

Dear Friends:

By action of the Prudential Committee on December 14, the stay of Luther and Helen Fowle in America was extended so that they would return to the field not later than April 30th. Mr. Fowle is working very hard and not without some success at the job of raising funds for the Board's Advance programme.

The appointment of Miss Barbara P. Bird, R.N. to the Talas Clinic, where she will be associated with Dr. William Nute is announced from Boston. Miss Bird is a recent graduate of the School of Nursing in Leominster, Mass., and will be staying on for a few months of special training before coming to Turkey.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. ("Cotton") Clark of Tucson, Ariz., send greetings to all their Turkey friends, wherever they may now be.

Christmas at Talas proved to be of the regular old-fashioned kind with snow, frozen pipes, visitors, children and all accessories. From Ankara Dr. and Mrs. William Nute, with two children came to spend the holiday with the "old folks"; from Tarsus came George Helling and Ken Moyer, and from Izmir, Elizabeth George, Barbara Burns and Ruth McClintock. With 15 boys remaining in school over the holidays because of the distance of their homes, there was no lack of young life, activity and laughter about the halls and hillsides.

Christmas in Mardin may have been quieter, but was also in a setting of the heaviest snowfall in ten years, and was full of rejoicing because the Whites are settling in so nicely to their life's work -- verily, a "White" Christmas for Mardin.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Brewster of the American Legation, Athens, arrived in Istanbul on the 27th for a four-day visit with their friends. Dan reports that his father is gaining steadily in strength, and was hoping to return home by New Years.

A New Year's Day reception for the American colony of Istanbul was held by Ambassador Wadsworth on Saturday afternoon.

Messrs. Ed. Sather and Phillip Cook of Talas took advantage of the Christmas holidays to get acquainted with the streets and sights of Ankara.

Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Marden, who write from 560 Mayflower Road, Claremont, Calif., are able to report fairly good health and the pleasure they have in sharing their home with Miss Harriet Norton.

From her present home at 1 Stratford Road, Andover, Mass., Miss Luella Dunning, recently of Izmir and Aleppo, sends greetings to all Turkey friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harlow, of Ellenico College and the Congregational and Christian Service Council in Greece, who, with their two children were over-Christmas guests at the Birge home, return to Athens by air today.

This week in the Assembly, a deputy complained somewhat bitterly of the slow progress being made towards the establishment of religious instruction in the primary schools, and of the setting up of special schools for preachers and "imams", as well as the Theological Faculty in the University. To this attack the Minister of Public Instruction replied that the printing of text books for over a million and a half school children was not a simple matter, that the charge that the hour for voluntary religious instruction was to be the last hour of the morning before the Saturday half holiday was contrary to fact, and that the schools for preachers and imams would be opened in January, 1949, although there were only 14 applicants in Istanbul and 6 in Ankara.

Very truly yours,

F. Lyman MacCallum

Talas

No. 168

American Board Mission, Post Box 142  
Istanbul, Turkey - January 13, 1949.

Dear Friends:

Now that the teachers from Izmir and other Mission schools have returned from happy holidays the teachers from the two Istanbul colleges are leaving for their visits to Anatolia. More news of them later!

Miss Anna Mae Helton spent part of her vacation in Ankara visiting pupils. While she was there the gifts of toys, wearing apparel and other things which the girls of the Scutari school had collected and made were taken to the orphanage at Keçiören and given to the children. Many pictures were taken of Ayeşe, whom the school is supporting, and the other children.

All will be sorry to learn that Angie Ducas's mother and sister were involved in an automobile accident recently and glad to know that their injuries are not serious. Her father is seriously ill in hospital. All her friends send her sympathy and hopes for recovery of her family.

Edith Sanderson Adkins writes us of their new address at 664 West 161st St., New York 32. She has left the Red Cross work in Boston and is now executive director of the Y.W.C.A. in Hackensack, N.J.. Leslie expects to finish his work in 1949 for a Ph.D. degree in psychology in preparation for work in psychiatry; Sally Ann is married and lives in Cambridge; Beverley is with her parents, working in one of the Columbia offices, hoping to save enough money to go to college in September and the boys are both going to Phillips Andover Academy and enjoying life very much. All were expected to be together over Christmas, a great satisfaction as they have been separated so much these last two years.

The Woman's Guild of the Union Church (Dutch Chapel) has elected officers for the coming year as follows: President Mrs. Wiley; Vice-president, Miss Putney; Secretary, Mrs. Ezra Young; Treasurer, Mme. Abuaf; Chairman of the Program Committee, Mrs. Kreider; of the Social and Benevolence Committee, Mrs. Russell; of the Bazaar Committee, Miss Markoviecz. They plan to meet twice a month at the "manse for programs and sewing for the needy.

Miss Margaret Hinman (Note new address: 334 2nd St. South, Forest Grove, Oregon) sends greetings to all her friends here.

It is reported from Gaziantep that they had a very happy Christmas and that they used the pageant, "The Seeker", which Istanbul Station used a year ago.

Mrs. Nilson reports that our Talas School has an enrolment this year of 133 pupils, of which 125 are boarders.

Do any of our schools want Rev. C. T. Riggs's files of the "National Geographic" from 1910 to 1943? If you are interested write to the undersigned as to what you want and how you expect to get them sent to you.

A few days ago a great grand-daughter of Cyrus Hamlin made a flying call on friends in Istanbul as she was on her way between India and U.S.A. She is Miss Esther Vail, R.N., Wellesley '43, daughter of Elizabeth Crane Vail, Wellesley '06, and a missionary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions in Lahore, Pakistan. She called at the Hospital to see the Shepards and had the opportunity of watching Dr. Shepard operate.

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Putney

Dear Friends:

Mr. Wm. Sage Woolworth arrived in Istanbul today from Tarsus for about a week of business. It is always a sign of good management when a Principal can leave his school, sure that it will be there when he comes back. He reports all well in Tarsus in spite of unusually cold weather.

Greetings from Miss Harriet A. Hallett bring also a change of address: now Box 356, Roswell, N.M., and reminds us again how many postmen in all parts of the world carry our continual greetings to our Dear Friends.

Miss Cecelia Berg writes from Chicago, "My primary interest is in my teaching at Amundsen High School where all is as ideal as one could hope for in a public high school." And then "for contribution to group life" she lists her active interests - a "cell" group in her church in Rogers Park, the Evening Section of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago, the American Board "whose arms stretch round the world", the Central Eleanor Club, a Great Books Discussion Group, the American Daughters of Sweden, and the Camp Farthest Out. Now we can connect the doctor's advice "to find a park bench and rest" with her visit to Maine and Minnie's Rest last summer. We know that some of those interests are boosters to fill up behind the energy drainers, but we'd like to know whether next summer comes soon enough, Cecelia.

The appointment of Miss Barbara Bird, R.N. to the Mission is glad good news. Congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Nute and the Talas Clinic.

Prof. and Mrs. (Elsa Feichtinger) Calvin Keene of Howard University are with their three children looking forward to a sabbatical leave for the academic year 1949-50.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robinson, are this year occupying an apartment in down-town Gaziantep. Last year Mr. Robinson studied Turkish at Robert College, and Mrs. Robinson was a member of the staff at the Service Center in Istanbul. Together they are in Turkey under the auspices of the Institute for Current World Affairs to gain that intimate knowledge of the Turkish people so difficult for one people to gain of another and yet so essential to understanding and peace. They have chosen a good place to begin their study of the best in Anatolia.

One is forcefully reminded of the possibilities in Christian fellowship by the recent visit of Miss Mary Chorbaji ("Oriort Mary") to this city from Marash. She was at one time a pupil at the Girls' College in Marash, and then for many years worked with the German Mission in that city. For a number of years now she has lived quietly but actively among her friends and neighbors radiating the Spirit of her Master. The marriage of two of her Turkish friends brought her to Istanbul. She was thrilled by her first visit to a big city, also by her first sight of the sea, - of course trusting herself to a boat for the first fearful time, - and disliked her first ride on a tram car, even as the rest of us still do. It was her first service in church and in a communion service for many years, for the Christian community in Marash disappeared long years ago except for the few who may meet in her house for prayer. Yet in spite of all she came to get, she brought an extraordinary blessing to the Protestant churches here, and her return to Marash was a noteworthy event to the people of these churches generally. Humbly she came, and humbly she went, yet mighty was her influence while here.

The Colleges are on vacation this week and next. A party of some twenty-five teachers and students left by train on Monday morning for Kayseri. All but two were going to the ski hut on Mt. Argæus. Miss Enders of the Girls' College and Carol Wiley were to be guests of Dr. and Mrs. Nute in Talas. Mr. Lee Espy is leaving for Izmir very soon. To each and all - happy landings and a safe return.

Sincerely,

Walter B. Wiley

No. 170

Treas. J. J.  
American Board Mission, Post Box 142  
Istanbul, Turkey - January 27, 1949.

Dear Friends:

Overpopulation in Japan has not yet reached such a pitch that the arrival there on January 17th of Beth Dean Carey should fail to set bells ringing here and there around the world. Beth Dean's mother is our Alice (Shepard) Carey, who thus launches her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Shepard, on the uncharted seas of grandparenthood. Congratulations all round on this well-arranged event.

Miss Margaret Blemker, who has been on the staff of the Izmir Girls' School for the past three years, is now appointed Associate Secretary on the Foreign Department of the American Board, with special responsibility for corresponding with the Near East Mission. Miss Blemker will take up her duties as of February 15, and will be associated with Miss Mabel Emerson, who will be retiring in October. Here also, congratulations all round.

Miss Elizabeth Webb, who has been in frail health throughout the autumn, is strong enough to leave her bed, and was planning to spend the first week of January with friends at Trad, that social center which her devoted interest has brought into existence in one of the neediest sections of Beirut.

The permanent appointment of Mr. George F. Miller of the Aleppo College has been confirmed. Mr. Miller will remain an extra year on the field, till the summer of 1950, before going home for some further study.

The way having opened for the return of Mrs. Emily Block, she will be arriving by air on Monday, and will resume her responsibilities at the Talas School.

After a brief week of being "orientated" by the ladies of the American Academy, Scutari, Mr. W. S. Woolworth left for his own school in Tarsus. He hoped for a day's pause in Ankara, in which to catch his breath and get a couple of weeks' work done.

Mrs. Bernard Tubini has asked the News Notes to convey her warm thanks to the many friends who have written to express their sympathy with her in the death of Mrs. Tubini, Sr.

At the commissioning service for Miss Barbara Bird, R.N., who is to be associated with Dr. Nute in the Talas Clinic, Dr. F. F. Goodsell, Mr. Luther Fowle and Dr. Mark Ward took part. The service was held in Barbara's home church at Leominster, Mass. It is hoped that Miss Bird may be able to accompany the Fowles on their return in April.

Precedents which have stood for a dozen centuries have been upset in the election and installation of Bishop Athenagoras of New York as Patriarch of the Orthodox Church. During the enthronement ceremony the new Patriarch gave one section of his address in English, as he brought the greetings of President Truman to the Turkish nation, and presented to the congregation with his warm thanks the captain and members of the air crew which had brought him from New York to Istanbul. The memorial wreath which the Patriarch had brought from the Whitehouse garden and placed at the Taksim Memorial vanished soon after dark under the predatory hands of souvenir-hunters.

Dr. David McKeith, Dr. Goodsell's successor in the American Board, flew on January 3rd to Leopoldville, in Africa. His tour of the mission fields is expected to bring him to Turkey in May.

The visit to Istanbul of eight units of the American Mediterranean Fleet fills our streets with youngsters in naval uniforms, and keeps the ladies of the community particularly busy helping in the canteen or at dances.

Very truly yours,

F. Lyman MacCallum

Treas. J. H.

No. 171

American Board Mission, Post Box 142  
Istanbul, Turkey - February 4, 1949.

Dear Friends:

The United States aircraft carrier "Tarawa", two heavy cruisers, a light cruiser and two destroyers came into Istanbul harbor on Thursday the 27th, with something like 4000 men to spill out into Istanbul streets. Two of these vessels left on Monday and the rest, including the "Tarawa" are leaving to-day. Ezra Young and Phoebe Clary, the U.S.O. representatives here, were busy the whole week arranging sports events, sightseeing trips and the canteen in the Union Francaise where many of the men and women of the American community helped serve good U.S.N. sandwiches, doughnuts and coffee and talk with the crowds of men who frequented the place. Many members of the community and others also went abroad the vessels on the visiting days. One of the captains, when visiting the canteen told the women there that in all their long cruise from the Pacific coast with stops at Hawaii, Tsingtau, HongKong, Singapore, Ceylon, Jiddah, Port Said and Piraeus, they had found no place like what was provided here where the men could spend spare time off the street, get good food and talk comfortably with each other and American women.

Miss McCallum writes that Mrs. W.E.Hawkes and her daughters are living in Colorado Springs where she is organist and choirmaster at one of the churches and has besides many organ pupils. Her elder daughter Catherine expects to enter Colorado College this autumn.

Mrs. Lomie Smith Johnson writes of a happy visit with Miss Marie Borroff at Northampton where the latter is teaching at Smith College and the former secretary to one of the deans, a position where she has much to do with foreign students. She adds, "Perhaps you know that she (Marie Borroff) has two poems in the current issue of the Yale Review".

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill also sends greetings to her friends here, whose hospitality in 1946 she can never forget. She is assigned to special work in the Southeast this year, so she was able to spend more or less time at home with her father who died the end of October and to travel with the "Southern Team" for the Christian World Mission meetings.

In an effort to establish closer relationships with the American University in Cairo, the American Board has endorsed the appointment of Rev. Douglas Horton, D.D., to their Board of Trustees. It may be recalled that Dr. Horton's son Alan who traveled through the Near East last summer is one of the University staff.

Rev. C. T. Riggs writes from his Middlebury home of just beginning a Bible class in connection with their Church School for adults on the life and letters of Paul. He has greatly enjoyed the preparation for this three months course. He preaches occasionally and gives other addresses to their Church, to the county ministers' association and to Middlebury College Christian Association and seems to be very happy in their convenient living arrangements (except when an ice storm tears down the electric wires) and pleasant circle of friends there.

Word has come of the death of Jacob Künzler in his 79th year on January 15th at his home in Ghazir, Lebanon, after a short illness. Mr. Künzler came to Turkey some years before the first World War and worked in the Hospital of the German Orient Mission at Ourfa as nurse, and manager during the War in the absence of Dr. Andreas Vischer, also looking after our American Board properties. He served with the Near East Relief there after the War and accompanied the orphans when they were moved to Beirut. In the years since then, he has been active in Orphanage and Relief work, caring for the sick, to which he has given his energies with rare and practical warm-hearted devotion. His wife, Elizabeth Künzler, and six children survive him.

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Putney

Dear Friends:

Snow blankets Istanbul, streets, roofs and mosque domes, after two days of almost continual snow and two more of frequent heavy squalls. Old timers look back more than twenty years for a winter here like this one. Drifts have been high in places and temperatures low enough to keep them from melting. All Anatolia reports as usual that weather is unusual.

Mrs. Emily Block arrived by plane last week on schedule. Wreathed in smiles, packing a lot of regular end-of-the-furlough energy, and eager to get back to Talas, not even the weather could hold up her departure after but a few hours with us here. But on Saturday Miss Elizabeth Lee arrived from Talas, and on Tuesday boarded a plane for America. Here's wishing her the same sort of "come-back" that has just brought Mrs. Block out once more.

Schools in Istanbul and Ankara are closed down this week on account of an epidemic of grippe. So now the moving pictures are crowded. And Miss Anna Mae Helton and Miss Marjorie Bullock have exchanged Scutari for Talas.

Dr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Nute, Jr. and two daughters, Christie and Irine, from Ankara, where Dr. Nute is an assistant in the Children's Dept. of the Nümune Hastanesi, are guests at the American College for Girls at Arnavutköy this week. In Ankara both children and parents are very happy over arrangements with a model kindergarten. Hospital and apartment suit Bill and Mary just as well.

A newsy letter from Miss Annie Barker in West Newton, Mass. indicates that in spite of the impossibility of activity as in former years she has a grateful heart. She reports that Dr. St. John Ward is once more out of the hospital where he was temporarily confined, and is so far on the road to strength as to be able to drive Mrs. Ward and her sister to Florida for the winter.

Ed and Gwen Perry are still busy with the Moral Re-Armament Movement in and out from Hartford, Conn. Ed recently joined Lee Vrooman and three of Lee's former students at International College to see "Days of Decision" (MRA's latest film) in New York City. Two of these former students are in the UN, and the other is in charge of Turkish students in the U.S.A. Ed reports George Moissides working hard on his thesis for a Ph.D. in Education at Harvard this June. He and his wife and baby are living in the parsonage of a small church near Haverhill. They return to Cyprus in July. The Perrys celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in August, and spent much of the summer with responsibilities at the MRA Training Center at Mackinac Island in Michigan.

The fifteenth number of "Orient News", a new weekly newspaper in English, published by F. Seymore Cole, is in the news stands. It cites a communique from the Minister of Education for the information that religious instruction in primary schools in Turkey will begin within two weeks. Instruction will be by the regular school teachers. Attendance (after school hours, we understand) will be voluntary. A Turkish delegation to the World's Youth Congress in London was due to fly last Monday: Bay Orhan Orıman, President of the Istanbul Students Union and also of the Turkish National Students Union, and Bay Muzaffer Askin from Ankara University.

Beirut News Letter: The annual Christian Youth Conference for students of secondary schools is to be held this year in Aleppo, April 9-14. Subject: Christian Vocation - Teaching, Preaching, Healing. Aleppo College total year's registration 603; High School for Girls 269, not including the coeducational elementary school. Miss Webb's stay at Trad extended to a month. The Near East Christian Council will meet in Lebanon April 26-29. Miss Mabel Warburton of London and Miss Glora Wysner of New York are expected to be present.

Sincerely,

Walter E. Wiley

Dear Friends:

The "influenza holiday" which closed the schools and filled the cinemas for a week is now successfully finished, and the wanderlings are back to desk and platform. Marjorie Bullock and Peg Brown showed the Talas boys some of the latest professional and unprofessional turns in the art of skiing. Carmen Ogden and Barbara Burns took with them when they returned by air to Izmir much of the stock in trade of the Grand Bazaars of Istanbul.

Arrangements are being made for a group of 35-40 of the students of the American School for Boys, Talas, to visit Istanbul about mid-March.

Writing from her new home at 19 Alexander Street, Princeton, N.J. Mrs. Bayard Dodge tells of the interesting time they have had in purchasing a 150-year old house which has never had lighting, heat or plumbing, and in making it habitable. How pleasant it will be to put aside the suit cases which have been their daily companions since August, 1947, and to begin digging in their own garden!

Mrs. E. T. Woodley, formerly of the Marash station, reports that on the retirement of her husband from his position in the Provincial Department of Education, they moved from Quebec to Montreal, where they live at the chilly address of 3787 Cote des Neiges. Here Mr. Woodley is busier than ever, his chief interest being in the Y.M.C.A., where he is responsible for classes for displaced persons of every nationality who are coming to make their homes in Canada. This and many other responsibilities keep him very busy. Married sons and daughters and nine grandchildren are all prospering.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Bennett, who were both at Robert College during the years of the war, send greetings from the University of Hawaii, Honolulu.

Those who have long been waiting for a new edition of the Turkish Bible in Roman script will be glad to learn that the first 32 pages of the second edition have now been printed. The press expects to finish the remainder within six months. A few copies of the former edition will be available in March to those who will notify promptly the undersigned.

Miss Elizabeth Lee, technician of the Talas Clinic, who left by air on the 8th, passed through Boston the following day, and went on directly to her home.

Miss Ethel Earle of the Latin School, Boston, Mass. is spending some time at the Bible House after staying with the Conns at the American University of Cairo. Miss Earle is passing her sabbatical leave in visiting the Near East and some European countries.

Sample copies have been received of the "Egyptian Press Translation Service," a four-page printed sheet issued by the Nile Mission Press at a subscription price of fifty piasters Egyptian p.a.

A study of "Din Dersleri" (Religious Lessons), the textbook for the voluntary religious instruction which has begun in the 4th and 5th classes of the Turkish Primary schools, shows it to be written in a very tolerant spirit and with a modern outlook. It begins, properly, with a lesson on "Besmele," the opening word of the Fatiha. This is followed by lessons on love of parents, teachers, family, nation and country, leading up to the greatest of all, love of God. Then comes the cornerstone of Muslim faith, "There is no God but Allah, and Muhammed is the Prophet of Allah." The life, words and example of the Prophet are very briefly summarized in a few short chapters, and the remainder of the book is devoted to Muslim Morals. The entire book consists of 56 pages in large type.

Very truly yours,

F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

The whole Mission unites with her family and many friends here, in America and in far places of the earth, in sorrow for the passing into Life on Sunday, March 27, of Helen Curtis Fowle. It is a great loss to us all, especially to her husband and four sons and daughter Joy, yet great gain for her. We are thankful that she is released from the pain she has borne so bravely for years. A woman of less faith and courage would scarcely have been able to live so long, let alone show the serenity, selflessness and courage with which she lived her days and nights. We give thanks for the beauty and strength of her life.

"She climbed the steep ascent of Heaven, through peril, toil and pain;

O God, to us may grace be given to follow in her train".

Helen Curtis was born August 31, 1886, in North Adams, Mass. and graduated from Wellesley College in 1908. After two years of teaching and a year as general secretary of the Christian Association at Wellesley College, she was appointed by the Woman's Board of Missions as a missionary to Western Turkey, with assignment to teach at the Merzifon Girls' School. After a year, in September, 1912, she was married to Luther R. Fowle, at that time a member of the Aintab Station, and spent two years there before they were transferred to Istanbul which has been their home ever since. Their house in Rumelihisar was a place of happy and memorable hospitality to the Mission, their children's friends and many others who know them, as well as a wonderful home for themselves and their five children.

This afternoon nearly fifty friends met in a beautiful memorial service at the Bible House, when we remembered with sympathy the family and friends in Thetford as they gather today for the funeral service and gave thanks for the gallant and beautiful life of our friend. Dr. Birge conducted the service, reading verses from the Bible, including the 121st Psalm, and the poem "She is not dead but just away" and leading us in prayer and thanksgiving. We sang two of Helen's favorite hymns, "Abide with me" and "We look to Thee in every need" and Prof. MacNeal played three selections from Bach which she loved, closing with the triumphant arrangement of "A Mighty Fortress is our God".

On Wednesday afternoon Istanbul was startled by a series of explosions which took place in a munitions factory at Kagithane, in which several were killed and others injured.

We thank Miss Adelaide Dwight for the following item:

George S. Lewis, great-grandson of H.G.O. Dwight of Istanbul is one of ten architects working for the firm who are erecting the UN buildings in New York. He writes: "We are working out the detailed plans, the main elements having been settled by a board of international architects a couple of years ago. The site, (42-48 street, 1st Ave. to the river) has been cleared, and the excavation is nearly done; next month they will start erecting steel for the Secretariat building, 39 stories high; it will probably be ready for occupancy in the fall of 1950. The other two buildings will follow soon after: the "Meeting Hall" building, where the Security Council and the two other Councils meet, and the General Assembly building, which is mainly a large auditorium." (George is the son of Mrs. J.R. Lewis of Holyoke Mass., who is a daughter of Dr. H.O. Dwight, and granddaughter of H.G.O. Dwight.)

Apologies are made for the absence of an issue of "The News Notes" last week, due to the illness of the faithful secretary, Miss Tuysuzian, now happily returned to her work, and also to the poor "news nose" of the writer!

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Putney



Dear Friends:

The News Notes joins the college communities in welcoming President Floyd H. Black back to Turkey after a business trip to America lasting since Christmas time. His plane arrived on Monday, the 7th.

The World Day of Prayer on March 4th was observed in Turkish at the Gedik Pasha church on the Wednesday preceding and on Friday at the Dutch Chapel in English. Attendances were gratifying, considering the prevailing grippe epidemic. In Thessalonica the day was kept at the Garrison Church of St. George.

At the suggestion of Mrs. Grady, first lady of the American embassy in Athens, a Week of Remembrance for Greece will be inaugurated just before the Greek National holiday on March 25th with appropriate exercises and broadcasts the world around. Both the Pope and the Archbishop of Canterbury have issued calls for it, and Pres. Truman is reported to be the Honorary Chairman.

Anatolia College has just finished a strenuous "Book Week".

Rev. J. Riggs Brewster with Mrs. Brewster and her sister, Miss Bush, were to have taken plane from Athens on the 5th, seeking medical help in America. We expect that Dan went with his father also.

Istanbul Station is sending Miss Jessie Martin, Miss Grace Towner and Mrs. Elvesta Leslie to the Spring Educational Council in Talas called for early next week. You don't need to go to Talas for skiing, ladies. The hills are white all around Istanbul now.

Miss Lucie Borel, for long years a teacher in the Girls' School in Adana, writes from AUVERNIER, la Violette 132, Switzerland with a message for her many friends. In Switzerland, where years have nothing to do with skates, a hockey player collided with her on a small rink throwing her head foremost to the ice. The result: concussion and injuries to her hand. "Practically no one knew of it," she writes, so I spent ten days at a time without seeing a soul excepting the postman." And there were "good stoves to be filled and refilled."

"Christmas and New Years were spent all by myself in bed in reading and quiet meditation. That is an experience which leaves me nothing but sweet remembrances...The silent friends who give practically no news of themselves are not those who think less or less often about those they care for in faithful friendship. I want every reader of "Dear Friends" in Constantinople, throughout Turkey, Syria and Greece, and of course in the United States to rest assured that all I ever knew are constantly remembered in prayerful gladness and gratefulness for the privilege of past fellowship, which becomes more and more precious with time.

"I especially wish to thank the senders of beautiful calendars, and the Christmas New Years' writers: Kate Seelye, Dorothy Blatter, Grace Towner, Jessie Martin, Roxanne Ilhamy, Dr. Haas, Mrs. Woolworth, Dr. Carleton, Mrs. Lucy Marden, Beth Chandler, Lillian Brauer, Miss Emerson, Veronica Bezirjian, Mrs. Miller (4830 N. Oakland Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.). I want to assure them that their loving and newsy letters brought me a camel's load of good wishes, and proved to be God-sent, a spring of sweet blessings during my quiet and happy six weeks' seclusion before Christmas and up to the middle of January....I beg each and all of the writers to accept my deepest thanks and hearty wishes for continued health, strength, peace and joy of heart. The same wishes go to all...

"I am grateful to be back in my usual state of health, able to take up again my diverse activities in and out of my home. Oh, the joy of being alive! Work is a generous blessing. Days are overflowing with work, joy and play. Just now I am having as a guest a young friend from Paris in great need of a change of environment and of sleep...I joy in returning the wonderful hospitality I met throughout life everywhere. You just try it, but first make sure of my address...I hope that "Dear Friends" will do me the favor, for once in twenty years, to print the above message in its entirety. Thank you." (Sorry for the little dots, Miss Borel.)

Sincerely,

Walter B. Wiley

Dear Friends:

A Boston cable announces the death there on March 18 of the Rev. J. Riggs Brewster. This is the second great loss suffered by this Mission within a month. Mr. Brewster, accompanied by Mrs. Brewster and her sister, as well as his son Dan, of the American Embassy at Athens, left Athens by plane on March 5th, and arrived the following day in Boston. Mr. Meeken and Dr. Ward met the party, and took the patient by ambulance direct to the Baker Memorial Hospital. The following day his son Robert arrived from Wisconsin. A memorial service for our associate was held in the Board Rooms on the afternoon of the 18th. Interment is to take place at Montrose.

Riggs Brewster first came to Turkey as tutor at Anatolia College, Marsovan where he served from 1905 to 1908. He was then transferred to International College, Izmir, where he remained till 1914. In that year he was married to Miss Ethel Bush. In 1915 he came to Salonica, where he was occupied with evangelistic work until 1931, when he came to Athens. From 1940 to 1945 he was in America, but in the autumn of that year he returned to Athens and assumed a varied and almost unbearably heavy load of responsibility. Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Brewster and to the sons.

Luther Fowle and Miss Bird, who is coming to the Talas clinic, plan to sail March 30th on the freighter "Fergulf", due in Istanbul at the end of April or early May. Farnsworth and Jim Fowle, who are both on this side of the Atlantic, hope to visit with their father at one of the Italian ports. The ship will then touch Alexandria, Beirut and Piraeus before reaching Istanbul.

The funeral service for Helen Fowle took place in Thetford, Vt., on the afternoon of March 3, amid a setting of mountains, snow and sunshine. In addition to the immediate family -- Luther, Joy, Curtis and Rick -- there were a few relatives and village friends, Dr. and Mrs. Goodsell, and Miss Blemker from the Board Rooms, Mrs. Mary (Monejikoff) Michaels and Mrs. Raymondo from Istanbul. The beautiful service was conducted by the pastor of the Thetford church. Dr. Goodsell spoke of Helen particularly as a homemaker as he had known her in Gaziantep, Istanbul and Thetford. As the interment took place the gathered friends repeated the 121st Psalm, "I will lift up mine eyes to the hills."

The Educational Council of the Near East Mission met in Talas Monday the 14th through the 16th. Those present in official capacity were William Sage Woolworth, Chairman, Dick Maynard, Secretary, Mrs. Blake and Miss Greene representing Izmir, the Misses Martin and Towner from Scutari, Messrs. Nilson and Scott from Talas, and Mrs. Leslie as special delegate. The main task of the Council was to arrange the final form of the Talimat-name (Rules and Regulations) guiding our schools in this country, for presentation to the Ministry of Education.

Miss Ruth Woodsmall, formerly secretary of the Istanbul Service Center for women, has paid this city a flying visit on her way to a conference in Beirut. She has retired from the YWCA, but is now under appointment to direct the cultural activities for Women throughout the American Zone of Germany. Her headquarters will be in Nuremberg.

The Near East Christian Council plans to hold its biennial meeting from April 26 to 29 at the Cedarhurst Hotel in Brummana above Beirut.

Dr. Milton Stauffer, president of the John Milton Society for the blind, is spending a week in Istanbul at the end of a round-the-world journey in the interest of those handicapped by being blind, deaf or dumb. He is accompanied by Mrs. Stauffer. Miss Helen Keller began the journey with them, and was given an amazing reception in Japan, China and Korea, but the strain proved greater than their strength, and the Stauffers have had to continue the journey alone. In all countries they find these handicapped people suffering under varying degrees of neglect. It is Dr. Stauffer's hope to see the Mission Boards co-operate in a special mission to the physically handicapped, similar in some ways to the special missions which now exist for lepers.

Taking advantage of a brief term holiday, Miss Peg Brown of Scutari saw the sights of Bursa this week.

Very truly yours,  
F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

Another sad cable has come from Boston, telling of the death on March 21 of Dr. Marden, long time a doctor in Merzifon and general missionary in Athens. Dr. Jesse Krikor Marden was born in Aintab, son of Rev. and Mrs. Henry Marden of the Central Turkey Mission, graduated from Dartmouth College in 1895 and three years later from the University of Michigan Medical School. Soon after that he came back to Turkey and to his and others' surprise he found his first evening in Aintab that his boyhood Turkish came back to him so that he was able to speak acceptably in the church prayer meeting. In 1902 he went to Merzifon for a year to help in the hospital there and after a short time settled there in his outstanding service through that hospital till it was closed in 1921. In 1908 he married Miss Lucy Morley of the staff of the Adana Girls' School who has always been a true missionary companion to her husband. During the latter part of the world war, Dr. Marden worked with the American Red Cross Expedition to Palestine where his knowledge of the Near East was of as much value as his medical skill. Then he returned in 1919 to his hospital till expelled by the government in March, 1921. After that he worked with the Near East Relief in Istanbul, Caucasus and Greece till its withdrawal from general work and then continued in general work in Athens till just before the Germans came in in 1941. Since then they have lived in retirement in Claremont, Cal. A letter just received from Mrs. Sewny, dated March 2, gives this news of him: "Dr. Marden has been very ill; he had a stroke and also has heart trouble. He is far from well yet." As we remember the thousands he has succored in mind and body in this land and in Greece, we think of Mrs. Marden with especial sympathy in her loneliness.

Mrs. Sewny reports also that Mrs. Getchell is "quite well", after a siege of illness and various treatments, and hopes, as we do, that she continues to improve. Her sister Emma had come from Denver to be with her. Miss Loughridge and her sister had recently been visiting relatives and friends in Sacramento and Fresno and seems very well though she is not able to use, as they had hoped, the eye which was operated for cataract.

A letter from Maurice and Minnie Beguin says they are teaching in a private school above Lausanne while he works on his research on the Ecumenical Movement in connection with Lausanne University. They have much joy in their small Beatrix who had just said her first clear word when they wrote in December and are looking forward to a possible appointment to the French Cameroons under the Paris Missionary Society. Their address till May is Le Torrent, Chateau d'Oex (Vaud), Suisse.

Dr. Glora Wysner of the Foreign Missions Conference has been making us a flying visit (literally) this week in preparation for writing the mission study text-book on the Near East for 1950. Dr. and Mrs. Birge have been arranging her time while here in Istanbul, so that she has met with various groups of Turkish women and girls whom she has asked to tell her what they would like to have put in such a book about Turkey. Then she has met many individuals and spent the first day here, last Monday, with the Publication Committee at the Birges'. She certainly knows how to ask leading questions and to make friends. Her years of missionary service under the Methodist Board in North Africa has given her an excellent background for her studies and observations. Just now she is in Ankara, returning here for the weekend before taking a plane on her way to Egypt. Her visit here is an inspiration to all of us who have the privilege of knowing her.

The following report comes from the Beirut News Letter: The engagement has been announced of Miss Helen Burnham and Rev. Philip H. Ward. Miss Burnham taught at the American Community School from 1944 to 1947 and is now teaching in Princeton. They are to be married during the coming summer and will make their home in Mt. Hermon where Mr. Ward is director of religious activities.

The United Nations on the status of women began its sessions in Beirut last Monday with representatives from fifteen countries. At the same time there will be a regional conference for Arab Lands and the Near East. It is to these conferences that Miss Ruth Woodsmall was on the way when she passed through Istanbul recently.

Sincerely yours,  
E. W. Putney

Dear Friends:

Read the March number of "Advance" for three good articles on the Near East: "We Can't Quit in Turkey" by Luther P. Fowle (Glad our editor away from home is keeping his hand in), "The Need of Greece and Pierce College" by Harold Harlow, and "In Shivering Greece" by Ruth Nichols.

It is time to see the Harry Meyerings again in print. They are now at 404 Jackson Apt. C, Mankato, Minn. but looking for better quarters. Harry is busy with school work in between speaking engagements. When last heard of Ralph was following the basketball playoffs in Kansas City. He has hopes of getting into the service of one of the National Parks this summer, and Don is looking forward to both Scout and Pilgrim Fellowship conferences. Evidently Fern writes the family letters. Keep it up!

Miss Ethel Earle, of Boston Latin School, after trips to Brousa and Izmir, returned to the Bible House in time to pay the necessary tribute to King Grippe and take off on a plane Sunday for home. While in Izmir she renewed an old school-time friendship with Harriet Yarrow.

The colleges in Istanbul close for spring vacation these next two weeks. Teachers are scattering as far as the confines of closed borders will permit.

Istanbul Station has had the privilege today of a visit from the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Refugee Division of the World Council of Churches, Bishop J. J. Blair Larned. Bishop Larned is the American Bishop in charge of the Episcopal churches in Europe. He spoke to us glowingly of the Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam last summer as for Christ's age-long prayer for human brotherhood the most important days since the Reformation. He stressed again and again the need for a roof over the head of millions of homeless European people and Arabs, and of their continual and rapid increase as refugees daily sought freedom and safety. He referred also to the problematical lack of church attendance especially in Italy and France, but of the noticeable increase in Germany. Bishop Larned will visit Ankara before he leaves Turkey sometime next week.

Miss Ruby Peters, of the Aleppo High School for Girls, has gone to fill an urgent need in the American Community School in Beirut. Our erstwhile editor, Miss Ethel Putney, is planning to take her place for the spring term in Aleppo, God-willing.

Retiring from the Mission after several years of overtime work, Miss Diantha Dewey and Miss Adelaide Dwight will be coming to Istanbul soon from Mardin due to sail on the S.S. Ferngulf May 3-5. The Ferngulf is the ship bringing Mr. Fowle and Miss Bird. It will stop at Izmir before leaving Turkey. The coming of the Raymond Whites last fall has made this release, or rather this retreat-according-to-orders, possible.

Some news arrives late, but \$500. from a Christmas Bazaar at the Y.M.C.A. in Salonica, put on by the Alumni bodies of the Anatolia College and Girls' School for an Alumni Scholarship Fund is still worth mentioning. In the bazaar a Puppet Show netted \$50. As a part of the Christmas celebration the III Form Girls, under Miss Gilkeson's direction, produced Dicken's Christmas Carol four times in a week.

Miss Marguerite Speirs, formerly connected with the Y.W.C.A. in Jerusalem, and Mr. John Barwick, of the World Committee of the Y.M.C.A., have arrived in Beirut this month to organize social recreational and educational work among the Palestinian refugees.

Mr. Russell H. Dorr, Chief of the ECA Mission in Ankara, has recently made a statement on Turkey's participation in the European Recovery Program: "Turkey has with considerable wisdom and restraint, decided to refrain from asking for ECA funds merely to secure consumption goods... Instead she is seeking means... to secure permanent increases in her production of food-stuffs, minerals, and raw materials" to build for the future.

Sincerely,

Walter B. Wiley

Dear Friends:

On Thursday evening the Istanbul station met at the Bible House for a farewell party to Mizz Zabel Ohanian, who has been for a number of years secretary and general handyman at the Scutari School. Miss Ohanian is leaving on the 14th by air for America, and expects to live with relatives on Long Island. She will be much missed in the Mission circle, of which she has made herself so fully a member during her years of responsibility.

On Tuesday Dr. and Mrs. Sherwood Eddy arrived by air from Pakistan as they near the end of their round-the-world journey which has lasted for many months. Dr. Eddy spoke of their impressions of the countries of Europe and Asia at a special meeting of the Istanbul station, held in the Bible House on Thursday afternoon. They are guests in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Birge.

From her school in New Britain, Conn., Miss Angie Ducas writes of a happy visit with Peg Blemker, now on the secretarial staff at the Board rooms. She had also seen Bob King of Tarsus as he passed through New Britain on his way to Springfield.

Miss Ducas reports that Miss Mabel Emerson has recovered strength enough to return to her own apartment in Cambridge, Mass.

Bishop J. J. Larned spent a busy day or two in Istanbul on his return from Ankara. He felt a great concern for the 140 American children living in that city without any opportunity for public worship or religious instruction for themselves or their parents. He has gone on by air to Athens, where he will conduct the Palm Sunday services and then be in Rome for Easter.

A group of sightseers including Dorothy and Cathie Birge, Dorothy Blatter and Peg Brown, Robin and Lyman MacCallum expect to spend a week end seeing the sights of that seldom visited town, Adrianople.

On Wednesday, the 13th, there will be a Union Holy Week service at 18:00 in the chapel of the British Legation. Good Friday service will be held at 17:30 in the Dutch Chapel, where on Easter Sunday the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

Dr. and Mrs. Lorrin Shepard and Connie are leaving this week to spend Easter in the ancestral domains of Gaziantep. They hope to find out whether the lahmajun and Çigköfte still flourish as they once did.

And speaking of Gaziantep, the annual report for the Azariah Smith Memorial Hospital in that city shows 1315 In-patients and 5894 outpatients treated during the year 1948. Major operations numbered 228, with 50 minor operations. In-patient days numbered 15,970, which meant that throughout the entire year the hospital was averaging 89% capacity. The effective witness of such an institution can be imagined, even though it does not appear in statistical tables.

On March 11, 1949, the American High School for Girls at Aleppo held an arbor day on the barren hillside where one day their school will stand among the trees which are now being planted and watered with hope. Pits had been dug and blasted in the rock and filled with soil to receive the trees. Some 267 people, ranging from the Below-fours to the Above-Twenties gathered for the exercises. Perhaps the most charming event was the planting-song, sung in Arabic by the Kindergarten and first grade. Suiting action to the word, they sang of digging and planting, verse after verse, each followed by the refrain, "A tree from me, a tree from you." Then all over the campus-to-be, groups were planting, singing, cheering. Afterwards all adjourned next door to the Aleppo College, and closed with the hymn, "We build our school on Thee, O Lord."

Very truly yours,

F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

Word has come without details of the death of Miss Agnes Fenenga on April 5th or 6th. Her many friends will pause in their busy round to give thanks that the Giver of all good gifts has given them a friend like her. She was born on the Isle of Schermonekcoog in Holland on April 5, 1874, and in her early years settled with her family in Mitchell, So. Dakota. Immediately after her graduation from Yankton College in 1901 she sailed for Turkey, and reached Mardin on Dec. 4th of that year. She was back in the United States from 1908 to 1911, and again in the period 1916-19, and during this later period of waiting received her M.A. from Yankton. But Mardin was her home all through the first third of the century, and there she became principal of the two American Board Schools. For a time after 1920 she served with the Presbyterian Board when the station, as an Arabic-speaking center, was transferred from the American Board for several years. She had to leave Mardin in 1933 when the political situation became too tense, and came to Aleppo. With the exception of 1941-42 when she was Acting Principal in the Girls' School in Sidon, Aleppo Girls' School was to be her home for the next ten years until her retirement in 1944. Since then she has been living in Gregory, So. Dakota. Her loss will be all the more keenly felt because of the recent very rapid thinning out of the older members of the Mission.

Our sympathy goes out to Dr. Alford Carleton in Aleppo for the loss of his mother on March 31st.

Mrs. Murray Hill has arrived in Aleppo to visit her son, Douglas.

Miss Clara Engle has been in Aleppo, helping to carry through the Christian Youth Conference meeting at the college April 9-14. We expect that she is taking her vacation in Talas at the present writing.

The Wichita Eagle brings us the story of the March 19th marriage in the Hope Lutheran church in Minneapolis of Mary Francis Isely, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Merrill N. Isely of Gaziantep to Lee Hermsmeier, of Quincy, Ill. Mary Francis is a graduate of Kansas State College in Manhattan and of the Public Health Nursing School in Minneapolis. She is an instructor in Barabas Hospital of that city. Mr. Hermsmeier will be graduated in June from the U. of Minnesota, where he has majored in Agricultural Engineering.

From Gaziantep also comes the news that Caroline is engaged to be married after she graduates from Northwestern University, in Evanston, Ill., this coming June. The fortunate ring-giver is James Mattox, of Lead, S.D., a first-year student in Northwestern Medical School.

Bill is working in Westinghouse Laboratories in Pittsburg, Pa.

We have found out the real reason for the Shepard family's trip to Gaziantep. They were looking forward to celebrating Albert and Dora Dewey's wedding anniversary with them on their annual hospital picnic to Bebrige on the 13th. Wish we had been there, too.

Speaking of anniversaries, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sellar entertained nearly half a hundred friends at their home in Bebek on the 19th to testify to one and all that married life can last for fifty years happily and wonderfully. And let us add, "Wonderfully for others as well as for each other." We wish them both health and strength for another fifty.

We are happy to report that invitations are out for the nuptials of Miss Caroline L. Wadsworth, daughter of Ambassador Wadsworth, and Mr. Walter W. Harris, an attache of the American Embassy in Bagdad, on Saturday next at the Embassy in Istanbul. Dr. Birge is to perform the ceremony.

Prof. and Mrs. Laurens Seelye are happy in a visit from their daughter, Muriel. Miss Seelye is on the staff of the Unitarian Service Committee in its Paris office.

Few of our Turkey travellers turn west from Istanbul. Mr. and Mrs. Lyman MacCallum, with Misses Dorothy Birge and Ghislaine Trammel, are on a two day tour of Adrianople at the present writing. Rain or snow, they went.

Sincerely,

Walter B. Wiley

Dear Friends:

Miss Diantha Dewey has arrived in Istanbul from Mardin, having come on by air from Diyarbakir. Here she will be joined by Miss Adelaide Dwight, and the two will proceed to America by the S.S. Ferngulf which at this moment is bringing out Miss Bird and Mr. Fowle.

Miss Dewey reports the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. McKeith in Mardin on Saturday the 23rd. They planned to spend 5 days in seeing the work there, after which they would go on to Diyarbakir and take train for Gaziantep.

Miss Ethel Putney reached Aleppo the day before Easter, and a few days later assumed a teaching programme of 15 hours a week, including the teaching of Arithmetic from her own text-book.

Mrs. Sarah Vincke, who has spent the winter with Mission friends in Salonika and Athens, is expected in Istanbul on May 1st. She will spend about a month at the Bible House.

Snow in six successive months of the year has been the remarkably unkind record of this winter. Mardin and Talas also report snowfalls during April. But we're not complaining, oh no! lest the weatherman take notice and decide that a blizzard in May would have disciplinary advantages.

The MacCallum - Birge - Trammel party returned in high spirits after two good days in the interesting and too-seldom visited town of Adrianople. Their notes on where to stay and what to see and eat are at the disposal of any succeeding tourist parties.

Dr. Edgar H. S. Chandler, of the Congregational Christian Service Commission has been in Beirut, conferring with various agencies regarding work among Palestinian refugees. Dr. Chandler, accompanied by the Rev. Horace McMullen, expected to go on a short visit to Amman and Jerusalem. (Beirut News-letter.)

The Senate of the University of Ankara has accepted in principle the creation of a Faculty of Theology in the University.

A recent survey reveals that during the year 1948, 5,153 motorcar accidents were reported in Turkey. There were 491 fatalities. Since there are said to be 15,000 motor vehicles in the country, the percentage of accidents seems rather high.

Miss Mary Nelson, who will be remembered as one of the nursing staff of the American Hospital of Istanbul in the mid-1920's, writes from 2121 Beach Drive, St. Petersburg, Fla., where she sits looking out over a vista which includes eight miles of Tampa Bay as she sends greetings to old friends in Turkey.

"Snipp, Snapp, Snurr ve Kirmizi Iskarpin" is the latest title to appear in the Publication Department's series of children's books. In 24 pages of text and full-page coloured illustrations the story tells how three small Swedish brothers earned money and bought their mother a pair of red shoes. It is a story for the 5-8 year olds; the price is 50 pts.

A trumpet blast from Ankara challenges a recent remark in this sheet that 140 American children in that city had no opportunity for religious instruction or public worship. Services for adults take place every Sunday, alternating between a service of worship and a meeting for discussion. There is a regular Sunday school, with about 50 children in attendance, conducted by Mr. Warren van Tuyl. There were over 100 present at the Easter morning service. It is pleasant (though not at all unique) for the struggling assembler of these notes to be thus triumphantly convicted of gross error.

Miss Dorothy Blatter left by air for Damascus on Saturday to attend the meetings of the Near East Christian Council which are being held this week at Brumanna, above Beirut. Miss Blatter expects to return on Sunday, May 1st.

Very truly yours,

F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

On Saturday evening Istanbul Station gathered at the Tower Cottage in Bebek for supper with Dr. and Mrs. J. Kingsley Birge in honor of two of the Mission who are retiring from service on the field. Miss Diantha Dewey was born of missionary parents in Abeh, Lebanon, and spent the first years of her life in Mardin. She graduated from Oberlin College in 1903, and two years later came back to Mardin, a missionary in her own right. There she has served for nearly thirty-four years through difficult times in the history both of the people of Turkey and of the American Board. Miss Adelaide Dwight is a child of Istanbul, where for a while she attended Constantinople College. She graduated from Smith College in 1900, and sailed for Turkey two years later. Since then she has served with the American Board for thirty-five years in Talas, Tarsus, and since 1946 in Mardin. She worked with the Near East Relief in Athens for a period following the first World War. Now going home several years after the normal time of retirement, these two are eager not to lay down the plough and look backward, but to open a new chapter of service ahead. They sailed together on the S.S. Ferngulf yesterday, the 2nd, with the good wishes of many friends.

On Sunday morning most of the Station was gathered at the quay to greet Mr. Luther R. Fowle, and with him Miss Barbara Bird, who comes to join Dr. Wm. L. Nute in Talas as Clinic nurse. Mr. Fowle is at present staying at the Bible House. Miss Bird left by train for Kayseri this noon.

On Sunday Miss Dorothy Blatter returned from Beirut where last week she attended the sessions of the Near East Christian Council held in the Cedarhurst Hotel in Brummana Tuesday through Friday. The other delegate from the American Board was Rev. Horace McMullen. Thirty-odd delegates were gathered from Algeria, Soudan, Egypt, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Iran and Turkey. One special representative came from Pakistan. Two guests of honor were Dr. Glora Wysner of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, and Miss Mabel Warburton of the Conference of Foreign Missionary Societies of Great Britain and Ireland. The docket brought out serious discussion on such subjects as Palestinian refugees, human rights, missions the growing edge of the church, the Newman School of Missions seeking a new home after its closure in Jerusalem, relation of the N.E.C.C. to the Orthodox Church, theological education, the program of advance, work for the blind, literature, reconstruction of the war damaged churches, and cooperative projects.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Horace McMullen, a baby girl on April 29 or 30.

Word has come of the passing in his sleep on April 26th of Rev. John van Ess, D.D. in his home in Basra. Dr. and Mrs. van Ess were to have visited Istanbul next week. Mrs. van Ess will make the trip as planned a week later. Dr. van Ess has been a missionary of the Mesopotamia Mission of the Dutch Reformed Church since the days of the Sultans. He is the author of "Meet the Arab", and the founder of a school for boys in Basra.

Word has also come to our fellow editor of the sudden death of his younger brother, Prof. Reid MacCallum, in Bracebridge, Ont. on May 1st. He was born in Gaziantep, and at the time of his death was professor of philosophy in the University of Toronto. He leaves a wife and three children. Our love and sympathy go out to Professor MacCallum's mother and brother here among us, and to their family far and near.

Mrs. Sarah Vincke, of the English department of the Univ. of Montana, on her sabbatical leave is at the Bible House for a stay of several weeks.

Prof. and Mrs. Lewis Thomas, now at 120 prospect Ave. (E1), Princeton, N.J., will go to Ann Arbor, in the fall where he will be an Assistant Professor in the History Department of the University of Michigan. They still entertain active hopes of getting out to Turkey again in the not too distant future to renew old friendships.

It is good news that the thirty to forty boys kidnapped from the Farm School in Thessaloniki about the turn of the year by raiding insurrectionists have all found their way back to school.

Sincerely,  
Walter B. Wiley



Dear Friends:

Mr. and Mrs. McKeith were perhaps among the first foreigners to take advantage of the new bus line which takes passengers in about six hours from Gaziantep to Adana along the new trunk highway, which is one of the firstfruits of American Aid to Turkey. After visiting Adana-Tarsus they went by car through the Cilician Gates to Talas. On this drive they were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Woolworth. From Talas they again travelled by car to Ankara, where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Webster. They are now filling a crowded programme in Izmir, and are expected to arrive in Istanbul by air on Saturday morning. Here they will spend a week, seeing every phase of the work, as well as meeting many people and enjoying the sights and monuments of this ancient city. They go on by air to Athens on the 23rd.

A remarkable memorial service for the late Miss Agnes Fenenga was held in the Protestant church of Mardin on April 24th. The Catholic Bishop of Mardin attended in person, while the bishop of the Ancient Syriac (Jacobite) sent his representative, as the bishop could not leave his own services on the Orthodox Easter. The influence of Miss Fenenga's strong personality and devoted life is still felt, even though some 15 years have elapsed since she left that city.

Mr. Merrill Isely left Gaziantep on the 10th to attend the Board of Trustees meetings of the Aleppo College and then of the Near East School of Theology in Beirut.

Work on the construction of Parsons Hall, the first of the four buildings authorized for the American Girls' School at Izmir, began in April. Excavations for the foundations and basement are completed, and the first cement is about to be poured. The superintendent of the work is a former International College student, who has recently returned to Turkey after some years spent in America as student and teacher of architecture. His assistant is another International College graduate who has had many years of building experience in this country. There are good hopes of having the building ready for occupancy when the school opens in September.

The Misses Dwight and Dewey, of Mardin, who sailed from Istanbul on the 2nd, paid a farewell visit to Turkey at Izmir two days later.

Mrs. Elvesta Leslie of the Treasury Department, left yesterday for Izmir, in company with her daughter, Mrs. John Seager, and two small granddaughters.

The Committee on Work Among Moslems, of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, of which Dr. John E. Merrill is Chairman, is putting out a valuable series of mimeographed digests of books and articles which have a bearing on their field of investigations. No. 14 of these digests translates and summarizes in a most interesting fashion the book "Din ve Telakkiler" (translated as "Religious Progress"), written by our Istanbul friend, Ömer Fevzi Mardin.

The date for Annual Meeting, which will this year be held in Izmir, has been fixed tentatively to begin on the evening of June 25th. The Educational Committee will have the floor for the two days preceding.

Sons Paul Nilson of Talas and Warner Dewey of Gaziantep are expected to set foot in their native land in July. Paul is a student in Electronics and radar. He hopes to spend a year in Turkey before returning to continue advanced studies. There is a rumour that May and Sylvia Nilson are also intending to return to Turkey before long.

The press announces the opening of a new bus service from Istanbul to Ankara, via Bolu. The bus leaves Sirkeci at 7 a.m. and reaches Ankara in the late afternoon. The fare is eleven liras.

Very truly yours,

F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

Invitations are out for the marriage of Mr. Robert A. Shepard and Miss Eugenia Melzar on June 18 at The Congregational Church in Wilmington, Wilmington, Mass. We add our felicitations to many others.

Dr. and Mrs. David McKeith arrived in Istanbul according to plan on Saturday morning, and were greeted at tea at the Scutari School by the Station. That evening they were dinner guests of Pres. and Mrs. Black at the Girls' College, staying on for the College Club gathering there that evening. On Sunday morning Dr. McKeith preached at the Dutch Chapel on the benediction in II Cor. 13:14, and then visited the Greek Evangelical congregation long enough for greetings, translated by Mr. MacCallum. That evening he talked about his African trip to the Young Adults at the Manse. Monday included a little sight-seeing, and visits to the Service Center, and the American Hospital. Tuesday took them to the Scutari School. During the afternoon a dramatic performance was given by the girls bringing in school events of the year in panorama form. Wednesday was spent visiting Turkish institutions and meeting people of the country. Among these last was an interview with the new Ecumenical Greek Patriarch, recently called from the metropolitan diocese of New York. The whole Station was gathered together again at the Bible House yesterday afternoon at which Dr. McKeith outlined his impressions of the Board work in Africa and in the Near East. A visit to the Armenian Patriarch here in Istanbul is on the schedule for this morning.

We learn from the Beirut News Letter that the daughter born to Rev. and Mrs. Horace McMullen in the A.U.B. hospital on April 30 was Baby Laura, tipping the scales at  $7\frac{1}{2}$  pounds. We hope that there was lung power to match and the beginnings of long life and much happiness for herself and others wrapped up in her little self.

Rev. Merrill N. Isely attended the Aleppo College Board of Managers meeting in Aleppo on May 11th and the N.E.S.T. Board of Managers meeting on May 13th in Beirut.

The N.E.S.T. students and faculty were to hold their spring retreat in the Dorman home in Shemlan on May 7th.

Aleppo College Glee Club gave a concert in Damascus on April 30th.

The Near East Christian Council, says the News Letter, is working on plans for a full time secretary with a travel budget enabling him to visit the different areas. Rev. E. E. Elder now gives half time to the Council.

The Anglo-American Church in Beirut, at a meeting on May 8th, authorized the Pastor's Committee to seek pledges towards a budget which would enable the church to employ a full time pastor. Says the pastor of the Dutch Chapel in Istanbul, this is a move in the right direction.

The Turkish Press this last week announced the death by heart failure of Dr. Walter L. Wright, Jr., formerly President of the American Colleges in Istanbul, in the United States. We fear that this was from overwork.

We are enjoying the stay with us at the Bible House of Mrs. John Van Ess from Basra. She feels so much at home in Turkey that not to be able to use her Arabic here is a trial.

Yesterday the Turkish nation celebrated with enthusiasm its annual Sports Holiday. In commemoration of the day that Atatürk landed at Samsun to begin his struggle for a liberated and democratic Turkey the nation celebrates in a way to typify and increase the physical and mental health and strength of the human resources of the nation. In an address to the youth of the country in the Ankara stadium the President said: "I see two conditions to meet. 1. If the problems of foreign affairs require it, our trust shall be in the nation's remaining united as one body. 2. In the controversies of the democratic regime it is in the ability to maintain the nation's natural health and soundness."

Yours truly,

Walter B. Wiley

Dear Friends:

The Misses Dewey of Mardin, and Dwight of Talas whose ship "Fergulf" left Izmir on May 4/5, reached Newport News on the 20th. just half the time spent on the outward trip with Miss Bird and the Treasurer.

Dr. and Mrs. David McKeith flew from Istanbul to Athens on May 23rd after having visited all the centers in the Lebanon, Syria, and Turkey where the American Board has personnel. After visiting Athens and Thessaloniki, they fly to London, returning by boat to America to take over the full task of leadership, as Executive Vice-President of the American Board. It has been a great privilege to the widely scattered American Board personnel in Africa and the Near East, to have this early opportunity to know personally Dr. and Mrs. McKeith.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry T. Baker, who left Istanbul in 1939 after a particularly rich service in the Dersane and the Community, have been living recently in their Johnstown, New York home. But now they have responded to a new invitation, and are filling in at the Ardmore Y in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Ernest Hedden of 787 Philip Ave., Detroit 15, writes that her youngest daughter - Nan - will be married on June 25th - but does not give us the name of the fortunate young man. But "Bob" graduates from Duke University in June in electrical engineering.

Ancient Nicea. A party of twelve took advantage of the Turkish Sports holiday on May 19 and 20, to visit Nicea on the 1624th anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council, assembled in that city by the Emperor Constantine on May 20th 325 A. D. The Scutari Academy was represented by Misses. Brown, Bullock, Blatter, Wolfe, and Wolstead. Lee Espey and Ronald Hummel came from Robert College. Three mistresses from the English H. S. for Girls, with Mrs. Vinke (on sabbatical from Montana State College) and Lyman MacCallum, Agent of the Bible Societies, completed the party.

Transportation across the Sea of Marmara and hotel problems presented no serious difficulties, and the spring country-side was at its green best. Nicea (Turkish name 'Iznik') offers to the historically minded, buildings and important remains from the Roman, Byzantine, and early Turkish periods. Chief among the sights are the church of Aya Sophia (Holy Wisdom), in which the Nicene Creed was hammered out; the city walls and triple gates; the theater; the Yeshil Mosque and the Nilufer Hatun Imareti (Dame Nilufer's building for food distribution to the needy). The Director of Antiquities and the Governor showed the utmost kindness to the party, and expressed the hope that others will follow in their steps. At this season, it makes a delightful, inexpensive, and most instructive three-day excursion from Istanbul.

Moral Rearmament: A Moral Rearmament team, consisting of a returned British General, and two British colonels has held a public meeting in this city; and has visited the Mayor, Hamdullah Subhi Bey, and other dignitaries. There have been several columns of favorable notice in the daily press. Dr. Frank Buchman is reported as being a descendant of the first translator of the Koran into the Swedish language. The team has gone on, to visit Ankara.

Saturday, June 25th is probably the date for the assembly in Izmir of the 1949 Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission. Members of the Mission Educational Council are expecting to assemble in that city, on the evening of the 23rd.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lyman have moved to the Luther Fowle home in Hisar for the summer months. With the return of Mrs. Leslie from a brief holiday in Izmir, there will be four in the family. Jim Fowle is expected on May 28th to spend several weeks, working on his study material, assembled in Europe during the past winter.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Mrs. Elvesta Leslie returned on Sunday evening, May 29th, from a fortnight's holiday in Izmir.

At noon on June 1st, a spectacular fire broke out in a large depot in the Uzuncharshi, some 300 yards from the Bible House, towards the Golden Horn. The large wooden building was full of benzine, sulphur, beeswax and other industrial chemicals, which burned fiercely and occasionally gave rise to explosions sufficiently violent to break nearby windows. Efforts of the fire department kept the conflagration from spreading, but the damage is estimated at about five million liras. The mosque of Süleymaniye, framed beneath an arch of blackest smoke, as seen under these circumstances was unforgettable.

Miss Kitty Henrey, formerly engaged in Christian literature work in Arab lands, and later connected with the Oxford University Press, expects to spend her summer holiday in Istanbul. She will be accompanied by her friend, Miss Stern, and they will be guests at the Birge home from about the end of June.

The Beirut Newsletter reports the death at Riverdale, N.Y., at the age of 91, of Mrs. Grace Parish Dodge, mother of Dr. Bayard Dodge.

From the same source we learn that Mr. and Mrs. James E. Sutton, formerly of Amman, Transjordan, are to be on the faculty of the Junior College for Women. Mr. Sutton has this year been in charge of the YMCA in Jerusalem.

The Senior Banquet, one of the big social events of the year, takes place at the Scutari school on Saturday, the 4th. Commencement exercises will be held on the following Saturday, the 11th.

Mr. James Fowle arrived last Saturday, as expected. He will be spending about three weeks here with his father, Mr. Luther Fowle. He plans then to go to Paris, and leave for the States in early September. For the coming year he has a teaching fellowship in the Department of Fine Arts of Harvard University.

The Baccalaureate and Commencement Service of the Near East School of Theology will be held in Beirut on the afternoon of Sunday, June 12th.

The following sailing dates are as nearly fixed as it is possible for such matters to be in advance. Miss Jessie Martin from Istanbul on or about the 15th on the "Fernplant." Mr. Bob Ramaker from Cherbourg, June 15th on the "Queen Mary." Miss Anna Mae Helton from Naples on June 18th on the "Saturnia." Miss Marjorie Bullock from Southampton, August 5th, on the "Queen Mary." Miss Saisie Hibbard, accompanied by Katherine and Dorothy Birge, Loretta Kreider and Carol Wiley from Southampton, August 20, on the "Queen Mary." A bouquet of bon voyages to our departing young people, and a hope that one by one they will someday come sailing back.

After a week in Istanbul, Mrs. John Van Ess left Friday evening by air for London. She will spend some time in England before going on to America.

At the May Day programme which took place in the open-air amphitheater of the Izmir American Collegiate, the elected queen was crowned by Miss Greene and seated with a casket in her lap, to which various members and classes brought their gifts. This casket, with its contents, was later to be built into the cornerstone of the school building now under construction. Included in the contents was a short history of the school since its foundation in 1879, the names of the 276 graduates before 1922 and 168 since then, its 7 Principals and 135 teachers; signatures of all the present students; maps showing the location of graduates; photographs of Izmir and of the school campus; school songs etc. A piano concert followed this ceremony, during which the Maypole dance was given by a number of the girls.

Very truly yours,

F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

Invitations are out under the name of Rev. and Mrs. Merrill Isely for the marriage of their daughter, Caroline Elise, to Mr. James E. Mattox on Tuesday, the fourteenth of June, at eleven in the morning at the Howes Memorial Chapel in Evanston, Ill. Happy Landings!

On Saturday afternoon, the 4th, the Dutch Chapel in Istanbul was full for a pretty wedding which united in marriage Mr. Gaylord Noyce of Robert College and Miss Dorothy Caldwell of the Service Center staff. Dr. J. Kingsley Birge performed the ceremony. A reception followed at the Birge home.

A cable brings us word of the passing of Mrs. H. H. (Annie) Riggs at the Walker Home on June 1st. A Memorial Service was to be held at the Home in Auburndale, Mass. on the 5th. Mrs. Riggs was born in Hillsboro, N.H. She graduated from the Kennedy School of Missions in 1919, and arrived in Harpoot that same year. In May 1920 she was married to the Rev. Henry H. Riggs. Before the year was out political conditions made it necessary for them to leave Harpoot. During the months following, her husband finished his translation of the New Testament into Kurdish. Dr. and Mrs. Riggs then went to Beirut where they lived until 1940. Mrs. Riggs was widowed when Dr. Riggs died in Jerusalem in 1944 in his effort to get back to his post in Beirut alone. Their daughters, Ruth and Helen, are both married. Mrs. Riggs was for several years matron of Barton House at the Walker Homes until her health made it too heavy a load to carry. Our sympathy goes out to her loved ones, each and all.

The Memorial Day Service for the American community in Istanbul was held in the cemetery at Feriköy at 9:30 on the morning of May 30th. Consul General John Macdonald called for "Faith of Our Fathers" and introduced Dr. Birge for a short address. "America, the Beautiful", Prayer and the Benediction were followed by trumpet Taps in the distance, played beautifully by Mr. Titus Triplett. Many brought flowers with which every grave was decorated.

On Sunday the 29th a Memorial Service was held in Albert Long Hall at Robert College for Dr. Walter L. Wright, Jr. with tributes by Pres. Floyd Black, Dr. Eleanor Burns, Dean Harold Scott, Bay Turgut for the Alumni; and Bay Yusuf Mardin, reading for Bay Emin Yalman, Editor of the newspaper, Vatan, who was unable to be present; and organ numbers of Bach.

This week graduations are upon us. Wednesday brought the exercises of the Preparatory Departments of both colleges. Today Bay Mumtaz, Ankara Deputy and American Ambassador Wadsworth addressed the graduates at the Girls' College. Tomorrow another class will finish at Robert College, and on Saturday tears and rejoicing will mix at the ceremony at the American Academy for Girls at Scutari. The exodus of teachers by boat and plane has already begun.

Mr. Robert Ramaker, returning from the Boys' School in Talas, left Istanbul by the Italian plane for Rome this morning. Later connecting with the S.S. Queen Mary, he hopes to be in New York by the 19th.

Announcements have been received of the opening on July 2nd of the summer holiday center at Choueir in the Lebanon mountains above Beirut. Inclusive rates are L.Leb. 7.50 to 10 per day for single room, and L.Leb. 5.50 to 8 per person for a double room. The center will remain open through September.

If Dr. Edgar J. Fisher's summer schedule is like that which we have just been studying, what can his winter one be like! He is now Carter Glass Professor of Government at Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Va. and Ass't Director of the Institute of International Education in New York City. Among other things he will be attending the founding meeting of the American-Turkish Association, meeting of the Board of Directors of the Near East Foundation, the Consultative Conference and administrative Board Meetings of the Committee on Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students, the University of Kansas City Summer Session, and giving two New York Univ. credit courses in Social Studies at Chautauqua.

Sincerely,

Walter B. Wiley

Dear Friends:

By the Will of the late Mrs. Alice W. Manning, widow of Prof. George L. Manning of Robert College, Mrs. Manning's estate has been delivered to the American Humane Education Society as Trustee, the income of the estate to be available for the Turkish Animal Protection Society (Hayvanlari Koruma Cemiyeti) in its prosecution of the work to which Mrs. Manning devoted herself for the past 30 years. The Animal Hospital at Osman Bey, in Istanbul, was also purchased by Mrs. Manning. The work of this Turkish Society is administered by a Board of Turkish men and women who are deeply committed to this cause. Two foreigners - one German, the other American - are also on the Board. Daily administration is in the hands of the Executive Secretary, Bay Feridun Özgür - a graduate of Robert College and of the Law Department of the Istanbul University. He has long worked with Mrs. Manning, and has had a period of study and observation in British institutions of this type. It is particularly gratifying that local support for this work is steadily increasing; that the Municipality has made a substantial grant to the Society this year, in recognition of its services, and that relations between various Government and Municipal Departments and the Society are increasingly effective and co-operative.

Mr. Douglas Hill of Aleppo College, accompanied by his Mother who has been spending a couple of months with him, plans to be in Istanbul for the first week of July. At Adana, they will pick up Miss Ethel Putney, who leaves Aleppo several days before them, to visit her friends on "The Plains". They plan to arrive in Istanbul on July 1st.

The sudden death of Mrs. Henry Riggs was reported last week. Letter of June 7th from one attending the Memorial Service held at the Walker Home on June 5th reports "She died so peacefully. She was found with a book open on her lap, and her grand-children, for whom she was 'baby-sitting' fast asleep".

Farnsworth Fowle, an overseas correspondent for CBS during and since the war, arrived in Istanbul today as provisional correspondent for the New York Times.

On Sunday afternoon, June 12th some 35 members and friends of the American Board Mission met in the west garden of the Fowle home in Hisar for the final Station Meeting before the Mission Annual Meeting which soon assembles in Izmir. This furnished just the right framework for farewell good wishes to those returning this summer to America. Miss Helton flew to Rome the next morning; Miss Jessie Martin sails on the 20th; while Miss Marjorie Bullock flies on the 23rd. Once again, with that strange magic that no male mind can grasp, there was a delicious supper, served by the ladies of the Station at tables scattered under the shade. Would that you all could have caught the fragrance of the strawberry short-cake, the berries being particularly abundant this year. Buyursunlar!

Robert Shepard. The marriage of Robert Andrews Shepard, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lorrin A. Shepard of the Admiral Bristol Hospital, Istanbul and Miss Eugenia Melzar, is to take place on Saturday, June 18th, at the bride's home town, Wilmington, Mass. The interest and best wishes of the American Board family in the Near East will follow these young people. They plan to live in a country house, eight miles from Yale University, where Bob will complete his graduate study for the Ph.D. in Science next year.

Scutari graduation. Thirty-nine happy seniors graduated on June 11th at the Scutari School, in exercises conducted by the Principal, Miss Jessie Martin. The Honorable George Wadsworth, American Ambassador, spoke a few words, while the Turkish address was given by Prof. Kazim Ismail Gürkan, of the University Medical Faculty.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

It is anticipated that the Annual Meeting, held for the first time in Izmir, will be closing its sessions today.

Born in Lexington, Mass. on June 24, to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Biggs, Andrew Thomson BIGGS. Congratulations to the grandparents, our good friends Norah and Duncan Thomson.

Paul Nilson, Jr. has signed a three-year contract with Robert College, where he will be teaching mathematics and allied subjects.

Mr. Ed. Sather of Talas, delayed his visit to Italy and Europe long enough to stretch out on Dr. Shepard's operating table. Happily he is about ready to resume his journey after a week of recuperation with Mr. and Mrs. James Lyman at "Greylock."

Miss Marion Nossier passed through Istanbul on her way to spend the summer in Paris.

"Chalikushu" the novel by Reshat Nuri Güntekin, on which many a baby tooth has been broken in the second year Turkish course, has been published in England in a translation made by Sir Wyndham Deeds. It bears some such title as, "Autobiography of a Turkish Girl."

Excavation has been begun for the new building of the American Community School (Beirut) on the site recently acquired just below the A.U.B. Preparatory School. It is hoped to have classrooms available for use in the fall. The old property is in process of being sold, but the building will be rented for the use of the boarding department next year---Beirut News Letter.

The Rev. John D. and Mrs. Crose, well known to many friends in Turkey as a result of their lifelong work in Beirut with the mission of the Church of God, are retiring and leaving the work in the hands of their son, the Rev. Lester A. Crose. Mr. and Mrs. Crose expected to sail for America on July 15th.

After spending ten days in Istanbul on Bible Society affairs, Mr. Siegfried Friedlieb flew to Athens to go through the same business there. Mr. Friedlieb is going on short leave to Paris, where a first grandchild awaits inspection.

Before coming, Mr. Friedlieb attended the dedication service of the Bible shop newly opened on a prominent street in Damascus. This service took place on June 19th in the Arabic Presbyterian Church of that city. The care of the shop is in the hands of Mr. Yusef Sayes.

Pierce College, Elleniko, is holding its closing exercises this afternoon. Mr. Nuveen of ECA and Mr. Tsatsos, the Minister of Education, will speak. More than 120 girls will receive diplomas.

Miss Mabel Long, president of Pierce College, expects to leave after July 15 for a six weeks' holiday in Switzerland where she will perhaps attend summer school in Zurich.

On June 16th a reception and dinner were given in the Old South Church, Boston for Dr. and Mrs. F. K. Goodsell, on the occasion of their retirement. Among the speeches on this occasion were those by Dr. Ashley Leavitt (How we discovered Fred Goodsell), Mabel Emerson -- read by Alice Carey in the author's absence -- (The staff looks at the Executive Vice-President), Dr. Douglas Horton (The Good Companion). Norman Goodall, General Secretary of the International Missionary Council, was present and also took part. Dr. Goodsell's duties are to be handed over on July 29th, on which day they will start to drive to California, where they expect to be until the end of October.

Very truly yours,

F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

On June 13th Bishop Craighill united Maryly Nute and His son, Lloyd L. Jr., in marriage at Englewood, N.J. Maryly is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Nute of Talas, and the sister of Dr. Wm. L. Nute, Jr. of Ankara. The ceremony was according to the full rites of the Episcopal Church. Lloyd and Maryly will probably live in Alexandria, Va. where he will be attending the Episcopal Theological Seminary with the hope that they may later return to China under the Episcopal Church. Lloyd's parents have been missionaries in China for many years, including a long internment during the war. Bishop Craighill was able to return to America just in time to marry the young people. Don't forget us, Maryly, for our blessings will follow you and Lloyd.

On June 18th Robert Shepard, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lorrin Shepard of Istanbul, was married to Miss Eugenia Melzar in the Congregational Church in Wilmington, Mass. Bon voyage! And on the journey come out to see us some day, Bob and Gene.

Miss Jessie Martin sailed on the S. S. Fernplant from Istanbul for New York on June 24th for a year's furlough in and out from Los Angeles.

The S. S. Etrusk sailed from Istanbul for Izmir on June 22nd with 19 Americans aboard bound for the Annual Meeting of the Mission in the American Collegiate Institute there. From Wednesday until Monday personnel of the Mission arrived by boat and train and plane and beachwagon from every direction: from Athens, Dr. Ruth Parmelee, Miss Marguerite Bicknell, Rev. and Mrs. Harold Harlow and Linda; from Saloniki, Miss Helena Gilkerson; Istanbul, Luther Fowle, Rev. and Mrs. J. Kingsley Birge with Katherine and Dorothy, Mrs. Elvesta Leslie, Mrs. Lorrin Shepard with Constance, Miss Dorothy Blatter, Miss Alice Lindsley, Miss Gwendolyn Wolsted, Miss Margaret Brown, Irma Kreider, Rev. and Mrs. Walter Wiley and Carol; from Talas, Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Nute, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. John Scott with Roxanne, and Miss Barbara Bird; from Tarsus, Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Sage Woolworth, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maynard, George Helling, Kenyon Moyer, and Edward Savage; from Gaziantep, Dr. and Mrs. Albert Dewey and Miss Saisie Hibbard; from Mardin, Rev. and Mrs. Raymond White with Wesley; from Aleppo, Mrs. Alford Carleton and Miss Gladys Lucas; from Beirut, Rev. Horace McMullen; and found on the spot in Izmir, Miss Olive Greene, Rev. and Mrs. Everett Blake and Jackelyn, Miss Leonora Douglass, Miss Naomi Foster, Miss Elizabeth George, Miss Ruth McClintock, and Miss Barbara Burns. Mrs. Helen Orhan, formerly a member of the Mission and now living in Izmir, has been frequently with us.

While the Educational Council sat in session all day Friday, the 24th, the rest of the visitors went by train and cart to Ephesus. Annual Meeting opened on Saturday morning with Mrs. J. K. Birge as Moderator. Throughout the week the weather has been delightful. The school, situated in the midst of a beautiful grove of olive, almond and pine trees, has registered both in spaciousness and hospitality many unforgettable experiences of these days upon all present. The picnics at the end of the day to Inciralti, Kizilchöblü and Mt. Pagus (scene of St. Polycarp's martyrdom), and to Ilica; the violin and piano concert given by Mlle. Marthe Amati and Mme. Clara Ladanye, the reading of the play, "Gaslight" one evening by a group from the Izmir British-American community, and the daily teas at the Blake home with their guests have greatly enriched our stay.

Sunday afternoon was hallowed by a Memorial Service for Helen Fowle and J. Riggs Brewster, who have passed on since they were present with us a year ago. As we sat in the Greek amphitheater on the hillside among the olive trees the service of scripture and prayer and poem and song came to us with leaders unseen as if from heaven's stillness and beauty around us. And the sea and the mountains in the background witnessed to the strength and resource and eternity of Him in whom we trust. On Sunday again we look forward to another service for the six former mission members whom the great Father has called to Him this past year.

Reports witnessed to a good year past with many problems and opportunities. Our young people present showed unusual interest and promise. Their music for our services, especially the final one on Saturday evening which was under their leadership, was of a high order.

Sincerely,

Walter B. Wiley



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American Board Mission, Post Box 142  
Istanbul, Turkey, July 9, 1949.

Dear Friends:

Annual Meeting, held at Izmir from June 25th to July 3d was a particularly happy occasion. The entire Mission saw for themselves one of our major Stations. Smyrna weather was unusually cool and comfortable. The important activities in Syria, Lebanon, and Greece were well represented. "Peace of mind" to an unusual degree was with us, for already most of the personnel needs for the new year beginning in September had been met, and we knew the names of the new recruits coming to us in the late summer. The schools in Athens, Tarsus, and Izmir each still await the appointment of one more authorized teacher. Nothing like this with regard to personnel has happened since before the world war, for even in the past two years our new-comers were not known as early as Annual Meeting. The Mission is deeply grateful to the Candidate Department and the Board.

The appointment of Miss Helen Richards Hart Nichol, of the Masters School, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., as President of Pierce College in Athens fills a most important post. Miss Mabel Long lays down this week a load which she has borne for over two years, as acting President. Until Miss Nichol arrives, perhaps in October, and takes on full administrative responsibility, administration will be under the direction of a Committee, of which Miss Marguerite Bicknell is Chairman. Special measures were planned for the fall and winter that will bring Miss Nichol and one associate from Athens to Istanbul, to become acquainted with the Mission's activities east of the Aegean, while one of the educational administrators from Turkey will go to Athens to know more fully the internal problems and opportunities of Pierce College. Unquestionably there will be closer cooperation and mutual understanding between the various areas of the Mission, after the years of war isolation.

The presence of a class of eight term-workers, finishing their first year in the Mission, was also a most happy part of the 1949 Annual Meeting. Their fresh insights, forward look, and demonstration that post-war youth is eagerly ready for devoted service to mankind, contributed much to all present. Unusually fine music was furnished by them under the leadership of Ed. Savage of Tarsus, the chorus being reinforced by the Mission daughters Katharine and Dorothy Birge, Carol Wiley, and Constance Shepard.

It was a fine Annual Meeting: hearty thanks to our Izmiris.

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Dr. Ovid R. Sellers, Dean of McCormick Theological Seminary, and for the past year Director of the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem, accompanied by Mrs. Sellers who has been teaching in the Junior College for Women in Beirut, visited Istanbul this week on their way back to America.

The Rev. Ohannes Apkaryan, Field Secretary of the Armenian Evangelical Union of Syria and the Lebanon, visited the evangelical churches in Greece in June, thus renewing personal relationships with Pastor Demirjiyan of Athens, whose school, college, and seminary studies were greatly aided by the reading of Mr. Apkaryan to his blind friend. The deep "in-sight" of these two men is a very significant element in the leadership of the Evangelical Churches in the Near East. Pastor Apkaryan is spending four July weeks in Istanbul, with fruitful services in all the Protestant Churches - Armenian and Greek - in this city. In August he goes to America to participate in the International Seminar in which leaders of the younger Churches study and plan together, after which there will be some visitation among churches in America before he hastens back to his tasks in Syria and the Lebanon.

Dr. and Mrs. Lorrin Shepard, with daughter Constance, fly for Rome on the 14th en route to the Italian Tyrol and Switzerland for a month of holiday and tramping. Constance will sail on August 14th from Genoa, for school in America, while her parents will return to their important tasks in the Admiral Bristol Hospital of Istanbul. Wrecking of the old wooden "Nurses' Home" at the Hospital is proceeding rapidly, and construction of the new building will be under way when they return.

Very truly yours,  
Luther E. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Mission and college circles in Istanbul were shocked to receive word of the sudden passing on Wednesday, July 13 of Mary, wife of the Rev. Charles T. Riggs. The funeral services were to be held in Middlebury on Friday, the 15th. A letter from Charles, dated the 2nd, speaks of their arrangements to move to a more convenient apartment on the 8th, and of hoping to go a few days later to visit the Huntingtons at Prouts Neck, Maine. Our deep sympathies go out to Mr. Riggs, and to Sarah and Charles MacNeal.

Mrs. Riggs, who was Mary Steele, was married to Charles in 1900, and came out with him in the same year to Marsovan. Three years later they were moved to Istanbul, where they remained until their retirement in 1945. Their beautiful home in "Tower Cottage," now the Birge home, was always a center of hospitality, music and culture.

Professor Frank Hewitt, "Uncle Frank" to so many, has been recalled from the wildernesses of his retirement to devote a year to the English instruction of a special class of 50 Government students at Robert College. He expects to sail about the middle of August.

Clearance has been received from the donor of the Admiral Bristol Hospital Endowment to borrow \$65,000 from that fund to make up the \$150,000 estimated as the cost of the new nurses' home. Repayment is to be made at the rate of \$2,500 per annum. Finally this generous individual, who by establishing this endowment ensured the continuance of the hospital through the years of depression, has now sent a new gift of \$20,000 to the hospital trustees.

The Misses Naomi Foster and Harriet Yarrow, holidaying from Izmir in Istanbul, are spending this week-end among the historic relics of Nicaea, and then go to visit friends at the mines of Susigirlik.

Dr. and Mrs. Lorrin Shepard and Constance left for their holiday in the Tyrol and Switzerland.

Dr. Lewis Thomas, formerly of Robert College, who has just received his doctorate in Oriental studies from Brussels University, arrived in Istanbul this week. Dr. Thomas has been appointed to succeed the late Dr. Walter Wright as head of the department of Turkish studies at Princeton University.

Mrs. Edith Laird, librarian at the American University of Beirut, arrived by the Taurus Express on Tuesday to spend six weeks with her mother, Mrs. F. W. MacCallum at the Bible House.

Members of Dr. Smith's Ararat expedition have this week visited the Bible House. As is natural, they do not feel at all certain that they will indeed discover Noah's gopher wood masterpiece. But the reports which they have gathered give strong presumptive evidence of the existence of a large ark-like structure in a cleft of that mountain. They intend to survey as much of the mountain as possible with such thoroughness that, if they find nothing, future searchers can at least be certain that they need not cover the same ground.

Elizabeth MacCallum, who has spent the past year at school in the south of England, expects to join her parents at the Bible House this week, arriving by air for a six weeks' holiday.

Mrs. Emily Block of Talas paid a brief visit to Istanbul and returned last Thursday to her duties. Her neighbours, Mr. and Mrs. John Scott and Roxanne, are still on holiday at the Scutari school.

Very truly yours,

F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

In a beautiful service in memory of Mrs. Mary Steele Riggs, about forty friends from the Robert College and Bebek communities and the Mission gathered yesterday afternoon at Dr. and Mrs. Birges', in the house Mrs. Riggs had so loved. Dr. Birge read passages from the Bible and offered prayers, Mr. Fowle spoke of Mrs. Riggs's life among us and her son-in-law, Prof. MacNeal, played selections on the piano. It was a service Mr. Riggs would have liked if he had been with us.

Reports of the Testimonial Dinner to Dr. Goodsell on June 16 have come from Mrs. Helen Elgie Scott, "a delightful affair, - so many good things said of Dr. Goodsell and all true". Mrs. Scott wrote from Newbury, Vermont, where she and Miss Isabelle Harley were "enjoying the invigoration of mountain air" and were going the middle of this month for two weeks at Minnie's Seaside Rest, at Ocean Park, Me. Mrs. Scott's address is 40 Chase St., Newton Center, Mass.

Many of the American Board circle in Turkey will learn with sorrow of the death in Tucson, Arizona, on June 8th, of Mr. S. P. Clark. Prof. and Mrs. Clark came to Turkey in 1931 to serve under the Turkish Ministry of Agriculture in its experimental station on the Adana plain, especially to improve the quality and production of cotton. They won the affection and respect of many people of this country and became valued members of the American community, not only in Adana and Tarsus but also in the various Stations where they visited. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Mrs. Clark. Her address is 3639 North Campbell Ave., Tucson, Arizona.

A letter from Dr. and Mrs. Harry Meyering asks "Dear Friends" to give all its readers their greetings and to publish their address of their new home of their own, 1010 Main Street, Mankato, Minnesota and to say that a cordial welcome awaits all their friends in the Near East. Bob Woolworth had recently visited them, "a delightful visit", they say. Dr. Meyering is director of the Professional Education department of the State Teachers College.

As for the Woolworths, they expect to reach their new assignment in Istanbul on August 2 and Dorothy Woolworth, who is coming out to the American Hospital as the second American nurse, expects to arrive in October.

A recent letter from Mr. Joseph Stewart who was a tutor at Tarsus College, 1945-1947, tells of his journey, leaving New York March 22, by way of Marseilles, Naples, Alexandria, Cairo, Beirut, Bagdad, Karmanshah and Hamadan to Teheran, Iran, where he is doing "library work and some English teaching at the Alborz Foundation which is still very much in the experimental stage. It might develop into something like the YMCA. Most of the young people who belong to our club and who come for our classes are university students."

Rev. Horace McMullen reports the arrival of his mother from America on July 12, presumably to see what a Lebanese granddaughter, born about the first of May, looks like. All the family are now happily located in the Shemlan hills for the summer.

Istanbul sees many friends coming and going these days. Yesterday Alice Lindsley arrived back from a stay in the Taurus Mountains and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maynard from a hasty but rewarding trip to Italy since the Annual Meeting, and expect to go on to Tarsus on Saturday. To-morrow Mrs. Birge, Miss Saisie Hibbard of Gaziantep and Miss Ruth McClintock of Izmir expect to sail for Italy together with Katherine and Dorothy Birge, Loretta Kreider and Carol Wiley. At luncheon to-day at the Bible house some more Mission "children", - Mrs. Laird and Lyman MacCallum, Luther and Farnsworth Fowle and Richard Maynard, together with Dr. Birge, Mr. and Mrs. Kreider, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley, Mrs. Maynard, Miss Blatter, Mrs. MacCallum, Mrs. Robin MacCallum and Elizabeth MacCallum, who arrived this morning from London, all gathered in a farewell party for the travelers. A pleasant journey and happy arrival to them.

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Putney

Dear Friends:

The proprietor of a hotel and natural hot-baths in the Taurus once again will send a special motor-bus to the Adana Clinic, to bring to him as guests Dr. Haas and as many of the Clinic staff as are able to go, for the Bayram festival that follows the month of Ramazan fasting. These several days of holiday, thus made possible by this Moslem friend, indicate appreciation of what this Clinic does for the people of the hills and of the plain. There is also some hope that Dr. Haas may get to Gbzne for the last half of August.

Jim Fowle reports a mid-July visit to Dr. and Mrs. Bertram V. D. Post, at their chalet in suburban Geneva, whither they have retired after Dr. Post's lifetime of service as medical officer of Robert College. Mrs. Post has made it a beautiful home, with many Turkish and other Near Eastern articles to give it grace and charm. Dr. Post spends his mornings at a herbarium where he works for the fun of it. As in the case of his distinguished father, whose book on the flora of Syria and Palestine is still a standard work, so also Dr. Post has throughout his long professional career found relaxation and pleasure in his botanical interests. The address is: - Villa Val-Ombre, La Rippaz s/Coligny, Geneva, Switzerland.

Smyrna, Hieropolis, Laodicea, Colossae, the sources of the Meander River, and Antioch of Pisidia - these names are not only important in the early Gentile church, but are places visited in July 1949 by an American Board group, after their Annual Meeting at Izmir. With everett Blake of Izmir were Olive Greene, Helen Gilkeson of Thessaloniki, Gwen Wolsted and Peg Brown of Scutari. They also visited Nasred Din's tomb at Ak Shehir, and were much impressed by the Seljuk remains at Iconium and the Museum of the Mevlevi Dervishes.

Town Meeting of the Air. A group of some twenty-two persons, representing "The Town-meeting of the Air" - an American organization for radio debate and panel discussion of topics of public interest - has been in Turkey this week. Dr. Denny leads the group. After various conferences and discussions, the final "Town Meeting" assembled in the hall of the Faculty of Language, History, and Geography in Ankara on July 25th. Following introduction by Dr. Denny of the topic "Turkey's role in relations between East and West" there were four brief addresses by President Black of Robert College, Mr. Dorr of the American Aid staff, Bay Hazim Atif Kuyucak, former deputy, and now of the Law Faculty of the University, and Legal Counsel to Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., and Bay Ahmet Emin Yalman, editor of the influential independent paper "Vatan". Both these Turkish gentlemen hold graduate degrees from Columbia University and are quite at home in the English language. This "Town-meeting" will doubtless be presented shortly from New York, and we hope many of our Turkey circle in America will hear it.

Dr. Denny and party have visited with similar purpose various European countries, and shortly travel eastward, to eventually reach America via the Pacific.

Clipper Ways, the beautiful Huntington Home at Prout's Neck is ever a gathering place for American friends of Turkey. Letters report the gathering there during the second week of July of Mrs. Harry Barnum and Prof. Hewitt of Robert College; Edith Adkins, Helen Scott, Mary Ward, Ed. and Gwen Perry - and of course George and Elizabeth Huntington and Elsie Van Zandt. A sad solemnity was part of the gathering, in that the sudden death of Mrs. Riggs left the expected circle incomplete, while thoughts of all turned to Charles Riggs in Middlebury. There is a deep and sustaining bond in the fellowship of those who have served in the American philanthropic activities in the Near East.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Woolworth arrived on the 2nd from Tarsus to assume their year's responsibilities for the American Academy at Scutari, during the absence of Miss Jessie Martin, principal.

Miss Charlotte Reid, formerly of the Scutari staff, writes that she has accepted a post in the Physical Education Department of Berea College for the coming year.

The Misses Grace Towner and Ruth Wolfe leave on the 6th for a visit to Kayseri and Talas.

Miss Barbara Bird of the Talas Station who has been holidaying in Gaziantep left on July 28th by air for Talas. The following day the Misses Peg Brown and Gwen Wolsted left Gaziantep for their summer's work with the Whites in Mardin.

Mrs. Arthur P. Jacot, formerly of the Shantung Mission, has been assigned to the Syria-Lebanon Mission, and is to sail in September to teach in Aleppo College during the coming year. Mrs. Jacot was head of the English Department in Cheeloo University, before the disturbed conditions compelled her return to the States. (Beirut News Letter)

The Rev. J. H. Nicol is serving for two months in the (Presbyterian) Board offices in New York in connection with the settlement of Displaced Persons from Europe. The law requires the sponsorship of such immigrants by religious or other responsible agencies. An effort is being made to remedy the neglect of the Protestant churches in this regard. Mr. Nicol spends five days in New York and the week-end in Ithaca. (Beirut News Letter)

Mr. Ezra Young and Dr. Lewis Thomas have set out on a historical research expedition to Vezirköprü in the region of Sivas. Ezra will keep car and camera in subjection, while Lewis does the thinking.

Castle-crowned Namrun continues to attract its devotees. Dr. and Mrs. William Nute of Talas were there throughout July, accompanied by grand daughters and joined for Sheker Bayram by Dr. and Mrs. Bill, Jr. of Ankara. Dr. Albert Dewey and son Warner of Gaziantep were also there for much of July. Miss Alice Lindsley of Scutari and others have been there for shorter periods.

Mr. P. R. Rubyan, who has been in charge of the Trad Social and Religious Center (Beirut) since his graduation from the Near East School of Theology, left in mid-July for Iran, where he will visit the Armenian Evangelical groups to encourage them in their work of evangelism among Iranians. (Beirut News Letter)

Robin, Elizabeth and Lyman MacCallum, accompanied by Edith Laird of Beirut, expect to set out early next week on a pilgrimage to Marash. If their arrival coincides with an auspicious hour, they hope to spend four days at the Yavshan summer resort. The three MacCallums will return to Istanbul before the end of August.

The Congregational Christian Service Committee has started a school for refugee girls in Tyre, and a boys' school in the neighbouring village of Jawaya. The girls' school registered 136 and the boys' school 197 pupils, with many others applying. Other schools are planned in the Tyre and Beirut areas. (Beirut News Letter).

Miss Elizabeth Burnham, formerly on the staff at Scutari, has accepted a post as Y.W.C.A. Secretary at Bloomington, Indiana.

Very truly yours,

F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

Dr. Wendall Cleland, for long years on the Faculty of the American University at Cairo, and more recently with the Near East and Africa Section of the State Department in Washington, has visited Istanbul this week on his way to Beirut for an August-September gathering to survey and discuss Social Problems in the Arab states.

Mrs. F. W. MacCallum, accompanied by Sandy, the MacCallum cat, is visiting the Lyman, Leslie, Fowle household in Hisar, while her children and granddaughter climb the heights of the Anti-Taurus.

The party led by the Rev. Dr. Smith, that plans to search Ararat for remains of Noah's ark, is still delayed by the need of government permission. The party is now in Ankara. Complications have arisen by the insistence of Turkish authorities that the ark came to rest, not on the traditional Mt. Ararat but on Mt. Judi, highest point of the northern escarpment of the Mesopotamian plain, much farther south.

"When my ship comes in". The Mission and the colleges are able to put a date on their ship this fall. It is the good ship, Khedive Ismail, sailing from New York on the 18th. Besides bringing an extra large contingent of teachers for Robert College and the College for Girls, listed for embarkation are the Robert Averys, destination Tarsus, Misses Fernie Scovel and Anna Louise Goodykoontz for Scutari, Misses Joanne Gaunt and May Morrill enroute to Izmir, and Sylvia Nilson, who will land at Beirut about September 6th bound for Aleppo. As if that were not good enough, May Nilson plans to sail from New York for Cherbourg on September 7th, gathering experience and extras as she makes her way to Izmir. William Edmonds is also taking the trip across Europe to arrive in Talas before September 9th.

A summer conference of teachers was held at the University of Beirut on July 25th and 26th, attended by teachers who have come from the United States for the Seminar on the Near East, as well as teachers from surrounding districts. The main speakers were Mr. Orville Goldner, an expert on visual education, Mr. Allen of the Near East Foundation, and Prof. George Shahla of the University. (Beirut News Letter)

Mr. Kenyon Moyer has been leaving his footprints recently in Beirut, Tripoli and Aleppo.

We trust that three weeks in the A.U.B. hospital and several more in Brummana this summer will return Prof. Loutfy Levonian to his work at N.E.S.T. well and eager for the work of the year.

Rev. Harrison Maynard writes from Evanston, Ill.: "We are happily settled in Evanston, with two of our sons living near. Each of them has added a grandson to our growing family. A third son is in Tarsus. Our fourth son is in Japan. We have a happy church home also, full of children and young people. Here we are well occupied, and have a feeling that we have retired into more work." (Beirut News Letter)

The devotional talks on Paul's Epistles to the Corinthians, which were given at the meeting of the United Missionary Council, are being printed and will be available soon. Those who are interested in receiving copies and in making a contribution towards the printing, are asked to inform Miss L. M. Simonsen, Secretary of the Council. (B.N.L.)

The Birge ("Bir-Jay") Party (Birges - Ruby, Kathy, Duffy - Saisie Hibbard, Ruth McClintock, Loretta Kreider and Carol Wiley) have been havin, a seven-in-one good time proceeding by S.S. Ankara third class (with their own food) via Piraeus and Athens to Naples, and then touring Italy by bus through Rome, Sienna, Florence and Venice, thence on to Grindelwald, Geneva and Paris, where last reports found them, on their way to London, S.S. Queen Mary and New York. Keep up your "whistle", Bir-Jays, all the way to the Statue, but we're still looking for two of you to come back from London.

Sincerely,  
Walter B. Wiley

Dear Friends:

Miss Anna Mae Helton: Many will be delighted to hear of a note from Miss Helton, Kirkville, Madison County, Kentucky, reporting that her two personal trunks which were lost somewhere in the Mediterranean, have now been reported from Naples as found, and are on their way to America. Kismet is still helpful - sometimes.

To refresh the memories of some of our former term-workers, now putting on the pounds in America, the first of the present crop of term-workers is back from a delightful vacation in Italy and Switzerland. He had his return air-ticket paid for; a few Turkish liras that found no ready market in Rome; and not enough other money to buy a cup of coffee. So he hitch-hiked with friendly Italians from Venice to Rome; spent the night on a park bench; and arrived safely this week to friends in Istanbul. All this has a reminiscent flavor to the writer - and to some of you in America, I am sure.

August will soon end, and the storks will head south again. Dr. & Mrs. Nute have left Namrun in the Taurus for Talas: Dr. and Mrs. Haas hope to spend late August days in Güzne, where Olive Greene is also hibernating. Harriet Yarrow and Naomi Foster are visiting Gaziantep, between days in the Taurus and return to Izmir. Saisie Hibbard and the four Mission daughters - Katharine and Dorothy Birge, Carol Wiley, Loretta Kreider - sail today on the Queen Mary from Southampton, after rewarding weeks of sight-seeing in Europe. Ruby Birge and Ruth McClintock turn back eastward, due here the 29th.

Paul Nilson, Jr. has arrived from America, to teach physics at Robert College, and is spending the intervening time with his parents in Talas. His sisters May (teaching in Turkey) and Sylvia (English at Aleppo) are both due here shortly - a record in mission children returning at any one time, to serve in the Near East.

Dorothy Blatter of the Publication Department left on the 15th by 'sleeper', to be joined in Kayseri by Ruth Wolfe of Scutari, both continuing through Erzroom to Tabriz and Teheran for a two week visit. We trust the earthquake of yesterday in the Erzroom region has not destroyed the bridges they must cross.

The Estes-Lee family, so closely connected for four generations with Mission and Robert College, has been having a delightful summer with Ned Estes' home at 105 Portland St., South Berwick, Maine, as center. Peggy and family have had a cottage at York Beach nearby: Charles, with Vee and babe and Mrs. Lee have all been with Ned (Prof. C. E. Estes). The fifth generation is coming on finely.

Letters from America ask news of the party lost in the Marmara. Five children, one mother, and two fathers of our Community accompanied the American Naval units on August 1st as they left this harbor, to see them off in correct eastern style. But the out-board motor failed, and wind and wave were contrary. Late afternoon searchers - plane, shore, and ships notified by wireless - gave no report, while northern breezes blowed steadily. After some 18 hours in this open boat, the party safely reached the southern shore of the Marmara, where friendly villagers gave food and shelter - and in due time telegraphic report of "All well" reached anxious friends in Istanbul. Best of all, little folk were "good sports" in spite of summer thirst and no food.

Sarah Riggs MacNeal of Robert College flew at midnight Tuesday by PAA, due in New York Wednesday at 7:35 p.m. Her father expects to meet her there, and after requisite readjustments following Mrs. Riggs' recent death, we hope to welcome father and daughter to our community here.

The Annual Izmir Fair opens on the 20th., and this year several American firms as well as the U. S. Information Service are to have exhibits. Izmir will be overcrowded indeed.

Very truly yours,  
Luther R. Fowle

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Dear Friends:

A letter from Mary Ward gives her usual cheerful account of various activities in the church and community and also news of various members of her family well known to this Mission. Dr. and Mrs. Edwin St. John Ward enjoyed the winter in Winter Park, Florida, and are now spending the summer at Silver Bay, New York, where Dr. Ward is the resident doctor for the conferences in that place that many of us know and love. They were glad to see the Pyes during their stay in Florida. Then "I went with the Mark Wards to the graduating exercises of my youngest nephew, their son" at Newton High School." He received a scholarship award to his surprise from the Newton High School and to his surprise Amherst College, to which he is going, presented him one too. I hadn't been to a NHS graduation since my own in 1893, I couldn't but think of the changes." There were 700 graduates this year!

At the spring meeting at the Auburndale Home of the Continuation Club of the W.B.M., she and Mrs. Mark Ward were glad to see Miss Dwight and Miss Dewey and have what proved to be a last chat with Mrs. Annie Riggs. She and Miss Harley were glad to have Mr. Compton join them at the Goodsell Dinner and to hear about old pupils from Anatolia College as well as about his own family. She reports going usually every week to see Miss Barker and says that Dr. Robinson says "she is getting on nicely." Dr. and Mrs. Ward had recently taken Miss Barker for a drive, which Miss Barker herself reports as enjoying greatly. Miss Barker also is thankful for a good call from the Goodsell's before they started West and for one from Miss Blemker.

Robin, Elizabeth and Lyman MacCallum arrived this morning after a very happy trip to Maraş, which included a week's camping in Lyman's and Mrs. Laird's old summer place in Yavşan, and also to Gaziantep and Tarsus. It's an excellent custom for the children of the Mission to take their children to their old homes and the neighboring Stations, as Dr. Shepard and Mr. MacCallum have done this year. The MacCallums have reported that Dr. Haas is taking with Mrs. Haas one of his rare vacations at Gözne. While her family was away, Mrs. F. W. MacCallum has been staying at Mr. Fowle's in Rumelihisar.

Mrs. Blake reports that Dr. and Mrs. Goodsell and Lincoln Goodsell's family left for California on July 29. "They arrived there on August 13th, quite according to schedule, having had a very good trip, chiefly the northern route."

Miss Marian Nossier of the Maarif Cemiyeti College in Ankara is having a happy summer in her old haunts in Paris and is due back in Ankara in late September.

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Nute, Jr. and their children are spending their vacation with their parents in Talas. "Billy Nute, Ginger, Paul Stirling, Paul Nilson, Jr., Miss Towner and Miss Brown (of Scutari) and two Turkish teachers set out on August 17" for a visit to Urgüp, Mr. Nilson reports. He also says that Mrs. Block is doing very well since her return from America in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren E. Bristol, who were in Istanbul for some years with the YMCA in the early 1920's, are living at Westchester Green, Colchester P.O., Connecticut. Four of their five children live in Connecticut, so Grandmother Lois keeps busy while Warren travels much in his business. They send greetings to their friends in the Turkey circle.

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Putney



Dear Friends:

Married, on June 29th in Geneva, Switzerland, in Calvin's church, Miss Carmen Ogden (Izmir) and Mr. Richard Lugabill. After three weeks of travel in Europe they have arrived at his home in Wooster, Ohio, where they are waiting until a decision is taken about his work for the coming year.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robinson in Gaziantep American Hospital on August 11th, a daughter, Sharon. As soon as Sharon arrived and voiced her approval of her surroundings, Mr. Robinson set out for Ankara with a jeep-load of household gear, for the coming months are to be spent in the capital. Mr. Robinson, it will be recalled, is making a study of rural conditions in Turkey.

Re-visited, Yavshan after 40 years. The MacCallum party, which set out from Istanbul on August 8th in the hope of visiting Marash and the Yavshan mountain resort (well-known to mission members a generation and more ago) returned on the 26th. A sense of impropriety dogged the older members of the party as their train rolled up the Pazardjik Plain. This was no way to approach Marash, to which all previous approaches had been by plodding mule. A day in the warm city, a plate or two of "kabardjik" grapes, an evening visit to Pinarbashi, and then away for Hartlap village --but by jeep instead of in joyous caravan. The "road," casually dug this year out of the bluffs of the Ceyhan river, has more thrills than the most elaborate switch-back. After three hours by mule from Hartlap, the party took possession of the spot levelled under the great cedars for Dr. Altounian's tents in 1907. The following six days were spent in visiting the old haunts, where little has changed. Those incomparably wide views of mountain ranges and plain still hold all their ancient beauty, and the cedars have not appreciably diminished. The return trip, seven hours of increasing torment on bare pack-saddles, was cheered by the thought of the forty years' respite before the next trip.

After Marash, the party were guests of the Merrill Iselys in Gaziantep and the Richard Maynards in Tarsus. The intervening distance was covered in one of the busses which take advantage of the American-planned highway over the Amanus range. The climb up from Fezipasha is unforgettable. There is a pause for lunch at a strong spring on the western side of the divide. This is followed by the long and interesting descent through Hasan Beyli to Osmaniye and the Adana plain. The trip takes about eight hours to Adana, and is much preferable to the tiresome train journey, with its constant tunnels.

The motor-ship "Trebizond," arriving a day or more late because of repairs at sea, brought back from their European trip Mrs. J. K. Birge and Miss Ruth McClintock. Before boarding the ship in Marseilles they were joined by Miss Elizabeth George (Izmir), Ed Savage (Talas) and Gene Pringle (Tarsus) all three returning from vacation.

Miss Petronelle M. M. Crouch of the British Institute of Archaeology at Ankara and Mr. Phillip Cook, Jr., tutor at Talas, were married in August, and have been visiting the bride's home in London. They are expected here on the 10th on their return to Talas, where both will be on the staff of the Talas school.

Mr. William Edmonds, new recruit for Talas, who has been touring Europe with the Yale Glee Club, arrives by air in Istanbul on the 4th.

The main party of this year's new-comers are expected towards the end of next week, and will remain over the week-end to be put through an orientation course before they scatter to their various stations.

Very truly yours,

F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

The S. S. Khedive Ismail, bringing seven new personnel to this Mission, is due in Istanbul today, Sylvia Nilson having already disembarked at Beirut, where her Mother is awaiting her. More word next week.

An accelerated "Orientation Course" for these new comers is planned for September 10 and 11, under the direction of Dr. Birge. We are hoping to start them toward their Stations on the 12th, for schools opening in the following week.

Some of those in the Stations who stood by in the summer, are getting a bit of holiday in September. Mildred and Merrill Isely of the Gaziantep Hospital left on August 30th for a three week visit to Tarsus and Talas. Word has reached Aintab that the long desired station-wagon has been shipped from New York. Our Stations are steadily becoming motorized.

Pastor Hovhannes Apkarian sends greetings from Old Orchard, Maine to his many friends in Istanbul, among whom he spent so fruitful a month in July. At the International Seminar there in session, are delegates from China, Japan, the Philippines, India, Syria, Greece, Mexico, and USA. On August 24th all were welcomed at the delightful home of Dr. and Mrs. George Huntington, across the bay at Prout's Neck.

A late August letter from the Huntingtons reports visit from the four Damons of Worcester - Theron, Cornelia, Caroline and Peter - while for good measure Jerry and Hunt Damon were up from Washington. To a wide circle of our readers these names will recall decades of effective service in College and Community in Istanbul: and homes of gracious living and generous hospitality to people of all races in this land, and visitors passing through. Some of us know that through colleges, schools, and mission the long arm of Huntington generosity plays its part each month in this land: while the Men's Dersane building opposite St. Sophia, the delightful Girls' Camp on the Marmara, and the largest contributions to land and buildings of the Istanbul American Hospital are again out-working of the Stewardship of Elizabeth and George Huntington. This factual statement is made without their knowledge or consent: but too late will they know of it to prevent it.

The Paul Nilsons, father and son, of Kayseri-Talas, spent three days at the end of August in a motor trip north of the Kizil Irmak, giving in four villages six movie sessions on public health, agricultural and industrial development, and world scenery. One village had seen no movie since Paul Sr. showed them 15 years ago. The other three villages saw their first movie. A hearty welcome is reported all along the line, while the villages are showing improved roads, schools, and houses. What an area for Visual Education!

For the 35 places in the Talas School, 80 applications have been received with more coming in daily. A letter from a student in Safranbol indicates that Ed Sather has learned how to ride a donkey. Our sports editor is skeptical, pending information as to how his 6 ft. 4 inch Ensemble has developed collapsible legs.

Beirut News Letter reports the assembly at Shwayr on September 7th of the 113th Annual Meeting of the Syria-Lebanon Mission. The Iran Mission met last week in Teheran, where Dorothy Blatter and Ruth Wolfe of Istanbul are visitors, reporting a delightful time with friends there.

Miss Sara Antreassian, daughter of one of the Pastors associated with the pre-1914 church work in which this Mission shared, who was part of the background of the story "Forty days on Musa Dagh", has this summer received her Bachelor of Library Science degree from the University of Louisiana, and shortly takes up a temporary position in the United Nations Library at Lake Success. (BNL)

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

A newspaper clipping reports the death on August 22nd of Dr. Cass Arthur Reed at Hermosa Beach, California. He was in his 64th year, and the cause of his death was a heart seizure following a swim. The wide circle of associates and friends in Turkey will hear this news with deep sorrow. Our thoughts go out to Rosalind, Howard Lachlan and Joan.

Cass Reed first came out to International College, Izmir, in the year 1912. After two years of tutoring, he returned to the USA and in 1916 he married Rosalind MacLachlan. They returned to Turkey in 1921, and on the retirement of President MacLachlan in the late 1920's, Cass succeeded to the Presidency. When International College was moved to Beirut in 1934, they went with the institution. After a year, they returned to America, where he served as pastor at Pilgrim Church, Pomona, Calif. When Greece was liberated at the end of the recent war, they came out to Athens under the UNRRA organization, and gave of their best until UNRRA was disbanded.

The S.S. "Khedive Ismail" arrived at Istanbul early on September 10th, bringing to the mission Mr. and Mrs. Robert Avery and infant son for Tarsus; Mary Morrill and Jeanne Gaunt for Izmir; Fernie Scovel and Anna Goodykoontz for Scutari School. The group was immediately plunged into an "accelerated" orientation course, lasting a day and a half. This was directed by Dr. Birge, and took place in his home. Others profiting by the course were William Edmonds, Talas, who arrived a few days earlier after a summer with the Yale Glee Club in Europe; Barbara Burns of Izmir, and her brother Robert, who returns to his studies in California; and Gwen Wolsted newly returned from a summer among the mission stations of the interior.

Muriel Carleton, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Alford Carleton, of Aleppo, was married on September 3rd at Oberlin to Mr. John Siddall.

Elsie and George White, serving with the ECA Mission to Greece, were due to fly from Athens on the 10th, for two months' leave in America.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Cook, Jr., arrived by air in Istanbul on the 11th, and left today by Taurus Express for their work in the Talas school. Owing to renewed damage to the railway line, due to floods between Istanbul and Izmid, they had to profit by the new ferry service which runs daily from Haydarpasha to Izmid and back.

Four Pan-American planes were sitting on the field in Damascus, waiting for spare parts from America when Ruth Wolfe and Dorothy Blatte came through on the 13th, after a most interesting visit to Iran. The air company sent these two travellers on to Beirut, so that they could get home by the Lebanese line.

The grounding of these planes interfered sadly with the plans of those two holiday-makers Warner Dewey and Elizabeth MacCallum, who had been summering with their parents in Gaziantep and Istanbul, respectively. Though they are promised a plane tomorrow night, both will be late for the opening of their schools. Warner will be entering Yale University, while Elizabeth returns to continue her work in the High School, Brighton, England.

Born, in Pittsfield, Mass., to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dorman, on July 9th, Priscilla Bliss Dorman. Private word from a completely unbiassed grandmotherly source, indicates that Priscilla is almost the loveliest baby ever. Mrs. Dorman began life in Gaziantep as Dorothy Merrill.

STOP-PRESS. The marriage of Miss Marjorie Bullock, who spent the past two years on the staff of the Scutari school, is announced for September 19th. The ceremony will take place at Oshkosh, Wis. She becomes Mrs. Robert Gruenwald. Our good wishes, Mrs. Gruenwald.

Very truly yours,

F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

We have a crop of weddings to report this week!

Miss Doris Blanchard and Mr. William Henry Isely were married in Coopers-town, New York, on August 28. They both received degrees from Northwest-ern University in September and "Bill" is now working in Westinghouse. Their address is 5616 Marlborough Road, Pittsburg, Pa.

Miss Burnice Eva Young and Mr. Kirk Raymond Stetson were married in Newaygo, Michigan, on August 26. Kirk Stetson will be remembered as a Robert College tutor who returned to USA in June 1948, to enter medical school.

Miss Muriel Elizabeth Carleton and Mr. John Brane Siddall were married in the Fairchild Chapel, Oberlin, Ohio, on September 3. Our very best wishes to all these young people.

Dr. Nute reports a two week visit from Mildred and Merrill Isely. "Merrill in his usually indefatigable way is gathering up tree seeds and painting pictures of Argæus. They have added much to our community. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Cook arrived this morning and William Edmonds ar-rived several days ago, having had no mishaps in spite of the difficult-ies of the trip" due to floods on the railway line between Istanbul and Izmit. "The boys have already begun to trickle in for the beginning of the school year."

Miss Helen Calder writes that Miss Barker has been moved to a small nursing home where more nursing care is available. Her new address is care of Miss Harriet Brown, 129 Chestnut St., West Newton, Mass.

Those who remember Constance Barker when she was for a few years a missionary of the Board in Gaziantep will be interested to know that her daughter Dorothy is married to a Mr. Stone who is a student at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary. Miss Barker is hoping that they may come to Turkey under the Board when they are ready to settle down to work.

Miss Ruth Wolfe and Miss Dorothy Blatter, both of Istanbul Station, have returned from a month's trip to Iran, travelling by train to Erzroom, and continuing by bus to the Persian border, and on to Tabriz, Teheran, and Isfahan. In Teheran, they were the guests of Commodore and Mrs. Fisher, who are in charge of the Community School of 265 English speaking children. (See recent Time magazine) They shared in the Annual Meeting of the Presbyterian Mission, thus getting interesting reports on conditions in Iran.

To people associated with mission educational and medical work in Turkey, the measure of religious activity was striking. There is much evangelistic work, indigenous churches with numerous converts from the traditional churches of the east as well as of people of Moslem back-ground. A considerable educational work is carried on, through various social centers, and through Intermission Publication activity. As in all Near Eastern lands, everyone is eager to learn English, and all such classes are crowded. Medical work with evangelization is carried on in several hospitals; and there is a special summer school for the train-ing of evangelistic workers.

Of special interest to our visitors was the fine group of permanent personnel of younger people - doctors, nurses, teachers, ministers. This Mission is far ahead of us, in "filling the permanent personnel gap" where in Istanbul Station our youngest 'permanent' member is nearing the half century.

While the Presbyterians carry on these wide activities in the north, the southern half of Iran is occupied by the Anglicans. Hospitals are carried on and schools now run by Iranian citizens. A School for the Blind, and evangelistic work are flourishing. Our travellers insist that this is not too difficult a trip to make, and that others of us should follow their example. The return trip by air from Teheran to Damascus, with transfer to Istanbul, was quick and easy.

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Putney

Dear Friends:

To the three weddings reported last week we now add two more. Miss Marjorie Bullock who recently completed two very useful years of teaching at the Scutari School, was married on September 19th to Mr. Robert Grunewald, a graduate student in social science at the University of Chicago.

Miss Saisie Hibbard, who has recently completed a first term of service as Nurse at the Gaziantep American Hospital, and returned to America "for furlough" in the summer of 1949, has called at the Board Rooms in Boston with the Rev. Melvyn Pratt of Woodside, Calif. They expect to be married on October 2nd.

We of the Mission rejoice with and for these young people who have given of themselves to our work here in such fashion as to carry with them our affection and abiding interest. To comfort us in our loss, we recall the words of the wise Miss Kate Lamson, long Secretary of the Woman's Board in Boston, that "The Lord instituted the holy sacrament of marriage even before he established the Woman's Board".

As we seek replacements for these friends, perhaps a statistical study would enable the Candidate Secretary in Boston to whisper to sundry young people the old saying "Absence makes the heart grow fonder".

Miss May Nilson arrived in Istanbul by plane on September 20th and left by Taurus Express the next morning for Tarsus, where she takes up the teaching of Science, in the institution which her parents served so devotedly during their earlier years in Turkey.

Miss Helen Nichol, newly appointed President of Pierce College, is to sail from New York on October 6th en route to Athens; while the Olanders, who were commissioned in Concord, N. H. for their work in Athens, taking up the task laid down by the late Riggs Brewster, are making final preparations before sailing. The entire Mission rejoices in these permanent workers, bound for Athens; and recalls with deep gratitude the devotion of Riggs and Ethel Brewster, Mabel Long, and others, who held the position during the bitter years of war and its aftermath, in Greece.

Miss Edna Johnson and Miss Mary Sleator, appointees under the Fulbright Fund to teach in Pierce College, Athens, sailed from New York on September 7th and have doubtless arrived in Athens.

Antep Station-Wagon. The Deweys and the Iselys of Gaziantep met the Hospital "Station-Wagon" at Alexandretta last week, and on the 25th drove in an easy eight hours back to Gaziantep, even with time out for a picnic lunch near Hassan Beyli, high on the Amanus range. There is an interesting "hark-back" in the name "Station-wagon", to the transportation of fifty years ago, reminding old-timers of crack-of-dawn starts, squeak of harness, and the slow panorama of horse travel. Yet modern times forces itself into the picture, in that Dora and Albert Dewey went by plane from Antep to Alexandretta, less than an hour's flight. The writer and his bride made the trip from Alexandretta to Antep 37 years ago this month in four days, with a fine hunting-dog - a gift to Dr. Shepard, Sr. from a Turkish Bey - pulling manfully, hitched to the pole of the two-horse wagon. Congratulations to our friends in Gaziantep.

Schools are open and crowded. "News Notes" awaits early report of the new year from all Mission related schools, from Thessaloniki to Beirut, to share with our friends in America, to whom most copies of News Notes are sent.

Rates of News Notes. Primarily because postage is now 8 pts. instead of 4; and also for increased cost of paper and labor, News Notes regretfully announces the following rates for subscriptions, as of October 1:

In Istanbul	- delivered without postage	Ltq. 2.00
In Turkey	- sent by post	Ltq. 2.50
Abroad	- USA, Syria, Greece, etc.	\$1.50

Very truly yours,

Luther K. Fowle

Dear Friends:

The printing of the second edition of the complete Turkish Bible, which was first promised for mid-August, should be finished during the coming week. It will be a matter of a fortnight or three weeks after that before the Bibles are ready for distribution to all those who have been waiting for copies.

Turkish calendars mark all but two days of the current week in red, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were given to Kurban Bayram, the Feast of Sacrifice, which is the high day of the Mecca pilgrimage. Thursday was the anniversary of the departure of the Allied armies which had occupied this city after the first World war.

And speaking of calendars, the English edition for 1950 put out by the Publication Department is nearly exhausted. A prompt order will save disappointment. The 1950 "Yunus Emre" calendars in Turkish are awaiting orders also.

Pilgrims' Progress. The press reports that not less than 2300 Turkish pilgrims left Istanbul by air for Mecca. Among these 150 were women.

Life in America is reported by the Misses Dwight and Dewey to be nearly up to the good standards of life in Mardin. Adelaide Dwight spent the summer in Mountain Rest and visited with friends. She is now at Auburndale, and will be doing some speaking until she leaves in November for California, where she will dwell with the saints at Pilgrim Place. Diantha Dewey prefers the rigours of New York State, where there are welcoming relatives.

Rev. Eric F. Bishop, known to many of us through his work in the N.E. Christian Council and his 21 years as director of the Newman School of Missions, Jerusalem, has been appointed to the chair of Arabic at the University of Glasgow. (Beirut Newsletter)

Rev. Dana Getchell, of Merzifon and Thessalonike, now in Claremont, Calif. reports that the health of Mrs. Getchell is slowly improving. Mrs. Getchell's sister, Emma Riggs Barnard, has been with them for eight months, seeing them through three hospital experiences. The Getchells send greetings to all the Board circle.

The Goodsells are booked to sail on the Queen Mary on December 17. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Goodsell's sister, Miss Lynda Service. The party will travel in Europe for some weeks before turning towards their Mecca, the Blake home in Izmir.

The Talas Choir is on the air (of the mission homes) every Sunday at 10:30. With all hands manning the pumps under the veteran leadership of Paul and Mrs. Nilson, while Ed Sather and Bill Edmonds supply the new-fangled techniques, the homes once more ring and rock as they did in the good old days.

Dr. S. M. Zwemer is on his way to the Near East to attend the meeting of the Arabia Mission at Kuwait, when the 60th anniversary of the Mission will be celebrated. He is due to reach Beirut on October 9th. (Beirut Newsletter.)

Very truly yours,

F. Lyman MacCallum

Treasury Dept.

No. 205

American Board Mission, Post Box 142  
Istanbul, Turkey, October 13, 1949.

Dear Friends:

Miss Phoebe Clary and Miss Esther Briesemeister of the Service Center have returned from a happy and interesting month's trip to Norway. The weather did not help them much at the end, so they were twice delayed in their plane from Athens here.

Mr. and Mrs. David Walker of the American Friends Service Committee, who have been working for several months in Gaza for Arab refugees, have been staying at the Bible House for the last ten days. They too are delayed in getting away because of the failure of the Pan-American plane to arrive from Damascus last evening. They have an interesting story to tell of their work and the condition of the 750,000 Arabs waiting hopefully to be able to return to their own homes, not grasping the fact that many of their villages have been destroyed and others occupied by new settlers in Palestine.

This coming weekend Dr. and Mrs. Paul S. Rhoads and their daughter Emily are expected at the Bible House. Dr. Rhoads is a member of the Medical Committee of the Presbyterian Board and has been visiting medical Mission work in India and the Near East.

A letter from Pres. E. W. Riggs of Anatolia College, Thessaloniki gives good news of more American teachers than they have ever had before, "15 Americans on the campus and one more expected", each one with his full time occupied every day". Mr. Ralph E. Kent, formerly of Robert College and later of Athens College and the Near East Foundation comes back to the Near East as head of Anatolia's English Department. Four of their teachers come through the Fullbright Funds. They have a crowded school of hopeful young people. He also reports a new electric generator, "removing the constant menace of darkness under which they have worked for the last four years" and hopes of a new well which will give them plentiful water. They send greetings to all their friends.

The two young Turkish doctors who recently won their specialist standing after internship and residency at the Admiral Bristol Hospital in Istanbul have with their wives reached America for a year of study and observation, under arrangements made possible by Rockefeller Foundation fellowships. If any of our subscribers in the Boston-New York area are interested in meeting unusually fine Turkish young people and thus giving these friends fuller opportunity to know the people and land of which they are guests for a few months, their American friends in Istanbul would be delighted. Dr. and Mrs. Sedat Atikkan are settled at 16 Brighton Road, Brookline, Mass., while the doctor works with Dr. Overholt at the Deaconess Hospital. Dr. and Mrs. Halil Arpajoglu are living at 7236 Mansé St., Forest Hills, Long Island, and he is working with Dr. Amberson at the Belleview Hospital in New York.

Dr. Birge left this morning by the Taurus Express on his way to Aleppo to attend Aleppo College Board of managers meeting. He is expected back a week from to-morrow.

President Alford Carleton of Aleppo College is planning a visit to the United States in the interests of Aleppo College. He expects to fly from Damascus on October 27 and return in just three months.

The Talas Station group is happy in having so many musically minded people there and invites its friends to come and hear its choir. According to the latest news the Nutes were going to spend the Bayram in Adana, while Mrs. Nilson would visit her daughter May in Tarsus. Some of the young people were perhaps going too. This Mission does a lot of traveling!

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Putney

Dear Friends:

Elizabeth Webb. Letter from Boston of October 10th reports the death in Beirut of our eldest associate on the field, Elizabeth Stevens Webb, in her 90th year. Vigorous warrior for what she thought was right, she gave of herself and her means unstintedly in every good cause. Mary are those who will rise to call her blessed. Miss Webb reached Adana in 1886, where for 45 years she was associated with the Adana Girls' School. In 1890 her elder sister Mary joined her, and they lived and worked together. In 1921 they moved to Beirut, where they built a home, and developed with their own resources the Trad Social Center, with school, playground, and religious work among the refugees from Turkey who went to Syria after the World War. With remarkable vigor of mind, "Miss Lizzie" as she was affectionately known, followed closely all aspects of mission work in Beirut. She has been laid to rest beside her sister Mary, who died in 1938.

Mr. Joseph Stewart, formerly teacher in Tarsus College, finds Iran a fascinating country in which to live and work. He is now teaching in the large Community School in Tehran.

Mrs. William Nute, Jr. of Ankara finds time to reach beyond her own home in many activities. One of them is teaching in the Ayşe Ablâ Nursery School. This school, a fine example of modern education for small children, is operated by Bayan Neriman Hizir, better known to Turkish radio listeners as "Big Sister Ayshe". She is a graduate of Columbia University.

The Istanbul Dailies this week reported a severe case of canned-food poisoning for several members of the American Aid Mission to Turkey, following lunch on the road as they travelled from Kayseri to the Taurus. A passing chauffeur is reported to have come to their rescue, getting the party to Tarsus College, where doctors, health officer, and governor co-operated in measures which assured their recovery.

American Luncheon Club. On October 17th 32 men of the American Community met for luncheon at the Park Hotel, where Dan Moore presided, and the Ambassador most interestingly addressed the group. There are over 400 Americans now in the Istanbul Consular district, and such a gathering, bringing all groups into friendly relationship, with opportunity to hear of the work of members of the group, and listen to some of the many notables passing thro the city, will surely be a happy feature of our life here.

Mr. Lyman MacCallum, Agent of the Bible Societies in this area, is in Athens for a business trip, which also will allow him to check up on his elderly Aunt, Miss Emily MacCallum.

Letters from Athens Station indicate that their new teachers and Rev. and Mrs. Paul Olander have all arrived, and are at their tasks. Arranging a permanent home, language study, and taking over the Station Treasuryship are but three of the lines through which the Olanders are getting in to their new life in Greece. President Nichol of Pierce College sailed from New York on the 7th, and is probably reaching Athens shortly, travelling from a French channel port.

Deficit Financing. For the first time in some years, the American Board closed its financial year on August 31st with a current deficit of \$110,000. This means prudence all along the line, and sets a difficult task for the various budgetary and appropriation committees, now at work on the 1950 Appropriation Schedules.

Not all Schools have yet reported, but as of October 1st Wm. Sage reports 373 students at the Scutari School of whom 109 are in the High School. Lynda Blake reports from Smyrna enrollment of 280, with 73 in the High School. Of the 370 weekly hours of teaching at Smyrna, 152 are in Turkish, 27 in English taught by Turkish teachers, and 191 in English, taught by Americans.

Very truly yours,  
Luther F. Fowle



Dear Friends:

Good news comes from Mr. and Mrs. (Mary Whittle) John Michaels who fortunately left Bulgaria over two years ago. On October 17, John received his certificate of American citizenship. At present he is associated with the Treasury Department of the American Board and Mary Michaels is teaching in the Dana Hall School at Wellesley. They are both very happily doing "bekjilik" at the lovely Goodsell home in Waban, while the Goodsells have been visiting in California and shortly start for the Near East, to be abroad till next summer.

Another examiner being examined this month is Miss Jessie Martin of the Scutari school, also an applicant for United States citizenship. She writes that she has learned the Preamble to the Constitution and the names of the present members of the Cabinet, yet she sat anxiously on the edge of her chair while waiting her turn along with other immigrants. She passed the examination but does not get her certificate till the middle of November when all who passed the examinations get their "diplomas" in a public ceremony.

The Whites of Mardin have recently been visiting Gaziantep and on the 12th joined the Iselys, Deweys and Clara Engle of the Hospital for a trip to Battal to see the bumper pistacio crop being harvested. With the new station wagon, such frolics for this very busy Hospital group become a happy possibility.

From Oak Shadows, Walpole, Mass., Miss Kathryn Adams writes of her pleasure in "Dear Friends". She spent July and August with a sister in the Blue Hills region of Virginia, but is long since returned to her home, where Girl Scout work, church and community activities fill her days.

Angie Ducas is now teaching in Framingham, Mass., and seems to enjoy her work in the High School, her opportunity to take courses which lead to a Master's degree from Boston University, and her new associates. Her address is 24 Arch St., Framingham, Mass. She still longs for news from her Turkey friends.

Lyman MacCallum flew in this evening from his Bible Society business visit to Greece. He will report the news when he writes the News Notes next week.

Letters from Izmir report the pouring of the concrete of the top floor of Parsons Hall, the eagerly awaited new building, for which the ground was broken last June. The coveted permit to erect three other buildings is at hand, awaiting only the resources required for their construction.

Lynda Blake reports also a happy Bayram trip the first week in October, when Barbara Burns, Mary Morrill, three Blakes, two Turkish teachers and fifteen graduates of the Izmir Girls' School went to a region in the Ayvalik area which is little frequented by travelers. They left Izmir on the first day of Bayram, Monday the 3rd, on the Ayvalik postasi, stopping at Dikili, Ayvalik, Burhaniye and Akçay and spending Wednesday night at Küçük Kuyu on the gulf of Edremit. How many of us know anything about all those places? Then they went across to the island of Assos, and made their way back to Izmir by motor boat and bus, arriving there Friday evening. They found it a thoroughly interesting trip.

The American Hospital annual meeting will take place on Saturday afternoon, November 5, at four o'clock. An interesting feature of this year's meeting will be the laying of the cornerstone of the new building for the nurses. All interested are welcome.

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Putney

Dear Friends:

The Türk ve Islam Eserleri Museum (formerly known as the "Evkaf Museum") at Süleymaniye reopened its doors this week after being closed since the beginning of the war. Those who knew this haven of quiet and beauty in the past will be delighted to go again, while to the generation which has grown up without knowing this shrine, very real pleasures are probably in store. The museum is open to the public on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursdays, in the afternoon.

The Bishop of Gibraltar, Bishop Horsley, is making his annual visit to this diocese. He has now left for Ankara, but will be returning to Istanbul before he leaves Turkey.

Another distinguished bird of passage is Dr. Vissert t'Hooft who arrived by air today and came directly to the Bible House to meet with friends from the American institutions of this city. Dr. t'Hooft has long been in Student Christian work, and is now one of the leading figures in the World Council of Churches, as well as being in the United Bible Societies and similar organizations. He is on his way to Siam, where the leaders of the Evangelical Churches of Eastern Asia are to meet shortly to study their position in the new world which has begun to emerge in that area.

Word has been received of the death in London of Mrs. Maude Rowntree. Mrs. Rowntree's youth was spent in the British community of Bebek. She and her husband worked very devotedly in this city during and after the armistice, where their chief concern was for the White Russian refugees.

Miss Katharine Ann Birge, who served last year as secretary at the Service Center and returned this summer to America, is entered on the theological course at Hartford.

The foreign visitor who may have seen Greece in the dark days of 1945 and the dull days of 1947 cannot but be impressed by the relative cheerfulness of the present. The Communist terror has been pretty well scotched, though by no means killed. American Aid of various sorts seems to have primed the economic pump, while regulations favouring new building are rapidly converting hoarded gold into useful brick and stone. There is a corresponding spiritual upsurge. Next year the Church will be celebrating the 1900th anniversary of St. Paul's first visit to Greece. Scriptures in Modern Greek are being distributed as never before, particularly through the efforts of a Protherhood, organized by American Greeks, which has already given away fifty thousand New Testaments, and soon hopes to have another edition ready for distribution.

At Pierce College, Elleniko, the arrival of Principal Helen Nichol on October 22nd marked a new stage in the long process of recovery from the war and all that followed. Miss Nichol is busy taking over the controls, and in language study. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Olander are also pretty thoroughly entangled in the thickets of Greek syntax and vocabularies. Their house, one of the hundreds in the vicinity of the Hassani airfield gutted during the war and left ruinous ever since, is to be ready for their occupancy by mid-November. The visitor never tires of watching the 3.30 arrival of seven or eight great blue-and-cream buses which bring most of the students out from Athens.

At Anatolia College, Salonika, the King and Queen were expected to visit the school in the course of their tour of the city on the occasion of the celebrations for St. Demetrius, patron saint of Salonika. With living conditions decidedly easier, and with the aid of a larger group of capable American teachers, it is possible to concentrate on raising the standards of the work. Both the Boys' Department under Mr. Kent and the Girls' Department under Miss Ingle, are fairly humming with activity and goodwill. The Kent House, a charming villa converted from a quite insignificant chicken house, is the show place of the campus.

Yours sincerely,  
F. Lyman MacCallum

Dear Friends:

Bay Cami Baykurt. With sincere sorrow we report the death in this city on November 4, 1949 of Cami Bey, scholar, writer, one time Minister of the Interior and Ambassador to Italy. Many years ago he withdrew from active political life. We knew him as a scholar of keen mind, associated with the late Dr. F. W. MacCallum and others in the recent translation of the Bible into Turkish with Latin script. He was a man of the highest personal character: those who knew him best will miss him most. "Allah rahmet eylesin."

Talas Clinic. Dr. Nute of Talas reports that Miss Trudy Bremer, who went to America for study after a term at the Clinic as Lab. technician, is completing her pre-medical work at Berea College. There she is head of the Dairy Laboratory, and greatly enjoys her work.

Miss Nuvart Parseghian, formerly secretary in the Mission Treasury Office in Istanbul, has for some years been on the Staff of the Institute of International Education in New York. This fall she is transferred to Paris, as Assistant to the Director of the Paris Office of IIE.

Mr. and Mrs. John Michaels (formerly Mary Whittle and John Monejicov). The good news has come that full American citizenship has been granted to John Michaels, the citizenship Certificate having reached him on November 17th. John is assisting the Treasurer of the American Board, while his wife teaches at the Dana Hall School in Wellesley. During this year of Goodsell travels first west, then east, the Michaels are the fortunate custodians of the Goodsell home in Waban, near Boston.

Dr. and Mrs. Carroll Pratt, who recently spent two years in Ankara where Dr. Pratt was associated with the Ankara University, announce the marriage on September 2nd of their daughter Anita to Mr. Gerard G. Harris. Best wishes from a wide circle in Turkey to all the Pratts. Dr. Pratt is the Head of the Department of Psychology at Princeton University.

Dr. Wilson Dodd, formerly of the Board's Medical staff in Turkey, is now Medical Officer of the Mount Hermon School. He reports his son Bob as located in Caracas, capital of Venezuela, where he is an engineer with the Gulf Oil Company, with prospect of further training shortly in Arabia. He has been studying Turkish at Princeton, under the late Dr. Walter L. Wright. Bob's sister Margaret entered Lasell Junior College in Auburndale this fall, where she rooms across the hall from Carol Wiley.

Dr. Dodd also reports that Bill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Compton of Anatolia College in Thessaloniki, was married this summer, and is doing finely as one of the younger faculty at the Mount Hermon School.

We are indebted to Miss Marion Nossor, long-time American member of the Staff of the Maarif College in Ankara, for report of recent archeological finds in Anatolia. Giour Kalesi, 70 kilometers from Ankara, has some fine Hittite rock-carings. Again for many years scholars have known of Assyrian tablets in the Kul Tepe region, not far from Kayseri. Last year a young Turkish excavator from the Ankara University uncovered houses dating back to 1900 B.C., finding 1800 tablets. This summer, further search brought to light another 1000 tablets. There is much new reading material for the Scholars to study.

Mr. Thomas Weaver of the Staff of Aleppo College, is a gifted pianist. Last week end was particularly full, with piano concert in Tripoli on November 3d: in Sidon on the 4th: and at the American College for Women, Beirut, on the 5th. (Beirut News Letter)

Aleppo Girls' School. A November 4th note from Miss Gladys Lucas, Principal, reports "School running very smoothly". Enrollment in High School classes 199: kindergarten and preparatory 43 - total 242. Furthermore, in elementary Grade School operated jointly with Aleppo College, Girls 55, Boys 110-total 165.

Very truly yours,

Luther K. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Last Saturday Istanbul Station enjoyed a very happy tea party which had been arranged at the Scutari school as a surprise for Mr. and Mrs. Woolworth, whose twenty-fifth wedding anniversary came on Monday, the 14th. They had been told that the MacCallums were coming over to tea before Lyman went away, so when they came down to see the MacCallums they found to their evident surprise the whole room full of people and Miss Wolfe playing the wedding march. In the room at the back a table was spread for the tea things, in the middle of which stood a wonderful white and silver five-tiered cake which Alice Lindsley had made for the occasion. Those tiers were very convenient as the three top ones were removed and put away for their daughter Dorothy to enjoy when she arrived, as she did on the next day. After the usual delicious Scutari tea we all sat down while Luther Fowle told the bride and groom how much we all appreciate them and gave them, as a token of our affection and respect a box covered with silver paper, in which they found six Turkish coffee cups set in silver filigree "zarfs", each steadily based. Later we had ice cream and some of the cake and discovered as we ate and talked together that six of the original guests at the wedding at the MacCallums' twenty-five years ago were present: Mrs. MacCallum, Mrs. Leslie, Luther and Farnsworth Fowle (the latter a ring bearer then), Walter Wiley, then in Language School, and the undersigned. Music by Gwendolyn Wolsted and Ruth Wolfe gave pleasure to all and then Lyman MacCallum walked around the circle collecting various words to put in some blanks of a story. When he read the story of the Woolworths, thus constructed, you can imagine the laughter!

Dorothy Woolworth began her work yesterday at the American Hospital in Istanbul. Her coming strengthens the nursing service there and gives great joy to her parents and friends.

Lyman MacCallum left Istanbul by air on Tuesday for his annual Bible Society trip to Beirut, Bagdad and other points in the Middle East. He hopes to return before a month has passed.

The Mission Treasurer, together with the Legal Advisor, left last evening for Ankara, there to take up the important question of title to the Board's properties constituting the Gaziantep Hospital and the Izmir Girls' School. These properties are held in the name of individual members of the Mission, but should be transferred into the ownership of the Board. A second major issue will be the status of our institutions as "institutions serving the public weal, and not operated for financial gain" - preparatory to the new General Tax Law which comes into effect with the year 1950.

The Admiral Bristol Hospital and School of Nursing. Florence Nightingale entered the wards of the Selimiye Barracks hospital on November 5, 1854. On the same day in 1949, Ambassador George Wadsworth laid the corner-stone of the Nurses' School and Residence building of the Admiral Bristol Hospital. His address emphasized the great importance now given by the Turkish Government and the Red Crescent Society to this most important phase of hospital care and public health. In its Annual Hospital Meeting, the American Community elected three managers to the Hospital administrative Board, and heard reports from Dr. Shepard and others. The Annual Hospital finance effort is now under way, when public support is sought both in Turkey and in America, where "dollars are greatly needed" to complete and equip this new School of Nursing. The Ambassador told us that with the coming of Florence Nightingale and the 38 women who accompanied her, the death rate among the thousands of Crimean War sick and wounded fell from 40 to 2 percent.

Here is an important notice: the Istanbul Post Office has reminded us that letters addressed to us in this building must have American Board (or Amerikan Bord Heyeti), Box 142, written on the envelope to insure prompt delivery.

Sincerely yours,  
E. W. Putney

No. 211

American Board Mission, Post Box 142  
Istanbul, Turkey, November 25, 1949.

Dear Friends:

Mr. Fowle returned from Ankara on Saturday and then left on Monday for a week's visit to Greece. He was expecting to spend some days both in Athens and Saloniki with our associates there.

The ancient Moslem practice of bequeathing property in trust for philanthropic purposes has resulted in much property in Turkey being "Vakif" or "consecrated", its rents being used for the trust specified under the Evkaf (Arabic plural of vakif) administration. Owners of properties now transferred in Turkey are urged to fund their Evkaf annual payments by paying for "twenty years, less one", thus converting the trust from a property to a financial obligation to be settled at one time. As a continuing wise measure, this step is being taken with regard to the Board's properties in Istanbul and similar action has been recommended to other Stations.

Photographs taken in October, recently received here, show the basement and two floors of Parsons Hall of the Izmir School already built and later news reports continued progress in the mild weather which Izmir has enjoyed all the autumn. Everett Blake is in charge of the construction and of the repairs on the two houses on the newly acquired residence property. Parsons Hall is the first of four buildings required to equip properly this school which lost its city property in the fire of 1922. Resources are sought for the other three buildings in this largest production center of Turkey, the Smyrna of Polycarp and the early Church.

Dr. and Mrs. (Elsa Feichtinger) Calvin Keene, formerly of Izmir Station, are spending their year of leave from Howard University, Washington, D.C., at the American University of Beirut, where they are living in the Bliss House. Welcome again to the Near East!

Aleppo College reports registrations as follows: Elementary School, 165; preparatory class for new pupils who know no English, 39; High School, 241; College 71; total 516. The Elementary School which is conducted jointly by Aleppo College and the High School for Girls, in a separate location, has 55 girls and 110 boys. The total figures for the High School for Girls were reported two weeks ago as 242 in all.

Another report from Beirut mentions the short visit of Dr. and Mrs. S. M. Zwemer there on their return from attending the 60th anniversary meeting of the Arabian Mission in Kuwait. They sailed for USA on November 8.

Here is another official notice, this time from the American Consulate General regarding changes in American Customs regulations:

"United States residents returning from abroad under circumstances conforming to requirements as to duration of trip and intervals between trips now are entitled to bring in merchandise for personal use, duty free, of value up to \$200 on short trips, and of as much as \$500 on stays out of the country of more than 12 days.

To qualify for duty free treatment, such merchandise must be acquired abroad as an incident of the trip, for personal or household use, and be properly declared at the port of arrival in the United States. Articles acquired as an accommodation to others, or for commercial purposes are not entitled to exemption from duty.

Members of a family residing in one household, and traveling together, on their return to the United States may combine their exemptions and apply the total of exemptions to the value of all articles which they acquired on the trip."

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Putney

Dear Friends:

With deep sorrow we report the death of Horace McMullen's Mother, who reached Beirut in mid-July to spend some months with her children and three grandchildren. The brief telegram reports that she fell on the 27th dying of the injuries sustained.

Again death has visited the family circle of one of our associates. Robin and Lyman MacCallum, of the Levant Agency of the Bible Societies, have received word of the death of Robin's Father, in his 97th year, in England.

The Mission Treasurer has visited for business and pleasure during the past 10 days, Ankara, Athens, and Thessaloniki. For the surviving old-timers who recall the Yayli araba and 30 miles a day, he would report the Ankara-Istanbul flight of 81 minutes; from Istanbul to Athens - 100 minutes: between Athens and Thessaloniki some 70 minutes. "Times" have changed.

The visit to Greece was to get re-acquainted with the western area of the Near East Mission, to see Pierce College, Anatolia College and Girls' School, and the Farm School - all of which institutions have achieved remarkable re-habilitation since the war and its bitter aftermath - and most of all to get acquainted with the new personnel in Athens Station. President Helen Nichol of Pierce is already well established in her duties and in the hearts of her associates, both Greek and American. And Rev. Paul Olander, with Mrs. Olander, Marion 13, and Charles 9 have arrived to take up the General Work in Athens Station in fellowship with the Evangelical Churches, schools, and kindred activities. They will pick up the task where Rev. and Mrs. Riggs Brewster laid it down last spring. Already Mr. Olander is asked to be responsible for pulpit supply at the Evangelical Church on the slope of Lycapettus, where Chaplain Bentley of the British Forces has so effectively served the Community desirous of services in English. The withdrawal of the British Forces makes the arrival of Mr. Olander at this time most propitious.

The traditional Harvest Festival of Pierce College, Athens, was this year held on Thanksgiving Day, with unusually fine chorus singing by a Girls' Chorus, reading of the Thanksgiving Proclamation by an officer of the American Embassy, and an address by Prof. Arnold Whitridge, late of Yale, now lecturing at Athens University in a cultural exchange under the Fulbright Act. It was a very delightful statement of world unity and advance in terms of foods, and the bearing of food on historical developments. Then followed in costume a review of Harvest Festival traditions, as daughters of ancient Israel, classic Greece, mediaeval England, American Indian, and Puritan maiden told their brief stories to Dame History, who with her writing tablet enlightened a daughter of 1949 as to the basic meaning and blessing of earth's harvests. Finally, in costumes of the Pilgrim Fathers and Mothers, there crowded through the auditorium and on to the stage, bearers of huge baskets of eatables, fruits, vegetables, etc.-all generously contributed for the relief of the needy. On the tragic background of recent history in Greece, it was a striking assertion of generosity and abundance, in terms of youthful promise for a better future for this fair land - as for all lands.

Miss Jessie Martin, on furlough from the Scutari Academy, Istanbul, reports a five-day visit to Pilgrim Place, Claremont, California. Bertha Morley has there joined her sister Mrs. Marden, both of Marsovan. Harriet Norton of Aintab and Aleppo, energetic and spry as ever, walks long distances to attend adult Education classes and lectures at the four Colleges in Claremont. Mrs. Sewny and Nina Rice of Sivas are busy with church activities and the manifold "doings" of Pilgrim Place. Jeannie Jillson of Brusa and Beirut looks well, while Susie Getchell of Marsovan has made a remarkable recovery from the surgery of 1948. As to Dana Getchell, happily he is reported "just as he used to be". Miss Martin herself seems to be enjoying a period of real relaxation with numerous friends and relatives. Presumably she is now cultivating an "American accent". She sends greetings to all the Mission circle.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

To the inner circle of friends of this Mission we report the facts of the death on the 27th of Horace McMullen's mother. While visiting the Kark des Chevaliers, two hours N.E. of Tripoli, with a University group, Mrs. McMullen and another lady started down a dark passage. Mrs. McMullen fell into a dry well, about 30 feet deep. There was a doctor in the party, and under his care she was immediately started by bus for the Tripoli Hospital. On the way she lapsed into unconsciousness, and died before reaching Tripoli.

Another one of our associates has just had a great loss. The news came to-day to Fernie Scovel of the Scutari School of the death of her mother. She had been ill with heart trouble for some time but the last letter <sup>had</sup> reported improvement. She slipped away in her sleep on Friday the second of December. Our deep sympathy to Fernie in this great loss.

To-morrow morning Miss Helen Nichol, the new president of our college at Elleniko, Greece, and Rev. and Mrs. Paul Olander, with their son Charles, will be leaving for their new homes in Elleniko after a six day visit here. This visit was suggested at Annual Meeting that they might get acquainted with their American Board associates here at the Bible House and at Scutari. We only wish they could thus visit each Station, as far as Beirut, but a good beginning has been made. It has been a great pleasure to Istanbul Station to have them visit us. They have survived with admirable fortitude the program of visits in each home, teas where they have met many of the larger community here, sightseeing and discussions and leave with us here a renewed sense of confidence in the leadership and the opportunities facing the American Board in Greece to-day.

They are already deeply involved in language study and in the work to which they hope to give their lives. President Nichol is finding her task at Pierce College a most interesting one and has prized opportunity here of seeing the Colleges and the Scutari school which are in so many ways similar to her own college there. Mr. Olander has already visited many of the 32 congregations of the Evangelical Synod in Greece, including the one at Saloniki and the largest Greek Evangelical Church in the world at Katerini. The Olanders hope to be in their own home some fifteen minutes' walk from Pierce College by Christmas time and are meanwhile very grateful for the hospitality of Pierce College which gives them also a fine chance to get acquainted with their associates there.

Mr. Olander reported the very interesting plan the Evangelical Churches there have of training church leadership, as they have no permission to send their young men out of the country. A class of seven spent last year, some in Athens and some in Alexandroupolis, this year they are living and working in Katerini and next year they will divide between Alexandroupolis and Athens. In each place the local pastor is the teacher and helper. As knowledge of English is one of the requirements for admission to the class, they would profit greatly from English books on church history, the Bible and theology. Anyone who has an extra copy of Cruden's Concordance would help greatly by sending it to Rev. Mr. Khotiades, Evangelical Church, Katerini, Greece. If several arrive, all the better, for then each student might have a copy. Mr. Olander was able to find some books in the Mission Library which could be borrowed and others which could be given to this peripatetic theological seminary.

Mr. Dalton McClelland, general secretary of the International Committee of the YMCA has also been visiting Istanbul this past week, as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Young of the American "Dersane". While here he spoke to many groups, including the Dutch Chapel congregation of Sunday morning, emphasizing the world-wide fellowship of the followers of Christ and the challenge to the Church of these days. In many countries government and people eagerly seek development of youth movements associated with the YMCA, which are national in their administration and support, with technical leadership from the International Committee in fellowship with national leaders, until the national Associations are sufficiently to carry on their own work. He left yesterday on his way to Damascus, Egypt and India.

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Putney

Dear Friends:

Many of us are eager to see the published reports of the architectural study of the Saint Sophia building, which for well over a millennium has been one of history's outstanding buildings. The study was made under a research grant from Mass. Inst. of Technology, by Robert VanNice, who with his family lived with us for several years during his study in Istanbul. He is now living and working on this project at Dumbarton Oaks, near Washington, the beautiful estate given to Harvard University for study purposes, and quite incidentally used by the post-war Conference on world finance.

The annual Near East gathering at Town Hall, New York, given by George and Elizabeth Huntington as they move from their summer home at Prout's Neck, Maine to winter quarters at Warm Springs, Georgia, took place on November 4th. Dr. Huntington is described as "a little thinner, but smile as twinkling and response as ready as ever". Mrs. Huntington "as cordial and sweet as ever, and always surrounded" by her guests. Among those present: Mrs. Dewing, Elizabeth Otte, Edith Fosdick, the Walter Davisons, the Sheirys, the Albert Staußs back from Honolulu - all of Robert College. Selma Ekren and the Lewis Thomases of Princeton. Ernest and Sarah Jacob of the YMCA, Bayard and Mary Dodge of Beirut, Joy Fowle, Mary Gleason, and of course Elise Van Zandt. Of course there were many others present, but their names have not reached us.

The Robinsons, who have for some years made the Walker Homes in Auburndale so pleasant a home for many of our Circle, have now retired to their new home in Wellesley. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred D. Heininger have taken up this important task, and happy reports are received from those now at the Home.

Mr. Harold Hackett, formerly Treasurer of the Board's Japan Mission, and more recently Associate Treasurer in Boston, withdraws at the end of the year to return to Japan as Vice-President of the International Christian University which is being established in Tokyo. Dr. Yuasa, formerly of the Doshisha, is the President. Some eleven mission boards are associated with the Foundation, incorporated in the State of New York. Among many who are interested in this fine project is Mr. Joseph P. Grew, formerly Ambassador to Turkey and to Japan. Mr. Hackett's withdrawal will inevitably add to Treasurer Belcher's duties the correspondence with Mission Treasuries abroad, a task carried for some years by Harold Hackett. Best wishes to Harold who goes and Harold who stays.

Our Circle has come to know the ladies of the Methodist Board at the Lovetch School in Bulgaria, who during the last war decade, have often been in touch with our Mission Treasury. Finally forced out, Mellony Turner served last year at Pierce College, Ruth Wolfe is now with us in Scutari, while Esther Carhart is with their Board in New York. With deep sorrow we learn that while being driven to a Sunday morning service at which she was to speak, Miss Turner and her aged father were both killed in a motor accident which took place near Syracuse, New York.

The Mission guests from Athens, Miss Helen Nichol, President of Pierce College, and Rev. & Mrs. Paul Olander, left Istanbul on Friday last after six busy days in this city. They thus have visited one of seven Mission Stations in Turkey, with two more in Syria and the Lebanon. They saw something of the administrative machinery of the Mission as they attended the Committee and Interim session of last Thursday. This was followed by one of Robin MacCallum's generous teas, giving fine opportunity for all our circle to become acquainted with these newly arrived permanent members of our Mission.

Lyman MacCallum, Agent of the Bible Societies, has been paying a routine visit to the Beirut Office, and now flies on to Bagdad. He hopes to return to his family here some days before Christmas.

Yours truly,

Luther R. Fowie



Dear Friends:

Our respected retired "News Notes" editor still remembers the weekly scramble to find a page of news and sends the following:

"Our friend, Dr. Wilfred M. Post, formerly physician at Talas, then at the hospital in Konya, and later in the Istanbul Hospital, has a son, Wilfred M. Post, Jr., who had a glad surprise on August 16th last, while he and his wife were staying at the home of his father, who is now connected with a hospital on Long Island, New York. A very heavily laden stork passed over the house and left behind triplets, who have been named Wilfred McIlvaine III, Susan, and Barbara. All are doing well; but that is not the end of the story. When the youngsters were eight weeks old, a special airborne nursery, complete with all the boudoir requirements needed for their comfort, bore them with their happy parents from Long Island to their home in Allentown, Pennsylvania, where they continue to flourish. Their father is an air pilot....

"Perhaps you have heard from others of the engagement of Theodore and Winifred's daughter, Dr. Frances Riggs, to Dr. John A. Malloy: they are to be married December 24 in Los Angeles, California. All four of the other children of that family are already happily married; and you may know already of the birth of a baby boy, Louis Eugene, to Dr. and Mrs. Edward C. Riggs, at Foochow, China, on November 23.

Best wishes for a happy Christmas,  
Charles T. Riggs."

Mr. Riggs adds that he and his daughter, Mrs. MacNeal, were expecting to spend Christmas with Prof. MacNeal's relatives in Hazelton and Nanticoke, Pennsylvania.

At the recent annual business meeting and luncheon of the Woman's Board of Missions, Mrs. Brewster, Mrs. Compton, Miss Dwight, Miss Harley, Mrs. Helen Scott and Miss Mary Ward of the Near East Mission, were present and enjoyed sharing a table and much talk of friends at the luncheon.

We are glad to hear that Dr. Edwin St. John Ward is in better health. He and Mrs. Ward were expecting to leave shortly for Florida for the winter.

Miss Fanny Noyes, formerly of Merzifon and now of Oberlin, reports great pleasure in having short visits from old Merzifon associates, Mrs. Ernest Fye and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Compton, also from Sivas, Mr. Ernest Partridge.

Miss Edith Parsons writes very happily of her home at 43-45 Grand Boulevard, San Mateo, California, of her pleasure in seeing the Goodsells when they were there this autumn and also Mrs. Saisie Hibbard Pratt, and her opportunity of entertaining the Turkish students attending Leland Stanford University nearby. She sends this greeting to all her friends: "May Christmas bring again to all of you, and all your friends, the message of the Hope of the world. For the race in which there could be Christmas cannot perish without learning to understand what Christmas is".

Mrs. Helen Scott writes of spending Thanksgiving with Miss Harley in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, and meeting there Louise and Carol Wiley. An interesting experience for the Wiley girls was seeing again an Armenian woman who had worked in their home, in Dr. Nute's and now comes a day a week to help Miss Harley.

Istanbul Station has had two happy gathers in the Bible House apartment during the last week, - first on Saturday when about sixty from the Station and its friends met for a pageant of great meaning and beauty and this evening when we had supper together. After the tables were cleared four of the elders, Luther Fowle, Lorrin Shepard, Lyman MacCallum and Ethel Putney, told some stories of past days in this land.

Mrs. Sewny, now of Pilgrim Place, California, formerly of Sivas, Talas and Salonika, writes, "Please give my love to the friends there who know me". Her card says: May God's gift of peace and happiness be yours at Christmas and throughout the coming year. That is my wish for you all.

Sincerely yours,  
E. M. Putney