

American Board Mission, Post Box 142
Istanbul, Turkey
January, 1955

Dear Friends:

The Christmas season has seen the usual number of travellers amongst the members of our Mission. Undoubtedly the longest journey was undertaken by Stanley Cherim, who flew on December 26th from Istanbul to Copenhagen. Apparently his mission was successful, for upon his return he announced his engagement to a Danish girl whom he had met previously in the States. Her name is Solveig Gregersen.

Mrs. Lorin Shepard spent Christmas with the Fred Shepards in Aleppo. This left Dr. Shepard alone at Christmas, but the Scutari School was glad to have him one of their party for the Christmas dinner at the School.

Miss Clara Bissell was another of our number who travelled beyond the borders of Turkey for her Christmas vacation; she spent some days in Athens.

Izmir welcomed a number of travellers from Uskudar: Mrs. Birge, Alice Lindsley, Fernie Scovel and Dorothy Blatter all celebrated Christmas with the Izmir Station.

The Conference after Christmas brought a number of travellers to Tarsus. From Izmir came Mr. and Mrs. Keith, Alice Hanawalt, Glenna Buck, Ruth Sowter with Mrs. Birge.

Those from Uskudar who were at the Conference were: Alice Reed, Marie McGinnis, Ann Mereness, and Milada Dolezal. Paul Nilson managed to make it from Diyarbakir for the last day of the Conference, in spite of delays caused by the heavy rains. At one point where the train could not get through, the passengers had to leave one train and walk to another waiting for them a mile or so away.

Sylvanus arrived in Istanbul on December 26th. Friends of Miss Phoebe Clary, they are travelling around the world sharing with leaders of many countries their valuable experience gained as Counsellors on Religion and Family. They visited the Bible House and the Service Center on Monday, December 28th.

The Engagement was announced at the Tarsus Conference of Dorothy Birge and Bob Keller. They plan to be married this summer and return together to teach at Talas, where Bob is now teaching for his second year.

Dr. Black flew from Istanbul to the States on December 28. He is expecting to return early in February accompanied by Mrs. E. Huntington.

Dr. Justin Wroe Nixon, the new pastor ad interim of the Dutch Chapel, and his wife, arrived in Istanbul by plane on the evening of December 29; he began immediately by taking the service on Sunday, January 2nd. Dr. Nixon has been studying German for six months in Vienna; members of the Dutch Chapel are glad he was willing to change his plans and come to Istanbul. Though held up by visa difficulties, the Nixons arrived in Istanbul just in time to meet their son and his family, who have been in South Africa on a grant from Carnegie Foundation studying socio-political conditions there. The younger Nixons were returning to the States, where Mr. Nixon teaches political science at UCLA.

Sincerely yours,

Sylvia E. Meyer

January 14, 1955

Dear Friends,

Mrs. Leslie has gone to Izmir for a week's visit. She will be back in Istanbul by Monday.

On December 21st twin boys, Richard Dorr and David Cogwell, were born to Martha and Barclay Shepard, weighing 5 lbs. each. Both are red-haired. Barclay is studying at Tufts Medical School in Boston. Constance is living at Needham for the present, helping care for Douglas, not quite two, and commuting to Wellesley College where she is in the middle of her senior year.

Marjorie Bullock Grunewald writes that she and her husband Bob are living in Long Beach. Bob teaches at Poly High where Mr. Tracy also is teaching. Besides his regular courses, Bob is also teaching two evening adult classes in U. S. History.

Esther Compton Miseroy is in Hong Kong with her husband and little daughter; the latter is now proud possessor of 8 teeth and a great knack of running around and getting into things, according to a letter from her grandmother Compton in Thessaloniki.

On December 26th Louise Wiley was married to Graydon Bell, former tutor at Robert College. We suppose the ceremony was performed by the bride's father, the Rev. Walter Wiley, who is at present at his son Lincoln's home, 4904 W. 121st St., Hawthorne, California; no word has reached us yet, however, as to whether this supposition is correct. Louise's sister Carol was bridesmaid.

History is catching up with Rumeli Hisar. All the houses in the enclosures of its towers and walls have been removed, and the upper gates have been sealed up. It is thus no longer a community nor a thoroughfare but has become one of the respectable historical 'sights' of Istanbul.

We have learned quite belatedly through the Beirut News Letter that some weeks ago Miss Edith Marken of AMSG in Aleppo broke her arm. We hope that by now she is quite recovered from that injury.

The Iain C. Campbells are now settled in Cortland, Nebraska, where Mr. Campbell has taken the pastorate of a church.

Our readers will, with us, feel deep sympathy with Mrs. Penrose and the faculty and students of the American University of Beirut because of the news of the sudden death of President Stephen Penrose on December 9th.

Sincerely yours,

Sylvia E. Meyer

January 20, 1955

Dear Friends:

Many of you have heard of the great loss that has come, not only to the Christian cause in this area but to our Mission as well. For although Lyman MacCallum was not officially a member of our Mission, we felt of him as such; and he was a continual help and inspiration to us all. To give you further details of his passing and the events of the days immediately following Mrs. Birge has allowed us to send you excerpts from a letter she wrote Dr. Carleton on the 18th, with several paragraphs added later.

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Notes prepared by Mrs. Birge

For some time Lyman has seemed so well, so full of vigor and so like the old Lyman with countless stories and always ready with kind acts to smooth the way of the visitor or the associate. He fulfilled several social engagements last week and was in top form for tea with Harry Meyering on Saturday afternoon, January 15th. After a family supper he went down to his office to write some letters. Sometime around 10 o'clock he went upstairs and at Robin's suggestion went to prepare for bed. About 20 minutes later when she had completed her tasks she went to join him and found that he had slipped peacefully away. Dr. Lorrin Shepard says that it was a cerebral hemorrhage and that he went quickly and peacefully.

Last evening we drove out to the airport to welcome Robin's daughter, Elizabeth, who had flown from London. This morning Mima's Elizabeth flew in from Beirut.

Monday morning there was an intimate service in their own living room. Wm. Sage Woolworth was in charge and read such beautiful passages. Paul Nilson, Mr. Piper of the Anglican Church, Charles MacNeal and Dr. Nixon added greatly to the service. Dr. Nixon's prayer was specially strengthening and comforting.

A host of friends on Tuesday afternoon from the Turkish, British, American, Greek, Armenian and Jewish Communities not only filled the Ferikoy Chapel but spread out into the garden. With the aid of an amplifier all were able to feel an intimate part of the service. The floral tributes transformed the Chapel into a place of rare beauty just as the spoken tributes created a glowing memory of Lyman and all he means to his family, his friends and his associates. William Sage Woolworth again arranged a service that will be remembered by all. Participating with him were Dr. Norman J. Cockburn, Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society in London, who happened to be in Athens and flew over for the day, Chaplain C.W. Piper of the British Embassy, Badveli Garabed and Miss Marian Hagopian representing the Protestant Churches of Istanbul, Vahram Birader, representative of the Bible Society workers and Dr. Justin Nixon of the Dutch Chapel.

Among those present were special representatives of the Greek Orthodox and Gregorian Patriarchs, and the Syrian Church. Mr. Everett C. Blake came from Izmir, Mr. Richardson Fowle and Bay Kemal Bilaloglou from Ankara.

In the quiet of the late afternoon, surrounded by friends, that earthly part of Lyman which we knew so well, was tenderly committed to rest beside his father. One more valiant servant of the Lord joined that row of men who labored with love in this land.

Mrs. J.K. Birge

January 28, 1955

Dear Friends:

Miss Ethel Putney, now living at 130 Washington St., Wellesley Hills 82, Massachusetts, writes appreciation of all the Christmas letters she has received from Turkey this year; there were some Turkey letters daily, much to the interest of the postman. Though one Sunday Olive Greene attended the same church Ethel Putney missed meeting up with her because of the crowd.

Mrs. Duncan Thomson also writes of remembering Turkey days and Turkey friends; they have appreciated the number of visitors from Turkey who have dropped in on them in their home in Scotland; May Nilson and Pauline Bartleman, both on their way to the States to be married; Mr. and Mrs. Seelye, and Miss Eleanor Mason were among those mentioned. The Thomson's daughter, Margaret Thomson Biggs is now the mother of a three children, whom she hopes to bring to Scotland to visit their grand-parents.

Word has come of the death in London of Miss Margaret Dunn very recently. Miss Dunn was an old Istanbulu of an old Istanbulu English family, who had moved to England some three or four years ago. Many of the Istanbul folk will remember her.

Mrs. Betty Richmond Anthony is now settled in her new home at 875 Main Street, North Hanover, Massachusetts, after a large church wedding and a week in Williamsburg, Virginia. Her husband is David Anthony, production supervisor at the Raytheon Mfg. Co. in Newton. She is enjoying her new home, a 1737 Cape-Codder, and cooking for her husband.

Mr. Siegfried Friedlieb, Bible Society accountant in Beirut, and R. Paul Collyer, general secretary from the New York office of the Bible Society, arrived by plane on Sunday and Monday of this week, and spent three very full days of conference with Paul Nilson before going on to Beirut and Jerusalem.

Dr. Nixon, the new interim pastor of the Dutch Chapel is continuing the series of weekly Bible Study discussions instituted by Iain Campbell, though with a different topic of study. Leaving the study of the Holy Spirit, the group now meets every Friday to discuss prayer, and in particular the prayer life of Jesus.

Duffy and Jim Fyfe, now living in Chicago, where Jim is studying theology at McCormick Seminary and acting as pastor of a small church, report a number of visits from former Turkey Tutors who drop in on them homesick for Turkish coffee and Turkey talk. Dorothy and Bob Schinske dropped in on them from Minneapolis; they say they enjoy Minneapolis and think its super-markets are Santa's workshop for cooks, but are sorry people there are not really interested in foreign countries and wanted someone they could talk Turkey with. Ken Moyer and Alan King are two others who have found their way in recent weeks to the Fyfe home for Turkey reminiscences.

Mr. John Michaels, nephew of Mrs. Floyd Black, and former tutor at Robert College, has returned to Istanbul to open an office of the American Express. Mr. Michaels was for some years bursor of the American College in Sophia until political circumstances forced his departure.

Sincerely yours,

Sylvia E. Meyer

No. 442

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, February 18, 1955.

Dear Friends:

On Sunday President Celal Bayar visited Diyarbakir on his way to Karachi for an official visit to Pakistan. Paul Nilson writes: "... he dropped from the clouds in his plane, motored to the edge of the city and then walked between the two rows of children, people, and soldiers to the government house. How the city crowded along the roads to see him! I was just another lost in the crowds hoping against hope that the sun would shine through so that I could get a colored photo."

A Bell has just arrived in Diyarbakir, the gift of the JAMMAT church in Ankara to the little congregation of Killit, a town on the main road between Mardin and Midyat. After it's legs and axle and wheel have been made for it in Diyarbakir it will be sent on to its destination, and soon will be calling the village farmers to worship each Sunday.

Dr. Black has returned to Istanbul, with Mrs. Huntington accompanying him. It has now been announced that his successor as President of Robert College and C. C. will be Dr. Duncan Ballantine, formerly president of Reed College, Portland, Oregon. Though he lacks experience in the Near East, it is thought that his many other qualifications should make him an able man for the position.

Mrs. Huntington will go on to visit her niece in Beirut after a stay of several weeks here in Istanbul.

With Paul Nilson returning from his trip to Jerusalem and Beirut, and Mrs. Harriet Nilson arriving in Istanbul to visit her new grandchild, and Sylvia Meyer and Peter Martin coming home from the hospital, the Nilson family are having a partial reunion this week. Paul E. Nilson is meanwhile alone in Diyarbakir holding down two people's classes while Mrs. Nilson is away.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hutchinson, formerly of the Dutch Chapel, will be interested to know that he has received an appointment, through Washington, to a position in Milan. They are expecting to arrive there, with their five-months old son, Roby, on the 25th of this month. A pleasant feature of this new appointment is that Bob's continuous journeyings are at an end. Their address reads:

c/o Worthington S. I. P. E. C.
via Diodori Siculo
Milan, Italy

Fernie Scovel is taking a month's vacation from her work in the Treasury Department and is visiting Dr. and Mrs. Nute in Adana, having stopped off in Talas on her way.

Sincerely,

Sylvia E. Meyer

No. 443

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, February 25, 1955.

Dear Friends:

Dr. Harry Meyering, working for the Turkish Ministry of Education and lecturing at the Gazi Institute, paid a week-end visit to Istanbul on business for the Ministry. This evening he will see the Istanbul station and tell them something of his work here, reporting also on the contributions of various American educational agencies to education in Turkey, and on his visits to a number of Turkish experimental schools in various places throughout the country. His travels to and from these visits have taken him through Talas, Tarsus, and Izmir, as well as Istanbul, so he has been able to visit each one of our schools. He is expecting his wife to join him shortly, though she has not yet been able to leave the States.

Dan Browster was in Istanbul on the 22nd of this month. He is on the Near East Desk of the State Department.

Earlier this month we mentioned the work of Dr. Frank Laubach in preparing a series of books for Adult illiterates or new-literates. Just recently the Baglarbasi Ilk Okul has posted a sign at the Uskudar boat landing advertising evening lessons for adults given free in its classrooms. We wonder whether this increased interest in adult education has been stimulated by the visit of Dr. Laubach.

Gray and Louise Wiley Bell have found an apartment a convenient two blocks from Caltech where Gray studies and works. Louise drives 15 miles to her class of second graders whom, she says, she enjoys teaching almost as much as she enjoys being married. Louise's sister Carol has found a position as occupational therapist on the staff of the University of Indiana Medical Center. Lincoln Wiley has changed from engineering to High School teaching and is hoping to work up the administrative ladder gradually. As for the Wileys, senior, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wiley are soon to be in Boston, and hope to return to Turkey as soon after the 29th of April as they can get reservations.

After a visit of nearly a month in Izmir, Helen Morgan has returned to Istanbul. While in Izmir she improved her Turkish living with a Turkish family and continuing her studies; she also had opportunity to visit the school and associates there. The Mission has just had the great news of Miss Morgan's official appointment by the Board as a career missionary.

Those who knew him when he was a tutor in Robert College will be glad to hear of the appointment by the Board of Dr. and Mrs. Kirk Stetson; but loyal friends of the Near East Mission will be sorry that the appointment is not to Turkey but probably to the Rhodesia Mission. The Stetsons carefully considered the possibility of coming to Turkey but have decided they can better serve elsewhere.

Sincerely,

Sylvia E. Meyer

No. 444

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, March 4, 1955.

Dear Friends:

A Nebraskan member of the Prudential Committee, Mrs. H. Winnett Orr, writes of Nebraska's interest in Turkey. "Just now Nebraskans feel very close to Turkey because of a sort of sponsor-relationship to the new Atatürk University. It came about, I understand, because someone in the Turkish Ministry of Agriculture is a former student of our new Chancellor. I have taken the liberty of giving the names and addresses of Rev. Messrs. Isely, Nilson, and White, and Drs. Dewey and Nute, Jr., to the Chancellor to pass on to our first exchange professors. They have not been announced, but the man chosen to coordinate the project is Mr. Harry G. Gould, who was in Turkey during the years '50 to '54 under the U. S. Technical Assistance Program. I can see much mutual advantage in forming an acquaintance, if that proves feasible. Mr. and Mrs. Isely were dinner guests in our home before Christmas and we learned much from them about Eastern Turkey. The exact site of the new University has not been announced here, but we understand it may not be far from some of our - American Board - work."

Howard Reed, who just recently finished a six-month period in Turkey studying the religious situation here on a grant from Ford Foundation, writes that he is to address the Near East Committee of the Prudential Committee of the Board at Framingham on current trends in religious thought in Turkey. Dr. Nute Jr. and Olive Greene are expected also to be at that meeting.

Dr. Norman Cockburn, General Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society has been visiting in Istanbul since Tuesday, the first of this month, and expects to leave Saturday. Istanbul, which had been enjoying good weather just previously, disappointed him by providing rain and cold weather for every day of his stay, so that he was unable to take the photographs of the historical beauties of Istanbul he had hoped to get.

Some of the recent works released - or about to be released - by the Publication Department are the following: Safe all Day with the Happies, in Turkish called "Şengiller Neden Şen"; it is a colored book on safety at home on the street, and costs 60 kuruş. Buy it as a gift for your small friends; Reprint booklets of two stories by Tolstoy, "Where Love Is, There God Is", and "What Men Live By", 25 kuruş each; one booklet, "Kitabi Mukaddesteki Kitaplar", explaining what is in the various books of the Bible, also 25 kuruş; two leaflets at five kuruş each, one "Ten Rules for Christian Living", called in Turkish "Hazreti İsa'nın Yolunu Nasıl Takip Edebiliriz", and the other, still at the printers! "Where to Look in the Bible" (I'm sorry we can't furnish the Turkish name at present); and 2 leaflets at 10 kuruş each, one containing the Lord's Prayer with a colored picture of the head of Christ, and the other, the Shepherd's Psalm, with a colored picture of the Good Shepherd.

Sincerely,

Sylvia E. Meyer

No. 445

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, March 11, 1955.

Dear Friends:

Dr. and Mrs. Alford Carleton announce the engagement of their daughter Ann to Mr. William V. Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wright of Wilson, North Carolina. He is studying in the Harvard Graduate School and hopes in the not too distant future to complete his doctorate in Mathematics.

Ed. Sather, former tutor at Talas Boys' school, has finished his theological studies and now has the position of youth director of a church in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Talas Clinic treated a thousand patients during the month of February, Isabel Hemingway writes in a recent letter. With the additional care of the Talas School students, Dr. Dodd and Miss Hemingway are kept very busy indeed.

It is with sorrow that we tell of the death of Peter Martin Meyer, just a month old, at the Admiral Bristol Hospital on Saturday, March 5. Though he had seemed healthy, he suffered from hydrocephalus and a heart difficulty. A short memorial service was held at the Bible House for him on Monday.

Bill and Ann Edmonds have been entertaining a young Pakistani, Mr. Shareef Al-Mujahid, in their home in Uskudar. Mr. Al-Mujahid is the editorial writer for the Karachi English newspaper who has been in the States and Canada for the past five years. He spent two years studying at the Islamic Institute in Montreal, where the Edmondses made his acquaintance; prior to that he had studied two years at Stanford for a journalism degree. He will proceed from Istanbul to Egypt.

Students and graduates of our schools have gained newspaper notice for many things, but probably none before this for a game of chess. 'Istanbul', a French language newspaper of Istanbul, reports on a game played by Cengiz Dolunay, a student of Tarsus Amerikan Koloji and his pen pal in Wisconsin. Though Cengiz proposed the game, he found he had tackled more than he could handle; he lost the game on the eleventh exchange of postcards.

The Ford Foundation has decided to give financial and technical help to the Universities of Ankara and Istanbul, and Mr. Robert Culbertson, representative of the Foundation in the Middle East, has visited in both cities to discuss the plans. He is now in Istanbul, from where he is to go on to Beirut.

Mrs. Harry Meyering has left Istanbul to join her husband in Ankara.

Sincerely,

Sylvia E. Meyer

Dear Friends:

There will be a second wedding in the family of Mrs. Ruby Birge this year for the engagement of her son Dr. William Birge has been announced and the wedding is planned for some time in the spring. An earlier number of Dear Friends told of the engagement of her daughter Duffy. Mr. Birge's fiancée is Sue Strother Rose, who is at present teaching history at Emma Willard School. She is a graduate of Swarthmore College and did graduate work at the University of Wisconsin.

News has come of the death of General Brehon Somervell at his home in Ocala, Florida. General Somervell was a member of the first group sent on an advisory mission by the U S government to Turkey, in the '30s. Their mission studied conditions of railroads, roads, and agriculture.

Saturday, March 12, was Charter Day at the American College for Girls, celebrating the 65th Anniversary of the granting of the College Charter. An exhibit in the Library showed the sixty-five years of college history in pictures and books. There were formal exercises in the afternoon at which Mrs. George Huntington and Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine were among the speakers.

The President-elect of Robert College and the American College for girls, Dr. Duncan S. Ballantine, has arrived in Istanbul for a short visit. Dr. Ballantine is a graduate of Amherst College, with a Ph. D. in History from Harvard University. He was in the Navy for four years during the war, rising to the rank of Commander. Previously to his years in the Navy he was instructor of history at M.I.T. and he returned there after his service in the Navy becoming associate professor of history. For three years he was president of Reed College in Portland, Oregon. He is a member of the American Historical Association, the Economic History Association, the Association of American Colleges, the American Council on Education, and Psi Upsilon.

The new Literacy House in Cairo was dedicated by Dr. Frank Laubach on his recent visit to Egypt as a center for training teachers of illiterates and preparing literacy programs.

Mediterranean Cruise ships have been making their seasonal stops at Istanbul recently. The Cunard-White Star "Britannic" with 500 passengers arrived February 27th, the Greek "Queen Frederika" a day or so later, and the "Oslo Fjord", a Scandinavian ship, arrived with 300 tourists on March 1st. The arrival of these ships was the signal for a change in our weather from balmy south winds to rain and snow in the air during the first days of March. The American Export liner "Independence" arriving on Saturday morning, the 12th, had a sunny Sunday at least for its passengers. On this cruise were Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Owen Williams, he acting as lecturer for the trip.

One of the tourists on the "Oslo Fjord" was Mrs. Helen Clark Fowle whose husband Wilson Fowle was with Socony Vacuum many years. She was the guest while here of Mrs. Middleton Edwards and Miss Clary and was thrilled to be visiting the city and friends again after twenty years. Son Bill is married and in advertising business in New York City while daughter Cynthia has a somewhat similar position in Washington, D.C.

Sincerely,

Sylvia E. Meyer

No. 447

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, March 25, 1955.

Dear Friends:

Professor Alfred Guillaume, the well-known orientalist of the School of Oriental and African Studies of London University, who gave a series of lectures at the University of Istanbul in the autumn of 1952 on "Moslem and Christian Theology and Literary Criticism" has accepted the Chair of Arabic at Princeton University and thus expects to go to America next August.

Here are two new addresses for readers of Dear Friends:

Carol Wiley's new address is

Cerebral Palsy Clinic

Rotary Building

University of Indiana Medical Center

Indinapolis 7, Indiana

Carol is doing occupational therapy at the University of Indiana Medical Center.

Shortly after the arrival in Ankara of Mrs. Meyering, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Meyering were fortunate in finding an apartment-owner willing to rent to them for a short time (most want to rent for at least a year) so they have moved out of the Park Palas Hotel to new quarters at 59 Konur Sokagi, Yenisehir, Ankara. They are always glad to have friends stop in and see them.

Vacation brought a number of our Mission to Ankara, some on pleasurebound, some on business. The business of the Board of Managers brought Miss Martin and Hans Meyer, of Uskudar School, Mrs. Blake and Harriet Yarrow of Izmir, Dick Maynard and Donn Kesselheim of Tarsus, and John Scott and Tom Goodrich of Talas. David Bergmark was the representative from the Treasury Department, and William Sage Woolworth was delegate-at-large.

Though the Board of Managers had a full schedule of business, they also found time for a number of social functions: high tea at the home of the Meyerings, a visit of the heads of the four schools to the Maarif, a trip to the Gazi Terbiye Enstitüsü (where the Georgetown Project experiment in a new method of English teaching was of especial interest), and a supper at which Dr. and Mrs. Nixon, and Vedido Pars, the director of the Gazi Terbiye Enstitüsü were guests.

The other members of the Mission in Ankara during the vacation were Helen Morgan, who attended meetings though not actually a delegate; Ralph Meyering visiting his parents; John Kingsbury and Robert Keller of Talas; and Ruth Sowter and Wallace Robeson, the engaged young folks. Others, close to the Mission though not of it, were Miss Corman, the matron at Talas, and Dr. and Mrs. Justin Wroe Nixon - Dr. Nixon is the pastor ad interim of the Dutch Chapel in Istanbul.

Though many were leaving their stations for the Spring holidays, Fernie Scovel was one returning to work; after a four weeks' vacation, most of which was spent visiting Dr. and Mrs. Nute, Senior, in Adana, she came back to take up afresh her work in the Treasury Department.

Sincerely,

Sylvia E. Meyer

No. 448

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, April 1, 1955.

Dear Friends:

Ken Olsen was married recently in a Quaker service in Des Moines; we have not yet learned the name of his bride. Saturday, March 26th, was the date set for Gwen Wolsted's marriage to George Merrill Davis in the Cambridge First Congregational Church. We are waiting for more details of both weddings.

On Tuesday, March 29th, a son, Colin Gray, was born to Ann and Bill Edmonds. Mother and son are expected home from the hospital this coming Tuesday.

Uskudar school has had distinguished visitors recently. Monday the 28th Ambassador Warren, driving up with a group from Ankara, stopped in for tea. The next day the guests were Dr. and Mrs. Benner, of the University of Illinois. Dr. Benner is in Turkey under the Ford Foundation on a special project of the Ministry of Education; he is setting up an experimental school near Ankara to develop a new curriculum. This is one of the many projects by which Turkey is trying to improve its educational system. In this effort, Turkey draws on help from experts of various countries in the fields of special as well as general education. A German expert on education of the dumb visited Diyarbakir recently with a member of the Gazi Enstitüsü to set up plans for a school for the dumb which is to be opened in September.

While others fared farther a-field during the past vacation, the Misses Brauer and Bissell, and Mrs. Woolworth made a visit to the site of the Nicene Conference, now known as Iznik. It was at this Council that the Nicene Creed was formulated. While Iznik is quite well-known as the site of ancient Nicea, we wonder how many know that another important church council was held somewhat closer to us here - Kadiköy is the site of old Chalcedon, at which the Council of Chalcedon was held in 541 A.D.

This week another party visited Iznik - Dr. and Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Birge, Dorothy Blatter and Helen Morgan made up the group.

Both Izmir and Istanbul sponsored 'Yurt gezi' trips during the vacation. One party from Izmir visited Uskudar, while another, led by Beulah Wang of Izmir, and later joined by Jean Potter and Milada Dolezal of Uskudar went to Antalya. From Uskudar the group of thirty girls, led by ten Turkish teachers visited Adana, Iskenderun, and Antakya, stopping overnight in Ankara on their way back.

The past two numbers of Dear Friends were delayed because of the absence of the editor, who, after four days in Ankara and a week in Diyarbakir with her parents, returned this week to take up her duties again. We hope that from now on, Dear Friends will come out on schedule.

Sincerely,

Sylvia E. Meyer

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, April 8, 1955.

Dear Friends:

It seems to be the season for weddings and Mediterranean cruises. Yesterday, April 7, Dr. William Birge was married to Sue Strother Rose in an afternoon wedding, with the groom's brother, Robert, as best man. His sisters, Kathy and Duffy were also present at the wedding. Kathy is studying Religious Education at Hartford; Duffy is looking forward to graduation and her own wedding in the summer.

There is another wedding planned for the quite near future which will interest Dear Friends readers. On June 5th, Carol Wiley is to be married to John Kingsbury in the Church of the Covenant in Cleveland. John is a graduate of Brown University and is now studying in the University of Michigan School of Forestry at Ann Arbor. He comes from a doctor's family in Saranac. Of course her parents, the Reverend and Mrs. Walter Wiley, will stay for the wedding, but are planning to sail immediately after for Turkey in order to take up work at the Dutch Chapel. Since Dr. and Mrs. Nixon will be leaving for home on May 2nd, there will be several supply ministers during the intervening weeks.

The latest cruise ship to visit Istanbul was the S/S Nieuw Amsterdam, which arrived on Tuesday, April 5, with, among others, Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Hodgkinson and daughter Charlotte on board. The Bergmarks entertained them during their one-day visit in the city; the weather for that one day was kind and they had a good tour of the city and the bazaars. They met Mr. and Mrs. Hamit Karaorman at tea at Markiz in the afternoon. The Nieuw Amsterdam sailed up to the Black Sea on Wednesday morning to give the passengers an early morning view of the beautiful shores of the Bosphorus before continuing the Mediterranean part of the cruise. Mr. Hodgkinson is head of Filene's, and also of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

Miss Emerson writes of the death of Miss Pauline Sage, who was connected in the early '30's with the Uskudar school. She had made her home in Chicago until 1952. She left there in 1952 to be near a dear nephew in Scarsdale, N.Y. The nephew's telegram read, "Active and happy to the end."

Miss Emerson has been leading a Lenten meditation group for the women of her church. The group numbers 35-40 and closed March 31st. Their subject of meditation was "Aspects of Prayer".

Lloyd Swift was a member of the three-day N E C C Radio-Audio-Visual Committee conference held in Beirut last month. This was the first of what is hoped will be annual meetings of this Committee. They met with representatives of RAVEMCCO, and discussed with them non-projected visual aids such as flannelgraph, as well as projected aids, filmstrips and slides and films. They also discussed the possibility of establishing a Christian radio station somewhere in the Near East.

Recently a Turkey get-together took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Heckman, 2888 S. Buchanan Street, C - 2, Arlington, Virginia. Mrs. Heckman was formerly Pauline Bartleman, and the Turkey folk who gathered in her home were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Inscoe (Mrs. Inscoe was formerly May Nilson) and Mrs. Alice Riggs, and (somewhat indirectly connected with Turkey) the parents and aunt of Helen Morgan. May Inscoe made the b Brooks, and Mrs. Riggs the dolmas for this occasion.

The Robert College Gym burned down, early Sunday morning. It is not known definitely what started the fire; theories are numerous, however. Fortunately, the Social Hall next to it was relatively little damaged.

Sincerely,
Sylvia E. Meyer

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, April 15, 1955.

Dear Friends:

Miss Clara Bissell had a flying visit from her nephew, Richard Vincent, Easter Sunday. He was enjoying a day's stopover at Istanbul, on his way to Tokyo where he is to be the representative of a Chemical company. He had stopped in London and Paris on business for the company, but the stop in Istanbul was for his own pleasure; Istanbul did not co-operate too well, however, for Sunday was a cold and rainy day, sandwiched in between two fine days.

More news of travellers during the spring holidays: Virgil Miller, of Tarsus, spent his vacation travelling in Syria.

Molly Bliss, of the Admiral Bristol Hospital, one of the well-known Bliss family which has done so much in the Near East, spent her vacation in Beirut, visiting relatives there.

Jack and Donna Jean Claypoole, who lived last year with Ruby Birzo at Uskudar (Donna Jean taught art at the school, while Jack worked with the YMCA) have provided more work for Chicago's hard-working police - the police have been trying to recover, so far without success, 1300 slides of Turkey, Jerusalem, Egypt, and European countries, as well as clothing and a number of other Near Eastern souvenirs which were stolen from their car in January. The loss of the slides was a particularly great misfortune, as Jack had planned to use them in YMCA classes. Jack and Donna Jean are living at 6545 S. Union Ave. in Chicago, where Donna Jean is the assistant Women and Girls' program secretary at the Southtown YMCA; Jack is working for his master's degree at George Williams College.

Miss Ethel Putney writes that her days are full - she teaches a church school class, has charge of the pictures and maps of the church school library, is on three or four church committees (of course one of them is the missionary committee), works occasionally on Miss Seabury's files at 14 Beacon Street, gives talks on Turkey Today, baby sits, and even does her share of housekeeping!

She also tells of a monthly meeting of 'Turks' former and present day - the 'Boston Station'. Misses Emerson and Blemker, the Carletons, the Goodsells, sometimes Olive Greene, who comes up from Montclair, Luther Fowle, and herself; the Averys and the junior Nutes have also been in the group.

Mrs. Huntington, after her visit to Beirut, and return here with stops at Turkey Mission stations on the way, has been in Greece, visiting Athens and Saloniki. In Athens, she was guest at Pierce College, where she saw the girls perform 'Pride and Prejudice'. Before going on to Saloniki, she paid a visit to Miss McCallum, and attended the dedication of the new YWCA building - which was also attended by the Queen of Greece. She was taken to see the YWCA School for Social work at Kifissia, and had meetings with the Robert College and Girls' College graduates as well, so her visit in Athens was a full one.

Mr. John Ives, a layman of the Congregational church who was sent as a United States representative to Congregational churches in Australia, is expected this evening in Istanbul, where he will spend a few days before continuing his homeward journey.

Sincerely,

Sylvia E. Meyer

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, April 22, 1955.

Dear Friends:

Last Friday evening Mr. John Ives arrived in Istanbul as planned, returning to the States from his trip to Australia, where he had been sent as a representative of the American Congregational church to the Congregational church of Australia. He had been asked by the American Board to visit the mission stations in India and Turkey on his return. Though his visit was therefore of a business nature, he nevertheless managed on Saturday to take a morning bazaaring and sightseeing; in the evening after a station supper at Üsküdar he told the group of the method used by his church to stimulate stewardship and lay work in the church. On Sunday afternoon he spoke to the Bible House church. After a flying visit to Izmir on Monday and Tuesday, he returned to a full Wednesday in Istanbul, during which he spoke to the Inter-faith group at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Shepard. He left Thursday by plane.

Dr. and Mrs. Nixon are busy seeing as much of Turkey as they can as May 2nd, the date set for their return to the States, draws nearer. Last week they visited Izmir and ancient Ephesus. The Dutch Chapel will face an interim period of two months between the time of their departure and the return of the Wileys to resume their duties in the church. The Nixons will have the company of Mrs. F. W. MacCallum as far as Athens, where she plans to visit Miss Emily McCallum during the month of May.

Last Thursday, Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Osborn with their five year old daughter arrived in Istanbul from Saloniki. They were the guests of the Borgmarks for three days, leaving on the Abbazia on Sunday the 17th. Saturday night they attended the Easter Mass at the Greek Patriarchate. Dr. Osborn is Professor of Church History in the School of Religion at Butler University in Indianapolis, but has this year been lecturing at the Ecumenical Institute at the Chateau de Bossey, near Geneva in Switzerland.

From Germany where he is with the Army near Frankfurt came Mrs. Leslie's nephew, Richard Thomas, for a few days' visit with his aunt. He was able, as were also Dr. and Mrs. Osborn, to be a guest at the Station supper last Saturday night at which Mr. Ives spoke.

During Pierce College's spring vacation, a group of its girls - numbering ninety or more - chaperoned by fourteen teachers, paid a week's visit to Istanbul. They saw all they could see during this week, undaunted by the gloomy reception the weather man gave them - the museums, the walls, the mosques - and even had a somewhat chilly trip up the Bosphorus. The group was led by the Dean of the College, Miss Koralli Krokodilou. With them, though not as chaperones, came Miss Anne Steward, American Board member of the College faculty, and Professor and Mrs. Avey (Dr. Albert Avey is a retired Professor of Latin of Ohio State University who is now finding it interesting to teach Latin to the Greeks in English at Pierce College), and a Miss Stockart who happened to be visiting at the College at the time the group left and decided to join them rather than miss the opportunity of seeing Istanbul.

The Aleppo College Glee Club went on its annual spring tour last month, and on Friday, March 25th, presented a concert at Beirut College for Women. The program, described as 'unusually fine' included two numbers from Bach's B Minor Mass - Crucifixus and Cum Sancto Spiritu.

Sincerely,

Sylvia E. Meyer

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, April 29, 1955.

Dear Friends:

Some weeks ago Dear Friends reported the marriage of Ken Olsen to a young lady unknown. Now we have learned that Mrs. Olsen was formerly LaNelle Nelson, originally from Texas and more recently from Des Moines. They first met in 1950 before Ken went to Turkey as a tutor in Tarsus, and met again in Chicago on his return. Now Ken is working in a Community House in the Kenwood district in Chicago with Nisei and Negro children, and LaNelle works in the Hyde Park Community Center House.

At Eastertime the young people of the Mardin Church put on an Easter play which was well received by crowded congregations at two performances.

Istanbul has had a number of visitors recently. Lois and Graydon Schneider were guests of Mrs. Birge for nearly a week. They are friends of Merle Crouse, fiance of Jean Potter; and Graydon was a friend of Bob Keller's in college; they roomed in the same hall of the College dormitory. He was graduated from Bethany Seminary last year and has been studying Theology at Göttingen University in Germany this past year. The Schneiders have been taking advantage of the long holiday between terms in German Universities to travel through the Near East, and will go back to Germany for another term of studies. Before coming to Istanbul they had stopped in Talas to visit Bob Keller, who is in his second year as tutor there.

Dr. Eugene Barnett, retired executive of the International Y.M.C.A., also spent some days in Istanbul during this past week. He met several members of the Board of Directors of the Istanbul Y.M.C.A. and was able to see something of the work that is being done here.

Mr. Siegfried Friedlieb, Bible Society accountant, arrived from Beirut on Wednesday. He will be here about a week.

Other visitors are expected soon. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Michaelian are expected to arrive on the 30th and plan to spend two weeks in Istanbul before going on into the interior. Mr. Michaelian left Turkey for the States with his parents when he was a child and now wants to visit the old country. From Istanbul they will go on to Ankara; Mrs. Michaelian will spend some time there while her husband goes on to Talas, Elazig, Diyarbakir, Urfa, Ainteb and Adana; they plan to go on together from Adana to Aleppo and Beirut. Mr. Michaelian is the head of a firm of manufacturers and importers of floor coverings.

Word has come that two doctors with their families are expecting to leave the States on May 18 on a Ford Foundation project to make a survey of the work of the Admiral Bristol Hospital and School of Nursing. Dr. Nathaniel Faxon, the former director of the Massachusetts General Hospital and now retired, is planning to come with his wife, and Dr. Bernard Daniels, a Denver surgeon, with his wife and fourteen year old daughter. With them will come Mr. Luther Fowle as interpreter. The group expects to stay in Istanbul a month. The many friends of Mr. Fowle will be glad to welcome him back to Turkey.

Illness in the family of the Fred Shepards has made it necessary for Mrs. Lorrin Shepard to leave hospital and husband in Istanbul in order to look after her son and his family in Aleppo.

Sincerely,

Sylvia E. Meyer

Dear Friends:

Last Friday, **Just at noon**, the TARSUS pulled away from the pier in front of the Yolcu Salonu carrying on board Mrs. Elvesta Leslie, Statesward bound for a well-earned furlough previous to her retirement. Her daughter Elizabeth Seager with little John Seager were able to go out to the dock to see her off, while almost the whole Bible House was out on the balcony to wave her goodbye. Of course the whole of the Treasury Office was there - David Bergmark, Fernie Scovel, Bay Gunther, Madeleine Devlet, and Helen Mansala. Mrs. Leslie had been the senior member of that department, having been working in the Bible House on Mission figures since 1922 and those who now carry on without her are no doubt feeling more than the others who have known her for many years, her departure from the place she had worked in so long and faithfully. Others of the Mission were also there to see her off: Mrs. F. W. MacCallum, William Sage Woolworth, Alice Reed, Dorothy Blatter, Janet Bergmark, and Sylvia Meyer - and many others would have liked to have been there but could not get away from other duties at that time.

Word has come from her already giving greetings to her friends here and telling of her pleasant trip to Italy. At Naples she was to transship to an Export Liner for her onward journey.

This has been a week of exodus from Istanbul. The Dutch Chapel had a farewell coffee after church on Sunday for Dr. and Mrs. Justin Wroe Nixon. They left Monday with Athens as their first stop. From there they are to go on to Italy where they plan to visit Rome and Florence. Thus they begin their journey homeward. The Dutch Chapel congregation feels very fortunate to have had his services as pastor-ad-interim for the four months they were here.

They began their journey in the care of Mrs. F. W. MacCallum, who was going to Athens to visit Miss Emily McCallum. She hopes to be there about a month before returning to Istanbul and the Bible House.

A day later Mrs. Ruby Birge followed, also Athens bound, planning to attend the Spring meeting of the Board of Managers of Pierce College. She will return at the end of the week. The meeting of the Near East Christian Council took William Sage Woolworth in an opposite direction - to Beirut. He is to return today after a week's absence. Meetings were held from May 2 to May 4. Two meetings were open to the public: one at which a panel of speakers discussed "Panorama of Christianity in the Near East, 1955", and another at which Dr. Visser 'tHooft, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, and Dr. Glora Wysner author of the Missions Study book Near East Panorama spoke on "Ecumenical Christianity in the World and the Near East."

David Bergmark left Istanbul for Aleppo also to attend the meeting of the Board of Managers of Aleppo College. His daughters, Julia and Pamela, journeyed part way with him, stopping at Aintab for a visit there. The rest of the family was also to have accompanied them, but a last-minute bout with measles kept little David home, and of course Mother stayed to take care of him.

Letters from the Mardin-Diyarbakir area show that work there is going on as busily as ever. Raymond White has recently made trips to several of the villages near-by where there are small Christian communities who are worshipping together under lay leadership. The church at Killit has finally got its bell, a gift from the Jammatt church in Ankara.

Sincerely,

Sylvia E. Meyer

Dear Friends:

Aleppo College was host last month to the I.S.C.A. (Inter-scholastic Student Christian Association) of Syria and Lebanon schools of all boards. The I.S.C.A. was holding a full week's conference with some 130 students and 25 leaders participating.

The Christian Herald tour for 1955 visited the American Mission and the N.E.S.T. in Beirut one Sunday last month before proceeding to Syria and Jerusalem. Dr. Daniel Poling, the leader, conducted a service of worship in the Armenian Evangelical Church in the evening.

Dr. and Mrs. Cochran, from the Presbyterian Mission Hospital in Resht, Iran, were visitors in Beirut and Aleppo; in Beirut Dr. Cochran attended a medical conference at the American University; en route for Istanbul, they stopped off at Aleppo, and this week in Istanbul they have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coan; Mr. Coan was in Iran for some years before coming to Istanbul to become Acting Director of the Istanbul Y.M.C.A.

Dr. Visser 'tHooft, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, has visited Istanbul with his wife on his way back to Geneva from Beirut where he had participated in the meetings of the Near East Christian Council. A reception was held last Friday for them at the offices of the World Council of Churches in Istanbul.

Mrs. Lyman MacCallum has been kept busy entertaining numerous visitors at the Bible House in past weeks. In the last week of April the Misses Anna Fox and Dorothy Litten, English Quakers travelling in the Near East were her guests. They had been visiting the Friends' Middle East Yearly Meeting in Ramallah, Jordan. Upon their departure, Miss Isabel Pifer, formerly with the American Friends' Service Committee in Israel and more recently with the N.E.C.C. in Jordan and Egypt, arrived with Ethelyn McClure of the Benton House Settlement in Chicago. A friend of hers, Mrs. John G. Hershey, was also a guest at the Bible House.

Former students and graduates of Merzifun who have been having monthly meetings in different places, had their April meeting at Dorothy Blatter's little house in Üsküdar on April 30th.

Paul Nilson in Diyarbakir has taken on unofficially the duties of chaplain to the American Army personnel working at the air-base there leading weekly Sunday evening services, and is also giving Turkish lessons and lectures about Turkey to a group interested in the country and language. Harriet Nilson is currently working on a translation into Turkish of the quarterly devotional The Upper Room. With seven Turkish friends going over her first draft with her, the work goes quickly, and she is able from their reactions to judge somewhat how it will be received.

A new little one has arrived at the home of the Robert Grunewalds (Üsküdar friends will remember Mrs. Grunewald as Marjorie Bullock). Richard Leland was born on April 17, 1955, weighing 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

Sincerely,

Sylvia E. Meyer

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, May 20, 1955.

Dear Friends:

With Turkey's Spor Bayram of the 19th of May being closely followed by the Şeker Bayram that follows Ramazan, the Muslim month of fasting, classes in the American Board schools in Turkey have come to an early close and Üsküdar has already bade farewell to several of its people. Tuesday evening, a group of members of the Istanbul station were at the Sirkeci railway station to see Helen Morgan and Jean Potter begin their homeward journey. Some students accompanied by fathers or brothers were also there to bid them a tearful farewell. Their sleeper compartment was crowded with numerous gifts of food and candy and even one tall carnation plant to cheer them and feed them on their long trip across Europe. Helen Morgan is returning for a year of furlough and will be back with us next year to take over administrative duties at Üsküdar. Jean Potter is finishing a three-year term of teaching in the school and is going home to be married. Her fiance, Merle Crouse, will begin theological studies at Bethany Seminary in Chicago in September, while Jean will be teaching primary school classes within easy commuting distance of the Seminary.

Wednesday, Dorothy Blatter got an early-morning start Statesward by plane. She will be spending the month of June with her family and numerous friends, returning to her desk at the Publication Department in July. That desk will be occupied during her absence by Bill Griswold, a tutor from the school at Talas whose month of summer service will be spent with the Publication Department.

California will soon welcome Alice Lindsley back; she left this morning by plane to spend her summer vacation in her home state and incidentally to pick up needed equipment for Üsküdar's new building which, it is hoped, will be ready for occupation by next fall.

This same conjunction of bayrams which brought about the early departure of these friends has brought about an early migration to Istanbul of members of all the other stations in the Mission, for sessions of Annual Meeting began Thursday evening, with the Keynote address being given by the chairman, Mrs. Blake, Friday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond White were perhaps the earliest arrivals, being already here on Tuesday; Mardin station is also providing the latest arrival, Lloyd Swift, who was detained by poor health, but is expected to arrive on Monday.

Meetings are to last through next week, so the next number of Dear Friends will have a fuller account of Annual Meeting doings. Following the close of the meetings, the school people will have to return to administer examinations to their graduating classes and to preside over their several Commencement Exercises which will take place during the middle of June.

During the interim between the departure of Dr. and Mrs. Nixon and the return of the Rev. and Mrs. Wiley, the Dutch Chapel will have various people leading its Sunday morning worship. Last Sunday, under Mrs. Bergmark's leadership, the children of the Sunday School gave a very fine program; the Reverend Mr. Stoltzfus preached a short sermon. This coming Sunday the Rev. John Kingsbury, a new missionary of the American Board who has been in Talas this year busy with language study, will fill the pulpit. The following Sunday the congregation will hear the Rev. Paul E. Nilson.

Sincerely yours,

Sylvia E. Meyer

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, May 27, 1955.

Dear Friends:

This week we have received both a bit of sad news and a bit of very glad news. On May 4th, the Reverend Ernest Croker Partridge died at the age of 84 in Stow, Ohio, where he had been living with his son, Edward Partridge. Mr. Partridge had been for 33 years a missionary in the Near East. He had built up the boys' school in Sivas between 1900 to 1915, and made it one of the most important educational centers of our Mission. He also served in general work in Beirut, and in Izmir, where he supervised the construction of Bristol Hall at the American Collegiate Institute. His greatest service, perhaps, was in organizing and administering the educational program of the Near East Relief in the Caucasus. Here he was responsible for the education of over 20,000 orphans in a war-torn land, famine-and-pestilence-ridden. With no trained teachers, no books, no equipment, he started from the bottom in establishing an educational system, and accomplished the impossible. He was retired in 1933 and spent many years of 'retirement' as the pastor of a church in Florida, where he continued his ministry until very recently; at the same time he was active in the Valparaiso County Health and T B Society and the Y M C A. With his going, the Mission feels it has lost still another of its great figures. Mr. Partridge is survived by his wife, Mrs. Winona Graffam Partridge, (address: Box 286, Stow, Ohio), four sons, and one daughter.

The glad news - probably one of the biggest surprises the Mission has had - was brought by Luther Fowle on his arrival here last Friday evening. He then made announcement of his marriage to Mary Eliza Gleason on May 14, 1955. The marriage took place privately in the beautiful white Chapel at All Souls' Church, New York City, where Curtis Fowle was married fourteen years ago. The Rev. Lawrence Neale, a relative of the bride's family, officiated.

The date for the wedding had been set for June 24th, but with the unexpected request that Mr. Fowle accompany to Turkey the Survey team of two doctors, plans were suddenly changed. (Readers of Dear Friends will remember an earlier mention of this team which has come under a grant from the Ford Foundation to study the work, function, and field of the Admiral Bristol Hospital of Istanbul; Mr. Fowle has come as aide, interpreter, and government-liaison man.) Mr. Fowle rather feels that one of his roles for the past 42 years in the Near East Mission has been to tip in the right direction as they fall, plans that have been upset. Thus, the request that he journey to Turkey led to the sudden suggestion to move forward the date of the wedding from June 24th to May 14th.

On the following morning there was a real "wedding breakfast" at daughter Joy's apartment and at noon they were off by train to "Mary Villa" (one of their homes at 42 Fisk Street, West Dennis, Mass., the Fowle home is at Thetford, Vermont). Miss Gleason worked with Dr. Goodsell in establishing the Istanbul Branch of the Y M C A in 1920, and during the following two years was connected with the High Commission headed by Admiral Bristol, centered in the American Embassy in Istanbul; it was during these years that she had picked up the ancient ceramic shield-plaque inscribed "Mary-Villa" which now adorns the cottage and gives it its name.

Miss Gleason is the niece of the late Martha Jane Gleason who served under the American Board in Turkey from 1878 to 1901 and was the founder of the rightly-beloved Gedik Pasha School, one of the many closed in the early 1930's during the Depression.

A dinner on the evening of May 26th honored Mr. Fowle and all the members present at Annual Meeting were able to share in a gift of table linen (worked by Bulgarian refugees in Istanbul) given with the hope that it would aid the newly-married couple in setting up housekeeping upon the bridegroom's return to the States.

Sincerely yours, S. E. Meyer

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, June 3, 1955.

Dear Friends:

Delegates have come and gone, and the Annual Meeting of 1955 is already a thing of the past. Sandwiched in as it was in the bayram period between the end of classes and the beginning of examinations, it was necessarily a time of strict attention to business with the time given to recreation and fellowship very much curtailed.

The final tea of the Meeting honored Dr. and Mrs. Wilson Dodd who are returning this summer to the States. Dr. Dodd had previously been with the Mission in Talas and Gaziantep, and had later served some years as physician at Mount Hermon School for Boys; he returned to the Mission in 1953 to enable the doctors on the field to take well-deserved furloughs. The Mission has much appreciated having the Dodds in Talas during these two years, and bids them 'God-speed' as they return to the States, where Dr. Dodd is now to be physician at Union Seminary.

Amongst those who came for the first time were the Fred Shepards who drove up from Aleppo for the occasion with their three youngsters and Mrs. Lorrin Shepard. Fred Shepard has returned to Aleppo with the other Aleppo members for the last weeks of school, while Mary Alice Shepard is staying in Dorothy Blatter's house with the children. Fred plans to return towards the end of June to spend his vacation with his parents and family camping up on Ulu Dag.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kingsbury came up from Talas with their son Robbie; John and Sarah attended the meetings while their son stayed at Rumeli Hisar with the Bergmarks and enjoyed being with young David Bergmark, just his age. The Kingsburys have returned to Talas with a stop-over in Ankara; they are to keep the Talas station open and practicing Turkish on their teacher who is coming from Kayseri to live with them during the summer. In the fall they are to move to Izmir to further perfect their Turkish under the watchful eye of Lynda Blake.

Though it is their second year with the mission, it was the first Annual Meeting for Jean and Bill Griswold, who also came up from Talas. They are staying in Istanbul until August, and readers of Dear Friends will hear more from them, for they will take two June numbers of our News Notes during the absence of the editor.

Though it was not Ann's first, it was the first experience at Annual Meeting for Bill Edmonds and young Collin. The Edmondses will be going to Talas in the fall, and Talas will be ready to welcome them with open arms.

Others present at the meetings for the first time were Elizabeth Tuers and Barbara Griffis from Aleppo, and Alice Hanawalt from Izmir; Ann Mereness and Clara Bissell and Milada Dolezal of Uskudar, of course, did not have far to travel in order to attend.

Mr. Theodor Wieser and Mr. Philotheos Zikas were guests from Greece. Mr. Wieser is running a Preventorium in Athens under the auspices of the "Oeuvre Suisse D'Assistance Chretienne", and Mr. Zikas is a fraternal worker of the American Board doing evangelistic work amongst the Moslems in Thrace.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Meyering were also welcome guests.

The spiritual life of the group was richly provided for in the Communion and Memorial services, and the opening and closing services as well as in the two daily devotional periods. Mrs. Blake, as chairman of the meeting, gave the Keynote Address on the theme 'Life is Commitment'. During the other services, members of the different stations shared 'Experiences in Christian Living and Witness'. Rev. Paul Nilson led the Communion service and the closing service of the meeting.

Sincerely,
Sylvia E. Meyer

Dear Friends:

Sylvia and Hans Meyer have gone on a brief visit to the Holy Land and environs, so these two issues of "Dear Friends" are being written by the Griswolds. The latter are doing their summer service in Istanbul.

Summer travel plans are being carried out in the grand manner. Mother MacCallum returned on May 30 from a trip to Greece, looking hale and hearty. "Greek weather seems to agree with me," she related. Miss Gladys Roberts, sister of Mrs. Robin MacCallum, arrived in Istanbul recently from England. She will be here for several weeks. The Bible House hostel was well-entertained, as were the members of Uskudar School, by C. Brainerd Metheny of Beaver Falls, Penna. Mr. Metheny is not only a scion of a Reformed Presbyterian mission family, born in Mersin and a successful insurance salesman, but also a professional magician. The School hasn't been the same since he pulled 10 liras from Miss Martin's ear and poured "whiffle dust" on some amazingly fecund rabbits found in Miss Hagopian's hands.

Several delegates to Annual Meeting from the interior decided to stay on in Istanbul after the Meeting was finished. Rev. and Mrs. Raymond White of Mardin will continue here for a few more days before returning to the east. Mr. White has been recovering quickly from some expert repair work done at the Admiral Bristol. Dr. and Mrs. William Nute, Sr. have just flown back to Adana. They will be in Talas to continue the work of the Clinic in September.

Mrs. Elvesta T. Leslie's first letter came recently. "...I am at the Goodsells having come here last evening with a group from Auburndale---the Wileys, Betty Avery, Ginger Nute, Misses Fletcher, Phelps, Pinneo, Mrs. Brewster. They had been invited over to hear Mrs. Huntington...tell about her trip through the Mission. (Mrs. Huntington came through about April of this year, managing to visit most of the Stations, making interesting comments on life in Turkey in general and at Robert College in particular. Ed.note.)

"Monday I had lunch with Peggy Brown Mason and her mother at Altman's and wandered through the store afterward with them and then went to Zabel Topakian's office to see her. (Thursday) afternoon I went to the Y.W. and saw the ladies there and Esther Briesemeister and Bayan HarikaFashion note: skirts are quite short---so I did not feel absurd in mine."

Mrs. Leslie gives her permanent address as Northport, Michigan. The return address on the envelope is c/o Mr. C.R. Thomas, 21575 Curtis, Detroit, Michigan.

It is with great sorrow that we report the death, on June 4, of Ohannes Kasparyan, the keeper of the Bible Society shop in Istanbul. His death occurred after about two weeks of illness. He had been suffering from heart trouble for several years, but always made remarkable recoveries.

Ohannes entered the service of the Bible Society in 1902 and served continuously until his death at the age of 76. He was a mine of interesting anecdotes about the great men who directed the work of the Society and the Mission. His presence will be sorely missed.

Sincerely,
William J. Griswold

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, June 17, 1955.

Dear Friends:

A proverb suggests that "the fool wanders far; the wise man travels". Many are the travelers we have seen in recent days! Three weeks ago Mrs. J. K. Birge and Robert Keller left for America. Recently a card told of their arrival and meeting with Dorothy Birge who is to be wed to Mr. Keller in August.

Mrs. Sofi Huri of the Publication Department returned the first of June from a trip to Holland and England. She was invited as one of five international speakers at a conference held near Queen Juliana's palace in Apledoorn. The Queen herself was present at most of the meetings, discussion groups and meals. The purpose of the conferences, which are held three times a year in Holland, is "to bring together people of different lands and faiths under the maxim 'God, founder of the world, therefore Invincible.' Their belief is that through personal touch and understanding people can like and understand each other and help bring peace to the world," Mrs. Huri stated. Her subject was "Ken'an Rifai (a twentieth century Muslim Saint) and His Teachings", as revelation of Islam in the present century.

Mrs. Huri made a short visit in England after the conference was over, visiting Woodbrooke College in Selly Oak, where she was a student in 1931-32.

The bias of the editor may be apparent, but here's some news from Talas. The John Scotts had a brief vacation in Ankara after Gwen left Annual Meeting. They went on to Lake Abant which was a) cold, b) pahali, and c) superbly beautiful. Ralph Meyering and Bill Mathews went toward the east of Turkey, on an extended tour before going back to America. They have finished three fruitful years as tutors. Tom Goodrich will be assistant director during August in Talas. Isabel Hemingway is to go to language school in Izmir with the Scotts and Griswolds. The Kingsburys are continuing their Turkish studies in Talas until September.

Recent visitors to the Bible House from Tarsus were Roger Monroe, Euford Jones and Virgil Miller, all on their way to Europe for the summer. Stanley Cherim flew in and flew out to Copenhagen, where he will be wed sometime this summer. He and his bride will return to Tarsus in time for school.

A wedding anniversary, birthday and farewell party for Fern and Ray White was given recently at Uskudar School. Later they flew back to continue their work at Mardin. Dr. Paul E. Nilson writes that he preached in the JAMMAT pulpit on June 12 in the absence of Chaplain John Batterson who has been reassigned. Chaplain Batterson has been replaced by Major Albert R. Moss of Texas. While in Ankara, Dr. Nilson renewed old friendships in the American group and among his many old students.

It was with a note of sadness we bade farewell to Milada Dolezal who went home to America after a year's teaching at Uskudar. Milada added a warm personality, a high sense of calling to the teaching profession and an ability to accomplish out small kindnesses which were deeply appreciated by those who worked with her. On the same boat went David and Janet Bergmark and their children David, Pamela, and Julia, on their way home for furlough.

The next two issues of "Dear Friends" will be edited by Mr. and Mrs. William Sage Woolworth. Then, by July 8, the regular editors will be back home from their vacation.

Sincerely yours,
William J. Griswold

Dear Friends:

Two ~~NINETEETH~~ **NINETIETH BIRTHDAYS** among the retired members of our Mission deserve first honors:

On May 28th Mrs. Eula B. Lee, now of Auburndale, was honored at a family party luncheon served at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury. Prof. Estes escorted Mrs. Lee to this great occasion and a brother and sister, nieces, nephews and cousins were also present. Clever poems written by different members of the family, and also letters from absent members were read. Mrs. Lee then told of her varied positions, and said that, in spite of ups and downs, she had had a very happy and interesting life.

That same evening Barton House celebrated this happy day with orchid decorations, delicious ice cream and a lovely birthday cake.

On May 30th there was further celebration to honor the "Great Lady" at an outdoor picnic in Auburndale at which Dr. Carleton served as toastmaster and where twenty-one Near Easterners were present.

On June 25th Mrs. Robin MacCallum entertained family friends and the Mission circle at a delicious luncheon at their apartment in honor of Mrs. Mima MacCallum on her ninetieth birthday. Numerous floral gifts decorated the rooms. Elizabeth MacCallum, who had arrived from England two days previous, carried the three-tiered birthday cake decorated with many 90's to her grandmother, at which time the thirty-three guests joined in the special birthday song. Dr. Lorrin Shepard then spoke of his touch with the MacCallums from his childhood days in Gaziantep, and expressed deep appreciation of having been associated with Mrs. MacCallum in Istanbul for the past twenty-eight years. In her response Mrs. MacCallum said that she has celebrated birthdays in six different countries, as well as several times on the high seas. She spoke of the happiness which had come into her life from her friends and associates.

Another celebration to be noted is the eighth wedding anniversary of Bob and Betty Avery on May 31st, which was celebrated in Auburn-dale on the 30th. Dr. Nute Jr. made the congratulatory remarks.

Letters from the Bergmark family and Milada Dolezal speak of very interesting sightseeing in Venice and of attendance at several events in the Music Festival in Vienna. They plan to be in Paris about July first. Travel has been made easier by the use of a car across Europe.

Miss Marion Nossier of the Maarif Koleji in Ankara, stopped in and had lunch with the Bible House family this week. She was on her way to England for a short vacation.

Mr. Fred Shepard returned on Thursday to join his family at Uskudar, after completing his year-end school duties at Aleppo College.

Mr. Hubbard Goodrich, who graduated from Hobart College in 1954 and has been studying anthropology in Columbia and directed play-ground work in New York City this past year, has come to visit with his brother Tom, of Talas; and both are guests of the Griswolds at Uskudar.

Mr. and Mrs. Donn Kesselheim of Tarsus are vacationing in Cyprus.

Word has been received from Mr. Luther Fowle that he and his Mary were spending several days at her place on Cape Cod, and were expecting to go thence for a short visit to Thetford, where they were to be joined by Jim, Alison and Rebecca, as also by Joy. The Cape Cod address is 52 Fisk St., W. Dennis, Mass.

Sincerely yours, *The Woolworths*

No. 461

American Board Mission, Post Box 142
Istanbul, Turkey, July 2, 1955

Dear Friends:

Miss Cecelia Berg, formerly a member of our Mission and now a teacher in Chicago, arrived in Istanbul by plane on Sunday to visit and travel with Miss Clara Bissell. The two are now spending the weekend in Izmir as guests of Miss Harriet Yarrow.

Mr. Harold Murray, who is returning to the States after four years of teaching in Tarsus, came to Istanbul on Tuesday, and plans to leave on July 5th, going across Europe by train.

Mrs. George Helling (née Bobbi Burns) is returning to the U.S. after a period of study of village life in Turkey. She arrived yesterday from Ankara and leaves this evening, expecting to join the Bergmarks and Milada Dolezal at Southampton on July 8th to sail with them on the S.S. Ryndam. George will still be working in villages this summer, and plans to return to the States in September.

Rev. and Mrs. Walter Wiley returned to Istanbul yesterday on the S.S. Mediterranean, after their year of furlough in America. A number of friends from the Mission and Church met them at the quai, and many others welcomed them at the manse.

Mrs. Ruby Birge writes that after a busy Commencement weekend in Oberlin, she and Duffy were spending two weeks at the home of Bob Keller in Greenfield, Ohio. She speaks of good visits with Miss Fanny Noyes and Mr. and Mrs. George Michaelidis in Oberlin.

Miss Gladys Lucas, formerly of Aleppo, sends word of the death of her father on June 22nd. He went to sleep in his easy chair in the garden where he had spent so many happy hours. Miss Lucas' address is:

22 Scotland Road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex, England.

Dr. Adnan Adivar, who, with his wife Halide Edip, has been a moving spirit during the formation and development of the Turkish Republic, died yesterday at his home in Istanbul. Besides his activities as a doctor and writer, he has held important positions at strategic times. He has been head of the Faculty of Medicine at Istanbul University. He has held office in the Red Crescent Society. He was Assistant Chairman of the National Assembly during the days of the National Struggle for Independence, and a member of the Assembly many years since then. He has been Minister of Health and Minister of the Interior. Our Mission was represented at the funeral service at the Bayazit Mosque, and at the Memorial service at the University.

Announcements have been received from Dr. and Mrs. Carleton of the marriage of Anne Marie to Mr. William Vaughn Wright on Sunday June 12th in Cambridge. Congratulations and all best wishes!

Sincerely yours,

The W. W. Wrights

Dear Friends:

Mrs. F. W. MacCallum asks us to pass on her most cordial thanks to those, her friends, who so thoughtfully left greetings for her from Annual Meeting. She wishes that, while avoiding her mistakes and shortcomings, they may follow her example of sailing quietly into some nonagenarian port, with many good friends aboard.

Frank Stone and Harold Murray left Tarsus in the middle of last month to take part in the marriage ceremony of Ruth Sowter and Wally Robeson which took place on Monday, the 13th of June. Frank performed the ceremony, while Harold did his bit as best man. Maid of honor was Beulah Wang. After the wedding, the bride and groom sailed off for Italy and Germany, whence they will return by August to settle down to the business of learning Turkish in language school. Harold wended his way to Istanbul, and after a brief sojourn here, left on the fifth of this month to begin his homeward journey by train through Europe. While in Europe he might happen in on the wedding of Stanley Cherim which we understand is to take place in Copenhagen next week. Stanley left Tarsus last month and has been preparing for the great event ever since. Dick and Georgie Maynard are busily arranging apartments for the two couples, who are expected in Tarsus in September. Two other Tarsus tutors seeing Europe this summer are Buford Jones and Roger Monroe.

Amongst the travellers coming and going this week, Dorothy Blatter was met at the airport Tuesday evening by the Fred Shepards and Fernie Scovel. Dorothy has not yet got over her amazement at being able to leave Istanbul at 8:40 one morning, and, in spite of a three-hour delay on the way, arrive in New York at 8:30 the next - just one day, though it was a long day of 31 hours because of the seven hours' difference in time between here and New York. She was met at New York by Peg Brown Mason, once a tutor at Üsküdar, and Zabel Ohanian Topakian, who handled Üsküdar's finance for a number of years before emigrating to the States and getting married there. She saw her nephew James Ross get his doctor's degree in New York, spoke to her supporting church in Evanston, and settled down for four weeks with her brother at Albion, Nebraska. Then followed busy days in Boston, shopping and seeing Board friends before her return flight. On her return, she spent a day with Gladys Lucas in England, and one in Vienna with Mrs. Scheu Riess, who is busy promoting Children's literature for World Peace.

Mr. C. Brainerd Metheney returned to Istanbul from Mersin, expecting to spend a few days here before returning to the States.

Lloyd and Gladys Swift left Mardin with their family for their first visit to Diyarbakir. Although the renters who had been occupying the larger half of the Diyarbakir house had just left, there had not been time to make any rooms livable, so Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nilson took them in to their own rooms. Six additional people in two rooms made quite a lively time! Repairs have been begun since then, and Paul Nilson writes that the Misses Alice Reed and Ethel Lovatt will have more spacious accommodations upon their arrival at the end of this coming week.

Paul N. Nilson of the Bible Society has moved into a new apartment just above the Kabataş car ferry landing. After some days' practice at housekeeping, he was sufficiently silled in his new role to receive Mission Friends at an Open House on Thursday afternoon.

After an extensive tour which included Talas, Tarsus, Adana, Aleppo, Beirut, and Jerusalem, the editor and editor-consort have returned to Istanbul and are back at the job of editing.

Sincerely,

Sylvia E. Meyer

Dear Friends;

Lincoln Blake and Barbara Ann Holly were married Saturday, the twenty-fifth of June, at the First Church in Cambridge Congregational. It was fine for the groom that both his parents, Lynda and Jack Blake were able to be in the States at the time.

Miss Anne Stewart, teacher of English at Pierce College, has arrived in Istanbul to spend some weeks getting acquainted with the Istanbul members of the mission and helping in the business office. She is staying at Uskudar and expects to commute with the other members of business office and Publication Department. She brought word with her that Miss Mary Ingle had returned to Saloniki from her year of furlough, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Compton have begun, or are about to begin, a vacation trip through Yugoslavia.

After assuring that Ruth and Wally Robeson were properly married in Izmir, Frank Stone has been spending some weeks travelling about Turkey visiting a number of his students of Tarsus Koleji. After visits in Bolu and Bursa, he arrived last Saturday night in Istanbul and spent two busy days visiting her before he left by Motorlu Tuesday morning for Ankara.

Donn and Chel Kesselheim have been spending their vacation with the children in Cyprus and have returned now to Tarsus, while Dick and Georgie Maynard have now followed their example and left for their vacation in Cyprus.

Other arrivals in Istanbul have been Mrs. Harry Meyering, whose husband is to follow her soon, arriving tomorrow, and Mrs. Alice MacCallum, with her daughter Judy. The Meyerings are paying one more visit to Istanbul but will soon be returning to the States, as Mr. Meyering has nearly completed his work with the Turkish Department of Education.

Mrs. Alice MacCallum and Judy have left their home in Toronto to spend some weeks with the MacCallum family on the top floor of the Bible House. Mrs. MacCallum is the daughter-in-law of 'Mother MacCallum'.

The Misses Cecilia Berg and Clara Bissell have flown away from Istanbul, after a short visit in Izmir, for a month of roaming around in Europe. Miss Bissell has been teaching in Uskudar during this past year, and after her jaunt through Europe will be returning to sunny California, where she'll catch up on news of people at Pilgrim Place.

After a delay in obtaining a passport that threatened until the very last moment to prevent her leaving, Miss Hagopian managed to survive the suspense and sail off on Wednesday for Marseilles, where she will be attending an international gathering of Armenian Evangelicals.

Chicago has been and expects still to be a reunion place of Turkey-ites. Bob Avery and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Olsen visited the Fyfes recently, and Dr. Bill Nute, Jr. called on the phone while travelling through, to say that they would be back through Chicago again for a visit. The Fyfes are still hoping for a chance for a larger reunion, with the Olsens, Fyfes, and Al and Kay Dewey, and perhaps the Averys. Jim Fyfe is at present resident man at Christopher House (a neighborhood settlement house) for the summer, but expects again to have a student pastorate somewhere near Chicago for the coming year as he continues his studies at McCormick Seminary.

Sincerely,

Sylvia E. Meyer

No. 464

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, July 22, 1955.

Dear Friends:

Mrs. Harry Meyering has left for the States; Dr. Meyering has arrived in Istanbul to help in a Guidance Institute organized by the Dept. of Education. The Institute is to last three weeks, following which Dr. Meyering will travel back to the States by way of Europe; he will be seeing his brother at Berchtesgaden, in Germany. Son Ralph Meyering, after a motorcycling tour in Eastern Turkey with Bill Matthews (both young men have been tutors in Talas and have completed their three-year terms) is now running a playground in Izmir, as he did last year.

Helen Morgan and Martha Millett are finishing a five-week Missionary Training Conference at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania. Helen speaks enthusiastically of the conference, especially of the inspiration received by the lectures of Dr. Kenneth Cragg, who is giving a course on the Missionary Purpose. Dr. Eugene Nida, of the Bible Society was also one of the lecturers she found noteworthy. Both Helen and Martha are expecting to return to Üsküdar during the course of the coming year. The Missionary training Conference is the third annual conference sponsored by the National Council of Churches.

We hear that Gene Pringle, tutor at Tarsus in the late '40's is now music librarian in Brooklyn New York Public Library. In '55-'56 he is to be exchange librarian in England - at Birmingham, possibly, though we are not sure of our information on that point.

Ann Mereness has returned from six weeks spent in Dbrovnik, Jugoslavia; she is tann and well, and says she has had a wonderful time!

More vacation plans are being made and put into action. Miss Alice Reed left last Friday for a two weeks vacation trip to Diyarbakir, Mardin, and Antep. Together with Ethel Lovatt, she spent a day with the Nilsons seeing the sights of Diyarbakir before going on to Mardin.

Next day, Marie McGinnis started off by train for Germany, expecting to be gone a month. She expects to catch up with the Misses Bissel and Berg and travel with them, and hopes also to visit a friend in Frankfurt.

Harriet and Paul Nilson left Diyarbakir shortly after the visit of the Misses Reed and Lovatt, arriving in Istanbul on Thursday. They are travelling westward on Sunday for a visit to the home of the Meyer family in Germany, with Hans and Sylvia Meyer as guides. They hope during the month they are gone, to be able to see Mrs. Nilson's brother, who is visiting in Paris, and perhaps their niece who will be visiting in Sweden during that time.

The editor bids farewell again to readers of Dear Friends, as she and the editor-consort will be accompanying the Nilsons on the above-mentioned visit to the Meyer family in Germany.

Sincerely,

Sylvia E. Meyer

Dear Friends:

The editors are off on a vacation again. Bear with us while several stay-at-homes take over. After the present writer it will be Elizabeth MacCallum, Paul Nilson, and Dorothy Blatter in that order.

Miss Jessie Martin left today for Iskenderun and Soguk Oluk where she plans to have her vacation. She is going to live with some old friends from Aleppo, Dr. Altunian and his family. The latter have a lovely home in pine-forested surroundings, a fine place for rest and relaxation.

Tomorrow Jean and Bill Griswold leave Istanbul for Izmir and the semi-annual Language School which begins on August 2nd. They will be joined there by Isabel Hemingway and the John Scotts of Talas. Contingencies will come from the other three schools as well as Miss Molly Bliss of the Amerikan Hastanesi in Istanbul. Other news of Talas' people: Tom Goodrich is on his way to Samsun for a week. Brother Hubbard, with Bill Mathews, made his way to Izmir for a few days before returning to Europe and America.

Connie Shepard arrived last Tuesday to stay for an extended period with her parents Dr. and Mrs. Lorrin Shepard. A welcome-home party and general get-together was held at Dorothy Blatter's cottage at Çalidere, attended by a host of friends from Europe: Mrs. Mima MacCallum, Robin and Elizabeth, Alice MacCallum and her daughter Judy, plus Gladys Roberts (Robin's sister) and the Shepards. Fernie Scovel with Dorothy Blatter acted as co-hostesses with Fred and Mary Alice Shepard assisting. With Connie was Miss Jane Robinson, a college friend who is visiting with her.

Dr. Harry Meyering has been finishing up his report concerning the things he's done and seen these past eight months. Among a list of bibliographic titles he came across a page which had been translated from Turkish to English by some hard-working translator. Originally in English, the books were such things as Child Psychology, Guidance for Youth. One title stood out in particular: We Leave You By God, Mr. Chips---a rather loose translation of Allahismarladik, Mr. Chips.

Istanbul has been the center of many touring groups from the States, two of which were catered to by Bible House personnel. The Council for Social Action of the Congregational-Christian Churches, under the leadership of the chairman Dr. Ray Gibbons were visitors from July 11 to 15. Then on the 16th, under the direction of Prof. Paul Nimkoff, Sociologist of the University of Florida a group called a "Seminar on Marriage and Family Life" were guided thru the environs of this city. William Sage Woolworth made all the necessary arrangements and Bill Edmonds, Bill Griswold, Paul Nilson and several others acted as reherberler thru the Grand Bazaar, various mosques, museums and places of interest. Both groups stayed at the new Hilton Hotel which, tomorrow, will house members of the National Education Association of America which is holding its annual conference in Istanbul this year.

Next issue of D.F. will be edited by Liz MacCallum, recently of Oxford, England. Anglicized spelling and syntax will thus be accounted for, if not over-looked!

Sincerely yours,

William J. Griswold

Dear Friends:

With the summer travel season in full swing, this has been a week of arrivals and departures here in Istanbul. Many of the travelers were bound for language school in Izmir, which opened under the direction of Jack Blake and Naomi Foster on August 31st.

Dr. Harry Meyering has been staying as a guest of the Woolworths for some days. Having now completed his report on the state of Turkish schools, he plans to return to America shortly. Ralph Meyering also spent a few days at the Woolworths before returning to Izmir for language school.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nilson and Mr. and Mrs. Hans Meyer left together on July 31st for a vacation in Europe. Word was received from them from Munich, telling of an interesting train journey with a pleasant stopover at the Saloniki school. Hans and Sylvia will be staying with his parents in Germany, while the Nilsons hope to include Sweden in their travels.

Mrs. Edith Laird arrived from Beirut on July 30th for a month's holiday with the MacCallums. She brought news of the impending arrival of Miss Elizabeth P. MacCallum, who is driving up from Beirut via Maraş, where she is to spend a few days at the old mission campsite on Yavşan Dagi. Mrs. Alice MacCallum and Judy MacCallum left by boat on August 5th for Venice, London and Canada, having spent three weeks in Istanbul.

We are very glad to be able to report the birth of a second son to Mrs. Elizabeth Seager, daughter of Mrs. Vesta Leslie. Mother and son are both doing well. Another new arrival is Charlotte Joy, second daughter of Jim and Alison Fowle.

A recent letter from Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Young tells of a happy family summer at their home in Camp Hill, Pa. They send greetings to all old friends in Istanbul.

Mr. Raymond White writes that Mardin Station is currently sending out 250 copies of Sunday School lessons for children each week--a total of 3,250 each quarter. These are mimeographed sheets with an outline picture to be coloured by the children, a Golden Text to be memorized, and a brief explanation of the Bible passage which serves as the basis for the lesson. They follow the lesson schedule of the International Council of Religious Education--only the material is used one year after the date for which it was published. Lloyd and Gladys Swift get the mimeographed material ready for mailing, and Raymond White sends it out to the villages where it is used. For Youth and Adult groups, 75 copies a week are sent out of the lesson guides which are translated and printed for this purpose by the Publication Department.

Istanbul has been suffering from--or enjoying, depending on one's point of view--an unprecedented spell of cool and rainy weather. Kurban Bayram festivities were considerably dampened, and those of us who assert to visitors that the sun shines continuously in Istanbul have lost much face. Sudden cloudbursts produced two separate floods in the Bible House Apartment and one at the Scutari School to the certain knowledge of the editor, though no doubt many other households had similar experiences.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth MacCallum

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, August 12, 1955.

Dear Friends,

Being inexperienced in the news-gathering business (mine is more often wool gathering over account books) I find that I have been unable to prevent my predecessors of the past few weeks from scooping me on some items which belong rightly to this week's news. I find, for example that the news that Dr. Harry MEYERING planned to leave Turkey on his way back to the U.S. this Wednesday (Aug. 10) has been announced in two or three of the latest issues of this news-sheet. Now that he has actually left the fact of his leaving is no longer news so I will have to leave that little tid-bit out of this issue and try to fill in with a few less well publicised bits of information.

One piece of news to which all my dear readers in Turkey should pay particular attention, is the completion of the first issue of the Turkish translation of the UPPER ROOM. This first issue is an experimental one of 500 copies but it certainly is not experimental in appearance. The covers, with attractive colored pictures, came from the U.S. but all the rest of the work was done here. Mrs. Harriet F. NILSON is responsible for the translation in which she received invaluable aid from Turkish teachers and acquaintances in Diyarbakir. Dorothy BLATTER and the Publication Department were in charge of the publishing work. It is hoped that any of you who have Turkish speaking friends will take it upon yourselves to acquaint your friends with this little devotional booklet. (After that plug do you think Dorothy will let me get away without paying for the Bible Society advertisement on the inside of the back cover?)

Other editors seem to have no shortage of travelers about whom to write when they can think of nothing else of interest. I can only mention the visit of Rev. EDER, the pastor of the Community Church in Beirut, and his wife. They arrived in Istanbul last week and so rightly belong in the previous issue but I'm the one who got the news so I'll use it. They planned only a few days visit but the weather has been so cool that they extended their stay to about a week.

Last night as I rode home on the bus we ran into a snarl of traffic caused by a very snappy parade of U.S. sailors and marines. The Navy arrived early this morning. As near as I can make out there are only four ships this time. An aircraft carrier, a cruiser, a supply ship and an oiler. Unfortunately I have not been able to learn their names (sudden changes in deadlines limit the editor to pulling the news off the top of his hat without any research.)

Fortunately for the inexperienced editor there are still a few people who realise that a newsletter has to receive news if it is to tell it. Two items have come to me through the thoughtfulness of such people. The first is that Miss Catharine Wright writes (no pun intended) that she will be teaching Chemistry at the Women's College of the university of North Carolina. Her address this fall will be 203 South Tremont Drive, Greensboro, N.C. Many of you will remember that for long years Miss Wright taught at the American Girls' College at Arnavutköy.

The second item is from Mrs. Edith S. Adkins who tells of the graduation of Winthrop Ross Adkins from Princeton and his commissioning in the U.S. Navy. He is assigned to the USS Salem which is in the Mediterranean so he hopes to visit in Turkey and Syria.

Sincerely yours,

Paul H. Nilson

Dear Friends:

A host of friends gathered at Bristol, Conn. to attend the wedding of Dorothy Birge and Robert Keller on August 6th. Dr. Alford Carleton performed the ceremony, Priscilla Birge was Maid of Honor, Robert Birge gave his sister in marriage and William Birge and John Keller were two of the ushers. The bride and groom sailed for England on August 17th and will be "at home" at Talas, Turkey after September 10.

Jean Potter formerly of Scutari School, and Merle Crouse (lately manager of the Bulgarian Refugee farm under the World Council of Churches) were at the above wedding, and liked the idea so much that the next Saturday they did the same thing. They were married in the Congregational Church at Greenwood, Mass., Jean's home, and have now gone west to Chicago where Jean will be teaching and Merle will be attending a theological seminary. The best wishes of all their many friends in the Near East go out to these two young couples.

On Friday, August 12, Alice Lindsley returned via SAS from two and a half months in America. After a week in Boston she spent two months with her family in California where she attended twenty-seven luncheons, and enjoyed ten evening affairs and seventeen special dinners. She returned to the East in time for the Birge-Keller wedding. On the way back to Istanbul she stopped over night at Copenhagen where she met Marie McGinnis who is touring Europe.

Our "Special Correspondent", Mr. William Griswold, Reporting in Turkish, tells us great things about the summer Language School at Izmir. The twenty students from all parts of Turkey are divided into four classes, the Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Intellectuals. With three hours of formal instruction each morning, plenty of study hours, stimulating assembly periods and many interesting excursions, they are finding the school most worth while. The only question is, "Will they have forgotten how to speak English by September first?"

A visitor in the MacCallum home in the Bible House, Alan Nord of Madison, North Dakota, and a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, has been seeing the sights of Istanbul. He expects to return to America via England soon.

Ann Stewart of Pierce College, Athens has been giving her "month of service" to the Treasury in Istanbul. Her help has been very much appreciated as the office has been short handed. Ann left on Tuesday for Izmir, Ankara, Aleppo, Beirut, and Jerusalem. We all feel that this "month of service" is a grand idea for it gives us a chance to get better acquainted with the members of other Mission stations.

Vacationers continue to come and go. William Sage Woolworth and Pauline set off for a much deserved rest on Saturday last, and we expect that they are basking in the sunshine of Cyprus now. Bill and Anne Edmonds and five months old Colin start for Zonguldak by ship today. They will visit Turkish friends there for a few days. A letter from Susan Shepard, aged 4½, reports that the Shepard camping party at Sari Alan on Ulu Dag is having a fine time eating, enjoying the woods and playing in the streams.

On Sunday, August 14, the Rev. G.A. Hadjiantoniou moderator of the General Assembly of the Greek Evangelical Church was a visitor at the Dutch Chapel and gave a brief talk to the congregation.

On Saturday, August 13, Miss Elizabeth P. MacCallum, Canadian Charge d'Affairs in the Lebanon, arrived by car from Beirut to visit her family here. She and her sister, Mrs. Edith Laird, and her mother, Mrs. F.W. MacCallum are spending this week in the Woolworth apartment at Scutari.

Sincerely yours,
Dorothy Blatter

Dear Friends:

Yet another issue of this periodical has been condemned to suffer in the hands of inexperience. We very much hope to be able to report the appointment of a permanent Editor before many more weeks elapse, and we are sure that our readers would echo the sentiment.

Any friends who have passed through the Bible House during winter months will be glad to hear that work is in progress on a new heating system. It is hoped that even the top-floor radiators will develop a certain degree of warmth in future.

Word has been received of the passing of Mrs. Lillian Cole Sewny in Los Angeles, at the age of 84. Older friends will remember that Mrs. Sewny worked in the mission hospitals in Talas and Sivas in the early years of this century. After a period of work with Near East Relief, she became matron at Anatolia College, finally retiring in 1938. Since then she had been living at Pilgrim Place.

Miss Alice Lindsley brings word of an accidental meeting on the sidewalks of New York with Miss Ruth Wolfe, who is on her way back to Pakistan. Miss Wolfe was formerly a teacher in Bulgaria and later at the Scutari School.

The Iselys arrived in Istanbul on August 24th after their year of furlough. They had been glad to have a holiday and rest on the "Constitution" after the rigours of a heavy schedule of speaking engagements in America. They spent a couple of days in the Meyer apartment in the Bible House before flying on to Ankara and Gaziantep.

Miss Marie McGinnis reached Istanbul on August 25th, having travelled back from Europe by train.

The "Abazzia" which left Istanbul on August 25th numbered among its passengers Miss Gladys Roberts, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Robin MacCallum, for the past three months and who is now returning to England, and also Mr. Ralph Meyering, who is returning to America, having finished his term of work with the Mission school in Talas. Another departure was that of Miss Elizabeth P. MacCallum, who left by car for Beirut in the early hours of the morning on August 26th, having spent some ten days here.

There is still an almost complete absence of coffee from the shops of Istanbul. Once or twice a week, a little will reach the shops and large crowds will form into more or less orderly queues, some people waiting as much as three or four hours for a hundred-gram packet of coffee. The press of the crowd is so great at times that two or three policemen are required for one shop, and the iron shutters of the shop-windows are only partly rolled up. It is, on the whole, easier to decide that one would rather drink tea than coffee anyway.

The Nilsons are now in Sweden, having left the Meyers in Germany. Paul Nilson, Sr., has been mixing business with pleasure, and preached in Gormar at the Evangelical Church in Frankfurt one Sunday. We are very glad to be able to pass on the news that he has not broken his rib.

Mrs. Elvesta Leslie writes that she has been enjoying many family gatherings and Lake Shore sunsets in Northport, Michigan. She also reports the news that the James Fowles have a second daughter, Charlotte Joy, born July 22nd.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth MacCallum

Dear Friends:

After filling my last editorial effort with complaints that other editors got the travelers to write about I find that this week I am blessed with a sizable list of arrivals and departures.

Last Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Nilson arrived at the back door of the Bible House after a flight from Germany. Expecting to find the Meyer apartment empty they were surprised to be greeted by son Paul and a Turkish teacher friend from Diyarbakir who had heard of their arrival and wanted to see them badly enough to wait around till eleven P.M. The mystery of Mr. Nilson's rib was finally cleared up (see last week's letter). He had bumped or strained something while walking between cars on a speeding train. In Salonika he was taken by force to see a doctor who pronounced him sound. Here in Istanbul various travellers and letter writers mentioned that he had not broken his rib but nobody seemed to be able to say what he had done to make people think that he had. It is a relief to learn the truth finally.

On the plane from Germany the Nilsons ran into Mrs. Blake who was returning from a summer in the United States. School opening being upon us she did not waste any time in Istanbul but hurried on to Izmir.

Virgil Miller arrived at the Bible House Monday morning on his way back to his second year of teaching at Tarsus. With him was Glendon Jantzi, a teacher in the Friends Foys' School at Ramallah Jordan. They had met accidentally in Salonika.

Mother MacCallum's family reunion which has been running off and on all summer came to a final end this Tuesday with the departure of her eldest daughter, Mrs. Edith Laird. She returned to Beirut to resume her work in the library of the American University.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sage Woolworth returned from their two week visit to Cyprus last week-end. They say they left the island on the day martial law was declared. In spite of the tense political situation they seem to have had a good vacation. Mr. Woolworth felt energetic enough to take off almost immediately on a business trip to Ankara.

On Tuesday morning Stanley Cherim appeared at the Bible House with his bride Solveig. They were married in Copenhagen this summer and are on their way to Tarsus where he will begin his second year of teaching. Mrs. Cherim was startled when Mr. Nilson addressed her in Swedish but after the initial shock were off answered right back in Danish!

Yesterday morning Sylvia and Hans Meyer arrived after a long train trip from Germany where they had been visiting Hans' parents. Sylvia was just in time to see her parents, the Nilsons off on the evening train to Diyarbakir. Before they left they visited Uskudar for supper and there Hans met Virgil Miller's friend Glendon Jantzi (see above) who turned out to be a fellow student from Goshen College in Indiana! It's a small world as the saying goes!

One very interesting bit of news which has nothing to do with travel is found in the Antakya newspapers Atayolu for the 23rd and Yeni Yol for the 26th of August. These issues contain advertisements and articles concerning the opening of an Ingilizce Lisan Dermegi in Antakya. The project is very favorably spoken of by the newspaper. The article names Dr. and Mrs. Nute (of Adana and Talas) as the actual founders of the organization. Can it be that modesty has prevented the English teacher in the Antakya lycee from mentioning his part? Congratulations.

Yours sincerely,

Paul H. Nilson

Dear Friends:

A fine crowd of new folks for our American Board work arrived Wednesday morning on the Abazzia. Six of them are teachers for the American Academy at Scutari... Mrs. Ruth Campbell, Misses Jean Boniface, Vinal Overing, Marjorie Kirkpatrick, Marion Wheeler, and Florence Wishard. Mr. and Mrs. David Whitelaw will go on to Izmir. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Avery with their four small ones, Robin, David, Frances and Richard, are returning from furlough and will be living at Tower Cottage. Mr. Avery is the new Head of the Publication Department.

Miss Esther Carhart, a teacher for the American Collegiate Institute in Izmir, arrived here last Monday by train. She and the Whitelaws are going on to Izmir by boat on September 10.

A letter from Miss Armstrong gives the news that Miss Edith Markham arrived in New York via the Queen Elizabeth on August 31 with her left arm in a sling.. She will be teaching in DeKalb State Teachers' College in Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keller, with "Kismet" an orphan puppy they had acquired en route, arrived here by car Wednesday evening. They had considerable difficulty crossing the city, because of the milling crowds and the lines of soldiers, but they eventually reached Kabatas and were able to take the ferry to Scutari. They continued on their way to Talas Friday morning.

After a month with her son and daughter and their families in Athens, Mrs. Sofi Huri returned to her work in the Publication Department this week.

Miss Anna Langston, Principal of the Ramallah Girls' School near Jerusalem, and Mrs. Dorothy Scattergood, who had been touring Europe by car, and who expects to be teaching at Ramallah this year, were guests of Miss Fernie Scovel over last week end. Monday morning they went on their way south by car, accompanied by Mr. Glendon Jantzi of the Friends Boys' School at Ramallah.

Capt. Eleanor Mason, formerly of the Admiral Bristol Hospital has recently started another term of service in the U. S. Army. Her new address is U. S. Army Hospital, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where she will be serving in the Women's Surgical Ward. She sends greetings to her friends in Istanbul.

After the unfortunate events of last Tuesday night Istanbul is busy trying to restore order and cleanliness, a sadder, wiser city. The Bible House suffered only minor damage, two plate glass windows in shops on the ground floor were broken, and the property in one of the shops was destroyed.

Friends of Ali Sami Boyar, and Belkis Hanim will be interested to know of the very fine One Man Show of Sami Bey's work which is to open at the French Consulate on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The exhibit will last for about two weeks.

We were sorry that Anne Stewart, whom we feel that we can claim as one of Istanbul station now, could not stay longer as she passed through here on her way back from Palestine to her work at Athens.

Mr. James Dittes, formerly of Talas, who received his M.S. in Psychology this last June will be teaching in Yale Divinity School this fall as Assistant in Instruction in the Psychology of Religion. He will be working half time at the Divinity School and working on his Ph.D. in the Yale Department of Psychology.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Blatter

Dear Friends:

The remarkable **resiliency of the human soul** is daily being demonstrated in our city as **shop keepers clean up**, install new glass, and endeavor to restock their places of business. Martial law continues but curfew now begins at 12 instead of 11 P.M.

A new grandchild for the Wileys, Walter David Wiley has joined the Lincoln Wiley household in Hawthorne, California. Many congratulations for all concerned.

Dr. and Mrs. Albert Dewey are vacationing in the Lebanon and expect to return to Gaziantep about September 26.

People who receive letters from friends and relatives in Turkey will know now that they are really loved, for postage rates have increased substantially. The air rate to America is now 65 kuruş or nearly 25 cents, and rates to other countries have risen in proportion.

Mr. and Mrs. William Edmonds and small Colin left for Talas by train, and Mr. and Mrs. Hans Meyers left for Tarsus by trains and plane. We shall miss these young people sadly but we know that Talas and Tarsus will rejoice in their own good luck.

The Publication Department is happy to announce the appearance of another book for new literates, "The Land of the Blue Flower" (Mavi Çiçek Ülkesi). It sells for 25 kuruş.

Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Wienke and their son have been spending several days in Istanbul visiting various members of the mission and seeing the sights. They expect to travel in western Anatolia visiting the seven churches. Rev. Wienke is a member of the Board of Parish Education of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Miss Constance Shepard is taking up her new work at Istanbul Women's College where she will be teaching English and Music.

Istanbul has been majoring in conferences and conventions lately. The International Bank Meeting, September 11 to 18, brought to the city many noted bankers, government officials and business men from sixty five countries. Delegates Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Waugh of the State Department were visitors at Scutari School last Thursday as the guests of Miss Blatter. The Tenth International Congress of Byzantine Studies met from Sept. 15 to 21 at the University of Istanbul, and the International Association of Universities from Sept. 19 to 23 at the Hilton Hotel. In connection with these conferences there has been held at the Medical School of the University a small but exquisite exhibit of Turkish miniatures and gold illuminations by Dr. Süheyl Ünver and his students. This exhibit will continue until October and is well worth a visit.

News from Carol Wiley, now Mrs. John H. Kinghorn gives her new address as 803 Ave., Ann Arbor, Michigan. Her husband is working at the university there on his Master's degree in Forestry.

Now and then something comes to our notice which makes us wonder if the "Leisure of the East" is not still a fact instead of the fiction which most of us consider it. For example, last week it took Raymond White seven and a half hours to go forty miles. And that wasn't by camel either, but by the Mardin station wagon!

Fred and Mary Alice Shepard write from Aleppo that their new house is nearing completion and that they hope to be able to be in it for Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Blatter

Dear Friends:

On the morning of **Thursday, September 29** a group of friends gathered at the BEA office to bid farewell and Godspeed to Mrs. F. W. MacCallum and Robin (Mrs. Lyman MacCallum). It is with sadness that we see them go, for three generations of MacCallums have given so much to the Near East Mission, especially to Istanbul Station, that we are all of us richer for their having been here. It does not seem right to be without any MacCallums in our midst. Mrs. MacCallum came to Turkey sixty-five years ago, and thus has participated in more than half of the life of the Near East Mission since its founding in 1831. It would be easy to lapse into superlatives in an effort to express what she has meant to each of us. Suffice it to say that we shall miss her greatly.

After a week in Greece with Miss Emily McCallum she will be joined by her daughter Elizabeth who will fly with her to London and then on to Boston. She will be with Dr. and Mrs. Alford Carleton for a time, and later make her home at Auburndale.

Robin flew directly to London where she will join her sister Miss Gladys Roberts. Her address will be Penny Oak, School Lane, Chalfont, St. Peter, Bucks, England.

The November-October number of "The Upper Room" in Turkish is ready for distribution. Please place your orders soon and avoid the disappointment of not being able to get any.

A farewell tea was held at Scutari School last Sunday afternoon, in honor of Mrs. MacCallum and Robin, who are leaving Istanbul. After the usual bountiful Scutari tea Miss Martin presented the travellers with cheque books of good wishes and we all hope they had no trouble taking this vast wealth across the many national boundaries they had to cross.

Mr. K. L. Wormhoudt of Alhambra has been visiting Istanbul on his way home from Korea after being discharged from the navy. He comes from Miss Lindsley's church in South Pasadena, California, and has been staying at Scutari School.

Tuesday was a day of great activity at Scutari... The Boarders arrived. 170 of them, bag and baggage. A party was held for them that evening, and the next morning classes commenced. Both students and staff are eagerly awaiting the day when they can move into the new building which is nearing completion. The total enrollment at Scutari is 485. Numbers from the other schools are not yet available.

David and Margot Ensign have found it impossible to get train accommodations through Istanbul, and will sail at the end of the month from Genoa directly to Beirut, where David will be on the staff of NEST.

A Grocery Delivery Service which opens today should prove very useful to busy housewives. According to "Dünya" the Migros Company will send trucks of fruit, vegetables and all kinds of staple foods neatly packaged and ready for sale, to twenty-five different districts of the city. Gradually the number of areas will be increased until the whole city is served. It sounds very good, and we hope it will be successful.

Mrs. William Griswold of Talas arrived in Istanbul Wednesday Sept. 28. She was joined that evening by her mother, Mrs. Archie Stiver, and her mother's cousin, Mrs. Zelma Myers. The latter went on this morning for a tour of Europe. Jean and her mother expect to spend some weeks at the Blatter-Scovel menage.

A very impressive dedication service was held on the front steps of the new building at Scutari on Thursday of last week.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Blatter

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American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, October 14, 1955.

Dear Friends:

London, Oct. 7. Mrs. MacCallum arrived last night, was met by Robin, and Gladys Roberts. At her hotel she found Constance Padwick and Kitty Henrey. She also found time to see sights and to visit London stores. She plans to fly to New York arriving October 14th. She will be in Boston, and can be reached via 14 Beacon Street.

Tarsus, Oct. 9. Bill and Polly (Bartleman) Henkmann have visited Joe and May (Nilson) Inscoe at Washington, D.C., where Mr. Inscoe is attending medical school.

Tarsus, Oct. 9. On September 18th, or approximately, the Turkish and American staff of Tarsus College held a picnic with swimming, well attended by staff and families.

Istanbul, Oct. 12. Robert and Audrey Tosh arrived last night on the "Adana", have cleared customs, in the main, and are settling down at Uskudar, where he will teach mathematics and science and she will teach English.

Izmir, October 10. Miss Eloise Folkers, of Macalester College, St. Paul Minnesota, has agreed to join the school staff for a year. She will teach English both at the school and in town.

Word reaches us from Boston that Mrs. Mattie Claiborne, formerly of our Izmir school, died on October 7th.

Istanbul, Oct. 13. Miss Edith Cold, who has served in Hadjin and Marash, is staying at the Park Hotel and visiting friends (Miriam Hagopian, the Woolworths, Jessie Martin) who worked with her in those days.

Istanbul, Oct. 13. The Nilsons now have full possession of their house in Diyarbakir. After two rooms and inadequate plumbing they rejoice in the present arrangement, which allows them to accommodate the Swifts as well.

Istanbul, Oct. 10. Dr. Edgar H. S. Chandler, and Dr. Elliott, of the Service to Refugees, World Council of Churches, Geneva, were here Saturday and yesterday to confer with Miss June Stoll, of the Church World Service office in Istanbul. They also conferred with Miss Reed and Mr. Woolworth about relief problems.

Istanbul, Oct. 13. Dr. John D. Metzler, European secretary for surplus commodities, Division of Interchurch Aid and Service to Refugees, World Council, Geneva, conferred briefly last night with Mr. Woolworth about relief arrangements.

Fairbury, Nebraska, October. Miss Milada Dolozal who taught at Uskudar last year tells us that she will be here teaching this year.

Antakya, Oct. 5. The newly opened reading room or Ingilizce Lisan Dernegi is in need of more books, especially scientific books in very simple English. If you have contributions to make, please consult Miss Blatter who can give you instructions for sending them.

Sincerely,

Robert Avery

Dear Friends:

Marguerite Bicknell sends this tribute to Mrs. Mattie Claiborne: She was the most truly and completely forgiving person I have ever known. Her depth and breadth of personal integrity and her standards of Christian living were revealed in every word and act of hers. Her devotion to her work and to the students was beyond exaggeration. She gave of herself to the very limit of her strength. She was also a staunch member of the Church Choir, and never failed to do her share of making the service worshipful and devotional. Her church meant more to her than anything else. She had not had an easy life. It had been filled with many disagreeable experiences and hard work, for she had grown up in the midst of the segregated South, with all the suffering that entails. But she had come through it without a trace of bitterness in her soul. She was "world-minded," a true believer in the Kingdom of God and the Brotherhood of Man. My grief at her going is a selfish grief, for the loss of a friend. I know that God has rewarded her by taking her home to Him.

Istanbul, Oct. 21. William James Griswold III was born on October 19th. All doing well. His father arrived from Talas today.

Talas, Oct. 18. In answer to a plea for help, George Helling arrived from Gaziantep, to carry some of the load while other teachers are missing.

New York, Oct. 17th. Mr. and Mrs. Luther Fowle have taken a small apartment at the Hotel Irving, Gramercy Park, East 20th St., while Luther continues his work in behalf of the Istanbul hospital.

Mardin, October 20. The Mardin Station's Hostel is now filled for the year, with two boys in Trade School, three girls and one boy in primary school. The three boys were with us last year. The girls are new; two of them from the village of Killit and one from Kerburan, our church furthest East.

Istanbul, Oct. 28. The Publication Department announces the publication of the "Upper Room" for November-December, of "Family Faith and Action" (25 krs.) a pamphlet of questions and answers followed by Bible quotations. And of a paste-in called "Christmas Manger", intended to be cut up to make the scene in the stable. (TL 1.50) Calendars having the Rustem Pasha tile design and the Nicean plate design will be available by the time you receive this.

Istanbul, Oct. 28. The fleet is in. Ferries went a little out of their way this morning so that we could get closer to the ships.

Istanbul, Oct. 28 (Adv.) The Bible Society has in English a "Christmas Card" consisting of a thin booklet giving the Christmas story as in the first two chapters of Luke. There is a Christmas greeting on the back, and a place for you to write. Price ten kuruş. Also, for TL. 7.50, "The Good News", an illustrated New Testament, Revised Standard.

Honolulu, Oct. 4. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Bennett, formerly of Istanbul continue to live at 6520 Kalaniana'ole Highway, Honolulu. He is retiring from the University of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Robert Avery

Dear Friends:

Tarsus, Oct. 26. **Tarsus School** has got off to a busy start and a full-if not over-full activities program. The Music Program is in full progress, with fourteen students taking piano lessons from Virgil Miller, Roger Monroe, and Sylvia Meyer. The chorus also has had a good beginning. They presented two numbers in a musical assembly program recently, and are aiming higher now, beginning to prepare for a presentation of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance" in abridged form.

Something new in the way of activities was recently begun - an Archeological Club, aiming to learn more of the places of historic interest in this vicinity. Their first outing is to take place during Cumhuriyet Bayram, when Virgil Miller, Buford Jones, and Roger Monroe plan to take a group of members to Corycos (known now as Kiz Kale) following an old aqueduct. Near by they plan to visit Saint Thecla's chapel, which is built over a huge cavern which once was the sanctuary of pagan oracles.

We've had a number of visitors; Eddy Kesselheim, of course, Donn's brother who came to us from Istanbul on his way farther south and east. He stayed two weeks and saw all there is to be seen here, took several English classes, and gave two highly profitable talks on Art to the boys, illustrated with slides of paintings which he had acquired during his travels in Europe. - Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth I. Brown spent a day here, guests particularly of Buford Jones. Dr. Brown is the Executive director of the Danforth Foundation (of which Buford is a fellow) and former president of Dennison University in Ohio. The Browns have been traveling in Europe and are on their way to India to make a survey of educational institutions there. While here, they visited classes, and Dr. Brown spoke to the boys about Higher Education in the U.S. - A French student of Archaeology, M. Jean Pierre Michaud dropped in on the school, and stayed a few days as guest of Roger Monroe. After some time of study in Athens, he was on his way to Jordan for further research there.

Sylvia Meyer

Tarsus, Oct. 29. Several students who participated in European work camps this last summer have given an assembly program to the student body, and as a result there are many who want to go next year. A boy who attended a camp in Germany wrote:

We feel more satisfied as we get tired; and as we see blisters on our hands we become happier. Those blisters mean to me like golden medals... Here are boys and girls from so many different countries... We asked whether we could stay one more week... We had a lot of experience, dear memories and a complete understanding of the nations. I, myself, do not hate Greeks any more. It is one of the things this camp gifted me... It will be quite hard to depart from here ... I wish we had such camps in Turkey, too.

Aleppo, Sept. 28. Aleppo College dedicated a beautiful new worship center for the College Chapel last Sunday evening. The dark blue and red background of the auditorium curtains set off the polished natural color wood of the pulpit and the altar, upon which were lighted candles: white chrysanthemums, and an open Bible. The new equipment was made possible by special gifts from American friends of the College. Paul Copeland designed the new furnishings which were executed in Aleppo.

Sincerely,

Robert Avery

Dear Friends:

November 13 to 19 is Children's Book Week around the world. This year will mark Istanbul's tenth participation in this international celebration. Two exhibits are being planned for this city, one in Beyoglu at the Olgunlaşma Enstitüsü, and one at the Children's Library at Ragip Paşa. The schools have been notified of the week and are planning special programs. At Scutari School the Library Committee is in charge of the activities of the week. We understand that a large exhibition will be held in Ankara.

A Mission of Fellowship sponsored by the World Council of Churches has arrived in Istanbul for a week-long visit to the churches here. "Its purpose is to express the reality of the fellowship which binds the churches of the world together in the World Council of Churches and the willingness of the churches to bear one another's burdens." Members of the American Board Mission met with these visitors at the Wiley home on Thursday evening for discussion and fellowship.

Mrs. F. W. MacCallum arrived safely in Boston where she was met by many friends as well as the press. That evening her first experience with television was the sight of her own arrival in America. After some days with Dr. and Mrs. Carleton she moved over to Barton Hall where she will be living. Her address is now 138 Hancock Ave., Auburn-dale, Mass.

Talas has had more than its share of difficulties this year. Short-handed to begin with, it has been further handicapped by the illness of several members of the staff. We are glad that Mr. Edmonds is now able to meet his classes but are sorry to learn that Mr. Griswold is now down with jaundice. George Helling, who came to help out in the emergency now has to return to his work, but Roger Monroe has been released from Tarsus to go to Talas and help for a while. We are all rejoicing that a nurse, Mrs. Otting, who served on the Prudential Committee for eight years, has been found for the Talas Clinic.

Mrs. William Griswold with her mother, Mrs. Ruth Stiver, and her two weeks old son, William James Griswold III, left Istanbul the evening of November 2 for Talas. With Colin Grey Edmonds, who joined the station in September young Jimmy should do much to make the Talas situation seem a little less desperate.

Scutari School is more than busy this week end as the move into the new building commences. There is still considerable finishing to be done, but with crisp weather making Çam Konak too chilly for comfort the girls and teachers from that building will move into their new quarters now, and work on the lower floors can continue.

Word from San Diego, California, brings the sad news of the death of Mrs. Edith Hoover Ryan on October 18. Mrs. Ryan spent many years in Istanbul as her husband was head of the Bible Society before Mr. MacCallum.

Dr. Paul Nilson writes of the interesting and inspiring service on Sunday evening with the men of the American Radar Station twenty kilometers out of Diyarbakir. Community singing, with Mrs. Nilson at the organ, and the showing of film strips added much to the fellowship of the evening.

The Publication Department wishes to announce a new paste-in "The Ten Commandments" a small book which sells for one lira and should make a fine Christmas or birthday gift for any child of Primary or early middle School level. "Have you placed your orders for "The Christmas Manger", a paste-in from which one can make a truly delightful creche

Sincerely,
Dorothy Blatter