

Dear Friends:

A Happy New Year to all of us.

--By coming to Istanbul over the New Year Paul Nilson of Talas gave the cue to the rest of Talas station to make for here and there. Mrs. William Nute spent Christmas with the grandchildren in Ankara. The Cooks and Miss Barbara Bird also found their way to the capital. Bill Edmonds, the three Scotts and Ed. Sather left at different times for Tarsus, which seems to be this year's special center for holidaymakers.

--A Turkish-American Women's Society has been organized in Ankara. In addition to the aim of mutual acquaintance, the ladies will arrange concerts and public lectures on such subjects as archaeology, social welfare, Turkish family life and Turkish cooking. Over two hundred women were present at the organizing meeting of the Society.

--Friends of Mr. and Mrs. George Catt will be saddened to hear of the sudden death of their daughter, Ruth. Ruth had been making a gallant fight to overcome the partial paralysis which followed an operation four years ago, and was making encouraging progress. George and Violet Catt spent several years during the war in Istanbul, under the British Council. Their present address is: 20 Alexandra Road, Well End, Nr. Barnet, Herts, England.

--Greetings to all from Miss Lucy Borel (132 La Violette, Auvernier, Switzerland), who finds that getting one's name in "Dear Friends" is the surest way to recover contact with lost friends. Miss Borel greatly enjoyed a visit of three half days with Mrs. Brewer Eddy and her daughter. Miss Borel later went to London and Leeds for Easter. During the summer she attended an International Youth Camp in Switzerland, and in September was off to Rome and Assisi for the World Spiritual Congress. On her return she shared her home with a homeless painter -- and found that she was entertaining an angel unawares.

--Writing on Christmas day from London, Dr. Goodsell tells of a good crossing of the Atlantic, "missed no meals, broke no bones, made no records." They expect to take the SS Barletta from Bari, Italy, on February 2. She is to stop at Piraeus, Istanbul and Izmir, which destination they are supposed to reach on February 9th.

--An exposition of Turkish miniatures was opened today in one of the rooms of the Seraglio Palace, and will remain open to the public for about ten days. There are displayed here some of the original works of Levni, an XVIII'th Century Turkish miniaturist. The main part of the exposition consists of copies and originals made by the pupils of Dr. Süheyl Ünver.

--Mr. and Mrs. David Bergmark received appointment as missionaries on December 13th, and expect to sail for Turkey in May, with their daughter, aged 10 and 8 and a son aged 2. Mr. Bergmark will join the Treasury Department of the Mission. After graduation from Harvard and from the School of Business Administration, Mr. Bergmark spent some years with the Bell Telephone Co., and then had four years in the navy. More recently he has been business assistant at the Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn, N.Y.

--The Christmas holiday swallows from the Izmir school have been returning to the nest. Barbara Burns passed through Istanbul on her return by air from Cairo, where she had enjoyed an interesting holiday. From Istanbul to Izmir she was accompanied by Mary Morrill, who had spent the holiday with her sister at the Woman's College.

--Miss Mary Henry and Mr. John Thomas, both engaged in relief work under Mr. Harlow in Greece, have returned to their duties after spending a fortnight's holiday in Istanbul as the guests of Miss Fernie Scovell.

--Miss Alice Lindsley is holidaying in Tarsus and Gaziantep.

Yours sincerely,
F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

The good news comes by cable from Italy that Dr. and Mrs. Goodsell expect to arrive in Istanbul on the 18th. They will go on shortly to Izmir and make a longer visit here later.

Yoshio Fukuyama, on the staff of the Talas school 1945-48, writes as follows: "Greetings and best wishes to all my friends in Turkey. May the New Year bring greater opportunities for continued service. I continue to be grateful for my happy association with all of you. Yoshio"

Mr. Reuben H. Markham, a member of the Bulgarian section of this Mission from 1912 to 1925, died in Washington of a heart attack on December 29. He left the Mission to enter journalism in which his wide and intimate knowledge of southeast Europe has been of immense value in helping people in USA to understand the situation there. After many years of work in Boston with the Christian Science Monitor he has recently been doing important work in Washington. His former associate in Bulgaria, Mrs. Woodruff writes, "'A strong oak has fallen' and this poor world has sore need of men like him". Our warm sympathy goes out to Mrs. Markham.

Tarsus has been such a place for visitors over the holidays that Gladys Lucas wrote that "it felt almost like an Annual Meeting". The earliest arrivals were Naomi Foster from Izmir and Alice Lindsley from Istanbul. Then came Ruth Wolfe, also from Istanbul, Gwen and John Scott, also Ed Sather and William Edmonds from Talas, and Gladys Lucas from Aleppo. In Ankara, Mrs. Nute spent Christmas with her son, Dr. W. L. Nute, Jr., and his family, with the Cooks and Barbara Bird following her to the capital later in the week. From Tarsus, May Nilson went to Talas, her old home, for the vacation and Gene Tringle and Ken Mcyer to Antalya. Miss Lindsley and Miss Wolfe, after their visit in Tarsus went on to Gaziantep for a few days, before coming back to Istanbul January 7.

Miss Brenda McMullen flew from Switzerland to Beirut to spend Christmas with her brother Horace and his family, returning by plane December 28. There was joy cutting across the sorrow as the children and their elders shared the gifts brought or made by Grandmother who had come to spend the winter with them.

On New Year's Day Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lanckton, with their children arrived once again in Istanbul to assume administrative responsibility for Socony-Vacuum operations in Turkey. Mr. Henry Arnold, general manager for the Levant area, now moves his office to New York. With regret we lose Mr. and Mrs. McPherson, who now leave the Istanbul community to take the administrative position in Greece, whence the Lancktons come. Mr. Lanckton was formerly a teacher at Robert College, while his wife, who taught in the Hisar Community School, is a daughter of our old friends, Rev. and Mrs. James H. Nicol, now retired after long service in the Syria-Lebanon Mission.

The 1950 Nationwide United Radio and Press Appeal through the Churches for relief, reconstruction and inter-church aid, is to take place on March 12 this year. It will center in the Biblical text: "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ".

Pilgrim Place, Claremont, Cal., celebrated at Thanksgiving time its thirtieth anniversary. It began with 2 houses on a 28 acre tract and now has 50 houses and halls with plans for additional facilities for the comfort of retired missionaries, clergy and social workers. The executive secretary is Rev. Carl M. Gates, former chairman of the Near East division of the Prudential Committee of the American Board and friend of many in this Mission, and several of our former associates are residents there.

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Putney

Dear Friends:

Yes - the S. S. "Barletta" arrived at the Galata Quay at 4:30 on the 18th, with Dr. and Mrs. Goodsell and their sister, Mrs. Lynda Sperry. Each day has been full with old scenes and friends, to which many new ones are daily being added. Meals with Birges, Shepards, Scutari friends, the MacCallums and a Station Meeting hour delightfully led by Dr. Goodsell, and followed by an hour of 'coffee and fixins' - all fit into the pattern of the busy life and delightful fellowship of the American Board Mission in the Near East. Their visit in Athens was all too short, but they hope to return there in March. Meanwhile, tomorrow they sail at noon for Izmir, where Blakes and others eagerly await them. To reach retirement with such a past record, such present vigor of mind and heart, and such fitness for new tasks ahead, is indeed a rare gift - richly earned.

Dr. Altounyan of Aleppo. Notice has been received of the death on January 4th of Dr. A. A. Altounyan of Aleppo, after a particularly notable career as a surgeon and a deservedly honored member of the Armenian Community. A native of the Sivas region, he was in the early group who studied medicine at the American Board Hospital in Aintab, under the instruction of Dr. Fred D. Shepard, who took his senior medical class to Aleppo to observe a final surgical clinic while Dr. Shepard operated on the wealthy of that great city, in the interest of his Aintab Hospital. To that same Aleppo, Dr. Altounyan later returned, after graduate study in England, to establish a modern hospital, and become the outstanding doctor of the region. So great was his prestige and public esteem that throughout the First World War he was allowed to carry on work by Cemal Pasha, the Military Governor of Syria.

Dr. Altounyan had two children, Nora being the wife of a French Consular official: while his son, Col. Ernest Altounyan, carries on the medical practice in Aleppo, which was laid down some years ago by his father. Dr. Altounyan's age was somewhat uncertain, but he was within five years of the century mark, at his death. He was perhaps the last member of the early Armenian Protestants in Turkey, of fine personal character, outstanding ability in his profession, and a world citizen in the best sense of the term.

A New Year letter from Prof. Charles E. Estes, who recently retired, after over forty years as head of the Music Department at Robert College, reports four generations of Lee-Estes gathered in New England this fall, including Mrs. L. O. Lee, Prof. Estes, his children Peggy and Charles, with three youngsters of the next generation sharing in the festivities. Charles Jr. has been on assignment in Cambridge, studying the monster machine at Harvard, which operates like a brain, on principles "in the higher realms of electronics". Charles endeavored to explain the monster to his father, but honest Ned writes "All I could say was "Oh! and Ah." Prof. Estes is taking a January holiday from his task as organist and choir-master in Dover, N.H. "to see what is going on musically in other places".

The Holiday Season brings and takes hundreds of greetings to friends old and new, all over the world. On the basis of a rough average, 7500 pieces of such mail has reached American Board personnel in the NEMission. Similar outgoing greetings would bring the total to over 10,000. The pessimists can figure the waste, and burden on postal authorities, but still such greetings - at any time of the year - are the warp and woof of those human relationships that give to life the glow of friendship and affection. To the many receiving these notes, whose lines run through this "friendship fabric", we overseas send our greetings and appreciation.

From Box 117, Kohala, Hawaii, Miss Lillian Frauer, formerly of Adana, writes to report that since October she is Director of the Kohala Girls' Home, under the Hawaiian Board of Missions. Through Mrs. MacCallum she sends her greetings to all mutual friends.

Very truly yours,
Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Her many friends in Turkey were deeply grieved to receive word of the death of Anna Rathbun Ward, wife of Dr. Mark Ward, Medical Secretary of the ABCFM. The Boston cable announcing her death was received on the 24th, and interment was to take place on the 25th. When Dr. Carleton left Boston on the 16th, there was no word of Mrs. Ward's illness.

Mrs. Ward was a graduate of the New York School for Nurses. The Wards were married in August 1915, and sailed in the same month for Turkey. They returned to America in June, 1917, but came out again to Harput in January, 1921. After eighteen months of service they went back to Boston, where Dr. Ward became first Candidate and then Medical Secretary to the Board.

President Alford Carleton of Aleppo College arrived in Istanbul by air from America on the 22nd for a week's visit before going on to Aleppo. Crossing the Atlantic by stratocruiser took 10 hours and 10 minutes from New York to London. Dr. Carleton has been spending a very busy three months in America in the interests of the college and of the Mission.

Hearty congratulations to Ruby and King Birge on the new granddaughter, DARICE, born December 12 to Professor and Mrs. Kingsley H. Birge, of Colby College, Waterville, Maine.

Another large packet of the same sort of congratulations to Mildred and Merrill Isely of Gaziantep on the birth of a grand-son, Glen Hermsmeier, details of whose arrival have not yet reached this office.

Miss Elsie Farris, one of the legal lights of Long Beach, Calif. and deeply interested in the foreign work of the American Board, started on December 18th on a three-months tour of the Board's missions. She planned to reach Istanbul about the middle of February, and hopes to spend a week in this city.

Dr. and Mrs. Albert Dewey of Gaziantep announce the marriage of their daughter Lynda Ruth to Dr. Winfield Stryker. The wedding took place on New Year's Day at White Plains, N.Y. and the young people will be living at 105 North Allen St., Albany, N.Y.

More trouble in the Fowle house. A sick pullet taken to the Animal Hospital for diagnosis was reported to be suffering from chicken-pox.

On the 21st, Dr. and Mrs. Goodsell and Mrs. Sperry continued their voyage on the S.S. Barletta, after spending three short days with Istanbul friends. They arrived in Izmir the following day, and may now be said to be at the end of their outward journey, in the home of Jack and Lynda Blake.

The Rev. James McCrary, accompanied by his mother, spent a few days in Istanbul and Izmir before continuing their journey by air to Damascus and Jerusalem. Mr. McCrary is pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Port Sulphur, Louisiana, and is returning home via the Near East after a year of special theological study in Edinburgh University.

Through the Beirut Newsletter the Rev. Philip Ward of Mount Hermon, Mass., sends warm greetings to all friends in the Near East. He writes: "Our year has been very crowded and happy. To have a home again is a rich blessing, and the work to be done here is absorbing."

Our Beirut associate also reports that instead of a Christmas party for themselves, about 30 children of the Community School visited the Blind School conducted by the Swiss friends of Armenians. The programme was given by the blind folk, and included a violin trio, and an adult choir which sang very melodiously, with deep, resonant voices. The Christmas story was read in Braille by a young girl. After being shown through the work-shops, where brushes, mats, chairs and stools were being made, the guests filled the plates of the blind folk with sweets, nuts, and fruit. Many of the children agreed that it was the best Christmas party they had ever attended.

Yours sincerely,
F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

First news of travelers:

Dr. Carleton who had expected to fly to Damascus on Friday night the 27-28, was held up by the weather and finally, as his plane did not stop here at all, went by train to Aleppo, leaving Monday morning on the Taurus Express. The whole Station enjoyed greatly his visit here as he had time for talks with individuals and comfortable visits in all the homes.

Dr. Goodsell reports from Izmir tentative travel plans as follows: February 20, Dr. Goodsell goes alone to Greece for about ten days' visit in Athens and Thessaloniki, returning via Istanbul, possibly to attend the CAI meeting March 9. March 20, Dr. and Mrs. Goodsell and Mrs. Sperry sail for Beirut, planning to stay there and in Aleppo, mostly at NEST till the end of April. May 1 and following, visits to Turkey Stations, beginning with Mardin and working west and north, probably returning to Izmir for the school commencement about June 15, and then to Istanbul for a visit and Annual Meeting. All plans subject to change and adjustment!

Lyman MacCallum, area agent of the British and Foreign and American Bible Societies, and Mrs. MacCallum, after ten years without a furlough pending the issue from the press of a new edition of the Turkish Bible, are now planning to leave Istanbul early in March for visits in England, Canada and USA, returning to their tasks in this city in late September. They may visit Switzerland on the way to England, depending on what daughter Elizabeth can do. Mrs. MacCallum carries full time teaching in the English High School for Girls, in addition to running the Bible House apartment and making it a home generously open to many of our Mission travelers and welcoming to its luncheon table daily the Board personnel in the Bible House offices.

Earle Smith reports from Boston that reservations have been made for the David Bergmark family to sail May 11 from New York to Istanbul on the "Mohammed Ali el Kebir," due in Istanbul June 1. It is hoped that Miss Elizabeth Rowden may sail February 16 from New York to Istanbul on the "Khedive Ismail." Also there is hope that Rev. Charles T. Riggs and his daughter, Mrs. MacNeal, may sail in March to arrive here before Easter. Pleasant journeys and happy arrivals to them all.

"Near East Panorama" is the title of Dr. Glora Wysner's book which is to be the 1950-51 study book published by the Missionary Education Movement. It is expected to be off the press the middle of March.

A pleasant ceremony took place yesterday afternoon at the rooms of the United States Information Service when Consul-general LaVerne Baldwin presented copies of the new Redhouse English-Turkish Dictionary to the Vali of Istanbul, the Rector of Istanbul Universitesi, the Rector of Teknik Universitesi, the Maarif Müdürü and two representatives of the head of the Press Association. These copies had been especially bound in red Morocco for the presentation. The new Redhouse is the result of long years of work of the Publication Department, of which Dr. and Mrs. Birge, Dorothy Blatter, Sofi Huri, Dr. Andreas Tietze were present, as also Mr. Fowle, Mr. Woolworth of the Mission and Mr. Ramsaur and Miss Porteous of the USIS.

A letter from Yoshio Fukuyama tells of his finishing his work at Chicago Theological Seminary for his B.D. degree and his present work for his doctorate.

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Putney

Stop Press: The New York Law Journal for January 30th publishes the decision in the "Merger Case", brought by the Cadman Church of Brooklyn. Phrases from the accompanying letter are: "a shock to the General Council"; "contains much that seems inimical to the whole ecumenical movement"; "effect on our denomination is expected to be quite revolutionary"; "there have been many conferences since Thursday morning and the way becomes more confused".

Dear Friends:

New Associate Treasurer of the American Board. Mr. E. Carl Thiesen replaces Harold Hackett, who withdrew from the Board's Boston office to become a Vice-President of the new International Christian University of Japan. Mr. Thiessen, after study at Harvard and the Walton School of Accounting has been in financial and investment work, and since 1942, Assistant Treasurer of the Atlantic Monthly Company.

The strike of postal employees in Greece has ended, and letters of January 14th and 15th are this week received in Istanbul, albeit planes make the trip from Athens to this city in 100 minutes.

Dr. Emin Deniz, M.D., son of an Antep family who studied in Robert College and the American University of Beirut before taking his Medical Course in Istanbul University, has started a year's Residency at the Margaret Hague Maternity Hospital, 88 Clifton Place, Jersey City 4, N.J. Friends who would enjoy meeting a fine son of Turkey can reach him at the above address. His wife and infant son await his return, here in Istanbul.

John and Elizabeth Seager of Izmir, with their three younger daughters have been visiting Mrs. Leslie for five days, enjoying both the grandmother and the deep snows of February in Hisar. Elizabeth and daughters sailed on the 8th for their home in Izmir.

President Ernest Riggs of Anatolia College, Thessaloniki, and Alice Shepard Riggs arrived in Istanbul on the 7th. to spend a week with Dr. and Mrs. Shepard. The Riggses retire this summer from Anatolia College, and this trip is perhaps a 'once over' farewell to this country, in which they both grew up, and where they served for so many years.

An editorial in the Christian Science Monitor of December 31st pays a glowing tribute to the late Reuben H. Markham as friend of the "forgotten man" not only of the Balkans, but wherever the common man is to be found.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Webster. After six years of service in Ankara under the USIS and Cultural Division of the State Department, the Websters departed this week for Washington, for further assignment by the Department. Many of the American Board circle recall them as they first came to Turkey as teachers in the International College of Izmir, early in the 1930's. Our best wishes go with them.

In a report from Ankara, we learn of a Child Guidance Bureau started at the Gazi Educational Institute. It is steadily at work, detailed reports on each case are kept, and additional test material and literature are being collected. The moving spirit in this venture is Bay Mitat Eng, an M.A. from Columbia University who specialized in Education for the Physically Handicapped. It is hoped to start in 1950 in Ankara a kindergarten for the Blind. For those of our circle who do not have the privilege of knowing Bay Mitat, we would add that he himself is totally blind, and a successful teacher in the Institute.

A letter dated February 5th from our associate, Miss Mary Haskell, who has continued to live in the land which she has served and loved for so long, reports that she has been notified to leave the country by March 6th. Miss Haskell is in her 81st year.

The shift of the Turkish Financial Year from the calendar year to one starting on March 1st involves paying Radio licenses and getting Unvan certificates in March 1950. Notice herewith to all concerned.

Particularly welcome to many of our Circle in Turkey have been mid-winter greetings from Charlotte Reid of Berea College, Ruth Shinn of the YWCA in Lincoln, Nebraska, and Angie Ducas of Framingham, Mass. High School - all recent teachers in the Scutari School.

Very truly yours,
Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

The ending of the long-drawn postal strike in Greece is allowing news from that area to filter through. Despite untimely weather conditions, nest-building seems to be one of the main occupations. Mr. and Mrs. Olander, with their two children, are now established in their home close to Pierce College. Miss Bicknell, of the College staff, has also found a home outside the college grounds. When the Harlows leave, Dr. Nichol will take up residence in what is still known as Miss Pinneo's house. The college rooms set free by these various migrations will be available as guest rooms.

Dr. Nichol and Dr. Parmelee visited Salonika during the week-end of January 22nd. Dr. Nichol is getting acquainted with the teaching staffs and the church leaders in that busy center.

The youngest lady of the Turkey Mission, aged 12, has established a record by selling over eighty books for the Publication Department. Most of these went out through her school co-operative. What about it, Oldsters and Professionals; going to sit back and let that chit walk off with the prize?

A certain bland expression of "all's right with the world" is to be noticed on the faces of the heads of the Publication Department these days. The New Redhouse Dictionary, at T.L. 25.00 a time, is being gobbled by the public as fast as copies roll off the production line.

President and Mrs. Ernest Riggs of Anatolia College, Salonika, left yesterday by plane for Athens after a week's holiday spent in this city with Dr. and Mrs. Lorrin Shepard.

Mr. Harry Mandil, whose rug-shop in the Covered Bazaar will be a pleasant memory to many of our readers, died yesterday. Mr. Mandil was an American citizen and has served for many years on the board of the Admiral Bristol Hospital.

Dr. Floyd Black, President of Robert College, is expected back in Istanbul this week, after a short trip to America.

Our contemporary also announces the arrival in Beirut from America of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Crawford. Mr. Crawford has been appointed agricultural attache of the American Legations at Beirut and Damascus, and of the American Embassy at Baghdad. Throughout most of the 1930's, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford were on the staff of Robert College.

Miss Gwen Wolsted of the Scutari staff, is looking forward to the arrival of her parents in Istanbul in the latter part of May. After school closing, they will tour Turkey and Syria. Her father, Mr. Clarence Wolsted, will then return home, while Gwen and her mother go on to India, to renew old acquaintances.

Robin MacCallum, accompanied by the undersigned, expects to leave on March 3rd for Naples, going by the "Giresun," of the Turkish Lines. After a somewhat leisurely trip through Italy, where the sun shines benignly on Holy Year, there will be a halt in Geneva, where Scriptures in Modern Armenian are being printed from galvano-plates which were tossed up in the Free Zone of that neutral city by the fortunes of the last war. The first of April will see Elizabeth in Brighton set free from school for Easter holidays, so the party of three are looking forward to a good bit of April fooling. About the end of May, Robin and Lyman will be aboard one of the Transatlantic "Queens," while Elizabeth wrestles with the stout locks which bar against women aspirants the doors of British universities. Beyond that the plans grow rather vague though the spires of New York, and the familiar reaches of an island in Lake Ontario are very clearly in the picture. Robin has promised to be back in Istanbul for the opening of school, but no such promise has yet been made by

Yours, for a good holiday,

Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

Lenten Music. Once again Prof. Charles S. MacNeal of Robert College has arranged for those of the community who can attend, eight successive weekly music hours at his house beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 22, at 17 o'clock. Played on records with his fine equipment and with brief comments and interpretations which mean so much to the listener, the eight programs will be, - Twentieth Century Composers; Verdi's Requiem; Requiems of Faure and Brahms; Beethoven's Missa Solemnis; Mozart's Requiem; Bach's B Minor Mass, Part 1; Bach's B Minor Mass, Part 2; and on April 7 Bach's St. Matthew Passion.

Mrs. C. E. Clark, long time of Sivas and Merzifon, writes of her happiness in living with her children and grandchildren who live in Michigan, Indiana and California. This winter she is spending with a sister in California (5348 Village Green, Los Angeles 16). She reports that Bertha Colmyer, a former Merzifon teacher, is teaching kindergarten in Hawaii.

Miss Nina Rice, also of Sivas and later Athens, writes from Pilgrim Place of her pleasure in looking forward to having a pleasant four room apartment beginning March first with Miss Adelaide Dwight. Their address will be 534 West 6th St., Claremont, California. She reports the other Turkey people who live there, - Mr. and Mrs. Getchell, Mrs. Marden and Miss Morley, Mrs. Sewny and Miss Harriet Norton - as being well and sends greetings to her friends.

The World Day of Prayer was celebrated here yesterday with a Turkish service at the Bible House chapel, led by Miss Hagopyan, and an English service at the Dutch Chapel, led by Miss Thompson of the English High School. The latter was a union service in which the Anglican Church, the Seventh-day Adventists and the regular Dutch Chapel congregation joined.

A letter just arrived from Miss McCallum telling of a pleasant call from Dr. Goodsell at her home in Old Phaleron.

To-day Istanbul Station spent a happy afternoon at the Scutari school in honor of Lyman and Robin MacCallum who expect to leave on their furlough before a week has passed. Before tea there was square dancing in the gymnasium for those who could and the ones bold enough to try it if they couldn't. Then after the usual delicious Scutari tea, Mrs. F. W. MacCallum read a delightful tale of "Young Lymanvar" in the style of "Young Lochinvar" which was illustrated, as read, by shadow pictures. Then we all sang whatever came to our minds with Mrs. Lyman at the piano closing with "Auld Lang Syne". Before we separated Luther Fowle read a very interesting letter from Dorothy Nilson about the recent religious awakening at Wheaton College. Finally Dr. Shepard expressed his conviction that we do the one thing we can to help the countries behind the Iron Curtain, pray regularly for the members of the Politburo.

Paul Nilson requests "News Notes" to include an advertisement for three tutors to teach in Talas in the fall of 1950. Similarly other young men are being sought for our schools in Tarsus and Aleppo and young women for those in Athens, Istanbul and Izmir. Surely the suggestions of those who receive these News Notes of the American Board in the Near East would be of particular value, both to Rev. Walter Tong, Candidate Secretary, 14 Beacon St., Boston, and to your young friends graduating from college and university and eager to consider three years of service in these Mission institutions overseas. Can YOU help in this need?

Miss Mary M. Haskell writes under date of February 19 of her expectation of leaving Bulgaria with other Americans, following the rupture of diplomatic relations between the United States and Bulgaria. She mentions the great personal kindness of the friends among whom she has lived most of her 84 years. She had received notice from the government to withdraw from Bulgaria by March 6.

Sincerely yours,
E. W. Putney

Dear Friends:

Dr. Floyd Black has this week returned from America, whither such annual mid-winter trip by airplane makes possible closer touch with College Trustees, and co-operation in selection of Staff for the following year.

St. Andrews Church, Athens, has carried on a vigorous church life for some years under the leadership of a British Army Chaplain, who has withdrawn with the British Forces. On the first Sunday in March, Rev. Paul W. H. Olander of the American Board Mission takes over as Pastor. There will be Sunday morning services, and some Sunday evening program for young people. Others of the congregation will, it is hoped, be able to keep up the Sunday School. A Committee has been appointed to carry on this important aspect of community life in Athens, where there now are several thousand whose native tongue is English.

Miss Elsie M. Farris, an Attorney from Long Beach, Calif. who is closely associated with Congregational-Christian Mission work in Mexico, has been visiting in Japan, China, the Philippines, and India, and spent two days in Istanbul this week as guest at the Scutari Girls' School. She plans to be in Boston for the March 14th meeting of the Prudential Committee, of which she is a member.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Kingsley Birge spent the early part of this week in Ankara, where they had opportunity to meet the Foreign Minister, who was delighted to have a copy of the new Redhouse Dictionary, recently issued by the Mission Publication Department. A specially prepared copy personally bound by Prof. Emin Barin of the School of Fine Arts was presented to the President of the Republic thru the Foreign Minister. Other copies were also presented to the Minister of Education, the Rector of Ankara University and the National Library.

Miss Martha W. Frearson. Miss Frearson, aged 85, passed away quietly in Beirut on February 8th. She came from England shortly before the turn of the century for orphanage work, and was the very able director of a Girls' Orphanage in Aintab till after the First World War. Transferring her work to Shemlan, she continued in work for children and aged widows until 1940, with help from the British Friends of Armenia. In recent years, with failing health, she has lived quietly in Beirut, receiving the devoted care of some of those for whom she had done so much. Those privileged to have known her will never forget her devotion to all in need. (Beirut News Letter)

Aleppo College Glee Club. The Club spent a mid-February week in the Lebanon, with concerts in Tripoli, Sidon, two at the American University and College for Women, with a Saturday departure for Damascus.

The Navy. Led by the Cruiser "Newport News" and the huge airplane carrier "Midway", nine units of the U.S. Mediterranean Fleet are guests in the harbor of Istanbul. The Community is co-operating in the entertainment of some 7000 navy personnel.

Robin and Lyman MacCallum sailed for holiday in England and Canada on March 3d. Mrs. F. W. MacCallum awaits their return at the Bible House apartment, where Bessie and Jim Lyman are in charge, and welcome to their noon table the Board people in the Mission administrative offices.

The International Air Edition of the New York Times for Feb. 26th reports the passage through Belgrad of the American Diplomatic Mission withdrawing from Bulgaria, with Miss Mary Haskell as travelling with the party.

Administrative Committees of the Near East Christian Council, Aleppo College, and the Near East School of Theology meet in Beirut and Aleppo during the last week of April, in sessions staggered to enable distant members to attend in prompt sequence.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Isabel Trowbridge Merrill. With sorrow we learn of the death in Beacon, New York, on March 5th, of Mrs. John Ernest Merrill, who with her husband, President of Central Turkey College, served in this Mission for 37 years in the Girls' School and College in Aintab, and following the First World War, in the continuing Aleppo College, in Syria. Mrs. Merrill was the daughter of Tilman C. Trowbridge, Founder and President of Central Turkey College. Since retirement, Dr. and Mrs. Merrill had lived in Brooklyn, and more recently with their daughter Margaret at the Methodist Manse in Beacon, New York.

"A woman of great ability and complete devotion, she shared wholeheartedly in the life of students and faculty as a teacher and leader, but most of all as friend and counsellor who understood and quickly responded to varied calls for help.

She was particularly interested in the life of the Cilician Union of Evangelical Churches, her special field being work among women and girls. By her teaching and example she led many of her students to service of similar devotion. Her own home was a welcome retreat for many who sought courage and fresh faith for difficult tasks. She believed deeply in the power of prayer, her life becoming increasingly a prayer and a song of praise. The impress of her character will remain with all who knew her, and her influence and witness to Christ will reach far beyond the bounds of her earthly existence." FFG

John David Olander: Born in Athens, March 5th to Rev. and Mrs. Paul H. W. Olander.

"Jekeroli Susam" Scott: Born, in Talas, March 5th, to Mr. and Mrs. John Scott. The telegram is garbled as above. More news next week.

The U. S. Navy. The 45,000 ton air-plane carrier "Midway" was crowded on March 7th as officers and men entertained hundreds on board. At dawn the next morning, nine U.S. ships slipped away, leaving friendly understanding and good-will behind them. In numerous basket-ball games afloat and ashore, with various local teams, hard play and fine sportsmanship did much to emphasize the better qualities of young manhood. Phaleron Bay is probably the next anchorage.

Rev. Charles T. Riggs and his daughter Sarah Riggs MacNeal of Robert College plan to sail on or about March 30th from Brooklyn on the S.S. "Fernsea" for Istanbul. An eager welcome awaits them both.

Church World Service: Through the Beirut Church World Service Committee, a Library and Reading-room has been opened in the refugee camp at Nehrab near Aleppo, where some 5000 refugees are gathered. Mr. Thomas Weaver of Aleppo College is in charge, and reports that books and periodicals now in hand are virtually in constant use.

Miss Margaret L. Arnott: From Kemper Hall, Kenosha, Wisconsin, Miss Arnott sends greetings to friends in the Mission. Having taught for several years in Anatolia Girls' School, Thessaloniki, she still looks eastward with eagerness to the "life of Greece and the East". One of her students is a lively read-headed niece of Paul Nilson. Miss Arnott entertained seven former Anatolia students at Christmas, and speaks with pride of their fine records in various American schools. "My good wishes to all my friends out there".

Miss Adelaide S. Dwight reports of her delight in meeting Mission friends now in America and in re-acquaintance with her own family there. On her way to the apartment in Claremont which was to be ready for Nina Rice and herself in late February, she visited Stella Loughridge and Edith Parsons, and met Dr. Bisbee of the Girls' College, and Saisie Hibbard Pratt and her husband.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Rev. James K. Lyman passed away in his 70th year at the apartment on the top floor of the Bible House in Istanbul, on March 11, 1950.

"As he would have wished, death came to Jim Lyman as he sat quietly talking with a young man from central Anatolia who sought new light for moral and spiritual needs. It was mid-morning, when he experienced a stroke. Almost immediately he was unconscious, and though every personal and professional care was given, in less than three hours he was gone. Bessie was with him.

Jim lived constantly in the world of the spirit. How deeply he met the hunger of many was indicated by those who gathered next day in the Bible House Chapel to express their devotion, mostly the simple folk of the city, in and out of whose homes and places of business he frequently passed, as he lived before them his otherworldly faith. It was abundantly clear that for them, a man of God had gone to his natural home. His pockets even told the story - a well-worn copy of the Gospels, a note-book of names and addresses of people needing prayer and hope, numerous tram tickets in numerous pockets, his Ikamet Tezkere, and a few piastres.

It is fitting indeed that in God's acre in Feriköy he rests beside Dr. F. W. MacCallum, both of Marash. Jim has indeed "gone home" to the many mansions and the Presence in which he always seemed with patient assurance to live."

A recent letter from Mrs. Flint for nearly fifteen years, including the 1920's, in Istanbul and Izmir belongs to many others than the editors of this sheet; so I quote most of it:

"Dear Friends,- near and far, tried and true friends and old friends, I enjoy "Dear Friends" very much. The editors make life in the Near-East so vivid and interesting that I feel that I know you and the work, one and all. It thrills me over and over every time a letter comes. It makes me homesick, I wish I could write each of you, as you have me, for your gifts and thought of me. I am very sure that it is your prayers and those in the USA that have aided me in this miraculous lease of life. My doctor who has taken care of me for forty years said not long ago that he had never expected that I would be here at this time. I am still confined to the house and the one floor. The many friends and neighbors keep me interested so the days do not seem long, for which I am very grateful..... I've taken great pleasure in following Dr. and Mrs. Goodsell in their journey and their report from friends here and abroad. God grant them a pleasant journey and a safe return, and that I will be here to greet them." Mrs. Flint lives in a little apartment in sight of her girlhood home in Syracuse, N.Y. (1802 Genesee St.) and is full of interest in affairs and her friends, though she is feeble in body.

Deborah Susan Scott: The official version of last week's garbled "name" of new babe in Talas Station, born March 5th. Dr. Nute writes, "she is absolutely the first new-born child I ever saw that was pretty from the moment of birth, especially her eyes, drowsily intelligent".

One of the happy incidents connected with the recent visit of the American fleet was the invitation given for one hundred under privileged children to come aboard one of the ships. Miss Clary of the Girls' Service Center arranged for children of workers at the Regie Tobacco factory, Çocuk Esirgeme, a home for street children recently opened near the Egyptian Bazaar and a Primary School near the Center, up to the number of 125, to make the trip. From 10:30 to 1:30 those children, between six and twelve years old, were the happy guests of the US sailors who served them ice-cream, guided them over the "Newport News" in groups of twelve and who later formed a huge circle on deck to enjoy the dances the children performed in costume for their hosts. Finally all 125 children were handed down the gangway between sailors standing on each side to the launch which carried them singing to the shore.

Miss Gladys Lucas of Aleppo arrived in Istanbul on Sunday the 12th for a short visit on her way to England. She was able to see old Gedik Paşa pupils on Monday and Scutari pupils on Tuesday, besides enjoying visits with Mission associates. She finally left on the plane Thursday morning.

Sincerely yours,
E. J. Putney

Dear Friends:

After preliminary visit with their family in Izmir, and test visits to Istanbul, Athens, and Thessaloniki, the Goodsells sailed from Izmir on March 20th for Beirut, starting their leisurely Odyssey that will take them northwards with advancing spring, to visit all the Board's Stations in the Near East Mission. June will bring them to Istanbul, and the 1950 Annual Meeting.

Miss Mae Kieliszek, engaged: Thro' Gladys Lucas of Aleppo we learn of the engagement of Miss Mae Kieliszek, who recently gave three very useful years of teaching to our schools in Izmir and Aleppo, to Mr. Roy Croswell, a fellow teacher at the Central School, Goshen, New York. (Mae's address: 88 Murray Ave.) They hope to be married in mid-summer, and to both teach in the same school next year, before Mr. Croswell takes up graduate study under his G.I. privileges. All our best wishes and congratulations go to Mae, whom we would so gladly have welcomed back to a permanent teaching position in this Mission.

President Alford Carleton of Aleppo College reports "considerable exaggeration" in reports of his motor accident. He was not catapulted through the wind-shield of his car, but merely broke with his cranium the wind-shield of a car driven by another, with whom he was riding. He was able to climb into the cab of the next truck that came down the road, and ride into Damascus. Our Mission is a hard-headed group. One recalls the Latin couplet "The adder bit the Caesarean's hide,
What happened then? The adder died".

Ocean passage westward: Warning to all and sundry. Four applications for westward travel from England to USA in August have received reply from Cunard-White Star, Liverpool, "All bookings full".

Miss Mary Rowden R.N. was welcomed to the NEM when her Khedivial ship called at Beirut, where the McMullens received her. She landed in Istanbul on the 11th, is living with the Birges, and already hard at work on the Turkish language. It's good to have another Vermonter with us.

Schools Board of Managers: The spring meeting of this Board which maintains close co-operation between the four Mission schools in Turkey, studying and advising on their common technical and policy problems, met during mid-March with Tarsus College as host. Meanwhile other teachers scattered for holiday before the last pull till June. Ken Moyer to Gaziantep; Gene Pringle and Ed Savage to Cyprus; the Phil Cooks to Tarsus; most ambitious project - the Izmir Girls' School engaged a new Third Class railway coach, in which the Misses Gauntt, Burns, and George, together with the Turkish Gym. teacher, and 36 students, with Jack Blake as trip-manager, crossed Asia Minor to Iskenderun, whence by bus they visited Antioch. On the return trip, stops were made at Tarsus, Adana, Kayseri, with visit to the Urgup troglodyte caves, and skiing on the slopes of 14,000 ft. Mt. Argaeus, Ankara, and so back to Izmir - doubtless short of sleep, but long of thrill.

In a recent letter from Mrs. George Huntington she tells of a visit to Prof. and Mrs. E. J. Fisher, formerly of Robert College, at Sweet Briar College, Va., "a lovely place, with a fine faculty and 450 girls." She also saw Edgar Jr. and his bride at Richmond. While Dr. Black was visiting the Huntingtons at Warm Springs, Ga., "an American lieutenant brought four Turkish captains to see us, hearing that we were from Turkey. Three of them had studied basic English at Robert College and knew Dr. Black. We invited these five young men to dinner last Sunday and enjoyed them and showed them pictures and practised our Turkish. They've invited us to dine with them next week at Fort Benning where they are studying, 38 miles south of here." She sends warm greetings to all her friends here.

The motor age: Following Talas and Gaziantep Stations, Izmir School is to have a car. The Chevrolet "Carry-all" - a convertible station-wagon and truck, was released from the Customs House on the 17th and awaits in the Scutari School garden the arrival of Jack Blake of Izmir, to drive it across the Aegean provinces to Izmir.

Very truly yours,
Luther H. Fowle

Dear Friends:

After attending the Schools Board of Managers' meeting in Tarsus and calling on many of his old Tarsus and Talas students and friends residing in Tarsus, Adana and Mersine, Paul Nilson and daughter May spent six days in Aleppo, sight-seeing, visiting schools and former Tarsus boys. Returning from Syria, Messrs. Fringle and Savage joined them in making the trip from Aleppo to Adana in eight hours by taxi.

Mr. Woolworth returned from Tarsus to Istanbul by plane, stopping off several days in Ankara consulting with the Ministry of Education on problems connected with the schools. On the 29th he left by Italian plane for Athens on the invitation of Athens Station, and in accordance with plans developed at the last Annual Meeting, where he will have opportunity to observe the general work directed by Mr. Olander, the Service Committee activities, and particularly the educational activities centering in Pierce College.

Dr. F. F. Goodsell is giving five lectures this week at the Near East School of Theology, Beirut, the subjects being: (1) The Ecumenical Movement; 2) Our Christian World Mission; 3) The Growth of a Christian Society in non-Christian Lands; 4) The New Revised Standard Version of the New Testament; 5) T. S. Elliot's Message for Our Day.

Dr. Maynard Owen Williams, known personally to many of our readers, new chief of the Foreign Editorial Staff of the National Geographic Society, is spending the month from mid-March to mid-April in Beirut where he and Mrs. Williams are the guests of the Byron Smiths. Pictures resulting from trips to near-by places will appear in future issues of the Geographic.

Mrs. Edith Laird, Librarian at the American University of Beirut, in a letter to her mother, Mrs. MacCallum, tells of her accident on Saturday, March 18th, which resulted in breaking her leg just below the hip. Walking along in crepe-soled shoes, she slipped on a spot wet with kerosene, and fell. At that moment a nurse going on duty at the University Hospital saw the accident and assisted in getting Mrs. Laird to the Hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Miss Mary Haskell, who left Bulgaria with the Diplomatic delegation, arrived in New York on the Queen Elizabeth on March 8th where she was met by her nephew, Douglas Haskell, of 1 Lexington Ave., New York 10. It was hoped in Boston that she would be able to attend the April 11th meeting of the Prudential Committee.

Hon. G. Bie Ravndal - The New York Times of March 24th reports Mr. Ravndal's death on March 23rd, at the age of 84, in Orlando, Florida, where he has recently made his home. Mr. Ravndal, born in Norway, in Sioux Falls, S.D. before entering the U.S. Consular Service. For many years he was American Consul General in Istanbul where he was well known in our Mission circle. After thirty-five years spent in the Consular Service, he retired in 1930. He was the author of several books, including "Stories of the East Vikings", "South Dakota Historical Collections", "Origin of the Capitulations and of the Consular Institution". His two daughters and three sons who grew up in Istanbul, survive him. They are: Mrs. Francis Smith of Cairo, Egypt, Mrs. John Liebenrood of Tunbridge Wells, England, Olaf Ravndal, Vice-president and Treasurer of the American Express Company, Christian M., Ambassador to Uruguay, and Eric, growing citrus fruit in Orlando, Fla.

The new Redhouse English-Turkish Dictionary issued by the Mission Publication Department is selling like hot cakes. Half of the 5000 edition has now been bound and in the two months since the first bound number appeared, 1500 to 2000 copies have been sold or distributed. Book dealers are competing for the privilege of handling sales.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman MacCallum report thrilling sight-seeing in Naples, Rome, Florence, Milan on their trip up thru Italy to Geneva and France. They expect to arrive in England on April 1st.

Yours sincerely,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

Yesterday Misses Johnson, Sleator and Vranos of the teaching staff at Pierce College, Elleniko, and Messrs. Rude and Carjoleas of Athens College arrived in town to spend their Easter vacation. It was a pleasure for Istanbul Station to have them join then for tea after the usual Station meeting this afternoon.

Perhaps others beside his old teachers will be interested to hear that "The Voice of America" in Greek from New York is Theoharis Stavrides, a graduate of the Gedik Paşa school in 1923 and from Robert College. He was for several years a teacher at Athens College.

Lyman MacCallum writes of a happy visit to Dr. and Mrs. Bertram V. D. Post in Geneva. Dr. Post is well and remembers very happily his old friends in Turkey. It is expected that the French edition of his botany will be published shortly. While in Geneva Mr. MacCallum reports calling on Miss Lucie Borel long associated with our Mission in Adana and finding her also very well. The three MacCallums were expecting to spend Easter with Mrs. MacCallum's sister, Miss Gladys Robertson, in London.

Jessie Martin writes that she is very busy with speaking, interviewing people and visiting schools and is finding great pleasure in the southern California spring.

Also from nearby Pilgrim Place, Claremont, Adelaide Dwight writes of a meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of Southern California where Miss Farris, who visited us in February, spoke of her trip around the world and especially how she had been impressed with the work in Turkey. Miss Dwight says, "I've settled here at last in a delightful apartment with Nina Rice, only a stone's throw from the Getchells and Lillian Sewny, with Mrs. Marden, Miss Morley and Miss Norton not far away."

From Miss Haskell of Bulgaria comes an interesting letter telling of her arrival in New York on March 8, five days after leaving Sofia. She was met by her nephews and had a chance to talk on the telephone that evening with her brother in Kansas City. "I never dreamed that so much of happiness could be crowded into the three weeks I have had since landing", she writes, as she goes on to tell of seeing old friends and relatives. She was expecting to meet the Prudential Committee of the Board on April 11.

We are very interested to hear that Miss Minnie Mills, formerly of Izmir and Athens, is expecting to sail for Greece on April 14, reaching Greece on April 29. She comes on the special invitation of the alumnae of the school she served so devotedly from her arrival in Izmir in 1897 till she retired from Pierce College in the summer of 1941. She expects to remain until the fall, so it is hoped her old associates in Turkey may see her, as well as the friends in Greece.

Mrs. Harry Meyering writes of her expectation that Loretta Kreider will spend the Easter vacation with the Meyerings in Mankato, Minn.

After several refusals of places on westward bound Cunard boats, Liverpool has relented and places are now engaged for our Mission travelers, - Gene Fringle, Georgianna Maynard, Harriet, Paul and May Nilson, Naomi Foster and Ruth McClintock. It now remains for these travelers to be content with the dates and boats engaged! "Holy Year" has some aspects less holy than others! (LRF)

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Putney

Dear Friends:

The American Board "News Notes" records its greetings and best wishes for the Beirut News Letter, which published its One Thousandth number on March 29, 1950. This very useful weekly letter was started in February 1927 by Rev. James H. Nicol, now retired to America, whom many of the American Board Mission were privileged to know during his long service in the Presbyterian Mission. Our founder of the "News Notes", Rev. Charles T. Riggs, completed his One Thousandth copy before his retirement in 1945; since when we have started a new series. We rejoice that Mr. Riggs is now on his way back to Istanbul, to live with his daughter Mrs. Charles MacNeal of Robert College. Father and daughter are just about passing Gibraltar, eastbound, at the present time.

Dr. and Mrs. Goodsell and Mrs. Sperry are reported as having reached Beirut where he was lecturing the last week in March at the Near East School of Theology. On April 4 they went to Damascus where they expected to visit the work in that area of the Near East Foundation, of which Dr. Goodsell is a member of the board of directors. On Monday, the 10th, they were expecting to fly to Egypt to be the guests for a week of Prof. Harlan Conn (formerly of Robert College) of the American University in Cairo.

Last week we expect that Principal and Mrs. McMullen and family moved into the house built and long occupied by Misses Mary and Elizabeth Webb. Miss Webb left it to the Board.

Recently Otis and Alice (Shepard) Cary entertained at dinner in their home Prince Takamatsu, the brother of the Emperor of Japan. Otis and Baby Beth called in their jeep for him at his hotel and brought him to "Amherst House" at Doshisha University, Kyoto, while Alice was putting the finishing touches on the dinner.

The Carys are planning to spend this August in Istanbul on their way to America. Otis will teach Oriental subjects in Amherst College during the first semester and then prepare for his return to Japan in the fall of 1951. He is to be registrar of the new International Christian University in Tokyo and Alice the physician. She is planning to take examinations in English this spring for her Japanese medical license.

Otis has written, or rather dictated, a book in Japanese which has already been published and brought him quite a little "fan mail". The book tells of his war-time experiences with prisoners of war in Honolulu, his seeing their families and friends in Japan right after the surrender, and the jeep trip last summer with Alice and Beth, visiting in the homes of his former prisoners of war. Enthusiastic readers are putting it into play and movie form.

The Publication Department announces the following recent publications:

"Pokey Bear" (Küçük Ayı), which is of especial interest since the translation was made by Jacklyn Blake. It is one of the bilingual series for small children and sells for 50 k.

"The Little Rabbit's Bath" (Küçük Tavşanın Banyosu). This is the first of a series of American books with colored pictures, into which the Turkish translation is pasted. Price, T.L. 1.00.

"Family Letters" (Aile Mektupları) No. 6, 20 k., is now out.

The tablets of half sheet notepaper with black and white drawings at the top of the page, which were first issued several years ago, have been reprinted and are for sale for T.L. 1.20 a tablet of 48 sheets with 24 envelopes.

Dr. and Mrs. Birge expect to leave Istanbul on Saturday the 15th for a visit to Gaziantep, Mardin, Talas, Tarsus, Aleppo and Beirut. In the two places across the border he will attend various committee meetings. They expect to be gone something over three weeks. To-morrow the undersigned expects to go to Izmir for a two-week visit at the school and at the Orhans' at Turan.

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Putney

Dear Friends:

To our friends in distant lands, who remember their years in Turkey, we would report that spring is again with us. The musical black-birds have been tuning up for several weeks, while early nightingales have been heard in Bebek, Hisar, and Scutari. Horse beans, kabak, and first strawberries have come up from the Adana plain, even while the oranges and grape-fruit of Dört Yol, Mersin, and Alanya are still with us. Spring is here.

From the economic angle, the vast improvement and extension of Turkey's railroads, and the construction and improvement of roads for motor trucking, are opening new markets for perishable foods, and stimulating production in areas hitherto isolated from population markets. Cheese, fats, and butter from the eastern vilayets, fruits from Malatiya, Nigde, and the southern coasts of Anatolia, early vegetables from Adana, are now available, extending "the season" in time, and drawing money into the interior vilayets, which are increasingly demanding motor-cars, radio cosmetics - also education, books, and medical services.

Annual Meeting 1950 is looking forward to a daily seminar led by Dr. Goodsell. It will be held at the Scutari School, and tentative date suggested (subject to modification) is June 21 for the Schools' Board of Managers, with the full Mission Meeting starting on the 23d.

Following the closing of the Methodist School for Girls, Lovetch, Bulgaria, Miss Esther Carhart was for sometime attached to the New York office of her Board. Now she writes from Clear Lake Camp, Dowling, Michigan, - an activity connected with the Battle Creek public school system. She reports to us the passing of her war-time Lovetch associate Mellony Turner's Mother on March 25th. Some weeks ago we reported the death of Mellony and her Father in a motor accident, while going to a church where she was to speak.

Easter vacation gave opportunity for the Carleton family, Helen Cassile, and Douglass Hill to visit ancient Petra.

A recent report of the 1949 activities of the American Board Hospital in Gaziantep, where Deweys, Iselys and Miss Engle await the coming of Mary Rowden to join their nursing staff, gives the following information:

For 1949: Inpatients-1309; Inpatient days - 15,843; Bed occupancy-88.6%;
New outpatients-3193; Outpatients including revists - 4797.

The annual financial canvass of the Istanbul American School of Language and Commerce (formerly YMCA) produced Liras 8000. as contributions toward registration expenses of applicants who are unable to meet their full fees. This fine activity is led by Mr. and Mrs. Ezra P. Young, with Dr. Laurens Seelye as Chairman of its Board of Managers. The increasing Turkish participation in the management and various committees of this project is a cause of particular satisfaction to all friends of the Dersane.

Report from Tarsus College for the past academic year indicates, - Full time teachers 10: Part time teachers 6: Students - preparatory 32, middle 80, Lycee 78-Total Students 190: Operating expenses other than American Board salaries, about \$40,000., of which Endowment produces \$3350., American Board grant \$500., while the balance is paid by the students enrolled. Surely a fine record.

During the Easter holidays, Athens personnel rushed headlong to meet the spring. President Nichol of Pierce College visited one of the Aegean Islands: as did Dr. Parmelee and Misses Tooby and Bieser: the Harold Harlows with Miss Henry visited Palestine: the Misses Sleator and Johnson visited Istanbul; while the Olanders very happily remained in their new home near the College, where Master John David is making fine adjustment to life and already is half a hundred days old.

Very truly yours,
Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Reports about the young people who grew up within our Mission Circle are always welcomed by us all. Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Pye of 1253 Harding St., Winter Park, Florida have written (in reply to request) the following:

Of their four sons whose homes were in Merzifon, Istanbul and Athens, -Hubert learned merchandising with Macy's in New York: served in the Navy in the war, reaching rank of Lieut. Commander: and is now merchandising with an excellent firm in Pennsylvania. Edward is an electrical engineer, working with aircraft in the Ryan Aircraft Corp. of San Diego. He trained pilots during the war, and was associated with the electric installation of the first plane to link jet-propulsion to engine power.

Willard suffered injury in laboratory work during the war, when his assistant was killed and a score hospitalized. He has since won his Ph.D. from Chicago Univ.; and is now on the faculty of North Dakota State College at Fargo, as Chairman of the Geology-Geography division. Donald was assigned war tasks at Chicago Univ., Oak Ridge, and at the Hanford laboratories on the Columbia River - in short like several others of our young people, he was attached to atomic research. He is now very happy in his work with the DuPonts, in Wilmington.

All four sons are happily married, and the Grandparents claim the privilege of spoiling three little boys and four little girls "faster than their parents can undo the damage".

It was one of these lads, coasting down the cemetery road below the south Tower in Hisar, on a new Flexible-Flyer, who shot across the narrow road and into the Bosphorus. Report has it that the rest of the gang disgustedly reported to their Mamas, gathered at the Riggs' Tower Cottage for meeting of the Hisar "Womans' League, "Oh yes: someone pulled him out of the Bosphorus, BUT the new Flexible Flyer was lost".

Miss Diantha Dewey writes from North Collins, N.Y. where she has been with a cousin since last October, each occupying a rented room. They hope to move to a three room flat at the end of this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Webster are now settled in an apartment near Fort Meyer, their exact address being: Apartment 302, 2337 Eleventh Street North, Arlington, Virginia. Don's work is in the Fulbright office in Washington, D.C.

David Avery was born April 10th in Gaziantep and on the 21st was reported as back to birth weight, eating friskily and facing life happily. Mother Betty was enjoying rides in the station car and going to market afoot. Father Bob thought it was time to bring them back to Tarsus last Monday the 24th.

Spring has come to Turkey with a rush these last two weeks. Wisteria, Judas trees and lilacs give color to the hillsides and gardens along the Bosphorus. In Mardin Mr. and Mrs. Raymond White entertained ninety adult visitors in their living room one day last week, while hundreds were in the yard enjoying the flowers.

Farnsworth Fowle, representative in Turkey of the New York Times, has been spending the last ten days travelling in Anatolia, sensing the attitude of the people to the May election for President, and making the trip from Iskenderun and Adana, through Marash and Malatia, to Erzurum over the new American-built highway.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

"New little Americans happily continue to arrive in this Mission. To Announce - a blessed event, in Uncle Sam's family, on April 17, 1950, at the Federal Building, Los Angeles, under direction of the Labor Department, Immigration Dept. assisting. Jessie E. Martin. Weight-too much."

Charles T. Riggs, with daughter Sarah MacNeal were delayed six days by the late sailing of the S. S. "Fernsea", and a further six days in Genoa by rains which made unloading difficult. Their boat is now making the Alexandria, Beirut, Piraeus circuit, expected here May 4th or 5th.

A letter just received tells us that Clara Bissell, formerly of Adana and the Service Center in Istanbul, and Cecelia Berg, formerly of the Treasury Office and the Gedik Paşa School, expect to leave New York by plane for Frankfort, Germany, "where Ruth Woodsmall is located", the last of June. Clara Bissell writes, "We'll have some three or four weeks in Germany and Switzerland, taking a plane for Istanbul from Zurich on the 28th of July, I think. We get to Istanbul the same day! Amazing, isn't it? We'll be around there about three weeks." Later she speaks of possibly being here till the last of August, which would be a great pleasure to their friends. She also reports that Jessie Martin and Adelaide Dwight recently spoke at a meeting of the Near East Fellowship in southern California and that Betty Lewis Smith (Gedik Paşa, 1922-'25) and her husband had recently called on her and some of the former members of the Mission who live at Pilgrim Place.

Prof. and Mrs. Calvin Aeene (Elsa Feichtinger) and their three children, now at A.U.B. in Beirut, expect to reach their old home at Izmir on July 4 for a two weeks visit with Olive Greene and others there. Lincoln Blake is also expected a little before that time and the summer language school is scheduled to open the 10th. So even with a new building the Amerikan Kiz Koleji will be more crowded than in school time, especially as the Blake family have to leave their hired house the first of June and camp at school till their new house is completed at the end of the summer.

The great event of the spring there was the formal entrance into the new school building on Monday the 17th, a year less a day from Monday, May 18, 1949, when the ground was broken with due ceremony for the long desired new building. All the school was lined up in front of the bridge leading from the level of most of the present odd buildings which are used for the school into the top floor of the new Parsons Hall, while the principal, Lynda Blake and the long-time vice principal, Ibrahim Bey, stood on the bridge. Mrs. Blake spoke of the building as being the embodiment of a dream of many years, all sang "Follow the Gleam", one verse in Turkish and one in English, and then she said that our joy in the new equipment could be shown only in the best use of it. Privilege always means responsibility. Then the seniors, with Olive Greene leading, marched to the music of a Turkish marching song into the building and down the stairs to their new class room. The rest of the school was lined up like a guard of honor on either side. The senior room was ready but the other classes went back to their old rooms from which those who were moving took their desks to the new places. So in a few moments, that upper campus was dotted with girls carrying the wooden desks and benches toward the new rooms. Some found it great fun, for they discovered that they could stand between the desk and the seat and walk along with them or sit down to rest as they chose!

Only the first floor was finished but three classes moved into their rooms that day and this week other rooms were to be occupied by other classes. Work began this week on the row of classrooms near the upper boundary, to turn them into a very attractive and convenient library, with reading and work rooms and space for growth. It is a great satisfaction to see that school beginning to be properly housed.

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Putney

Mr. Riggs and Mrs. MacNeal have just arrived! (May 5th)

Dear Friends:

Betty Francena Holt. Miss Holt's appointment to the Izmir School for a three year term was reported to us in a Board letter of April 21st. Before that letter had reached us, Miss Holt was instantly killed in a motor car accident in California. We quote from a letter from her father, H. T. Holt of 1108 E. Mariposa St., Altadena, California, written to Dr. Ward.

"If you will read again William Allen White's editorial after his daughter's accident, you will know the kind of girl you and I have lost. I smiled at your worry over her health and weight. I have camped outdoors with Betty in every state and most of Canada's provinces. She passes a football through an open window across the street, knocks the cover off a baseball, and throws free-shots interminably from a basketball foul line. All this was accompanied by her greater interests in girls' vocal ensembles, in her trumpet, in drama (she was in a play the night of her death), in oratory and extempore speech, and by a philosophical religious attitude that led her to join the Quaker church a month ago. On Quaker "Peace Caravans" she had met abuse with forgiving smiles".

Born - to Otis and Alice Shepard Cary, on May 9, 1950, in Japan, a daughter, Ann Bradford Cary. Parents and children are expected in Istanbul shortly, on their way to America.

Report has been received of the Commissioning Service for David and Janet Bergmark, held on April 16th at the Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims in Brooklyn. Dr. McKeith and Miss Blemker of the American Board shared in the service.

President Nichol of Pierce College, Athens, reports that Dr. Minnie B. Mills, former president of the College, who is coming for a visit as guest of the Alumnae and of the College, was expected on May 10th.

Helen Haight Orhan of Izmir, formerly a nurse in this Mission at Talas and Gaziantep, is visiting Istanbul for a few days. Jack Blake of our Izmir School has also been here in the financial interest of the almost completed Parsons Hall, for which ground was broken on April 17, 1949. Just a year later, on April 17, 1950, the girls moved their desks and equipment into five finished rooms in the new building. The entire building will be ready for the fall term of 1950.

Rosalind Reed (Mrs. Cass Arthur Reed) 580 East Columbia Ave., Pomona, Calif. writes to report news of the Reed family. Lachlan teaches in the English Dept. at Phillips Academy, Andover, with summers devoted to his doctorate studies at Univ. of Minnesota, "where he and Martha and their two lively boys spend their summers". Howard is finishing his studies for his doctorate at Princeton, under Drs. Hitti and Thomas. His field is Islamic culture and its effect on Arab lands and Turkey from the time of Napoleon to the establishment of the state of Israel. Next fall he will be an instructor at Yale, and Director of the Yale Center for International Students. Several young couples from Indonesia, Switzerland, and Central Europe are already enrolled for fall at the Center. Joan is as busy as ever in association with Dr. Cunningham as director of Religious Activities in the four colleges - Pomona, Scripps, Claremont Men's, and Claremont Graduate School. Her plans call for graduate study next fall at Columbia, in the field of Personnel Counseling. The Whittier church young people are developing a "Cass Arthur Reed Memorial Library". Rosalind is glad to be in their home of many years and associations, and sends warm greetings to all friends, remaining loyally one of us "in the Near East tradition."

Mrs. Leslie has been happy in a visit from her niece Nancy Lou Thomas of Detroit, a Pan-American hostess in the Pacific area who came from the east to see her family here. Her cousin Elizabeth Seager, with husband and daughter Fay came up to share in this visit, returning by car today to Izmir. Mrs. Leslie has gone with them for a week of holiday before the June Semi-Annals, and the usual Annual Meeting and travel rush at the Treasury Dept.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

For our 150 subscribers abroad we would report that the Turkish election was held on May 14 with admirable order and a very heavy vote. Returns indicate a sweep throughout the country that brings the Democratic Party something over 400 seats in the Grand National Assembly of 487. Thus in the normal democratic way a major change of administration is taking place by due process of law. Turkey's many foreign friends take deep satisfaction in the remarkable record of this new Republic during the past quarter century since the Gazi led it along the path of western democracy. It should never be forgotten that this record was made under the leadership of the Halk Partisi (People's Party), which also passed and administered wisely the election law under which authority now falls on the Democratic Party. It is to be hoped that Jelal Bayar and his associates who have campaigned for years with such steady moderation will shoulder their new burdens with humility and lead on in the path of democratic development initiated by Atatürk. One can but think of Lincoln's words: "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive to finish the work we are in." There will be no modification in Turkish foreign policy, while in internal affairs there will tend to be some change of emphasis, with a natural change in personnel but with a new sense of the eventual accounting to be given by officials to the Turkish people, as Mehmetjik records his vote the next time.

Miss Gertrude Bremer, daughter of a German professor in Ankara, gave very fine service as a laboratory technician for a couple of years with Dr. Nute of Talas. Then she went to America and has been studying at Berea College. She writes on April 30th of her delight in hours spent with Charlotte Reid, formerly of Scutari School, who is on the staff at Berea, and her expectation of becoming an American citizen in a couple of years. She reports her engagement to a German Quaker who came from Holland to Berea last year. He is also becoming an American citizen, will shortly enter medical school and both hope eventually to take up mission work together. Trudy hopes that her knowledge of Turkish language, psychology and social conditions might indicate service in this land. She sends her greetings to all her friends.

Philip Ward, writing from Mount Hermon School, which is "busily rounding out the year", sends his best wishes to all. He reports that his brother, Dr. Paul L. Ward, with wife and three children, is leaving Hong Kong for the Near East, planning to visit his childhood home in Lebanon and to have one day in Istanbul. They travel by Pan-American.

Miss Mary Ward reports a pleasant supper party at the Missionary Home in Auburndale with the Comptons the day before they left for Greece. Mrs. Brewster and Mrs. Helen Scott also were present, "a very pleasant evening there which ended in a ride in the beach-wagon which is also going to Anatolia College".

This afternoon, after a meeting of the Committee ad Interim held at the Scutari School, the whole Station gathered for a jolly "hot dog" and strawberry shortcake supper on the tennis court. Before we went up to the house again we sang a good-bye song to the Birges (our king with his ruby beside him) who leave for furlough on the 27th. After we had gathered in the living room, Dr. and Mrs. Birge spoke about their trip to all our Stations in Turkey and Syria except Izmir and their joy in the work they had seen and especially in the fellowship they had had. They spoke especially of the great opportunity at Mardin and Diyarbakir and the need for other workers there. Then Charles Riggs spoke briefly about his five years in USA and his joy in being here again. The Committee ad Interim and the Station had already assured him of our pleasure in having him with us again. The Committee ad Interim invited him to sit with it regularly.

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Putney

Dear Friends:

The Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission will assemble at the Scutari School in full session on the evening of Friday June 23. Many delegates will be here earlier, the Schools' Board of Managers meeting on the morning of June 21st. President Alford Carleton of Aleppo College presides this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Lewis, who served at the American Consulate in Izmir from 1934 to 1937, have reached this city, and Mr. Lewis has taken up his duties as Consul General of the United States. Consul General Baldwin and Mrs. Baldwin leave today for the USA en route to their new post at Bremen. The best wishes of this Community go with them.

Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Birge sailed today from Istanbul for Naples, on their leisurely westward travel for furlough. Oberammergau and some time in London precede their sailing on the Queen Bess on June 24th. This furlough leads into a three year project under Rockefeller Grant which will require the years 1951, '52, and '53, at the end of which the Birges return to their service in the Publication Department. In this interim, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sage Woolworth will be associated with Dorothy Blatter and others in the work of the Publication Department.

The general topic of this three year study by Dr. Birge is to be the development of Turkish social and political thought, leading up to the ideology of the Turkish Republic.

Mr. Farnsworth Fowle, correspondent of the NYTimes for Turkey, flew yesterday for Athens for a stay of several weeks. During the home-leave of his associate in Greece, Mr. Fowle will cover for The Times both Greece and Turkey. This shuttle service requires 100 air minutes between the two cities.

Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Wolsted, parents of Gwen Wolsted of Scutari School, have arrived for a visit with their daughter. Mother and daughter shortly go on to India where the Wolsteds served till 1934 under the American Board, while Mr. Wolsted will spend some time in travel and study in the Holy Land.

Linoleum from England, metal window-frames from America are next week being installed in the new Nurses' School and Home of the Admiral Bristol Hospital. Progress reports this week permit hope that the building will be completed in mid-August, in time to receive in September the new entering Class of student nurses, along with the two older classes and the Graduate Nurses who serve this institution.

"The Thirsty Village", a mission study book for 9 year-olds, written and illustrated by Dorothy Blatter of the Publication Department, has come from the Friendship Press. Copies may be had for \$1.75 from any Board or book-store handling church publications.

Another aid for Study of the Near East in American churches during the coming year is "South of the Clouds", a film made in the Lebanon by the Protestant Film Commission. It deals with two girls of varying backgrounds who attend the Beirut College for Women. A critic writes: "South of the Clouds will be the first film to be made under church auspices that concerns itself almost entirely with work among women and girls. Having seen most of the footage, I can report that the photography is beautiful and that those who have pre-conceived notions about the Near East are in for a big surprise". (BNL)

Friends gathered this week at a luncheon to mark ten years of service in the Publication Department from Miss Berjuhi Thysüzyan, Dr. Birge's very capable secretary. "News Notes" owes to her its weekly stencil and manifolded.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Dr. and Mrs. Lorrin A. Shepard have been spending this last week in Izmir taking a much needed rest, the guests of Bay Cevat and Mrs. Orhan. They had the use of a motor boat for fishing, visited Bergama, and had a trip to Bozdagh via Odem'sh.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman MacCallum expected to sail June 1st for New York aboard the Queen Mary.

We are glad to hear that Dr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Nute, Sr. are recovering (although painfully) from their accidents and the Clinic is again open. Dr. Bill fell from the top of a jeep and broke collar-bone and sprained his ankle. Splints and cast are now discarded. We hope cane and crutch will soon be unnecessary. Mrs. Nute stumbled and fell against an obstruction on a wall with consequent damage to her face, when her horse which she was about to mount, became frightened by an auto.

Dr. and Mrs. Goodsell and Mrs. Sperry arrived in Istanbul Tuesday afternoon, the 30th by motor train from Ankara after their recent visit in Talas and points south and east. They expect to return to Izmir by Turkish steamer leaving on Wednesday, the 7th, via the Dardanelles route.

Lincoln Blake arrived here Tuesday afternoon by plane from Naples where he disembarked from the Saturnia coming from New York. We congratulate Lincoln and his parents on his four-year scholarship at the Tufts College Engineering School, which grants him \$650. per annum. Lincoln left by plane for Izmir Wednesday afternoon where he expects to be employed at the USIE for the summer months. On the day of his arrival here, it was a coincidence that he crossed the Bosphorus to Scutari at practically the same time that his Grandparents, the Goodsells, crossed from Haydar Pasha to the Bridge and Bible House, each being unaware of the other's presence in the city.

Mr. George H. Huntington has been recovering from an attack of virus pneumonia, which the new drugs now being used quickly brought under control. He is looking forward to attending the 50th reunion of his class at Williams College this June, leaving Warm Springs for the trip north on May 31st. Mrs. Huntington spent some time in New York in April and early May. They will be in their summer home at Frouts Neck, Maine after June 22nd.

Mr. Duncan Thomson, who has been ill at the German Hospital for some time, was able to take taxi and attend church yesterday, returning again to the hospital where Mrs. Thomson is ill with bronchial pneumonia.

Word has been received to-day of the death at the age of 97 of Mr. Timothy C. Greene ("Daddy" Greene) in Gaziantep. Mr. Greene was the father of Mrs. Elsie Dewey and when he retired from business in Denver where for many years he was with the Denver Dry Goods Company, he and his wife, Mary Alice, came to live with the Deweys in 1931 in Gaziantep, where he has survived both daughter and wife. Though he never learned Turkish, his friendly smile encouraged all and in the last years which he spent at the hospital, he often entertained other patients and his sweetness of spirit was an inspiration to those about him.

The Mohammed Ali, Khedivial passenger ship, is due to arrive here to-morrow (Tuesday) morning bringing Mr. and Mrs. David Bergmark and three children, Julia, Pamela and David, Jr., appointed for work in the Treasury department of the Mission, after language study.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

To-day, amid flowers and sunshine, 29 girls took their diplomas from the hands of William Sage Woolworth, Jr., at the Amerikan Kiz Lisesi at Üsküdar. The program was excellent with fine singing and good speaking both in English and in Turkish. The visiting speaker was the vali of Istanbul, Bay Fahrettin Kerim Gökay, who was welcomed warmly. The three graduates who had the highest marks over a period of years made good speeches, two in Turkish and one in English, the last by the daughter of Dr. Kemzi Gönenc, the head of the Red Crescent Society, formerly associated with Dr. Haas in Adana. Now the graduates are looking forward to taking the "olgunluk" examinations which begin week after next. Many of them plan to enter the University in the autumn.

The Turkish press has carried a Washington cable reporting the sudden death of Prof. Thomas Whittemore while visiting friends at the State Department building in Washington. To us of the Near East he is best known as the representative of the Byzantine Institute who has been for years engaged in uncovering and restoring the original mosaics in what is now the Aya Sofiya museum and other Byzantine buildings, the most recent being the Church of the Chora (Kahriye Camisi). He was in his eightieth year. He has been engaged for over forty years as archaeologist in Egypt and other areas of the Near East and as lecturer on this subject in American universities.

A weekly air service has been opened by Misr Airlines between Aleppo and Beirut. Dr. Carleton recently tried it out for a business trip to Beirut and attendance at the Parents Day Program of the Community School where his daughter Caroline has been studying these last years.

"Work has begun on the boarding department building of the American Community School which is being erected on a plot of land to the east of the new school building. The new boarding department, which will accommodate one hundred students, is made possible by a recent gift of \$150,000. The same gift will help build the top floor of the school building. When this is done 250 students can be enrolled. An at home on May 24 was held in the ACS Boarding Department, probably the last event of this nature in the old building." Beirut News Letter.

Letters from Gaziantep report a happy picnic at Dr. Abdulkadir's garden for the nurses and doctors and their families on June 6 in honor of the Iselys who were celebrating their thirtieth wedding anniversary. The next day Dr. Üzbal and his wife were giving a party for the Iselys and also to celebrate the return from school at Scutari and Robert College of their children Sevim and Orhan. The Iselys were planning to leave Gaziantep June 9 for Tarsus where they planned to spend the night before going to Silifke and then to Mut where an old friend, the kaymakam, is staying. Merrill hoped to paint there for a few days before starting for Konya and Ankara on the way to Istanbul for Annual Meeting. They hoped to arrive a day early so as to get part of their Hospital purchasing done before the meetings begin.

Miss Clara Engle also plans to come to Istanbul before the opening of the Annual Meeting on June 23, so as to have a week with the Wileys and Mary Rowden at the Birge house. She was looking forward to the chance of getting acquainted with her future associate.

The Official Turkish Gazette of May 23, 1950 published the decision of the Council of Ministers, recognizing as an Institution contributing to Public Welfare, the Turkish Society for the Protection of Animals. This is the Society to which the late Mrs. Alice W. Manning of Robert College gave many years of service, as well as substantial financial aid. In winning increasing public approval, and now official Government recognition, it has reached a goal which would have given her great joy. The Executive of this organization is Mr. Feridun Özgür, a graduate of Robert College and of the law department of the Turkish University. The Society is in close fellowship with the American Humane Education Society, as well as with the Royal Society in London.

Sincerely yours,
E. W. Putney

Dear Friends:

Light to the Woolworth eyes. Son Bob from MIT arrived this morning by plane from Rome, for a summer with parents and sister Dorothy, nurse at the Admiral Bristol Hospital in this city.

NEST The Baccalaureate and Commencement Service of the Near East School of Theology takes place on Sunday the 18th at the Anglo-American Church in Beirut, with Class Day exercises on the 19th. The leaders of many a church, school, and social center - all Alumni of this school - will gather for this occasion, while others from Dan to Beersheba, and from Buenos Ayres to India's coral strand, will turn in thought to this small but key institution, jointly carried on by two missions and two national church groups.

Death of Mrs. George E. White. Boston cable reports the death of Esther Burrill White on June 12th., aged 90 years. Born in Muscatine, Iowa in 1860, she arrived in Merzifon in 1890, serving there for 25 years, with her husband, who succeeded Dr. Charles Tracy as President of the College. Under the Whites, Anatolia College resettled in Thessaloniki after the First World War, and in due time the Whites passed over the responsibility to Ernest and Alice Riggs. As mother, gracious hostess, and devoted worker, Mrs. White was an out-standing member of our Circle.

President of Anatolia College. With the end of the academic year, Ernest W. Riggs lays down the responsibility for Anatolia College, and he and Alice hope to have some weeks of travel in the Greek Islands, with visits to Istanbul and Aintab, before moving westward.

The inauguration as President of Anatolia College of Carl C. Compton is scheduled for July 1, 1950. Not only is this a happy choice for the College, but it also brings well-deserved recognition to a couple who have already been associated with this institution for forty years, in Merzifon as well as at the present beautiful campus on the hills above Thessaloniki.

The Scutari School. The graduation exercises took place at a most delightful gathering on June 11th, presided over by Wm. Sage Woolworth. The Governor and Mayor of Istanbul was the speaker, while three of the graduation class shared most effectively in the program. The Valedictorian, speaking in English, was the daughter of Dr. Remzi Gbnenc, for 14 years associated with Dr. Haas in our Adana Hospital; and now Executive Director of the Turkish National Red Crescent Society. His gracious wife, Bayan Mebrure, is a graduate of the Girls' College, and for a dozen years a member of the Grand National Assembly. The Salutatorian of the Class, speaking in Turkish most acceptably on the history of this city through 27 Centuries, is also daughter of a family long associated with the Shepards, Merrills, and others of our Aintab Station.

Mr. Woolworth shortly turns over the School responsibility to others, while a cable reports that Jessie Martin flies from America on August 1st to take over. Mr. Woolworth will have a full load in taking over mission secretarial and publication department activities, recently carried by Dr. Birge, now on furlough which leads into a three-year Research Project.

The graduation exercises of Robert College and of the Girls College in this city took place during this week, with President Floyd Black presiding. The Governor was the main speaker at Robert College, and Ambassador George Wadsworth at the Girls' College. The Ambassador paid gracious and well-deserved tribute to Dr. Eleanor I. Burns, Dean, who this year closes her service of forty years to the College.

Three ladies of the Scutari School - Mrs. Woodruff, Miss Towner, and Miss Wolfe are on the white "S. S. Barletta" Venice-bound, where they will be met by Dean Woodruff with his car. Oberammergau is on their itinerary, and Mrs. Woodruff will meet her youngest grand-daughter - Rosemary.

Next week, the Near East Mission will be assembled in Annual Meeting at Scutari School. If News Notes is delayed, we will hope soon to be back on schedule again.

Very truly yours,
Luther P. Fowle

Dear Friends:

The Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission closed its gathering yesterday at Scutari, after eleven days of fellowship and deliberation. Many were present, as according to recent usage all the term workers were invited and other non-voting delegates. The list is as follows:

Beirut: Horace McMullen, and from the Presbyterian Mission, Mary Helen Scanlon.

Aleppo: Alford Carleton, George Miller, Sylvia Nilson.

Mardin: Fern and Raymond White, with son Wesley.

Gaziantep: Mildred and Merrill Isely, Clara Engle and Mary Rowden.

Tarsus: Richard Maynard, C. R. Avery, Harriet Yarrow, May Nilson, and Kenyon Moyer for the first few days.

Talas: Harriet Nilson, John Scott, William Edmonds (who had to spend a few days in Hospital because of jaundice), Dr. Nute, Barbara Bird.

Izmir: Lynda and Jack Blake with Jacklyn; Olive Greene, Elizabeth George, Ruth McClintock, Joanne Gauntt, Mary Morrill.

Istanbul: Pauline and William Sage Woolworth, together with their son Robert just arrived from America for the summer: and sometimes daughter Dorothy from the American Hospital, Dorothy Blatter, Anne Goodykoontz, Fernie Scovel, Edith and Walter Wiley, Bessie Lyman, Mrs. MacCallum, Charles Riggs, Luther Fowle, Elvesta Leslie, Janet and David Bergmark with Julia, Pamela and small David, Virginia and Lorrin Shepard when they could leave their hospital, Ethel Putney.

Ankara: Mary and W. L. Nute, Jr.

Athens: Marguerite Bicknell, Helen Nichol, and Marion and Paul Olander, with Marion, Charles and baby David.

Thessaloniki: John Thomas and Arthur Currier.

USA: Dr. and Mrs. Goodsell and Mrs. Sperry, for the first week only, to the regret of all.

The Mission felt itself more than ever a family as it prayed and played together, talked over the affairs of the Mission in small groups, committees and general meetings, and met daily at Scutari's generous tables. Old friendships were renewed and new ones made, so that the newest recruits, as well as those who cannot count the number of annual meetings which they have attended, knew themselves a part of a great fellowship of service to these lands.

There were a few sticky problems to be discussed, aside from the perennial problem of stretching resources out to meet much greater needs than we can reach. We spent a long time on the question as to how to save money and finally took it off post-allowances. On the other hand we spent a still longer time on how to advance at a time when this seems possible. There is desperate need for another family in the Mardin-Diyarbakir region and we hope that the Nilsons will give their last term of service, after 1952, in that increasingly important city of south-east Turkey, there being special funds for use in that region. How to tighten up on language study is another problem, as for several years, ever since the depression of the early 1930's, in fact, we have never got anyone early enough to do proper language study before going into work. The Bergmarks, for the Treasury Department, are staying in Istanbul this year where, with the older children in the Community School, it will be easier for them to study. He will not work in the Treasury but give his whole time to Turkish. A dozen or fifteen people are leaving before the end of the week for Izmir for a five weeks of a summer course in Turkish under the supervision of Lynda Blake.

Then another long period was spent on possible use of Fulbright funds, that is the money which is paid for surplus army supplies, which must be spent in the countries of their origin. We object to regular government help, because we have always been supposed to get it, as do the French, German and Italian schools, and we want to keep on saying we have no government funds. On the other hand some people ask if the United States government cares only for roads and irrigation projects and army equipment and planes, that it does nothing for schools and other

cultural projects. Finally on the understanding that the money for possible teachers goes directly to them, as they come by special appointment after the Board's screening for particular short time jobs, and that the money for scholarships goes directly to the possible pupils, we voted to accept such teachers and pupils.

Dr. Goodsell's Sunday sermon on the text "What I have, that give I thee" and his seminar hours till he and Mrs. Goodsell and Mrs. Sperry left on Thursday the 29th, did much to stretch our minds and hearts to realize how much was open to us to do and what we could do in the circumstances of to-day. The only trouble with these hours was their fewness and the short time which could be given to such discussions. The Plans and Measures Committee spent much time over a plan of advance, parts of which had been suggested by a letter from Paul Nilson written after his spring vacation trip to Tarsus, (his old home) Mersin, Antioch and Aleppo, and parts from various suggestions and statements by Dr. Goodsell. Of course this is a long term plan, for on the surface, it would seem impossible to do anything the very year when the Board asks for retrenchment. But on the other hand, this year when all the churches are studying the Near East, some special funds and new missionaries may be found. So the plan as presented by Lynda Blake, representing a small committee which had been appointed to bring together the various ideas suggested, was voted unanimously to be sent to Boston and to each Station.

A new plan was tried of having at the close of each business session five or ten minutes of intercession, instead of having a prayer after each of the major reports. This strengthened our fellowship in prayer for every section of the work. This was in addition to the regular before breakfast devotions and the half hour of prayer and thought and worship in the middle of the morning.

The Fourth of July was mostly a holiday for all. We were invited to the girls' camp at Jaddebostan for a picnic with all the other Americans, so with swimming twice, eating the bountiful Scutari luncheon, watching or playing in a wonderful baseball game in which the Mission won over the other team, and just sitting and enjoying the fellowship and the beauty around, we had a happy time till an early return to Scutari. In the evening most of the Mission accepted the cordial invitation of Consul-general and Mrs. Lewis to a reception in the Embassy garden. He and Mrs. Lewis and Consul Burke had come over to Scutari earlier to take tea with us one afternoon. Late Sunday afternoon the second of July, many of us had accepted the Ambassador's invitation to tea, when several who had known him when a tutor at Robert College and later at AUB and then in diplomatic service in other places in the Near East before coming as ambassador to Turkey, had opportunity for friendly talk.

On the evening of July 1, Alford Carleton conducted a memorial service for the eight members of the Mission who had died this last year, Mary Steele Riggs, Cass A. Reed, Elizabeth Webb, Reuben H. Markham, Anna Rathbone Ward, Isabel Trowbridge Merrill, James K. Lyman, Esther Robbins White, with mention also of Mellony Turner who served a year at Pierce College and Betty Holt who was under appointment to Izmir. The choir sang a section of Brahms' Requiem and "Sunset and Evening Star" and those who had known our friends spoke briefly of them. The Mission knew again that its fellowship is limited by neither space nor time but only its love for the Near East and its people.

Mrs. Leslie has received word of the death of her Mother, Mrs. William J. Thomas, in Hinsdale, Illinois, in her 93d year. Mrs. Thomas visited her daughter and grand-daughter in Turkey in 1936-37 and had followed the activities of this Mission with interest for many years.

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Putney

Dear Friends:

Summer, with holidays for some, change of work for others, and continuing responsibilities for many, is upon us. The Iselys are cruising to the eastern Black Sea by Turkish steamer, and will land at Trebizond, making their way cross-country to Gaziantep. The Whites of Mardin are holidaying in Istanbul, and hope to start with the new Mardin Station-wagon for their distant post on the Tigris, as soon as their car is released from the Customs-House. Pauline Woolworth with daughter and son is off for Cilicia, to revisit the scenes of earlier years on the Plain and at Gözne, before Bob starts back for MIT. Ruth Parmelee is on Rhodes, many in Europe with the Passion Play at Oberammergau as a special attraction, while term workers are putting in a month of service in CCSC work in Athens, summer camp in Istanbul, hospital helping in Gaziantep, and various other tasks. Ernest and Alice Riggs, with Lorrin and Virginia Shepard are visiting the scenes of the Shepard early years in Aintab, before Ernest and Alice turn west to busy retirement.

Following the signing of a Fulbright Act agreement between the USA and Turkey, the Commission to supervise operations has been formed under the Chairmanship of the Ambassador, with four Turkish and four American members. Applications for Fulbright appointees to Turkish and American educational institutions have been considered, and recommendations are being sent to Washington, for appointments to become effective in Sept. 1951. Mr. Lawrence Moore, for forty years engaged in teaching, and journalistic activities in the Near East, has received appointment as Executive Secretary of the U.S. Educational (Fulbright) Commission in Turkey.

Joan Reed. A July 1st letter from Rosalind Reed reports the engagement of Joan to Louis F. Westra of Redlands, Calif., an aeronautics engineer associated with the Minneapolis Honeywell firm. August 12th has been set as date of the wedding.

The Bergmarks: Due to the circulating editorship of the News Notes, and to Annual Meeting, news of the appointment of a permanent family for the Mission Treasury has not been adequately given. David and Janet Bergmark (Harvard and Vassar) with Julia 8, Pamela 7, and David, Jr. 2, arrived at Istanbul by steamer on June 6th. - 36 years to the day after the similar arrival of Helen, Luther, and baby Curtis in 1914. They come from several years of service in the great Plymouth Church of Brooklyn, where Mr. Bergmark was assistant to the Pastor, Dr. Fifield, in the many business and executive activities of this church, whence Henry Ward Beecher once spoke to the conscience of Civil War America. Following a couple of weeks of 'settling' and attendance at Annual Meeting, they are now attending the summer language School at Izmir, directed by Lynda Blake. They return in late August to give full time to language study under the direction of Mr. Woolworth, while the girls attend Community School almost adjoining the Treasury House in Hisar.

For the second year of 'half-time study' they are to be in Izmir, during the furlough of the Blakes: and it is hoped that there may be a further year in "İç-Anatolia" before taking up full time Treasury work in 1953. This will allow one year of association with the present Treasurer, before his date of optional retirement.

A late June letter from Theda Belle Phelps reports a visit from Adelaide Dwight to Katharine Fletcher and herself, at Pleasant Hill, Tenn., after Adelaide had attended her 50th Class reunion at Smith College. Miss Fletcher was a member of the same Class, but unable to get to Northampton. Miss Dwight now returns to Claremont, Calif. where she is making her home.

Dr. and Mrs. Maynard Owen Williams of the National Geographic Society, Washington, D.C., are making their summer home with son George and his wife at Robert College. Mr. Williams has photographic and writing assignments in Anatolia. Having lived in the College Community for some years in the late 1920's, they have many friends here.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

The Shepards: Lorrin and Virginia Shepard, safely back from a brief holiday in Aintab with Ernest and Alice Riggs, are entertaining their daughter Alice, husband Otis Cary, and daughters Beth and Anne Bradford, who arrived from Japan by air on the 26th. On August 2nd they expect the arrival of son Barclay, who comes to teach in Robert College this fall. Barclay's engagement to Miss Martha Loughman of Waban, Mass. - a recent graduate of Colby College - has recently been announced.

The Nilsons of Talas, accompanied by daughter May, arrived in Istanbul on Wednesday morning, and sailed on the 22nd for Naples, furlough-bound for America. They plan to visit Rome, Venice, Paris, and London, and sail on August 8th on the "Queen Mary".

The Mardin Station-wagon was released from the Customs-house on Saturday last, and is on its way to the Tigris River and beyond, with Raymond White at the wheel. With Mrs. White and Wesley, they plan to call at Talas and Tarsus on their eastward way. With a car on order for Tarsus, all Board Stations from Beirut to Athens now have at least one car, except the underprivileged Station of Istanbul. With our crowded streets and the ever beautiful Bosphorus, a car is one agency of the times we are glad to do without,

The Beirut News Letter of July 5th reports an interesting step taken by the Presbyterian Foreign Board. A well-known pastor of the home churches is appointed field representative of the Board, to reside in Beirut for a time with his family. Such measure, with appointees returning from time to time to their active pastorates in America, should tend to closer and more informed relationships between the sending churches in America and their activities abroad.

Edgar Sather. To meet family and friends on return to America after long absence is ever a strange experience, and many of us have planned "first remarks" as we approach the homeland. Airplane arrivals merely heighten the feeling. Ed flew from Istanbul to Chicago, and writes that he planned to say "Well, here I am". But he writes that the first ten minutes were consumed in riotous laughter. His Mother started it, then Ed joined in, with his Father a rather self-conscious third. Perhaps it's the best start for a well-deserved summer at home, in which "chocolate malteds, golf courses, grand pianos, green grass, trees, lakes, and Buicks that don't need to be shifted" all have their part. Ed plans to fly from Boston on September 1st for his return to the Talas School.

Summer Language School in Izmir is serious business. With teaching staff of two Turkish ladies who speak English, and three men who do not, each student has three hours of instruction per day, in grammar, conversation and reading. The Turkish language rule carries thro lunch daily, and there are formidable requirements in preparing a term paper, story-telling, learning poetry, trips here and there, etc. The extraordinarily hot weather this year is a distinct drawback. With not too sharp lines, classes are, - A. Janet and David Bergmark B. Mary Rowden, Fernie Scovel, Bill Edmonds C. Barbara Bird, Ginger Nute, Clara Engle, Ann Goodykoontz, Dorothy Wood (CC), Joyce Padwick (English H. S.) Class D. Marjorie McKillop (CC), Bob Avery, Jack Blake, Dorothy Blatter. There is a 'bush-league' language school that may press hard the regulars. Jacklyn Blake is teacher, with Julia and Pamela Bergmark learning fast, and David Jr. trailing along.

Students are classified as 'Yamak, çirak, or usta', one hurdle being, - One verse of Turkish National anthem; two folk songs, days of week, months, telling time, two stories, three proverbs, five 'expressions', one poem, two books read in Turkish and reported on; and learning the Lord's prayer.

Indeed - language school is the real thing!

Miss Elizabeth Lee, who came in the fall of 1948 to be laboratory technician at the Talas Clinic, was forced to withdraw a few months later for reasons of health. We regret to report her death after short illness on June 19th.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

The large Khaldeh airport in Beirut was officially opened on July 1st. For the present there will be two flights per week between New York and Beirut.

Dr. and Mrs. Calvin Keene, formerly of this Mission, who have been temporarily associated with the American University of Beirut, are introducing their children to Izmir, where they met many years ago when connected with our schools there. They return shortly to the United States.

"Whom we delight to honor": Cable from her children in Canada aided us to discover that Sunday, July 23d is the 60th wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Frederick W. MacCallum. Mrs. MacCallum and Mrs. James Lyman have been spending a few weeks at the Treasury House in Hisar.

The Misses Vorhis and Klingerman of the United Presbyterian Mission in Egypt have spent a week in this city, and continued their summer Odyssey by Turkish train across Thrace to the Greek frontier at Pythion, whence Hellenic railways will take them to Thessaloniki. This road is once again open to normal travel, following the long months of guerilla interruption.

A delightful surprise party took place in the home and garden of Miss Emily McCallum, President Emerita of Pierce College, Athens. On July 16th a dozen of faculty and friends came from the College, among them Dr. Minnie Mills, who succeeded Miss McCallum in the direction of the College, and who has come from her retirement on the west coast at the instance of the Alumnae who made a visit to Greece possible. The new President of Pierce College, Miss Helen Nichol, and the Co-director Dr. Michaelides were also present. Letters from the Minister of Education and Religious Affairs of the Hellenic Government addressed to Miss McCallum and to Dr. Mills, were read in Greek and in English translation by Mr. Michaelides and Miss Nichol, thanking these American friends for what they had done for the cause of education, both in their long years of service in Asia Minor, and now for a quarter of a century in Greece. It was a well-deserved tribute, graciously given. Miss McCallum lives quietly in Phaleron, in her 94th year. Miss Mills returns shortly to her home in Seattle - and under President Nichol, this fine school of 550 girls, carries on into the long years of the future.

Minute-men, 1950. The Near East Mission finished its 1950 Annual Meeting in Istanbul on July 5th and George Miller, one of the Aleppo delegates landed in Cambridge early on the 8th. So on Sunday, the 9th King Birge drove over "in his new car" from Auburndale to get Mabel Emerson, Peg Blemker, and George Miller from Cambridge, taking them back to the Raymond Dudley home in Auburndale, where from 2:30 to 10:00 p.m. the Minutes were read and discussed, and a delightful outdoor supper served on the lawn behind the Dudley home. Earlier in the day Lou Dunning and Jim Fowle were of the party, who gathered at the Cambridge church, followed by a jolly dinner at Harvard Square. All the world seems to find its way to Mabel Emerson's home in Cambridge.

Miss Clara Bissell, formerly of the Service Center in this city, and Miss Cecelia Berg, formerly associated with the Treasury Department and the Gedik Paşa School, have arrived from America for a stay of several weeks, making their headquarters with Miss Ethel Putney.

Miss Lucia Michaelian of the Boston City Missionary Society, has been visiting in Syria and the Lebanon, and arrived by Taurus Express on the 28th to spend some time with Mrs. James Lyman. She is a graduate and former teacher of the Marash College, and finds many friends of the old days in her travels in this area.

From Namrun, in the Taurus mountains above Mersin, Dr. Nute reports vacation days, heretofore spent in working on Clinic accounts and back correspondence. As he wrote, wife Mary had gone to Mersin, and Bill was in charge of two lively grand-daughters. They desired to put on new dresses, then to play in water, when Grandfather stepped in with a categorical negative. Irine seemed ready to dispute the position, but as the girls discussed it, Grandad overheard Christie remark "I wouldn't argue with him, if I were you".

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

Prof. Charles E. Estes, late of Robert College, reports that his son Charles has accepted a position in the research laboratory of the Motorola Phonograph and Television Company, involving their residence in Phoenix, Ariz. On August 12th his wife and two little folk fly to Vee's home in South Dakota, while Charles drives to Arizona and prepares the new home there. Their second babe arrived in mid-July, and bears the fine name of Richard Hamlin Estes - a name that harks back to the record of American educational activity in Turkey.

Fine word is being received of the professional work of Dr. Sedat Atikkan and Dr. Halil Arpacioğlu, who are studying in America under Rockefeller grants after their internships at the Admiral Bristol Hospital in this city. Similarly, good word comes from Dr. Emin Deniz of Gaziantep and some years of medical service in the Haseki Hospital, who is studying at the Margaret Hague Memorial Hospital in Jersey City. All these young doctors look forward to return to Turkey, after their studies are ended.

The Anderson family and Miss Stanton of Presbyterian Mission, Tripoli, Lebanon, are spending several weeks of their holiday in Istanbul, profiting from sight-seeing and our sometimes cooler climate.

Invitations have reached Turkey for the wedding of Joan Reed to Louis Floris Westra on Saturday the 12th in Pilgrim Church, Pomona, Cal., where her father had been pastor. Good wishes from us all to the young couple.

We hear from Beirut that Dr. Carleton spent a few days there at the end of July after seeing his daughter Anne off for America in the "Exchorda".

Cards from the Nilsons from Switzerland report happy visits in Athens, Naples, Rome and Switzerland, where they had stayed in Lausanne, visited Miss Lucie Borel (Auvernier, near Neuchâtel) and other former teachers of French in our schools and spent a day at the Moral Re-Armament assembly at Caux. They were looking forward to three days each in Paris and London and were to sail on August 8. Gene Pringle who has just finished his three years at Tarsus and Ruth McClintock who has been three years at Izmir expect to join them on the same westbound boat.

On Monday of this week the six units of the United States Mediterranean Fleet left Istanbul harbor after a stay of nearly a week. Various Americans of the community helped in the canteen provided for the sailors in the old OWI building. Chaplain John Craven spoke very helpfully at several meetings at Gedik Paşa and Bible House Churches, with Thomas Kosmades of the latter church interpreting.

At this moment Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Riggs, recently retired from the presidency of Anatolia College, are calling at the Bible House. They expect to leave on Saturday for their final packing and farewell to Thessaloniki and then travel across Europe, stopping as they feel inclined to do. They sail from England early in November.

On August 2 in the evening Miss Jessie Martin arrived back from her furlough in America, having set out from New York the day before. She has taken over responsibility again for the Scutari School and Mr. Woolworth is coming regularly to the office of the Publication Department which he has taken over from Dr. Birge. Other members of the Scutari staff are expected back next week.

Fern, Raymond and Wesley White were last heard from at Talas, where they had to delay further their return to Mardin till Sylvia Nilson got her permission to go to Mardin with them. It is hoped by this time they have reached home with their new car, as well as their summer helper and companion.

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Putney

Dear Friends:

Gaziantep Station: With the return of Misses Engle and Rowden from the summer language school in Izmir, Dr. and Mrs. Dewey are off for a bit of holiday at Güzne, in the Taurus Mountains above Tarsus-Mersin.

Dr. Minnie B. Mills: On July 29th Miss Mills, who had been at Pierce College, Athens as guest of its Alumnae and Staff, sailed from Piraeus for her home in distant Seattle.

Istanbul Station: Jessie Martin and the Scutari School were At Home on August 19th to Istanbul Station, in honor of the Otis Carys of Japan, who will be here about ten days more with their Shepard parents. Meanwhile the Woolworths have moved from Scutari School to the Birge home, and have had a few days with their son and daughter. Wm. Sage is taking up his work in the Publication Dept., with sundry other tasks - Mission Secretaryship and supervising Bergmark language study. The Bergmarks returned from Izmir on Sunday the 13th and are settling into the Treasury Dept. house in Hisar this week. Most of their forty packing cases are opened and distributed. Mrs. Leslie will live with them this winter. Luther Fowle starts for a month holiday in America on the 24th and will make his winter home with the MacCallums at the Bible House apartment - where his son Farnsworth also finds hostel.

The Ezra Youngs of the Istanbul Men's Dershane (Former Y): Two times two makes four, and the Youngs have returned from summer holidays in Germany with joy in the adoption of two German children. Gunter David Young will be 10 on October 1st, while Maja Edith Young was two on April 22nd last.

Scandals of Scutari: Found in Dormitory 4 of Barton Hall - a pair of trousers, a necktie, and a beret. Will the careless Annual Meeting visitor claim his property. If any annual meeting guests can return some Scutari guest towels, and a gray blanket belonging to the Hospital, it would be much appreciated. Even missionaries have taking ways!

Another Turkish Mile-stone: The Istanbul Telephone directory for 1950 has just appeared, for the first time listing all names alphabetically according to the surname, rather than the individual's given name. Few Moslem Turkish families had "family names" carrying on from generation to generation, until that reform was introduced by Atatürk. Increasingly the newspapers have been referring to governmental and political personalities by their surnames, and now the Telephone Directory tops the hill.

Residential and Security requirements for Foreigners. By Law published on July 24th in the Official Gazette, Police requirements for foreigners are greatly lightened. Foreigners entering Turkey, instead of having to file papers within 24 hours and get Residence permit within 15 days, may now spend 30 days in the country, moving about freely in all areas open to foreigners, leaving the country before end of 30 days with no formalities. For those desiring to remain longer, application must be made for Turkish Residence permit. Even more appreciated by foreign residents is the removal of checking in and out within 24 hours when one goes from city to city. Now, with Residence permit in one's pocket, one may go where one will, with no obligations of reporting to Police Authorities at each place visited. These measures will not only tend to increase foreign tourists, but will avoid the dismay often felt by those who did come, and had to spend much of their time in police formalities, rather than in enjoying the privilege of visiting this beautiful and historic land.

Sailing on "The Queen" of the 8th Paul Nilson reports the landing in New York on the 13th of Ruth McClintock, Gene Fringle, and Harriet, Paul, and May Nilson. On board was Sherwood Eddy, 79 years young, with a party of fifty in his Travel Seminar. One of them was the Rev. Harold W. Freer of Westlake, Ohio who will have a Missions Study week from October 8 to 15th among a group of 37 Ohio churches. "Our Paul" will be one of four speakers in this special project. With characteristic Pauline vigor he describes his first two days in America, spent in Manhattan: "In two days I have trotted from office to office, in and out of holes in the ground, watched human beings press buttons, answer phones, hang on straps, and file letters. Let me out! I want some fresh air! BUT they get work done." In short the Nilson furlough has begun with a bang.

Au revoir, Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

With August coming to a close while most people are finishing their vacations, Mr. Fowle is beginning his, having left today by Pan-American for a month's vacation in America.

After spending the summer with his parents in Istanbul and in visiting Tarsus and old summer mountain haunts, Bob Woolworth left yesterday on the BEA plane for Rome. He will return to America on the Vulcania sailing from Naples.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Anderson of the Presbyterian American Mission, Tripoli, Lebanon, who have been spending three weeks vacationing and sight-seeing in Istanbul, returned yesterday by Turkish plane which touches at Ankara and Cyprus en route to Beirut. They made their home while here in the small Bible House Apartment.

Miss Wolsted of the Scutari school returned some days ago with her mother from their trip to India this summer. Mr. Wolsted joined them here after spending his summer in Palestine. The parents Wolsted have now returned to America.

Misses Ruth Wolfe and Grace Towner returned from their vacation in Europe, including attending the Passion Play at Oberammergau, on Tuesday evening via the Italian steamer Barletta. Miss Hagopian is back also, after a happy summer in England, - flying to and from.

Miss Mabel E. Long reached Athens on the 17th after her summer spent in Switzerland.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watson, on a three year term in Athens station under the Congregational Christian Service Committee, were expected to arrive there tomorrow. Mr. and Mrs. Watson take up work carried on in the last three years by Mr. and Mrs. Harlow who completed their term in June and returned to America.

Mr. Lyman F. MacCallum, contrary to the report in our August CAI meeting, found that he was able after all to attend the Toronto meeting of the World Council of Christian Education. By accompanying his sister Frances thither, he was able to combine visiting and conference sessions.

After attending language school in Izmir this summer Miss Goodykoontz traveled to Talas to assist Dr. Nute in his Clinic work. Unfortunately while horseback-riding she took "a header" as she cantered along, breaking her nose, so that stitches had to be made. We understand no permanent scar will result.

Barbara Bird has been making a tuberculosis survey of the children of school age in the village of Sakaltutan, near Talas, as part of her "Vacation".

The Bill Nute Jr.'s are temporarily housekeeping in the old "Fowle" House in Talas and expect to be engaged in language study in the next few months.

The "Khedive Ismail" bringing seven new appointees to the Near East Mission and various candidates for Robert College and the Girls' College, is due to arrive at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Those coming are: Miss Richmond for Scutari, Mr. and Mrs. Dittes and Mr. Flumenfelt for Talas, Miss Kathryn Faust for Izmir, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Schinske for Tarsus. Miss Susan Armstrong, formerly in China, left this steamer at Beirut for her post in the Aleppo Girls High School this coming year. Mrs. Maynard and Miss Foster are due to arrive here on Tuesday the 29th, accompanied by Mr. Olsen for Tarsus who was unable to get his American passport in time to join the larger group on the Khedive Ismail.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) E. T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

The editors of this sheet apologize to its readers for four weeks absence of bulletins, not because one of the three is having a much deserved holiday in America but because the one person who can run our rather temperamental duplicating machine, Miss Bercuhi Tüysüzyan, is having a month's vacation, the first consecutive period of vacation in several years. The regular weekly issues will begin the first of October.

The new recruits to the Mission schools whose arrival was noted in our last number, August 25, spent the next four days in a rather concentrated orientation course. They all lived at the Bergmarks' and at the Woolworths' (the Fowle and Birge houses) and had most of their sessions there in Hisar, where they had talks by Mr. Riggs on the history of the Mission, Mrs. Leslie on the Treasury, Mr. Woolworth on Mission organization, Miss Martin on customs of the country, Turkish music by Prof. MacNeal, Mr. Blake on Izmir, Mrs. Woolworth on Tarsus, Paul Nilson, Jr. on Talas and Mr. Woolworth on the recent history of Turkey and the relation between religion and politics.

On Saturday they visited the Scutari school and had luncheon there; on Sunday went to the Dutch Chapel, had luncheon with the Wileys and heard about the religious work of the Mission and the Bible Societies, had supper at the Hospital and heard talks on the medical work of the Mission and health conditions in Turkey: had tea two afternoons at the Bible House and visited the treasury, the publication department and the library, and did a small amount of sightseeing, which included Aya Sophia. E. C. Blake of the Mission personnel committee helped Mr. Woolworth with the arrangements and the lectures, as well accompanied Kathryn Faust to Izmir, together with Naomi Foster who arrived just before the close of the conference after her summer in America. The group for Talas and Tarsus remained in Istanbul until Sunday evening and Monday morning respectively, so had time for further sightseeing. The young people, including the Bergmarks also, must have longed for some quiet in which to sort out and assimilate all the new sights and facts given them in the days they spent here in Istanbul.

Letters from Luther Fowle tell of a happy arrival in Boston airport where he was met by the Goodsells and a little later by his son Jim and his later drive with Jim to Curtis's home in Greenwich, Conn. His third night in the country he spent with daughter Joy in New York and then they started to the family reunion in the old home at Thetford, Vt. He is expected back on the 30th of this month.

The Raymond Whites are very happy in the tours around among the little Christian groups in the Mardin area which "Willy" the jeep makes possible. They are finding everywhere a warm welcome for themselves and their message which is well illustrated by books and films as well as the help which Willy gives to a few needing transportation. Sylvia Nilson shared in these trips until she left on September 5 for her work in Aleppo. Wesley White served as the accompanying machine expert.

Gladys Lucas arrived in Beirut by air from England on August 26 and remained there several days attending the Educational Committee meeting of the Syria-Lebanon Mission and part of their annual Mission meeting before returning to her work in Aleppo. She missed by twenty minutes seeing Luther Fowle in the London airport, as she was leaving for the Near East!

A letter from Paul Nilson tells of the arrival in Boston after "a good trip via Athens, Rome, Geneva, Paris, London, New York" of the three Nilsons who left here about a month earlier. He writes with his old enthusiasm about experiences on the way, in New York with the Church World Service people, at 14 Beacon Street, attendance at a "Camp Farthest Out" in New Hampshire, and plans for speaking in churches in Minnesota and the Cleveland area. He expects full cooperation of the Mission and Board in his efforts to raise money for Tarsus buildings.

Sincerely yours,
E. W. Rutney

Dear Friends:

Mrs. Bessie Lyman left by plane last Saturday, the 23rd, for Talas where she will spend the school year assisting in school and station work.

Mrs. Emily Block is due to return to Talas also by plane on Saturday, the 30th, after an operation at the Admiral Bristol Hospital here from which she has greatly benefitted.

Edgar Sather arrived here from America on Sunday, the 10th, after spending the summer with his parents in Alexandria, Minnesota. Plane travel makes these summer and even month-holiday trips to the U.S. possible and practical. Ed was surprised to meet up with Barbara Bird at Gander during their plane stops there, Barbara being on her way home for her month's vacation.

The Turkish steamer arriving on the 12th brought back many of our young people who have been travelling in Europe this summer, also a number for the two American colleges here, both those newly come from America and those who have been away for summer trips. Misses Mary Morrill and Joanne Gauntt left immediately by plane next morning for Izmir in order to give examinations that afternoon. Mr. Ken Moyer remained a few days longer here before leaving for Tarsus.

Scutari School personnel have returned at various dates. Miss Fernie Scovel from a short visit to Athens, Miss Ann Goodykoontz from a month in Talas, assisting in the Talas Clinic, both following language study in Izmir.

Miss Ruth Wolfe left on September 11th by Taurus Express for Aleppo enroute to Pakistan where she will teach in one of the schools of Methodist Mission to which she belongs. Unfortunately she had to spend a week of sight-seeing time recovering from a throat infection, in Aleppo. She expected to fly from Beirut to Karachi. Meanwhile her baggage travels to Genoa from there to be transferred to a ship bound for Karachi, the port for Lahore.

Prof. and Mrs. Lootfy Levonian left Beirut for America early in the month. Prof. Levonian is a visiting professor at Union Seminary, New York this academic year.

Miss Faith Winger has been assigned by the Presbyterian Mission in Syria-Lebanon to take the place of Miss Cassile in the Aleppo High School for Girls.

Dr. Eleanor I. Burns of the Women's College, Arnavutköy, left for America on September 8th by the Turkish steamer "Tarsus". Miss Burns joined the College at its Scutari site, before the move in June 1914 to its present campus on the European shore of the Bosphorus. Hers has been a life of single-minded devotion to the College and its interests. For the present, her home will be at the Gramercy Park Hotel, 52 Gramercy Park, New York City.

Miss Louise Wiley has transferred this fall from Wheelock College, Boston, to Oberlin, living at Baldwin Hall, and continuing as a Junior her course in Kindergarten Teachers' training. Carol Wiley is attending the Boston School of Occupational Therapy as a sophomore and is living in The Students House.

The Publication department warns that the English Calendars for 1951 are going rapidly and those desiring should order immediately.

Also, Miss Blatter would appreciate suggestions concerning a good story about nursing, suitable for orta or lycee girls which can be translated into Turkish.

Sincerely,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

Miss Annie M. Barker: A Boston cable reports the death of Miss Barker on October 7th in Newton, Mass. where she had been living quietly for some time in a nursing home. She was in her 86th year. Miss Barker came to Turkey in 1894, giving a life of devoted service as a teacher in the Gedik Pasha School in Istanbul. After that school was closed, Miss Barker was in charge of the Mission Hostel at the Bible House apartment for some years, completing 52 years of residence in Turkey before retiring to America in late 1946. Many are the students, associates, and friends of all races and faiths here, who hold her in grateful memory. The writer saw her two weeks ago today, eager for news of friends here, holding fresh in her memory the days of long ago, rather than more recent events, and ready for the summons to join the majority.

Nurses at the Gaziantep Hospital. Two young women who have completed the practical nursing training available at our Gaziantep Hospital, have taken examinations at the Government Hospital, and won recognition as Nurse. A third is now taking her examinations. Such recognition will give these young women increased opportunity and assurance, as they continue in their profession.

Miss Clara Engle reports the start of classes on October 2nd with seven student nurses in attendance. It promises to be a fine year.

The Rev. and Mrs. Donald Douds, recently of the Miami Shores Community Church, have spent several days with our associates in Greece, where the Olanders were friends of Florida days. They are now seeing Istanbul, stopping at the Mission Hostel; and plan to start shortly for Aleppo and points south as far as Egypt, before turning homeward.

On Sunday next, the Rev. Walter B. Wiley will be in Ankara to conduct a worship service for the non-conformist English speaking community there. Monthly services are being planned, to alternate with the monthly service conducted by the Rev. Charles Piper of the Crimean Memorial Church. The Rev. Wm. Sage Woolworth will alternate with Mr. Wiley in these services.

Miss Cecelia Berg, formerly of this Mission, who visited Tarsus and Istanbul in the summer of 1950, reports herself more than busy with calls to speak on the Near East to groups interested in this area in connection with plans in all Evangelical Churches which make the Near East the special area study during the coming winter.

Transport - not Travel. The airplane eliminates the leisure and much of the pleasure of "travel" in the old sense, with its sights, and observations of places and people that made travel a cultural experience. But like the early Ford, "it gets you there, and gets you back". The writer lunched at the Istanbul airport on Friday noon, and at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning found the Goodsells and son Jim waving to him at the Boston airport. Air-borne time: 22 hours, 38 minutes. On ground in Munich, London, Shannon, Gander - long enough to make lapsed time, Istanbul to Boston, 26 hours.

Turkey continues warm in the thought and affections of those of our community who are now back in America. To mention only a few of the many who send their greetings to their Istanbul friends.-

Mrs. L. O. Lee is happily located at Barton House, only a hundred yards from Granddaughter Peggy Balantine and her interesting family. Prof. Charles Estes belies his forty years at Robert College, as he keeps busy in his South Berwick home, and carries on as organist and choir director of the Dover, N. H. church. Friends and former students from Istanbul are his frequent visitors.

Ned Estes drove me up the Maine coast to Prout's Neck, where we were the overnight guests of the Huntingtons at their sea-side home. Both of them seemed in the best of health, and their keen and continued interest in all that concerns the well-being of American philanthropic activities in Turkey, is ever fresh. Elsie VanZandt continues with them, rarely qualified to share in their many interests growing out of long years on the Bosphorus.

It is good to be back again.

Very truly yours,
Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Memorial services for Miss Barker, whose death was announced in our last issue, were held on Tuesday afternoon, October 10th, in the chapel of the Newton Cemetery, Dr. F. F. Goodsell conducting the services. Among those present were Dr. Mark Ward and sister Mary, Mrs. Paul Ward, Mary Michaels (Monedjicoff), the Misses Calder, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Brewer Eddy, Mrs. Helen Scott, the daughter and son-in-law of Constance Barker who was in Gaziantep in 1919-20, and a former Gedik Pasha pupil. Rev. A. A. Bedikian, also a former pupil at Gedik Pasha, has written a very fine tribute to her, referring to the great inspiration she was to him and others because of the qualities of her character and personality.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Ward of the Mt. Hermon School, are the proud parents of a son, James Bradford Ward, born September 27th.

Dr. Edwin St. John Ward attended the 50th reunion of his class at Amherst College last June. He and Mrs. Ward expect shortly to settle in the doctor's quarters at the Penney Farms Memorial Home Community in Florida, where he will care for the needs of retired Christian workers of all denominations. He is completing the medical examinations required for a Florida license.

Miss Blanche Stevens, who has just completed a term of service at Doshisha University, Japan, spent some days in Istanbul in mid-September on her way to Anatolia College, Thessaloniki, where she is conducting the Home Economics course in the Girls' section of that institution.

Miss Barbara Bird arrived last evening by Pan American plane from America where she has spent her month's vacation. She left to-day noon by train for Talas to take up again her work in the Talas Clinic.

Miss Carrie Lake of Spokane, Washington, arrived on the 10th to teach Home Economics at the Scutari School during the furlough this year of Miss Alice Lindsley.

Lack of space precluded mention in last week's issue of Luther Fowle's visit with Theron, Cornelia, and Caroline Damon Palmer at their hospitable home, 23 Waconah Road, Worcester 5, Mass. Caroline runs the home and car, while her Peter is now a school-boy. The Damons welcome many Turkey friends in their delightful home, and send their greetings to their wide circle of friends in the Near East.

Last Sunday afternoon, October 15th, a very pleasant reception was given to Alumnae, Friends of the College and Community, at the Women's College, Arnautkoy, in honor of the new Dean, Miss Elizabeth B. Stanton, who recently arrived in Istanbul. Miss Stanton comes here from a similar post at Beloit College, Wisconsin.

Dr. Carleton reported at the end of September that registrations at Aleppo College were then much ahead of anything there in the last three years. The Boarding department was already full and day students were still coming in.

Robert College has a full enrolment and pupils have been turned away.

Izmir Girls' School on October 2nd had the largest registration ever, 299 girls, enough to keep the eleven American and twenty-seven Turkish teachers fully occupied. They rejoice in the occupancy of the new Parsons Hall where on October 7th a picture of Miss Edith Parsons, in whose honor the building is named, was hung in the Alumnae-Teachers' Room. On the 22nd the first function in the Auditorium will be a tea for all those who have worked on the building "from head architect down to the humblest 'amele' ". In November, Alumnae will gather for a concert by Thomas Weaver of Aleppo College.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

In a recent letter, Alice Lindsley gives us her new address, 836 West Coolidge Drive, San Gabriel, Cal., and tells us of a visit a few weeks ago to Pilgrim Place, Claremont. She called on Mrs. Gardner, whom she reports as looking very well, as also do Miss Dwight, Mrs. Sewy, Miss Rice, Miss Norton, Miss Morley and Mrs. Marden, though she found Mrs. Marden looking very frail. After that she had a full program of speaking to women's meetings and other gatherings in Southern California. She was enjoying her family meanwhile and her sister's new house. She sends greetings to all her friends.

Ruby Birge writes of their summer visits to relatives in New York and New England, a happy stay in Mountain Rest in August, when Kathie and Duffy were with them, and settling in September at 85 Sherman St., Hartford, Conn.

We regret to report the sudden death of Mrs. Gardner on October 12, not long after Miss Lindsley's call on her. As Emily Richter, she arrived in Hadjin in September, 1908, and taught in the girls' school there till her marriage with Rev. H. I. Gardner in 1910. Three years later they returned to America on account of Mr. Gardner's health and lived in Chicago and Whittier, Cal., until Mr. Gardner's death in 1933, when Mrs. Gardner went to Pilgrim Place to live. Her interest in her old pupils and other friends in Turkey and the progress of the country remained keen through all the forty-two years since she first came to Hadjin. She will be missed by many who knew her.

We have to report too the sorrow which has come to two of our number recently, the sudden death of the father of Mrs. W. L. Nute, Jr., and the passing after a long illness of Dorothy Blatter's brother. Our sympathy goes out to them.

From Athens comes the news that eighteen people were present at the first Station meeting, when two more Fullbright appointees and Dr. and Mrs. Watson, who replace the Harlows in the CCSC work, were welcomed. Mrs. J. Riggs Brewster has at last been able to leave the hospital and is recuperating at her son's home. Miss McCallum tells of a pleasant call Mrs. Brewster was able to make on her last week. Miss Long writes, "Pierce College is humming with activity once more. The enrolment is about 500, somewhat less than last year in the senior college. We are still working on rehabilitation but the greater part of that work is now complete."

From the American High School for Girls in Aleppo comes the complaint that the rooms are too small for the classes that have to go into them. In addition a class has been added this year to bring the school up to matriculation grade, which probably adds ten or a dozen more girls.

The Armenian Evangelical Churches in Istanbul and their friends in the Mission are happy in the arrival, with his family, for at least a four month stay of Rev. Puzant Roubian, long head of the Trad Center in Beirut. They are at present living with the Wileys but expect soon to move into the apartment above the Bible House Chapel where the Lymans used to live. He will work in all the churches, helping where most needed and preaching regularly in all four churches in turn. So far he has been getting his bearings, meeting the pastors and church committees and speaking at the Gedik Paşa mid-week meeting.

On Saturday, October 21, a class of 6 pupils of the Nursing School of the Admiral Bristol Hospital received their diplomas and the nurses' new building was formally opened. Among the speakers to the large gathering which assembled in the new auditorium were Ambassador Wadsworth, the vali of Istanbul, Dr. Fahreddin Kerim Gökay, Bayan Esme Deniz, and Dr. Shepard who spoke of the important place of trained nurses in our life to-day. Congratulations to the nurses who have completed their course, to all who will use the beautiful new building and to those who have made its completion possible.

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Putney

Dear Friends:

October 29th was the 27th anniversary of the Turkish Republic, and celebrated throughout the land with parades and patriotic gatherings. In Istanbul, illumination at night of public squares and buildings, and window displays of many stores, drew out large throngs; while mild weather and sunny skies played an important role.

Pierce College, Athens was reported last week as enrolling about 500 students. The two main departments are the Junior College (covering the Greek Gymnasium plus one final year) and the Senior College which gives added specialization in four branches: Social Welfare, English Language, Commercial Studies, and Library Science. 110 students receive aid through scholarship funds provided by interested friends or through the American Board, while Fulbright Grants provide ten Senior College students with full board and tuition, as well as 32 scholarships for day students. Thus a total of 152 students receive financial aid, as Greece endeavors to reconstruct her social and economic life, and at the same time train her youth for future service.

Among new members of the Staff are Mrs. Myers, who heads the School of Library Science, and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Watson, the former specializing in English, while the latter - Dr. Amey Watson, PhD - directs the School of Social Welfare. With their infant Danielle, the College community thus gains a fourth off-campus home, the others being the homes of the Senior Frank Watsons of CCSC; Miss Marguerite Bicknell; and the Olanders.

Miss Diantha L. Dewey is living at North Collins, New York with a cousin whose two daughters, five grandchildren, and eleven great-grands will, we hope, compensate Miss Dewey in some measures for the long years of lonely "holding the fort" in her eastern outpost of this Mission.

Robert College has registered 239 new students in five departments, while 698 old students bring total registration to 937. These are distributed as follows: College 227; Engineering 222; Academy 335; Military 80; College & Engineering Prep. 73.

The Turkish people feel a justified satisfaction in their full participation in UN police action in Korea. The arrival and landing of 4500 Turkish troops are fully covered in the Turkish press. The UN command has provided special rations for these Moslem soldiers, (Ration M) foods being prepared with vegetable fats, and a double portion of bread. Thus Mehmetjik from the western extremity of Turkish outreach, circles the globe to the Pacific, where these soldiers will find elements of the population who stem back to the same ethnic stock of the great Asiatic steppes.

The annual Huntington Hegira from Prout's Neck to Warm Springs has begun. Reports have come of their first stop in Boston, and a delightful gathering in Auburndale, where they were hosts to many Near East friends, who have been associated with American philanthropic activities here.

Paul Nilson writes of a delightful visit with Robert Greef, who taught in our schools in Erenköy, Scutari, and Talas, 1931 to 1934. He is now head of the English Department at the Central Missouri State College at Warrensburg, Missouri. Bob recalls the village Movie Trips from Talas, with Mickey Mouse films first thrown on to draw the crowd; the celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of the Republic, when Talas School boys built in stone T. C. (Türkiye Cumhuriyeti) high on the slopes of Ali Dag, where it still remains. With the exception of three Navy years during the war, he has been teaching ever since he left Turkey. Along the path of the years, Paul reports that Bob has picked up a PhD, a wife, a daughter now six, and a new little home. He recalls with affection those he knew here, and sends best regards to one and all.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Dana K. Getchell - Cable report has been received of the death in Claremont, Calif. on November 1st of Mr. Getchell, after an illness of two weeks. Mr. Getchell joined Marsovan Station in 1899 and some years later married Miss Susie Riggs. Together they served in Anatolia College until 1919. After a period in Izmir, the Getchells in 1922 joined the reconstituted Anatolia College in Thessaloniki, retiring to America in 1936.

In teaching and administrative work with younger boys, and business and financial responsibilities, Mr. Getchell's kindness and devotion made its fine contribution to a wide circle of people and to numerous school generations of boys in their formative years. Mrs. Getchell remains at Pilgrim Place in Claremont.

Paul and Harriet Nilson of Talas, on furlough, are more than busy with many opportunities to speak on the Near East. A major interest of the Mission this year is to seek resources for a small building for the School in Tarsus, and the Nilsons are devoting thought and energy to this task. This is particularly fitting, since their early years in Turkey were devoted to that school, as teachers and directors. Two other continuing Mission projects authorized by the Board are the finding of funds for buildings at Scutari and Izmir.

The Admiral Bristol Hospital. The Annual Meeting of the American Community will be held at the Hospital on Saturday, November 11, at 3 p.m. Reports, election of three members to the Board of Managers, fall campaign, and inspection of the newly completed School of Nurses Building, are on the docket.

Mardin - Wesley White is recovering from a siege of jaundice. Mr. and Mrs. White have been able to initiate this fall their plan of a hostel on the mission compound for village children which would make it possible for them to enter Orta school in Mardin and thus continue their education beyond the village primary school.

The Whites in the station car have made a second tour of the villages of Killit, Midyat and Kerboran. At the latter place they showed a film portraying the early years of Jesus' ministry and a second one on "Freedom of Religion", hanging the sheet-curtain on the wall of the Karakol (police station). The result of these tours and contact with the Protestants in the Mardin area has been a re-vitalization of these village churches.

The newspaper "Hürriyet" of November 5 quotes a dispatch from Ankara which says that the Bakanlar Kurulu (Cabinet) has decided that, beginning with 1950-1951,

1. Since Turkish children need lessons in religion as they do in other subjects, lessons in religion shall be put on the program with other lessons.
2. The text-books already prepared (and in use for the voluntary lessons) satisfy the current need.
3. A Teachers' Help is to be prepared.
4. The teachers of these lessons shall preferably be those who want to give them; and, if a further choice has to be made, the older teachers shall have the preference.
5. Parents who wish their children to be excused from lessons in religion may so inform the schools by writing; all others will take the lessons as other lessons, be required to pass for promotion to the next class. (The lessons are for the Primary, Fourth and Fifth classes.)

Mr. Farnsworth Fowle left Istanbul last Saturday by plane for Frankfort, Germany where he continues his work as correspondent for the New York Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Thomson after leaving here in August, visited Venice, Salzburg, Basle, Lucerne, Rotterdam on their way to England where their address is now: 24 Higher Walton Road, Walton le Dale, Preston, Lancs, England.

Yours sincerely,
Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

The return of Lyman and Robin MacCallum from furlough was the great event at the Bible House this week. They had expected to arrive eight weeks previously but amoebic dysentery had kept Robin in a hospital in England for nearly a month. Now, however, after a time of recuperation at her sister's home in Chalfont St. Peters, she is reported by the doctors at the School of Tropical Medicine as being perfectly well and certainly looks it. They report happy visits with many old friends, including a call on Miss MacCallum in Old Phaleron, and take up work again with zest.

Monday evening Olive Greene flew in on her way from Athens to Izmir. She and Horace McMullen of NEST in Beirut had been making a visit of fellowship on our Station in Athens, as had been suggested in the Mission Annual Meeting. She reports a very crowded and busy college where everyone, including several capable Fulbright appointees, seems to be working under high tension. She herself enjoyed meeting old pupils of the days "before the Fire" and many that she had known when she was doing relief work among the refugees just after that, as well as the present College staff, the Olander family and the Watsons of the C.C.W.S. She left the next noon by air for Izmir.

A letter from Clara Engle of the Gaziantep Hospital tells of how well the new pupil nurses are doing and their hope of additional beginners in January. She also mentions pleasant picnics that the station-wagon makes possible for groups of nurses and doctors and their families and visits to villages for work as well as recreation.

What is the enrolment in all our schools in Greece, Turkey, Syria and Lebanon? The American College for Girls in Istanbul reports 278 in the Preparatory Department, of whom 179 are boarders, and 246 in the College Department of whom 124 are boarders.

On Saturday afternoon, November 11, the annual meeting of the American Hospital was held. A large group of the American and other friends of the Hospital gathered in the assembly room in the new building to hear reports and to elect new members to the Board of Managers. Dr. Black of Robert College, Miss Clary of the Y.W. Center, and Mr. Fowle were re-elected to the Board and also three representatives of other parts of Turkey, - Mr. Franklin Bell who was a member of the Board when he lived in Istanbul, from Izmir, Mr. J. M. Carver from Samsun and Capt. Kabler, the Naval Attache in Ankara. Mr. Fowle spoke on the history of the Hospital, Dr. Shepard on what the Hospital is doing and hopes to do in serving people of all races who come to it, and Mr. Frederick Merrill of the Consulate General, the chairman of the campaign for Health Service Contributions, closed with announcement of the plans for this year's effort. Then icecream and cookies were served and opportunity was given for all who had not seen it already to inspect the beautiful new building for the nurses' residence and school. The Hospital, as all the speakers emphasized, belongs to the community to serve them and to be supported by them.

Recent visitors to the Bible House Apartment included Miss Nora Thompson, a teacher on leave from Philadelphia and Miss Moore, long-time teacher at the Jerusalem Girls' College, returning to visit old pupils and help in relief work.

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Putney

Dear Friends:

Thanksgiving will be celebrated in all Stations, inside and outside Turkey. Istanbul Station gathers at the Woolworth and Bergmark tables, with tea-supper later at the Treasury House in Hisar.

Eugene Pringel's home address is 961 St. Nicholas Ave., New York 32. He sends greetings to many friends here, and "is homesick for Tarsus".

Mr. Herman Kreider has given for the use of the Mission a Kodascope silent moving-picture machine: Model A: Series K: 105-125 volts: 60 cycles or D. C. A transformer is available if needed for 220 volts. Machine is in a case with handle, 44 x 40 x 26 cm. Address the Mission Secretary with suggestions or requests.

Dr. Birge, writing from 85 Sherman St., Hartford, Conn. seeks information regarding the receipt in Turkey of Voice of America broadcasts in Turkish, sent out on 13, 16, and 19 meter wave-bands, and relayed from London and Thessaloniki. Reports from Anatolia are particularly desired. These broadcasts begin daily at 7:30 p.m. Turkish time.

On November 15th Carol Goodsell Smith and Ruby Birge put on a question and answer radio program about Turkish women, under the auspices of the Bristol (Conn.) League of Women Voters, of which Carol is President.

Mrs. Iain Campbell (Gladys Perry of Merzifon, Izmir, Scutari) writes that Iain has been called to the pastorate of the Congregational church of Albion, Nebraska, and takes up his new duties at the end of January 1951. This is the home church of Miss Dorothy Blatter.

Children's Book-week. The fifth observation in Turkey of Children's Book-week began on Sunday, November 12th with a radio address by the Vali of Istanbul. He also opened the exhibition of Children's Books at the Headquarters of the Children's Welfare Association (Çocuk Esirgeme Kurumu). Children have flocked to this exhibition, teachers often bringing their classes. Hundreds have attended each day, and so wide-spread is the interest that the exhibition is continuing a second week. Various schools throughout the country have participated in Book-week, through special programs, plays, and posters, while the daily Press has carried many articles and pictures featuring children's books.

Hettie Kreider writes from 554 Spring Street, Wooster, Ohio, where she is busy in home-making for her children. Maynard enters the Chicago Theological Seminary in January: Loretta is busy and happy in Carleton College; while Lorrin - a junior at Wooster College, and Irma, in high-school, are living at home with their mother.

Miss Dorothy Blatter is building a bungalow on land adjoining the Scutari Girls' School, and hopes to move in early in the spring. Already ridge-pole and roof tiles are in place, and the Turkish flag was hoisted on November 8th. With roof all snug, interior work will proceed rapidly in weeks to come.

Photographs from Izmir show a most attractive new Building - Parsons Hall - now in full use. At the same time, the old house on a piece of land between school and the main street area has been most attractively rebuilt as a home for the Blakes and some of the teachers. With its horizontal lines, stone terrace, and friendly old umbrella pine, it already has a comfortable California atmosphere. Olive Greene is interested in another "living unit" that is happening on the upper campus. One's mind inevitably dreams of the picture of that school as it could be, if \$150,000. were available for the other three small school buildings for school use, construction of which has been authorized by the Government.

Yours truly,

Lulu - R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Engaged-Lincoln B. Wiley, eldest child of Edith and Walter B. Wiley, now an aeronautical engineer with the Douglass Aircraft Corporation, Inglewood, California, and Miss Louise Gilbreath, a trained nurse.

Mr. Gilbert Bonnal who for some years taught French at the Tarsus American School and later served at Robert College, is now reported to be director of a bank on the French island of Reunion, 450 miles east of Madagascar. He is married and has a son, Olivier.

The death is reported from Beirut of Mr. Stuart D. Jessup, aged 81, father of Mrs. Henry Glockler whose husband is Treasurer of the American Mission. Mr. Jessup was for long years in charge of the Boys' School at Sidon, and later was with the Near East Relief. He has lived in retirement in Beirut these last years but has continued to teach English in the American College for Girls until two years ago. Mrs. Jessup is in England with her brother.

Rev. A. Russell Stevenson, Secretary of the Near East Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, who has been spending a couple months in India, Pakistan and Iran, is now in the Lebanon and Syria visiting Mission projects and studying the Palestine refugee situation. The committee he represents will be responsible for recommendations to Church World Service regarding aid to these Palestine refugees. Mr. Stevenson is expected in Istanbul on December 8th.

The Publication Department has received a number of copies of Dr. Birge's book, "A Guide to Turkish Area Study", published by the Committee on Near Eastern Studies of the American Council of Learned Societies, 1949. The book includes chapters on geography, population and races, language and literature, history, political structure, social organization, transportation and communications, finance, industry and commerce, education and intellectual life, religion, art and music, with appendices. The market price is ten liras, special price to members of our mission, eight liras. In case the market price is reduced, as may be, refunds will be made to purchasers.

Mr. Luther R. Fowle and Dr. Lorrin A. Shepard left for Ankara last night on business. They expect to return Wednesday morning.

Dr. Wilson F. Dodd is rejoicing in the arrival of a second granddaughter on October 8, Laura Ladd Bruner, in the home of his daughter Helen Dodd Bruner, on Long Island.

Miss Edith F. Parsons writes to her friends concerning the "high spots" she had enjoyed during the last year. These included seeing and visiting, Adelaide Dwight, Joan Reed and her mother, Saisie Hibbard Pratt (who is recently the mother of a small daughter), Eleanor Bisbee (ex-C.C.? Istanbul), Jessie Martin; attending silver wedding anniversary of her brother, first air-trip from Marysville to Mills Field, San Francisco, seeing "South Pacific" ("Very, very well worth seeing") and attending a final session of the Women's Board of Mission for the Pacific. Three years of "Centennial" celebrations- discovery of gold, migration of '49ers, admission to statehood- brought out "one tremendous fact. THEY WERE NOT AFRAID".

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

Gladys and Iain Campbell write of the great drop in attendance of men at Doane, due to the call-up of men for the army, so that a dean of men is no longer necessary there, and also of their own enthusiasm at the prospect of their new life in Albion, where Iain is to be pastor of the Congregational Church. Their new address is The Parsonage, West State St., Albion, Neb.

Miss Edith Cold writes of interesting work she has at the American Friends Service Committee's center in San Francisco, where she seems to be the resident warden or hostess.

Miss Margaret Hinman, formerly of Merzifon and Izmir, writes of a pleasant summer in Idaho with her sister, who now has come to live with her in Forest Park, Oregon.

Miss Isabel Harley, formerly of Harpoot, Scutari and Salonika, was on her way to Boston to see Miss Minnie Mills after the latter's return from Greece when the bus in which she was traveling collided with a truck. While she suffered only severe bruises, the nervous shock kept her some weeks under the doctor's care. She reports herself as thoroughly well now. Previously this summer she had seen Miss Theda Belle Phelps who had come north to speak for the hospital at Uplands, Pleasant Hill, Tenn. where she works. She reports Miss Katharine Fletcher as being in better health recently, though her sister is more feeble.

Rev. A. R. Stevenson of the Foreign Missions Conference left on Tuesday after a four day visit here in which he saw all he could of the Mission work and filled his note-book with answers to assiduous questioning. Thanks to Lyman MacCallum he did get in a morning of sight-seeing.

Many will be interested to hear something of the Turkish philosopher Farabi, who died in 950, and in whose honor a set of very beautiful postage stamps has been issued. (There are four stamps in the set, - 15, 20, 60 and 100 kurus). He was "particularly celebrated as a commentator on Aristotle" and spent many years in trying to bring together the ideas of Plato and Aristotle, so that their systems would be only "different forms of expressions of one truth". "He seems to have been quite a good mathematician and a fair physician. He wrote on occult sciences and was also a distinguished musician: it is to his pen that we owe the most important treatise on the theory of oriental music. He was himself a virtuoso and composer and the Mevlevi dervishes still use ancient chants that are attributed to him".

Word has reached the MacCallums that daughter Elizabeth has been accepted for St. Hugh's College, Oxford, for the term beginning in October, 1951. This terminates successfully an effort begun in 1948 when, after completing at the English High School for Girls in Istanbul the requirements for London matriculation, followed by a supplementary year at the American College for Girls, Elizabeth entered the Brighton and Hove High School in England. She expects to join her family in January and to remain in Istanbul until the autumn.

Under "Authorized Specials" arrangement, the Near East Mission is seeking special funds this year toward the erection of a small building for the Tarsus School, \$8000. being already in hand. Other projects for the Schools in Izmir and Scutari have been going on for some time. Checks reaching personnel in Turkey for these purposes may be endorsed and sent to the Mission Treasurer. Checks reaching personnel in Greece, Syria, or the Lebanon might better be endorsed and sent directly to Treasurer Belcher in Boston, with duplicate of letter of transmittal to the Mission Treasury in Istanbul. Gifts to any of these projects will be most welcome.

Sincerely yours,
E. W. Putney

Dear Friends:

The US Information Service is not neglecting the grass-roots. A mid-December message from Mardin reports that a mobile movie-unit has arrived there, to spend a couple of weeks in and around Mardin, showing its cultural films.

Mr. Joseph Stewart, formerly a teacher in Tarsus, sends greetings to the Mission circle. He is studying in Tübingen, his address being No. 7 Hegelstrasse. He had a delightful month in Greece this summer, with visit to Mount Athos as the 'high-point'.

During the recent visit of Horace McMullen to our associates in Athens Station, he and Mr. Olander were received by His Royal Highness King Paul of Greece. A 25 minute audience permitted discussion of American Board activities in Near Eastern lands, and in particular in Greece. Greece is particularly blessed in its King and Queen, as it travels the necessarily steep road toward well-being, after the fevered years of the past decade.

His Excellency, Dr. Ekrem Hayri Ustündag, Turkish Minister of Health and Social Assistance, visited the Admiral Bristol Hospital and the new Nurses' School on December 14th. He was most generous in his expression of appreciation of American medical agencies serving in Turkey. He discussed various phases of the work with Dr. Yeginsu, Dr. Shepard, and Bayan Deniz of the School of Nursing.

Turkish Refugees from Bulgaria. To date, about ten thousand Turks whose ancestors have lived in what is now Bulgarian territory for many generations, have crossed the frontier into Turkey. They arrive with little other than their great need. The Turkish Government, the Red Crescent Society, and municipal and other agencies are receiving and caring for them as they are passed on to various Vilayets. Kayseri Vilayet is preparing to receive 1000, and some will be housed for the winter in parts of the Talas Mission compound.

Further steps in the motorization of the Mission. Tarsus Station has received its new Jeep Station Wagon, while in Athens, the Olanders have received a beautiful blue Chevrolet, given by personal friends in Florida. Both machines will make large contribution to more effective work, in these two cities where the first missionary to the Gentile world doubtless trudged along the roads on foot.

No rest for the retired. The Foreign Missions Conference has asked Dr. Fred Field Goodsell to be its Executive for an interim period of at least one year, on a part time basis requiring four days weekly in New York. Unofficial report is that Dr. Goodsell will take up this special assignment on January 1st. Kolay gelsin!

Centenary of the Gedik Pasha Evangelical Church, Istanbul. On Sunday afternoon, December 17th the Gedik Pasha Church celebrated its centenary in an impressive service held in the crowded basement hall of the unfinished church. Five Armenian and American clergymen, and Miss Miriam Hagopian shared in the service, while a historical statement was read by a member of the Church Committee. The chorus under the direction of Mr. Kavafian made a very distinctive contribution to the occasion. This church seeks with eager hope the completion of its building by the erection of the main sanctuary and steeple on the present sound foundations. The project, well under way, had to be given up when the First World War began in 1914. Thirty-six years later a new generation takes up the task. Of the \$25,000 required, about Ten Thousand is in hand.

Christmas Pageant: Instead of the customary Mission Christmas observance at the Bible House, this year members of the Mission joined with the choir of the Union Church in the presentation of the Christmas story in music, readings, and tableaux at the Dutch Chapel. Refugees from the Balkans, in great need in this city, will receive the gifts contributed on this occasion.

Very truly yours,

Luther F. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Miss Blemker has reported to this Mission the proposed May visit from Dr. and Mrs. Howard Conn of the Plymouth Church of Minneapolis. A hearty welcome awaits them. This is the Church and Pastor with whom Rev. and Mrs. David Julius were associated for some years following his earlier service with us, at Aleppo College.

A welcome Christmas card has arrived from Allen and Edith Hazen of 460 Riverside Drive, New York 27. Allen was a tutor at Tarsus for three years. He is now on the Faculty of Columbia University.

From Forest Grove, Oregon, Miss Margaret Hinman, formerly of Merzifon and Izmir, sends greetings to the Mission Circle. She reports a western trip by Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Pye, formerly of Merzifon and N.E. School of Theology when in Istanbul and Athens, in which they visited son Willard in Fargo; son Edward in San Diego; and their former Mission associates Mrs. Marden and Miss Morley in Claremont.

This is the time of year when many of our former associates recall their fellowship in former times with those of our Mission. We are warmed by their thought of us and are interested in the personal news given us. Later issues will bring further tidings of those now separated from us and engaged in various types of work.

A major building program is under way at the American University of Beirut. The long needed Library Building, given by the sons of Nami Jafet, an alumnus who made his fortune in Brazil, is under way. Excavations are also started for a new Medical wing for the Hospital, and plans are being completed for an engineering building, a gift of Mr. Stephen Bechtel and associates. (BNL)

The American Community School in Beirut has 161 students this year, 62 being boarders. (BNL)

The majority of Istanbul station was entertained on Christmas Day at the Scutari School in its traditionally hospitable manner. After dinner, those who were interested indulged in games, a visit to Dorothy Fletcher's bungalow, and carol singing. Tea-supper was too tempting to be declined and in this sacrificial spirit the guests rose to the occasion and did full justice to it. Shortly afterward began the trek to trams and ferry-boats. Vacation began at the Scutari school on the 22nd.

The Misses Peg Brown and Anne Goodykoontz left Christmas evening to spend their vacation in Talas. Miss Betty Richmond started the next morning for a visit to Gaziantep and Miss Carrie Lake also left yesterday morning for Aleppo, possibly to continue to Damascus and Jerusalem.

Wm. S. Woolworth, Jr. spent several days in Ankara last week, returning here Christmas morning. His visit was connected with the programs of our schools in Turkey, lycee standing of the Talas school, and with conducting the Christmas church Service on Sunday for the American Community there. About one hundred and twenty five attended this service and sixty children (and as many adults) attended the Sunday-school preceding it.

Mild weather still favors Istanbul and its still rationed coal bins, in contrast to some other parts of the world. The Bible House central heat was turned on, on the shortest day of the year. Double windows on 22 windows on the north and east sides of the building contribute to added comfort in various offices. Yet we recall the saying, "Stambul kisi Marta karsi"- Istanbul's winter 's due in March.

The News Notes editors take this occasion to wish its readers a Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely,

Elvesta T. Leslie