

Dear Friends:

The joint authors of this weekly sheet take this opportunity to wish all their friends and readers a Happy New Year.

Dr. Floyd Black, President of the American Colleges of Istanbul, left by air for America on the 29th of December. He expects to be gone till about the middle of February.

Richard Meyering, with Mrs. Meyering and their two daughters, have arrived in Istanbul after spending Christmas in Tarsus with the Harry Meyerings. Richard is director for four High and forty Grade schools established in Germany by the American Army of Occupation for the benefit of the families, of Americans on duty there.

Virginia and Constance Shepard are expected back today after ten days of skiing and winter sports in Talas, that all-season holiday center.

On Christmas morning the members of the Tarsus station and their friends drove to Mersin and took part in the singing of chorales in the Roman Catholic Church of that city. On their return to the college, nineteen sat down to the good cheer of Christmas dinner.

Among those present on this occasion was Miss Angie Ducas of Scutari, who had started for Tarsus on the 22nd. En route she traveled with the Misses Lucile Tonsfeldt and Eleanor Gants of Izmir, on their way to spend Christmas at Gaziantep. After Christmas, the Izmir ladies planned to visit Tarsus, while Miss Ducas and Mr. Bob King were to visit Gaziantep.

On the evening of December 23rd, fire broke out in the upper floor of the buildings of the Ministry of Public instruction in Ankara, with the result that building and contents were a total loss. Very relatively few of the documents and files were saved. This loss will affect all our schools to some extent, as all files containing unfinished business with the Ministry will have to be re-constituted.

Mrs. Alma Woodruff of Scutari left on the 27th for a short visit in Izmir.

The Week of Prayer is being observed in the churches of this city as usual from the 4th to the 11th of January.

On December 21st, Mr. Paul Nilson of Talas American School, with 24 of his boys set out in an open truck to motor to Tarsus. Ten hours over pretty good roads brought them from snowfields to orange groves. When Paul began his missionary service in Tarsus, 37 years ago, the same distance was not to be covered in less than a week's journey by waggon. After spending Christmas Eve with Dr. and Mrs. Haas, Mr. Nilson returned by Taurus Express and spent Christmas at home.

Christmas dinner in Talas was celebrated in the Scott home, where there is a considerable baby to give reality to the festival. American, Briton, Turk, Greek, Armenian and Swede enjoyed the Christmas tree and the bounteous dinner.

It is reported that from Greece 19,000 Armenians have migrated since the war, leaving only about ten thousand Armenians in the country. Forty Protestant families have gone from Thessalonica, leaving twenty families with 72 individuals. From the Athens area 115 families have gone, leaving 107 families containing 340 individuals. These are divided between the communities of Dourghouti and Kokinia.

Mr. Frank Stoltzfus of Robert College, who has been in Sofia since midsummer is spending the holiday with Mrs. Stoltzfus at Robert College.

Very truly yours,
F. L. MacCallum

No. 117

I was Dept.

American Board Mission, Post Box 142
Istanbul, Turkey, January 8, 1948.

Dear Friends:

On last Tuesday morning, which was Epiphany to those of us who follow the Church calendar, by four o'clock the Armenian churches of the Gregorian faith were filling up with happy-hearted Christmas worshippers. There had also been Christmas Eve services. The Protestant Churches were content with a morning service at 10:30, but all the churches were filled. Some of us may have forgotten what the "first Christian nation" has not, that all Christians at first celebrated the baptism of Jesus as the day of "the unspeakable gift of God". Later the birth of Jesus was associated with this holy day. Gradually Jesus' birth overshadowed His baptism in the anticipation of Christians, until finally the Church in Rome set apart December 25th as Christmas Day alone. In time all but Armenians have followed that lead.

How the editors do register gladness when letters arrive with news nuggets like the following: Clara Bissell is in Claremont, Cal. teaching and caring for her mother; Margaret White is General Secretary of the Y.W.C.A. at Winona, Minn., and Dorothy Rutherford in Brooklyn, N.Y.; Lucille Day is overseas again - in Germany for a year and in Berlin till May. Now we await more letters, filling in under these headlines.

Pierce College in Athens opens on January 8th after two weeks of vacation. Miss Willms, returning to her nursing work in Athens and Mrs. Harold Harlow are sailing for Greece this month.

Mrs. Lyle Woodruff spent New Year's Day at Ephesus, and is back at Scutari. Miss Angie Ducas, and Mrs. Lorrin Shepard and Constance are also back from Anatolian trips all looking very much rejuvenated.

On Monday this week two new American Vice Consuls arrived by air to strengthen the Consulate here in Istanbul. Mr. Ernest E. Ramsaur, Jr. in the early part of this decade was a tutor at Robert College. Mrs. Ramsaur is the former Helen Barnum. With them came Vice Consul and Mrs. Gustin. Each family brings two children to our community.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Meyering have postponed their departure from Tarsus to Gaziantep from January 5th to the 12th, primarily because of the temporary closing of the Syrian frontier to normal train-service. This border closure is apparently an anti-cholera precaution, and south-bound mails are being returned to senders in Turkey from the frontier. This delay gives Dr. Meyering and Mr. Woolworth the opportunity to give an illustrated lecture to all the teachers of the Mersin area on the 9th in the Mersin Halk Evi. After a short Gaziantep visit the Meyerings hope to visit our schools in Aleppo for their basic study of work there. If the frontier remains closed, it may require a recasting of their plans for visits to the schools in Western Anatolia and Greece.

The Istanbul press this week reports the probable resignation very shortly of Maximos, the Patriarch of the Orthodox Church, whose health has kept him out of active work for some time. It is rumored that his successor will be Athenagoras, the present Metropolitan of New York, who was born in Turkish territory and has always been an active friend of Turkey. He is reported to be a man of liberal views.

Along with recent reductions in bus fares in and around Istanbul, residents are interested to see new and better buses on the streets and service inaugurated between points hitherto served only by tram or train. Big American White buses find some difficulty in negotiating sharp turns and crowded streets. Fifty new buses from Sweden are announced this week.

A new phase of Gaziantep-Marash rivalry has appeared in the placement of American Aid to Turkey. A highway is planned from Iskenderun north to Erzerum. Gaziantep is reported to have brot about a routing thru that city. Now Marash is petitioning for reconsideration on the ground of shorter distance, less actual mountain highway, a larger population to be served, and the development of the Albistan plain. We haven't heard Gaziantep's argument yet?

Sincerely,

Walter B. Wiley

Dear Friends:

Philip Ward gives his address for the present as 600 West 122nd St., New York 27, N.Y., and sends his warm greetings to all friends of the NEM. He is getting further preparation for work in some college department of Religion, possibly starting next fall.

TIME, International, printed in Paris and flown to Istanbul, is sometimes delivered here within 24 hours of issue date. Subscriptions may now be paid at the Ottoman Bank, the annual rate being Ltq. 25.00. Prices are soon to be increased 32%.

With the end of 1947, Mr. A. V. Walker has retired from the General Managership of Socony in this area. His top associate, Mr. Charles R. Wylie, also retires, and plans to return to America in February with Mrs. Wylie and their daughter. The departure of Mr. and Mrs. Wylie will leave a large void in the American Community in Turkey, in which their leadership and support has meant much to every worthy American activity. The American Hospital, of which he has been Board Chairman for years, and Dr. Shepard, will particularly miss the wise counsel and fruitful devotion of Mr. Wylie.

Dr. Lorrin Shepard, followed in June by Mrs. Shepard and Constance, hopes to go to America in March 1948 for a short furlough, during which a primary hospital project will also receive his attention. There has now been raised some \$82,000. toward the erection of the Nurses' Home and School Building, required to complete the existing plan. The required amount is \$150,000. and plans are being developed in America to raise this amount before summer. To this task, Dr. Shepard and Mr. Wylie will devote their time in April and early May. This then is the time for all friends of the Hospital to pull together, to attain the objective. The Hon. Joseph C. Grew is Chairman of the Building Committee of the Board of Trustees, whose new address is Room 1209, 46 Cedar Street, New York 5, N.Y.

While disliking "bigger and better elephants", there is much food for thought in the report of President Truman's Commission on Higher Education in the United States. In the fall of 1947, 2,338,000 students were enrolled in 1753 colleges and universities in the United States, 48% of whom were veterans, presumably benefitting from the G. I. Bill of Rights. Over 24 million are enrolled in public schools, while the five largest universities record enrollment totalling 174,000. If education is to make democracy safe for the world, the kind of education these millions are receiving is surely a primary concern.

The 1948 Calendars with Miss Dorothy Blatter's drawings of eastern scenes are all distributed. There are still available several hundred of the Turkish calendars, bearing quotations from well-known writers or from the sacred books. The decorations on each page are from tiles and manuscripts, giving the atmosphere of Turkish art. With 1948 well started, the remaining calendars are available at 25 piastres.

From Old Phaleron, Greece, comes report that on December 24th boys and girls of the Public School went from house to house through this community on the beautiful Bay, singing "Silent night, Holy night". This song of German origin, loved the world over, has thus found its deep response in the hearts of the Orthodox followers of the Master.

The Junior College in Ellenico and our Board circle there experienced the Christmas story this year in scripture, hymns, and carols reverently and beautifully presented in an arrangement directed by Miss Eileen Donner. The readings were first given in the ancient Greek, then in English, following which the curtains opened on the various tableaux. Two muted violins and two flutes supported the chorus. Parents, friends, and the school family were deeply impressed.

Every silver lining has its cloud. THE editor of the News Notes and Mrs. Riggs had to take refuge in the Middlebury Inn at the turn of the year, the gear-wheels of their self-stoker furnace having gone on strike. There is something to be said for the sturdy stoves and humble 'mangals' of Tower Cottage, so long the delightful home of the Riggses, and still a Board center in this city as the home of Fuby and King Birge.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

No. 119

Treas Dept.

American Board Mission, Post Box 142
Istanbul, Turkey, January 22, 1948.

Dear Friends:

Miss Mabel Emerson reports that CARE PACKAGES sent to Bulgaria now number 59, substantial number of them being paid for by friends through the Board's Istanbul office. Many in America are now sending her their contributions, to bring help to preachers and teachers who have carried on their work through six years of war. At last report, Dana Getchell of Merzifon, now in Claremont, had sent in \$146. from friends at Pilgrim Place. Miss Emerson is "central" in this effort.

Miss Sylvia Eddy, for many years nurse at the Talas hospital and clinic, writes from 17 Hillcrest Road, Belmont, Mass. For several months she served in the State Cancer Hospital at Columbia, Missouri, but the poor health of her brother's household has now brought her to Massachusetts, to live with them.

Writing from 43 N. W. 3d Street, Miami, Florida, Harry T. Baker, formerly of the Istanbul Y, tells of new responsibilities he has assumed since retirement from the Y and the USO. Till July 1st he is Acting General Secretary of the Miami Y. With some regret for the quiet life in Johnstown, New York, Olive and he have gone south.

Their daughter Mary Baker is taking the Library course at Syracuse University, and is enthusiastic about her work. There are several Turks attending that university, while two Turks are on the faculty of the Engineering School.

The Harrison Maynards (2817 Thayer St., Evanston, Illinois) were fortunate to have all their tribe together for Christmas 1946. By Christmas 1947, Richard and Georgie Maynard were celebrating with us in Tarsus, while Edward is with the Foreign Commerce Department of the Military Government of Korea. But the home fires still burn around Chicago, and John and his wife shared Christmas with a new little son. Maynard greetings to all our Circle.

Miss Cornelia Roberts, recently of the Woman's College in this city, is reported as visiting Moulton College, Toronto, in which she taught for a number of years before venturing further afield.

With both the Istanbul American Colleges closed for the two week winter holiday, there is a sudden demand for knap-sacks. Two have flown to Damascus. Others were to have toured the Holy Land, but have had to be content with the steps of St. Paul around Tarsus, and possibly Gaziantep. Ralph Meyering, who attends Robert College, went with them to Tarsus to spend the holiday with his fast-moving parents, if he succeeds in locating them. The four Meyerings are due in Istanbul on January 28th.

Elizabeth MacCallum and Loretta Kreider have answered the lure of Alpine solitudes, and left on Tuesday for Bursa and Bithynian Olympus, with a plentiful supply of skis and socks. The undersigned accompanies them as a sort of "also skidded".

But it is a question whether those going to Uludag in this winter of warm south winds do better to take 'Kayaklar' or 'Kayiklar' (skis or boats). On the 17th Alfred Sellar headed his 27th annual "snow dropping" party up a certain valley on the Asiatic shore of the Bosphorus. Flowers were quite plentiful in spite of the fact that the expedition was fully a month early, and the walkers brought back snow-drops and cyclamen in abundance to gardens and homes on the European shore.

Very truly yours,

F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

January 22nd is a red-letter day on the Publication Department calendar. The new English-Turkish Dictionary, to be published as a continuance of the Redhouse tradition, went to press on that day. The first few forms in a pleasing format on a 7"x 11" page are in our hands. The black eight-point English words are followed by their pronunciation in the international phonetic alphabet, their part of speech, meanings and illustrative phrases in seven-point black type.

This dictionary was begun by the Publication Department in 1938. Rev. Charles T. Riggs undertook the laborious task of preliminary word selection and the making out of some sixty thousand individual cards with the basic English meanings to serve as a guide to the translators. An Advisory Committee, consisting of Dr. Walter L. Wright, Jr., Prof. Charles S. MacNeal, Bay Hüseyin Pektaş and Bay Baha, met in early 1939 to help decide on the basic policies to be followed. The work has continued uninterruptedly since then.

Mr. Riggs worked with Mrs. Huri on the Turkish equivalents during the absence of Dr. J. Kingsley Birge, the Chairman of the Publication Dept., in America from 1942 to 1945, and succeeded in the completion of the first draft by the summer of 1945. Bay Cami Baykurt carefully reviewed this whole text for suggestions in Turkish phraseology. Turkish specialists in such fields as Botany, Zoology, Chemistry, Law, Commerce, Medicine, etc. have given devoted care to the correcting of words in their departments.

While this work of final revision, ably assisted by Mrs. Huri and Bay Andreas Tietse, has gone on, the actual printing of the first forms was held up over a year by the non-arrival from America of a stereotyper, ordered in the spring of 1946. Dr. Birge finally decided to go ahead and print directly from type. The Kenan Basim Evi is doing the printing.

The large amount of English translation into Turkish, and the steady increase in the purchase of English books and periodicals makes a good dictionary in this field very necessary. Many professional people are keeping up in their fields in English. For them and for American language students there are better days ahead.

A newsy letter from the Founder of this little sheet and its editor for most of its first thousand numbers shows how much he lives along with the present editors. Attending college lectures and church affairs, neither winter's cold nor age limits are keeping Rev. and Mrs. Charles T. Riggs in retirement from community affairs.

Prof. Theodore M. Greene, of the Philosophy Dept. at Yale, son of Dr. J. K. Greene, formerly of our Mission, has just been appointed also as Master of Silliman College within the university.

Another wedding in our wide-spread mission family. On December 20th in the Chapel of the Harvard College Church Ruth Riggs, elder daughter of Rev. Harry H. Riggs, was married to Peter Steiner, and after a reception at the Faculty Club, the couple left for a honeymoon in Bridgton, Maine. Enter the Near Easters: her uncle, Ernest Riggs as parson, her cousin Lorrin escorting her to the altar, her brother-in-law, George Rice at the organ, and her sister Helen making the cake.

Miss Mary Baker in Syracuse writes that she is living with our tried and true friend, Mrs. Lydia Flint, who has left her part-time hospital service to care for an aunt with a broken hip. Flame the cataracts reducing her eyesight, if you did not get your usual Christmas card this year.

We hope that you are with us on the World Day of Prayer on February 13th. Here in Istanbul we plan two gatherings, one in the Armenian language at the Gedik Paşa Church, and the other in English at the Dutch Chapel.

Cordially yours,

Walter B. Wiley

No. 121

American Board Mission, Post Box 142
Istanbul, Turkey. February 12, 1948

Dear Friends:

Early in February, trains again began to operate across the Turkish-Syrian frontier, thus ending a measure taken to localize cholera, which was reported as having spread from Egypt to the Damascus region. Hence on February 5th the Meyerings took train from Tarsus for Aleppo, thus reverting to their earlier program. Meanwhile, Mr. Meyering had gotten in a visit to Mardin, following the family visit to our associates in Gaziantep.

When Syria mails get through to us, they will doubtless report news of the President-Elect of the American University of Beirut. He 's Stephen B. L. Penrose, whose father was the long-time President of Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington, and a corporate member of the American Board. Mr. Penrose was for a time associated with the New York office of the Near East College Association, and earlier still had been a Staffite at AUB. During the war, he has had important service, and withdraws from his duties in Washington, to succeed to the leadership of the largest American University abroad, following in the distinguished line of Daniel and Howard Bliss, and Bayard Dodge.

The Mundt Bill, authorizing the State Department's Overseas Information and Educational Exchange programs, was passed on January 16th by the Senate, the House having already passed similar bill. Would that democracy could find some method to assure continuity and long-time planning for activities of this sort, where the periodic fevers of life and death now so cripple the efforts of its representatives overseas. With the United States taking increasing responsibility in overseas affairs, we, like our experienced British friends, must develop a continuity of policy and method beyond the reach of party politics and the quadrennial presidential election. Fortunately, leaders in both major parties as well as increasing numbers of John Q. Citizens, are developing convictions on this subject.

President Truman's "Board of Foreign Scholarships" has made agreements whereby 20 American professors, 20 graduate students, and 10 research scholars from the United States will be received in China's institutions of higher learning, while 30 Chinese professors and students will go to the United States: Six US professors and specialists go to Burma. Similar agreements are under consideration with eleven other Governments, among which are Egypt, Iran, Greece, and Turkey.

A welcome letter from Mrs. Harold I. Gardner, formerly of Hadjin, accepts our suggestion that she send us news of the Pilgrim Place friends of our fellowship. She reports a gathering on January 11th of the Bulgarians and Macedonians of Southern California, to honor the late Dr. Edward B. Haskell of our Bulgaria Mission, and to place a wreath on his grave in recognition of his service to the Bulgarian people in founding 'the Peasant University at Pordim'. There were to be brief addresses, and Bulgarian folk-songs, sung by Bulgarian girls in native costumes.

This holiday season has brought letters from Fern and Raymond White, formerly of Izmir Station. From 904 College, Larned, Kansas, they write of their busy life in ministering to several churches, one of which was serving a "groundhog supper" early in February, to celebrate the completion of their new brick building. Supper was to be served to 450, fifteen miles from any store, with lights from a portable electric light plant, and water from a stock tank-truck. Indeed some years in this mission can be a fine preparation for meeting the primitive conditions of America. The Whites find particular delight in Miss Blatter's calendar drawing of the Izmir aquaduct, which could be seen from the grounds of their home when in Izmir.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

A commission from the Rockefeller Foundation is now in Istanbul after spending ten days in Ankara, where they were received by Government officials and visited institutions in and around that city. The commission consists of Dr. George K. Strode, Chairman of the International Health section of the Foundation, Dr. Bruce Wilson, director of the Foundation's health services for Africa and the Near East, and Miss Warley, representing the Foundation's nursing services. During their visit Dr. Strode renewed the Foundation's invitation to Dr. Behjet Uz, Minister of Public Health, to visit the United States and study the latest developments in American public health services.

On the 6th, the Dutch Chapel held its annual business meeting at the end of Mr. Wiley's first full year of service. The reports were encouraging. The chief item of business was the remodelling of the Constitution and replacement of the Creed by a Statement of Faith.

Throughout Lent there will be a Lenten Service at the Dutch Chapel each Wednesday evening at 17.00 p'clock.

A tea-dance in aid of the Admiral Bristol Hospital was held in the American Embassy on the 14th, by courtesy of the Ambassador. About 250 were in attendance to enjoy the generous refreshments, good orchestra, bridge tables and sitting-out rooms. A special feature of the occasion was the presentation of a beautiful box of Russian silver to Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Wylie on behalf of the American Community of Istanbul. Throughout the past difficult decade Mr. Wylie has been Chairman of the Hospital Board of Managers, and has devoted much time and his great ability to carrying the hospital through the war period. As he returns to America on his retirement from Socony, he leaves the hospital in an admirably sound position.

On the 31st of March Dr. Lorrin Shepard expects to fly to New York in order to join Mr. Wylie in a six weeks' campaign to raise the remaining \$70,000 necessary to build the Nurses Home and School in connection with the Admiral Bristol Hospital. The total project will cost \$150,000, and of this, some \$80,000 has already been collected. Dr. Shepard expects to return to Istanbul after an absence of about four months.

Miss Phoebe Clary of the Service Center not only has a car from America, she has now secured her driver's license. You have been warned!

The Reverend Douglas Morsley, who has succeeded the Reverend Harold Buxton as Bishop of Gibraltar, has been visiting Istanbul, which falls within his diocese. At a tea given at the English High School for Girls, on Tuesday, the 10th, American and English friends were given an opportunity of meeting the Bishop.

Late in December, Mr. Thomas Weaver joined the staff of Aleppo College. Mr. Weaver spent three years with the American armed forces in Iran. Music and horsemanship are his hobbies, so that his coming is expected to enrich the life of the college in various ways. The proposed imposition of compulsory military training for all Syrian students in the College has not materialized, but a number of volunteers among the students are daily preparing for service in the Palestine campaign.

Mrs. Harold Harlow, accompanied by Lynda, aged five, and baby Richard arrived in Athens by air on January 11th. The Harlows are occupying the Pinneo house at Pierce College, where Mr. Harlow teaches Sociology and is fully occupied with the Congregational relief and reconstruction programme.

Very truly yours,

F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

There were two World Day of Prayer services in Istanbul this year, one in Turkish at Gedik Paşa with Miss Mariam Hagopian leading, and the other in English at the Dutch Chapel presided over by Mrs. Wiley. In both services attendance, offering and the contributions of a number of participants were very encouraging and helpful, bringing to bear on the perplexities of international relationships a more effective approach than many of the less patient and more faithless efforts of the day.

By the latest bulletin Dr. and Mrs. Meyering and Donald are due in Istanbul early next week. When last heard from Harry and Fern were ready to leave Aleppo, after a very fruitful stay in that city, for a few days in Beirut. The return trip included a brief stop-over in Tarsus. In the meantime Ralph at Robert College is contributing to the strength of a Freshman basketball team strong enough to take the laurels from a faculty team.

Rev. Lloyd B. Shear, from a Methodist parsonage in Lewisberry, Pa., who spent several very profitable days in Istanbul this month interviewing many different types of people, including government officials and newspaper men and school teachers, left this week for Ankara. Convinced of the necessity of doing something immediately and personally about the threat of another war, Mr. Shear took the opportunity to pilot a church shipment of cattle to Italy as a rehabilitation project, and then on his own to visit the Balkans and the Middle East to learn and to give what he could in the cause of international understanding. While here he preached very acceptably to Immanuel Church one Sunday with Mrs. Lyman's help as interpreter.

The Scutari teaching staff one day last week delighted a student audience at a school party by appearing before the girls dressed in student costume and impersonating typical student postures and behavior. There is more than one way to bridge the gap between generations, even school generations.

The American Colleges Freshman-Sophomore play, "What a Life!", is being presented Thursday and Friday this week at Robert College. The cast includes a heavy American representation - Loretta Kreider, Elizabeth MacCallum and Louise and Carol Wiley. This play on Broadway occasioned the popular "Henry Aldrich" radio broadcasts.

Floods have been sweeping Adana plain, breaking a large irrigation canal, and then after a brief respite are threatening again. Now the papers report that the Brousa plain is under water as far as eye can see. In Istanbul snow has descended from the west and north with freezing temperatures. Telegraphic and telephone connections with almost all of Anatolia have been interrupted.

A direct train service, London to Bagdad, is announced for this spring. Passengers will enter their sleeping-cars at Victoria, London, and will cross the English Channel in a train ferry. They will reach Istanbul on the fifth day. Whether they will change trains in this city, or be ferried here also, has not yet been announced. Business has more faith than some of the rest of us.

The December Bible Society Record has this to say of Dr. James Oscar Boyd, and of his long and faithful service in this part of the world: "It was while assigned to Vienna that he reviewed the archeological literature of the preceding fifteen years to provide a sound basis for the Society's new series of Bible maps, a task performed with fine skill and judgment, attested by the confirmation of his conclusions by prominent authorities.... To the translation work of the Society he brought a close knowledge of a half dozen languages, including Hebrew, Greek and Ethiopic, and familiarity with a number more. His skilled appraisal of the new manuscripts of the new versions presented to the Society for publication, led to many improvements in them, and marked a forward step in the Society's efforts to improve the texts of new editions of the Scriptures."

Yours very truly,
Walter B. Wiley

Dear Friends:

The Turkish airmail rate for 10 grams to America is reduced to .60 piastres as of March 1st (about .215¢). This is about one-third the rate of the immediate post-war period, 40% of the reduction being due to the more favorable exchange rate, applied as of September 1946.

President Floyd Black of Robert College, who left for New York soon after Christmas, returned by plane during 'leap' year night, 1948.

A deputation of the Audio-Visual Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, returning from the Far East, India, and Pakistan, will be in Cairo on April 12th and 13th where they hope to consult with representatives of Societies working in the Near East. The first Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Near East Christian Council since Dr. E. E. Elder returned from America to serve as Secretary of the NECC is now planned for April 14th and 15th in Cairo. The Mission Treasurer hopes to attend the second Cairo meeting, and if flying dates are convenient, may take in the Audio-Visual session also. On his return trip, he hopes to attend the spring Board meetings of the School of Theology in Beirut, and of Aleppo College Managers in Aleppo.

Mrs. James M. Speers (Nellie Dodd of Talas and Montclair) spent several weeks last fall at the American Farm School in Thessalonica, of which she is a Board Member in New York. She writes the January 1948 News-Letter of that institution, giving a very vital picture of the distressing post-war situation in Greece, and the vigor and hope with which Greek youth on the land, in shop, and school are attacking the problem of rebuilding, in which task this school plays so effective a part. If any of you would like copies of this report, or wish it sent to your friends, a line to "The American Farm School at Thessalonica, Greece," addressed to its office at 17 East 42nd Street, New York 17, -will bring it to you.

After studies of the College and Girls' School in Aleppo, Dr. and Mrs. Meyering made brief visits to the NEST in Beirut, and the Sidon Girls' School during the last week in February. They planned to leave Aleppo on February 29th, to pick up their effects in Tarsus, and continue to Ankara, Istanbul, and Greece, there to visit the institutions in Elenico and possibly Thessaloniki, returning for visits in Izmir and Istanbul before Annual Meeting.

Rev. and Mrs. Ernest C. Partridge, long associated with the Board's educational work in Sivas, have been "migrants in the north" for eighteen months. But their children have so scattered that they have now returned to their home in Valparaiso, Florida, where Mr. Partridge serves as Executive Secretary of the County Health and Tuberculosis Association, and is also a member of the local Y Committee of Management.

Mr. George Moissides who studied in our Gedik Kasa School and at Robert College, has taught for years in Cyprus. He is now doing graduate work at Harvard, and serving as student pastor in one of the churches of Bradford, Mass.

Dr. Stuart Dodd of Talas and the American University in Beirut returned to the United States in the summer of 1947, to take up a particularly interesting research project,-

- created by grants from the Legislature of the State of Washington
- serving the people of the State, towards making democracy more effective
- staffed and controlled by the social sciences depts. of the University and the State College.

Dr. Dodd is director of this project to give the voting public the facts on current issues and problems: to predict and guide social behavior: to improve public opinion methods of polling: and to train scientists in social research. It is essentially a Research approach to making democracy more effective, not for this or that interest, but for "the people".

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends.

The finding of oil by the American Drilling and Exploration Company, at Raman Dagh, north east of Diyarbakir, on the left bank of the Tigris, opens new and glowing prospects for this country. Mr. Edgar Clayton, who is in charge of this exploration, flew to Adana to report the find to President İnönü. During recent years, in the persistent search for oil in the eastern provinces, a number of small flows have been struck, but all have proved disappointing. For this reason, President İnönü is reported to have pressed Mr. Clayton again and again for assurance that this time Turkey's oil requirements can be met from her own sources. When Mr. Clayton declared with confidence, "This time it is not a hope, it is a fact," the President and his entourage were so deeply moved that handkerchiefs were much in evidence, and the President gave repeated expression to his very great joy and satisfaction.

The recent copy of the N.E.C.C. Bulletin brings belated word of the death of Dr. Charles R. Watson, founder and first president of the American University of Cairo, who died in America on the 10th day of January.

Complete statistics for the year 1947 show that the Mission Hospital at Gaziantep has had a remarkable, and in some ways a record-breaking year. In-patients numbered 1363, for a total of 16,502 hospital days, which must have kept the hospital's 49 bed creaking pretty steadily. In spite of this increased service, the death rate has been remarkably low, for which happy result wide use of the life-saving drug, penicillin, is in part responsible. Together with the able and loyal Turkish staff associated in this work, the American group consists of the Deweys and the St. John Wards, ably supported by the Misses Hibbard and Engle on the nursing end, and the Iselys doing everything else.

Those who are interested in the mysterious and beautiful migrations of birds will have been rejoiced to see the first kites of the season tumbling about in the sky, closing their wings to fall from great heights and soar up again in a sort of wild joy at being home again. In a week or two, if not already, the storks will be refurbishing the old nest atop the tall 'chinar' stump at Bebek, and spring will then be just around the corner.

Acting on the suggestion of the United Nations organization that people give their earnings of February 29, that superfluous day of leap-year, to a world fund for suffering childhood in Europe and Asia, two of the Mission members in one of the interior stations sent in a request that a day's salary be contributed to this fund. Their request served to call the attention of others to this opportunity, and a good many are joining the two pioneers. Feeling that other Stations, and perhaps friends not in the Mission circle, may wish to take part in this unusual expression of human brotherhood, the Mission Treasury will keep the lists open till the end of March.

Reduced travel rates for teachers, plus spring holidays at the American Academy, are combining to produce marked centrifugal tendencies in that institution. Miss Ruth Shinn was the first to whirl off, leaving on Friday by the Bandirma boat for Izmir. There she will join the Blakes and a group of girls from the American school on a trip which is to include Denizli, near Laodicea, ramukkale (Hierapolis), and Antalia. Angie Ducas and Marjorie Bullock leave by boat on Sunday for a holiday in Izmir. The Sunday night express will take Miss Towner and Mrs. Woodruff to Ankara for a visit among the many graduates living in the capital. And next week Anna Mae Helton will take the seniors for a few days among the historic buildings and refreshing baths of Bursa.

Wednesday evening Lenten services at the Dutch Chapel will be held at 17:00 o'clock on the 17th and 24th, with a Good Friday service at 17:30 on the 26th, in which the congregation of the Crimean Memorial Church will join.

Very truly yours,

F. Lyman MacCallum

Treas. Dept.

No. 126

American Board Mission, Post Box 142
Istanbul, Turkey. March 18, 1948.

Dear Friends:

When the door opens and Paul Nilson walks into the Bible House, we realize that school vacations not only take from us here but also bring others to us. Paul's hours are busy with business and a reunion with former Talas students now at Robert College.

The log records that Dr. and Mrs. Meyering with Donald arrived in Istanbul last week, and that Harry pushed right on to Athens on Friday. Fern, Ralph and Donald are guests of the Fowles in Rumeli Hisar.

Arrived in Belmont, Mass.: sometime the last of February to the Bob VanNices, Baby Margaret. Time to start taking measurements again, Bob.

Our reporters have picked up the word of the likelihood of another invasion of the Near and Middle East this next summer - before the usual August date. It is said that Joy Fowle, Katherine Birge and Muriel Carleton all plan to visit their parents and friends this summer. We suggest that the Board might plan a yearly offensive of this sort, so well begun last year by the arrival of Jim and Ric Fowle, and Fred, Rob and Barclay Shepard.

Miss Ethel Putney is in Ankara this week. The weather is doing its best for travellers by land, but Miss Anna Mae Helton and her Scutari Seniors found it not so pleasant on the Marmara on the return trip from Bursa. But, after all, the south wind had been the prevailing wind this winter, and prevailing winds should have some privileges. We are thankful for the glorious sounds of returning birds in all our trees.

A new Pan American World Airways timetable coming to hand reveals how very remarkably travel has been speeded up not only to and from Istanbul in many directions but all over the world. Istanbul now has twice a week round the world service. Besides the American service there are the Near East Airways, The British Imperial Airways and a Swedish line. A Turkish line operates within Turkey. According to the Pan American schedule there are three flights weekly from New York to Istanbul. Planes take off at 9:30 on Sunday, Wednesday and Saturday stopping at Shannon and London, enroute with a two hour stopover in London. The Saturday plane goes also to Brussels. All planes are due in Istanbul a little before midnight on the day after leaving New York. They reach Damascus by 2:30 and 3:30 the same night. Returning flights leave Damascus at 9:05 on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, and Istanbul at 13:30 the same day. They are in London the same evening and are due in New York the first of the following afternoon. In addition there are twice-a-week Istanbul-South American and New York-South African services connecting at Lisbon for New York or Istanbul. Before you decide that the world is getting worse, remember how much more you know of what is going on than you did a few years ago, and how much quicker everyone can do something about it.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Webster arrived in Istanbul yesterday on the S.S. Tekla and left by evening train for Ankara. With them for this year is their daughter Jane. "Deb" is reported in Oberlin College.

Mr. Robert Ramaker is said to be on the S.S. Alawai Victory of the Waterman Line enroute to Istanbul and Talas, where he will bring new strength to the teaching staff of the school. He is due in Istanbul about April 2nd.

Very truly yours,

Walter B. Wiley

Dear Friends:

No American friends of the Near East have a finer record of wise and generous philanthropic service than have the late Cleveland H. Dodge and Mrs. Dodge, who on March 18th celebrated her 90th birthday, surrounded by children, grand-children, and probably some great-grands. Mr. and Mrs. Dodge were closely united in their philanthropic interests, as in all other activities. Forty years ago, they gave to Robert College the pipe organ that has delighted thousands in the intervening years; Mr. Dodge was member and President of its Trustee Board. Their relationship to the American University in Beirut was equally vital, while the united office and organization of the Near East College Association was his plan, financed in major part by him, to the advantage of all the participating institutions. No less important has been the gift of children: Elizabeth Dodge Huntington enriching the life at Robert College for many years, while Bayard Dodge has just laid down the presidency of Beirut University. One has but to recall the Near East Relief, the American Hospital of Istanbul, the activities of the Christian Associations in the Near East, to find other ventures in which their wise counsel and help have played a vital part. The sadly divided Near East is surely one in gratitude to the Dodges, and best wishes to Mrs. Dodge on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

Miss Ethel Putney is quite enjoying her house-keeping in room and kitchenette adjoining the Mission Library in the Bible House. Much of her time is spent in friendly visitation in the homes of former pupils of the Gedik Pasha and Scutari Schools. Last week she spent four busy days in Ankara as the guest of Miss Marion Nasser, and reports numerous calls in homes of pupils, who are now playing their part in the capital of this Republic.

Miss Kathryn Adams, a daughter of the Board's Mission in Prague, and later President of the College for Girls in Istanbul, writes from her home 105 Plimpton Street, Walpole, Mass., with greetings to her friends in the Near East Circle. She is busy in many community activities for which she had little time in view of the home demands of recent years.

Dr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Nute have completed the mid-west part of their furlough, and write in mid-March from Auburndale, showing interest in sailing dates. They rejoice in the appointment to Talas of Miss Elizabeth Lee, a laboratory technician.

We have heard with deep gratification that the two young men teaching in Aleppo College, have submitted their applications to the Boards for permanent appointment: Mr. Douglas Hill, to the Presbyterian Board, and Mr. George Miller to the American Board. This is the category of reinforcement most essential for the continuing work of the Near East Mission.

The First Congregational Church of LaGrange, Illinois sent \$200. to the Near East Mission some time ago, which became the first hard cash available to send CARE parcels to pastors and church workers in Bulgaria, when CARE first began operations in that country. Many other parcels have since gone to Bulgaria, where the years of war and occupation have created acute need. Word has just been received that the LaGrange Church has again sent through the American Board funds for 25 additional CARE packages for Bulgaria - this in addition to very substantial contributions to the various Congregational home and foreign service societies.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

No. 128

American Board Mission, Post Box 142
Istanbul, Turkey. April 1, 1948.

Dear Friends:

Dr. Lorrin Shepard, of the Admiral Bristol Hospital, of this city, left on Wednesday by Pan-American for New York, pausing to attend to an accident case between hospital and airfield. His first six weeks will be spent campaigning with Mr. Charles Wylie for funds for the Nurses' Home. This will be followed by six weeks of professional study, with a brief interruption to attend the marriage of his son, Fred. Mrs. Shepard and Constance will by then have joined the family circle. A month's holiday at Boothbay Harbour, Maine, will follow. Dr. Shepard's return passage is booked for July 31st, and on the following day he will resume his duties at the Admiral Bristol Hospital.

For the first time in quite a number of years, the Dutch Chapel was quite unable to accommodate all who wished to attend the beautiful Easter service, at which the regular choir was reinforced by junior voices and a soloist. Twelve young people were accepted into membership at this service, two who were members of other communions, and ten on confession of faith.

Two American lions of considerable size are visiting the city this week. The first is Professor Robert Wilson of Duke University, who is giving two or three lectures on International Law in Istanbul and again in Ankara. The second is the distinguished American pianist, Julius Katchen, who is to give two concerts at the Melek, on the 6th and 13th.

Cost of Living Indices are always most unsatisfactory, because they are never high enough to please us. But it just happens that such indices for three neighbouring countries have come to hand recently, and are given here for whatever they are worth. The first is the index for Istanbul, prepared by the Istanbul Board of Trade. This gives the figure 302.3 for the year 1947, as compared with 100 for 1938. The highest average in the interval was 308.7 in 1946. The second index is that for Beirut, Lebanon, prepared by the economist of one of the leading French dailies. This shows a figure of 762 for December 1947, as compared with the corresponding month of the year 1936. The third figure comes from Teheran, Iran, where the cost, as compared with 1936 is said to be 956. In this matter one is reminded for the uneasy Sultan who remarked that the throne was like a Turkish bath. All on the inside wanted to be out, and all on the outside wished to be in. None of us will easily grant that another country is more expensive than ours.

A party of over thirty young ladies from the Junior College, Beirut, took advantage of their spring holiday to visit Ankara and Istanbul, under the leadership of their teacher, Miss Helen Scanlon. They spent 24 hours in the capital, and the better part of a busy week in this city. For some, the most exciting feature of the visit was an honest-to-goodness snow-storm.

Mr. Harry Meyering is expected back by air from Athens on the 3rd, at the conclusion of his visit to our schools in Athens and Salonica. On Monday he will leave for Izmir by ship, taking with him Mrs. Meyering and Donalo, who have been visiting at the Fowles.

Miss Marguerite Speirs, Secretary of the YWCA in Palestine, is spending a fortnight in this city, on her way to Geneva and England. On Thursday she met with members of the Mission to tell of her work in that troubled land, and to bring news as to the welfare of various personal friends.

The remarkable bi-lingual or bi-script Hittite inscriptions discovered at Karatepe, an ancient fortress situated not far north of Osman-ıye on the Ceyhan River east of Adana, are to be excavated and studied by an Istanbul University expedition this summer. It is hoped that the key to unlock the Hittite hieroglyphs will at last be found at Karatepe.

This week the Turkish Society of the American Academy, Scutari, is giving three performances of Moliere's play, "Le Malade Imaginaire," in a Turkish translation.

Very truly yours,

F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

Mrs. Arthur Ryan reports the passing in Ivy, Va. on March 26th of her sister, Mrs. Esther Hoover, who with her husband, Dr. Alden Hoover, served Turkey so long through the Merzifon and Istanbul hospitals.

On April 2nd Dr. Wm. Nute wrote from Auburndale, Mass.: "Miss Sheldon had a stroke yesterday...I am so glad that I went to see her last Wednesday. She seemed happy, cheerful, and said it always gave her a thrill to meet friends from Turkey."

And Bill himself with wife, Mary, son Bill and family, and two nurses are looking forward to sailing in this direction in late July.

"The trip was a great success," writes Pres. Carleton from Aleppo. "In eight days we did Iskenderun, Adana, Tarsus, the Cilician Gates, Kiz Kalesi and Gaziantep (to say nothing of way stations)..". The party was four Carletons, Douglas Hill and George Miller. Daily rehearsals of the Mikado prevented Tom Weaver from going too. Dr. Carleton says, "The road from Mamure to Fevzipasa is very distinctly not for amateurs." It took the party five hours to go forty-eight kilometers, "But the scenery was wonderful." And then it took only four hours from Gaziantep to Aleppo. "We are all for American aid that will make a good highway thru there."

Dr. Harry Meyering returned to Istanbul last Saturday from a three weeks trip to Greece, and on Monday with Mrs. Meyering and Donald departed for a trip of like duration to Izmir. As soon as Robert College vacation begins this week-end, Ralph will go also.

Dr. Meyering reports on Greece: First impressions are deceiving. While there are perhaps as many well-dressed people on the streets of Athens and Salonica as in other Near Eastern cities, they are nearly all wearing used clothing from abroad. Greek tailors, having little or no new cloth to work with have become very skilful in turning dogated coats into presentable garments. Considerable food is now coming from America, but native food is not coming into the cities from the many bandit-held villages. The cost-of-living, which has risen 295% since 1946 and 50% in the last seven months, is working severe hardship on salaried classes, especially the teachers of both government and private schools, and has all but wiped out the value of pension and retirement allowances.

Representatives and friends of the American Board are rendering invaluable services in the continued emergency. With their intimate knowledge of the country and its people they are cooperating effectively with all relief agencies, besides assuming special responsibility for large numbers of war-fatigued persons. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Compton and Miss Mary Ingle have over 550 students enrolled at Anatolia College. School keeps in spite of the fact that fighting has taken place within fifteen miles of the college. Mr. and Mrs. House are busy at the American Farm School educating some 160 village boys and girls, many of them war orphans, in more effective ways of producing food. Miss Ford, Miss Nichols, and Mr. and Mrs. Harlow, representing the Congregational-Christian Service Committee, direct the daily feeding of over 100 aged Greek and Armenian folks, and assist in training social service workers at Pierce College (Miss Mabel Long, Pres.) where over 550 girls are enrolled.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Davis have some 800 boys, many of them orphans, at Athens College. Mr. Herb ~~Lan~~ and Mr. George White direct the relief section of the American Aid to Greece Program. Miss Emily McCallum and Rev. and Mrs. Riggs Brewster are continuing their ministry in numerous ways, keeping in touch with former friends, distributing food packages and assisting graduates of our schools in carrying out relief projects. Gift packages containing rice, macaroni and summer clothing can still be distributed by any of the above persons to great advantage.

Mr. Luther Fowle leaves by plane tonight for a three weeks trip to Cairo, Beirut and Aleppo for the periodic meetings of the Near East Christian Council, and the Boards of Managers of the N.E.S.T. and Aleppo College. There is also a Conference in Cairo on Visual Aids at which Dean Lutfi Levonian and Rev. Horace McMullen will also be present.

Very truly,

Walter B. Wiley

Auburndale

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<i>JAN</i>	September	March 12	March 19	March 26	Increase	Percentage of
<i>1946?</i>	1947	1948	1948	1948		Increase over
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Dear Friends:

Another promising candidate for the Talas Clinic has been found by the Nutes during their year of furlough. She is Miss Jeanette Newhall, a nurse, with considerable experience as a social worker and in the care of children. She is a member of the Society of Friends. Her papers have not yet been passed by the Prudential Committee.

Mrs. Alma Woodruff of Scutari is looking forward to the visit of her son, Dean, who expects to arrive in Istanbul on the 21st, accompanied by his wife. Dean is with the administration of the American Zone in Germany, and his visit here will be for a brief week.

We make grateful acknowledgements to our "Pilgrim Place Reporter," Mrs. Harold I. Gardner, for the Pilgrim Place items which will be found scattered through this letter.

Miss Edith Cold, formerly of Hadjin, Aintab and Aleppo, made a recent visit to Pilgrim Place. She has now retired from teaching at Pine Mountain School, Kentucky, and is making her home with her sister at Ben Lomond, Calif.

Miss Stella Loughridge, formerly of Talas and Scutari, has returned to her home in Los Angeles after an operation for cataracts.

Mr. Yoshio Fukuyama, of Talas writes of his interesting trip to Diyarbakir, Mardin, Gaziantep, Adana and Tarsus. After spending a day with the Protestant pastor in Dyarbakir, he went on for nine days in Mardin. Monasteries, bishops, the Ancient Syrian Church and modern youth kept him on his toes. He was asked to speak informally to the young people of the Protestant church after Sunday School, but his audience turned out to be the entire community. He will not soon forget this, his first public address in Turkish.

At Tarsus, Yoshio spent Easter with the Tarsus-Adana family, strengthened by the visiting group from Aleppo. Among these he found his old classmate, George Miller. The week-end entertainments included a picnic in that rocky gorge of the Taurus mountains, known as the Cilician Gates.

On Easter Sunday, the Rev. George L. Marsh, formerly of Samokov, Bulgaria, was invited to speak in Bulgarian over an American radio station. His title was, "America and Bulgaria -- an Easter Message of Goodwill."

Miss Emma Lou Baird, for some time in welfare work in Los Angeles, has joined her sister, Agnes Baird, in one of the new homes recently completed at Pilgrim Place, Claremont, California.

Mrs. George Marsh has been asked by the Bulgarian Government to supply data concerning the life of Dr. E. B. Haskell and of herself. This information is to be incorporated in a history of the Folk School at Pordim, Bulgaria, which is being written for the Government.

Mrs. Kay McCrodden, recently of Robert College, writes that for the present she and Mac, and son Brian seem pretty well settled at 210 Cedar Lane, Teaneck, N.J. They had spent nine months on a job in the West Indies, and then the family went to their home in Maine, while Mac was driving concrete piles into the sludge of Portugal for a period of six months.

There are indications that the relaxation of the official attitude in its interpretation of secularism has begun to affect Christians, as well as Moslems. From Diyarbakir comes a request for Scriptures for a group of about three hundred children and young people who are meeting in the Ancient Syrian Church of that city. Similarly at Antioch, "where the disciples were first called Christians," services of worship and instruction for young people have been resumed in the Greek Orthodox Church.

Very truly yours,

F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

We regret to report the death of Miss Marion E. Sheldon, well known to most of the friends who receive these Notes. Miss Sheldon suffered from a stroke early in April, and passed away on the 12th, without regaining consciousness. The funeral took place on the 15th, probably from her home church at West Newton, Mass.

Miss Sheldon first came to Turkey in 1886, when she joined Miss Farnum in the school at Ada Bazar. After serving for sixteen years, she retired in 1899 and went to America and devoted herself to the care of the family left motherless by the death of her sister. In 1928, regardless of advancing years, she returned to her old school, which, in the interval had moved to Scutari and become the American Academy for Girls. Here she took care of the library, which she reorganized and classified and put into a serviceable condition, the benefits of which are still being felt. Owing to the scarcity of teachers, she also did some classroom work. After a year of "furlough" in 1937 - 38, she returned and made her home with the Fowles while she classified the library of the Service Center. Since she went back to America in June, 1939, she has lived at the Auburndale Home, for the most part in Barton Hall, where she has been happy among friends, and where she has met her former associates coming home from Turkey, or given a quiet word of encouragement and inspiration to young people starting for their first tour of duty in that far-away land.

The latest production of the Publication Department is "Yigitlik Buna Derler," a well illustrated Turkish translation of the boys' adventure story, "Call It Courage," by Armstrong Sperry. The price is 100 kuruş.

Miss Agnes Fenenga, formerly of Mardin and Aleppo, writes interestingly of her life in Gregory, South Dakota, with her sister and three brothers, aged respectively 62, 82 and 92. All who knew Miss Fenenga will readily believe her report that the oldest brother is the most active. It is a family which adds youthfulness with years.

Mr. Robert Ramaker, coming out under three-year appointment to succeed Mr. Yoshio Fukuyama at the Talas American School, arrived on the 16th on the Waterman line freighter, "Alawai", 34 days out from New York. Two weeks of this long period were spent unloading in the port of Genoa, where port facilities are not yet restored. Mr. Ramaker left for Talas on the Taurus Express on the 19th.

A few reports of the northern inundation (coincident with holidays in the Istanbul colleges) are trickling back from various Anatolian centers. Miss Phoebe Clary of the Service Center and Miss Boyer of the Istanbul Colleges, are guests of Dr. and Mrs. Albert Dewey, in Gaziantep. Mr. Walter Wiley, accompanied by Louise and Carol, were last heard from on the train headed for Marash, after a pleasant day in Adana and Tarsus. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kreider, accompanied by their daughters and Elizabeth MacCallum have returned from a very successful week in the Izmir region, in the course of which visits were paid to Ephesus, Sardis and Pergamum.

Travel plans for term-workers at the end of their periods of service are beginning to take shape. The Misses Blenker, Ducas, Kieliszek and Shinn have secured reservations on the "Queen Elizabeth" sailing from Southampton on July 30th. Mr. Robert King plans to sail from Cherbourg by the "Mauretania" on June 25th. The Misses Donner and Barnes of Elenico expect to sail from Piraeus on June 18th on the "Saturnia."

The "Wellesley Magazine" for February, 1948 gives a brief account of the experiences of Mrs. Hannaford since her return to Japan at the end of 1946. It will be recalled that during the war, Mr. and Mrs. Hannaford were for two years associated with Aleppo College. Shortages of food and fuel often made life difficult for the Hannafords as for the other residents of Tokyo. Mrs. Hannaford had been appointed member of the "Commission of Six," a liaison organization between the missionaries and the United Church of Japan, a position of great responsibility.

Very truly yours,

F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

The forty-five lucky girls of the American Academy in Scutari who spent forty-eight hours at the Service Center Camp in Caddebostan in the holiday last week wish it to be recorded where all may read and envy them. The five attendant teachers have too many conflicting memories to record.

Our Co-Editor, Luther R. Fowle, after a day and night of waiting in Damascus airport, is convinced that travel by train is sometimes just as speedy as by plane, and more comfortable. He reached Istanbul on Tuesday, well but heavy-eyed, and went right to work on roof repair at home occasioned by the storm that delayed him.

Dr. Harry Meyering arrived in Istanbul by Izmir plane today. Mrs. Meyering and Don come by boat in another couple of days. Mrs. Lorrin Shepard is at present in Izmir giving a course of lectures at the school.

"After an interval of ten years, the Topkapi Museum, containing one thousand million liras worth of historic exhibits and rich porcelain pieces, will be open to the public as from today." (Cumhuriyet, April 23)

Word has just reached us of the passing of Mr. Frederick A. Gaskins, who for long years served the American Board and many of us personally as treasurer and counsellor in legal matters. He retired from the staff of the Board several years ago but had continued to serve as legal counsel. He kept at work in his office nearby up to the very day before his death. We shall not easily forget his friendliness and helpfulness.

Dr. and Mrs. Edwin St. John Ward and Miss Saisie Hibbard of Gaziantep, spent a very rewarding ten days in Malatya, Diarbakir and Mardin while guests from Istanbul (Clary, Boyar, Stetson and Wileys) occupied their living quarters on the Aintab hill.

Miss Mabel Emerson from the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, and Dr. James H. Nicol from the N.E.C.C. have received recent appointments to the meeting of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam this summer. Miss Emerson will remain for the sessions of the International Missionary Conference.

On April 20th Mr. and Mrs. Nicol were the guests of honor at a tea, held at the American Junior College in Beirut. The American Minister and Mrs. Pinkerton with many American and Lebanese friends were present. On this occasion, acting on behalf of the Lebanese Government, Emir Maurice Shehab, Director of the National Museum, presented Mr. Nicol with the gold decoration of The Cedar, while the same in silver was presented to Mrs. Nicol with an address expressing the appreciation of the Lebanese Government and people for the life lived among them by these American friends.

After 42 years of service in the Syria-Lebanon area, Mr. and Mrs. Nicol leave Beirut on April 29th on the first lap of their homeward journey. After spending several weeks with their daughter (Mrs. Arthur Lanckton) in Athens, they will continue across Europe to Amsterdam.

The Executive Committee of the Near East Christian Council held a successful meeting in Cairo early this month. Members attended from Persia, Lebanon, Turkey and Egypt. Plans for inter-area visitation and the strengthening of the organization of correspondents were discussed, and a new correspondent on Audio-Visual Education was appointed. Cooperation in work for the blind was recommended, and the possibility of a visit from Helen Keller in 1949 discussed. (BNL)

In the digging for a new Bureau of Justice building in Tarsus a very fine mosaic of Ganymede was unearthed some eight or ten feet below the surface. The Marash railway station is nearly complete, and frequent and regular bus service serves the city. Dr. Haas daily receives forty patients in his Adana clinic beginning at 4:30 to 5:00 every morning.

Very truly,

Walter B. Wiley

Dear Friends:

The writer was absent from Istanbul, April 8 to 27th attending in Cairo an Audio-Visual Conference with a commission from the Foreign Missions Council, the Exec. Com. meeting of the Near East Christian Council; in Beirut the Board of Managers' meeting of the Near East School of Theology; and in Aleppo, the Board of Managers' Meeting of Aleppo College, and the Girls' School.

For our circle of former associates in America, the air age is with us. Flying time, Istanbul to Damascus was three hours: Damascus-Cairo 2 hours; Damascus-Beirut 18 minutes, with landing in 22. One starts: one arrives: but one does not travel!

In brief, the NECC is fortunate in the leadership of Dr. E. E. Elder, who has taken up the tasks so prematurely laid down by our own Henry Riggs. Dr. Elder is of the United Presbyterian Mission, which has an extensive evangelistic, educational, and medical work touching the greater part of the Nile Valley, with some 120 missionaries engaged in its activities.

The other major mission activity in Egypt is under the CMS of London, and there is gratifying co-operation between the two groups, in their common task.

In Beirut, Mr. Horace McMullen, who with Mrs. McMullen and two children arrived in the fall of 1947 as the American Board representatives in the NEST, has been elected Director of the School of Theology for the coming year, thus relieving Dr. Greenslade who has held this post for sixteen years.

Some 180 students are enrolled in the recently established Damascus College, under the leadership of Howard Huntington Bliss, who has served in Sofia and Robert Colleges for some years, before taking up the direction of this institution of rich promise in Damascus. At present, the College is in temporary quarters provided by the Syrian Government, which hopes in due time to furnish a suitable site for permanent campus and buildings. American Board circles take justified pride in their associates who remained in Syria after that area was turned over to the Presbyterian Board. Among these were Daniel Bliss, who founded the University, son Howard whose leadership built it up to the position of outstanding influence which it had won at the end of the Ottoman period. Huntington Bliss is the third generation of this line, rarely qualified to build strong the foundations of Damascus College.

Aleppo College is a busy place, with crowding students and eager plans for the future. The Girls' High School, under the leadership of Miss Gladys Lucas, is finishing a fine year. The joint operation of the boys' and girls primary schools, in a separate building, has fully justified those who planned it; and permits less crowding and better work in the middle and high schools. The dream of the future calls for several more buildings for the College; and the moving of the Girls' School to the site held for it adjoining the college, with joint use of library, laboratories, auditorium. So developed, this sitely hill-top overlooking the great city from the southwest, will indeed be a powerful influence for good, in the life of north Syria.

President and Mrs. Bayard Dodge of the American University in Beirut are expected to visit the University in May and June, to participate in the Commencement exercises. President Dodge will also speak at the graduation exercises of Aleppo College on June 18th. Dr. and Mrs. Dodge then plan to retire to their recently purchased home, in Princeton, New Jersey. Dr. Stephen B. L. Penrose, the recently elected new President of the University, is expected in the fall, to take up his duties in Beirut.

The authorities responsible for the schools operated in Germany for the children of American personnel of the armed services, have asked Dr. Harry Meyering to fly to Germany for a week, to inspect certain of these schools, in connection with the academic certification of their graduates. Dr. Meyering hopes to make this trip in mid-May.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Miss Kitty Henrey, formerly connected with Miss Constance Radwick in her work of Christian literature for Moslems, who visited this city two years ago as representative of the Oxford University Press, writes that since March 1st she has been with an organization called "The Council of Christians and Jews." The aim of this organization is not only to promote mutual understanding between these two great faiths, but also to bring together the various Christian denominations in sympathy and tolerance.

We regret to report the death on April 21st of the Rev. William C. Cooper, missionary of the American Board in Salonica from 1909 till 1919, and then in Samokov and Philippopolis from 1920 until his retirement in 1933. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper have recently been living at Claremont, Calif., and during his long period of helplessness, Mrs. Cooper, who is a trained nurse, has been his constant attendant. The funeral took place in Claremont on April 23rd.

Treasurers to the treasurer are very different from coals to Newcastle! Luther and Helen Fowle are rejoicing in a new granddaughter, Katharine Curtis Fowle, born on May 3rd.

The annual May Day Festival at the American Academy, Scutari, was held on the 8th, in the presence of a very large gathering of invited and uninvited guests. The May Queen, elected by the school, accompanied by her maids of honour, took her place on the throne and watched the dances, races and other athletic events displayed for her diversion by her fellow-students. From the administrative point of view, the popularity of this event might be described as "overwhelming."

During the year just closed, the Turkish State Airways carried 166,885 passengers, as compared with 399 in 1938. Airmindedness may be said to have been invented in this land. There is a tradition that a 16th century inventor launched himself from the Galata fire tower on wings of his own construction, and came to ground in Scutari, after flying the Bosphorus at its widest point. Less forward-looking citizens, who formed the majority of the reception committee, promptly deprived him both of his wings and his life.

A room for visual aids is being planned for the Annual Meeting of the Mission, in June. It is expected that the Rev. Horace McMullen of Beirut will report on the conference on Visual Aids held in Cairo this April. Miss Helen Cassile will demonstrate the "flannelgraph" in connection with the telling of stories. The U.S. Information Service is being asked to loan some of their outstanding sound and strip films. Mr. Wiley will show his fine set of coloured religious pictures. All amateur Kodachrome photographers are specially asked to bring in their masterpieces. Mr. Meyering is anxious to see these Kodachrome slides and pictures, and to secure permission to have copies made to supplement those he has taken this year for the Visual Aids department of the Missions Council.

Delegates to Annual Meeting are asked to bring exhibits of the activities in their stations, such as student handwork, notebooks, samples of religious, professional and educational books (textbooks included). Magazines and materials which have been discovered this year are especially desired.

Dr. Ernest and Mrs. Riggs, who were to have sailed from America for Greece on the 25th have had to postpone their departure, as the personnel needed for the coming year has not yet been fully secured.

Several Istanbul dailies in the first week of May carried appreciative accounts of the enterprise and initiative shown by the pupils of the American Academy, Scutari, in raising funds to endow for one year a bed in the Children's Home at Keçiören, near Ankara. Interest in this home had been aroused among the students by Miss Towner and Mrs. Woodruff, who had visited the institution during the Easter holidays. Clothing for 15 children is to be sent in addition to the subscription. The papers have stressed the fact that this form of donation is something of an innovation in this country, and the example is one which others might well follow.

Very truly yours,

F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

Mr. and Mrs. Iain Gordon Campbell have purchased a home in Alexandria, Nebraska. "Pleasant, old-fashioned, well-built house and an acre of land on the edge of town" to be settled in August. He is to go to summer school this summer. Iain reports that -

The Turkish Information Office, Director Ahmet Şükrü Esmer, at 444 East 52nd St. N.Y. 22, N.Y. will send free of charge its fortnightly News Bulletin to anyone interested on receipt of name and address.

There were sixty-five in attendance at a very successful meeting of the Near East Fellowship in the Claremont, Cal. church on April 24th. Dr. Minnie B. Mills was guest of honor, and Dr. Cass Arthur Reed showed the moving picture, "The Outposts", bringing hope for peace through the Near East Colleges.

A recent letter from Armstrong Hunter, the new Research Associate in the Boston Office of the Missions Council brings an urgent call for pictures and more pictures of mission activity. Especially desirable are pictures in story sequence. Send yours in today, new ones, action, buildings, portraits.

Aid

United States and Turkey ^{Aid} Parcels Post began on March 15th. Rates: \$1.15 for four ounces and \$.57 for each additional four ounces. Limit: forty-four pounds. But friends, use it with extreme caution unless you also send along plenty of customs duty and a couple of hours of extra time.

The announcement of Choueir Conferences is at hand. In the Lebanon July 6-13 Christian Youth; 19-31 Summer School of religious Education; Aug. 5-10 Junior Christian Endeavor (Armenian); 12-23 Weekday and Sunday School Teachers (Arm); and Sept. 18-27 C.E. 25th Anniversary Conf. (Arm) Address The Bible Lands Union for Christian Education, P.O.Box 582, Beirut, Lebanon.

It is reliably rumored that Mrs. Edith Laird of Beirut will spend the summer in Istanbul with her mother and brother at the Bible House. Would that all such good rumors from the south had the same prospects of fulfillment!

Some twenty-seven members of the Mission in Turkey shared in the worldwide appeal in aid of children of war-stricken lands by contributing their salary for February 29th of this leap-year.

We miss another of our circle who passed away in Auburndale in February - Miss Harriet E. Walker, born in Dierbakir, and with her mother having much to do with the founding of the Missionary Home in Auburndale. She died in her eighty-fourth year, loved by many a generation of children and their parents remaining for longer or shorter periods at the Home.

When "Ned" Estes and "Dave" Julius take a week together to tour New England, the reverberations soon reach us here. The first of this month they visited the Watsons in Hanover, N.H. and the Charles Riggs' in Middlebury, Vt. Prof. Estes has a choir in the Dover church which has begun to broadcast over the Portsmouth, N.H. station WHEB. He is building up for a concert of Schubert's Mass later on. He reports that Dave Hasbrouck is working in the VA Hospital at Fort Thomas, Ky. and that John Reed is working for his Ph.D. at Northwestern U.

An attempted hunger strike at the University of Beirut in sympathy for the Arab cause in Palestine was cut short when after twenty-four hours the report came thru that Pan-Arab troops had begun to cross the border in aid of the Palestinian Arabs, but the boys were the object of quite a bit of public curiosity while they camped out in one of the university buildings.

Very truly,

Walter B. Wiley

Dear Friends:

In accordance with long-established custom of the American Community in Istanbul, Memorial Day exercises will be held to honor those of our land who have lived and served in Turkey, and whose final resting-place is in this country. The Consul General will preside at a brief ceremony at 9:30 a.m. on May 30th at the Feriköy Cemetery, where over one hundred Americans are buried, in the American section of this international cemetery. There will be a brief address by the President of Robert College, two hymns, Prayer and Benediction by Dr. Birge. Taps will be sounded from the cypress trees, near-by. Then with the abundant flowers of this season, the graves of our associates will be marked and honored. Many a family in America will think of dear ones, who remained here. They are not forgotten.

Nor do we forget the many other American graves throughout Anatolia, in little plots now no longer in our own possession. To many who know only the "old days" it will surprise you to learn that in the Turkish Republic, Moslem, Christian, and Jew may be buried in the same Cemetery. Our plot in Gaziantep, marked with a stone on which are words of hope from both the Gospels and the Koran, marks the resting place of Charles Clark, Jean Honiss, Elise Dewey, and her step-mother, Mrs. Greene. Indeed, times change!

Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Baker, long of the Stamboul Y., have completed six months of post-retirement special service at the Miami YMCA, and have settled at their own home 406 South Melcher Street, Johnstown, N.Y. Daughter Mary has completed her librarian's training, and hopes to have a position not too far from home. Recently Jean Stevens had visited the Bakers in Miami, en route to Panama. Harry writes "She was wonderful in her attitude toward Steve's death".

President Bechara el-Khoury of the Lebanese Republic gave a speech of congratulation at the Centennial Celebration of the Evangelical Church in Beirut, which was observed on April 28th. (BNL)

Aleppo College and the Girls' High School presented "The Mikado" most successfully in mid-May. Proceeds of the final performance were to be donated to the Palestine Refugee Fund.

Last week's notice of Parcels Post between the United States and Turkey, reports the inauguration of Air Mail parcels-post.

Philip C. Jessup, son and grandson of the Jessups of the Syria Mission, is one of the United States representatives at the special meeting of the General Assembly of the United Nations, to consider the Palestine question.

The April 1948 copy of the Muslim World contains a graceful story of "The Flute Player of Ankara" by Lyman MacCallum. Its implications in the eternal search of the human heart for God is touched on from other angles in Russell Henry Stafford's and John Elder's articles, in the same number. Hartford - Istanbul - Tahrán: Man is still the seeker. Read the articles.

The Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission will assemble at the Scutari School on the evening of June 22nd.

Mrs. Elvesta Leslie is taking a ten day holiday before the rush of June accounting, visiting her four grand-daughters and their parents in Izmir.

The "Meeting House" is still a good place to seek friends. Among the worshippers at the Cambridge church on May 16th were Lou and Fred Goodsell, Eula B. Lee, Helen Calder, Mabel Emerson, Lorrin Shepard, and Jim Fowle.

Mrs. Lee has about completed repairs since she fractured her hip in a fall. She now goes about in friendly cars, but has not yet tackled the suburban trains. That too will come soon.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

The jet propelled "Meteor" plane which has been making demonstration flights, seems like a portent in the Istanbul skies. Ömer İnönü, the President's son, himself a certified pilot, joined the British pilot, Colonel Watterton in one of his flights. During this demonstration, a P.A.A. "Clipper" arrived, incoming from Damascus. The contrast between the two machines was said to resemble that between a sports car and a buffalo waggon.

After spending the winter in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Mark Ward, Miss Annie M. Barker, formerly of Istanbul, has moved to 1660 Washington St., West Newton, 65, Mass. Miss Barker is in the habit of passing her mornings downstairs, sitting in the open air for a couple of hours whenever the weather is favourable. She goes for short daily walks, and is able to give her days to reading, writing and knitting. Letters from Turkey friends are always welcome.

The Annual Meeting of the Turkey Mission is expected to assemble in Scutari on the 22nd. From Syria-Lebanon, Dr. Carleton, Miss Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. McMullen, Miss Helen Cassile, and Messrs. Hill, Miller and Weaver are expected. Mr. Brewster, Miss Hodges and a delegate from Thessaloniki will constitute the Greek wing of the gathering.

From the stations in the interior, Mrs. Haas, Mr. Woolworth, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard and Mr. Pringle will represent Adana-Tarsus; Gaziantep will send up Mr. and Mrs. Isely and Miss Engle; Miss Greene, Miss McClintock and Mr. Blake will speak for Izmir; while Talas will be upheld by Mr. and Mrs. Nilson, Messrs. Scott and Ramaker. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Meyerling will be present to represent the world at large.

Mrs. E. T. Leslie of the Treasury Office has returned after a fortnight spent with the family in Izmir. Grand-daughters, she discovers, can be as elusive as figures.

After his return from a flying trip to the American zone of Germany, Dr. Harry Meyerling reports: "The two schools I inspected are located at Bremen and Weisbaden, but I had also opportunity to see the American schools at Heidelberg, Munich, Nuremberg and Frankfort-am-Main. Over 4000 American children are served by these schools."

Dr. Meyerling adds: "The trip was made by air from Ankara. Thus in one afternoon I was able to see three American Board schools from the plane -- Talas, Izmir and Pierce College. All seemed to be doing good work!"

"RAHMET DAMLALARI" the Turkish translation of "Small Rain" by Jessie and Elizabeth Orton Jones has appeared this week. This is a book for small children, containing large pictures of children in their daily activities, with an accompaniment of Bible verses. The book is planned to suggest the consciousness of the other world and of the Holy, amid the child's work and play. The book sells for 100 piasters.

One of this week's visitors to the Bible House was Pilot Treble of the Iraqi State Airways. Iraq now has a weekly direct service between Baghdad and Istanbul, touching down at Damascus en route. Mr. Treble's home is in London, and he is eager for Christian fellowship in the various cities in which he passes a night or two in the course of his duties.

The Literature Department of the Syria-Lebanon mission has opened a new phase of work with the dedication of its "Book-mobile." This car was the gift of a congregation in America. It is equipped with shelves for the storage and display of books. The Bible Society is co-operating with the Mission in this enterprise, through which it is hoped that Christian literature can be brought attractively to the attention of many who would otherwise be cut off from the ministry of the printed word.

Mr. Yoshio Fukuyama of Talas is expected in Istanbul about the 10th. He will be leaving for Italy by plane on the 15th, whence he will return to America by boat at the end of his first three-year term in Turkey.

Very truly yours,

L. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

On Sunday last Mrs. Lorrin Shepard and Constance took off from the Istanbul airfield in a big Pan-American Clipper for New York. Dr. Shepard who preceded them the last of April for an all-out effort to complete the \$150,000 fund needed to build the new Nurses' Home for the American Hospital here in Istanbul, is recuperating from an operation for hernia in New York. With Fred, Bob and Barclay they hope to have some time together in Maine in July before Dr. Shepard returns to duty here. Mrs. Shepard and Constance will return before school begins in September. Breathe a breath of Maine salt sea air for us, Shepards-all, and remember the Annual Meeting picnic of 1947 in the Marmara.

Having renewed his acquaintance with Turkey last summer Ric Fowle is said to be planning to tuck Canada into his bag this summer. Jim, having successfully passed his examinations this year has only to write his thesis to receive his Ph.D. degree at Harvard. Ric has just finished his Sophomore year at Williams College. Their father, always on the job out here, this week is making a hurried business trip to Ankara. By mid-August he will be leaving for the United States for the fall months to help the American Board to carry its end of the denominational Plan of Advance campaign.

Sailings: The last sailing of the S.S. Istanbul took Miss Marie Boroff and Miss Alice Lindsley, starting their journeys to America, and Pastor Selbie Agasian to France. Miss Lindsley and Pastor Agasian will return in the fall. Bob King from Tarsus and Yoshio Fukuyama from Talas are in town. Next week they join Miss Margaret Elemker from Izmir, and Misses Angie Ducas and Ruth Shinn from Scutari and probably Miss Mae Kieliszek from Aleppo, all going home at the end of their terms of service in the Mission. They don't know how much we shall miss them, but they do know that we want them back some day. Kirk Stetson from Robert College left this week early. He will enter summer school in Rochester University soon after arrival in America, and then in the fall begins the study of medicine preparatory to rural medical service outside the United States. Travel plans will take nearly all the teachers of the colleges from us during the coming week.

Commencements at Constantinople College (41 graduates), Robert College (85 graduates), and Scutari (29 graduates) on Thursday, Friday and Saturday this week will bring the Turkish and American communities together in very pleasant intercourse.

Istanbul Station will hold its annual gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Fowle in Rumeli Hisar on Sunday afternoon. Members of all other stations who are in town at the time will be guests of honor.

A visitor at the Bible House and Scutari School this week was Mrs. Helena M. Hulac of Norfolk, Nebraska. Her headquarters this year are in Teheran, Iran, where her nephew, Mr. Charles Hulac is working in connection with the Presbyterian Board for the Alborz Foundation for Student Work.

Another new Publication Dept. publication is of special interest. "Aile Mektuplari" is the first of a series in Turkish planned for the devotional life of the family. No. 1 begins with a sermon by John Sutherland Bonnell, D.D. of New York City "Dealing with Life's Difficulties", and continues with a Prayer, Thoughts for Young People, and a Table Blessing.

The city of Amasia has been inundated with flood waters from the Yeşilirmak with tragic results. Whole sections of the city have been swept away and the papers have reported a steadily mounting death toll. Furthermore rocks, dislodged from the mountain sides by torrential rains, have hurtled down upon the unfortunate city to increase the disaster. The country's relief forces are being called to action.

Very truly yours,

WALTER B. WILEY

Dear Friends:

A unique document has recently reached Izmir from the Capital. It is a permit for the erection of four new buildings at our American Girls' School in Smyrna, in replacement of the school property destroyed in the Izmir fire of 1923. The original of this document bears the signature of the President of the Republic, the Prime Minister, and all the members of the Cabinet. In view of the tendency to use cultural agencies for other types of penetration, the Turkish Republic strictly limits the physical extension of any foreign cultural institution. This permit is a signal proof of trust in the American education institutions in Turkey by the responsible officers of the Republic. It also proves that the Ambassador, so busy with Aid Programs in addition to normal diplomatic duties, does not forget the slow steady service of American philanthropic agencies in this land. The School has funds for the first building; who of our readers knows the person who would like to erect the second, in this great city of classic culture, New Testament history, and modern commercial importance?

The Board's Legal Counsel recently visited Ankara, accompanied by the Treasurer, to survey the possibility of completing transfer of title to Board properties in Turkey from individual names to that of the American Board Heyeti. This important task was initiated by Dr. Keet in 1908, and in large part carried through, when the Italian war of 1912 intervened. There followed the First World War, the Revolution of the Turkish Republic, and the Second World War. It is hoped to press on toward the goal. Primary properties involved are those of the Gaziantep Hospital, the Izmir Girls' School, the Adana Hospital, as well as several smaller properties in various Stations.

On June 15th, the Pan-American clipper rising from Istanbul took with it a group of term-workers whose service in the Mission has been particularly effective, while in spirit and personality they have left a void which will be hard to fill. Misses Margaret Blemker of Izmir, Ruth Shinn and Angie Ducas of Scutari, Bob King of Tarsus, and Yoshio Fukuyama of Talas were the group. The sixth member of the group, Miss Mae Kilieszek of Aleppo Girls' School arrived in Istanbul three hours after the plane left, but hopes to catch up by Italian plane which left 48 hours later. The four girls will travel in Europe for six weeks, sailing from Southampton on July 30th. Bob King takes the Mauritania sailing of June 25th, while Yoshio will catch the Vulcania of June 20th to have a few weeks with his family before joining a September team in the "Plan of Advance" effort of the fall. To them all "Güle güle gidin; Allaha emanet olun".

Philip Ward's summer address is with his sister Eleanor (Mrs. J. Richard Haynes) 3 Yarmouth Road, Chatham, N.J., this home perhaps being "Ward Central" while the parents are with us in Gaziantep. Phil has taken a good bite into his graduate work at Union Seminary, and has accepted a position at Mount Herman School for the coming school year, where he will teach Bible, assist the Chaplain, and share in dormitory supervisory duties. He sends warm greetings to his many friends in the Mission, particularly recalling us "in Annual Meeting assembled".

The Collegiate Institute, Izmir, held its Commencement exercises in the new outdoor amphitheater on June 20th, followed the next evening by their Alumnae banquet, thus ending a particularly satisfactory school year.

Ex-President Walter L. Wright, Jr. of Robert College, now of the Princeton University faculty, reaches Istanbul this week for studies for a new book on Modern Turkey, to be published for the "American Foreign Policy Library".

Sir Arthur Rucker, Executive Assistant to the Chairman of the UNPCIRO (unravel that, please) has recently visited this city, and met with the committee in Turkey of the Intergovernmental Refugee Organization. President Black of Robert College and the Mission Treasurer are members of the local Committee. The Turkish Government is generously receiving Refugees of Turkish ethnic stock and language, and already about one thousand have come from the Balkan and Danubian areas.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends;

On Tuesday evening, June 22, the first session of this year's Annual Meeting of the Turkey Mission was convened at the American Academy, Scutari. On the two following days, reports from the various stations were read in the presence of quite a group of interested friends. Mr. Paul Nilson is Chairman and Dr. Birge, Secretary. The annual sermon will be preached by the Rev. Horace McMullen.

Considerable renovations are in progress on the heavenward aspect of the old Bible House. The metal shingles have received a covering of red paint, and their rosy glow can be seen from the shores of Asia and Europe. The extensive glass roof has been removed and re-set in a manner which is to prevent the habitual leaks and lakes of winter.

Mrs. Lyman MacCallum and Elizabeth will fly on the 28th to Paris, where they will be joined by Mrs. MacCallum's sister, Gladys, for a week's sight-seeing in that city. Then they will go to the family home in Brighton, England, where Elizabeth enters the Brighton and Hove High School as boarder in September. Robin will then return to Istanbul. Summer address: 195 Dyke Rd., Brighton, Sussex.

No definite word has yet been received as to the whereabouts of the Rev. Clark Kerr, formerly pastor of the 'Dutch Chapel' in Istanbul, and recently padre at St. Andrew's Church, Jerusalem. In a letter dated April 29 he tells of very active fighting in progress all around and over his church, manse and hostel, which stand in a sort of no-man's-land between the Jewish and Arab fronts. Both sides covet the buildings for use as a shooting post. Mr. Kerr had assured the British High Commissioner that he hoped to stay in the property until the end of the British mandate on May 15th.

Dr. Minnie B. Mills, travelling on gift funds provided by her former students in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of her arrival in Izmir, spent a week in Claremont, Calif., in the latter part of April. During this time she visited with the Getchells, Mrs. Sewny, Miss Rice, the Bairds, the Cass Reeds, Miss Jillson and Miss Pohl.

A meeting of the Near East Fellowship was held in Claremont in connection with this visit. About sixty people were present. Of Izmir people, the oldest present was Miss Mills herself, and the youngest, Miss Barbara Burns, who is under appointment to go there when she finishes college this summer. Dr. Reed showed motion pictures of the Near East and particularly of American schools in this area. Tea was served afterwards by Mrs. Sewny, Miss Rice, Miss Jillson and Mrs. Gordon, formerly of Hadjin.

Friends of the Rev. William Hawkes, formerly of Thessalonica, have heard with deep regret of an operation which necessitated the removal of a leg, above the knee. Mr. Hawkes had recently given up his church in Woodbury and had gone south to take charge of one of the Congregational mission schools in Missouri.

Unofficial reports in the Istanbul press announce reduced postage rates, to go into effect as of July 1st. Internal postage drops from 15 to 10 kr. There is no change in the 20 kr. for normal foreign letters, or in the 60 kr. for 10 gram airmail to the U.S.A. But to Greece, airmail drops from 30 to 20, for Italy it becomes 35, while all other western European countries can be reached by airmail for 40 kr.

Writing from Lisbon in the course of her homeward voyage, Miss Alice Lindsley gives the gossip of the ship. They thought their ship very crowded when they left Athens, but in Genoa they took on another 830 displaced persons going to Canada under contract. It made one sad to see so many pitiful people. Under these conditions, Alice was glad not to be traveling Tourist class.

In a recent purchase of Turkish "Covers" -- used envelopes with the stamps still on -- from a dealer in Oregon, Mr. Iain Campbell found that two were addressed to Mr. Dana Getchell at Merzifon, one of these being from L. B. Wallace, Constantinople College, while another five were addressed to the Rev. Charles Riggs. Save your "covers" and win fame!

Very truly yours,
F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

This is Annual Meeting number, so you may be interested in the roll-call of delegates and visitors, reading as follows: Delegates from Adana-Tarsus, Mrs. C. H. Haas, Wm. S. Woolworth, Jr. and Richard Maynard; and Visitors, Mrs. Maynard and Eugene Pringle. Delegates from Aleppo-Beirut, Alford Carleton and Gladys Lucas; and Visitors, Rev. and Mrs. Horace McMullen, George Miller and Douglas Hill. Fraternal Delegate from the Syria-Lebanon Mission, Miss Helen Cassile. Delegate from Athens, J. Riggs Brewster, and Visitors, Julie Hodges of Pierce College and Gertrude Ford of the Congregational-Christian Service Committee. Delegates from Gaziantep, Rev. and Mrs. Merrill Isely and Clara Engle. Delegates from Istanbul, Mrs. J. Kingsley Birge, Jessie Martin, Ethel Putney, Mrs. Walter B. Wiley and Mrs. Alma Woodruff; and Visitors, Mrs. Luther R. Fowle, Rev. and Mrs. James K. Lyman, Dorothy Birge, and Louise, Carol and Walter Wiley. Delegates from Izmir, Mrs. E. C. Blake and Olive Greene; and Visitors, Edith Douglass and Ruth McClintock. Delegates from Talas, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Nilson and John Scott; and Visitors, Mrs. Emily Block and Robert Ramaker. Ex-officio Delegates, Luther R. Fowle, Mrs. Elvesta T. Leslie, and J. Kingsley Birge.

Reports. Dr. Haas suggests that spiritual forces may be discovered to have healing power through very high frequency vibration. The Ministry of Education has expressed the hope that our schools may continue to grow. Aleppo academic work has been somewhat interfered with by both the cholera scare and political events, and student activities still more so. A College Cooperative was a Sophomore class project. Both college and Girls' School sent delegates to a Christian Youth Conference in Sidon. Beirut reports that emigration to Armenia is largely halted; McMullen is replacing Green-slade at the N.E.S.T. as the latter gives full time to other tasks; the A.M.A.A. is extending activities into Iraq and Iran, and a quarterly Armenian magazine is soon to be published.

Athens reports large Protestant Church attendance. M. and Mme. Wieser, formerly of the Lebanon have come for work with the Armenians. 528 of the 550 students at Pierce College are Orthodox. "Friends of Anatolia College" is a new organization among the influential merchants of Thessaloniki. Government relations are particularly cordial, and school and college applications exceed the capacity.

Two nurses were capped in Gaziantep hospital this spring. The coup in Czechoslovakia brought a business depression to Aintab, so that an increase of patients brings also an increase in the need for patience and funds. After a visit by some of the Scutari School and staff to a Foundlings' Home in Ankara, more than Lt. 400 was raised for a gift from the school. Permission to build four buildings for the school in Izmir, which lost all its buildings in the Smyrna fire, has brought great rejoicing to all. Now for the funds! Mardin reports 2300 readers in the reading room with over 5000 book withdrawals. And now the Raymond Whites, coming back this summer after more than a decade in America, will go in to relieve Miss Dewey and Miss Dwight. Talas reports a student court handling minor disciplinary problems. Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Nute are sailing August 6th with recruits for both clinic and school.

Et cetera. A half-a-day picnic to the Dersane camp at Pendik filled a medium-sized bus thirty-nine full. Most of us cooled off in the Marmara, and then played soft ball, volley ball or croquet golf with all the energy of "crazy Americans". Doug Hill entertained with movies three evenings. A mission session on religious contacts found plenty of interest. Miss Cassile charmed us with a Flanograph story. New comers to Turkey will hereafter begin with an orientation course. All enjoyed brief addresses by Dr. Black of Robert College, Dr. Walter Livingston Wright, formerly President of R.C., and now Professor of Turkish History and Literature at Princeton U.; and a presentation of his new method of teaching English by Prof. Robert Allen. Horace McMullen's morning devotions drawn from Fenelon's meditations were very helpful. When Consul-General Macy and many of his staff with wives came to tea, it was the occasion for descriptions of both consular and mission work, followed by tea and a soft ball game. 1949 Annual Meeting goes to Izmir.

Correction: Reduced Turkish postage rates from 15 kr. to 10 kr. apply only to local city delivery. Airmail to Greece drops from 30 to 27.

Very truly yours,

Walter B. Wiley

Dear Friends:

The American Community was happy to have three cruisers and the flat-top Palau in the harbor over Independence day, and several days more. The Community operated a canteen in Beyoglu, supplied with good things from the ships for the use of the 4000 men afloat and on shore; while the members of the Community in charge had many opportunities to meet the men. There was a most pleasant reception on the Flag Ship, and the usual events in which the Navy returned the generous welcome of the Turkish authorities and people.

The engagement was announced on June 8th of Maryly Nute, Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Nute of Talas Station; and of Lloyd Craighill, son of Bishop Craighill of the Protestant Episcopal Church in China. Mr. Craighill goes to the Episcopal Theological School in Alexandria, Virginia this fall, while Maryly is to take nurses' training, preparing for fuller service in China. Hearty congratulations to the young folks, and their parents.

Annual Meeting delegates have thrown off their legislative responsibilities, even if they do not share in that great American side-show - a party convention to nominate a presidential candidate. The Maynards of Tarsus and Lynda Blake are ploughing eastward in the Black Sea, for Hoppe, within sight of Soviet territory, before they turn back on the same boat, to disembark at Trebizond or Samsun. The Aleppo quartette left on Monday last, taking with them Marjorie Bullock of Scutari, who will drop off north of the frontier, for some weeks in Gaziantep. Olive Greene and Ruth McClintock loaded their tents, and are on the way to Boz Dag in the mountains behind Izmir for cool nights, bracing air, and wide horizons. The famous Talas pick-up truck - Arslan (lion) - is on its homeward way to Cappadocia, with two Nilsons and Bob Ramaker. And the Meyerings, who have blessed and encouraged us all this year, are on their homeward trek, via Italy and Germany to Kansas City. Just before starting, Ralph Meyerings and Bob Ramaker swam the Bosphorus, from Europe to Asia. Meanwhile, our graduating class of Blemker, Ducas, Kilieszek, Shinn, King and Yoshio have all reported happy landings, and interesting days in Europe, as they go back to life in the USA.

For our wide circle at home we record the action of the Oberlin Council during the last week in June, when for the first time the Congregational Christian Churches of America elected a woman as Moderator - Miss Helen Kenyon. At the same meeting, the Rev. David McKeith was elected Executive Vice-President of the American Board, to succeed our Fred Field Goodsell, whose retirement has been postponed at the request of the Board to July 31, 1949. Dr. McKeith hopes to visit several of the Board's missions abroad before he takes office, with India, Africa, and the Near East mentioned as possibilities. The NEM, never quite reconciled to its blood-bank in Boston, is nevertheless proud of its contribution to the leadership of the American Board in Boston, from James L. Barton of Harput, 1894 to the end of Dr. Goodsell's service in 1949; 55 years.

The most urgent call for Personnel from Annual Meeting is for replacements at Pierce College, Athens, for Misses Donner and Barnes. Since the meeting, word has come of the appointment of Hazel Murray and probably Miss Marguerite Bicknell. Here is a wonderful institution, looking out on the matchless Aegean, seeking just the right person to take up the duties of President. It is hoped that Miss Mabel Long will be able to again carry on, pending the finding of a successor to the line of McCallum, Mills, and McElroy. The candidate's name does not have to begin with an M!

The J. T. Stevenson, loaded with American Aid supplies for Greece and Turkey, dropped anchor in St. George's Bay, near Piraeus, to unload. Then it was to proceed to the Turkish port of Derinje on the Marmara, in a restricted military zone, there to unload for some days. That was far too slow for Katharine Birge and Joy Fowle, who were on board, and with unstinted help from Harold Harlow in Athens, they left most things on the ship, took Turkish plane from Athens, and were met two minutes ahead of plane schedule on Wednesday the 7th, at the Istanbul Yeshilkby airfield. There is Joy and also Kathie in the homes in Hisar and Bebek.

Very truly yours,
Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Miss Mabel Long, acting president of Fierce College, Ellenico, is expected here by air this afternoon. She will be spending her holiday at the American Academy, Scutari, where she taught during the first years of the war.

Mr. Lyle Shelmedine, Professor of History at the College of Puget Sound, tutor at Tarsus from 1930 to 1933, has arrived for a month's stay in Turkey. He expects to be here a month, during which time he will visit Tarsus and Ankara. He has some Turkish students in the College of Puget Sound, and hopes to see their numbers very considerably increased, as they have proved themselves both serious and capable.

Some striking figures on divorce in Istanbul have been prepared by a sociology study group at the University. According to their figures, in 1938 there were, in this city 5764 marriages and 455 divorces, this making a proportion of about one divorce to 13 marriages. In 1947, marriages were approximately 9500 and divorces 1570, constituting an incidence of one in six. There was an average of 30 divorces a week throughout the year. 664 of these cases were instituted by husbands against their wives, and 906 were instituted by the wives. Sickness was the cause on which eleven of these divorces were granted, adultery the cause of 53, while incompatibility was the ground for the remaining 1506.

Mr. and Mrs. John Scott of Talas have been spending a few days in Istanbul, part of this time at the Bible House, and part with friends in Hissar. Young Roxanne, who is nearing her first birthday, elected to remain in Talas with her friend Mrs. Paul Nilson.

As of July 1st, the Rev. Horace McMullen has assumed the presidency and administration of the Near East School of Theology in Beirut. He succeeds the Rev. G. Greenslade, whose duties with the Mission have made it necessary for him to relinquish his headship of the N.E.S.T. Mr. Greenslade remains on the staff of the school.

Contrary to the suppositions expressed in earlier issues of this letter, the Rev. Clark Kerr, formerly pastor of the Dutch Chapel in this city and now Chaplain of St. Andrew's in Jerusalem, did not leave when the British forces went out in the middle of May. The battle began immediately all about him, and increased in intensity day by day. His church, manse and hostel stand in a no-man's-land lying between the enemy forces, so that he is under constant cross-fire. Water, electric and telephone services were soon interrupted. By his presence he has been able to keep the property from being looted or used as a fighting post. On the last day of May the Haganah carried off his two Arab servants, leaving him entirely alone on the property. As hunger increases in the city, search parties are more and more eager to find and carry off food stores, while starving cats and dogs grow fiercer, and find their way in through broken windows and every available opening. Each Sunday he has rung the bell and gone through the services. Thus the tradition has continued unbroken, he has announced to any friends within earshot that he is still alive, and he has felt in communion with God and with all who were praying for that distracted land. This letter was written on June 11, in the first hours of the armistice.

The Minister of Public Works has announced a nine-year highways campaign for the country. American Aid, in the form of road building machinery and experts to train local engineers and mechanics in the use of this equipment, forms the corner-stone of this project, which covers 22,500 kilometers of highway. This year bridges and grading and some surfacing will be done on the Iskenderun - Erzurum and the Iskenderun, - Ankara - Istanbul trunk roads.

Mr. Huntington Damon, known to all our group through his many helpful services while in charge of the U.S. Information Service in Istanbul, leaves this month with his family for a period of furlough in America. Projecting screens and films loaned through Mr. Damon to the Mission have been very widely used in village and other work.

Very truly yours,

F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

Dr. Lorrin Shepard reports intent to fly from New York on Saturday August 7th at 17 o'clock, which is in Turkish time August 8th 0:00 hour. He is due at the Istanbul airport next day, the 9th at 3:40, making lapsed time of 27:40; stops at Gander, London, and Brussels require 3 hours 55 minutes thus making scheduled flight time 23 hours 45 minutes.

Westbound Pan-American flights for New York now leave Damascus at 7:15 on Sundays and Thursdays, Istanbul at 12:45 on the same days. An additional westbound flight leaves Damascus at 3:55 and Istanbul at 9:30 on Mondays. Mail for these flights is accepted at the central Turkish P.D. in Istanbul till mid-afternoon of the preceding day.

Farnsworth Fowle, CBS correspondent in Jerusalem since August 1947, arrived in Istanbul on July 25th for holiday. He reports Mr. Clark Kerr as well and safe, as the fighting parties settle into the U.N. ordered termination of hostilities.

The marriage took place on Sunday, July 25th at the Church of the Holy Trinity in Beyoglu of Miss Sona Gülbenkyan, for some years secretary in the Treasury Department; and Mr. Vahe Dolikyan, for some years in the administrative offices of Robert College, and now employed at the American Consulate General. The traditional Gregorian service was most impressive, with a fine male choir, singing music used for centuries in this Church. All best wishes to the newlyweds.

Card from Sarah & Ernest Jacob, formerly of the Y in Istanbul, and now retired, reports Mrs. Jacob's sudden and extreme illness, with emergency operation, and wonderful recovery. We rejoice in this good news from former associates.

President Ernest Riggs of Anatolia College, Thessaloniki, and Mrs. Riggs are on the "Noah Brown" from New York to Izmir, Derinje, and Istanbul before calling at Piraeus, whence they will hasten to Thessaloniki. They report that nephew John Gell, who has been with them in Greece and Turkey, has now graduated from Mount Hermon, is working in a Vermont hotel, and hopes to enter Beloit in September. All is well with their own three children and five grand-children.

No Cunard sailing from England being available at the post-Olympic Games end of August, the Mission Treasurer has reservation to fly to New York on August 30th. Daughter Joy, and possibly her Mother, will fly to Rome on the 28th, to connect with the Saturnia, August 31st for New York.

Cyrus Hamlin, founder of Robert College, long since has passed on. But his line goes marching on! His grand-daughter, the late Carrie Lee Estes, and Prof. Charles E. Estes, for 40 years Director of Music at Robert College, have two newly arrived grand-children of their own; Judith Titus Ballantine, born to Peggy Estes and her husband; and another Charles, born to Charles Jr. and Vee Estes, who visited Istanbul two years ago.

Bosworth of Oberlin, by Ernest Pye "The Biography of a Mind". Twelve years of labor have gone into this monumental work by our associate and friend, Dr. Ernest Pye of Merzifon and the School of Religion in Athens. The first volume deals with his life, message, and mind. Volume II "The Christian Religion and Human Progress" is a collection of twenty-six of Prof. Bosworth's addresses. Few men of the former generation have had such world wide influence in the realm of religion as did the team of Henry Churchill King and Edward Increase Bosworth of Oberlin. Dr. Pye was Dr. Bosworth's secretary for six years, at Oberlin. This work is a labor of love as well as the definitive story of a great man and his work. Orders may be sent to the Bosworth Memorial Biography, Otis C. McKee, Treasurer, The Oberlin Savings Bank Co. - or through the American Board, Price \$8.00 post-paid.

The Birges, with daughters Katharine and Dorothy plan to spend their vacation month of August with our associates of Gaziantep Station.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle.

Dear Friends:

Some girls have all the luck. Jacklyn Blake, for example, has barely got back from Annual Meeting and Service Center Camp in Istanbul, and now she is planning to take her father by Turkish steamer to Marmaris, a port on the extreme south west point of Asia Minor, whence they will go by sailing vessel (with auxiliary motor in case they run out of wind) to spend a holiday on the gentle Isle of Rhodes.

Two other fortunate girls are Idil Biret and Suna Türkkankizi. During the final sessions of the Grand National Assembly, now enjoying its summer recess, a special law was voted authorizing their education abroad at State expense. Idil is the famous 7-year old child pianist of whom the papers have made much in recent months, and Suna is another child prodigy. In the face of considerable criticism of the bill, the Minister of Public Instruction came to its support. He declared that such children were the special gifts of nature, and that for the great reward and glory which would come to their country should their talents develop it was right that the State should risk the possibility of loss.

Dr. and Mrs. Carleton of Aleppo with their daughters and Messrs. Hill and Miller expected to come by motor car to Tarsus and Namrun on the 28th. They will regard the Nute cottage in Namrun as their home until August 18th, but during this period there will be various excursions, the longest of which will take them to Talas.

Figures given out by the Department of Education indicate that of 11,223 pupils in the final classes of the Primary schools of Istanbul 10,262 graduated in the June exams. But of the 3743 students who hoped to finish the Middle (Orta) schools, only 1429 were successful. Elimination was even more severe among the 2981 students who tried the Lise finals. 1064 passed. The newspapers also report that voluntary religious instruction in the primary schools will begin in the autumn.

Mrs. Edith Laird, librarian of the American University, arrived on the 18th to spend her vacation weeks at the Bible House with her mother, Mrs. F. W. MacCallum. She had the misfortune to be compelled to spend three days in Damascus waiting for her plane. During this time she went through two Jewish bombing raids on the city. A good way to make the remainder of your holiday seem quiet and restful.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Young expect to fly from Brussels on August 1st, and will reach Istanbul in the small hours of Monday morning. Mr. Young is returning to take charge of the Dersane after a year of furlough during which he was actively engaged in the work of the Y.M.C.A. in America.

After the close of the teaching year in early July, Miss Mary Ingle of Anatolia College, Thessalonika, flew to England to spend the summer with relatives.

Miss Julie Hodges, who is on the teaching staff of Kierce College, Ellenico, has returned from a short visit to the Gaziantep station, and expects to go by air to Athens on the 3rd. She will spend the rest of the summer in Thessalonika in the hope of making some further advances in the tongue of Homer and Demosthenes.

Dr. John E. Merrill, former president of Central Turkey College in both Gaziantep and Aleppo, writes from his new (though temporary) address at 47 North St. Beacon, N.Y. Their house in Brooklyn was sold, and so they have moved to the home of daughter Margaret until a more permanent abode can be found, though vacant flats seem as unusual in Beacon as in Brooklyn. The Merrills were interested to discover that the pastor of the Second Methodist church of Beacon, which has a membership of between two and three hundred, is an Armenian, born in Antab. He came to America as a child, and is so thoroughly Americanised that only his name indicates his origin. Happily, Mrs. Merrill's strength has improved sufficiently that she has been able to go out to church for the first time since November.

Very truly yours,

F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

Unofficial. The Turkish Press has reported the imminent withdrawal from the office of American Ambassador to Turkey of Mr. Edwin C. Wilson. Ambassador Wilson has also been the head of the American Aid program in Turkey, and has carried both loads with admirable effectiveness. It is with deep personal regret that all who have known the Ambassador will accept his departure; and in this feeling, Mrs. Wilson in her own right, will have her full share. America has been most wisely represented in Turkey in this critical post-war period. We wish the Wilsons good luck and good health as they leave us; and will hold them in grateful memory.

After an absence of almost a year, most of which was spent in service for the Association in America, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra P. Young returned to Istanbul by plane on August 2nd. Pending locating a home in the city, they are the guests of the MacCallums.

Dean Vaughan Dabney of the Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, and Mrs. Dabney, are homeward bound via Amsterdam from a round-the-world sabbatical flight. In Syria, Dr. Dabney shared in the summer refresher course given by the NEST for pastors and teachers, while in Istanbul he worshipped in the Mosque of Suleyman the Magnificent, during the impressive Night of Power service, which this year fell on August 2nd. They fly on, on the 5th.

The "Khedive Ismail" is of particular interest to us all. On its sailing of August 6th from New York it brings six Nutes of three generations, and twelve young men and women to teach in the Board's schools in the Near East. Besides this group of 18, a dozen teachers for the Istanbul Colleges are booked on the same boat. It is expected to dock in Istanbul on or about August 22nd, depending on possible cargo requirements at Piraeus. This early arrival may shorten the Birge August holiday, as plans develop for the Orientation Course for these new-comers, entrusted by the Mission to Dr. Birge and Miss Martin. This course is a new departure, at least in this form, and will last for a week or ten days. Along with these studies for Jack and Jill, there will surely be planned trips to historical and cultural places of interest in and near this city.

The Anatolia College News Letter of May 1948 gives picture of Dr. and Mrs. George White, long our associates in Merzifon and Saloniki Stations. Plans are afoot to erect the Academic Unit for Anatolia Girls' School as a tribute to Dr. and Mrs. White -/project calling for \$100,000.

Miss Anna Mae Helton has received her permission to visit Miss Diantha Dewey and Miss Adelaide Dwight, and flies on the 6th, to reach destination the same day.

Generous letters, and a final card mailed from the "Queen Bess" on July 30th before sailing from Southampton for home, have come from "our girls" - Peg Blemker, Ruth Shinn, Mae Kilieszek, and Angie Lucas. Our British friends know how to do things "right". rie à la mode at the first luncheon seems to have been the most impressive item about this magnificent ship. We hope many of the "Dear Friends" circle in America will be privileged to meet one and another of these girls, who in their three short years have made themselves a very real part of the Near East Mission.

The Walter Wileys move on August 16th from their temporary home in Hisar, to their apartment at the Union Church Han in Pera. This means that this fall, the full plans developed so steadily by Mr. Wiley, may be put into effect, in the spiritual and social aspects of his pastorate of this Church. Louise Wiley, and Jane Webster of Ankara, sail within a week on the "DeSoto" for college study in America, bound for the mouth of the Mississippi. One could hardly expect the "DeSoto" to land on Pilgrim Rock!

A one-week summer camp for American boys and girls in the lower age group will be conducted by Mrs. Howard MacPherson of the Istanbul Socony group, with children from Ankara and elsewhere, as well as from Istanbul. The location is the summer camp property on the Sea of Marmara belonging to the Girls' Service Center.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

In the small hours of Monday morning Dr. Lorrin Shepard of the Admiralty Bristol Hospital landed on the Yeshilköy airfield after an absence of over four months in America. The same morning he moved down the first appendix of the new crop.

On the same morning Dr. Shepard's sister, Alice Shepard Riggs, together with her husband, Dr. Ernest Riggs, President of Anatolia College, Thessalonika, arrived in Istanbul on the freighter, "Noah Brown." They are spending the week visiting in Istanbul while the freighter unloads. They hope then to proceed to Piraeus and fly thence to Thessalonika.

Announcement is made of the appointment of the Hon. George Wadsworth as the new U.S. Ambassador to Turkey. Very old-timers may recall the days when George Wadsworth, prevented by the war from going on to Beirut, taught for a while at Robert College in 1915. After serving on the staff of the Beirut American University for some years, Mr. Wadsworth entered the diplomatic service, where he has had a distinguished career. He was the first American ambassador to Syria and the Lebanon when those countries ceased to be French mandated territories. For the past two years or more he has been in Baghdad as ambassador to Iraq.

Mrs. L. R. Fowle with her daughter, Joy, plan to fly to Rome on the 28th in order to take the "Saturnia" from Naples on the 31st. Mrs. Fowle expects to be living for some months with Joy in her flat at 76 Irving Place, New York City. Mr. Fowle will fly on the 30th directly to America in order to participate in the autumn "ADVANCE" campaign.

"Espalier." This is the last word reached in the printing of the new English-Turkish Redhouse dictionary. 352 pages have been printed thus far which gives some indication of the large number of definitions which this great work will include. The completed book will probably run to over 1100 pages, so that those many people who are eagerly awaiting their copy will still need to possess their souls in patience for a good many months.

Announcement is made that H. A. R. Gibb's monumental, "History of Ottoman Poetry" is being reprinted by Luzac of London. It runs to six volumes, and the cost is one pound Sterling per volume. Orders may be placed with this office.

Miss Louise Wiley, accompanied by Miss Jane Webster, sailed on Saturday in order to be in America for the opening of college.

Word has been received of the safe arrival in Mardin of Miss Anna Mae Helton who flew from Istanbul for a brief visit with the Misses Dewey and Dwight.

Mr. Robert Ramaker has returned to Talas after a week spent in this city, during which he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Lyman, who are occupying Tower Cottage, Rumeli Hisar, during the absence of the Birge family on holiday at Gaziantep.

Mr. and Mrs. Riggs Brewster of Athens station have left for a much-needed holiday in Switzerland. They went by air to Rome, and thence by train to Zurich.

Mr. Allen Hazen, three years a tutor at Tarsus during the 1930's, and until recently engaged at Chicago University is moving with his family to New York. His New York address will be: School of Library Service, Columbia University, New York City 27.

Shipboard letters from the peripatetic Meyerings speak enthusiastically of the luxuries of the liner "Nieuw Amsterdam" as it takes them back to the U.S.A. After leaving Istanbul, the party travelled from Rome through Italy, Switzerland, the American zone of Germany (with an excursion into Austria) and so to Holland. Dr. Meyering has accepted a new position as Director of the Educational Department of the State Teachers College at Monkato, Minn., which will henceforth be their address. His duties make him supervisor of the Professional Course, the Demonstration School, and the Placement Office, in a four-year college of about 1200 students.

Very truly yours
F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Young of the Istanbul School of Language and Commerce (formerly the Y) returned to this city on August 2nd after a busy furlough year in America. They have been house guests of the MacCallums, while they seek living quarters of their own. Latest reports are that they have now found an apartment not far from Türbe, within easy walking distance of the Dersane building, which is opposite the great dome of Aya Sofia.

The "Khedive Ismail" actually sailed from New York on August 7th and now is expected in this city on the 27th. It is hoped that arrangements may be made for this entire group to go to the Girls' Service Center camp on the Sea of Marmara, for the Orientation Course planned this year for newcomers to our various institutions.

Letters received indicate that Gene Pringle of Tarsus, studying this summer in Paris, will sail from Marseilles on August 26th for this city, on his return trip. Miss Ruth McClintock is also coming up shortly, to share in the Orientation Course.

Mr. Alan Horton, son of Douglas Horton, and his cousin Douglas Crary of the U. of Michigan Geography Department, have been indulging in Near Eastern geography which has taken them and their Jeep up the Nile to Khartum and beyond, from an East African port to Arabia and up the Persian Gulf, thro Koweit, Busrah, Bagdad, Kirkuk, Iran including Azerbaijan, and so to Turkey, thro Gürbulak, Bayazit, Erzroom, Sivas and Ankara, where they parted company with the Jeep. They are living with Dr. Shepard till they fly on the 27th for Switzerland, where they hope to meet Dr. and Mrs. Horton.

Ethel Putney has an air-letter of August 6th from Minnie's Seaside Rest, in Maine, with writing from Cecelia Berg, Ed and Gwen Perry, Helen Scott, Edith Adkins, and Mary Ward. Some of them have recently visited the Huntingtons at Prout's Neck, where they found Ruth Woodsmall. Happily for us all, Turkey relationships seem to abide: to all these friends, greetings from the old memleket.

Pan-American mails. New arrangements between the Turkish Post Office and Pan-American Airways promises a great improvement in postal connection. Henceforth Westward Flights 1, 3, and 123 will leave the Istanbul airfield at 12:45 noon on Thursday, Sunday and Monday. The new element in the picture is that mails for these Flights will close at the Central Post Office at 10:00 a.m. on the same days. Thus the gap between closing of mails and flight will be cut to three hours, from the 17-hour closing of recent months. PAA transportation will claim mail-bags at the Central Post Office, itself transporting them to the Yeshilköy airfield.

Farnsworth Fowle emplaned on August 19th from Istanbul to London, where he will join the CBS staff for extended interim service.

Mr. Douglas M. Hill of Aleppo College has been appointed a regular missionary of the Presbyterian Board, assigned to the Syria-Lebanon Mission. We of the American Board heartily welcome him to "our" Circle.

James Hugh Keeley, Jr., appointed American Minister to Syria, recently landed in Beirut, en route to his post in Damascus. Mrs. Keeley accompanies him. Old Timers of the American Community remember them both in Istanbul even before their marriage. A hearty welcome to them.

Reports have reached Istanbul that Mr. and Mrs. Iain Campbell (Gladys Perry Campbell) have each received appointment to teach at Doane College, Nebraska, with the beginning of the new academic year.

Face-lifting of the aged is sometimes essential. The sturdy building of the Bible House in Istanbul, erected by Isaac Bliss in 1872, has had very essential repairs this summer on roofs, sky-lights, chimneys, rain gutters: with similar repairs to the commercially rented rear building. It is hoped that these greatly needed repairs will enable the old building to carry on for further decades, as headquarters for American philanthropic agencies in the Near East, who desire to use it.

Very truly yours,

Luther H. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Extraordinary ovations, public and private, are being given to the Turkish wrestlers returned from the Olympic Games, where their remarkable successes placed Turkey fifth among the competing nations. The only success gained by Turkish entrants other than in wrestling was a third place in the hop-step-and-jump.

Mrs. John Scott has arrived in Istanbul, and will be staying at the Bible House for a fortnight or more.

Miss Dorothy Blatter has returned to Istanbul after an absence of over two months, much of which was spent in Lebanon and Syria, whither she went in search of local colour and materials for a Mission Study book for children. She speaks most enthusiastically of the kind reception given her by friends in the Presbyterian Mission. Just a bit longer in that inspiring atmosphere and we might have lost our Dorothy to those Presbyterians for good and all.

On the 30th, Mr. Lyle Shelmedine of the College of Puget Sound, formerly of Tarsus, who has been spending some weeks visiting in Istanbul will leave for America by Pan American Airways.

At an early hour on the same morning Miss Gladys Lucas is expected to spend an hour at the Yeshilköy airfield, on her return to Syria, after a summer spent with her parents in England.

Mrs. Edith Laird, of the American University, Beirut, who has spent six weeks at the Bible House, will be boarding the same plane for Damascus.

Mrs. Herman Kreider of Robert College, is in the Admiral Bristol Hospital for an operation.

Word from the Birges is that they will reach Istanbul on the 27th, returning from a holiday in Gaziantep. Their somewhat early return has been made necessary by the arrival on the 29th, of the "Khedive Ismail" from New York, bringing 16 new members to the mission. On arrival, all these newcomers are to go to the Girls' Camp on the Marmara, where they are to enjoy a week of briefing and orientation.

Writing of the General Council of the Congregational and Christian Churches, which met in Oberlin, Miss Theda Bell Phelps, formerly of Gaziantep, mentions that the Turkey delegation present consisted of Dr. Goodsell, Dr. Ward, Dr. and Mrs. Jesse Mardin, Mr. and Mrs. John Kingsbury, Miss Pinneo and herself.

At the American Board Meeting which took place simultaneously, it was voted that Dr. Goodsell be asked to write the History of the American Board. Though various histories of the American Board have been written in the past, the most recent of these is probably the Centennial History prepared by another Turkey missionary, Henry Otis Dwight in 1916. It was felt that a history from a more modern approach would be valuable.

What is regarded as one of the minor triumphs of the mission field was achieved on Friday, the 13th, when Dr. Carleton succeeded in abducting Dr. Cyril Haas from the Adana clinic and carrying him into the mountains to Güzne for a summer holiday lasting three days.

After a year of waiting and uncertainty the Wiley family has taken possession of their freshly decorated flat in the Union Han near the upper end of the tunnel. It is hoped that gas, electricity and telephone will one of these days overtake the new occupants, who are for the moment camping among their familiar household goods.

The marriage is reported of Gilbert Bonnal, former tutor at Tarsus, and now on the Robert College French staff, to Miss Ankiné Degirmenjian of Rumeli Hisar. Mr. Bonnal is now in France.

Miss Mabel Long, who has been spending some weeks at the American Academy, Scutari, expects to return to Athens by air on the 31st.

A cable reports the arrival of the Misses Louise Wiley and Jane Webster in Mobile on the 24th.

Very truly yours,
F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

Just before the biggest contingent of school and hospital recruits in several missionary generations arrived Mr. Luther Fowle took off on Monday, the 30th, in a big Pan-American silver Bird for New York for a strenuous three months with Missions Council teams in the U.S.A.

Mrs. Fowle with Joy flew to Rome on the 28th. Word has come of happy landing, and sight-seeing in Rome, a delightful bus trip to Naples, and comfortable accommodations on the S.S. Saturnia, waiting to sail for New York on the 31st. May September seas be as pleasant as August skies!

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Moore of the Near East Industries Corporation are living in the Fowle residence during the absence of the Fowles. The Robert College children's community is already rejoicing in the addition of four of their generation.

The S. S. Khedive Ismail on the 31st, brought thirty Americans for the great strengthening of our long-term Turkish aid program with contingents for government medical work in Ankara, Robert College - both boys' and girls' sections - and the American Board program. Dr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Nute are returning home to Talas. Mrs. Nute contributed daily Turkish lessons to the new-comers enroute.

With the senior Nutes were Dr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Nute, Jr., who will shortly proceed to Ankara with their two children, C. Christie, age four, and Irine, age 2½. Dr. Nute will take up official duties as Voluntary Assistant on the Staff of the Children's Service of the Model Hospital in Ankara, working under the direction of Dr. Albert Eckstein. Mrs. Nute is the former Mary Rogers of the Girls' College in Arnautkby, 1936-40. Dr. Nute comes back to the land of his birth.

Twelve teachers and one hospital technician proceeded to the Girls' Service Center Camp at Caddebostan on the Sea of Marmara. That evening they began, first under the direction of Mrs. James Lyman and Mrs. Gottfried a course in delicious and vitamin-packed Turkish food-consumption and then with Dr. J. Kingsley Birge a five day orientation course in the geography, history, habit and thought life of Turkey. Mornings they listen to lectures, afternoons Mr. MacCallum takes them sight-seeing in Istanbul, and evenings they have special out-door programs. There they sit around the fire: Peggy Brown of Ridgewood, N.J. and Mount Holyoke College with Gwen Wolsted, born of American Board parents in Madura, India, and coming to us via Cedar Falls, Ia. and Iowa State Univ.; both coming to teach at Scutari. There's Ruby Peters, from Chula Vista, Cal., and the San Diego State College, also bringing a Master's degree from Columbia in Art and plenty of teaching experience. She is bound for Aleppo. Then there are three for Izmir: Bobby Burns, of Covina, Cal. and Pomona College, whose father was with the "Y" in Cairo not so long ago; Betty George, of Wells River, Vt. and Oberlin College; and Carmen Ogden, of Portland, Ore. and Wellesley College. Ed Sather, hails from Alexandria, Minn. (pretty nearly had his baggage left in Egypt) and Carlton College. Phil Cook comes from Newton, Mass. and is a follower of Lord Jeffrey Amherst. He and Ed Sather go to Talas. The next three go to Tarsus: George Helling, of Rosemont Minn. and Hamline Univ., Ed Savage, of Prescott, Wis. and also of Hamline; and Ken Moyer, of Rhineland, Wis. and the U. of Wisconsin. Betty Lee, of Stuttgart, Ark. and the School of Lab. Technique and X-Ray in St. Louis, is to work with Dr. Nute in the clinic at Talas. Ruth McClintock, of Minneapolis and Colorado Col. came up from Izmir for the course and the fellowship. Others present this week are Miss Blatter, the Birges, Lymans and the Wileys with occasional visitors. The Travellers will proceed to their stations early next week.

A letter from Mrs. Sarah Stone Foote of Middlebury, Conn. reports the death on August 8th of Rev. Wm. E. Hawkes in Colorado Springs, Colo. following a leg amputation. Mrs. Hawkes and their two daughters, Catherine and Mary, are living for the present at 1611 N. Weber St. Col. Spgs. Bill came to Sivas with the Near East Relief first in 1919. Then, after graduating from Hartford Seminary, he taught for 15 years at Anatolia Col. in Thessaloniki. After nine years as pastor in Woodbury, Conn. he had just taken a church in Iberia, Mo. Our sympathies go across the miles to his wife and daughters.

Sincerely,
Walter B. Wiley

Dear Friends:

First let me give you a batch of news from Mission children. Lynda Blake writes: "John goes to Bates College this fall. He has been working at a manual labor job of heaving some 7000 bricks a day. Lincoln had a painting job....John got a prize for the best work in French in his school and Lincoln got a prize for the best academic average in his class". Lynda modestly suggests that "they are not doing too badly". We would all agree with her.

Rev. E. C. Partridge, formerly of Mission in Sivas and the Near East Relief, writes of the very happy celebration of their golden wedding on July 21 and tells what their children are doing. "Edward is a research chemist in charge of the laboratories of the American Anode Co. of Akron, Ohio, Alfred is a professor in Roosevelt College, Chicago, Frances Partridge Locke, our only daughter, works at present in the statistical offices of Boston University."

Mr. and Mrs. Partridge live in Valparaiso, Florida, where he is executive secretary of the Okaloosa (county) Tuberculosis Association. "Just now", he writes, "I am working on the publicity and other plans for a mass X-ray campaign in our county". He is also secretary of the committee which manages the YMCA serving their army airfield.

Dora and Albert Dewey returned on September 3 from Güzne where they have been vacationing with the Woolworths, and after a short stay in Tarsus and Adana, flew back to Gaziantep.

On the arrival of the Deweys the Edwin St. John Wards left for Beirut where they will attend the inauguration of Dr. Stephen L. B. Penrose as president of the American University of Beirut. Later they will return to Gaziantep for a few days before setting out for Istanbul by way of visits in Adana, Tarsus, Talas and Ankara. They hope to sail for America some six or seven weeks from now.

The four Tarsus tutors, -Eugene Pringle returning from his summer in Paris, and the new arrivals, -George Helling, Ed Savage and Kenneth Moyer, - left on Thursday by train for Tarsus. Harriet Yarrow, formerly of Tarsus, after a happy visit of nine days with old friends and pupils in Istanbul, left the next day for Izmir, to which she has been loaned for a year.

Rev. Ernest Pye, our former associate in Merzifon, Istanbul and Athens, has recently sent us for the Mission Library a copy of the book he has been working on for some time, the biography of Prof. Edward I Bosworth of Oberlin, and a selection of his speeches, - "The Biography of a Mind", volume one, and "Bosworth's Addresses", volume two. The Mission thanks Dr. Pye for this gift.

Dr. George Michaelides, president of Schauffler College in Cleveland, formerly of International College and later the School of Religion in Athens and Beirut, writes of his work at Schauffler where they have more students than in recent years, some of whom come from China, Hawaiian Islands, Panama and Beirut, as well as from many parts of U.S.A. His oldest son, Peter, enters Baldwin-Wallace College, Ohio, this autumn, specializing in music. "The other two children, Stephen and Daphne, are keeping their mother busy". Some of us remember Mrs. Michaelides as Mr. Fowle's secretary, Domna Andreades in the early 1920's. Our good wishes to them all.

Miss Mabel E. Long, president of Pierce College, Elleniko, returned to Athens after her summer in Istanbul on August 31. Her old friends here were very happy to have her return here to Scutari for her vacation.

On account of the closing of all foreign schools in Bulgaria, Miss Ruth Wolfe of the Methodist Mission School in Lovetch has accepted a position in our Scutari School and Miss Mellony Turner in Pierce College, Athens, where they will be warmly welcomed.

Very sincerely yours,

E. W. Putney

Dear Friends:

Mrs. John Scott left for Talas after spending about three weeks with friends in Istanbul. Whether John or baby Roxanne will be the better pleased to have her back is anybody's guess.

On Thursday Mrs. Emily Block of Talas arrived in Istanbul and is at present at Scutari. She hopes to sail on Tuesday for America on the "Elin Horn" of the Stevenson Line. We wish her a speedy return to Turkey and her work in the Talas school.

The New York Herald-Tribune announces the resignation of Dr. Edgar Fisher from the Institute of International Education, of which he has been assistant director since 1935. He has accepted appointment as visiting professor in the division of social studies at Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Va. As from the first week of September Dr. Fisher's address will be at the college. Dr. and Mrs. Fisher and son Edgar will be missed from the Turkey and Near East gatherings in New York.

Not always is the race to the swift. Treasurer Luther Fowle, hurrying to America in a league-consuming Constellation, woke from uneasy slumbers to find his West-bound plane flying steadily towards the rising sun. This astronomic anomaly was solved when they landed for breakfast at Shannon, Ireland, whence they had taken off after supper the previous night. Explanation; engine trouble. Distance covered; a thousand miles out and the same distance back. A substitute plane and crew presently came over from England, and the journey was continued without further incident.

Mrs. Robin MacCallum, who has spent the summer in England visiting her family and getting daughter Elizabeth established in the Brighton and Hove High School, was due to rejoin her Istanbul family on the afternoon of the 19th. Strikes in France caused the cancellation of the weekly Air France plane, so that the date of her return is now uncertain.

More successful travellers by air were Messrs. Ed Sather and Phil Coak, who flew this week from Istanbul to Kayseri in order to begin their three-year term in the Talas American School. We are far from the days when new recruits going to that station spent two weeks toiling in carts across the endless, parched plateau of Anatolia. Or from the day when Cyrus Hamlin asked for authority from the Mission fathers to go by steamer in order to get to America and back during the summer holiday of the Bebek Seminary, and was evasively told that "no missionary has yet travelled by steamer." Being a determined man, by steamer he went, despite the graybeards.

Miss Ruby Peters, has now obtained the necessary visas, and will be taking the Taurus Express on Thursday, going to Aleppo, where the American School for Girls in which she will be teaching has already opened its doors to the waiting crowds of students.

This is the week of school openings in this city also. Heads of schools are holding their breaths or tearing their locks, wondering where they can possibly seat, feed and bed all those who have managed to win their way in.

"Mizmiz Tavşan" the Turkish version of the pre-school child's book, "Fuss Bunny," by Helen and Alf Evers, is about to appear in its second edition. In this edition, the English text has been added to the Turkish, so that even the tiny tots will feel that they are mastering English as well as their mother tongue.

The calendars for 1949, prepared by Miss Dorothy Blatter of the Publication Department, are going out very fast. These consist this year of a single card, envelope size, printed in both English and Turkish, and bearing on the reverse in rich gold and brown the picture of a XVith Century Turkish book-cover.

Word has come from Miss Alice Lindsley at Malta that her ship is expected to reach Istanbul about the 26th. She is returning to Scutari after a summer spent with relatives in America.

Very truly yours,
F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

The MacCallum household has been picking the daisy petals this week to find out when Mrs. Lyman MacCallum may be expected from England. Strikes in Paris cancelled her original Air France booking. Then word came that she would arrive on October 3rd. Now together with her revised report that she will arrive on September 25th comes the rumor that strikes are again tying up Paris. And on October 4th her good husband and News Notes Editor is booked to leave for his annual business trip to the Lebanon. Watch the "Notes" for the next number of this serial.

Professor Wilfred Smith of Lahore and Princeton has been spending a few weeks at the Bible House. Under a Rockefeller scholarship he is making a study of modern trends in Islam. He plans to leave next week for Syria and the Lebanon, and thence to Irak and Iran enroute to an India very different from the one which he left in 1946.

Mrs. Emily Block sailed yesterday for New York on the S.S. Ellen Horn. During her short stay in Istanbul this time it became clear that health would make this her retiring voyage. How many of us here will miss her cheer and energy! She plans to go to Auburndale for the present.

Talas station, however, is gaining in numbers and strength. Last week Phil Cook and Ed Sather flew for the opening of school. Yesterday Dr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Nute drove the station-wagon, which the day before had been released from customs, off of the ferry at Scutari, and headed over the road to Ankara, Kayseri and Talas, returning with their new toy after a busy year's furlough. With them was Miss Elizabeth Lee, who as a trained technician, brings experience and greater efficiency to the clinic laboratory under Dr. Nute's direction. With them also was Mr. John Lee, who has been engaged in archeological work in Istanbul, as alternate driver.

The dog exodus from Istanbul has begun. The imposition by the city government of a Lt. 50. (\$17.86) annual tax on pet dogs has spread consternation into many homes. One result is that Lecky, the Wiley puppy, was another passenger on the Talas-bound beach-wagon this week. Remember, Lecky, when you come to your new home that old residents have many privileges that newcomers must earn the right to, and be a good doggie.

Miss Elizabeth Webb is reported well on the way to recovery from a short illness. Another sign of eternal youth in the older members of our mission. The younger members need a little more maturity, for the Rev. Horace McMullen is in the Beirut University hospital under the verdict of para-typhoid. If one must be sick, it is well to be as sure as Mr. McMullen should be of thots and prayers everywhere turned in his direction.

Professor and Mrs. Albert Sloan left by plane this morning for Beirut where Prof. Sloan will resume his place in the Physics Dept. of A.U.B. after a summer in England. Dr. and Mrs. Richard Kegel of the Medical School at A.U.B. are due to arrive Saturday and depart on Sunday enroute from their summer in Europe.

Schools have started in Istanbul with capacity registrations, but the teacher shortage, due to sickness and late arrival, is acute. Miss Putney has been substituting at Scutari for a week. Miss Ruth Wolfe is due to arrive from Sofia on Monday to join the staff of the same school. The closing of the American Methodist Mission School at Lovetch along with all other foreign schools in Bulgaria brings us this good fortune.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Riggs Brewster are reported to be returning from their vacation in the mountains this coming week already much invigorated. Dr. Ruth Parmelee and party are due to reach Piraeus by S.S. Nea Hellas on September 25th. In the party is Mrs. Brewster's sister, Miss Bush, who is coming to teach in Pierce College.

Very truly,

Walter B. Wiley

Dear Friends:

Mrs. F. Lyman MacCallum did come on Sunday, as was forecast last week, after seeing Elizabeth settled happily in her doctor uncle's home in Brighton from which she goes daily to a school nearby. Mrs. MacCallum saw our friends Canon Hutchinson, who is in charge of a large church in Brighton, and Evelyn Woodward who had come up to London from her home in south Wales for a few days' visit. Both look very well and are as interested as ever in their friends in Turkey.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Russell also have returned from several months in England, visiting especially their children and grandchildren. It is good to have these three friends with us again. Mrs. MacCallum began teaching at the English High School for Girls the morning after her arrival.

A recent letter from Miss Theda Belle Phelps tells of her visit to Katharine Fletcher at Pleasant Hill, Tenn. early in September and her decision to settle there to work with Miss Fletcher in the Uplands Hospital. She says, "Katharine Fletcher is doing a fine work at Uplands. They call her a "receptionist" but that's a fancy name for a twelve hour office job, keeping the patients' records in apple pie order.. She takes wonderful care of her sister and is active in church and community interests."

Miss Phelps writes from Auburndale that she called on Miss Barker twice since her arrival there nine days previous and that Miss Barker had called at the Missionary Home once in that time. Miss Barker was rejoicing in calls from Virginia and Constance Shepard, Prof. and Mrs. Lynn A. Scipio and Luther and Helen Fowle. Mrs. Lee was going to Boston for shopping and also to church in West Newton, after a "wonderful recovery" from her broken hip of thirteen months ago.

We are sorry to hear that Miss Thelma Ingles, formerly of the Istanbul Hospital, has had to delay her return to America by a visit to the American Hospital in Paris.

Letters from Mr. Robert Avery tell of his son, Robert Carl, born the middle of September, and of his plan to spend the next school year in the Hebrew Union Seminary in Cincinnati, where he has a generous fellowship. Congratulations to him and Mrs. Avery and good wishes for the months ahead.

Two guests of Izmir Station, Dr. Willard A. Boling of Van Nuys, California, and Mr. Jean Lue Seylaz of Lausanne, with one of the new teachers at our school, Miss Barbara Burns, recently made an all day trip to the ancient city of Sardis. They visited the site of the temple and climbed to the ruins at the top of the three hundred meter high acropolis. Dr. Boling, formerly professor at Princeton, is traveling in the Near East under the auspices of the Rockefeller Social Science Research Council and will spend the winter in Syria and Lebanon studying the effect of Western civilization on a Near Eastern village. In the fall of 1949 he will take up his duties as professor of history at the University of California at Los Angeles. Mr. Seylaz is a teacher of French at the American University of Beirut. He is a nephew of M. Albert Seylaz of International College, formerly in Izmir. During Dr. Boling's four day visit in Izmir, the two men made other trips to Pergamon and Ephesus.

John Lee, who returned yesterday from his trip to Talas with the Nutes, reports a very pleasant trip, done with three days of driving. They spent two nights in Ankara where the Nutes stayed with the junior Nutes and the new technician, Miss Lee, and John Lee (no relation!) stayed with the Websters. Later John borrowed Dr. Nute's old jeep and drove by himself to see the Hittite remains at Urgup. He reports flying from Kayseri to Ankara in 1 hour and 10 minutes, for TL 35, which is understood to be no more than the cost of first class train with sleeper. I wonder how many days it took Luther Fowle's father when he used to visit the "outstation" of Ankara?

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Putney

Dear Friends:

Luther Fowle sends us the good news that the Raymond Whites, bound for Mardin, and Naomi Foster, returning to Izmir, were to sail on October 2, on the "Khedive Ismail". We hope they are enjoying the Atlantic and will arrive in good time. He also tells us of the death of Miss Isabelle Harley's mother on August 29, a merciful release after many years of increasing weakness of mind and body. Our heartfelt sympathy to Miss Harley and her sister.

On Monday, Bishop Walls of the northeast diocese of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church called on Dr. Birge. After attending the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam, he is making a short visit to various European centers. He was leaving town again in two days.

Dr. H. I. Underwood of Portland, Oregon, formerly a missionary of the American Board at Erzerum, has been visiting Istanbul before and after he made a trip to see his old home under the new conditions. He left recently for America, glad of his contact with the Mission as it is to-day and the New Turkey, so different from what he had known in 1901-1909.

Dr. Carleton has sent us a copy of a news letter to America which gives us also interesting news: (1) Ruby Mae Peters reached Aleppo and was met by the Carletons, Miss Lucas and Miss Cassile (We've heard from her about her happy arrival, on September 25, five days before the American High School for Girls opened) and seems to be settling in very comfortably. (2) Miss Elizabeth Webb has made another "phenomenal recovery, in fact was sitting up in a chair. (3) Horace McMullen had returned home from the hospital but it wasn't sure if he would be able to be at his desk regularly when the N.E.S.T. was formally to open on October 6. (4) Enrollments in the A.H.S.G. and in Aleppo College are ahead of anything in recent years, so far as registration is concerned. The College was to open October 4. (5) Dr. Carleton himself was going down to the inauguration of President Penrose at A.U.B. the end of last week, with the girls going also to the Beirut community school. Mrs. Carleton was going to see them settled in and return after Dr. Carleton. They are both going to teach more this coming year because of the absence of one of their staff who has a scholarship at London University and another must have part time for Arabic study.

Miss Eleanor Mason has recently come to superintend the nurses in the American Hospital in Istanbul. A warm welcome to her.

News from Greece tells of the return of Mr. and Mrs. Brewster from their holiday in Switzerland. They are both looking very well and are happy that Mrs. Brewster's sister Miss Bush has come out to help this year in Pierce College.

Mrs. Blake writes from Izmir, "School has started with 280 in attendance of which 63 are in Ihari A and B. We have a larger Lise this year than ever- more continuity in attendance and fewer failures. We are beginning to feel that the unevenness of the war years is being ironed out. In seven days of school the theater has already served us for three all school assemblies, a boon only those who have gone without a gathering place, as we have for so long, can really appreciate. We are thankful for our first twenty-five years and look forward to the next twenty-five.

Mrs. Maurice Beguin, formerly of Talas and Izmir, writes of his graduation from Hartford Seminary, his ordination in the Central Baptist Church of Hartford, his disappointment that the Baptist Board, due to lack of funds, is not able to send him and Mrs. Beguin to India this summer, as they had hoped and their surprise and joy that the Seminary has given him the two year William Thompson Fellowship which makes it possible for them to go to Geneva to study the ecumenical movement. He and Mrs. Beguin are happy in their little Beatrice, born in April, and are looking forward to the visit to his family. Their address is 90 Leopol Robert, La Chaux-de-Fonds, Suisse, care of M. William Beguin. Congratulations and good wishes from their friends here.

Sincerely yours,
E. W. Putney

Dear Friends:

The American College at Tarsus began its classes on Sept. 22nd with just 200 registered, of whom 111 are boarders and 89 day students. "We are greatly enjoying our Big Four", writes Principal Woolworth of his staff of tutors, Pringle, Helling, Moyer and Savage.

Miss Dorothy Woolworth is now a visiting nurse in Boston, living at the Franklin Square House, and enjoying her work greatly. Her address is: 11 East Newton St., Boston 18, Mass. Bob worked and vacationed with a Boston family at Martha's Vineyard this summer. By now he is busy on his second year at M.I.T., specializing in architecture.

Miss Ruth Shinn is enjoying immensely her work as Executive Secretary of the Y.W.C.A. at the University of Nebraska, wearing her skirts longer, and withal rapidly coming into her own. More power to you, Ruth. The address: Ellen Smith Hall, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebr.

Miss Angeline Ducas, Angie in Istanbul, is now a teacher of English and French at New Britain High School, Conn. We don't care how long you're homesick for Scutari, Angie, there's one way to end the trouble. The address: 49 Lexington St., New Britain, Conn. Miss Ducas spent two very short hours with Mrs. Luther Fowle in Thetford, Vt. recently, and reports her moving on to Boston and New York after the Columbus Day weekend. Jim Fowle is sailing for Europe by the end of the month.

Miss Ruby Peters is enthusiastic about Aleppo, the cordiality of her reception, the modernity of the city, and the prospects ahead.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lyman are this week and next in Izmir.

On Sunday, the 3rd, about 300 people gathered for participation together in the Lord's Supper at Immanuel Church at the Bible House. For this first general observance of World-Wide Communion Sunday in this city eight congregations joined in a service using five languages. Turkish, Armenian, Greek, French and English harmonized admirably. Germans were present, and sang the hymns in their own tongue with everyone else in his own tongue. Only our inability to arrange for the German part of the service prevented the sixth language all the way through. Three ordained ministers and four laymen, two of them preachers and one of these a woman, led the service. The French part was conducted by the Director of the Ottoman Bank in Galata. After the service the immediate call from many sides was, Let us have this again as often as possible. One surprising discovery to those who organized the service was how few hymns are common to all of Protestantism, even though ours is a singing religion. Is there any remedy for this?

Miss Jamie Houser, Assistant to Mr. Donald Webster, American Cultural Attache in Ankara, is a guest at the Bible House with her friend, Miss Florence Larsen of the American Embassy in Teheran. Miss Houser and Miss Larsen are enroute from Athens after a holiday trip in Europe.

Mr. John Lee, also a guest at the Bible House, is happily back at work on Byzantine mosaics in Istanbul under Dr. Whittemore's direction after his recent trip to Talas.

Istanbul Station took advantage of closed offices yesterday, due to the general celebration of Kurban Bayram, Wednesday through Friday, to go on a picnic to the city water supply reservoirs in the Belgrade Forest. Occasional showers could dampen neither the laughter or the luck of these thirteen on the Thirteenth of the month.

Editor Lyman MacCallum is on his annual business trip to Ankara, Beirut and Bagdad. Editor Luther Fowle is combining pleasure with a great deal of hard work in America. And Editor Ethel Putney, when last seen was on her way to Izmir. Anybody's guess who must carry on the News Notes until the rest of the staff returns.

Cordially yours,

Walter B. Wiley

Dear Friends:

Mr. Luther R. Fowle, at work with OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION AT HOME AND ABROAD (Congregational Christian benevolence program for 1949-50) reports himself ready to leave on a six-weeks speaking tour through nine cities ending in Indianapolis. He hoped then to go on to Chicago to contact his own churches in that vicinity.

Through Mr. Fowle Rev. Joseph Beach, now pastor of the Park Congregational Church of Worcester, Mass., sends greetings to his Near East friends everywhere. In this Mrs. Beach would doubtless join him, for many of you knew them both in Talas in Near East Relief days. They have been serving a Universalist Church in Worcester until recently, for ten years.

Istanbul Station is alerted for the arrival on Sunday of the Raymond Whites and Miss Naomi Foster on the S.S. Khedive Ismail. On the same ship we expect to find Dr. and Mrs. St. John Ward who were to have boarded at Beirut enroute from Gaziantep to New York after a very useful year of supplementary service in the hospital where Dr. Ward began his missionary service.

This week Bayanlar Nermin and Güzin Holat were entrained for Gaziantep to join the Nurses' Training School in our hospital there. These two young women were recruited by the enthusiasm of two of their neighbors here who went earlier this fall. And the registration lists for this first class opportunity for a life-long vocation are still open.

Yesterday the Erzerum Postasi brought Mrs. John Scott and Roxanne to town from Talas. Mrs. Scott comes for the continuation of dental work. Miss Scott comes to help her mother through the ordeal. The Mission family extends to Mr. Scott its sincere sympathy for the recent sudden death of his mother.

Miss Lillian Espy, Foreign Department Secretary of the National Y.W.C.A. in New York, is in town with Miss Phoebe Clary of the Service Center. Today she told the Station something of the situation among the Y.W.C.A.'s in Germany, where she had just been a visitor, and where all members of the Y.W.C.A. were perforce members of Hitler Youth but carrying on their Y.W.C.A. activities within the Church during the war.

Miss Ruth Wolfe and Miss Mellony Turner, from the closed American Methodist school in Lovetch, Bulgaria, were a week ago waiting as patiently as possible in a hotel in Sofia for their exit visas. And the school in Scutari and the college in Athens are waiting as patiently as possible for their teachers.

The Beirut News Letter announces a reception on October 15th on board the new S.S. Excalibur as the opening ceremony, inaugurating on this end regular passenger service by the new "Four Aces" of the American Export Lines.

Mr. Lyman MacCallum, we know arrived in Beirut on the 9th, but he has sent us no news release. We are glad to learn that Rev. Horace M. McMullen is home from the hospital a second time and gaining strength.

Let us quote from the Beirut News Letter: "At an impressive ceremony on Friday afternoon (Oct. 8th) Dr. Stephen B.L. Penrose was installed as the fourth President of the American University of Beirut. The large audience included members of the Lebanese government and representatives of the diplomatic corps, the religious communities and various educational institutions. Rev. Daniel Bliss, President of the Board of Trustees of International College, read the passage (I Cor. 3) used by his grandfather when he assumed the presidency of the Syrian Protestant College. The installation address was given by Mr. Harold Hoskins, President of the Board of Trustees of the University....The final address was given by the Lebanese Minister of Education...Among representatives of other institutions were Dr. and Mrs. Alford Carleton of Aleppo and Oberlin, Dean Harold L. Scott of Robert College, and Dean Worth Howard of the University of Cairo."

Sincerely,
Walter B. Wiley

Dear Friends:

The "Khedive Ismail" arrived late Monday night, so that Rev. and Mrs. Raymond White and their son Wesley, Miss Naomi Foster and Dr. and Mrs. Edwin St. John Ward were able to get out of Customs in time to lunch at the Bible House on Tuesday the 26th. The Whites are staying on with the MacCallums for a few days before going on to Talas and Mardin, but Miss Foster, thanks to the help of Mrs. Leslie and Mr. White, was able to get her ton and a half of personal and school boxes through customs in time to take the Wednesday boat to Izmir where she is eagerly awaited. It is good to see people coming to us with boxes, a good sign of their intention to stay on with us. They are very welcome. It was good also to see Dr. and Mrs. Ward who were able to take tea with the Shepards, dinner with the Seelyes and visit the Scutari school the next day before returning to the S.S. Khedive Ismail bound for America. We all wish, as they do, that Dr. Ward's health had allowed them to stay longer in Turkey and hope for them a comfortable voyage.

Dr. Ward tells us of his son Philip's new post as teacher of Bible and other subjects at Mt. Hermon Seminary, near Northfield, Mass. He is to coach soccer and also, in his spare time, be available for preaching in the surrounding churches. It sounds as if he had a heavy program. All his friends in the Mission wish him good success. You remember that Mt. Hermon's resident doctor is another son and former associate in the Mission, Dr. Wilson F. Dodd.

The Istanbul newspaper "Vatan" reports with satisfaction the expected arrival in Turkey to-day of Prof. Arnold Toynbee, whom the paper calls the greatest historian of our times. He is to be the guest of the Turkish Government because he is known to be a sincere friend of Turkey. He will be present at the opening of the Grand National Assembly, deliver two lectures at the Ankara University, tour some districts of Anadolu and then come to Istanbul where he will deliver two lectures at the University here.

Anybody who wants the Publication Department's Christmas cards should order at once for they are just melting away and will not be reprinted.

Mrs. Haas writes that the new tutors there "have taken hold of their work with great interest and enthusiasm. It means so much to have at long last something approaching adequate personnel. The newly repaired building is beginning to look as if it could be moved into soon."

Over Kurban Bayram, seven teachers of our Izmir school, Jacklyn Blake, two graduates of the school, Charlotte Reid of the British Council Izmir staff and four visitors from Istanbul, went to Söke for three days. From there they visited Didyma and Miletus one day, Priene another and returned by way of Ephesus. They had perfect weather, dreadful roads and wonderful hospitality from three families of former and present pupils of the school.

Two of the Istanbul guests were Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Lyman who left the party at Ephesus so as to reach Denizli that evening. There they spent a quiet Sunday, in spite of the crowds who came into the town that day for a large meeting of the Demokrat Partisi. The next day they went in the good old-fashioned way by carriage to Hierapolis and Laodicea and returned on Tuesday to Izmir and the Blakes' home. On Thursday they visited Pergamum and reached home the next day, much refreshed by their glimpses of four of the Seven Churches, other ancient places and the present work of our Izmir school for girls.

Another of the Istanbul guests was the undersigned who went to Izmir on October 8 and returned the 25th, after a very happy visit to Mrs. Helen Haight Orhan and her husband in their hospitable home in the lovely garden above the Sobony installations in Turan and to the friends at the school. Besides going on the Söke and Pergamum trips she saw old pupils from both Gedik Paşa and Scutari and thoroughly enjoyed the leisurely time to visit old friends and to be as lazy as she knew how to be!

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Putney

Dear Friends:

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday last week the Turkish nation was dressed in its best to celebrate the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the Republic. Istiklal Caddesi in Istanbul from Taxim to Galata Saray became the main artery for parade and promenade by the planting in the pavement of massive thirty-foot wooden columns about fifty feet apart surmounted by the lighted figures "Twenty Five" and joined with one another by strings of lights and greenery. Taxim featured a much enlarged reviewing stand, two tall pillasters, and at night colored fountain displays like those at the World's Fair in New York a few years ago. Here and there throughout the city were planted lighted columns and arches in prominent places. The entire city was festooned with flags from almost every house and apartment. A parade blocked the streets of Beyoglu for more than five hours, while thousands milled around and surged in over the street in the rather long intervals between units of the parade. The streets of Beyoglu were full until late at night on all three days, everyone in holiday mood. Well might the nation be proud of the achievements of this quarter century. May the next twenty-five bring as great progress in the inner sources of strength of this awakened people.

On Sunday afternoon the Aynali Çesme Armenian Protestant Church was crowded full in celebration of the forty-first anniversary of the church. A young peoples choir of about twenty voices, gathered for the occasion, was a very fine feature, and brings hopes of a permanent choir for the church.

The election in the United States was followed here with the keenest interest. There is considerable hope that now the policies which have inaugurated the Marshall Plan and the Turkey-Aid Program may be strengthened and carried through to a successful conclusion, with the result of bringing about a more permanent form of peace than we now enjoy so hesitatingly. From a distance this campaign and its conclusion was a clear demonstration of the advantages of our free and democratic institutions.

After six busy days Rev. and Mrs. Raymond White and Wesley left on an early train Monday morning. After a day in Ankara they were to leave for Talas on Wednesday.

Mrs. John Scott and Roxanne, who have been in town for another brief visit, left yesterday sporting some very successful dentistry. They were to stop over in Eskishehir a day with friends before proceeding on to Talas.

There was rejoicing in Scutari last Saturday when Miss Ruth Wolfe and Miss Mellony Turner arrived from Sofia after long and weary waiting. Miss Turner left on Wednesday for Pierce College in Athens, while Miss Wolfe remains to strengthen the staff of the Scutari School and Station here.

According to latest advices Mr. F. Lyman MacCallum was hoping to be leaving Beirut for Bagdad some time this week.

The latest production of the Publication Department appeared a week ago, "YÜZ ELBİSELI KIZ", "The Girl With a Hundred Dresses", written by Eleanor Estes and translated by Seniye Pakalin. It is our first attempt at illustrating the text in color, a story for girls of 9 to 14. A poor Polish girl in America with but one faded dress answers the taunts of her schoolmates with the proud claim she has a hundred dresses. At the annual exhibition she submits a hundred drawings that win the prize, whereupon she presents the best of them to the girls who made her most miserable. Order at one lira.

"Dri" Davis writes from Bad Kissinger 13a, Germany, that his mailing address is World's Y.M.C.A., A.P.O. 62, % Postmaster, N.Y. until next summer. Mrs. Davis is at 1 Ave. de Miremont, Geneva, Switzerland, and Shirley is Headmistress of the Miss Fine School, Princeton, N.J. He writes of crowded Y.M.C.A. services, trumpet choruses of over a thousand, 14 new YMCA buildings, and more than 50,000 children in "Y" summer camps.

Receiving letters from Rev. J. Riggs Brewster from the hospital would seem to indicate returning health and strength. Here's wishing him quickly regained freedom and energy.

Sincerely,
Walter B. Wiley

Dear Friends:

To-day the Istanbul Station had the pleasure of meeting the new ambassador and his daughter at tea at the Bible House. They had already visited the girls' Service Center and afterward went with Ezra Young to the men's Dersane. Since Mr. Wadsworth had been here several times before, during and soon after the first world war, he finds coming back to familiar places and some old friends very interesting and the Mission is happy to welcome him as an old friend and a good one. It happened to be Mrs. Birge's birthday, so our guests joined with us in singing "Happy birthday" as the cake was brought in.

On October 30, old pupils and their husbands were invited to tea at the American Academy for Girls at Üsküdar. About 100 came and seemed to enjoy greatly the chance to see their old friends and to introduce their husbands. After tea and an hour or so of talk, everybody went into the familiar study hall to hear Miss Martin's speech of welcome and to see three short films lent by the USIS. This was the first time the new projector and curtain which the USIS had given the school was used so it gave pleasure to the old pupils as it has done several times since to the present pupils. The School is very thankful to the USIS for this gift.

In the American Academy for Girls in Üsküdar the enrolment is 385 of which 150 are boarders.

From Miss Lucas we hear that the co-educational primary school of five grades run jointly by Aleppo College and the American High School for Girls has 123 pupils of which 56 are girls. In the High School, which includes also the kindergarten and preparatory classes, are 264 pupils.

Anatolia College reports 530 of which 99 are in the preparatory classes. The report was given from Izmir about a month ago but so far no news has come from Talas, Tarsus and Elleniko about their enrolment this year.

It is expected that the Executive Committee of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) will meet at Yildiz Köşkü this week end. Mr. John Marshall of the Rockefeller Foundation was expected to arrive on Friday morning but word has come that he is delayed for 24 hours.

Rev. and Mrs. Jesse R. Wilson, formerly of the Student Volunteer Movement and now of the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, are also expected to arrive on Friday for a very brief visit on their way to India. They will be guests of their old friends, Rev. and Mrs. Walter Wiley, over the one night they are in town.

Plans for the third annual Children's Book Week, which Turkey celebrates with the rest of the world, are well under way. It will begin the 14th and all the week you will be welcome if you visit the exhibition in the exhibition hall of the Eminönü Halk Evi.

The Mission Librarian reports that practically all the books of the last two lists of books to be given away have been distributed and she hopes those who wanted particular books which have gone to others will not be too disappointed.

You will be interested to hear that Mrs. Fowle, after spending six weeks in their home in Thetford, is now settled for the winter with their daughter Joy in New York City (76 Irving Place).

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Putney

Dear Friends:

Going up in the air about anything is not so bad as it used to be. At least Mr. F. Lyman MacCallum thinks that the work of the Bible Societies is worth it. Two weeks ago he was in Beirut. That night he slept in Bagdad. By the fifteenth he was back in Beirut, and today he arrived in Istanbul, satisfied that the work of the Societies is going forward.

Editor MacCallum reports that the Armenian Protestant community of Beirut has been greatly encouraged in receiving an offer from the Friends of Armenia to sell them a valuable piece of property not far from the University for a very modest figure. This property adjoins that of Miss Webb, and until recently was used for school purposes by Miss Annie Davies. If all goes well, on this site the Protestants will build their church and school, and thereby set free for other uses the buildings at the American Mission which they have occupied for so many years.

Mr. John Lee, who has been at work with Dr. Whittemore since last spring uncovering mosaics in former Byzantine churches in Istanbul, completed his term of service last week and on Friday sailed homeward. He expects to set himself up in business in or near Spokane, Wash. To that end he has taken with him many samples of Turkish dried fruits, cereals and handicraft.

Rev. Jesse R. Wilson, Home Secretary of the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, with Mrs. Wilson stayed over the week-end in Istanbul instead of Damascus as originally planned. Mr. Wilson preached at the Dutch Chapel on Sunday morning.

On Sunday afternoon the male choir (36 voices) of St. Vartanans Church in Istanbul under the leadership of Mr. Arsham Kavafian delighted a good audience in the Dutch Chapel with the a capella rendering of Comitas Vartabet's Armenian "Mass". This was the second Armenian "Mass" to be harmonized.

Shoes and clothing for many Bulgarian refugees in the vicinity of Istanbul are being collected at the Dersane and Service Center in Istanbul, and at the Bible Society shop in Beyoglu. Their need is close at our hand.

National BookWeek is in progress with an exhibit in the Istanbul Halk Evi. Children from all over the city and environs are swarming in. The Publication Department of the American Board is cooperating in the exhibit.

Rev. J. Riggs Brewster's recovery has involved an operation, performed at the Evangelismos Hospital in Athens. We hope that the report of satisfactory progress will not have to be amended again.

A letter from Mr. William H. Peet gives his address as 2833 Ross Rd., Ames, Iowa. He reminds us of the origin of the name Istanbul from the Greek words, "eis teyn polin", (into the city).

On November 6th the new railroad station in Marash was opened to the public with ceremonies, and the service from Köprübaşı inaugurated. This thirty kilometer spur, begun in 1946, has cost eight million liras, about \$3,000,000, using American road-building machinery. This line is the projected beginning of a main line from Toprakkale to Elbistan and Goksun and on to Kayseri. When completed, with the extension from Narlı thru Gaziantep, it will be used to shorten the rail from London to Bagdad, and is expected to open up a vast area of undeveloped plains and mountains for economic improvement. A line from Elazig to Van and on to Tatvan to connect with Persian rails is now also projected.

Sincerely,

Walter B. Wiley

Dear Friends:

Beirut was beflagged and aglitter for the opening meetings there of UNESCO on the 17th. The American University was At Home to about 200 delegates on the afternoon of the 20th. Between fetes and official speeches, the delegates were expecting to do serious and valuable work in small committees. Among the exhibits in a special hall, where delegates might acquaint themselves with the history and the products of the Lebanon, the Bible Society had its display. This included a manuscript of the new Arabic version begun just a century ago in Beirut by the ABCFM missionary, Eli Smith, assisted by the distinguished Arabic writers Butrus el-Pistani and Nasif el-Yaziji. This is known as the Van Dyck version, because on the death of Eli Smith, his colleague carried the work to completion. The display showed a New Testament of 1860 into which Dr. Van Dyck had written all the vowellings with astonishing skill and delicacy. Some large Bibles in handsome modern bindings were included and another touch of colour and design was given by the Bible Portions in covers designed from Turkish tiles by Dorothy Blatter.

Thanksgiving day was brightened for a number of his friends by the receipt of letters from the Rev. W. Clark Kerr, written in Cyprus a few hours before he took plane for Scotland. Mr. Kerr believes that this is the end of the Middle East chapter of his life, which began when he came to Istanbul as pastor of the Dutch Chapel in 1931. For the past six months, his church of St. Andrew's has stood in the No-man's-land between Jew and Arab outside the walls of Jerusalem. Despite the nominal truce, shelling and bombing are still a daily occurrence. Yet a group of seventy people of various nationalities were dodging snipers and shells to attend worship in his church. He was able to make arrangements for the continuation of the services and the protection of the property as far as these are possible under existing conditions. He is looking forward to the first Christmas with his mother for twenty-five years. Mr. Kerr may be addressed c/o Church of Scotland Central Offices, Edinburgh.

Word from the Raymond Whites is that they will be leaving Kayseri for their final destination at an early hour of the day after Thanksgiving. They were to have the week-end at Adana and Tarsus. They are naturally very much looking forward to getting "home" and settling down with their household possessions about them.

The third annual exhibit of children's books was held in the salons of the Halk Evi during the past week, and is being extended on a smaller scale throughout the present week. The USIS, the Department of Public Instruction, the Service Center and the Publication Department of the Mission combined with other organizations and with a number of Turkish publishers to make it again an outstanding success. No record was kept of the numbers of visitors, but the halls were generally lively and often crowded during the pupils' free hours. One result of Book Week is that supervision of the Childrens' Library at the Service Center has been ensured for the ensuing year.

Book Week was also observed in some of the Mission Schools. In Tarsus the boys brought out a special magazine of four pages which published the winning essays in the Book Week Essay Contest, and gave, in addition to much library information, the name of one of the favourite books of each teacher.

On December 5th, the services of installation of the Rev. Horace McMullen as Principal of the Near East School of Theology is to be held in the Anglo-American church, Beirut.

Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Graves are spending about a month in Turkey on behalf of the Council of Learned Societies. Mr. Graves is meeting many of both the Turkish and foreign communities with a view to seeking out means by which the more thoughtful American mind can come into understanding contact with contemporary Turkish life and thought.

Very truly yours,

F. Lyman MacCallum

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Tarsus. J. J.
American Board Mission, Post Box 142
Istanbul, Turkey - December 2, 1948.

Dear Friends:

Istanbul has been having extraordinary weather, more winter, in fact, than often during the whole of the months supposed to be winter. The present writer never recalls having seen snow here in the last 29 years, though flurries of snow in the suburbs are reported as taking place once during that time. It snowed most of Thanksgiving Day and the day following, as well as the night before, and on Sunday the temperature at Rumeli Hisar was reported to be 27 degrees Fahrenheit at 7:30 in the morning. Only now after two days of rain is the snow melted.

On Thanksgiving Day the Shepards, the Birges and the Wileys entertained to dinner the rest of the Station members with a few other friends. All enjoyed a very happy day.

Mr. Richard Maynard arrived Sunday from Tarsus, coming to buy a Delco plant for our school there, so that regular and continuous electric current might be available for laboratory and other uses. He left by air this morning on his return.

The registration in this school, Tarsus American College, is exactly 200, of which 111 are boarders, 33 are in the Preparatory class, 86 in the Middle school and 81 in the Lise.

Miss Mabel Long, writing from Pierce College in Elleniko, Greece, reports a good beginning of their school year with 375 girls in their secondary school and 175 in their College department. Thanks to the installation of an oilburning cooking range, they are able this year to provide hot lunches to sixty of their day pupils, in addition to regular meals for boarders, staff and servants,

Mr. Fowle reports that he was expecting to finish his first Mid-west trip in time to spend Thanksgiving with Mrs. Fowle and daughter Joy in New York. They expected to have Richardson join them from College.

The Publication Department suggests that if you want suitable presents for Turkish boys and girls you might like to order soon one of the recently published books, - "The Hundred Dresses" (Yüz Elbiseli Kiz) for girls, "George Carver, Boy Scientist" (Corc Karvir, Fen Çocugu) for boys, or the bilingual edition of "Fussbunny" (Mizmiz Tavşan) for small children who are just learning to read.

The Turkish newspapers have been telling with some amusement and great interest of the reward which came to an American named Root who was given a chance to come to Istanbul for his Thanksgiving dinner for telling correctly in one of the radio quizzes who was the first president of Turkey. When the gentleman arrived, bringing all the things necessary for his dinner, he found the Turkish food so plentiful and excellent, that he disposed of his American food and enjoyed a good Turkish dinner. We might hope that he gave some American a chance to enjoy the cranberry sauce that he surely had with him! The newspaper asks if any one of them would get a chance to eat a dinner in New York if he said that Washington was the first president of the United States!

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Putney

Dear Friends:

Uncover your October copy of Advance, and you will find a number of names familiar in the Near East. A picture and article about Editor David D. Baker of the Evangelical and Reformed Church Messenger is prominent. Mr. Baker was a tutor at Robert College from 1921 to 1924, going from here to Japan. Two articles in this October number are from his pen, "Britain Today" and "The World Council Constituted". George P. Michaelides, formerly of the School of Religion in Athens, and now President of Schauffler College in Cleveland, writes on "The Orthodox Church - What and Where is It?" Among the book reviews is one by Rev. John E. Merrill, D.D. of Beacon N.Y. on "Jesus, Son: a Prayer by Nerses the Grace-filled", a twelfth century prayer-poem translated from the Armenian by Mrs. Henry K. Wingate, Mrs. Wingate, as Jane Caroline Smith, learned Armenian as a child in Merzifon, and then spent most of her own missionary days in Talas. Finally there is the announcement of the call of Rev. David J. Julius, who was a teacher in Aleppo College from 1927 to 1930, from Associate in the Plymouth Church in Minneapolis to the church in Pullman, Washington. September Advance has an article about Fres. Michaelides of Schauffler, written by Everett W. Macnair, and the November number contains another article from Fres. Michaelides' pen, "Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant: Their Likenesses and Differences". This same number describes a work which has taken a number of our Near East Mission teachers, both men and women, for much of their summer vacations and returned them with inspiring stories of practical international friendship as the foundation of peace - "International Work Camp - a la College Cevenol".

Welcome news comes of the election to the Prudential Committee of the American Board of Rev. Frederick H. Thompson, of the Woodfords Congregational Church of Portland, Me. Mr. Thompson was a teacher in the Erenkby School from 1928 to 1931.

One of the victims of fog-bound Europe recently was Mr. John Lee, who was detained in Paris. Perhaps he was not so much victim after all, for he made use of the time to add materially to his collection of samples with which he hopes shortly to start an import business. Some folks are actually victims of luck rather than calamity.

The Turkish newspapers encourage us to hope that we shall soon be so victimized. It seems that there is serious discussion of allowing duty-free entrance into the country of dutiable goods up to the value of Lt. 100. Be sure to remember, however, that this privilege is not yet a fact.

The newspaper Vatan recently gave two thirds of a double column on its front page to a picture and article concerning the United Nations' selection of the most beautiful woman. This year, among the thirty-eight nations gathered at the annual ball in Washington, a Turkish girl, Belkis Temel received the honors. Before Miss Temel went to America with her parents a number of years ago, she was a pupil at the American Academy for Girls at Scutari with her older sister. The Attorney General Tom Clark is reported to have crowned Miss Temel the queen of the year with a diamond studded crown given by Napoleon to Queen Josephine in 1805. The entire ballroom was quickly filled with Turkish flags and much spontaneous clapping as soon as the selection took place.

The Quarterly News Letter for October has arrived from Anatolia College in Thessaloniki, Greece. 530 students are enrolled this year. Of these, 50 girls and 49 boys are in the Preparatory classes. This is a record registration. And the tuition of \$650 for boarder and \$190 for day pupils is also the highest ever. At the Alumni Center in the city 500 are enrolled in courses in English, American Literature, and Stenography. Only the lack of typewriters prevents the enrollment being much higher. Students from the college, under the direction of Miss Nichols of the Congregational-Christian Service Committee are busy with welfare work for the refugees from the guerrilla-attacked villages of Macedonia. The College is asking help to the extent of \$50,000. to carry on adequately this year.

Sincerely,

Walter B. Wiley

Dear Friends:

Seeing Turkey from the air may have its difficulties and thrills if your flight is on December 2, as was the case with Mr. Richard Maynard, returning to Tarsus after a week in Istanbul. A snowstorm in Ankara kept the machine grounded in Istanbul till past noon. They flew through cloud all the way to the capital, where the scheduled pause of one hour was cut to ten minutes. The rest of the flight was all in cloud, though a few bumps indicated that the Taurus mountains were being crossed. Over the sea they found the clouds dispersed, but when they reached Adana, the clouds were almost to the ground. So the pilot put back over the sea till he found a window in the cloud, through which he dived, and skimmed home just above the hedgerows. By this time darkness had fallen, and the landing strip was outlined with lanterns.

Drs. Lorrin Shepard and King Birge left on the 16th for a brief business trip to Ankara.

Mrs. E. T. Leslie expects to spend Christmas with Mrs. John Seager and grandchildren in Izmir.

The Christmas pageant and music are to be given in the Bible House apartment on the afternoon of the 18th. The arrangements are largely in the hands of the Scutari ladies. On the evening of Thursday, the 23rd, mission members will gather at the apartment for a supper to be followed by carol singing.

At the Dutch Chapel the festival will include a Christmas Sunday service on the 19th, with two choirs and a soloist assisting in the singing, in which our friends from the Crimean Memorial Church will come to the Dutch Chapel; and on Christmas morning, the 25th, at 10:30, the Christmas Day service, again with two choirs and a soloist.

Writing from her new address at 404 Jackson, Mankato, Minn., Mrs. Harry Meyering tells of their happy life in a small college apartment. Harry is enjoying his College responsibilities very much. Son Ralph is a College Freshman, while son Don is attending the 9th grade in College Training School. As their apartment is available to them for one year only, Fern is devotedly house hunting.

Miss Jean Jillson sends greetings from her home at 536 W. 6th St., Claremont, Calif. to her friends in Turkey. She mentions that Miss Harriet Norton (Gaziantep, Aleppo) has come to live at Pilgrim Place. She is with the Mardens for the present, but hopes in time to get a small apartment where she can live with her rugs and other mementos of a long life in Turkey.

The U. S. Secretary for War, Mr. Kenneth Royall, is expected in Ankara tomorrow. On Saturday he will be in Istanbul, and will leave early the following morning.

Mrs. L. O. Lee has given up her apartment in Auburndale, and is comfortably settled in a room in Barton House, in the Mission Home across the street.

Miss Belle Harley writes of meeting Mrs. Emily Block, Miss Theda Belle Phelps and Mr. Luther Fowle. Profiting by the occasion, the entire party drove over to visit Miss A. M. Barker in her pleasant room at the nursing home. Mrs. Block planned to spend Thanksgiving with Miss Harley in the latter's home at 51, Wilcox Ave. Pawtucket, R.I.

Distribution of Scriptures in Turkey in the year just closed amounted to 345 Bibles, 1001 New Testaments and 6932 Portions, making a total of 8278 Scriptures. This represents a very slight reduction on the distribution of the previous year. Over 5800 copies of the above total were in Turkish. French was the second language, with 433 copies.

Very truly yours,

E. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

One of the nicest features of the Christmas celebration is the news one has of old friends, many from whom one hears at no other time of the year. The following is for all of us:

"We send Christmas greetings to all members of our Mission",
Helen and Luther Fowle.

That came a few days ago by cable. Then various former members of the Mission send greetings to their friends here: Evelyn Woodward (address, - 33 New Road, Haverfordwest, South Wales) who thinks "this end chapter of one's life almost the most interesting"; Mrs. A. C. Ryan (910 Enderby Drive, Alexandria, Va.) who is always glad to have news of old friends; Miss Fanny G. Noyes (321½ West Lorain St., Oberlin, Ohio); Mrs. Emily Block who longs to return shortly; Eleanor Aetchum Horn (1329 E. Capitol St., Washington 3, D.C.) who still enjoys Washington and was glad to see Luther Fowle this fall; Charlotte Reid (Box 1625, Atlantic Beach, Florida) who is enjoying her new niece and nephew and hopes to see the Fowles.

Miss Dwight writes from Mardin that "the Whites are settling in very happily and quietly" and are already enjoying meeting the people of the city.

There is news of travelers. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harlow and their two children are arriving to-day by air from Elleniko to spend Christmas with the Birges; Mrs. Leslie left yesterday for Izmir to spend Christmas with her grandchildren and their parents; and from Izmir, it is reported that Misses Barbara Burns, Betty George and Ruth McClintock started south on the 17th, the first to spend Christmas in Tarsus and the other two to go on to Aleppo.

All her many friends who have known her during a generation or more here in Istanbul will regret the passing of Mme. Tubini, mother of the late Prof. Bernard Tubini, and think with much sympathy of her lonely daughter-in-law and her grandchildren.

Approximate figures for literacy in Turkey were given this week in the Assembly by the Minister of Education. The total population above the age of seven is estimated to be fourteen million six hundred and twenty-two thousand. Of these 5,469,000 can read and write, while 9,153,000 are illiterate. This gives an average literacy of 36.6%, 50.8% of the male and 22.5% of the female population being literate. According to the 1935 census the average literacy was 20.4%, men forming 33.2% and women 10.5% of this figure. There are 1,487,000 children in the primary schools of the country. Sixteen thousand villages have schools and 20,000 are still without.

Do you know these lines from Lawrence Housman's "Little Plays of St. Francis"?

"Light looked down and beheld Darkness.
'Thither will I go,' said Light.
Peace looked down and beheld War.
'Thither will I go,' said Peace.
Love looked down and beheld Hatred.
'Thither will I go,' said Love.
So came Light and shone.
So came Peace and gave rest.
So came Love and brought Life.
And the Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us."

Was that all ever more true than to-day?

A happy Christmas to you,

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Putney