cars ploughed up the road-bed for several kilometers after leaving the track, before they went over the steep embankment. There was substantial loss of life. Such a distressing accident emphasizes the rarity of similar incidents.

Doctors in Turkey: An Istanbul daily paper of May 17th reports the Minister of Health as stating in the National Assembly that there were 7590 civil and 750 military doctors in Turkey, of whom some 3000 are in Istanbul. To assure a better distribution of doctors throughout the country, one suggestion is that there should be a term of "obligatory medical service" in distant parts of the country by all medical graduates of the Universities who are beneficiaries of the free medical training furnished by the Government.

Miss Mary Chorbajian, who has remained in Marash some twenty-five years longer than most others of the Protestant Community, maintaining there a home that was a center of hope and comfort for many, has now joined her sister in San Paulo, Brazil, to pass her latter years with her own family. She has lived a life of rare devotion and witness, and many of various races will remember her with gratitude and admiration.

Gaziantep American Hospital: Analysis of 1951 operations indicate very fine service at this busy institution where Deweys, Iselys, and a large staff of national associates carry on steadily. Operating expenses totalled \$121,136. of which \$10,542 came from America. Of the 1409 Inpatients, 414 were from Gaziantep, 171 from near-by villages, 824 from 45 more distant places. Bed occupancy reached the high figure of 96.85%. In the Outpatient Clinics, 3797 first visits and 2333 re-visits brought the outpatient total to 6130.

Former Consul General Charles W. Lewis Jr. and Mrs. Lewis: A most welcome letter from these friends, now in active retirement on their own acres, "Eagle's Nest", King George, Virginia, brings greetings to their friends in Istanbul. The hospitable Virginia latch-string is out for visitors from Turkey.

Rev. Thomas H. Billings and Mrs. Billings of the Parsonage in Hancock, New Hampshire, have been recent interested visitors to Istanbul, on their way to Beirut where their son was formerly a Staffite.

"One World" seems to be tied together with aviation gasoline. The oil strike in the United States has already curtailed flights in all directions from Istanbul, and many travel plans are having to be changed.

Chaplain Carey Young of the Jammat church in Ankara being on leave, his pulpit has been taken in May by Messrs. Birge, Wiley, Woolworth, and Ezra Young of this city.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Word from Athens indicates that Mr. Paul Olander has gone to Switzerland for needed recuperation from his illness contracted on his Egypt trip, but an envelope has been received in our office with a Bremerhaven, Germany address.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Young and children left on the Barletta Thursday for a month or more of vacation in Italy. They expect to be back on July 7th.

Dean Harold and Mrs. Scott left on Friday night for the United States where he will receive an honorary degree from Dennison University this June. Mrs. Middleton Edwards accompanied them as far as England where she will spend part of the summer.

Miss Isabel Hemingway is expected to arrive in Istanbul on Monday, on the "Tarsus" from Naples, where she transferred from the S. S. "Home-land" coming from New York.

Mrs. Dora Dewey and two of the Gaziantep nurses have been making a visit to Mardin.

Miss Margaret Blemker arrived in Mardin on Saturday, May 24th and expected to reach Gaziantep on the 29th. From there, after a short stop in Adana and Tarsus, she will return to Istanbul. It is her plan to visit Izmir again for a few days and to travel to Athens with the group going from Izmir via the Chios route.

Mr. and Mrs. Isely plan to leave Gaziantep about June 5th on their trip in the southwest Turkey coast areas, reaching Izmir in time to join the group going to Athens from there.

From 55 Walnut Street, Needham 92, Mass., Mrs. Alice Shepard Riggs writes to her friends in the Mission who have brought her the comfort of being not alone in her loss. She writes, - "You have shared with me what has brought you strength in similar experiences. You have given me the greatest consolation in your tribute of words and gifts to the work to which my husband gave the last full measure of devotion. Thank you, and God bless you."

The Boston Secretarial letter of May 14th has brought us news of the appointment to our Mission of the following:

Mrs. Mattie Compton Claiborne, Berkeley, Calif., as teacher of Home Economics and Science in our Izmir Girls' School.

Miss Helen Louise Morgan, St. Paul, Minn., as teacher of English in one of our mission schools.

Miss Martha Lee Dunbar, Chico, Calif., as teacher of English and Science in one of our schools.

Mr. George Thomas Wright, Elmhurst, Ill., to teach Mathematics and Chemistry at Talas.

Mr. Alan Donn Kesselheim and Chelsea Robbins Kesselheim as teachers of Science and English at Tarsus, subject to final medical approval.

Miss Ethel Putney writes of attending Tree Day at Wellesley and of her expectation of moving to Wellesley Hills before long.

Mr. Kenneth Iverson and Mr. Harley C. Stevens of the Ford Foundation arrived in Istanbul this week from Beirut. Dr. Birge, Mr. Fowle, Miss Martin and Mr. Woolworth are meeting them at the Birge home this afternoon. On Monday they will visit the Scutari School and Bristol Hospital.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

No. 330

The American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, June 14, 1952.

Dear Friends:

Fernie Scovel left Istanbul by plane on May 30th and wrote from her home in Salem on June 7th. She was met in New York by Peg Brown Mason and Bob, and had two days with them. She was met by her uncle and aunt in Salem, and reports her father as being "about the same."

Miss Hemingway, headed for Talas, arrived in Istanbul on June 2nd on the "Tarsus," and is staying with Miss Lovatt at the Admiral Bristol Hospital, whence they fare forth to the Berlitz School for Turkish, until they head for Annual Meeting.

On Thursday June 5th the Istanbul Station meeting was held at the home of the Birges at Bebek. The meeting was followed by a picnic supper, and a program which included a farewell to Ann Goodykoontz and a welcome to Miss Hemingway.

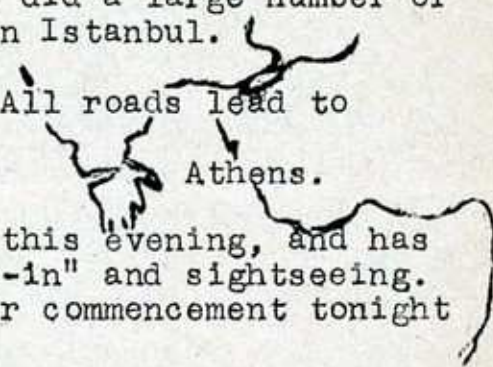
Ruth Wolfe sends greetings from Pakistan to her friends here.

On Friday June 6th the Admiral Bristol Hospital held its annual party at the Consulate General with Mr. and Mrs. Mathews as hosts. Not only was a good time had by all, but there was a goodly profit for the hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. Shepard sailed yesterday for a five weeks holiday in Annecy, France. Dorothy Smith sailed for America, as did a large number of other Americans from the American community in Istanbul.

Some go east and some go west,
All according to their yens;
But this next week, sure you've guessed,

All roads lead to
Athens.



Miss Blemker returned to Istanbul a week ago this evening, and has managed to find a wee bit of time for "bazaar-in" and sightseeing. She flies this afternoon to Izmir, in time for commencement tonight and the Alumnae dinner tomorrow.

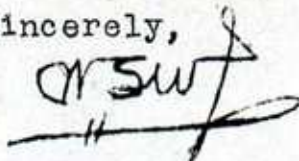
This is the week of commencements in Istanbul; Robert Academy on Wednesday, Girls College Thursday, Robert College yesterday, and Uskudar today.

Invitations have been received in Istanbul from Dr. and Mrs. Paul Nilson for the wedding of their daughter Dorothy Grace to James Gordon Fyfe, on Monday the 23rd of June at 4:00 o'clock at Talas. We wish the Newly Weds (to be) all joy and happiness through many years together.

The joyous word has recently been received that Dr. and Mrs. Wilson Dodd may be expected for service at Talas for the two year period 1953-1955, thus covering the furloughs of three doctors with the exception of a short time in the spring of 1953.

Prof. Edgar J. Fisher, formerly dean at Robert College, and now Professor of government at Sweet Briar College in Virginia is carrying a heavy schedule of conferences and lectures for this coming summer. His engagements include the Committee on Friendly Relations among Foreign Students in New York, Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, Church Peace Union, World Alliance for International Friendship through Religion, the Chauqua amphitheatre, Annual Review of United Nations Affairs at New York University, and a course at the same university on The United Nations and World Problems.

Sincerely,



No. 331

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, June 21, 1952.

Dear Friends:

Suddenly the school holidays are upon us, with their radical change in the pattern of life for the majority of our number, who are engaged in school work. Twenty-six were in the graduating class at Scutari, and for the first time appeared in caps and gowns, gray in color. Hundreds of friends and relatives attended the occasion, and seemed to fill the garden at the following social occasion. Yet but two students were at supper two hours later, and they left on the following morning. So now for all, rest, refreshment, and preparation for the September start which will come so soon. Meanwhile administrative responsibility and planning for the future steadily goes on.

Miss Evelyn Woodward, long associated with us in fruitful teaching in the Gedik Pasha and Izmir schools, sends June greetings to her many friends in the Mission. From Wales she has now moved to a Quaker Home near York, where she lived and taught for sixteen years in a Quaker School before joining this Mission. Hence she is in a circle of Friends of earlier years. Her permanent address is,-
Ravensworth Lodge, Belgrave Crescent, Scarborough, Yorkshire, England.

Dr. John E. Merrill's Eightieth Birthday in May was marked by greetings from many friends all over the world. June brought further distinction with some of the fine names long held in honor in this Mission, appearing in new combinations. Born on June 1st to Daniel Dorman M.D. and to Dorothy Merrill Dorman, at Pittsfield, Mass., twin sons - Alan Trowbridge and Christopher Riggs. Mother and sons are all doing well.

During the absence at Annual Meeting in Athens of the Mission officers usually on duty at the Bible House, Mrs. Bessie Lyman and Gene Blumenfeld of the Talas School have generously agreed to be on duty.

We regret to report the death of Bay Asadur Tatlidil of the Treasury Department staff, on Friday June 13th, following paralysis which came upon him on March 1st. His fine character and ready helpfulness had made for him a real place in our circle, during the four years he served with us.

The neighborly visit to Turkey of King Paul and Queen Fredericka of the Hellenes ended with a formal ball, held at the Dolma ~~Bahche~~ ^{Bahce} Palace on Saturday evening, June 14th. Next day, with full salutes from Turkish and Greek naval vessels, the guests sailed down the Marmara, homeward bound. This visit has strengthened the ties of mutual co-operation and common interest between these two vigorous states at the eastern end of the Mediterranean.

Miss Angie Ducas, formerly teacher at the Scutari School, has ended another year of teaching in the Framingham (Mass.) High School, and after a short period at home, returns to the summer school of Boston University, and the writing of her thesis, for which task she has "already selected a quiet nook in the Boston Public Library."

After a year of teaching in Fine Arts at Bowdoin College, where he carried the work of a friend on sabbatical leave, James Fowle has received an appointment as Instructor in Fine Arts at Harvard University for the coming academic year. "They" will be "At Home" in the Senior Tutor's Apartment at Winthrop House, along the Charles River.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey,
From Athens, June 26, 1952.

Dear Friends:

Last week Wednesday and Friday saw substantial groups of mission personnel leaving Turkey from the ports of Istanbul and Izmir bound for Athens and Annual Meeting. Fifteen were passengers on the "Tarsus" from Istanbul, including Kenneth Olsen who continued on to Marseilles, European travel, and then home to the United States after a two-year term at Tarsus.

Twenty-three travelled by bus from Izmir to Çeşme, by motor-boat from Çeşme to Chios and then by Greek steamer to Piraeus. Aleppo delegates arrived by plane on Sunday. With other later arrivals, those attending Annual Meeting are as follows, not all being delegates.

Adana - Dr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Nute, Jr., Mary Rowden

Aleppo - Gladys Lucas - chairman of Annual Meeting
Alford Carleton, George Miller, Venita Bright

Athens - Marguerite Bicknell, Dr. and Mrs. Watson, Helen Nichol,
Ruth Parmelee, Maxine Stavrolaki, Mr. and Mrs. Olander

Gaziantep - Mr. and Mrs. Isely, Ethel Lovatt

Istanbul - Mr. and Mrs. Birge, Lillian Brauer, Alice Lindsley,
Anne Goodykoontz, Jessie Martin, Martha Millett,
Alice Reed, Isabel Hemingway, Luther Fowle,
Wm. S. Woolworth, Jr., Elvesta Leslie, Elizabeth Richmond,
Marion Schoenheit

Izmir - Mr. and Mrs. Bergmark and three children,
Naomi Foster, Olive Greene, Harriet Yarrow, Dorothy Robinson,
Mrs. Kathryn Dewey, Mr. Alix Dewey

Talas - Dr. and Mrs. Nute, Sr., Mr. Swift, Mr. Nilson, Mr. Hubbard

Tarsus - Mr. and Mrs. Maynard, Mr. Murray, Mr. Schinske, Mr. Savage

Mardin - Mr. and Mrs. White

Thessaloniki - Mary Ingle, Carl Compton

Mr. Savage enroute to America and Mr. Schinske to Europe, continued on their summer journeys Tuesday morning. Later this week, Misses Goodykoontz and Yarrow leave for America, Misses Rowden, Richmond and Robinson accompanying them thru Europe. Mr. Hubbard leaves next Sunday for Talas.

Annual Meeting opened Monday morning for one session of organization. The remainder of the morning was given over to sessions of the Board of Managers of the Turkey schools.

Pierce College Commencement took place Monday evening at 7 P.M. Queen Fredericka graced the occasion with her presence. The Minister of Education made a short address. Two graduates had part in the program one speaking in Greek, one in English. They were followed by Dr. Carleton who gave a very fine address. Several musical selections were beautifully given by the college chorus. President Helen Nichol gave diplomas to three groups of graduates.

Sessions on Tuesday were given over to reports from Stations and Institutions, as well as on Wednesday when the chairman gave her keynote address and when a large part of the day was given over to hearing of the work of the Greek Synod from pastors of the Greek churches.

Sincerely,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

Latest word from Miss Blemker reports arrival at Ambrose Lightship at 5:30 P.M. on July 14th, after a restful yet record-breaking trip on the blue ribbon liner "United States."

Headed "furthest east" from Annual Meeting, Ray, Fern, and Wesley White leave Istanbul this evening on the Southern Express for Diyarbakir and Mardin. Going with them for a week's visit is Mrs. Wheeler, home town friend. We share in the family news: -

Robert Burnley White graduated in June from the Kansas University School of Medicine, moved with his family to Chicago, and on July first began his year of internship at the University of Illinois Research Hospital. Address: 128 Dogwood, Park Forest, Ill.

Josephine Lydia White graduated receiving her B. S. in nursing her pin indicating her status 13th, she married Dr. James couple are honeymooning at and will be at Meade beginning



ated from Kansas U. on June 2nd, ing. On July 10th she received us as a graduate nurse. On the Ungles of Meade, Kansas. The Banff and Lake Louise, Canada, ing with August first.

Dave Bergmark drove his family up to Istanbul on Thursday, and has gone back today for a final session with Izmir business. He expects to return definitely to Istanbul before the end of the month.

Jessie Martin expects to leave Sistel Alm in Gaisburg (3858 ft.) on July 22nd, and spend a few days in Venice before going on to Naples. "Gorgeous view of Salzburg and all the green valley and towns at the foot of steep mountains. ... The air is fine, sharp and chilly."

Bob King writes from Camp Atwater, East Brookfield, Mass. This past year, in addition to class teams in football and basketball and Y activities. But, more ment to Barbara Martin, the girl and took her training wedding is scheduled for



work, he coached his school etball, and shared in Boy Scout important, he reports his engagement, who is a Cambridge at Mr. Auburn Hospital. The September 3rd at Cambridge.

Ethel Lovatt and Martha Millet arrived in Gaziantep on July 9th for summer service at the hospital. Martha reports word from Ann Goodkoontz and Olive Greene in Rome. Florence was the next stop mentioned.

The Iselys got home from Annual Meeting and other visits, this last Sunday, and the Deweys left early on Tuesday for Iskenderun whence they were to sail for Cyprus and its mountains.

Bill Edmonds and Allan King were in Gaziantep. A group from the U. of Bagdad had visited the Fyfes in Mardin. "The Aleppo people" (Carletons and Venita Bright, plus the Penrose family from Beirut?) were expected soon.

Dr. May Nilson arrived in Turkey in time to attend her sister's wedding in Talas; spent some time in Istanbul, and took ship on the 13th for Mersin, whence she and two faculty friends from Wellesley plan to visit Turkey, Lebanon, Syria, Cyprus:

Blanche Stevens, after completing two years of teaching Home economics at Anatolia College, has visited Istanbul and started for America via points of interest in Europe.

We are happy to report that Louise Wiley has been engaged for a two year term of service at Anatolia College. She hopes to spend part of August with her parents in Istanbul.

Sincerely,