

Dear Friends:

"Long life to you -- till then," is the hearty wish of his friends to the unfortunate gentleman in the "Mikado" who is to be decapitated a month from the day on which these good wishes are tendered. Inevitably something of that "till then" creeps into one's calculations as one wishes others -- including all the readers of this News Letter -- joy and happiness during 1951.

On December 29th, while Virginia and Lorrin Shepard were entertaining the MacCallums in a joint celebration of the birthday of absent daughters Elizabeth (19) and Constance (17), a cable was on its way from Washington State announcing the birth to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shepard of a first child -- Susan Elizabeth. Congratulations to grandparents, parents and to Susan Elizabeth Herself for choosing such suitable relatives.

A small surplus of the 1951 English calendars, both those with pictures and those with the coloured arabesque border, are available from the Publication Department at half-price, with the additional inducement that postage on lots will be paid in Turkey. Postage abroad will have to be charged at about 70 kuruş for packets of 25 calendars. Orders will be welcomed from those who wish to send these to their home churches or to other friends, and the Department will gladly fill orders received from America.

The last home of the Virgin Mary, where she lived with the Apostle John, and also her tomb, have been re-discovered in the hills about twenty miles from Ephesus, near Izmir. The Tourist Bureau asked the undersigned to collect funds in America from the wealthy-pious (so numerous among the strange North American fauna) with which to build a pilgrim road to this long-deserted Byzantine shrine, in which the Turkish press is taking a considerable interest. The discovery of the Virgin's tomb in the same year in which the Pope proclaims her bodily assumption, which is to say, her ascent to heaven, suggests a theologico-archaeological discrepancy of which we make a New Year's present to the many learned readers of this weekly sheet.

Christmas at Mardin was celebrated with a pageant on the 24th, and a gift exchange party for about 80 on the 27th. On Bible Sunday there was an informative display of Scriptures in 16 languages and in a variety of editions.

The circulation of Scriptures within Turkey for the year 1950 amounted to 660 Bibles, 1036 New Testaments and 14,908 Portions, making a total of 16,604 copies. This is the largest distribution since 1942, when it passed 20,000. Turkish takes, naturally, the first place with a total of nearly 14,000 copies, with Modern Greek following second, with 876 copies.

At a reception given at the British Embassy, Athens, during the recent visit of the Princess Elizabeth, Miss Helen Nichol, principal of Pierce College, and her sister were among those who had the honour of being presented to the Princess.

Mrs. Lydia Flint, who came to Turkey with the Near East Relief and remained at International College, Izmir, writes from 802 West Genesee St., Syracuse, N.Y. sending greetings to all her Turkey friends. Frailty and failing eyesight make it impossible for her to greet them individually as she would wish.

Yours sincerely,

F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

The news to-day comes largely from the numbers of letters and cards our friends send us at Christmas time. I hope there is not too much repetition of news that you yourself have received direct.

Greece: Christmas Sunday in Athens was a busy one for Rev. Paul Olander, formerly a naval chaplain. A nine o'clock service on US naval vessels visiting Hellenic waters was followed by the 11 o'clock service at St. Andrew's Church of which Mr. Olander is acting pastor. The beautiful little church on the slope of Lycabettus was crowded again at 11:30 p.m. for a carol and candle lighting service which ushered in Christmas Day.

On the 28th, Athens Station gathered for a holiday dinner party. Next morning Miss Nichol was off for Rome., Misses Bieser and Tooby for Crete, Misses Johnson and Sleator for points east, perhaps Syria and Miss Henry "off somewhere".

Miss Gilkerson of Salon'ki sends greetings to her friends in Turkey and remembers very happily her visit here in the summer of '49.

The Deweys write of their seventh grandchild, Lynda Susan, daughter of their daughter Elizabeth. Mrs. Dewey writes also of their joy in the rest of the grandchildren, only two of whom they have seen. They expect that Lynda's doctor husband will be called into service any time now and that Edward also will be in uniform soon. Gaziantep Station celebrated Christmas as usual with a Christmas Eve service and party for the nurses and the families living on the compound, the Station Christmas dinner at the Iselys'. Then were to come a New Year's party for all their workers and their families and some recognition of the Armenian Christmas for their Armenian nurses.

Flora Manwell Stene writes happily of the joy she and John have with their two children in their own new house and garden in Lafayette, Indiana. The older child, Ingrid, is enjoying first grade.

Angie Ducas (ex-Scutari staff) is very busy with her teaching in Framingham, work for a Master's degree from Boston University, and helping the Latin teacher in the High School keep house at Ap. 10, 154 Union Ave., Framingham, Mass.

Margaret Hinman, of Merzifon and Izmir, writes from her new address, 1616 Birch St., Forest Grove, Oregon, "I love the Northwest best of all this earth but there are times when I wish I were in the East". She hopes her old friends on furlough from Turkey will be sent in her direction on speaking errands, so that she can see them.

Edith Sanderson Adkins, of Bursa and Antioch, writes of her family and tells us her new address, 123 Clinton Place, Hackensack, N.J., just across the Hudson from upper New York. Her husband, Leslie J. Adkins, "has opened an office near Columbia and goes to Plainfield three times a week where he does the psychological diagnostic testing at the Mental Hygiene clinic there...Sally Ann and her husband live in Fall River, Mass., where he is starting his law practice. Beverley has a job this year but expects to return to college next fall. The boys will graduate from Andover in June."

Mardin. The Whites received a cable from Boston January sixth reporting the birth of a grandson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert White. "Mother and babe are doing well."

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Putney

Dear Friends:

Cable report is received of the death on January 14 of Miss Diantha Dewey of Mardin Station. Funeral on the 18th. Miss Dewey was born of missionary parents in Abeih, Syria; graduated from Oberlin in 1903; and has served as teacher and in general work in Mardin from 1905 till her retirement in 1949. Hers has been a life of simplicity and devotion: for years she kept lonely vigil in Mardin, through war years and beyond, thus making possible the present renewed work in that important center.

Miss Mary L. Matthews who served in Macedonia from 1888 to 1920, and was head of the Girls School in Monastir, died on the last day of 1950.

Leslie-Seagers: Homeward bound to Izmir after some months' holiday in England, Mrs. Leslie's three granddaughters are down with measles in Athens. Their Mother remains with them, while John Seager returns alone to Izmir, picking up in Istanbul for the winter vacation his daughter Fay, now a student in the Community School.

A faithful associate of Dr. Caroline Hamilton and Miss Elizabeth Trowbridge, Bayan Meryem Kalayciyan, died on January 7th at the Aintab Hospital, after two days' illness. For 29 years she had served in the clinic and in other capacities - one of the many whose devoted service is the backbone of our school and hospital work in this area.

Mr. Robert Francis Ogden, formerly associated with the Presbyterian Mission in Syria/Lebanon, now of the Congressional Library in Washington, is spending several weeks in this area, establishing relationships with agencies through whom desired publications may be acquired by the Library. He is lodging with the MacCallums.

Dr. William Nute, Jr. and Mr. Luther Fowle spent several days in Ankara last week. Instructions have been given by the Ministry of Health that Dr. Nute is authorized to take over the direction of the Adana American Clinic, in succession to Dr. Cyril Haas, who has completed 40 years of unique service in that Hospital and Clinic.

Dr. and Mrs. Haas are making their plans for return to America in the spring, possibly with visit to friends in Beirut en route. But Dr. Haas is not through. Subject to Board approval, he has accepted appointment to the Staff of the Hospital at Pleasant Hill, Tenn. Mrs. Haas still carries a substantial teaching schedule at Tarsus School. But both are looking forward eagerly to joining their children in America, and opening a new page of activity in the homeland.

USIS Movies. Raymond White reports that on January 5th Movies were shown by the visiting USIS team, to which the Governor and Department Heads were invited. Other groups were invited on following evenings, 120 crowding into the re-decorated "Fenenga Room" on the 8th. Teachers of the Mardin schools were guests on the 9th, while this week, weather permitting, the team with Mr. White takes to the road, to show films in several centers to the east.

The Eternal Feminine. There has been wide interest in the Turkish press in "Mohini", a young lady elephant presented to the children of Turkey by Mr. Nehru. Her health, her diet, the kilos of good things she daily consumes, her picturesque mahout, the heated apartment available to her in Ankara - all have had well deserved attention. But alas - "bigger and better elephants" are not merely a Yankee invention. Now Azadi has arrived, twice as big as Mohini, and gift to Turkey from Pakistan! She too has gone to Ankara, and all rejoiced that each would have company. But alas - no sooner did they meet than violence ensued and with difficulty did both sets of mahouts separate the gentle ladies. Yet it is hoped that this rivalry need not have an adverse bearing on the Kashmir settlement.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Rev. Ernest C. Partridge, formerly of Sivas, and Izmir, sends his greetings to his many friends from Valparaiso, Florida. At the age of 80 he is well, and still going strong, (as Executive Secretary of the County Tuberculosis Association), the only man of his college and seminary classes still in regular, active work.

Mr. and Mrs. Siegfried Friedlieb of the Bible Societies' Beirut office are guests for several weeks of the MacCallums in this city, where they are combining business conferences with Mr. Lyman MacCallum and sight-seeing trips.

Pres. Carleton writes that Rev. Leslie Farmer is the new general Secretary of the Bible Lands Mission Aid Society in London, succeeding Mr. Harold R. Gardiner.

This coming week-end Dr. J. L. Dodds of the Presbyterian Mission Board and (President of the Trustees of Aleppo College) was expected to spend two days in Beirut where Dr. and Mrs. Carleton were going to meet him.

Aleppo College expects to receive a visit on January 16th from Dr. Park Johnson, the new Field Secretary of the Syria-Lebanon and other Presbyterian Missions in the Near East.

The Ernest E. Ramsaurs (Mrs. Ramsaur was Helen Barnum) who spent several years in Istanbul in the American Consulate and U.S.I.E., are now with the American Consulate in Bremen.

At the end of December, 1950 there remained of the 5000 copy edition of the English-Turkish new REDHOUSE Dictionary, 952 bound and 1425 unbound copies. The dictionaries went on sale a year ago in January and there continues to be a steady demand for them. It will not be long before a new edition will need to be printed.

Mr. Wm. S. Woolworth points out that there are about 60 copies still on hand of the letter concerning the Tarsus Building project in the Authorized Specials for this year. He will be glad to send copies to any who can still use them.

Mr. Woolworth left on Thursday for Ankara on business and to conduct the monthly Sunday service for the American Community there.

Westward Ho! With "Festival of Britain" added to Europe's usual attractions, 1951 is expected to be a year of heavy tourist traffic across the Atlantic. Homeward reservations have already been made for Savage, Moyer, 3 Blakes, Lake, Putney, Blatter, George, Burns, Wolsted, Brown, while applications are in for 4 Scotts and Miss Engle.

New schedules permit Istanbul travellers to leave this city by Turkish boat on alternate Fridays at noon, due in Piraeus at 11 on Saturday, whence the passenger sails at 5 p.m. on the Export Line Ace boats, due in Boston 17 days later, and New York on the following day.

The Protestant Church service in Mardin on January 21st was a Memorial Service for Miss Diantha Dewey. Moslems, Syrian Jacobite, and Catholic friends were also present to pay their tribute of respect. The Church was crowded, the service being conducted in three languages - Turkish, Arabic, and English. It was a fitting tribute to a life lived with disinterested service to all, upheld through lonely years by a deep faith.

Very truly yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

The Mission Secretary, Mr. W. S. Woolworth, spent the week-end in Ankara in an effort to give another push to the application of the Talas school for permission to add classes of Lycee grade. During his stay in the capital, Mr. Woolworth took charge of the Sunday worship of the American church in that city.

On Wednesday it was the turn of the Mission Treasurer, Mr. Luther Fowle, to measure off the miles to Ankara, again in the interests of the American doctors and hospitals operating in this country.

Chaplain Ivan Bennett of the Far East Command writes from Japan under date of January 9: "The Chaplain of the division to which the (Turkish) Brigade is attached has contacted a graduate of one of the mission schools, who helps him find the Christian men. We find that men in hospitals are glad to get the Turkish Testaments because they want something they can read, and the distribution is not confined solely to professing Christians."

Miss Elizabeth MacCallum arrived from England on Tuesday, to spend several months with her parents at the Bible House.

A letter from Miss Blemker reports that Miss Alice Reed of the China mission will be ready to sail for Turkey in April. She will be joining the staff of the Scutari school.

Dr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Riggs, late of Anatolia College, Thessalonika, have settled in the Auburndale cottage, 165 Grove Street. Both of them will be travelling and speaking in the interests of the college and of Greek relief.

A new edition of the Turkish New Testament is in the press, as the previous edition of seven thousand, printed in 1943, is now nearly spent. The paper of this new edition will be the same as that of the Bible, which will make a thinner and more attractive book than has been the case with previous editions of the Testament in Roman characters.

It is perhaps slightly unusual for a mother to have her first baby on the tenth and her second on the twenty-third of the same month. But Saisie Hibbard Pratt (Gaziantep) was never one to let precedents cramp her style. So within two weeks of the announcement of the birth of daughter Rebecca to the Rev. and Mrs. Melvyn Pratt of 934 Ramona St., Palo Alto, California, along came Ronnie, the seven year old Polish orphan whom the Pratts had been awaiting for adoption for years. A week later Mr. Pratt was recalled for active duty with the army. Presumably Saisie is also on active duty with the family and the cows.

"South of the Clouds" is the title of the film showing the work of the Presbyterian Mission in Syria and Lebanon made by a team of professionals. The Beirut News Letter reports that this film was given the prize as the best religious film of the year at the Cleveland Film Festival of 1950.

Mr. and Mrs. Siegfried Friedlieb, of the Bible Society, Beirut, left by Taurus Express on Monday after two weeks in Istanbul on Bible Society business.

World Day of Prayer Service in English will be held in the Dutch Chapel on Friday, February 9 at 17:00.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward C. Riggs, missionaries in Shaowun, China, have now reached Madura, India, where Dr. Riggs will assist in the medical work until such time as return to China becomes advisable.

Yours sincerely,

F. Lyman MacCallum

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 7, there will be an hour of Lenten Music at the MacNeal House at five o'clock every Wednesday and Friday until Easter. All are welcome. On Sunday, February 11, at five o'clock, there will be an organ recital at Robert College by Mr. David R. Fuller.

Before long the arrival is expected in Ankara of the new chaplain for both the Military and the State Department personnel there. He is Rev. Carey M. Young, formerly connected with the Visual Materials Department of the American Bible Society and since going back to the chaplaincy has served as Visual Materials Consultant in the Chief Chaplain's office.

Miss Connie J. Roberts, sister of Mrs. Lyman MacCallum, was released by death last week from an illness lasting over twenty years, of which the last ten years were spent entirely in bed.

Miss Long writes from Athens, "We are having somewhat of an epidemic of influenza and the Department of Health has ordered all the schools closed for ten days. Rather awkward for us, when we had just started our mid-year examinations and most of our students had already had a turn at the flu. It gives us time, however, for catching up on correspondence and committee meetings."

Term? Workers: From Log Cabin to White House. This Mission is delighted that its Margaret Blemker, who "termed" in Izmir from 1945 to 1948 now 'sits on Beacon Hill' as Foreign Secretary for the Near East, for the American Board. We have also run across a letter of December 1, 1928, transmitting to Boston the travel expenses from Willinocket, Maine to Istanbul of a tutor to serve in the Erenkby Boys' School. He's still in Maine, but in a great church in Portland. He also is Chairman of the Prudential Committee of the American Board - Fred Thompson.

Adana American Clinic. Dr. and Mrs. William Nute, Jr. are back in Talas, whence they will move with their children and impedimenta to Adana about February 20th. A week later Dr. and Mrs. Haas start for Beirut, whence they plan to sail on March 27th on the S.S. "Excalibur," for Boston. They have the joy of knowing that their stay of four years beyond three-score and ten has been a major contribution to arrangements which assure the continuance of the Clinic into years to come.

Turkish proverbs say much in few words. Last week a high official in Ankara who does not show his years, and who has long known and admired Dr. Haas, disputed the statement that he has reached age of retirement. When told that he, like Dr. Haas, had the general public fooled in the matter of age, he replied "Dogru sbyleyeni dokuz kbyden kovarlar" - he who speaks truth is driven from nine villages.

Bernice McKinnon Rodgers of Robert College is in her sixth year as office manager of the Department of Physical Education at Vassar College in which department 800 girls are registered. In the Adult Education Program of the Arlington High-School where her son attends, she is this year taking a course in Bird Identification, while she is employed certain evenings as a taxi dispatcher. Her greetings to old timers who remember her.

Three new bi-lingual books are announced by the Publication Department: "Once Emek, Sonra Dilek" (Pelle's New Suit), 50 kuruş; "Hazreti Isanin Hayati" (The Story of Jesus), a "paste-in" book for 1 lira; "Yeni Kardeş" (The New Baby) a "paste-in" Golden Book, selling for T.L. 1.25. A reprint of "Up from Slavery" will come off the press shortly.

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Putney

Dear Friends:

A Century Ago: Born, at Fall River, Mass. February 14, 1851,
William Wheelock Peet.

Gedik Pasha Church Building: For forty years worship in this Church has been conducted in the ground floor assembly room, the First World War having stopped effort to erect the main sanctuary and steeple. With some thousands of liras of earlier resources still available, the church people are getting ready to help themselves. On February 11th in a special gathering, they contributed and pledged some Three Thousand Liras toward completing their Church. Gifts from other friends may be sent to the Mission Treasurer.

At 85 Sherman St., Hartford, Dr. Birge is steadily working on the Research Project to which, with Rockefeller Fund resources, he is to devote the next three years. Extensive bibliographical notes on 19th Century social life, beliefs, and practices, is one part of the preparation; and study of these backgrounds will be made in the first quarter of 1951.

Born: To Robert and Gene Shepard, on February 11th a daughter. Name: Virginia. A fourth grand-daughter to Lorrin and Virginia of our Mission.

Group student travel is quite the style in Turkey, and our Izmir Girls' School makes this a feature of their spring vacation. Last year's party visited the Hatay area, with stops along the way in Anatolia. This year, the plan calls for steamer from Izmir to Athens, continuing to Thessaloniki where the birthplace of the founder of the Turkish Republic - Kemal Atatürk - will be visited. The return trip will be through Thrace, with stops at Adrianople and Istanbul. Thirty students and five teachers plan to be of the party.

Visual Education. Typical of what is possible with the new station-wagon, and film strips. Early in February Raymond White made a one evening visit to a village near his Station, where three films were shown - 1. The Marshall Plan. 2. Southwestern States. 3. Childhood of Jesus. These were received with deep interest by the Syrian Christians of the village, who gather each Sunday for worship morning and evening, under the leadership of a devout layman of the village, formerly a school-teacher.

The Aktines movement in Greece is one of professional men within the Orthodox Church, working for the deepening of spiritual life within the great Eastern Church. In December, Rev. Paul Olander spoke to one thousand members of this group on "Christian America": later speaking to 500 university students on the same topic. He also is a member of the group working on policies and publications for the Aktines movement. Another of the movement is the personal Chaplain of the King, who himself recently visited Thessaloniki in the interest of this movement. In fact, His Majesty has turned over part of his property for the use of the Aktines Group. This interest in the spiritual life of the Greek people was the topic of mutual interest, when some weeks ago the King received Mr. Olander and Rev. Horace McMullen, of Beirut, Principal of the Near East School of Theology.

Now that young David is a sturdy eleven months, Mrs. Olander is again taking outside duties in addition to the constant entertaining in her own home. She teaches English to a class of 25 Armenian girls at Dergouti, and hopes to start a similar class shortly at Kokkinia.

Schools in the Athens area have been closed for some days due to the flu, and Boarding students and teachers at Pierce College were in quarantine during the last week of January. Classes were continuing just the same.

Ambassadors and Ministers of the United States in the Near East area are in periodic conference in Istanbul, with Mr. McGhee representing the State Department at this gathering.

Very truly yours,
Luther R. Fowle.

Dear Friends:

Notice has been received of a Memorial Service arranged by the Armenian Evangelical Union of Syria and the Lebanon on Sunday, February 18th and held at the Community Church of Beirut (formerly Anglo-American Church), in honor of their devoted friends and associates, Miss Elizabeth Webb and Miss Martha Frearson.

From the Beirut News Letter we learn that an unusual conference was held in Beirut the week of February 12-17th under UNESCO auspices. Representatives from many countries in Asia and Africa were gathered to study the problem of a unified Braille system for Arabic and other languages. About half the regular delegates were themselves blind. Sir Olutha MacKenzie, world expert on Braille, attended as representative of UNESCO. Mr. Subhi Tahir Dajani, blind, and head of the Blind School in Ramallah, was chairman of the conference. Exhibits were on display from the Blind Schools of the Swiss Friends of Armenia and the British Syrian-Lebanese Mission.

Units of the U.S. Mediterranean fleet came into the harbor yesterday for a routine visit which will last over the week-end. Members of the American Community are co-operating in entertaining the sailors at the U.S.O. Canteen, open daily from Thursday thru Monday, February 26, at the Union Française.

Cinema houses in the city are showing a Turkish film portraying the training, departure and travel of the Turkish troops who went to Korea. The film follows them thru some battle scenes, care of wounded in Tokyo hospitals. Miss Dorothy Woolworth assisted in the latter scenes, as an American nurse caring for the soldiers there, tho actually the wounded men pictured had come home to convalesce in Turkish hospitals in this city.

During Lent, a service is being held at the Union Church (Dutch Chapel) on Thursday afternoons at five o'clock.

Train Communication with Europe. The Istanbul Press reports re-establishment of the Simplon Express between Athens and Paris via Thessaloniki and Yugo-slavia, with the first train from Athens crossing into Yugo-slavia on February 16th. Three times a week a train from Istanbul goes across Thrace to Thessaloniki (not entering Bulgaria), where it meets the Athens section of the train and crosses the Yugo-slavian border at Gevgeli and thence onward to Belgrade, Trieste, Venice, and beyond.

A reprint of "Up from Slavery", -"Kölelikten Kurtuluş" has just come off the press, the Publication Department announces. This sells for Lt. 1.25.

Miss Martin and the Scutari Staff are happy in the news from Boston of a gift of \$5000. for a new building at the Scutari school, from Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Jewett of Spokane, Washington. Mr. Jewett has extensive lumbering interests. Mrs. Jewett was a classmate at Wellesley of Ruby Birge, and the Jewetts are known to Miss Lake who recently wrote them about the school where she is teaching this year. Last year Mrs. Birge escorted the Jewetts, who were here on a cruise, on a visit to Scutari where they enjoyed especially the apple-pie dessert of that day.

Yesterday the Scutari School was visited by a group of twenty young Turkish men from the Political Science department of the University of Ankara who are investigating systems of teaching. In this city they have visited the French schools and American Colleges, among others. Classes were visited and tea was served the men later. Needless to say this unusual visit caused considerable flutter among the girls.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

First copies of a biography of our late friend, Dr. Jesse Marden, prepared by Mrs. Marden and her sister, Miss Bertha Morley, have been reported from Athens, though none has yet reached Istanbul. Dr. Marden, it will be recalled, was born in Gaziantep, a son of the Mission in which he spent his active life until his retirement. His death was in 1949.

President Floyd Black of Robert College returned last week to the college, after an absence in America lasting almost three months.

The Armenian Patriarch elect, Karekin Hatchadurian, is spending some time in Italy previous to assuming his duties in Istanbul, where the community is preparing to welcome him. The Patriarch Karekin was born in Trebizond in 1880, and after an active life in the Gregorian church was a candidate for the Patriarchal throne in 1927. During the election he withdrew his name in favour of that of the successful candidate. For the succeeding eight years until 1936, he was Gregorian bishop in California, after which he served in Marseilles and then was made head of the Gregorian church in South America, with headquarters in Buenos Aires. It is significant that the occupants of both the Greek Orthodox and the Armenian Gregorian patriarchal thrones have spent an important part of their lives in the USA.

The Annual Business Meeting and election of officers of the Dutch Chapel will be held in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Wiley at eight o'clock on Thursday, March 8. The meeting will be preceded by a church supper for members, which will follow immediately after the usual Lenten meeting in the chapel at 17:30. Efforts are being made to ensure the presence of the thirty members required to form a quorum for lack of which previous annual meetings have had to be postponed two years in succession.

One of the following books, missing from the Mission Library, may possibly be languishing on your shelves. Keep them in mind when next you are looking for something else: "A Short History of the Near East," Davis; "Among the Turks," Hamlin; "The Ancient Hittites," Messerschmidt; "Friend of Caesar," Davis; "How We learn," Pitkin; "Adventuring With Anatolia College," White.

Today Dr. and Mrs. Cyril Haas were expecting to take the Taurus Express to Beirut, thus closing the long chapter of their lives on the Adana Plain which began in 1911. Happily the next chapter of active life begins very shortly in Kentucky. Their last days in Adana have been very busy, with farewell visits from patients and pupils. On the 28th they went over to Tarsus to say goodbye to their Mission associates in the college, where for many years, Mrs. Haas has been a teacher.

Dr. William Nute, Jr. and Mary Nute thus find themselves in full charge of the Adana Clinic, an institution familiar to Bill from his earliest childhood. Bill's first request is that letters be addressed to them at "Posta Kutusu No. 75, Adana, Turkey." Letters addressed to the clinic or in other ways have been going astray.

Rev. Walter Wiley was in Ankara on Sunday, the 25th to take charge of the regular fortnightly church service. He learned that the new chaplain, Carey Young, designated for service among the Americans of Ankara, was expected to arrive this week.

On March 3rd a distinguished group from churches and College has been invited to his home in Elleniko by David Olander to help him celebrate his first birthday. "How the old folks will enjoy it ...!"

Mr. Homer Mueller, on the Public Relations staff of Aramco; is spending a few weeks at the Bible House while he does some research among the libraries of Istanbul.

Yours sincerely,

F. Lyman MacCallum

No. 269

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, March 8, 1951.

Dear Friends:

With her usual ability to make use of various scraps of sheds and buildings, Olive Greene has now had a small apartment made out of a small room belonging to the old office building, a water reservoir and a small addition. She was able to move into her new "house" on February 18 and Loves it, she writes.

We learn from the Beirut News Letter that the Aleppo College Glee Club, under the direction of Thomas Weaver, recently paid its annual visit to Lebanon and Damascus. A concert was given in Tripoli on Monday evening, February 26, and the next day in Sidon. On March 1 and two there were to be two concerts in Beirut and on Sunday morning, March 4, they were to broadcast from Damascus.

Miss Alice Lindsley writes that "Bob and June Hutchison sail on February 26 on S.S. America to pass through Europe for Istanbul for three years." They were here in 1945-'47 in business and made many friends who will welcome them warmly.

From March 12, the use of klaxons on automobiles is entirely forbidden in Istanbul. In the month when they were allowed to be used only under special conditions, the automobile accidents were cut in half, so it is hoped that the accidents will be further lessened, even to zero.

Mrs. White of Mardin writes, "The new Diyarbakir airfield has an immense crew of Americans with all kinds of privileges but they are so grateful for a home meal. We had ten guests yesterday. It is nice for us too."

Dr. Amey E. Watson, head of the School of Social Welfare, is very busy in the organization of an In-Service training institute for Child Welfare employed personnel now being held. The School of Social Welfare at Pierce College is cooperating with the Ministry of Social Welfare, the Social Affairs Division of E.C.A., and the organization in Switzerland known as Swiss Aid to Europe or some such title. The workers attending the Institute not only have lectures, followed by much discussion, but also actually go out into homes, make visits and investigations, write up their reports which are criticized by specialists and then presented to the whole group for discussion.

At Pierce College, Dr. Watson is actively organizing another such Institute which is to give in-service training for six weeks to 40 employed personnel from private agencies in this area.

Miss Emily McCallum although confined to her bed at her home in Old Phaleron is still in good spirits, and keeps busy with writing to her many friends, and reading avidly all the books that her friends can supply. Miss Mabel Long is a faithful visitor to her bedside, and keeps her up-to-date on the doings of her old school.

This evening a full quorum of the members of the Union Church of Pera gathered at the manse for a happy supper together and the annual general meeting. Reports all showed progress in every part of the church life. Lyman MacCallum was re-elected secretary and Wm. Sage Woolworth treasurer.

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Putney

Dear Friends:

A week of quarantine at Pierce College, Athens, followed by a week of closed schools throughout the city due to influenza, gave opportunity for five of the American staff to fly to Corfu, several of the party visiting Jannina on the mainland. Others from Thessaloniki visited Athens. Greece is indeed a paradise for the sight-seer, with air and motor transport making large contribution to what is possible in the time available.

Miss Grace Storms and Miss Ruth Currie, both associated with the publication and promotion of religious literature for children, with headquarters at 14 Beacon St., Boston, are making a vacation trip to the Near East. They have arrived in Istanbul after three days in Athens; left on the 12th for a glimpse of Smyrna and Ephesus; and fly to Cairo on the 17th. Such a trip, so illuminating to them in their professional interest, would have been unthinkable in the time available, before the coming of the passenger airplane. For those of our circle who have been away even only ten years, there is daily plane service between Athens and Istanbul, requiring about 100 minutes of flying time.

Washington news cable of March 6th reports the Fifth Annual Conference sponsored by the Middle East Institute, the theme this year being "Islam and the modern world". Dr. Philip Hitti, Dr. Bayard Dodge, and others are to speak. At the banquet, Dr. J. K. Birge of this Mission, and Dr. William Elliot of Harvard, were to be the two speakers.

After several weeks of customs-house formalities, John Thomas of the CCSC in Thessaloniki has received the station-wagon which will so widen the area of his relief and social activities, centering in northern Greece.

From Athens comes report that Rev. Paul Olander, of the Naval Reserve, Chaplains' Corps, has been summoned for his two weeks' annual service. He is reported to have flown from Athens to Rome on March 8th.

The Schools' Board of Managers of this Mission assembles in Izmir on March 19th for its annual spring session. Fuller report later.

Radio Licenses for 1951. Renewal of licenses in Turkey are due to be made during the current month of March. Penalty for delay - 10% supplement.

Due to illness of some 30 students with an influenza type malady, the Talas School was authorized to start its spring vacation some four days earlier than planned. Mrs. Emily Block has taken this opportunity to come to Istanbul for several days of shopping and other errands.

First reports from Dr. William Nute, Jr. indicate that he began his work as Doctor in charge of the Mission's Adana Polyclinic on March 1st. There is a gratifying atmosphere in the welcome he has found, from officials as well as numbers of Haas and Nute friends of earlier years.

The Tourist Season, 1951 seems almost like old times, as Tourist boats make their appearance, one after another. Fine Norwegian and British steamers, with large numbers of Americans on board, have been in port during March. This week there is due the 30,000 ton S. S. Independence on its maiden voyage in the service of the American Export Lines. Special festivities are planned, with entertainment on board by the President of the Export Lines, Mr. John E. Slater. While these lunch and later reception activities take place, the hundreds of tourists on board will be out seeing the city.

Dr. Meta Glass, former President of Sweet Briar College, arrived this week to spend some time at the Girls' College, as a Trustee visitor. She will be one of the speakers at the Charter Day exercises at the Girls' College, on March 17th.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle.

Dear Friends:

A blessed and happy Easter to you all!

The Rev. Puzant Kalfayan, Secretary of the Armenian Missionary Association in New York, accompanied by Mr. Stephen Philiposian of Philadelphia, arrived by air from America on Thursday, and are occupied with a very full programme of meetings in the local Protestant churches over Easter. They will then go on to Beirut.

Easter holidays have produced the customary helter skelter in the schools. The newspaper "Vatan" carried a picture of the group of girls from Collegiate Institute of Izmir, as they boarded the ship for their visit to Athens and Salonica. Mr. E. C. Blake accompanied the party as tour manager. The Misses Brown and Richmond of Scutari disappeared hopefully in the direction of the ski slopes of Uludagh, above Bursa. Mr. and Mrs. Dittes and Mr. W. Edmonds of Talas went to Izmir. And so on.

Twenty three members of the senior class at Scutari, accompanied by Miss Anne Goodykoontz and two Turkish teachers have gone to Ankara for five days, while a corresponding party from the Maarif Kolej has arrived in Istanbul, after spending a short time in Bursa, and are guests at the Scutari school.

The Ernest Riguses seem to be settling in, as if for a long stay, in the Boston area. Their first step toward establishment and re-Americanization was the purchase of a car, to which they have now added a house for themselves. The house is No. 55 Walnut Street, Needham, Mass., but they do not get occupancy before June 15th. Apparently the house is large enough so that friends may find entertainment there.

Bay Constantine Apostolides, the energetic young salesman of the Publication Department, is today having his civil wedding. The church wedding will take place after Orthodox Easter. We wish the young couple happiness and success.

The papers report that during the past year, 2203 buildings were erected in Istanbul. Of these 1015 were residences, and 1018 apartments. Every assurance is given that the housing crisis will continue.

Mrs. Emily Block of Talas took advantage of holidays to pay a short visit to Istanbul.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Thomson, formerly of Socony, expect to sail shortly for America, where they will be staying with their daughter, Margaret Biggs at 28 Wechuset Drive, Lexington, Mass., from whose windows they will always be on the look-out for the arrival of old friends from Istanbul.

Miss Belle Harley, writing from 51 Wilcox Ave., Pawtucket, R.I., announces that she and her sister expect to visit England and Scotland during this Festival summer. Belle will go mainly to visit their six cousins, but her sister will travel more, and expects to extend her trip as far as Norway.

The Men's Dershane under the direction of Mr. Ezra P. Young, is this year celebrating the 35th anniversary of the opening of its Istanbul Branch which, with the closing of the Pera Branch about 15 years ago, became the center of their work in Istanbul. The usual campaign for scholarships has now begun.

Yours sincerely,

F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

The third March meeting of the Schools' Board of Managers in Turkey was held March 19th (evening) thru the 22nd in Izmir, it being the turn of the American Collegiate Institute to be hostess to the group. Mrs. Blake and Miss Greene officially represented that institution; Mr. Scott and Mr. Edmonds the Talas School; Mr. Maynard and Mr. Avery, Tarsus College; Misses Martin and Towner, Scutari Academy; Mr. Woolworth was present as chairman of this Board and Mrs. Leslie as general Mission member. Miss Nichol and Miss Long from Pierce College were welcome guests at the meeting. Also were others who attended all or many of the sessions, Mr. and Mrs. James Dittes from Talas, Miss Lake from Scutari, Mrs. Maynard from Tarsus, Misses Burns, Douglass, Faust, George, Yarrow from the Izmir school.

Mr. Maynard was chairman of the meeting as previously elected. There was a full agenda of items connected with personnel for 1951-52, 1952-53 school years, preliminary budgets for 1951-52, Book of Rules for the schools in Turkey, Fulbright appointments, and with questions on school administration, fees, etc. Evenings were devoted to informal discussions, such as how to help new and often inexperienced teachers in finding more assurance in their work in a new situation and foreign country, discussion and presentation by Miss Greene of the Allen method for teaching English, and in hearing from Miss Nichol about Pierce College.

The visiting group was conducted on a tour to inspect the new Parsons Hall, Library section of buildings on the upper campus, Miss Greene's new apartment adjoining the former administration building, and the new Mission residence.

Before the opening meeting on the 19th, the Misses Lake, Martin and Nichol spent the day in a trip to Ephesus. Later in the week Misses Faust, Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Dittes had a two-day overnight trip to Bergama.

On Thursday evening the group partook of a Passover supper of roast lamb and "bitter herbs" with Mr. Avery reading the description and origin of this Jewish observance. Afterwards, Messrs. Avery and Woolworth conducted the Communion service.

Most of the visitors to Izmir left on Friday to return home in time for Easter. Mrs. Leslie remained over Sunday to spend that day with her daughter, Mrs. Seager, and family. Misses Long and Nichol returned to Greece by air, via Istanbul, Miss Nichol remaining over for a day to spend with her sister, Miss Jean Nichol (of the Community School, Anglo-American, in Athens) who had just arrived to spend her vacation in sight-seeing in Istanbul.

From Izmir ACI, twenty-seven students accompanied by Misses Foster and Gauntt and four Turkish teachers made a vacation trip to Greece, via Turkish boat direct to Athens, train to Thessaloniki and Edirne, bus to Istanbul, and night-boat and train route back to Izmir. Mr. Blake was conductor of the tour and manager. They were royally entertained by the students at Pierce College and Anatolia College. From Athens, a trip was made to Delphi, which turned out to be a snowy one. At Alexandropolis, the president of the Akademia gave a tea in their honor to which the governor, mayor and others were invited. Throughout the trip this travel group experienced a warmth of friendship which makes the whole venture a happy memory for them.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

The Admiral Bristol Hospital. Eight student nurses of the entering class, after having proved themselves in a five-month preliminary trial period, are deemed worthy of full training. They received their caps on **March 31st** in a simple ceremony after Dr. Shepard addressed them and the audience of Health Department officials, family and friends of the candidates and others interested in the Hospital. Each student received her white cap from Bayan Esma Deniz who is in direct charge of the Nurses' Training course, and also a little candlestick for the candle each held and lighted from that of Miss Eleanor Mason, Superintendent of Nurses. Then together the class repeated the Pledge of Service. This is the first class to enjoy throughout its course the new nurses' school and residence building.

Refugees. On March 31st, 118 political refugees, mostly Bulgarians, left Istanbul for Piraeus, there to join some 800 other refugees and proceed by chartered steamer to New Zealand for re-settlement. A commission of the New Zealand government has been supervising the selection of those chosen. Some 80 had to be refused, because they had wives or families still behind the Iron Curtain. Most of the immigrants were unmarried but one Bulgarian family of parents and three little girls under ten had arrived together and have happily gone to seek a new home. Chosen and transported at the expense of the New Zealand government, these immigrants are to work for two years at tasks assigned by the government, which hopes to settle them in activities suited to their past experience.

A report to the local press comes from Dr. Helen Bisbee, formerly of the American College in Afnavutkby. Dr. Bisbee tells of the very active part the group of students from Turkey in Leland Stanford University is taken in awakening interest in the refugees coming from Bulgaria, and collecting for them. Through their activity, the Quaker group in Palo Alto has felt a concern, as a result of which the Friends' Service Council in Philadelphia is sending to Turkey a representative, Dr. Helen Allen, to see in what way the Council can be of help to the refugees. When one remembers that Miss Edith Parsons lives near Palo Alto and is in close touch with both these Turkish students and with the Quakers, it is a fair guess to see in this hopeful development something of her handiwork.

News from Pierce College. On Wednesday, March 21, a very delightful tea took place in the Common Room at Pierce College. The Turkish students and their teachers from the Izmir school who were visiting Greece during their spring vacation came as guests of the Pierce College girls. There were Turkish and Greek dances, Turkish, Greek and American songs, games and plenty of English conversation. The next morning the Turkish girls left Athens for Delphi and Thessaloniki. "We only wish that an event such as that could take place more often", writes Miss Florence Tooby of Pierce College staff. She also reports that Dr. and Mrs. Haas had lunch with them on Saturday, March 31st.

Dr. and Mrs. Haas write from Piraeus of a pleasant voyage so far and of Miss Barbara Bird from Talas, joining them at that port.

Rev. Puzant Rubyan and family left to-day on the S.S. Samsun for Beirut after a visit here of nearly six months. Their work has been of very great help and inspiration to all the local Evangelical Churches and it was hoped that they might receive permission to stay longer. But they are encouraged to believe that they will be able to return after some months have passed. That would be greatly welcomed.

The undersigned expects to leave on Monday the 16th for a visit to Izmir and Ankara, returning to Istanbul before the middle of May for two or three days before starting westward.

So, good-bye,

E. W. Putney

No. 274

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, April 13, 1951.

Dear Friends:

Paul Olander of Athens reports a most unusual Easter sunrise service, at Mars Hill, a little rise of ground not far from the Acropolis. A group had gathered on this bright Easter morning, marking the*Asiatic birthplace to Europe. Permission to hold the service was granted too late to enable any large number of Greeks to attend. Yet as those present stood facing the Acropolis, and the ruins of the glories of pagan Greece, one could only marvel at the unfolding story of the Unknown God, to whom the Greeks had already erected a special altar. Bare-headed, the group listened to the words of the Great Apostle to the Greeks of his day. For those privileged to share in it, it was a sacred and thrilling experience.

Letters from the good ship "Excalibur", mailed in Naples, indicate that Barbara Bird of Talas joined Dr. and Mrs. Haas at Piraeus, and were steadily sailing westward. They are due in Boston on the 17th.

We are happy to report a March 12th letter from Allen Hazen, formerly a tutor at Tarsus, now carrying a full-time schedule of teaching and research at Columbia University. He is Professor of English, but primarily associated with the School of Library Service, and the teaching of literature and library resources to Library School students. Mr. and Mrs. Hazen live at 460 Riverside Drive, New York City.

The Beirut College for Women is installing its broadcasting studio, probably the first in any American educational institution in the Near East. The equipment is provided through the Near East Christian Council, by the Radio Audio-Visual Education Mass Communications Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. It will be able to broadcast over Radio Lebanon, or to make recordings for broadcasting over other Stations. Mr. Douglas M. Hill of the Presbyterian Mission is supervising the installation of the equipment. (BNL)

BNL reports to us that 35 students of the Talas Boys' School accompanied by Edgar Sather; and 36 students from the Tarsus school accompanied by Edward Savage, have been making spring vacation trips to Syria and the Lebanon.

An air letter from Hongkong dated March 31st from Lloyd B. Swift reports that they are starting for Rangoon by plane, where they will visit Mrs. Swift's sister and husband at the American Consulate, and continue westward for their new assignment under the American Board, in Talas, Turkey. China's loss is our gain. The family consists of Mr. and Mrs. Swift (Gladys Hubbard, a "granddaughter" of the Turkey Mission) and Eric age 4, Lloyd Jr. age 2, and baby Alan Aubrey born January 1951. We hope to welcome them by the end of April.

Yildiz Palace, once the home of Sultan Abdul Hamit II, is becoming increasingly the scene of various international gatherings. This week, delegates of Near Eastern lands are meeting in a conference of Non-Governmental Agencies associated with the United Nations. Relief and Refugee problems will perhaps be a major topic of consideration.

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield, Executive Director of Church World Service under the National Council, writes that Rev. Arnold B. Vaught, Chairman of the Committee on Relief and Reconstruction Services, is to attend the Beirut Conference on Palestine Refugees, to be held May 1-8th. It is hoped that while in the area he may visit other centers. Dr. Fairfield commends him heartily to us all.

IRO - the Intergovernmental Refugee Organization - has closed its activities in this area at a time when new political refugees are drifting across Iron Curtain lines. Happily IRO has left some limited resources to a locally organized Refugee Service Committee, which will carry on within the limits of resources that may be found.

Very truly yours,
Luther R. Fowle.

Dear Friends:

Word has been received of the death of the sister of Miss Katharine Fletcher with whom the latter has been associated in the work at Pleasant Hill Sanatorium, Uplands, Tennessee. Our thoughts are with Miss Fletcher in her loss.

A third child, David Gordon, was born to George and Helen (Harry Riggs) Rice on March 28th, 1951. Congratulations to the parents and Great-uncle, Charles T. Riggs.

Last week-end was a season of several gatherings in honor of Miss Ethel Putney who is retiring from the Mission this spring. The first occasion was a program at the Girls' School at Scutari given by the Turkish Student Society in honor of the five ladies retiring from the School this June. These were Misses Putney, Towner, Mrs. Woodruff, Mrs. Alexanian, Dr. Kavaljian. On Friday afternoon, the 13th, full assembly of students was held, the five ladies being ushered to the specially decorated chairs on the platform by small pages. The Turkish assistant director read a tribute and appreciation, naming each of the five in turn. Each one was also the subject of a speech by each of five different students, in which biography, anecdotes, affectionate regard and appreciation were combined. After the program a delicious tea was served in the wisteria arbor. Lilacs, Judas trees, iris, wisteria, in full bloom made the occasion a most colorful one.

The next day, Saturday afternoon, old students and graduates of the Gedik Pasha School held a reception for Miss Putney, at which time they presented her with a Bokhara rug.

On Sunday, station members gathered after church at the Treasury House in Hissar for a farewell out-door picnic dinner, Miss Putney being special guest. Our affection and good-byes were expressed in a specially composed song and in the presentation of an old-style embroidered Turkish towel.

During this last week, members of Istanbul station have been hosts to a number of travellers visiting this city.

Prof. and Mrs. Conger of the Philosophy department of the University of Minnesota who have been spending their sabbatical year in travel, have arrived from India last week and are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Wiley. Prof. Conger is studying the relationship between Indian and Greek philosophies.

The Rev. and Mrs. John B. Ferguson, staying with Mr. and Mrs. Woolworth, are here on their way from Manila where he has been in charge of the Union Church there for the past two years, and earlier in the '20s. Mrs. Ferguson is the daughter of Mark Williams, a long-time missionary to China, sister of Mrs. Willowby Heminway whose daughter Isabel is still a missionary in Peiping. Of special interest to us is the fact of her being a cousin of Miss Anna B. Jones, and that her grandfather was a cousin of Elias Riggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Bergmark entertained this week the Rev. Dr. J. Henry Carpenter, director of the Brooklyn Division of the Protestant Council of the City of New York, on his way back to America from a trip as a member of a committee visiting Israel and Jordan under the auspices of the Christian Palestine Committee.

This week-end guests of the Bergmarks are Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lane who are returning to England from a visit to Prof. Mallowan who is excavating at Nimrud near Mosul, Iraq. Mr. Lane runs Penguin Books, Ltd. in England.

By courtesy of Bay Bahadir Alkim, an old time student at Tarsus College and now assistant professor of Archeology at Istanbul University, members of our Mission have been invited to take part in the International Congress of Orientalists to be held at Istanbul University next September. Anyone interested can get further information from W. S. Woolworth, Jr., Mission Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie.

Dear Friends:

After a brief visit in Istanbul, Miss Clara Engle, R.N. of the Gaziantep Hospital leaves tomorrow by Turkish Boat for Athens, where she will transfer to the S.S. Excalibur. Miss Engle expects her furlough to be extended for an additional year while she studies Public Health at Wayne University, Detroit.

Word from Luther Fowle, the Mission Treasurer, is that he expected to leave Gaziantep on Saturday the 21st by car, to be met at the border by a car from Aleppo College.

On Saturday, a group of ten from the Bible House and the teaching staff of Scutari left by public bus to visit Edirne (Adrianople.) Until recently, foreigners were allowed to make this journey only by train, and the new freedom of travel adds to the pleasure of the journey while greatly reducing its cost. The city was reached in about seven hours, and several of the famous mosques were inspected that day. Visits to many of the remaining places of interest were completed on the next day, and on Monday the party returned, enjoying glimpses of the Children's Day celebrations in the towns strung along the highway.

Professor and Mrs. Lootfy Levonian expect to remain at Union Theological Seminary until the end of June. In July and August Professor Levonian will be lecturing at the Quaker summer school at Pendle Hill, Wallingford, Pa. After this they will go to California, where Mr. Levonian will be the visiting professor at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, for two terms, until the middle of March, 1952. Beirut News Letter.

Ardent gardeners, of whom the Mission possesses a fair share, may acquire a valuable hint from this week's police-court news, according to which two gentlemen named Ihsan were arraigned for uprooting and stealing some 61 rose shrubs in various parts of the city. In explanation of their conduct these horticulturists reminded the judge of the universal belief that only a stolen rose will grow well. Brother, are your roses doing badly?

Chaplain and Mrs. Carey Young of Ankara are expected tomorrow at the Bible House, on an exchange of pulpits with Mr. Walter Wiley. After seeing a little of Istanbul and taking the morning service at the Dutch Chapel, Chaplain Young plans to go on to Gölcük for an evening service with the American personnel on duty there.

Since the middle of April the Simplon Express has begun a twice-weekly sleeper service from Istanbul through Salonika to Yugoslavia and on to Italy and France. Due to long halts on the way Salonika is reached in about forty eight hours, and Paris on the sixth day. The cost with sleeper is about T.L. 4 00 second class.

Raymond White of Mardin writes of visiting Diyarbakir to hold communion service in the Protestant church, which was well filled for the occasion. Later the same day he visited the Americans who are engaged on a large public work in that city, and conducted a service for them and for some of their English-speaking associates. These men asked him to hold services for them fortnightly, if possible.

Professor Laurence Moore has resigned as head of the Fulbright Committee at Ankara, but will continue to serve as a member of that committee.

Mr. and Mrs. David Bergmark leave by Turkish plane tomorrow to visit the mission stations in Southern Turkey.

Miss Alice C. Reed, formerly of North China arrived from America on Tuesday to join the staff of the Scutari Academy. Her bags are continuing the voyage by lighter about land and about the harbour.

Yours sincerely,

F. Lyman MacCallum

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DEAR FRIENDS

A Mission News Service

American Board Mission
Post Box 142, Istanbul

Dr. and Mrs. Haas of Adana, and Miss Barbara Bird of Talas, arrived in Boston on April 17th. They were met by Dr. Ward, Mrs. Goodsell, Miss Blemker, and Mr. Meeken. While the ship was in Marseilles harbor Mrs. Haas had slipped and fallen on newly waxed linoleum, and suffered an impacted fracture of her right hip. She was met in Boston by an ambulance of the Massachusetts General Hospital. She has made good progress, and was scheduled to leave the hospital on April 27th for a stay at Auburndale.

Mr. Paul Nilson reports that Mr. Yoshio Fukuyama is married, is working in Chicago for his Ph. D., and hopes to go to the new university in Japan. He has written a thesis on "The American Board in Turkey." In this he gives a history of our mission, pictures the modern Turkey, and outlines the problems which we are facing.

Paul says that on April 24th at Rockford, Ill., he himself gave his 180th talk on Mission work since last September. His daughter May will be teaching chemistry at Wellesley College this next year.

Miss Alice Reed, now of the "Uskudar school, was introduced to the Station at their regular meeting on April 24th, and gave the high lights of her work and experiences in China.

Miss Putney is expected back in Istanbul on Saturday. Letters from her tell of visits with the Orhans and the school people in Izmir, and her expected stay with Miss Nossier in Ankara. She was one of a party including the Blakes and the Misses Greene, Martha Morrill, Burns, Faust, George, and Saadet, who made a three day trip to Bodrum and other points of interest. Most of the party extended their trip beyond the three days, but eventually, because of floods, they had to leave the car at Denizli and return to Izmir by train.

Miss Elizabeth MacCallum of the Near East Division of the Canadian Department of External Affairs, is expected to attend the fourth assembly of the World Health Organization in Geneva early in May. Her mother and brother Lyman, scheduled to fly to Greece on May 10th, hope to meet her there and bring her to Istanbul for a brief visit.

Mr. Homer Mueller of the Public Relations staff of Aramco, expects to leave Istanbul on Saturday to continue his research work in Ankara and then Aleppo.

Dr. and Mrs. Shepard left today by Pan-American for a three months stay in America. They hope to stop over in England for a day and two nights.

The Dutch Chapel congregation were pleased to have Chaplain Young of the Jammal Church in Ankara conduct worship this last Sunday, and to begin their acquaintance with him and Mrs. Young.

Last Minute News: Mr. Fowle and Mr. Olander came in last evening, having travelled from Beirut to Aleppo by car, to Adana and Tarsus by train (and they occupied the same compartment that had brought the Bergmarks from Mardin to Akçekoyunlu en route to Gaziantep), and then by plane to Istanbul. Mr. Olander flies to Greece today. -- May 5th.

W. S. Woodcock

Dear Friends:

Paul Olander of Athens and the writer have just returned from a series of four administrative meetings of activities in which the Near East Mission is a partner, hence this number of News Notes will reflect these travels.

I return with renewed conviction that while great and essential ends for world well-being are advanced by temporary aid and development programs, nevertheless Mission Agencies in the Near East who for a century have been sharing the best of western democracy with these people need not be ashamed of their handiwork. The Point Four thesis is sustained by decades of demonstration, in which citizens of western lands, hampered by limited resources, have given themselves, in close association with nationals of fine character and similar service ideals, to the training of youth, the healing of the sick, and the raising of spiritual ideals - through schools, churches, hospitals and vernacular publication. This long-term effort gains immensely by being available in the languages of the Near East, in which the foreigners in this program become fluent.

This private and unofficial co-operative effort between peoples of eastern and western lands constitutes a creative strand in the fabric which today holds the world together, and contributes to the hope for eventual peace on earth, goodwill among men.

The Aintab Hospital garden is a spot of colorful beauty in that city, as is the American Hospital crowded with patients whose faces reflected comfort and hope, in their struggle for restored health.

On April 24th the Managers of Aleppo College (from Syria, Lebanon, Greece, and Turkey) met in President Carleton's home for a full day of report and planning for that Institution. Two National Evangelical groups as well as Presbyterian and Congregational Mission agencies share in the administration of this College, operating under the Ministry of Education of the Syrian Republic.

Miss Gladys Lucas is Principal of the Girls' School of some 350, and associated with her in addition to a large group of nationals, are three appointees from America. The Committee representing the two Missions held its meeting on April 25th. The dream of this school is for financial resources that will permit it to build on land already available outside the city, adjoining Aleppo College, where there could be joint Library, Laboratory, and Staffing and Program development; and escape from an overcrowded city building. Fifty Thousand Dollars would give an altogether adequate start on the new site.

Fifty-five minutes in a plane took Olander and Fowle south, south-west, and again south over the Mediterranean coast line and along the western face of the Lebanon range to Beirut. Mists prevented us from seeing the pillar on which St. Simeon kept his vigil, the Crusaders' Castles, and the stand of ancient cedars of Lebanon near Tripoli - but they were all there, just the same.

On April 26/28th the Executive Committee of the Near East Christian Council met in Beirut with Cady Allen of Iran presiding, and E. E. Elder of Cairo as Secretary. Common concerns of Mission Work in the area from the Sudan to the Balkans, and from Morocco to Iran, are the field of this Council.

The spring meeting of the Managers of the Near East School of Theology gathered on May 1st with representatives of Arab Evangelical Synod, Armenian Evangelical Union and the Presbyterian and American Board Missions. Observers from the Arab Episcopal Community were present, and during the year the full integration of this Community

into the Management of the NEST is anticipated. Necessarily a small school, 23 in number this year, nevertheless the graduates of the NEST are today the leaders of the various communities to which they belong, in religious, educational, literary and youth activities.

The NEST meeting finishing at noon on May 1st Messrs Isely, Olander, and Fowle left by car for Aleppo at 2 p.m. reaching friends in Aleppo about 10:00 o'clock. Next morning, after speaking at the Chapel exercises of the Girls' School, Merrill Isely started by car for the Syria-Turkey frontier at Tibil, en route to Gaziantep. Olander and Fowle took Taurus Express coming up from Bagdad at 9 a.m., due in Adana at 7 p.m. (but 3 hours late). The next 36 hours gave fine opportunity to see the busy Adana Clinic now under the direction of Dr. & Mrs. W. L. Nute, Jr. since withdrawal of Dr. and Mrs. Haas on March 1st.

We also had some hours at Tarsus after classes were dismissed on May 3d., chatting with Maynards and Averys, and the four term-workers there, Messrs Moyer, Savage, Schinski, and Olsen, who all gathered for coffee at the Maynards after supper in the two homes.

I believe 26 Americans and over 100 Nationals (Turkish, Arab, and Armenian) are involved in leadership in the institutions visited on this trip. Those benefitting are patients in 50 hospital beds in Aintab; over 1000 students in Aleppo and Tarsus: professional training of 23 in Beirut: and hundreds of clinic patients each month at Adana.

Our plane arose from the Adana air-strip at 3 p.m., flew over St. Paul's birthplace (Tarsus) and Roman Seleucia, thus rounding the southern end of a mist-covered Taurus range, whence we set straight course for Ankara. Even with a half-hour stop there, we landed at Istanbul at 6:30 p.m. - a three hour flight. Next morning Paul Olander emplaned (another 100 minutes) to occupy his pulpit in St. Andrew's Church, Athens, on Sunday, May 6th.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle.

Dear Friends:

No. 279

Istanbul, Turkey, May 18, 1951.

My wife, Janet, and I have just returned from a two weeks tour of American Board interior Turkey Mission Stations. We are very happy to share our first impressions of present-day mission activity with you.

Having left our three children at home under the care of Prof. and Mrs. Espy of Robert College, we flew early on the morning of April 27 from Yeşilköy to Diyarbakir where we were met by Raymond White who drove us on to Mardin. There for four days we were shown all the American Board properties, discussed the many problems and real opportunities in the very interesting situation there, and were inspired by the strength of the indigenous Protestant Church under Pastor Ishak's ministry. As part of our sightseeing we attended the Syrian-Jacobite Easter Sunrise Service, made a picnic trip out to the ruins of Dara, visited the Mission vineyard, and made many courtesy calls on government and religious officials. Everywhere we went we were struck by the mutual trust and cooperation between the Turkish Christians and the Turkish Moslems. What an opportunity is ours out here! The Reading Room apparently fills one need, and every minute of the time of Fern and Raymond White is given in necessary service, yet with so many rooms, even buildings, empty and the need for schools so great, more missionaries must serve in the Mardin field.

From Mardin, the Whites drove us over the Mesopotamian Plain to Derbesiye where we boarded the Taurus Express for a night ride to Akcakoyunlu, from whence we took a bus to Gaziantep. There as guests of Dr. and Mrs. Dewey we stayed for two days. Dr. Dewey gave his few free hours over to us for a tour of the city. Dora Dewey took her time off to show us all of the hospital in great detail and what a revelation that was! It is difficult for us to imagine a more perfect or spotless hospital. Everywhere we saw so many evidences of loving service and personal interest in the patients, most of whom come in from the very small villages which dot the surrounding plain. Mr. Isely gave me a quick introduction to the accounting procedures in use and during our last evening we were present for an interesting Station Prayer Meeting.

From Gaziantep, we took a bus for the seven hour ride to Adana, where we were the guests of the junior Nutes for two and a half days, one of which was spent in a Sunday visit to Tarsus, which included two fine meals, a church service, a Station Business Meeting, a complete tour of the school, a tour of the nearby Arab village, and a preview of a student play. With both Bill and Ginger Nute we had much discussion both as to the general condition of the large hospital building in which his clinic operates and the possibilities for its becoming a model children's hospital. It delighted us to see the fine spirit with which the Nutes are beginning service here.

From Adana we took a taxi, a new Chevrolet, and were driven from the door of the clinic to the door of the Boys' School in Talas. Here we had a two day introduction to a school in operation. While Janet attended classes, I helped with the financial books. Then when Janet took a little time to rest, I visited a class or two. We also visited the clinic of the senior Nutes and sat with Mary Nute as she took case histories of villagers in need of medical care. Then during our last evening we attended Station Prayer Meeting and took part in a vital discussion of the scope and purpose of mission work. We take the position that sharing the Gospel is the real purpose of our work, and that, though there may be temporary distractions, we must never lose sight of our ideal.

From Talas we taxied in another new Chevrolet to Ankara, and had two nights and a day to see this nation's fine new capital city. Then on last Saturday we took the Diesel-motored daylight train to Istanbul, and rejoined our children in Rumeli Hisar on the Bosphorus after having had two glorious weeks.

This trip has been a fitting climax to our year of language study and we can truly say that our lives have been immeasurably enriched by the experience of seeing the American Board at work in interior Turkey.

Sincerely yours,

David A. Bergmark

Dear Friends: No 280

Istanbul, Turkey, May 25, 1951.

On Saturday, May 19th, Miss Ethel Putney closed her missionary career and opened a new chapter by taking off on her first air flight. Miss Helen Nichol of Pierce College met her at the Hassani airport and brought her to the college, whence she hurried away to visit with Mrs. F. W. MacCallum and Miss Emily at Old Phaleron. She planned to spend two weeks among friends and old pupils in Athens and Salonika, after which she will go by air to London. Thence she sails for America on September 21st.

Miss Putney first set out for the field in 1915, but war conditions diverted her to refugee work in Egypt, so that she did not reach Istanbul till 1919. She served as teacher and principal in the Gedik Pasha school from that date till 1933. On the closing of the school she continued teaching in Scutari till 1946, since when she has lived at the Bible House and taken charge of the library, done a vast amount of community visiting, and been available for a multitude of odds and ends of work. The demonstrations of affection and regard from the community she has served throughout these 36 years were to her quite unexpected and touching.

Mr. Farnsworth Fowle, Frankfurt correspondent of the N.Y. "Times," is spending a brief holiday with his father at the Bible House. Today they go jaunting by air for a week-end in Bursa.

Another visitor at the Bible House is Mrs. Sarah Vinke of Bozeman, Montana. Mrs. Vinke spent a month or more in Istanbul in the spring of 1949, and liked it well enough to come back.

Treasurer David Bergmark is in Izmir on an accounting expedition.

Three apostles clad in white now look down from the walls of Aya Sophia above the main apse. These were uncovered and polished several years ago, but were kept boarded up. Mr. Robert Van Nice, who earlier spent several years studying the construction and subsequent repairs and additions to the main fabric of the building, has returned for six months to make corresponding studies in the domes and half-domes.

Rev. and Mrs. Howard L. Conn, of the Plymouth Congregational Church, Minneapolis who are spending four months in the Near East and Europe, were for several days in this city last week as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley.

Mrs. F. W. MacCallum and son Lyman returned from their Grecian adventure on Tuesday. While there they were the guests of Pierce College, whence Mrs. MacCallum went daily to spend some hours with her sister, Miss Emily MacCallum, whom she had not seen since 1945.

The College is fortunate in having its own water supply, so that it is not feeling the water famine from which the rest of the city is suffering, which is being made the reason for an unusually early closing of schools.

The Rev. Paul Olander and Dr. Ruth Parmelee together with the Rev. Philotheos Zikas who is pastor in Alexandropolis, set out by car from Athens on the 19th to visit areas in Thrace up to the Turkish frontier. Among the inhabitants of Grecian Thrace are approximately 100,000 Turkish-speaking Muslims. Paul Olander hopes to traverse those roads again next month when he brings his family by car to Annual Meeting.

This year the Greek Orthodox Church is celebrating the 1900th anniversary of Paul's first visit to Thessalonica, Athens and Corinth. The many distinguished foreign guests invited for the occasion will be taken by special ship on June 15th to the north, to visit and hold services of celebration in Philippi, Beroea and Thessalonica. Then they will sail around to Prevesa, on the north west coast, near which is Nicopolis, where Paul spent a winter. They proceed thence to Crete and Rhodes before returning to Corinth and the culminating services in Athens itself during the last days of June.

Yours sincerely,
F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

P.K. 142, June 2, 1951: No. 281

The Evangelical Churches and Missions of Syria and Lebanon held a Week of Witness from May 12th through the 20th. On the first Sunday sermons were preached in the various churches on the text, Ye shall be My witnesses. Special meetings were held every evening in Beirut, and delegations were sent out to neighboring vicinities. The distribution of religious literature formed an important part of the Program. - Beirut News letter.

Mr. Dorman of Beirut recently met Miss Caroline Silliman on a train between New York and Worcester, on her way to celebrate the 50th anniversary of her graduation at Connecticut State College at New Britain. - Beirut News letter.

A letter from Dr. and Mrs. Haas dated May 20th reported that they had recently seen Paul Nilson, the Birges, and Clara Engle at Auburndale. Dr. Haas had had a trip with a friend down to Pleasant Hill and back. Mrs. Haas continues to improve at Auburndale, and hoped to have early permission to go to Ann Arbor. They hope to be settled in Pleasant Hill by the latter part of August.

A May 7th letter from Dr. and Mrs. Harry Meyering reports the appointment of a Mr. Nydahl of Mankato, to Anatolia College for the year 1951-1952. At the time of the letter floods had sent some 5000 people of Mankato out of their own homes to stay with more fortunate neighbors. The Meyerings were among the fortunate ones.

John and Ruth Kingsbury have sold their school "Merricourt" and bought a near-by house in Berlin Connecticut. They send their greetings to "any who may remember us."

Paul and Harriet Nilson hope to leave America early in July, en route to Talas.

Mr. Paul A. Underwood, Associate Professor at the Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection of Harvard University at Washington; D.C., has resumed his work as Field Director of the Byzantine Institute in uncovering the mosaics at St. Sophia and the Kahriye Cami.

Mr. Robert L. Van Nice, who spent about eight years between 1937 and 1947 in making a structural survey of St. Sophia, arrived in Istanbul about 10 days ago to continue his study, with special reference to the half domes. He is collaborating with Dean Emeritus William Emerson of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Dumbarton Oaks.

The Senior Nutes and Mrs. Lyman were last heard from (by the editor) in Gaziantep, as they continued on their vacation. Dr. Nute is happy to have engaged Miss Anneliese Dickhoff, a German nurse, as his assistant for this next year in Talas.

Barbara Burns has been visiting friends in Istanbul between the Monday and Friday trips of the Bandirma Express boat and train. The new "Bandirma" and "Uludag" steamers are very comfortable, replacing the smaller "Truk" and "Marakaz" boats.

David Bergmark returned from Izmir yesterday. He is enthusiastic about his next year's location.

Miss Frances Wooding of the American Hospital in Tabriz has been visiting Dorothy Blatter and left today for Izmir, and thence Piraeus and "home."

The date for the wedding of Willa Louise Gilbreath and Lincoln Benjamin Wiley has been set for Saturday, June 23rd, at Inglewood, California. Both Louise and Carol Wiley expect to be at the wedding.

Sincerely

Wm. J. Woolworth

Dear Friends:

Scutari School. On Saturday afternoon, June 2nd 125 Alumnae attended a tea at the School, honoring Dr. Kaval and Mrs. Alexanian, sisters who have been associated with this school since its organization in Scutari and before that in Adapazar. Two of the present members of the student body gave short anecdotal biographies of "Dr." and "Mrs.", and three alumnae spoke on recollections from their classes. A chest of "Roger's 1881" silverware, and One Thousand Liras was presented to them from the alumnae. The money is to be used for a refrigerator in their new home at Osman Bey. An appropriate motif of a golden anniversary was carried out on the cakes and favors served the guests, accompanied by a small picture of the two sisters along with the words "A Century of Loving Service".

Admiral Bristol Hospital. Ambassador George Wadsworth was host at the Embassy Residence in Istanbul to the American Community on the occasion of the annual Spring Party of the friends of the Hospital. A large attendance, orchestra for dancing, abundant good things to eat and drink - and above all, much friendly visiting in a friendly community made it a most successful occasion. Of course we missed Dr. and Mrs. Shepard, and Chairman Lanckton of the Hospital Managers and Mrs. Lanckton, but everyone did their best to fill the gap. With the Ambassador in the receiving line were Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Napier, wives of the American and British Consul-Generals, Miss Mason of the Hospital Nurses' Staff, and the Secretary of the Managers. To a Committee of ladies, sparked by Mr. Frederick Merrill, is due a vote of thanks.

Summer Travel is in the air, and steamer and plane reservations, and a desperately careful survey of financial realities plus some hopes to provide resources, are the concern of many - when final exams and correcting papers allow time for mundane things. The exodus really begins June 8th with the sailing of the big Turkish boat for Naples and Marseilles.

Floyd and Ethel Hubbard Swift transferring to Turkey from Yenching University, Peking, and accompanied by their three little sons aged 4 and 2 years, and four months, arrived by plane from Rangoon and Calcutta on Wednesday morning, June 6th. They are guests at Tower Cottage, the Woolworth home, and will probably proceed to Talas a month hence, after Annual Meeting. Mrs. Swift is a Hubbard grand-daughter of this Mission.

Miss Elsie VanZandt formerly of Robert College and for the long years since then friend and secretary with Dr. and Mrs. George Huntington is spending a month at Robert College. After initial surprise at changes that have taken place in 16 years, slowly the continuing "permanencies" seem to come to the surface of realization. With all the inevitable changes, still there are many of the old guard still here. It is hoped that Mrs. Huntington may visit Beirut and Istanbul in the fall.

Graduation at the American Farm School, Thessaloniki.

A novel occasion it was, on May 29th. A Greek Village was the stage setting, separated from the audience on the wide playground by a fence. The Farm School students in overalls and wide brimmed hats marched in, in class groups. Flags of Greece, the United States, and the School were raised, and wreath laid at the foot of the statue of John Henry House, founder of the School. Songs and addresses were followed by the arrival of a farm cart, crowded with standing boys - the Seniors - who were vigorously pushed off the cart by the waiting Juniors, who piled in, took the reins, and drove off, to lead the school in the following year. Then followed the more regular graduation of the Senior Class, with the Principal's final message, and the Graduation Exercises were over.

Yet the audience sat delighted, as teams of powerful grey farm horses, blooded Holstein and Jersey cattle, huge bulls, and playful calves marched across the stage. It was a "down to the ground performance".

Finally, the village was the scene of a Pageant. Normal activities, sudden war, destruction and ruin, villagers off to war: and in time some straggle back, and life slowly picks up, as land and people labor to reconstruct 'normal' peaceful living.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Swift accompanied by their three sons, Eric, Lloyd and Alan arrived in Istanbul on June 6th by plane, coming from Rangoon where they spent a month with Mrs. Swift's sister. The Swifts are being transferred from China to our Mission and after a week here, left yesterday morning for Talas where they will spend next year in Language Study and in some participation in school activities.

The Istanbul station meeting of June 7th was held with the Woolworths in the Birge home "Tower Cottage" near the south Hissar tower. The meeting was partly business and partly social. The Swifts were welcomed to our midst and regretful good-bys were said to Miss Margaret Brown, Miss Gwen Wolstead of the Scutari school, and Messrs. Moyer and Savage from Tarsus. These four left the following day via Turkish steamer "Ankara" for Naples for summer travel in Europe enroute to their homes in America after completing their three year terms of teaching. Miss Carrie Lake also had her last meeting with us, having taken Miss Lindsley's work at Scutari during her furlough.

Robert College Commencement program took place last Friday, June 8th, the address being given by Dr. Kasim Gülek, a graduate of the College in the class of 1926 and now Secretary of the Halk Partisi. Ambassador Wadsworth was honorary Presiding Chairman and spoke a few words to the graduating seniors. Of the eighty graduates listed, he noted that 70% were engineers and that the Engineer's creed had not come into use at the time he himself had graduated as an engineer.

The Women's College Commencement occurred the following day with Bayan Süreyya Agaoglu giving the address.

Miss Caroline Silliman has recently attended the 50th reunion of her class at Connecticut State Teachers' College. (Beirut letter)

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Richards, formerly of Robert College, are members of the San Mateo Cong'l Church. Through Miss Parsons they have come in touch with Turkish students. Mr. Richards is now Treasurer of the San Francisco Y.M.C.A. The Turkish students have collected clothing in Palo Alto, put in funds themselves, and through Mrs. Richards' help arranged free transportation of the shipment to New York where an American Export ship will carry it free to Istanbul for distribution to Refugees. (Please refer to our April 7th issue for item concerning Dr. Eleanor Bisbee. The University of Pennsylvania Press has just published her book, "The New Turks" - price \$5.)

Dr. Cyril H. Haas has made a trip to Pleasant Hill, Tenn. where he will join the staff in September and with Mrs. Haas left Auburndale for Detroit on June 2nd, to visit with sons Hector and Nesbitt and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Riggs, after making visits to relatives and friends and investigating various house sites, have bought a house in Needham, Mass. where they will make their permanent home at 55 Walnut Street.

Word comes from Miss Putney of her happy visits in Athens and Thessaloniki and now in London. Her permanent address there is c/o The London Missionary Society, 42 Broadway, Westminster, London S.W.1.

Miss Dorothy Nilson is graduating from Wheaton this month and expects to attend the summer session of the "Wyclif Translators' School" in Oklahoma and then be ready to sail with the August 25th group of new personnel coming to our Mission.

Miss May Nilson is to receive her PH.D. in Chemistry this week from Northwestern University. For the summer she will work for a commercial firm in Boston and then begins teaching at Wellesley College in the fall.

Mr. Paul E. Nilson is receiving this June the honorary degree of LL.D. from Beloit College. After 200 talks on Turkey in America, he is now making plans for their return here. To that end he has purchased a 1951 model Chevrolet Carryall, tools, books, tape recorder, movie "King of Kings", etc.

Sincerely,

Dear Friends:

Our Üsküdar school held its delightful graduation exercises on the afternoon of Saturday, June 16th, and Miss Martin gave diplomas to thirty three graduates. The speaker of the occasion was Dr. Müfide Küley, professor in the medical faculty of the Istanbul University.

Tarsus reports its commencement on May 25th. There were 24 in the class, which the school feels has been an unusually good one. The speaker was Mersin's woman mayor. Two plays, The Queen's Enemies, and A Night at an Inn were presented after the exercises, under the direction of Ed Savage, and the following day, a third play, The Ruby, was given, directed by Savage and Avery.

Piano students under the leadership of Messrs Savage and Schinske have met frequently in the music studio for group performances, with considerable attention to four hand work. The final meeting included selections from Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven, and Schubert.

A letter from Dr. Birge, dated June 6th, reports that the family has just recently seen Duffy graduate from Northfield. She has chosen Oberlin as her college. The family expects to see her settled at Oberlin about September 12th, and then fly back to Istanbul where Dr. Birge plans to attend the Orientalists Conference.

Miss Lake from Üsküdar sailed for America, and Bob Schinske of Tarsus for Venice and other points in Europe on the Barletta, leaving Istanbul Wednesday evening, June 19th. Perhaps Mr. Fowle remembers how many pieces of luggage from all over Turkey he put on the Exchorda that same afternoon!

The Swift family likes to travel! They left Istanbul on the 14th, and the Talas folks went to meet them in Kayseri the following morning at 6:10. But the Swifts did not come! After going as far as Ankara on the Taurus, they had then (because of floods) gone back to Eski-shehir, then Konya and Ulu Kishla; thence north to Kayseri. And they used their own Turkish to get them to the school.

Lyman MacCallum, with one of his ladies on either arm, left for the cliffs and mists of Ulu Dagh on Saturday last, and plans to return to Istanbul and the comforts of civilization this next week-end.

Miss Emerson sends greetings to the Mission, and reports several items. She had seen Virginia Shepard attending a class reunion at Wellesley. Lynda Blake's class was much in evidence, celebrating its 25th anniversary. Sylvia Eddy is doing important work in the State Cancer Hospital at Columbia, Missouri.

Theda Belle Phelps writes that Dr. Haas made a wonderful impression in his visit at Pleasant Hill. They expect to live in a comfortable modern house just across the way from the hospital. Miss Fletcher and Miss Phelps will live with them... Belle Harley and her sister sail for England on June 29th.

Bob Woolworth was on the Honor Roll when he received his B.S. in Civil Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology on June 8th. Miss Blemker represented the Board at the exercises. Bob is probably now in or near Casablanca, Morocco, where he is working with a firm which plans and constructs airports.

Dorothy Blatter was met by her cousin in Munich, and went on to Salzburg. Dean Woodruff and his wife took her in their car to see some of the sights. Dorothy was expecting to spend some time in a mountain resort on the Geisberg, and then on June 29th take the plane directly to London.

Sincerely,

Wm. Sage Woolworth, Jr.

Dear Friends:

Again we regret that Annual Meeting has intervened to break the weekly appearance of these News Notes. Representatives of our schools met in Scutari on June 25th, the full meeting starting on Tuesday evening, June 26th. Once again, the Scutari School proved an ideal spot for this gathering, with its spacious and shaded garden, the wistaria arbor with inviting chairs, the study-hall and gymnasium for general gatherings, with convenient school-rooms for the meeting of various Committees. Eating and rooming arrangements were so well planned and managed that the many guests hardly realized all that was done for their comfort.

A baker's dozen of children from seven families brought their welcome contribution to the gathering. A Fourth of July swim and picnic at the Girls' Service Center on the Marmara, and participation in the gathering of the Community in the gardens of the Consulate General, marked the 175th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

The daily informal gathering under the trees before breakfast, the later devotional session, and a day of "Retreat" set aside early in the meeting - all contributed to direct thought to basic principles, freed from institutional and organizational mechanics. The Annual Mission Church Service with Communion took place on Sunday July 1st when many friends joined the Mission for this occasion.

A new emphasis of the times was apparent in that several delegates from Athens, Thessaloniki, Beirut arrived by plane. The Olanders from Athens and the Whites from beyond the Great Rivers arrived by car, while ship and train accounted for the rest.

It was a good meeting: and already our circle is widely scattered, some to take well-earned summer rest, others again to take up the daily task which constitutes the framework and vehicle of American Board service in Greece, Turkey, Syria, and the Lebanon.

Married: At the Union Church, Waban, Mass. Martha Loughman and Barclay Shepard. All possible Shepards were present, including Barclay's parents and all their children and in-laws. Among others known to the Turkey American Community, there were present Dr. and Mrs. Goodsell, Dr. and Mrs. David McKeith, Mrs. L. O. Lee, Prof. and Mrs. Bellinger of Yale (sabbatical visitors at Robert College), Miss Mabel Emerson, and James Fowle. The happy couple expect to be in Istanbul by September, where Barclay is teaching at Robert College.

Lorrin and Virginia Shepard, surrounded by their children and grandchildren, are spending July at their seaside home, The Anchorage, Southport, Maine. Dr. Shepard expects to be back at the Bristol Hospital during the first week in August, while Mrs. Shepard enjoys a few more weeks with the family.

Dr. Clarence Ussher M. D., formerly of the American Board Hospital in Van, was married on December 7, 1950, to Mrs. Ellen McKenzie. Their home is at 824 Sixth Street, Santa Monica, California. At 81 he is still full of energy, and is reported to be working on the story of his busy years, at home and abroad.

Dr. and Mrs. Albert Dewey are taking their vacation in this city following Annual Meeting, residing in the new Blatter Bungalow adjoining the Scutari School. They hope to visit Izmir on their way back to the busy Hospital on the Hill, in Gaziantep.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Olander of Athens, who drove their own car to attend Annual Meeting in this city, are visiting Ankara briefly while their three children remain in Hisar with the Bargmarks. The elder children and their father will shortly start by car through Thrace for Thessaloniki, while Mrs. Olander with baby David takes the Tuesday plane leaving Istanbul at tea-time, and reaching Thessaloniki for supper. The reunited family then drives northwest across Yugoslavia to Salzburg, where son Charles is particularly interested in the Boy Scout Jamboree, after which all return to their home and work in Athens.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

The woods are full of the tramp of departing delegates and term-workers. After a brief motor-trip to Ankara, the Rev. Paul Olander accompanied by Marion and Charles started very early on the 15th on the return journey to Thessaloniki. After a judicious wait of four days, Mrs. Olander and John David made the same journey in two hours of air-travel. The united family will motor to Salzburg for their vacation. Accompanying the second contingent was Mr. Ed Sather who will assist with the driving as far as Italy. Mr. Sather is on the first stage of his journey back to America at the conclusion of his three-year appointment as tutor in Talas. As soon as he was relieved of his school responsibilities by the return of Mrs. J. K. Lyman, Mr. Sather went north to visit in the home of one of his pupils at Zonguldak, the great coal area. Miss Olive Greene, who has been visiting friends in the city, will return on the 21st to Izmir, whence she will go to Bozdag and pitch her tent for the summer.

Miss Florence Tooby of Pierce College, Elleniko, is helping out for a month with nursing at the Admiral Bristol Hospital.

In their beloved Maine seaside home, "The Anchorage," the Shepard tribe has foregathered. Included are Lorrin and Virginia, five sons and daughters, four daughters-in-law, and four grand-daughters, with Virginia's two sisters and their husbands next door. On the 8th, a good old Maine clam-bake on the shore, prepared by Lorrin and his sons, brought together 45 friends and neighbours. In just about a fortnight from the issue of this sheet, Dr. Shepard expects to be again on duty at the Admiral Bristol Hospital.

Mrs. Edith Laird, of the American University of Beirut, arrived by air on Wednesday to visit her mother, Mrs. MacCallum, at the Bible House. Mrs. Laird reports good progress on the new library building of the university. There are lively hopes that the building will be in use by October of this year.

Dr. Ashley Day, the new principal of the American Community School, Beirut, was introduced recently to the A.C.S. Association. Dr. Day studied at Bowdoin College and Yale University, and received his M.A. from Teachers College, Columbia, where he has recently been completing his work for the doctorate in education. His experience includes several years of teaching at St. George School, Long Island, personal relations work with a large department store in New York, cultural activities and hospital administration with the American army in Europe. (Beirut News Letter)

In July Dr. Lawson P. Chambers retires from his position as professor at Washington University. He becomes professor emeritus of philosophy.

Miss Mary Morrill of the Izmir school is devoting her summer to assisting in the Talas clinic.


Principal and Mrs. Richard Maynard of Tarsus College have deserted the Taurus this summer in favour of the Troodos, Cyprus.

An edition of the Turkish New Testament, the third since the revised version appeared in 1933, is nearing completion. This edition, consisting of 11,000 copies, embodies no changes or corrections, but is of slightly smaller format, though the type is almost identical. Being printed on American Bible paper (not India paper, however) it will be less bulky than its predecessors, but it will not be put into circulation till the present edition is exhausted.

Yours sincerely,

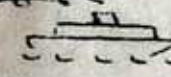
F. Lyman MacCallum

DEAR Friends:


 Born: On July 2nd at Pittsburgh, Penn., Larson Jay, son of William Henry, and second grandson of Merrill and Mildred Isely; 8 lbs. The father has recently received his Master's degree in engineering from the U. of Pittsburgh, and is assistant engineer in a Westinghouse laboratory.


Ed Savage writes from Prescott, Wisconsin, that he had a delightful time in Europe, with a week in Italy, a week in Paris, ten days in England.

Dorothy Blatter was seen off from London by Ethel Putney; was joined at La Havre by Ken Moyer; was met in New York by Dr. Goodsell, Dr. and Mrs. Birge and Duffy; and by Zabel and her husband Mr. Topakian, and was the guest of the latter on Long Island. A birthday party, with Miss Blemker among the expected guests, was in the offing.


 Dr. and Mrs. Paul Nilson were scheduled to sail for Turkey this last Thursday on the Fernjord. Paul had recently seen the Duncan Thompsons, who were with their daughter Margaret in Lexington, Mass. His father Robert and grandfather Alexander were American Board missionaries in "European Turkey," now Bulgaria.

Paul H. Nilson is doing summer work with Mr. Van Nice in his structural survey of St. Sophia. When Paul's parents arrive, he expects to proceed with them to Talas.

 The Blake party were in Naples on July 9th; visited Pompeii and "climbed" Vesuvius; saw what they could of Rome in a day; went to Assisi and Florence. On July 18th every one was gathered in Berne for Kay Faust's wedding; only the groom was missing; he had been delayed, but was on his way.

 Miss Towner and Mrs. Woodruff on July 15th had seen Pisa, were in Stressa, and were headed for Berne.

Colonel and Mrs. Wm. A. Eddy have been spending several days in Ankara and Istanbul. Mrs. Eddy's mother was Emma Frances Goodale who was born in Marash in the early 1860's. Her parents were Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Bannister Goodale of our mission. Mr. Eddy's parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Eddy were American Board missionaries serving in the Syria area before that was turned over to the Presbyterians. The "Alexander Sarcophagus", now in the Istanbul Museum, was found by villagers who reported their find to Mr. W. E. Eddy, who in return reported it to the Sublime Porte and was subsequently made a life member of the Imperial Archaeological Association. Col. Eddy has served in our State Department; has been ambassador to Saudi Arabia; is now vice-president of the Arabian American Oil Company, with special concern with public relations.

 Two Tarsus graduates are on their way to America as Fulbright scholars. Esat Turak flew this week, and Muvaffak Kavrar is scheduled to go in the near future.

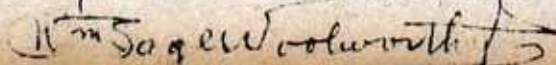
On Friday, the 20th, Istanbul had a five inch rainfall in nine hours. Much sand and earth were washed down hilly streets; pavements were undermined. The road between Tophane and Dolmabahçe was closed.

This past week Istanbul has been visited by an American fleet of seven units (7000 men, 70,000 tons) including the carrier "Coral Sea;" and Izmir by a fleet of nine units, also including a carrier.

The United Missionary Council and the Near East School of Theology have arranged a 1951-1952 center for Arabic and Islamic studies.

Dr. Carleton has made his trip to Saudi Arabia. Mr. Miller, who has been studying in Harvard, was scheduled to return to Aleppo this week.

Sincerely,



Dear Friends:

The Treasury Office is a fine center for sharing in the holidays of many associates, some of whom remember us very urgently as they write in for more money! Ethel Putney and Evelyn Woodward have been happily visiting in Wales; Peggy Brown discovered that Swiss Guards were but men, and attended a Papal reception of the faithful; Bob Schinske is in Berlin; Fern Scovel, Ann Goodykoontz, and Dorothy Woolworth are eastbound on the Black Sea for Samsun, whence they will cross Asia Minor, to eventually visit Syria; Sylvia Nilson with twenty other volunteers, is helping to rebuild a bombed parsonage in France; Luther Fowle hopes to spend two weeks in Talas and Namrun, before the arrival of the Nilsons with 38 pieces of baggage. In short, summer is in full swing.

The MacCallum household celebrated July 30th by a two-car picnic to Şile, 71 kilometers from Scutari, on the Black Sea coast, where light-house, huge castle-like rocks in the sea, ruins of a Genoese tower, and the surge of the restless rollers on a fine beach - all contributed to a perfect day.

Announcement has been received of the marriage in New York, on June 23d of Victoria DeVinny and Robert Benedict Dodd, son and grandson of our associates, Dr. and Mrs. Wilson Farnsworth Dodd of Gaziantep, and Dr. and Mrs. William S. Dodd of Talas and Konya.

Dr. and Mrs. Edwin St. John Ward are spending a few weeks at Mountain Rest, in the Berkshires. They report that Philip Ward, formerly of our Beirut Station, with Mrs. Ward and the baby, are shortly moving from Mount Hermon to Chambersburg, Penn., where Philip is to teach Bible next year, at Wilson College.

On July 31st a group of 19, mostly of our Mission, were conducted through St. Sophia by Mr. Robert VanNice, who returned some time ago to carry on his architectural studies of this most remarkable building. He is being aided this summer by Paul Nilson, now a tutor at Robert College.

Items:

Built in five years and ten months.

Dedicated on Christmas day, A.D. 537.

Original dome some twenty feet flatter than the present dome. It was damaged by earthquake in 558, and fell five months later. Contributory reasons for its fall, - Builders had'nt the knowledge to calculate lateral pressures.

So rapidly built that masonry was not dry when pressure was put on.

The porous Devonian rock underlying area has 'given' under the enormous weight of the building, resulting in visible dis-alignment of walls and pillars.

Ninety of the marble floor slabs were cut from the same stone, as proved by their markings. They are laid down in balanced geometrical design.

The simple gold crosses in the high arches of the Narthex are of the Sixth Century, before use of human figures came to be a burning issue, leading to the iconoclastic wars. Subsequently, figures appear, and over the south entrance to the narthex, and the central door from narthex into the church 9th and 10th century mosaics tell the story of Church, State, - and Heaven. The mosaics are sometimes set in varying protruding angles, gauged to the vision of the eyes of persons far below, on the narthex floor.

High on the north wall there were seven mosaics of early saints, even as recently as 1849. Rain and seepage from adjacent windows has washed away four of the panels: but Chrysostom, and two, each named Ignatius remain, and have recently been brought into view from the floor.

The exquisite major mosaics in the gallery are, -

Virgin, Christ, and John - 12th or 13th century - mostly destroyed but faces miraculously preserved.

Emperor Constantine Monomachus with Empress Zoe, who became widow, empress, and bride - all in the space of one hour.

Emperor John Comnenus and Empress Irene, with their son Alexis. LRF

Dear Friends:

Our last issue recorded the vacation of Dr. and Mrs. Edwin St. John Ward at Mountain Rest. We sorrowfully report the news that Dr. Ward suffered a stroke on the Sunday evening of July 29th and slipped peacefully away on Tuesday evening, the 31st. Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon, August 2nd, at the Springfield Cemetery Chapel, in Springfield, Mass.

Dr. Ward, with Mrs. Ward, came to Turkey in 1907 and ^{they} were stationed at Diyarbakir where he conducted a hospital there till 1911 when he became Professor of Surgery at A.U.B. until 1931. In America he served several hospitals till 1947 when he and Mrs. Ward returned to Turkey for a year at the Gaziantep Hospital. During the past year he has been physician at the Memorial Home Community, Penney Farms, Florida. Dr. Ward has always shown a warm interest in people of all races both on the mission field and in America and his sympathetic spirit and quiet humor will be missed by the many he has served.

Dr. Lorrin A. Shepard arrived in Istanbul Thursday morning via Pan American plane due at 1. a.m. but landed at about 4. a.m. He began his work at the hospital at 9 a.m. and held hospital Board of Managers' meeting in the afternoon. Mrs. Shepard will return in September.

Dr. and Mrs. Birge expect to be at Minnie's Seaside Rest in Maine from August 18 to September 1st. They expect to leave New York on September 14th and arrive in Istanbul by plane on the 16th.

Dean Elizabeth Stanton of the Women's College has been visiting Gaziantep and from there expected to return to Istanbul via Ankara and Cypress, in which latter place Dr. and Mrs. Black of Robert College are spending some time.

Miss Susan Armstrong, formerly with our Mission in China and now teaching in the Girls' High School in Aleppo, arrived here yesterday to spend some time with Miss Alice Reed, another "China hand," at our Scutari school.

Miss Elizabeth MacCallum arrived here yesterday by plane from Athens to spend the week-end with her sister Mrs. Edith Laird and the MacCallum family. She expects to return for a longer visit in September after completing her work in Athens. Miss MacCallum is connected with the Near East Division of the Canadian Department of External Affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard, on their return from Cypress, are spending two weeks in Gbzne. On their return to Tarsus, Mr. Avery will join his family, who are in Namrun with Mrs. Wm. L. Nute, Jr., and children.

Mr. Luther Fowle left this morning by plane for Kayseri and Talas. He expects to spend a week there and a second week with the Averys in Namrun.

Miss Clara Bissell reports a "Turkey" gathering in July consisting of Isabel (Martin) and George Tracy, Gülgün Gönenc, Miss Elsie Farris who visited our mission last year, and Alice Lindsley.

Mrs. Horace McMullen is happy in the visit of her sister, Mrs. Albert R. Williams of New Rochelle, N.Y. to the family in their summer home in Shimlan, Lebanon. (Beirut N.S.)

Mr. George Miller arrived in Beirut July 25 on the Excambion, enroute to Aleppo.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

Dr. John R. Mott, accompanied by Dr. Donald Lowrie, of the International Committee of the YMCA, are spending a few days in Istanbul. Dr. Lowrie's special interest is the production of religious study literature for the young people of Europe. A reception for these guests is being given at the home of Mr. Ezra Young, director of the local Amerikan Dersanesi.

Holidays are soon over -- sooner, perhaps if they are spent at work. The subject of this dirge, William Sage Woolworth, Jr. returned yesterday by air from a brief visit to his old home in Tarsus. On the other hand, Miss Florence Tooby of Pierce College, Elleniko, who has given a month of her holiday to practical nursing in the Admiral Bristol Hospital, left on Monday by air for Rome.

Born, on August 7th to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hermsmeier of 1225 Sixth Ave., S.E., Rochester, Minn. a son, Bruce Alan, weight 8 lbs. 9 oz. The proud mother is Mary Frances Isely, and one pair of the proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Isely of Gaziantep, whose third grandson this is.

The Izmir Station car is due in Istanbul about September 1st, returning from its Paris excursion. Accompanying, occupying or driving the car will be William Edmonds of Talas, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Dewey. Mrs. Dewey was until very, very recently Miss K. Faust of Izmir -- and two Turkish associates. From Istanbul, Mr. Edmonds will go to Samsun to visit in the homes of some of his students until the schoolbell summons him to Talas.

Mr. and Mrs. Zenian and son Paul of Beirut are spending a month visiting Istanbul and Beirut. Paul is a student in the American Community School of that city, while his father is responsible for the Sunday School and Young People's Work of the Armenian Gregorian Patriarchate centering at Antillias.

Richard and Georgie Maynard passed through Beirut on their way to Tarsus after spending a brief holiday in Cyprus.

On Tuesday an American transport brought to the city nearly 1500 Turkish veterans from the Korean battles. These were men who are being replaced by fresh troops. There were extraordinary scenes of enthusiasm at the docks and in the streets, and each of the men as he goes about seems to be accompanied by a circle of admiring relatives and friends.

The earthquake which caused severe damage and some loss of life in the vicinity of Çankiri, north-east of Ankara, on Monday evening was clearly felt in this city.

The 1951 band of mission reinforcements and replacements, consisting of eleven ladies and four men, is due to sail from New York on August 25th on the Italian S.S. "Conte Biancamano." The party is due to arrive in Naples on September 4 and to leave there on the S.S. "Ankara" on the 7th, reaching Istanbul on the 10th. Included in the group are the following: For Mardin, Miss Dorothy Nilson; for Izmir, the Misses Dorothy Robinson, Sylvia Leamon, Martha Millett, and Mary Barber; for Scutari, the Misses Alice Lindsley, Lillian Brauer, Dorothy Smith, Marion Schoenheit, Marion Henderson, and Virginia Elder; for Tarsus, Messrs Harold Murray, James Fyfe and Ray Fowler; for Talas, Mr. Allen King. Bon voyage, and Hoş geldiniz.

Mrs. R. N. Grunewald (still Marjorie Bullock to most of us on the field) writes from Claremont where Bob has been taking a graduate course in International Relations, which was shortly to be followed by responsibility for an orientation course for foreign students who will be entering American colleges this fall. (The undersigned would humbly suggest that these young Orientals should be 'occidentated,' not orientated.)

Yours truly,
F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

Word has been received that Miss Ruth Wolfe (ex-Üsküdar) has been spending part of her vacation in India, and returned to Pakistan on the 20th of this month. ... Mrs. Woodruff and Miss Towner have been heard from in Norway. ... Miss Emily McCallum reports the hottest weather in Athens for a full century. Miss Elizabeth MacCallum of Ottawa is back at work in the heat of Athens. Miss Elizabeth MacCallum of Istanbul is combining summer study and vacation, both in preparation for her return to Oxford on September 14th. Mrs. Edith Laird returned to Beirut by plane this last Sunday, apparently taking the same plane out of Istanbul on which -

Barclay Shepard and his bride Martha had just arrived. The couple are staying at the Shepard apartment in Nişantaşı, and will shortly take up their residence at Lone Tree Cottage on the Robert College Campus.

Pres. and Mrs. Carl Compton, with their daughter Esther, flew from Thessaloniki to Istanbul on Tuesday, the 21st, and are the guests of the Woolworths at Tower Cottage. Esther reports the city up to its reputation, and her parents are renewing old memories and old acquaintances.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Nilson are expected in Istanbul on August 27th, unless Paul leaves his ship at Beirut so as to go on by train and arrive earlier in Talas.

Storms continue to come upon Istanbul. On Monday a brief but heavy rain and hail storm did much damage in the city. The Bible House wept bitter tears as over eighty roofing panes of glass cracked or tinkled down. On Tuesday two inches of rain fell in less than forty minutes, and Wednesday saw another inch, but this fell a bit more deliberately.



Miss Blemker left the hospital on August 1st, and was back in Boston on the 15th. She writes on the 17th: "An appendectomy is not really an unpleasant experience, but these three days in Boston indicate that things must be taken more slowly. ... (This letter) comes with warmest good wishes to all of you."

This same letter reports that Mr. Ray Fowler, headed for Tarsus, had had to go to a hospital, and very possibly would not be able to come to Turkey. Miss Brauer is scheduled to sail on August 30th instead of coming with the main group. The Board is in touch with a young man who may be available as the Fulbright teacher for Tarsus, and a family who may also be able to come to Tarsus this fall.

Miss Mabel Long is back from her trip to Africa. She reports an increased knowledge of geography and ethnology, and enjoyed sleeping under two and three blankets. Dr. Parmelee was still in Athens, but was expecting to head for Cyprus soon. Miss Bicknell was expected on September 3rd, Miss Nichol a day or two after that, and the Olanders "some time." Word had been received from Mr. Belcher that Mrs. Brewster had undergone a successful operation.

William Sage Woolworth spent three days in Istanbul after his trip to Ankara, Tarsus, Adana, and Talas; then turned and made another visit in Ankara. On Sunday he preached to the American community, and on Monday did follow-up work with the Ministry of Education for our Turkey schools. In the two trips he travelled by plane, sleeper, "couchette" railway car (three "comfortable" shelves on each side of the compartment), bus, and on foot (up the Talas hill at 10:00 P.M.). There is something to be said for each mode of travel, but there is no place like home!

Sincerely

Dear Friends:

The Turkish Republic today celebrates the launching of the attack by Mustafa Kemal Pasha which resulted in pushing out of Anatolia the allied forces which occupied the country, following the defeat of the First World War. A striking example of the wisdom and greatness of Mustafa Kemal of Turkey, and Venizelos of Greece, was their Treaty of friendship and mutual defense, which followed by only three or four years, the traditional hatred of war. Today both these neighbors stand with their western Allies for democracy, and government by Law.

Vacation is still in the air, as August draws to its end. Misses Scovel and Goodykoontz of Scutari, with Dorothy Woolworth of the Admiral Bristol Hospital, sailed from Istanbul for Samsun on the Black Sea, thence by train or bus to Amasya, Tokat, Sivas, Malatya, and Gaziantep, where Betty Richmond joined them. Dorothy had to return by plane for Hospital duty, but the others went on to Aleppo, Palmyra, Damascus, and Trans-Jordan. "It's all wonderful fun" is the verdict.

The Carletons of Aleppo with George Miller and Tom Weaver, who served in the transport program in Iran during the war, left Aleppo on August 24th for a long desired trip by car to that interesting land.

Invitations from Nutes and Averys led the Treasurer to spend one week in Talas, and another high in the Taurus Mountains, in mid-August. Plane travel each way contributes much to such holidays. He recalls six days araba travel from Talas to Ankara in 1896. Now he flew from Istanbul to Kayseri in 160 minutes. His return trip started from the Christie-Nute summer houses under the Castle in Namrun (Taurus) at 6 a.m. A patient donkey bore his bags down to the "center", whence a bus landed him in Tarsus before 11:00. There was early lunch with the Maynards, who drove him to Adana, whence a 1:00 o'clock plane touched down at Iconium at 2:10; Afyon at 3:30, and flying over Nicaea landed him in Istanbul at 5:15, to be supping with the MacCallums less than 12 hours from his morning start. How other was the story of Paul's travel from his birthplace in the same Tarsus along the dusty roads to the same Iconium, and on beyond the Churches in Asia to cross the narrow sea to Europe 1900 years ago this year.

President and Mrs. Carl C. Compton of Anatolia College, Thessaloniki accompanied by daughter Esther, are spending two weeks in Istanbul, to the great delight of old friends and associates. They are guests at Tower Cottage.

The American Community of Istanbul learns with regret that Mr. Arthur Lanckton, once of Robert College, and recently Manager of Socony-Vacuum in Turkey, is shortly to be transferred from Istanbul to 26 Broadway. Mr. Lanckton is here for a few weeks, but Mrs. Lanckton (Katharine Nicol of Beirut) and the three children are remaining in America, whither they had gone for the summer.

Although fifteen teachers had passage on the Conte Biancamano from New York August 25th, Lilian Brauer must take a later sailing, and Ray Fowler, bound for Tarsus, is in Hospital in America. So thirteen, piloted by Miss Alice Lindsley of Scutari, are due to reach Naples on September 5th, sailing on the "Ankara" on the 7th to reach Istanbul on the 10th.

After a busy summer, Miss Jessie Martin is sailing the Black Sea to Ordu and return, for rest, change, and sea-breezes.

The World Inter-Parliamentary Union is assembling in Istanbul for its 40th Session. Delegates from most national legislative bodies have already arrived.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle.

Dear Friends:

On Saturday afternoon, September 1st, a group of about fifty friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles MacNeal to honor the 80th birthday of the Rev. Charles T. Riggs. After refreshments there was some delightful piano music by Prof. MacNeal and three charming German songs were sung by Mrs. Ray Pearson. Also, wearing his fourscore years very jauntily indeed, Mr. Riggs recounted something of the many changes he had witnessed both in Turkey and abroad during his lifetime. This news-sheet joins in wishing a long and happy life to its founder.

"Uplands News" from Pleasant Hill, Tenn. reports the arrival of Dr. and Mrs. Cyril H. Haas to join the medical staff there, after 38 years' service in this mission. Theda Belle Phelps and Katharine Fletcher are other former members of the Near East Mission, now associated with the Pleasant Hill community.

Dr. and Mrs. Puzant Jonikian, long associated with the American Hospital in Herzifon and the Admiral Bristol Hospital in Istanbul, have sent out invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Lucy, to Mr. Hagop Markarian. The wedding was to take place at Forest Hills, Long Island, September 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Blake, Misses Alice Lindsley and Betty George, together with Mr. and Mrs. John Scott were present throughout the orientation course in Boston for the group of new personnel coming to our Mission this September, whose arrival we await next week.

Miss Lucy Shepardson, R.N. has arrived in Istanbul to join the staff of the Admiral Bristol Hospital as Superintendent of Nurses. She comes after a year spent with Quaker Relief for Arab refugees.

The Izmir Car arrived here in the small hours of Saturday morning last from its European jaunt. Mr. and Mrs. Alex. K. Faust Dewey with Mr. Ken Olsen of Tarsus and the two Turkish colleagues in the A.C.I., continued on to Izmir the same afternoon. Mr. Edmonds left here Tuesday morning enroute to the Talas School via the Black Sea route. Along the way he will visit pupils' homes in several places.

Mr. and Mrs. David Bergmark with Julia, Pamela and David, Jr. left on the Saturday afternoon steamer to join the group in Izmir station for the coming school year. Half their time will be devoted to further Turkish language study. Mr. Bergmark will also have charge of the business affairs of school and station, while Mrs. Bergmark will be kept busy with teaching some music classes in the school and with piloting Julia and Pamela thru Calvert courses.

Recent word from Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Baker mentions good recovery of each from hospital experiences. Daughter Mary is at home with them in Johnstown, N.Y. and also Harry's mother, who at the age of 93 years, is well and active. The Bakers have had visits with the Duncan Thomsons who expected to spend part of the summer with their daughter, Margaret Biggs, and family and to return to England in September.

Dr. Evangeline Muthammah Thilliyampalam was the guest of the Woolworths from Sunday evening on her arrival from Athens, till Wednesday morning when she flew via Pan Am. to Beirut. She is a graduate of American Board schools in India, with M.A. and Doctor's degrees from Columbia. She has taught in several colleges in India and been exchange teacher at Wellesley. She is returning to India now after traveling in the U.S. in the interest of Lady Doak College in Madras of which she will be principal.

Dr. Thilliyampalam brings word that Mr. Renfrew, once a teacher at Tarsus, is now a ceramic chemist and with his wife and four year old son is living near Boston.

Sincerely,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

--The Twenty-second International Congress of Orientalists, which holds its first assembly at the Istanbul University on the afternoon of the 15th, brings to this city many distinguished men and friends. Famous names like Massignon, Gibb, Guillaume appear in the programme. The meetings will last for a week, and will be conducted in fifteen sections covering various areas and subjects from the Far East to Africa, with occasional General Meetings. Many of the Istanbul Station will be sitting in on those lectures which interest them.

--Dr. Robert Schinske, who arrived last week from his summer in Europe, left on the 12th for his work in Tarsus.

--Paul Nilson, Jr., has gone to Talas to be with his parents and Sylvia before the latter returns to her work in Aleppo on the 16th. Dorothy Nilson was also to have been present at the family reunion, but the delay in the arrival of her party from America brings her to Istanbul only on the 15th.

--Mrs. Bessie Lyman, who has spent a year in the Talas school, returns tomorrow to take up her duties in Istanbul. She will be living in the library apartment, vacated by Ethel Putney. Mrs. Lyman accompanies the Stirlings, who are to report at the Orientalist Congress some of the findings of their intensive study of life in a Turkish village in the vicinity of Kayseri.

--Another visitor to Istanbul during the past week was Dr. Henry Avery Atkinson, secretary of the Church Peace Union of 170 East 64th Street, New York. This organization is associated with the Carnegie Peace Foundation, and is one of the private agencies interested in the cultural relations of the United States.

--Among the guests at the Bible House are three Orientalist delegates, Dr. A. W. Guillaume, author of "The Legacy of Islam," and well known in Beirut circles during the war, Dr. Ann Lambton, an authority on Iran, and Dr. Wilfred Smith, of Montreal. Dr. Smith is particularly interested in obtaining personnel and students for the Islamic Institute, of which he is to be the head, and which will open its doors in McGill University in October 1952. The plans for this unique study center call for a professor and one or two graduate students from each of the main Muslim countries. These will be mixed in the Institute with a corresponding number of Western professors and students, together with such other students as may wish to attend. It is hoped that out of this mixture of east and west in two years of combined residence and work, something significant may result. Dr. Smith is seeking here a Turkish professor qualified to give an English seminar on modern Islam in Turkey, together with a second seminar in one of the more regular branches of Islamic studies. He is also seeking a promising Turkish student who will profit by the courses which the Institute affords.

--The Rev. Iain Campbell officiated at the wedding of Miss Dorothy Blatter's niece held in Lincoln, Neb. on the 2nd. Shortly afterwards (and quite apart from this event) Gladys Campbell went to Omaha for surgical treatment, from which Iain reports her as making good recovery.

--With the younger generation of Averys and Nutes playing about the grounds, the summer camp at Namrun in the Taurus this year again began to fulfil its original purpose. One evening a full session of the Adana-Tarsus station was held there, and the next morning a party of six adults and four children made the expedition to the Namrun castle which overshadows the camp. Again they deciphered the rock-carved inscription in Greek letters, "Lord, protect the wealth of this house;" again they marvelled at the skill of the 10th century stonemasons; again they swarmed up the familiar passages and crannies to the tower in which the late Thomas Christie established his desk for uninterrupted quiet, while keeping a benign eye on the family activities far below, which he could survey through the arrow-slit in the massive stone walls.

Sincerely,

Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

September 28, 1951.

Our Party of Thirteen arrived safely Saturday, September 15th, on the "Tarsus," together with only 141 pieces of baggage. The entire group went directly to the Uskudar School which held a tea in their honor the following afternoon.

Alice Lindsley, leader of the party, together with Virginia Elder, Mrs. Marion Henderson, Martha Millet, Marion Shoenheit, and Dorothy Smith had all come to their own school. On Monday Harold Murray and James Fyfe flew to Tarsus, to be at examinations the next day. On Tuesday at 6:15 A.M. Mr. Seager, who had brought Fay to the Community School, picked up Mary Barber, Sylvia Leamon, and Dorothy Robinson, delivering them the same evening at Izmir. Wednesday Allen King and Sylvia Nilson, the latter en route to Hardin, left by train for Talas. Three of our teachers come on Fulbright appointment.

Sunday morning, the 16th, the Birges arrived promptly at 6:15 A.M., in time for King to attend that Orientalists Congress. Lillian Brauer arrived on the 24th, coming on the "Ankara" for Uskudar.

John Karayusuf of Aleppo; Lyman MacCallum, Frank Stoltzfus, and William Sage Woolworth were among those who attended various sessions of the Orientalists Congress. Prof. Garstang who has carried on excavations near Tersin, and Miss Goell, who shared in the "dig" at Tarsus; as also Bahadir Alkim, former student at Tarsus College and now an Assistant Professor in archaeology at Istanbul University, were among the speakers. The Congress continued from Saturday the 15th through the 22nd of this month.

Three Carletons plus Messrs Miller and Weaver returned on the 9th from a 4190 mile, sixteen and a half day trip into Persia. "Steady going, but all of it was worth it. Two flat tires (nails) were the total of accidents."

Aleppo College is preparing for its Seventy Fifth Anniversary on October 11th through the 14th. Congratulations to the College!

Emir Konak is no more! In its stead we now have a grand open space, being prepared to receive the foundations of the new building which is to grace the campus at Uskudar. This year will see the construction of just the lower part of the building, which is to house the laundry and other facilities for the school.

With the coming of the Birges, the Woolworths have moved into Dorothy Blatter's new house. Everyone, the new residents included, remark on the completeness with which Dorothy has planned. Calidere Cottage is a delight!

Alice Alter, now teaching at the Beirut College for Women, has spent several days in Istanbul visiting especially with her former schoolmate, Dorothy Woolworth.

Ten former Talas students have been working as interpreters at the air base being built near Adana, and another has been there as engineer.

Elizabeth E. MacCallum is very happy in being at Brighton with her uncle, Dr. Percy Roberts. Elizabeth P. MacCallum is still in Athens, hoping to be released and to get again to Istanbul in October. Edith Laird rejoices in being in the new library in Beirut, but longs for the completion of the building; there is much still to be done.

Sincerely,

Wm Sage Woolworth

Dear Friends

American schools and colleges in this area have started their fall terms. Mr. Donald Savage, recently appointed to Tarsus after an earlier appointee withdrew on account of illness, reached Istanbul on Sunday night, via Air France from New York. After some Monday sight-seeing, meeting associates, and visiting the Scutari School, he flew Tuesday morning by Turkish Air Lines for Adana. He is Ed Savage's younger brother - and the fourth to come to this Mission recently from Hamline University, St. Paul, Minn. The others are Helling, Ed Savage, and Kenyon Loyer - all of Tarsus.

Dr. Nihat Resat Belger, Deputy, and former Minister of Health of the Turkish Republic, and President of the Red Crescent Society, is leaving for a visit to the United States as guest of the Government, particularly to get in touch with the leaders and activities of the similar agency in America - the National Red Cross Society.

The Carletons of Aleppo College have qualified for the "Grands". Born, to John and Muriel Carleton Siddall, on September 3d., a son, William.

To meet the obligations assumed with the receipt of a large grant under the Point Four program, the American University of Beirut has some thirty-eight new staff members this fall.

After long years of devoted service as Executive Secretary of the Presbyterian Mission in Syria/Lebanon, Dr. W. G. Greenslade is turning over his task to the Rev. J. W. Willoughby. Dr. Greenslade will work on special assignments through the winter, and in the spring he and Mrs. Greenslade go on furlough, followed by retirement. The American Board circle will always recall with special gratitude Dr. Greenslade's long years as principal of the Near East School of Theology, in which the two Missions were partners.

Engagement: Miss Phyllis Fropp of Des Moines and Farnsworth Fowle, of the staff of the New York Times, in Germany. Major Fropp withdrew from the U. S. Army in Germany three years ago, to serve as a civilian lawyer in the legal department of the U. S. Army European Command. Now in America, she sails for Europe in late October, and the wedding is planned to take place before the end of 1951. A century earlier, in December 1851, Wilson Farnsworth, great grandfather of the fiance who carries the same name, left Boston with his bride by sail, bound for the Ottoman Empire.

The American Hospital of Istanbul: The Hospital, now called the Admiral Bristol Hospital, has completed 31 years of service since it was established by the American Community of Istanbul in the troubled post-war period of 1920. For the past 24 years, Lorrin F. Shepard M. D. has been its medical director. Today the completed plant of Hospital and Nurses' School and Home stands without debt. Operating costs of almost half a million liras annually are met primarily by hospital earnings, supplemented by income of a small endowment in America, and the support of American and other friends of the Hospital in Turkey.

On October 20th at 4 p.m. the American Community is invited to meet at the School of Nursing to hear reports on the past year, plans for the new year, and to elect three members to the Hospital Board of Managers to replace three whose term of service ends with 1951.

The parents of Miss Gladys Lucas, formerly teacher in the Gedik Pasha and Scutari Schools, and now director of the American Girls' High School in Aleppo, arrive today by air from London. After two days in Istanbul, to see the scenes and the friends of their daughter during twenty years of service, they fly on to Beirut, where Gladys will meet them. They will have some weeks with their daughter in Aleppo, before flying back to their home and garden near London.

Very truly yours,
Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Robert College registration as reported October 9 was as follows:

New Students	259	Boarders	348
Old Students	683	Day Students	594
Total	942	Total	942

Paul Nilson reports Talas Boys' School as going on very well with 150 boarders.

Mrs. Wm. L. Nute, Sr. accompanied by Dorothy Nilson, Messrs. Edmonds and King spent the week-end of October 6, 7th in Tarsus. Dorothy will continue on to Gaziantep to await there her permission to go to Hardin.

Mr. Isely reports on his September vacation trip by which he and Mrs. Isely travelled 1700(plus) miles by autobus, jeep, taxi, truck, springless wagon, oxcart, mule, and on foot, with short train connections twice, in their aim to see most of the small towns in the mountain areas between Gaziantep, Kayseri and Adana. So they visited Elbistan, Gökösun (where St. John Chrysostom lived in banishment), Sar, Saimbeyli (old Hadjin), Kozan (old Sis), Anavarza (of Roman times), Karatepe (Hittite), Adana, Ankara and west to Yassi Tepe (Gordion). High points of the trip were the ride down from Saimbeyli to Kozan, said to be more scenic than any other place in Turkey, and a 400 kilo. ride thru the forest north of Adana on the southern slope of the Taurus mountains.

The Near East School of Theology in Beirut was to hold its opening devotional assembly on Monday evening the 15th.

Douglas M. Hill on furlough from Aleppo College this year, is enrolled as a graduate student in Macalester College, majoring in Dramatic Art and Education. His arrival in Minnesota was coincident with an 8½ inch rainfall in four hours, which surpasses an August day record in Istanbul of 5 inches in nine hours.

Repairs and replacements of glass in the Bible House skylights from breakage in the August heavy hail-storm have been completed, involving 168 new panes and resetting of old ones, at a cost of approximately 4000 liras.

The days preceding and after Sunday, October 6th, was a time on the part of the American Service Centre of entertaining visitors passing thru Istanbul as delegates to the World Y.W.C.A. Council Meeting at Beirut, which meets every third year. Miss Margaret C. Forsyth (one time situated in Izmir), Executive of the Y.W. Foreign Division, Mrs. Huntington of the National Committee, Mrs. George W. Jewett, Spokane, Washington, of the Foreign Division, Mrs. Maurice T. Moore (sister of Mr. Luce of Life and Time), Chairman of the Foreign Division Committee, Mrs. Eugene Ross McCarthy of the National Board, composed this group of interesting women.

Mrs. Virginia Shepard arrived by plane from America last Friday evening, the 12th. Barclay and his bride occupy one of the small apartments at the "Lone Tree" house at Robert College.

Mr. and Mrs. Clement P. Heydenburk and four daughters arrived in the city last evening from Kirmanshah, Iran, where they have been in charge of the Faraman Orphanage of the independent Iran Interior Mission. Heavy rains to the north had caused the Tigris to rise five or six feet within a few hours. Trains were held up because of washed-out bridges, so passengers not wishing to delay, flew here from Bagdad. The Heydenburks continue on their way to furlough in America via the "Istanbul" leaving for Athens this coming Saturday.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesto T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

Elizabeth MacCallum of Oxford is beginning her work as one of a class of five girls in mathematics. Besides acquiring knowledge, she has picked up the traditional Oxford gown with ribbon sleeves, and a large scarf in black, navy blue, white and yellow. It would seem appropriate that she is attending St. Hugh's College.

Kate Ainslie Hopkins writes from Hospital Americano, Guatemala City, Central America, whither she has recently flown for a visit with her brother Charles, who is head of the hospital. Their house is 1000 feet above the plain which it overlooks, and the view includes a number of volcanoes which drape themselves with steam and clouds. The quetzal, national bird of Guatemala, loves freedom and cannot live in a cage.

Dick Maynard writes from Tarsus on the ninth: We are having an extremely rainy fall. ... Allen King, Bill Edmonds, and Dorothy Nilson were down the weekend. Dorothy is staying with us a couple of days and then is going to Gaziantep, where she hopes to pick up her Jardin permit.

Ken Moyer of Tarsus is ^{reported} to be studying at Union Seminary.

Lyman MacCallum should have been the editor of this letter. We regret to report that since September 27th he has been suffering from hypertension, but are happy to add that he is making a satisfactory recovery.

Anna Goodykoontz' uncle and aunt, Prof. and Mrs. Roy G. Blakey, arrived in Istanbul on the 12th, en route to Ankara where he is to be Fulbright professor in economics at the Faculty of Political Science. His basic work has been at the University of Minnesota, with three years as visiting professor at the U. of California. Mrs. Blakey has been at Macalester College, with some added teaching at the University of St. Paul. Her subject is history.

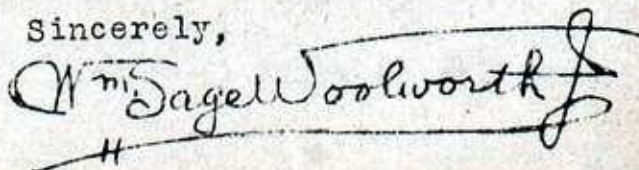
Prof. Levonian is this year to be at the Pacific School of Religion as visiting lecturer on the History of Religions. BNL.

Are you doing your Christmas shopping early? Get calendars and stationery from the Publication Department. Are you making your summer plans? Don't forget Gözne, the restful resort in the Taurus Mountains behind Mersin. Apply to Tarsus College for full information.

How well do you know our Mission personnel? Who are our senior members from the point of view of service? The initials on this page tell you who came out first, and later issues will tell to whom the next honors belong.

Dorothy Blatter writes from Portland, Oregon, on October 3rd: Am having a fine trip, and am utterly amazed at the enthusiasm and interest of these women's groups in the Northwest. Talked twice to a jammed church at Women's Day yesterday and am to talk at a luncheon meeting at the First Church today. Then I'll go to Salem, have a visit with Fernie (Scovel)'s father, then go on to my youngest brother at San Jose.

Sincerely,




Dear Friends:

On Sunday last, the Emmanuel Church held a special Thanksgiving service in the afternoon, with large attendance. There were beautiful decorations of fall flowers, special music, and an outpouring of harvest gifts in money and kind, piled on tables prepared. After the service, the young people of the congregation distributed the harvest gifts to the Greek and Armenian community hospitals, and to some needy homes of the congregation.

Pierce College reports from Athens a full registration of 537 on October 17th, of whom 422 are in the 'gymnasium' department, the balance being in the college classes. Four Fulbright appointees have taken up their work, Mrs. Mabel Danalis in the School of Social Work; Mrs. Emma Carter and Miss Sophie Gagalis in the English department; and Miss Kathryn Sexauer dividing her service between the English department and Library service.

Dr. and Mrs. Earl Ballou, formerly of the Board's China Mission, and now executive of the Congregational Christian Service Commission plan to arrive in Greece on November 10th to visit the activities of the CCSC in this area.

The American Collegiate Institute, Izmir is the first to report fall enrollments. In two prep divisions 91, middle school 139, lycee (university preparatory) 81; total registration 311. Teaching hours per week are 412, of which 212 are taught by Americans, in English; 35 by Turkish teachers in Turkish, being classes that might properly be taught in English; and 125 taught in Turkish by Turkish teachers. In religious affiliations, 275 students are Moslem; 33 Jewish; and three Christian - Total 311.

The occupation of the parents of these students is particularly significant to those who recall that in Ottoman days Government service and the Army were the main fields of activity for educated Turkish citizens. Of the parents of the Izmir student body, 143 are in independent business such as merchants, farmers, or engaged in transport or construction work. 35 are in the professions; 53 are salaried workers; 35 in Government employ or Army; while the fathers of 16 are deceased. This indicates an important trend in the development of Turkish democracy.

Wedding bells. At Christ Church, Ridgewood, New Jersey, on Saturday October 27th. Margaret Townsend (our Reg Brown of the Scutari School, who left us last June) and Robert Hammett Mason. Address 248 Eighty-fifth Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Edgar Sather, who completed three years' teaching at Talas last June, is studying at Union Theological Seminary, Broadway at 120th Street, New York City.

Gwendolyn Wolsted, who graduated last June from the "Mission Short Course" at Scutari, lives at 23 Cleveland Street, Arlington, Mass. and is secretary in the Harvard department concerned with Indonesian studies.

Miss Venita Bright, office secretary at Aleppo College, arrived in Aleppo on October 16th and has taken up her duties with Dr. Carleton and his associates.

Aleppo College is bursting at the seams, with the largest enrollment of its history, except for the abnormal year six years ago when all French schools were closed.

Letter from Miss Ethel Putney, written from 396 May Street, Worcester, Mass. reports her landing in New York at the end of September, and glad meeting with numerous friends in the busy days that followed. Some of these we know were Zabel of Scutari, the Goodsells, Eleanor Burns, Helen Scott, Dri Davis, Harry and Olive Baker, Betty and Walt Smith.

Announcement of wedding plans indicate that Miss Phyllis Propp and Farnsworth Fowle will be married on November 10th at the U. S. Army Chapel in Frankfurt am Main. Miss Propp was to sail from New York on the 25th for Bremerhaven. Their address for the present will be:- Care of The New York Times, 2 Argentinische Allee, Zehlendorf-West, Berlin, Germany.

Dear Friends

The early days of this week have been devoted, on the part of the Turkish public, to the celebration of the Twenty-eighth anniversary of the founding of the Republic. The Armenian and Greek Patriarchs were invited to participate in the ceremonies at Taksim, on the 29th, Monday. While Monday was fairly "fair", the general holidays were much colder and cloudier than we have come to expect for this "Bayram."

In fact, October this year has been colder and rainier than usual.

Various ones from the schools and colleges took advantage of the holidays to trip about. Miss Ann Goodykoontz spent a few days with her aunt and uncle, Prof. and Mrs. Roy G. Blakey, in Ankara.

Paul Nilson and three new tutors from Robert College drove his father's new car, recently released from customs, to Talas, leaving Friday evening and arriving there Saturday night. Sunday was spent in a trip to the Troglocyte caves at Urgup. They returned from Talas by train.

Practically all of Tarsus College teachers went to Gaziantep, except Mrs. Avery who went to Talas.

From Talas, Dr. & Mrs. Nute, Sr., Miss Dickhoff, Clinic nurse, Bayans Zaruhi and Aysel (an Izmir A.C.I. graduate who is helping Dr. Nute this year) together with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stirling, spent the holidays in Adana visiting the Junior Dr. Nutes.

Dr. and Mrs. Birge spent most of the week of the 16th-20th in Ankara in connection with acquiring material for the Project in which he is engaged. While in Ankara he followed up documents for his car permission and completed this matter. Thus his car was delivered to him a week ago and he received his driver's license next day.

We regret to report that the trip planned by Mrs. George Huntington for the end of October, with visits to our stations in Aleppo, Gaziantep, Adana and Tarsus has been cancelled. Cables reaching her in Beirut led her to take first flight for America where Dr. Huntington was reported to be in hospital in Portland, Maine.

Mr. Morgan J. Sherlock, on leave from his position as superintendent of Schools at Brady, Montana, has arrived in Aleppo to serve as teacher of English for one year under the Smith-Undt (Educational Exchange) Act. (Beirut Newsletter)

Tarsus College received about 7000. during the past year toward the new building planned. This is an "Authorized Special". Possibly you will find enclosed a printed letter on this subject. If you could use more copies of the Tarsus letter, drop a line to Miss Blemker, the Maynards, or Mr. Fowle.

The Mayor of Tarsus, Bay Kemal Homurlu, is a recent graduate of Tarsus College.

After spending the summer with their daughter, Mrs. Margaret Biggs, and family, in America, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Thomson sailed about mid-October for England. They hope to settle at Moffat, Scotland.

Traffic accidents in Istanbul - are they few or many? The Chief of Police has given an answer to this often-asked question. He stated that in 1943 there were 9421 non-military vehicles in Turkey and 161 deaths and 588 injuries occurred. By 1949 the number of vehicles had increased to 24,374 with a corresponding increase of deaths to 696 and injuries to 4614. During the first half of 1950 another 5000 vehicles went on the roads and deaths during the 6-month period were 376 and injuries 3451. (FLIC.)

Yours sincerely,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

Other-love: what won't it do! One mother writes to the Committee on Friendly Relations: "Please give me the promise that while our daughter is in New York, you will house her in the Y.M.C.A." - Lyman MacCallum's blood pressure has gone down one point since making the above contribution. (Actual fact!)

Mrs. Huntington is happy in reporting from America that Dr. Huntington is on the mend, with full restoration in prospect. The earlier grave symptoms were finally traced to a drug, and its discard has brought prompt improvement. The fall Near East Tea is planned for today at the Town Hall Club in New York; this time with Dr. Huntington absent, but steadily winning his way back to health.

- And Farnsworth Fowle is today adding one to one, with One as the result.

Correspondence from Paul Nilson, dated November 4th, reported daughter Dorothy as having arrived in Mardin.

Elizabeth P. MacCallum rejoiced her family and friends by coming from Greece on the sixth. She flies this evening to Beirut to visit her sister, and expects to stop off at various places in Turkey as she returns to Istanbul in about ten days.

Gwen Wolsted writes from Harvard's Department of Anthropology in the Peabody Museum. Dr. Oliver, whom she is assisting, is preparing to take a group of graduate students to Java this next July, so Gwen is again expanding her field of knowledge.

Even (!) the Editor does not know his Seniors as he should! We stand corrected, and indicate in this issue the first of our active missionaries to come out on permanent appointment.

Ruby and King Birge left Istanbul by car on Wednesday morning, planning to arrive in Izmir yesterday. With them is Edw Kane, Fulbright student at the Law School. Travelling via Ankara, they plan to be in Istanbul by the sixteenth.

Adelaide Dwight writes from Claremont, California, the latter part of October. After enjoying the use of Mrs. Ranney's autoette during the latter's absence, she and two friends have gotten one for themselves. - It carries two people. Stella Loughridge had come to visit, and was planning to stay till after Thanksgiving. Mrs. Sewney, Mrs. Marden, Mrs. Getchell, Mrs. Barnard, Miss Morley, Miss Rice, Dorothy Blatter, and Jack Blake are among the neighbors and visitors also mentioned.

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5000, 4000, and 3000 Turkish Paras, or the equivalent in YOUR currency!

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Note that if two people tie for one place, both get the full sum! Contestants should submit news through the Art (!) Department, which will pass on items to the current Editor. Reproducible sketches of events or distinctive places in your location are welcome and will be included in the counting of space.

Start Now! Send news at least Once a Month.

Yours for More Newsy News,

Wm Sagell Farnsworth

Dear Friends:

This is "Book Week" throughout the world, the theme being "New Horizons with Books". In Istanbul, the Book Exhibit is at the Children's Aid Society (Çocuk Esirgeme Kurumu) with various booksellers, USIS, and our Publication Dept. co-operating, and was formally opened by the Governor, with the Education Director and other notables present. The Vali also opened the new Children's Library on the top floor of the building. Reading rooms have been opened in six primary schools, while several publishers are holding special exhibitions.

The Gaziantep American Hospital is happy in an October decision of the Ministry of Finance, (based upon communications from the Ministry of Health stating that the Hospital is operated for public well-being) that exempts it from taxes levied under the Kurumlar Tax Law.

For years Merrill Isely has been giving English lessons to groups meeting in the Halk Evi. With the recent closing of that institution, and at the instance of parents of some of his students, the Director of Education has arranged for these classes to be held after school hours, in the Commercial Lycee. Eighty students are now enrolled in these volunteer classes.

Another of Mr. Isely's interests is the reforestation of the bare hills around Antep. The hill some miles out on the Marash road known as Dülük Baba - once the site of the pagan worship of Jupiter Dolichus - is the spot chosen for the experiment, and to the support already given by the Mayor and Governor, there is now added the interest and approval of the Minister of Agriculture. The Forestry Department has set aside funds for the project, and an area half a mile long may be seeded this winter.

December 10, 1951 will be the anniversary of the adoption in Paris on December 10, 1948 by the General Assembly of the United Nations, of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In 1950 forty-six countries observed this anniversary, and the General Assembly calls upon all countries to celebrate it in 1951. Material on observance of the day is available at any United Nations sales office or from Unesco.

The story of the cable address PEET ISTANBUL would epitomize in substantial measure the human side of this Mission in the past half century. Today's cable, dated in Frankfurt-Main on the 12th brings to the undersigned the eagerly awaited message "Happily married: Phyllis Farnsworth".

The Talas Clinic staff visited Adana during the late October Bayram celebrating the 28th anniversary of the Turkish Republic. Dr. Nute notes the improvement in roads, and the absence of horses. Motor traffic has replaced the horse in Anatolia, as the camel in Iraq. Ten years ago some 4000 horses took Kayseri business-men to their summer homes in the vineyards. Now cars and buses have taken over. The story in Adana seems to be the same.

Mrs. MacCallum reports a November 9th letter from Mabel Emerson, reflecting substantial health, an October 6th "fall colors trip" to Peterborough, N.H. with Goodsells, Jacklyn, Alice Cary, and Margaret Blemker; and attending the Board's Annual Meeting in Providence, where Ethel Putney, Grace Towner, Belle Harley, and Caroline Silliman were Near East representatives. It was Miss Emerson's first such meeting without major responsibilities on her own shoulders; but it is clear that those experienced shoulders are bearing their part in many fine activities, centering in church, community-relations, overseas students, and touch with friends all over the world.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Principal and Mrs. A. Willard Jones of the Friends' Boys' School of Ramallah, Jordan, have visited in Istanbul and Izmir on their home-ward furlough travel. It was a particular pleasure to meet these friends, who have extended courtesies to so many of our circle who have visited Jordan.

Bob Woolworth writing from Casablanca on the 7th, describes a dust storm that occurred on the 5th. "The weather after a nice recovery from a cold spell put on another kind of show. At 8:00 in the morning, there was a gusty wind; by 10:00 dust was everywhere, and the horizons were yellow; an hour later everything was yellow-red except from the slightly-blue disc of the sun. Two minutes outside and you needed a full bath. It subsided after dark, and has been followed by intermittent rain."

Distribution in Turkey by the Bible Society during its financial year just closed, amounted to a total of 654 Bibles, 688 New Testaments, 9467 Portions, making a total of 10,809. Of this figure, 8930 copies were in Turkish, leaving a balance of only 1,879 copies to be divided among the 53 languages and dialects in which distribution took place. The second language in importance was modern Greek, with 548 copies.

News has reached Istanbul of the death in Scotland of Miss Catherine Glennie, former librarian at Pierce College, Elleniko. Some years previous to her service in Greece, she had spent some years in Izmir, teaching in the Scottish Mission to the Jews. She was one of a group of Displaced persons who were evacuated from Greece to India in 1941, where she remained four years.

The enrolment at the American Academy for Girls, Scutari, this year is 385, of whom 157 are boarders. Of these boarders, 75 are from places outside Istanbul. Fathers of the girls are from the following: Independent businesses or farmers, 116; Professional 90; Government Service (including teachers) 119; retired, or deceased 14.

A recent study of School Finances for the operating expenses of 1950-51 confirms the substantial measure of local support to the cost of our Board schools in Turkey. Tarsus College-85%; Izmir Collegiate Institute-84%; Scutari American Academy-92%; Talas Boys' School-86%.

Aleppo College has this year enrolment of 470 students with 115 Boarders. The many friends of the college will rejoice with it in the receipt of a substantial first payment to the college from the Aramco-Tapline oil interests, to enable it to develop its Commercial Department, thus training English-speaking accounting and clerical personnel, not only for oil interests but for many commercial activities in the area.

Seven units of the American fleet, including the Carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt, are visiting Istanbul, and a similar number are anchored off Izmir. As Thanksgiving will be a busy day for the Izmir Community in endeavoring to provide for the sailors ashore, in canteen and entertainment; our Girls' School celebrated Thanksgiving with the traditional dinner, on Sunday the 18th. Helen Haight Orhan, Michael Tanes of Athens, and Luther Fowle (who visited Izmir station from 16th to 21st-plane both ways), were guests on this occasion. The gathering was held in the new Blake home, where the Bergmarks are living this year; and the company of nineteen was very easily handled in its ample dining-room.

On the previous day, Saturday, nine of the station including the Bergmarks and Mr. Fowle, visited Ephesus. It was an easy trip in the Station car, between 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., round trip distance being 275 kilometers. Picnic lunch was eaten in the impressive Agora adjoining the Library of Celsus, not far from the Theatre where the uproar took place, described in Acts. 19, when the cry was "Great is Diana of the Ephesians". Today an extensive hollow, with scattered stone fragments, is all that remains to mark the site of Diana's great temple—once one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

Late is our record of the Aleppo College Seventy Fifth Anniversary. The Convocation was held on Thursday, October 11th, including addresses by Pres. Wm. Stoltzfus of Beirut College for Women and Dr. Carleton; with an Alumni Banquet that evening. Mr. Weaver at the piano and Mr. Vartanian with his violin gave a concert the following day. The Thanksgiving Service of the Anniversary was held on Sunday at the Aziziye Church.

Mrs. Thomas Kennedy of Thessaloniki is paying Istanbul a visit, having come on the 21st. She and her husband, under Fulbright auspices, work with the Alumni Association of Anatolia College, engaging especially in recreation and athletics, and in the rehabilitation of a village.

Word has been received of the death of Prof. Max Herman Larsen at Neuchatel, Switzerland. He was teacher of Mathematics at Robert College from 1906 to 1950, and had as his specialty the conducting of trips to points of interest in and about Istanbul.

Recent word reports Ed Savage, as well as Ed Sather and Ken Moyer, at Union Seminary in New York.

Dr. Earle H. Ballou, executive Secretary of the C.C.S.C., and Mrs. Ballou were Mission guests in Istanbul from the 23rd to the 26th, when they flew on to Beirut. Miss Reed, who served with them in China, was their special hostess, and arranged for a program of visits to Mission activities and of sightseeing. Dr. Ballou preached at the Dutch Chapel, telling of CCSC work.

A mid-November letter from Alfred W. Sellar, from Gate House, Tadworth, Surrey, England, reports Mrs. Sellar as making a good recovery from a fall in which she suffered a broken hip. His father was for long years Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society in the Ottoman Empire, and his sister was Dr. Peet's secretary at the Bible House. They send greetings to their friends in Turkey.

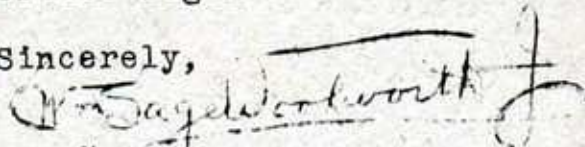
Twenty friends sat down to a "typical Emily Blockian feast" in Talas on Thanksgiving day. After the feast Dr. Nilson led in the service, including in the listing of things for which he was thankful, some of the remarkable achievements of the Turkish Republic during the last 28 years. The day after Thanksgiving, the school celebrated Book Week with an entertainment in which the various classes illustrated books of interest.

Following the closing of the Halkevi at Gaziantep, the Commercial Lycee opened its doors to Merrill Isely and his English classes. He has four classes three afternoons a week, with a total of a hundred pupils.

This same Lycee played host to Book Week for the city. A goodly number of books - including some from our Publication Department - were translations from the English. Our score card for behaviours (of small children), as also our "paste-in" Turkish editions of English books, won special comment from the governor when he visited the exhibit.

This week we show our next two Seniors. The next time will include Seniority from the point of view of service begun with term work.

Sincerely,



Dear Friends:

Miss Elizabeth P. MacCallum returned from her trip to Lebanon and Syria, making a brief visit in Ankara before returning to her family in this city on November 23d. She left on the 29th for Paris and the meetings of the General Assembly of the United Nations, where she is one of the representatives of Canada.

Report from Athens indicates that Miss Emily McCallum has made a good recovery from her recent attack of pneumonia. She is in her 94th year.

Miss Mary Rowden, who has been serving as Nurse at the Gaziantep Hospital since mid-August 1950, has now begun work at the Adana Polyclinic with Dr. W. L. Nute, Jr. Something of a let-down in Clinic patronage was to be expected, with the withdrawal last spring of Dr. Haas, who had served on the Plain for forty years. Dr. Nute reports the busiest week yet, with former patients returning, and a steadily increasing program.

After a period of research in Iran under the Fulbright grants, Mr. and Mrs. John Groseclose and two daughters, homeward bound by car, visited several of our Stations, and passed through Istanbul this week. Years ago Mr. Groseclose was a tutor at the Memorial College in Tabriz, and later served as Treasurer of the Millspaugh Commission during its studies of conditions in Iran. He is the author of several novels based on Persian life, and of the "Introduction to Iran" which is given to Americans newly going there, for orientation purposes. Mr. Groseclose maintains an office in Washington, D.C. as an Economic Consultant.

The Mission Treasurer visited our Izmir Station from Nov. 16th to 21st thus seeing for the first time the completed Parsons building and the new Blake residence, now occupied by the Bergmarks.

Returning to Istanbul for Thanksgiving day, Mr. Fowle reported at the Admiral Bristol Hospital that evening with some pain, and a fever. Two weeks of rest and care have enabled him to return to his work, but the Doctors strongly disapproved of the proposal of flying to London for Christmas to meet his new daughter-in-law.

Dr. and Mrs. Faust of the Ford Foundation office in Pasadena, and Dr. Eurich of the office in New York arrived in Istanbul on December 6th after stopping in Athens. On Friday they visited the American Colleges and the School of Nursing of the Admiral Bristol Hospital, later having opportunity to meet some of the Turkish and American community as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dorr. On Saturday, they took plane for Beirut and Aleppo, and plan to continue around the world, in their quick educational survey.

The American Board circle will learn with regret of the resignation of Ambassador George Wadsworth, who has served in Turkey with distinction since 1946. To him is due in great part the happy settlement of the question of succession of American doctors practicing in the Turkish Republic. The succeeding Ambassador is to be the Hon. George McGhee.

The Managers of the Admiral Bristol Hospital, and Campaign Committee are now engaged in the annual effort to balance the budget and meet the deficit on the year's operations. The "Health Service Subscription" is the principle agency, and gives Health Insurance coverage to the subscriber, while bringing in resources to meet current needs.

Miss Dorothy Woolworth has finished her service as Nurse at the Admiral Bristol Hospital, and will spend Christmas with her parents in the Blatter Bungalow in Scutari before leaving for America, and for further study in Public Health Nursing in Cleveland. On her trip west she will visit brother Bob in Casablanca.

Very truly yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

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Christmas greetings from the John Scotts report that
dent, Sunday School teacher, rooming house manager, a
is a strenuous business. Besides the Scotts there
Near East Mission people at the University of Minneso
Bobbie Burns, Ruth McClintock, Ed Savage (correct our
note), George Helling, and John Orr.

Gladys Lucas' parents flew home from Damascus on Dece
and were scheduled to be in England before Gladys, wh
them off, could reach her home in Aleppo.

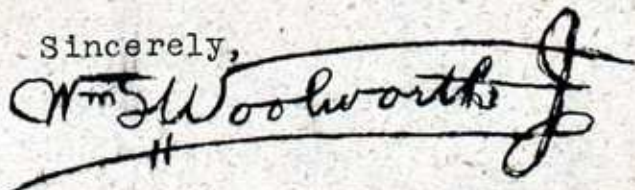
Thel Putney is comfortably settled with friends
May St. Worcester, Mass., and sends all good
her friends in the Near East. She wants to
all of them, but writes - on Thanksgiving day
letters may be delayed because of a broken left arm,
when catching her foot just above four steps. The bre
already, after two days, begun to knit properly, so s
comfortable and thankful.

Mrs. Lydia Flint is now at the Onondaga Hospital, Ono
Syracuse, N.Y. Shortly after World War I she came t
with her husband who had volunteered for work in our
Department. She - and he also - became actively inter
American "Sailors' Club" in Beyoglu. After
years in the treasury, he undertook work for r
in the Selimiye Barracks, himself contracted t
and died of it. Mrs. Flint was for a time m
the Mission Language School in Hisar, and late
International College in Izmir. She will we
letters from friends.

Nilson, Dorothy: she reports that the Whites' hostel in Mardin
houses six children who are fitting well into church and
school life. The high school group of young people in
the church, have started a service of their own. The piano
from Izmir has arrived, and is a joy to all groups.

Over the first and second week-ends of December Dr. and Mrs. Birge
were in Ankara, where Dr. Birge, at the request of the Joint American
Military Mission for Aid to Turkey, gave orientation lectures to the
American military mission staff and their "dependents" (wives). On
December first, in order to accommodate the full complement of personnel,
he spoke twice on "Our hosts the Turks." On the 8th he spoke on
"Americans in Turkey, and Mistakes We Have Made." In spite of some
instances of unfortunate behaviour on the part of some, Dr. Birge
brought back the impression that in general the American military re-
presentatives, officers and men, have won the confidence of their Turk-
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Dear Friends:

Christmas mail is pouring in for all our Circle in the Near East, with messages of affection and interest from many who remember these lands, the mission work here, and those who are engaged in these activities.

Miss Minnie B. Mills, who long served in Izmir and later with Pierce College in Athens, gives her new address-5307 30th Ave. N.E., Seattle 5, Washington. Mrs. Samuel Caldwell, formerly of Izmir, now of Laguna Beach, California, recently spent three weeks with Miss Mills in Seattle.

Miss Lucie Borel (132 La Violette, Auvemier, Switzerland) formerly of our Girls' School in Adana, sends her Christmas and New Year greetings through this News Letter, to her friends in the mission, or now in America. Her heart and thoughts go out to all "in great wave of gratefulness to the Father God who enriched me through them. Add that I am fully alive to the beauty of life". Miss Borel was spending a few days in Geneva with Dorothea Chambers Blaisdell, and last summer had an interesting trip through France, Belgium, and Germany.

Letter from President Helen Nichol of Pierce College, Athens, reports a veritable "flying visit". The group of ten are due in Istanbul on the 23d, will visit Izmir as guests of the American Collegiate Institute there, and return for a further week in Istanbul. Besides the two Nichol Sisters and Niece, the group includes Mrs. Oneica Greig, Dr. Kathryn Roy, Prof. and Mrs. Curtis Watson, and Misses Margaret Hill, Maria Drana, and Roberta Cook.

Mrs. S. P. Clark, who spent a number of years on the Adana Plain, where her husband served as an expert in the cotton improvement program, keeps busy in various activities in Tucson, Arizona. Recently she gave a talk on "Turkish Gardens", and speaks of the color in her garden - roses of various kinds, and pecan and pomegranate foliage.

Miss Ruth Wolfe, formerly of the Lovetch School in Bulgaria, and more recently of our Scutari School, writes that she is having an interesting year, teaching in the mission primary school, and also has ten or twelve hours per week teaching French to the college boys. Address-Forman College No. 12, Lahore, Pakistan.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baker, for many years directors of the Istanbul Y, send greetings from Johnstown, N.Y., where Harry is recovering from a strange cough-causing germ. Daughter Mary is a Library Branch Executive at Albany, only forty-five miles away.

The Harry Meyerings gave Jack Blake of Izmir a cold reception, when he visited them in Hankato in November. Heavy snow laid power lines low. Son Ralph is a senior in the college, while Don is a senior in high school.

Miss Margaret Hinman (address now 1616 Birch Street, Forest Grove, Oregon) had an all-too-short visit with Dorothy Blatter on her Oregon speaking trip. Miss Hinman writes that her former Izmir associate, Erma Carl Brown has married, and is now Mrs. Girwood Macfie. She lives on a plantation near Sharon, Georgia.

Mrs. Alma Woodruff, emeritus last June of the Scutari School, enjoys living in Virginia where she makes her home with her sister (3357 Martha Custis Drive, Alexandria). She finds it interesting to be near the national capital, where she saw Princess Elizabeth several times, during the recent visit.

The National Council of the Churches of Christ have asked Dr. Carleton of Aleppo College to attend their assembly at Toronto, January 3-6, 1952. He will speak on Christian strategy in the Near East, and share in discussion of Arab refugee problems. With Board consent, he expects to fly on December 26, hoping to return on January 13th.

Greetings to all for Christmas and the New Year!

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey. December 29, 1951.

Dear Friends:

Istanbul Station observance of Christmas included supper on Sunday the 23d at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Walter B. Wiley, followed by a brief service and the familiar Christmas hymns; and dinner for 43 at the Scutari School on Christmas Day. There followed inspection of the new building to replace Emir Konak, call on the Woolworths (including daughter Dorothy) who occupy the Blatter Bungalow, walk to Çamlica for some games, knitting, and in due time "high tea" before the guests scattered to their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stirling, who have spent many months in recent years in village research and residence in the Kayseri region, have just left for England, where Mr. Stirling will be lecturing at the London School of Economics. Talas Station regrets the departure of these fine friends.

From Izmir, the Misses Yarrow, Barber, and Leamon are spending Christmas holidays in Istanbul. Dr. and Mrs. Birge, and ten of the Scutari Staff left by various trains for Tarsus, where they will be joined by some young folks from other Stations as well as the Senior Nutes from Talas, for the Orientation course, planned this year for the Christmas holiday, after the new-comers of September have had time and experience to learn what it is all about.

It is suspected that the Senior Nutes reached the Plain in time to spend Christmas with those two grand-daughters and their parents at the Adana Clinic.

President and Mrs. Floyd H. Black of the American Colleges, Istanbul flew on Christmas night by Pan-American Airways for New York. Not only are there to be the stated winter meetings of the Trustees of both Colleges, and arrangements for new personnel for next September, but there is a daughter-in-law to meet - the bride of their son, Dr. Cyril Black of Princeton.

The Christmas Sunday service at the Dutch Chapel (Rev. Walter B. Wiley, Pastor) was a noteworthy occasion for all present, so many of them far from their homes in other lands. Besides the Christmas music from the Choir and soloists, the children of the Sunday-School shared in the service by presenting scenes from the Nativity story. This Church, started over a century ago to meet the worship needs of British and Americans in this city, fills an increasingly important place, not only for these communities, but also for many citizens of this land, who are at home in the English language.

Heavy snows in central Anatolia bring reports of many accidents in the developing motor traffic of Turkey. Many main roads were blocked for several days, and while the Ankara-Istanbul road was kept open, over one hundred cars and trucks were reported in difficulty, along this road.

The Imperial Treasury section of the Top Kapi Palace on Seraglio Point has this week been reopened to the public. Rare items of artistic and historical interest, in some cases of great value, have been re-assembled from their places of safe concealment in Anatolia, during the war.

A substantial shipment of clothing, shoes, and food supplies, shipped by the American office of the World Council of Churches is due in this city today. It is being turned over to the Red Crescent Society, which alone has the privilege of importing such items, free of normal customs duty charges. Not only will it aid greatly in meeting winter needs of the many thousands of Turkish refugees from Bulgaria, who have sought refuge in Turkey during the past year, but also it will help the non-Turkish political refugees from behind the iron curtain, several hundred of whom are in this city, and greatly in need of food, clothing, and proper lodging. For these non-Turkish refugees, a small Relief Service Committee is doing whatever is made possible by funds from Europe and America, and very substantial help from the Turkish Red Crescent Society.

Very truly yours,
Luther R. Fowle