

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,  
Istanbul, Turkey, January 9, 1954.

Dear Friends;

Owing to the holidays coming on week-ends, and pressure of year-end closing work, the editors regret the omission of issues the last two weeks.

At the time, Mrs. Birge received a cable announcing the death of Miss Rachel P. Snow at West Palm Beach, Florida on December 15th. Services were held there and at Falmouth where burial took place. Miss Snow spent a year here in Istanbul, guest of the Birges and also taught at the Scutari school. She has always been a loyal friend of the Mission.

Christmas-time messages have come from many of our former associates. Mrs. H. A. Maynard is enjoying having Richard and Georgie - from Tarsus - with her this year. Edward had made her a brief visit in August flying from Japan and returning there by the European and Middle East route. John has moved to California as tax lawyer for the Carnation Milk Co. in Los Angeles. Robert remains in his Chicago position and lives near his mother.

During Christmas school holidays, tutors from Tarsus, Izmir and Scutari together with Miss Reed, gathered at Talas for an Orientation Conference and discussion of experiences, as well as for some good times together.

Miss Louise Wiley from Anatolia Girls' school visited her parents here during the holidays. She was accompanied by Miss Marjorie Trotter and Mr. Jack Gourley of the College. Miss Trotter is in charge of the Girls' School in the absence of Miss Ingle who is on furlough. As a friend of Miss Cornelia Roberts and Miss Louise Platt, she became interested in coming to fill this position.

Mrs. Edith S. Adkins, who is Executive Director of the local Red Cross Chapter at Fall River, Mass., sends word that she has become a grandmother. Sally Ann has a small son, Bruce, of fourteen months and the family has moved from Fall River to Brooklyn. Beverley (Mrs. Hal Wells) and husband are medical students at the Univ. of Geneva, Switzerland, living at 32 Rue de Carouge. Winthrop is in his third year at Princeton and Douglass in his second year at Brown University.

Miss Margaret Dunn of Somerville House days, Pera, and who went to England during this last year, lives at 165 Abbeville Road, Clapham Common, London S.W.4. She writes of seeing Mr. Sellar, Lady Waugh, Lady Thompson quite often.

Mrs. Hettie Kreider gives news of the children and states that she also is now a grandmother. Lorrin is married and in his second year of a three year course at McCormick Seminary in Chicago, and also acts as pastor to a small church in one of the suburbs. Maynard is also married, is living near the University of Chicago where he is at present working as a laboratory assistant. Loretta is teaching in a high school in Edgerton, Wisc. She spent last summer in a Work Camp in Holland under the auspices of the Friends Service Committee. Irma is living with her mother at home in Wooster, Ohio where she is a senior in High School.

Mr. Luther R. Fowle flew via Pan American to America on Sunday night, January 3rd for medical treatment. After a night with Farnsworth in New York, he proceeded to Boston where he is the guest of his son James and of the Goodsells in Waban.

Sincerely yours,  
Elvesta T. Leslie



No. 401

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,  
Istanbul, Turkey, January 16, 1954.

Dear Friends:

Mr. Ezra P. Young, formerly Director of the Men's Dersane in Istanbul who resigned last summer, has become State Secretary for Students of Pennsylvania under the Y.M.C.A., where he will have responsibility for raising money for the World Service Fund. We miss the Youngs from our midst here but our best wishes go to them in their new work.

At the Men's Dersane last summer 244 boys registered for classes in English, French and Sports which ran thru August. Registrations last October were 273 in evening classes in languages and bookkeeping, forty more than the previous year. From March last year thru October 310 men, students and teachers from 30 countries and six continents spent a total of 2071 nights in their Tourist Hostel. Classes for refugees hoping to migrate to the Americas, under the USA Escapee Program, were held afternoons. Seven local youth organizations used the gymnasium regularly for training and sports programs. A Camp site for a boys camp is being sought.

During the holidays a group of twenty students from the American College, Tarsus visited Ankara and the new Atatürk mausoleum, laying a wreath there.

President Celal Bayar arrived in the city to-day and during his stay here lives at the Gök Su palace. On Monday he leaves for England by plane and sails for America during the week on the S. S. Mauretania. From New York he proceeds to Washington by air, and while in America he will make a coast-to-coast tour.

In the area of Şile on the Black Sea Asiatic coast, 100,000 hazelnut shrubs or trees are to be planted. Austria has been asking for Turkish nuts but no trade agreement has yet been reached. From sales of wheat to Spain, from there will come machinery, motors, dyes, electrical equipment, tractors, automobiles, etc.

Dr. W. L. Nute, Sr. writes from Naples on January 2nd that he and Mrs. Nute were having a delightful trip so far. Dr. Nute made a short trip to Talas for a week-end visit with the Wilson Dodds, then was back at Adana for Christmas Eve with son Bill and family. Christmas morning they left for Iskenderun and were aboard the "Excalibur" that evening. They went ashore at Beirut, at Alexandria, and at Athens where Mrs. Nute visited a girlhood chum of 60 years ago in the Adana Girls' School. In Naples they also did sight-seeing and expected to take the trip from Leghorn to Pisa two days later. Mr. Emerson Christie is accompanying them to America. They expect to arrive in Boston on Monday, the 18th.

Mr. Merrill N. Isely arrived here Tuesday for Hospital shopping prior to the Committee and Interim meeting on Thursday to which he is the Gaziantep station delegate appointed to the January meeting. Mr. Everett C. Blake of Izmir also attended this meeting, his visit however being to confer with Mr. Isely and Miss Hagopian on the following days on a mission committee assignment.

Mr. M. Eugene Blumenfeld was in the city this week enroute from Talas where he has completed a three and a half year term of service in the Boys' school. He left Friday night by air for America where he expects to study at Hartford Seminary. Besides his teaching, Mr. Blumenfeld has given valuable assistance in accounting work in Talas and some other stations.

Sincerely yours,  
Elvesta T. Leslie



American Board Mission, Post Box 142,  
Istanbul, Turkey, January 23, 1954.

Dear Friends,

Marjorie Bullock Grunewald and Bob write from 112 Hullett Street, Long Beach 5, Calif. where they are teaching a Junior College night course, and taking a course in administration at Claremont. Small Tom makes life interesting and lively for them. Marjorie's father and mother moved to Long Beach last summer.

As an addenda to last week's item, The New York special correspondent of the "Vatan" has sent in a feature article on Ezra Young, "Our Friend who Praises Turkey All Over America." The correspondent had visited Ezra and Jessamine in their new home in Harrisburg, Pa. She reports with pleasure Ezra's esprit, "I belong to Istanbul; I can't understand these Americans."

A "flash telegram" has been received by "Dear Friends" from Pauline and Wm. Sage Woolworth reporting a "new international merger. Dorothy Woolworth and Durand Dudley are to form a Near Eastern and Western Union, the new company being the engaging couple." Mr. Dudley is not of the Board Dudleys, but from Oberlin where he took his B.A. degree and then a M.S. from Western Reserve in Library Science. After completing his work in Oberlin for a M.A. in English Literature, he goes February 1st to Marietta College as Research Librarian. We all know about Dorothy, one of our Mission children!

Mr. Woolworth expected to attend the Mid-Winter meeting in Cleveland this week and also to be there on February 2nd to attend a function in honor of President Celal Bayar.

The Dr. Wilson Dodds are happy in the news of a new granddaughter, Nike Anne, a first child, born to son Bob and his wife Villma. Bob is with the Gulf Oil Company in New York.

News received thru Mrs. Claypoole, her relative, indicated that Mrs. Bessie Lyman had reached the west coast of America on her round-the-world trip.

Dr. G. J. Van Heuven Goedhart, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, arrived in Istanbul on Wednesday. A tea in his honor will be held at the World Council of Churches office on Sunday.

Mr. Merrill N. Isely left on Tuesday of this week for Gaziantep after completing his purchases for the Hospital and attending the Committee ad Interim meeting last week and an appointment here with Mr. Blake. He was accompanied by David Bergmark going for legal business. They hope this week to transfer the title of the Gaziantep American properties from the name of Dr. Fred Shepard to that of Mr. Bergmark. They were delayed in Ankara by the train wreck near Adana which had occurred just previously.

Mr. Horace McMullen reports seventeen students at the Near East School of Theology in Beirut, five of whom are girls who are preparing for teaching religion in parochial schools.

Plans are under way for the electrification of villages in Turkey, at the Ministry of Public Works who expect to invite three specialists through the United Nations Technical Assistance scheme to work in this project.

Forty-four Primary schools have been built in Istanbul in the last three and a half years.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie



Dear Friends:

This letter affords the opportunity to report the successful completion of a winter business trip to Gaziantep which included interesting though short stops in Ankara for calls on Turkish Government officials, a four-day business visit in Gaziantep as guests of the Albert Deweys, and side trips to Adana, Tarsus and Talas. After leaving Istanbul by overnight train to Ankara with Merrill Isely as traveling companion, we spent two days in Ankara mostly in the offices of officials of the Finance, Labor, Health and Agriculture Departments, where we were always cordially received and made to feel right at home. The doors of Turkish officialdom are wide open to Americans and a sympathetic hearing is given although the Turks reserve the right to proceed in their own way. The city was under a heavy blanket of snow and below freezing temperatures held throughout our stay.

It was necessary that we proceed to Adana by plane inasmuch as a train-wreck in the Taurus Mountains blocked the train route but weather conditions held us in Ankara an extra day. When we finally set down in Adana on the grand new airport there, it seemed springlike in comparison with Ankara, and fields were even being ploughed for spring planting. Some of the orange trees, however, looked as if the fruit had been frozen on the branches and therefore was not being picked. As overnight guests of the Nute Jrs. and with the Donn Kesselhelms as dinner guests from Tarsus American College a certain amount of Clinic and School business was transacted. Early the next morning, Saturday, January 30th we rode all day by bus from Adana to Gaziantep and high in the mountain passes again enjoyed winter weather, for we went through a veritable fairyland of trees which were heavily iced, over all of which a feathery snow was falling. Without mishap we reached Gaziantep and were welcomed in town at the bus stop by Mildred Isely and Dr. Dewey.

The visit in Gaziantep included a meeting of the Hospital Board of Managers and most time at the meeting was spent in the discussion of measures to meet the effects of the serious and steadily rising cost of living in Turkey. With coffee now costing us roughly \$2.50 a lb. and all workers from charwomen to surgeons putting on pressure for higher pay, institutional Board meetings are now far from routine affairs. At the Hospital, certain salary increases were voted but the effective date of increase was made dependent upon receiving permission from the Government for an increase in all Hospital charges. This the Hospital is now pressing and permission must come all the way from the central Government in Ankara.

The brief stops in each of the Board's School for Boys at Tarsus and Talas afforded glimpses of smoothly operating staffs and detailed looks at finance and property reports. With staffs that are happy and pulling together, we now must look to ways and means of increasing school endowments in order to care for the properties. The Board schools are satisfying a real need and there is a visible uplift at work. Improvements in physical plant are now of prime importance.

All train schedules were completely out of order. There was a good meter of snow over most of the Anatolian plain and the train that I took from Talas to Ankara on Sunday January 31, took from noon to an hour after mid-night and was so crowded that many stood the whole way. Early on Monday I flew from Ankara to Istanbul with a short stop at the airport in Eskişehir and landed at Yeşilköy airport in the midst of an icy blizzard. Heavy snows are continuing but the sun melts them away in a few hours.

Sincerely yours,  
David A. Bergmark



American Board Mission, Post Box 142,  
Istanbul, Turkey, February 26, 1954.

Dear Friends:

During the ~~winter~~ midsemester vacation of the Colleges and the "Flu" vacation following after, teachers scattered on trips which took them severally and in groups mostly to Mediterranean countries, as far west as Spain and as far east as India.

Miss May Nilson visited her parents in Mardin-Diyarbakir and tarried in Tarsus for part of the flu vacation.

During the Christmas-New Year's holidays a sizeable group of former Near East Mission members, and new members, held a reunion at Hartford. Those attending were Misses Naomi Foster, Betty George, Mary Rowden, Ruth Shinn, Betty Richmond, Charlotte Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Dittes, Ann and Bill Edmonds, Gwen Wolsted. New members were Larry Dittes, and Mr. and Mrs. John Kingsbury. The latter with Misses George and Reid continue their studies in this half year and have been joined by Miss Bicknell and Mr. Blumenfeld.

Miss Mary Rowden is engaged in nursing service at the University Hospital in New Haven, Conn.

The Beirut News Letter reports the death of Forrest Crawford, brother of Archie Crawford, Vice-president of A.U.B. on January 19th, in Panama, where he was residing with his family. The Crawfords have been a well-known family in Beirut for decades. The Forrest Crawfords were at Robert College from 1936 to 1940.

Miss Cassile and Thomas Weaver from Aleppo were visitors in Beirut early this month. The latter was accompanied back to Aleppo College by George Miller who had been attending an educational conference in Cairo.

The death of Miss Mary M. Haskell, of the well-known Bulgaria Haskell family, has been announced by our Board as occurring on December 9th, 1953 at the age of eighty-four, from a heart attack following a Christmas shopping trip. She was born in Philippopolis, Bulgaria, of missionary parents and graduated from Oberlin in 1889, and was a missionary of the Board in Bulgaria from 1890 to 1918. She returned there on an independent basis and remained in such work from 1935 to 1950. During the Balkan wars of 1902-1914 she was associated with Red Cross work there and was also in Bulgaria through World Wars I and II. For her outstanding services to the Bulgarian people, she was honored with a Decoration by the Bulgarian Government.

The excitement of the week here following a blizzard with low temperatures on Tuesday, was the appearance in the Bosphorus Thursday of snowy ice floes which had found their way into the strait from the Black Sea. These were driven by strong winds from the mouths of the rivers Danube, Dniester and Dnieper where the ice was broken up, across the Black Sea. Reports of such ice reached here last week. Venturous persons are landing on some of the in-shore floes to be photographed there. While much of the ice influx is passing out to the Marmora, much is collecting within the curves of the strait at such places as Beykos, Bebek, Çengelköy, etc., so that there is the appearance of a solid field of ice. The last time such an unusual situation occurred was at the end of February, 1929. There is now speculation as to how many days the ice will continue to come.

The Mission welcomes the news that Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Shepard have been appointed to Aleppo College for service beginning with September of this year.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie



Dear Friends:

These past ten days ice has continued to float down the Bosphorus but the indications are that it is coming to an end.

Letters from Mrs. Bessie Lyman indicate that she landed in San Francisco on December 15th, on the last part of her sea trip from Honolulu. On landing she spent two days there with her aunt and then turned north to visit Lyman relatives in Portland, Walla Walla, Waitsburg (where she spent Christmas), Dayton, Sunnyside and Spokane. Coming south again, she visited a cousin at Occidental College and our Turkey group at Claremont. She expects to see Mrs. Eleanor Oliphant Turpin (Aleppo Girls' School 1931-34) in Orange, Texas, and her sister, Myra Hardy, Librarian at Caney College, Pippapass, Ky. (See January Reader's Digest "Stay On Stranger") in March. Then she goes on to Pleasant Hill, Tenn. where she will be the guest of the Misses Fletcher and Phelps and Dr. and Mrs. Haas.

Word has been received of the birth of a daughter, Mary Wister, weight seven pounds, to the Maryly Nute Craighills on February 21st in Kyoto. Dr. Alice Shepard Cary was present on this occasion, but not officiating.

Miss Kathleen Van Cleft who served in the Adana Hospital as nurse from 1926 to 1929 and later in Greece with UNRA, is now a "nutrician" of dietitian for the public and private institutions of the State of Vermont which desire her counsel. From headquarters at Burlington she is on the go most of her time with her car, serving many hospitals and institutions that cannot afford to have the full-time services of a trained dietitian. Miss Van Cleft looks back on her years in Turkey with happy memory and continued interest.

Tarsus College held an Alumni Tea on Sunday, February 21st, at which fifty graduates were present, going back to 1933. Five or six graduates brought their families. A downpour of rain prevented the scheduled faculty-alumni volley ball game but the showing of colored slides of Turkey took its place. The day before at student assembly the faculty put on Milne's "Ugly Duckling". In the Orta division of the school three patrols of Boy Scouts are off to a good start.

Maurice Beguin and wife have completed their third year in Africa and he, his first year as superintendent of Lemana Training Institution at Louis Trichardt, Transvaal North, South Africa. He says, "If you wish to come and see us, you must get an evening train from Johannesburg. Reserve your seat a month in advance and do not wait until the last afternoon to send us a telegram....You will arrive at Louis Trichardt a little before nine a.m. and I shall meet you at the station with our light blue-green Ford lorry." The Lemana training school started in 1906 as a teacher's training center with ten students (named from Lake Lemana in Switzerland) and now has 350 students, about a third of whom are in the upper Normal school. The staff consists of Europeans of various languages and nationalities and Africans of two language groups. A large number of churches are represented among the students and staff. That, for many a few years at Lemana means a deepening of faith and commitment to a life of Christian service, is a source of gratitude and of encouragement to the Beguins. Their family consists of Beatrice, six, Victor, four and Jane a year and a half. Mr. Beguin taught in our Izmir and Tarsus schools during the war years, going to America in 1945 and later to Switzerland, for training looking to mission work.

Refugees from Turkestan are being resettled in Turkey and given houses and land. About 1260 such refugees have arrived and about 600 more are expected.

Sincerely yours,  
Elvesta T. Leslie



Dear Friends:

The Lenten programs of the Evangelical Union Church of Pera, more popularly known as the Dutch Chapel, began on Friday afternoon March 5th at 5 o'clock when residents of this city were invited to join in a service in observance of the World Day of Prayer. Mrs. Charles MacNeal was in charge of the service and she was assisted by women of the Community. It was a union service of the Anglican and German Churches of Istanbul.

On Friday evening March 12th the first of the Lenten mid-week services, being led by laymen of the Church, was held. The topics for these mid-week services are as follows:

- March 12 - The Fellowship That Grows on Us.
- 19 - Mere Christianity.
- 26 - Is Your God Too Small?
- April 2 - A Reborn Church.
- 9 - Vacant Possession.

On last Sunday at 5 o'clock the first of the Lenten season bi-weekly Sunday Vespers was held. Claren D. Sommer of the Faculty of Robert College played an organ recital. Tomorrow at 5 o'clock, Mrs. J. K. Birge will review Norman Vincent Peale's new book "The Power of Positive Thinking". On March 28th, Miss Jeanette Davis of the Faculty of Üsküdar School will speak on the subject "Religious Education in the United States". Miss Davis is on leave this year as Director of Christian Education in the Plymouth Congregational Church of Utica, New York. Then, on Palm Sunday, April 11th Dr. Elizabeth Stanton, Dean of the Girls' College at Arnavutköy, will review two books by Elton Trueblood.

Two special Holy-Week programs are being planned at the Dutch Chapel. One a union service with the Anglican Church on Tuesday afternoon and the other a Good Friday service in the evening featuring a high-fidelity recording of "The Passion According To St. Matthew" by Bach. On Easter Sunday morning there will be a single service at 10:30. Special music is being planned. Mr. Kavafian is at the organ for all Sunday morning services and Mrs. David Bergmark for all Friday and Sunday Vesper services. The Rev. Walter Wiley preaches each Sunday morning through the first Sunday of May and shortly thereafter with Mrs. Wiley leaves on regular furlough for America.

Early Thursday morning March 11th Paul Nilson Jr. started out for Talas with a new car, a Consul, the British Ford. The Consul was purchased last November for the use of Dr. Dodd of the Talas Clinic. The local agents were not able to get their cars through Customs until February and by that time roads in central Anatolia were deep in snow. Now that the roads are again open, we anticipate no particular difficulty as Paul travels eastward. The Bible Society is making this trip an educational one by sending with Mr. Nilson their Colporteur who is traveling out to Kayseri and beyond.

The announcement has appeared in many journals that come to us, so that it would seem to be time to announce in this sheet the happy news that our associate Alford Carleton has accepted headquarters work as Executive Vice President of the American Board. He is planning to attend the Commencement at Aleppo College and we of the Near East Mission are looking forward to welcoming him to some of the sessions of our Annual Meeting at Üsküdar during the first week of July. Dr. Carleton takes up the large tasks of his new post after three decades of service as an American Board missionary in the Near East Mission. Since last summer he has been, with his wife Mary, on regular furlough in America. He will begin his new work in June.

Sincerely yours,  
David A. Bergmark



Dear Friends:

Word has been received here of the death of Lee Vrooman in Florida from a sudden heart attack. Mr. Vrooman came to Turkey with the Near East Relief after World War I and then returned with Mrs. Vrooman in 1923 for a year of language study in Istanbul before taking up work at International College in Izmir. There they remained some ten years, Mr. Vrooman serving as Dean, till the closing of the College in Izmir. After their return to America, Mr. Vrooman took an active part in the Moral Rearmament movement and had a major part in developing the Training center on Mackinac Island, Michigan. During these years he had the main responsibility in writing a series of lessons on inspired democracy, called "The American Heritage", which is used in High Schools and Adult Educational Classes. Since the end of World War II, in co-operation with MRA friends, he has been writing further on America's moral and spiritual heritage and completed the book only a few days before his death. Aside from this he has written for daily papers, magazines, trade union journals, and his work has been a factor in settling industrial disputes, raising morale in some of the important defense plants. Translations from the Mr. Vrooman's writings appeared in the Turkish paper "Hergün" in the January 28 and 29th issues. Our sympathies go to Mrs. Vrooman in her sudden loss.

Mr. Paul Nilson, coming to represent Mardin station at the Committee ad Interim meeting on Tuesday, has spent the week here. Other members of the Nilson family, Mrs. Harriet Nilson, Mrs. Dorothy Nilson Fyfe and husband (also including infant son) arrived by plane and train for the family reunion with May from the Women's College, Paul, Jr. of the Bible Society, Sylvia and Hans Meyer of the Scutari school. Mrs. Nilson was accompanied by her sister Miss May Fischer and cousin Miss Elaine Fischer, travelling on sabbatical leave from the Chicago schools.

Mr. Wm. Mathews from the Talas school arrived on Monday and spent most of the week at the Admiral Bristol Hospital convalescing from a tonsilotomy operation.

Misses Martha Millett and Alice Reed, representing the Scutari school, and Mr. Bergmark the Treasury department, left for Izmir by plane on Wednesday to attend the spring meeting of the Board of Managers for the mission schools in Turkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman MacCallum took in Cyprus on their way by plane to Beirut where they will spend a month while Mr. Friedlieb is on vacation. They report open windows, balmy sunshine, marul to eat, fat artichokes to look at, in contrast to our cold March here.

Our Talas and Tarsus schools are closed for vacation this week. In Tarsus, Mrs. Avery and children, Mrs. Keck and Mrs. Kesselheim and baby are keeping up their spirits while all the men on the staff have scattered on trips, some to attend the meeting at Izmir. The ladies take comfort in the meantime that spring is in the air, stoves are being removed, and wisteria is coming into blossom. The Izmir and Scutari schools have vacation next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Isely and her mother, Mrs. Green, called at Tarsus on Monday on their trip to Nigde and the troglodyte region.

Miss Helen Morgan at Scutari is enjoying a visit from her friend Dr. Borghild K. Sundheim, head of the French department at Macalester College, St. Paul, Minn., who is on sabbatical leave and studying at the Sorbonne this year. She and Helen will spend part of this week at Bursa, and go from there to Izmir.

Sincerely,  
Elvesta T. Leslie



American Board Mission, Post Box 142,  
Istanbul, Turkey, March 27, 1954.

Dear Friends;

Word has reached us from Mrs. Beattie Lyman who is now traveling in America eastward from California. She tells of an exciting visit at the Grand Canyon and has seen Harriett Hallett (Adana and Salonika), and her mother, living at 3517 Smith, S.E. Albuquerque, New Mexico. Miss Hallett is continuing the Social Welfare work which she was doing in Roswell.

On Tuesday a cable was received from Boston reporting the death of Mrs. Alma Woodruff on Monday morning March 22nd. Previous word had come of an operation in January from which her recovery had been slow. Mrs. Woodruff was born in Detroit, Michigan 72 years ago. In 1901 she graduated from the Cleveland Normal Training School. She married in 1911 and with her husband the Rev. Lyle Woodruff sailed for American Board service in Bulgaria. The Woodruffs worked in Philippopolis, Samakov and Sofia. Mrs. Woodruff remained in Sofia after her husband's death in 1922 where she started the American Grade School of Sofia. In 1942 when the Americans were forced to leave Bulgaria, Mrs. Woodruff came to Turkey and taught for nine years at the Üsküdar School. Since her retirement in America she has been living with a sister, Miss Vera Schafer, 3258 Gunston Road, Alexandria, Virginia. Four sisters and a brother and her son Dean survive.

Founders' Day at Robert College was observed today with the customary Leaders' Corp Exhibition in the afternoon followed by a program in Albert Long Hall. The special feature of the program was the unveiling by Mr. Cherkian of a portrait of George H. Huntington which is to be hung in the auditorium. Dr. Huntington was for over half a century a Robert College teacher, administrator and active supporter. Mr. Cherkian, Dr. Huntington's secretary for six years, spoke of his association with Dr. Huntington and Prof. Turgut Erem who followed as secretary for seven years until Dr. Huntington's illness in 1934, spoke of his recollections. Dr. Black concluded the program with a speech relating incidents from the time he was a term tutor and Dr. Huntington was Academy Principal up to these later years when as College President he frequently consulted Dr. Huntington on College matters. From Dr. Huntington's first connections with the College to the end of his life he maintained a deep and lively interest in the small and large affairs of the institution and in personal friendships with its students. After this program there was a reception for the Alumni, teaching staff and Community at Kennedy Lodge. Then, at 5 o'clock there was the concluding performance of this year's Academy play - Shakespeare's "Richard II."

Last week I attended the Spring Meeting of the Turkey Schools Board of Managers which assembled this year in Izmir. The Delegates included Robert Avery and Donn Kesselheim from Tarsus, John Scott and Ralph Meyering from Talas, Alice Reed and Martha Millett from Üsküdar, Lynda Blake and Harriett Yarrow from Izmir, and Merrill Isely of Gaziantep as Delegate-at-Large. There were three full days of meetings with little time for recreation. Most of the American members of the school staff were present even though their vacation had started. Jean and Bill Griswold of Talas were also present.

Sincerely yours,

David A. Bergmark



American Board Mission, Post Box 142,  
Istanbul, Turkey, April 3, 1954.

Dear Friends:

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley have received word of the birth of a second grandchild, Susan Elizabeth, on March 27th. She is of six pounds and eleven ounces weight and is making her home at the Lincoln Wileys in California.

And Mrs. F. W. MacCallum has received news of the birth of her first great grandchild, in Vancouver, British Columbia. He is the grandson of the Reed MacCallums. No details received yet.

Dr. W. L. Nute, Sr. writes that they left Scarsdale on February 28th and expect to stay in Auburndale until April 19th when they plan to start back to Turkey via Seattle visiting son Cyril, and Japan, to see Maryly and her daughter Mary Wister (grandchild number nine). From Japan they will take plane to Beirut. On the 7th, next week, there is to be a Near East Mission Reunion at Auburndale at which they hoped to see Isabelle Harley and Luther Fowle, among others.

Word has come of the death of Mrs. Alexander MacLachlan in Kingston, Ontario, on March 30th. Dr. MacLachlan came to Izmir in 1890 and in 1891 married Rose Blackler, a member of a British family in Bornebat suburb. They remained in Izmir till 1926 when they retired to America. A widow since 1940, Mrs. MacLachlan has in recent years made her home with her son Grant in Kingston. She leaves also her daughter, Mrs. Cass Reed, and other sons, Ian and Bruce.

Mrs. George H. Huntington expects to leave Warm Springs about April 30th when she and Miss Van Zandt will drive north, visiting Dr. Katharine Wright in Lynchburg, Mrs. Betty Fisher in Amherst, Va. and relatives around New York and Boston till they arrive in Prouts Neck, Maine in mid-June for the summer there.

Miss S. Evelyn Woodward writes from Ravensworth Lodge, Belgrave Crescent, Scarborough, Yorkshire, that there is to be some wonderful music in York this summer at the Minster, coinciding with the time of the York Mystery Plays.

Miss Ethel Putney in Wellesley Hills, Mass. is mothering the four children of former neighbors while the parents have a vacation in the South.

In Beirut this week in commemoration of the Centenary of the founding of the Bible Society, a Bible Festival is being held. Under the patronage of the President of the Republic is an exhibition of the Arabic and Armenian Bibles and the activities of the Bible Societies. Each evening there will be addresses, the following topics to be used: "The Bible and Education, The Bible in the Family, The Bible in Everyday Life, The Bible and the Christian Church, History of the Translations of the Arabic and Armenian Bibles and Activities of the Bible Society in the World". (Beirut News)

Edith and Gardner Bennett write of their busy life in Honolulu where their home is at 6520 Kālanianaʻole Highway. Lecturing at the University, Community work for Edith (as secretary of the Public Relations Women of Honolulu), gardening and developing their "ranch", along with entertaining visitors and taking vacation trips, fully occupy their time. Edith paid a visit to the States in November.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie



No. 410

Dear Friends:

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,  
Istanbul, Turkey, April 10, 1954.

Miss Phoebe Clary flew away on April 7th to Addis Ababa, Ehtiopia, where she will spend a month making a survey for the Foreign Division of the International YWCA. The survey, desired also by the U. S. Point Four Program, concerns possibilities of inaugurating Social Service work for the women of Ethiopia and is the result of the request of the Ethiopian Ambassador to the United States that some leadership assistance be given the women of her country along social service lines.

Bible Festival in Beirut was mentioned in our last issue. The opening Centenary meeting took place at 5:00 p.m. in the Anglo-American Church and completely filling it. Higher clergy of the Syrian Orthodox, Armenian Evangelical, Greek Evangelical, Greek Orthodox, and Armenian National Churches officially represented, and each made a speech. The President of the Republic was in attendance and was presented with an Arabic Bible, to which he made a suitable reply of acceptance. The entire program was broadcast by Radio Leban.

Following this Festival, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman MacCallum left Beirut for Bagdad to visit the Bible Society shop there.

The Gaziantep Hospital of our Mission has completed its report for 1953 calendar year and reveals some interesting facts. Of 1519 inpatients, 483 were from Gaziantep city, 162 from nearby villages and 874 from farther villages. 58 separate places were represented in these figures. The average bed occupancy was 97.19%. Comparing expenses of various years, each year shows an increasing cost of operating the hospital and 1953 was no exception. The hospital has just received permission to increase its fees.

At the Admiral Bristol Hospital in this city the following persons are in charge:

Official business and medical cases, admissions, etc.:

Dr. Nevzat Yeginsu and Dr. Halil Arpacioğlu

Surgical Department: Dr. Sedat Atikkan

Obstetrical " : Dr. E. Prifti, Dr. Vedad Yeginsu

X-ray " : Dr. Faruk Komili

American nurses : Miss Mason, Miss Chapin

School of Nursing : Miss E. Deniz

Business details : Mr. Max Frey

Dr. and Mrs. Shepard will arrive in the U.S. from Honolulu about May 12 and after visiting son Fred and family in Phoenix, Oregon, they will be in New Haven towards mid-June and shortly after that, in Boston. For July and August their address will be The Anchorage, Southport, Maine.

Mr. S. A. Morrison of Beirut recently connected with Arab Relief under the World Council of Churches, and now in England, will shortly be taking up his new post as Secretary of the Christian Council of Kenya.

Sincerely yours,

David A. Bergmark



American Board Mission, Post Box 142,  
Istanbul, Turkey, April 17, 1954.

Dear Friends:

This week Turkey has had for its guest Marshal Tito of Yugo-Slavia who has spent more than a week here. After disembarking from his warship he went directly to Ankara by special train and returned similarly. He was accompanied by President Bayar yesterday, is spending three days in Istanbul and will leave tomorrow.

The World Health Organization has dedicated their World Health Day, April 7th, to the celebration of the Centenary of Florence Nightingale's arrival in Turkey to care for the British wounded in the Crimean War. Miss Duff Grant, graduate of the Florence Nightingale School of Nursing which that lady had founded at St. Thomas Hospital, London, after her realization of the need for nursing from her experience in the Crimean War, and President of the International Council of Nurses, came for the celebration representing Great Britain, on invitation from the Turkey Association. In Turkey the celebration has run for a week, and the program, (in brief) was as follows:

On Wednesday the 7th there was the laying of a wreath by the Nurses' Association of Turkey on the Atatürk Memorial at Taksim, as represented by all graduate nurses and student nurses of all training schools in Istanbul.

The same day, the Nursing Association opened an Exhibition about the nursing profession, at the Kiz Sanaat Enstitüsü, showing photographs and pictures of Florence Nightingale and the Training Schools in Turkey, also charts portraying the need of nursing. Turkey has a thousand nurses and needs twenty times that number.

On Friday, the 9th, there was the placing of a Memorial Plaque in memory of Florence Nightingale in the northwest tower of the Selimiye Barracks at Haydar Pasha where she lived and worked. This plaque was arranged and presented by the Nurses Association. The Vali and Military officials were present. Also there was presented by Miss Duff Grant a bronze Statuette of Florence Nightingale, from the British Nurses Association to the Turkish Association.

On Saturday and Sunday the 10th and 11th, student nurses of the Haydar Pasha, Erenköy, Şişli, Kizilay and Admiral Bristol Training schools took part in a play given on Saturday at the Galata Saray School and on Sunday at the Admiral Bristol Nursing School, which showed the history and development of nursing in Turkey.

On Monday the 12th, the Statuette was used at the Capping service of the Kizilay School of Nursing at which Miss Duff Grant was present. The caps were presented by Miss Hone, the British head of the School this year, who wore her Florence Nightingale uniform.

Finally on Wednesday the 14th, there was the opening in the old "Professor's House" at the Istanbul University, of an Exhibition on Nursing and Medicine, especially of British and Turkish Doctors in Turkey, sponsored by the British Council.

It is hoped that this whole Program will help to publicize the nursing profession in Turkey and serve to attract many into making this their life work.

The flood-lighting of the Anatolian and Hissar fortresses has again been initiated this week.

Sincerely,

Elvesta T. Leslie



No. 412

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,  
Istanbul, Turkey, April 24, 1954.

Dear Friends:

Among those present at the Auburndale "Get-together" on April 7th, were: Dr. and Mrs. Goodsell, Lincoln Blake, Misses Angie Ducas, Louella Dunning, Isabelle Harley, Ethel Putney, Betty Richmond, Mary Ward, Gwen Wolsted, Mr. Fowle, Secretaries Margaret Blemker and Raymond Dudley, and Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Nute, Sr. for whom was arranged this meeting as a farewell before they left on their westward travels which will eventually end in Turkey after their visit to their daughter in Japan.

Dr. and Mrs. Lorrin Shepard, who are making the Far Eastern trip in reverse from that of the Nutes, write from Kyoto, Japan on April 14th. The following are quotations or excerpts from their letter: "These two weeks (they left April 1st) have been full of delightful experiences, and so many changes, that if change is what we needed, we ought to be all cured and well and on our way back to work already. As it is we are just beginning to get into the second need, rest, and we both are sleeping better than we have for weeks. The plane, Tourist Class, was just as comfortable as first class, and I don't see why everybody wouldn't want to save the money. ... Our meals and orange and tomato juice were delicious, and our seats just as comfortable as theirs." They discovered that a friend was in first class and had a brief visit with her there till an official shepherded them back to Tourist quarters. The same plane took them to Hong Kong from here but with a change of crew and personnel twice.

Due to engine trouble, the plane turned back to Delhi where they remained twenty-four hours and had time for a long sleep and some sight-seeing. "of course, as always, the most interesting sight is the people. They are beautifully made and beautifully dressed, all of them, rich and poor. North India did not show us the squalor and tragedy that we expected." The delay in Delhi made the Shepards decide to give up the planned stop-over in Bangkok.

In Hong Kong, they were not on the Island "but on the mainland-Kowloon, a peninsula about thirty miles long belonging to the British and bordering on Red China to the North. It is a great mixture of West and Far East.. The refugee problem is terrific, the British are doing a good job and the Americans are helping. ... New fire-proof houses being built are being occupied at the rate of 150 families a day!" This latter project is under Church World Service with Rev. Elmer Galt directing. On the Island of Hong Kong they visited the USIS where they found Mr. Hummel as head. (The Hummels were married in Istanbul and were at Robert College.)

Alice and Otis Cary met the Shepards in Tokyo and travelled with them, 3rd class, to Kyoto where the Cary children, Beth and Ann, with their nurse, met them, speaking only Japanese, except in songs their mother taught them, but understanding English. Baby Frankie is considered "100% good and healthy."

Dr. Shepard preached on Palm Sunday at Amagasaki, where Rev. Frank Cary lives. The little church congregation which has a "lovely woman pastor" meets in a hired barn. There that day Grandfather Frank Cary baptized grandson Frankie. The women of the church prepared and served a Japanese meal afterwards which they all ate with chop-sticks. Easter Sunday they expected to go to Kobe for the afternoon service there, and have supper afterwards with Constance Buell. Then they expected to have a two-day trip along the Inland Sea.

On arrival in Kyoto, the Shepards found a cable announcing the arrival of Lorrin Cary on April 3rd at the home of Fred Shepard, Phoenix, Oregon.

Sincerely yours,

David A. Bergmark



No. 413

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,  
Istanbul, Turkey, May 1, 1954.

Dear Friends:

Dr. Sherwood Eddy, accompanied by his wife and group of six others, arrived in Istanbul on April 21st on his annual tour to various countries, coming here directly from Yugo-slavia. They spent several days in sight-seeing, meeting several groups of people, Turkish and American, and Dr. Eddy preached at the morning service at the Dutch Chapel with his old-time fervor, though handicapped by partial loss of voice. The group left by plane on Monday the 26th.

Dorothy Birge came from Paris on April 10th for the period of the spring vacation at the University there where she is studying with the Smith College group in the Institute of Political Science and University. With her came Miss Barbara Viner and Miss Dorothy Kress of Smith College. These friends left on April 20 for Athens while Dorothy remained till April 25th, but they met in Rome en route to Paris.

Miss Frances Cressy, a classmate of Dorothy Birge at Oberlin, is spending her Junior year at the American University, Beirut, and visited Mrs. Birge here the week of April 2nd-9th.

Miss Amy Welcher, of Hartford, Conn., formerly a member of the Prudential Committee of the Board and who was first president of the United Council of Church Women, arrived here April 23rd on her extended visit to Near East Countries. En route here she had visited Cairo, Jerusalem, Beirut, Cypress and our mission stations of Aleppo, Gaziantep, Adana, and Talas. She is the guest of Mrs. Birge.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman MacCallum returned home from Bagdad on Thursday evening and found a warm welcome awaiting them from their Bible House associates who had been faring forth to restaurants during their absence.

Miss Susan Armstrong of the Girls High School in Aleppo spent her vacation week here of April 19 to 24th. She was the representative from Aleppo station and Mr. E. C. Blake from Izmir to our enlarged Committee Ad Interim meeting on the 22nd. Miss Armstrong reported the hope that a new building would soon be a possibility on the Aleppo College campus where they want to move. Mr. Blake gave information concerning the new highways planned for the GÖztepe section of Izmir which will affect our school property, involving a slice of one building.

The Near East School of Theology has been holding a Spring Institute of Theology during this week, the principal speaker being the Rev. Hans H. Harms, Th.D. of Hanover, Germany, now a staff member of the World Council of Churches. Ministers and religious workers were invited to attend all sessions and evening sessions were open to the public.

Miss Fernie Scovel from our Izmir Girls' School spent the weekend of April 23-25th here at the Scutari school.

Istanbul on the Move - Newly published statistics show that the number of passengers carried on the Bosphorus and Marmara ferries increased from approximately 51.5 million in the year 1950 to 64.5 million in 1953, an increase of 37%. During the same period, the number of Automobiles, trucks and other vehicles ferried, increased from 366,193 to 859,011, an increase of 130%. New ferries and more frequent services are constantly being added to deal with this modern trend which makes everyone wish to be where he isn't. (FLM)

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie



Dear Friends:

Election - On Sunday, May 2nd, the Turkish people went to the polls in a serious and orderly manner to elect their new parliament for the next four years. Of those participating, 63% voted for the Democrat, 35% for the People's, and a little over 1% for the National Party. However these proportions were not maintained in the delegates elected, of whom 500 represent the Democrat, 30 the People's and 5 the National Party. Even the Democrat papers express regret at the weakness there will be in the Opposition in the new Assembly. This overwhelming victory reflects the satisfaction of the Turkish people with the economic advances and international prestige and goodwill which have come to Turkey during the past four years under the leadership of the Democratic Party. (FLM)

Mrs. E. C. Blake of Izmir Girls' School was briefly here over, last Sunday on her way to Aleppo to attend the spring meeting of the Board of Managers of Aleppo College, to which body she is one of the mission representatives. She will also attend the meeting of the similar body for the Near East School of Theology in Beirut.

The staff of the Publication Department were happy to welcome Miss Dorothy Blatter back to their midst after her absence since early in the year for health reasons. At present she plans to spend two days a week in the office.

Miss Clara Engle of the Gaziantep Hospital has gone to Adana to assist Dr. Wm. L. Nute, Jr. in the Amerikan Poliklinik there.

Mr. and Mrs. Sargent Wellman arrived here Thursday afternoon the 29th, coming from Ankara, after visiting Jerusalem, Damascus, Aleppo, Beirut, Gaziantep, Adana, Tarsus. The trip from Tarsus was made by car to Ankara, thru the Cilician Gates. Though this trip was a personal one, Mr. Wellman who has been our American Board legal advisor for many years, was interested in visiting our stations and learning some of the legal aspects of our property and other problems. Mrs. Wellman from her special interest in Girl Scout work, met with the Girl Scouts at the American College for Girls at Arnautköy. The Wellmans left on Wednesday for Athens.

Mr. Paul Nilson, Jr. also left on Wednesday for a visit with his parents in Diyarbakir.

Miss Ethel Lovatt of Gaziantep who has spent her vacation here, returned to her work in our Hospital there last Monday.

Mr. David A. Bergmark, accompanied by Mrs. Bergmark and the children, left here Thursday evening by plane for Beirut, Jerusalem, and Cairo on a vacation and business trip. Mr. Bergmark will attend the meeting of the Executive Committee of the N.E. Christian Council.

Spring has finally come to this area and the Judas tree blossoms, Wisteria, due perhaps to the uninterrupted cold of our winter, appear more colorful along the Bosphorus than usual. The Scutari School is having a series of "Wisteria" Teas over this week-end.

Sincerely yours,

Elveta T. Leslie



No. 415

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,  
Istanbul, Turkey, May 15, 1954.

Dear Friends,

Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Wiley left by KLM plane Sunday morning for Munich. On Sunday, the 2nd, immediately after morning worship, the congregation of the Dutch Chapel gathered in the grounds of the Dutch Legation to express their thanks and good wishes to the Wileys who were soon to leave on furlough. A handsome volume on Byzantine mosaics was placed in their hands by Miss June Stoll, acting through her deputy, Mr. Frank Stoltzfus.

The Dutch Chapel service on the morning of the 9th was in charge of the Sunday School children and proved to be a most interesting experience for them and the parents and others in the congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Iain G. Campbell left New York May 5th for England to visit his mother, enroute to Istanbul where Mr. Campbell will take up his duties as pastor during the furlough year of Mr. Wiley of the Union Evangelical Church, which worships in the Dutch Legation Chapel. They sail from Naples on May 29th on the S. S. Abbazia which arrives in Istanbul June 2nd early in the morning. Mrs. Laura Gay McKnight, a friend of the Campbells, is accompanying them to Istanbul for a three months' visit. Mr. Campbell has been pastor of the Congregational Church at Albion, Nebraska for several years, and was formerly a teacher here in the English High School for Boys. Mrs. Campbell was a teacher in our Merzifon, Scutari and Izmir Girls' Schools.

Miss Mavis Bulmer of the CMS Mission, Lahore, Pakistan, where she has been teaching at the Kinaird College for Women, was a guest at the MacCallums for the 7th and 8th of May. She left by train to Thessaloniki enroute to England.

Mr. Donn Kesselheim and Mrs. Lynda Blake attended the Board of Managers' meeting of the Near East School of Theology in Beirut on May 7th, Mrs. Blake coming from the similar meeting at Aleppo of Aleppo College and the American High School for Girls.

May Day Sports program at the Scutari School has been postponed from to-day to Tuesday of next week because of the heavy rains yesterday and early this morning.

Miss Alice Lindsley, Mrs. Ruby Birge and Mrs. F. W. MacCallum flew to Athens on Thursday morning, the two former to attend a meeting of the Board of Managers of Pierce College and Mrs. MacCallum to visit Miss Emily McCallum. Miss Amy Welcher also accompanied them and she and Mrs. Birge plan to spend next week in Greece, while Miss Lindsley is returning immediately.

Miss Helen Nichol had previously returned from her spring trip to Israel and Miss Long from her visit to Italy.

The American High School for Girls in Aleppo are happy in the news of a grant of \$50,000 for a building on their new site in the grounds of Aleppo College on the hill.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie



American Board Mission, Post Box 142,  
Istanbul, Turkey, May 22, 1954.

Dear Friends,

Dutch Chapel Sunday School- An interesting commentary on the success of this year's Sunday School classes has been the revolt of the juniors against the usual summer recess. Teachers who were sitting in their pews last Sunday prepared to enjoy at last the whole service, were abducted by the juniors and put back to work. If leaders can be found, the Sunday School is to continue throughout the summer. (FLM)

Mr. and Mrs. McAnlis, with small son and daughter, spent several days in the city this week while their ship, the Fernfiord, was in the harbor. They are enroute from Kermanshah, where they direct an orphanage in a near-by village, to the U.S.A. on furlough. Mr. McAnlis was born in the Philippines where his father is a missionary of the Presbyterian Board, but Mr. McAnlis is working for the Independent Iran Interior Mission with headquarters in Pasadena, Calif. and here was enquiring for Paul Nilson, as a fellow graduate from Wheaton College, Ill.

Miss Frances Gray, Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Missions who has been visiting the Near East mission stations of that Board, spent several days in our city on her way to America.

Paul Nilson, Jr. returned yesterday from his visit to his parents in Diyarbakir and Mardin. On the way back he visited Gaziantep, Tarsus, (where he also saw his sister Dorothy Fyfe) and cities along the coast from Antakya to Istanbul in the interests of the work of the Bible Society.

Mrs. Elizabeth Avery and three children were the guests of Miss Blatter from Friday evening to last Sunday afternoon when they left by plane for London. They were due to take the "Mauretania" from Southampton on the 18th for New York.

Thanks to the pioneering determination of Miss Martha Millett of the American Academy, Uskudar, a party of nine set out on the morning of Wednesday, the 19th, to visit Troy. The fast, large ferry, "Ayvalik", brought the party to Çanakkale before dark and the police soon came to the hotel to arrange permissions for the visit to the excavations. (A stamped application to the Emniyet, giving names of the party is essential.) Return by bus through the military areas of the European shore is not permitted, but there is a daily plane to Istanbul from Çanakkale. Two cars (Lt. 25. each) arrived for the party before five the next morning. A very helpful English-speaking police officer accompanies all parties. A fairly adequate visit to the site, with a couple of museums for good measure, still left the party with adequate visit to the site, with a couple of museums for good measure, still left the party with adequate time to catch the "Ayvalik" Friday, at 10:30 a.m. on its return journey. Tired, but well-content, the new Trojans debarked at Galata shortly after the evening lights shone from the Ramazan minarets. (FLM)

Mrs. Birge and Miss Welcher returned last evening from Greece, Mr. and Mrs. Bergmark and children from their trip south and to Egypt, on Wednesday afternoon, the 19th.

The Committee ad Interim meeting for May was held to-day at Emir Konak, Uskudar Kiz Lisesi. At this meeting the request was received from the Aleppo College Board of Managers for the Mission to release Mr. Horace McMullen from his direction of the Near East School of Theology to become President of Aleppo College.

Miss Martin reported that final permission from the government had just been received for the construction of their new school building.

Sincerely,

Elvesta T. Leslie



No. 417

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,  
Istanbul, Turkey, May 29, 1954.

Dear Friends:

Today might be called a red-letter day on the Bosphorus, for an unheralded and unprecedented event took place as our regular 7:18 morning ferry approached the harbor. No. 93, a 13,000-ton cruiser of the Russian Black Sea fleet, accompanied by two light destroyers Nos. 10 and 12, had slowly finished navigation of the Bosphorus and, at the Maiden's Tower before going on out into the Marmara, was firing a 21-gun salute. A few minutes later and before we reached the bridge where we land, Turkish shore batteries had returned an answering 21-gun salute. A quick check of the newspaper revealed a small notice on the inside pages that three warships of the Russian fleet had left their home port of Odessa on the Black Sea and were on their way to the Albanian Port of Drac for a visit and that they would be returning through the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus on Sunday, June 6th. This unit was under the command of Admiral Gorskov of the Black Sea fleet. Apparently, this was a first in history according to the Turkish Press.

On Monday evening of this week a group of fourteen traveling under the auspices of the Council for Social Action, arrived for a five-day visit in Istanbul. Under the leadership of the Rev. Herman Reissig the group enjoyed a very full program of sightseeing and education in this city. There was opportunity for meeting Turkish people and introduction to the work of various American groups cooperating with Turkish institutions. As a final high point of the visit, they were all received by His All Holiness the Ecumenical Patriarch. Tonight the group goes on to Beirut and will continue their trip through Jerusalem, seeing both sides, and after visiting Israel they will go back to Geneva and London for trip home.

On Monday, May 25th at 11 a.m. a colorful ceremony took place at the English Crimean Cemetery in Haydarpasa, which was commemorative of the centenary of the arrival of Florence Nightingale in Istanbul when she first came to care for the soldiers of the Crimean War. A plaque was placed on the Victoria Monument which was erected in 1857 during the reign of Queen Victoria to honor British soldiers who died in Russia during the Crimean War. Turkish and British flags were flying as members of the British Community in Istanbul attended the ceremony together with the Vali, or Governor, of Istanbul, British Ambassador Bowker, other foreign diplomats, Miss Rosamond Holm, graduate of the Florence Nightingale School of Nursing in London's St. Thomas Hospital, now directing the Kizilay Nursing School at Aksaray, Bayan Safe Elbe, President of the Turkish Nurses' Association, representatives of the Kizilay Medical Organization, officers of the Turko-British Association and many others. All came to show honor to the woman whose life was given to easing the suffering of the sick. There was a short religious service. Ambassador Bowker spoke of her life and revealed that the plaque was being given by the British Community in Istanbul and that his predecessor had had a great deal to do with planning this ceremony. The Vali spoke of humanity's debt to Miss Nightingale. A Turkish nurse had the honor of unveiling the plaque on which was written:

"To Florence Nightingale whose work near this cemetery relieved much human suffering and laid the foundation for the nursing profession.

1854 -- 1954

This tablet, cast in the Coronation year of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, has been raised by the British Community in Turkey in her memory."

Sincerely yours,  
David A. Bergmark



No. 418

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,  
Istanbul, Turkey, June 5, 1954.

Dear Friends:

The Mission received the sad news of the death of Mr. Harvey Meeken by cable on Saturday last and the air letter concerning his illness on Monday. Mr. Meeken has been our "friend in need", over sympathetic, resourceful and sparing no pains to meet even most whimsical requests. The Mission had hoped he would be able to accept our invitation to visit us on the field. We shall feel his loss keenly and remember him with affection and deep respect.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harrison from the Dutch Reformed Mission situated on Barhrein Island are in the city this week, guests of Mrs. Birge.

Prof. and Mrs. B. M. Bowen from Imri University, Atlanta, Ga. have been guests of Miss Blatter this week. They have been associated with Dr. Katharine Kenyon, of the British Archeological School in the University of London, noted for her stratographical work, in excavations at Jericho and environs. Prof. Bowen has been on one year leave from the Theological Department of the University.

Travel on vacations and home-going after completing term service in the schools and colleges, has begun. This week Miss May Nilson finishing her three year term at the American College for Girls, and Miss Pauline Bartleman from the American Academy at Scutari left Wednesday evening by train for a quick trip across Europe enroute to America, where wedding bells will shortly ring for both.

Mr. Robert Keller of the American School for Boys in Talas spent Wednesday here and left by train that evening for Germany where he will visit his brother who is in the American Army, in Frankfort.

New streets, laid out in the Güztepe region of Izmir where our American Girls' School is located, take slices from various properties. Such a slice comes off the School property to the east and involves a piece of one of the buildings. To offset this loss of classroom space and provide for other needed rooms, the one-storey building will be extended to the west. Work on the foundations for this section has begun and on May 28th, when girls of each class initiated the first digging, the ceremony was completed by the naming of the building, "Taner Hall", in honor of Bay Ibrahim Taner, who has been Turkish assistant director for many years.

Mrs. Bessie Lyman spent a large part of May in the vicinities of New York and Boston, visiting various relatives and friends of former days in Turkey. An injury to her knee has compelled her to take a complete rest. Her address is now Munsonville, N.H.

Mr. and Mrs. Iain Campbell arrived Wednesday morning on the Italian steamer "Abbazia" from Italy, after a visit in England with his mother. Mr. Campbell takes over the pastorate of the Union Church which worships in the Dutch Chapel, in the absence of Mr. Wiley who left in May for furlough.

Mr. Wiley reports an interesting trip thru Europe. In Munich they were met by Georg Quincke who took them to Garmisch and Oberammergau. At Erlangen Sunday was spent with Maeti Casper (who had lived here with the Wileys) and her brother. In Heidelberg Brigitte Quincke showed them around the University. On the 27th they were to sail on the Queen Elizabeth and on board the night before, they found their quarters on D deck most comfortable.

Dr. and Mrs. Albert Dewey are vacationing since May 26th at Güzne prior to Annual Meeting which Dr. Dewey will attend.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie



American Board Mission, Post Box 142,  
Istanbul, Turkey, June 12, 1954.

Dear Friends:

This was the week of College Commencements in Istanbul. On Wednesday, June 9th there were ceremonies at the American College for Girls in Arnavutkby, on Thursday, June 10th at Robert College in Bebek and on Saturday, June 12th at the American Board School for Girls in Üsküdar. There were many alumni activities associated with each of these big days for each institution.

The Christian communities in Syria and Lebanon have been observing the week of June 6th through 13th this year as the annual Week of Witness. Very active local committees in Syria and Lebanon have been making arrangements in preparation for the week as a sacred project and in Beirut, area meetings to be held each evening at 8 o'clock, were scheduled as follows:

Monday,	June 7th	All Saints' Church
Tuesday	" 8th	Baptist Church, Museitbi
Wednesday	" 9th	Church of the Good Shepherd
Thursday	" 10th	The Church of God
Friday	" 11th	Arab Evangelical Church
Saturday	" 12th	School for Blind, B.S.M.

On June 7th Mr. and Mrs. Jack Claypoole left Istanbul to go to Izmir for a few weeks. Jack has been working at the Men's Dersane in Istanbul for a year and a half and his wife Donna Jean has finished a year of teaching at the American Board Üsküdar School. She will assist the Izmir School in preparation for Commencement there and will leave Izmir for America on the 19th of June.

On June 8th Bill Mathews and Mr. and Mrs. William Griswold arrived from a year of teaching in Talas and after visits in this city, sailed on the "Barletta" for Venice and summer in Europe. They will return to Talas for teaching in the fall.

On June 9th Mrs. MacCallum, Sr. returned from a visit in Athens, just in time to move with her son Lyman and his wife Robin up to Bebek for the summer. The MacCallums will occupy the MacNeal house at Robert College while the MacNeals are visiting in England.

On June 11th Dorothy Birge returned from Paris and will vacation in Istanbul with her mother.

A newspaper clipping from the Ashland (Oregon) Daily Tidings tells of the commissioning service conducted on Sunday afternoon May 23rd at 4 o'clock in the First Congregational Church for Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Shepard of Phoenix, Oregon. Mr. Shepard has been appointed to teach in Aleppo College, Aleppo, Syria. Dr. Alford Carleton preached the sermon and Dr. Lorrin Shepard offered the commissioning prayer. The Scripture was read by Dr. William L. Nute, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Shepard are leaving Oregon this week with their three children, Susan, 3, Margaret, 1, and Lorrin Cary, one month. They expect to spend several weeks visiting in the East before sailing from New York in August.

Sincerely yours,

David A. Bergmark



Dear Friends,

Word of ~~the death of~~ Miss Sylvia T. Eddy, which occurred on the evening of May 29th, followed closely on the news of her serious illness. This had been of short duration at the home of her niece, Mrs. Sylvia Sheldon at Simsbury, Conn. Miss Eddy took her nurses' training at the Children's Hospital, Philadelphia. In October, 1924, she came to Turkey for Near East Relief work at Tarsus and Talas for three years. The next two years were spent in America and in May 1930 she was commissioned for permanent appointment to Turkey where she was a member of the Language School of 1930-31 before going on to work with Dr. Dodd in the Talas Hospital. With the closing of the Hospital there, she spent a short time in the Admiral Bristol Hospital in Istanbul. She came again to Talas in May of 1939 as nurse in the Clinic and served there during the war years. Since her furlough year in 1946-47 she has held several positions which service has been interrupted because of her care of relatives. She and Miss Dwight were close friends and their apartment in Talas was always open for social times with the school staff.

Dr. and Mrs. Cyril Black and small son arrived here last Sunday evening, June 13th, for a summer visit with his parents at Robert College. Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Black held a Tea in their honor on Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Keck who have taught in Tarsus College this past year spent Tuesday to Saturday in the city on their way to Europe and home in America.

Mr. Wm. Reid, as well as Mr. and Mrs. James Fyfe (Dorothy Nilson) and son, came from Tarsus this week enroute west. Mr. Reid will spend the summer in Portugal, while the Fyfes are on their way to America, leaving next week, after his three year term service. Mr. Fyfe will study at the McCormick Seminary, Chicago for the next three years.

Miss Amy Welcher is spending the week-end and longer, in Izmir and will return here with the group coming next week to Annual Meeting. Rumor has it that fourteen people will come up in the School Carry-all, Mr. Blake to join them in Balikesir after taking the preaching service in Ankara on Sunday.

Miss Isabel Hemingway and Dorothy Dodd arrived on Monday and left in mid-week by plane for Paris and London. Dorothy is joining her sister Helen there and will accompany her to America, while Miss Hemingway returns to Talas after her vacation.

Announcement has been received of the arrival on May 14th of Mary Ilene in the home of Melvyn and Saisie Pratt in Palo Alto, California, weight six pounds four ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Wiley arrived in New York on June 1st. They have seen Carol receive her B. S. in Education from Tufts College, and graduation from the Boston School of Occupational Therapy, also the ceremony at which she was capped. Next week they are attending the Cong. General Council at New Haven, after which Edith goes to Cleveland (1064 Woodview Road, Cleveland 21) and Walter to Old Orchard, for the International Seminar, 6th-13th July, following after Dr. Lorrin Shepard's week there.

The Church Committee of the Union Church (Dutch Chapel) this afternoon held a reception on the terrace of the Dutch Legation, Pera, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Iain Campbell who recently arrived from America.

Sincerely,

Elvesta T. Leslie



American Board Mission, Post Box 142,  
Istanbul, Turkey, June 26, 1954.

Dear Friends:

Delegates and others coming to Annual Meeting and the meeting of the Board of Managers of the four Mission Schools in Turkey, began to arrive last week-end, some to do shopping before the meetings.

The Board of Managers for Schools in Turkey convened on Tuesday afternoon at the American Academy for Girls, Scutari, being attended by the principals of the four schools plus one other from the school, with Mr. Isely as general mission member and Mr. Bergmark representing the Treasury. Sessions continued thru Wednesday evening and at some spare times during the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting opened at 9:40 A.M. Thursday morning, called to order by Merrill N. Isely as Chairman of the Meeting. Opening devotions were led by Mr. Robert Avery. The following were present as delegates:

Adana-Tarsus - Robert Avery, Wm. Nute, Jr.	Izmir - Everett Blake,
Aleppo - Susan Armstrong	Harriet Yarrow
Athens - Paul Olander	Mardin-Diyarbakir - Mr.
Beirut - Horace McMullen	& Mrs. Nilson
Gaziantep - Albert Dewey, Mr. & Mrs. Isely	Talas - Wilson Dodd,
Istanbul - David Bergmark, ex-off.	John Scott
Ruby Birge " "	Thessaloniki - fraternal
Lillian Brauer " "	delegate, Marjorie
Elvesta Leslie " "	Trotter.
Alice Lindsley " "	
Jessie Martin " "	Overseas guests-Dr. Edgar Chandler
Alice Reed " "	Miss Amy Welcher, Mrs. Green,
	mother of Mrs. Isely, Dr. and
	Mrs. Goodrich of Talas, Mr. J.
	Robbins, father of Mrs. Kessel-
	heim of Tarsus, Dr. Kenneth
	Cragg

Others attending who were not delegates were Mrs. Nute, Jr. from Adana, Mr. and Mrs. Kesselheim, Wallace Robeson, and Frank Stone from Tarsus. Miss Marken from Aleppo, Mrs. Blake, Misses Fernie Scovel, Ruth Sowter, Beulah Wang from Izmir, Mrs. Dodd, Robert Keller, Ralph Meyering, Thomas Goodrich from Talas, Mrs. Bergmark, Mr. and Mrs. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Stoltzfus, Misses McGinnis, Millett, Potter, Mrs. F. W. MacCallum. Miss June Stoll, Mr. and Mrs. I. Campbell, Mrs. McKnight, Miss Clary attended early sessions.

Missionary children attending some sessions were Jacklyn Blake, Dorothy Birge, Alan Kesselheim, Frances MacCallum Crowther, Elizabeth MacCallum, Elizabeth Leslie Seager, Christie and Irine Nute, Lyman MacCallum, Paul Nilson, Sylvia Meyer.

Thursday morning was given over to organization and the Chairman's key-note address. The afternoon session was devoted to station and institutional reports for Talas, Mardin-Diyarbakir, Izmir, Istanbul.

The whole day on Friday was given to reports of Stations, Committees and Institutions, with major committees having their first meetings in the evening.

Early morning devotions before breakfast were held out under the trees each morning.

This morning at the first session began a series of most interesting addresses by Dr. Kenneth Cragg of the Chair of Islamics at Hartford Seminary and Editor of the Muslim World, on "Some Aspects of Islam with Particular Concern for Turkey". The afternoon was given over to major committee meetings. To-night there is a meeting of the Committee on Evangelism and Spiritual Life.

Sincerely yours,  
Elvesta T. Leslie



American Board Mission, Post Box 142,  
Istanbul, Turkey, July 3, 1954.

Dear Friends:

### Annual Meeting Week !

Last Sunday morning Mr. Paul Nilson preached at the Emmanuel Church and Mr. Stone and Mr. Robeson conducted a service for the American children at pre-season Service Centre Camp at Cadde Bostan. Many attended morning service in the various churches of the city.

In the afternoon, Mr. Avery preached the annual sermon at the service in the school auditorium, at 5 o'clock. Mr. Blake, assisted by Mr. Iain Campbell, conducted the Communion service which followed.

Sunday evening a Memorial service for those of our former associates who had passed away since our last Annual Meeting, was prepared by Mrs. Isely. Miss Yarrow spoke for Mrs. MacLachlan; Miss Brauer for Miss Stone; Miss Trotter for Miss Platt; Mr. Blake for Mr. Vrooman; Miss Martin for Mrs. Woodruff; Mr. Isely for Miss Haskell; Mrs. Nilson for Miss Eddy; and Wilson Dodd for Harvey Meeken. We were impressed anew with the quality and spirit of those who had served in our mission.

In the first session on Monday, Dr. Cragg continued his study on Islam with the topic, "The Christian Mission to Islam-Why?" On Tuesday at the same period his topic was the same, but-"How?". Discussion followed each presentation. These sessions were a valuable part of our Annual Meeting days.

Dr. Cragg left at mid-week for Bagdad.

Wednesday evening the majority of the annual meeting group enjoyed a picnic supper- the best ever- on high Çamlıca hill above Scutari. With great regret an early return was necessary for those who had to consider problems in major committees meeting that evening.

Dr. Carleton arrived Thursday evening before the end of the evening business session and continued with us thru to-day. On Friday morning he used the second session speaking on events in his year of furlough and his impression of awakened interest in America generally and in American churches, concerning the Near East area.

Dr. Carleton and Mr. McMullen left Saturday evening by plane for Beirut and Aleppo for the events to take place next week.

The gymnasium in Barton Hall was used for the Devotional services each day at 11:45, the room being transformed into the semblance of a chapel. Special music under the leadership of Mrs. Bergmark for the choir was greatly appreciated.

Several of our associates had to leave the meeting early in the week- Fernie Scovel last Saturday to go to Saloniki and then on to a work camp in Scotland, Mrs. Blake to return to Izmir, Mr. Olander to Athens where the family expected to leave almost immediately for America on furlough.

Mrs. Alice Riggs and daughter, Dr. Margaret Riggs arrived in Istanbul on the 22nd from Saloniki and spent some days sight-seeing in the city before leaving for Syria, Lebanon and Palestine.

The Seager family and Mrs. Leslie enjoyed a visit last week-end from her nephew, Philip S. Thomas, on his way from India where he has been making social studies the past year, under a Ford Foundation and Fulbright grant, for his work towards a Ph.D. degree at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie



American Board Mission, Post Box 142,  
Istanbul, Turkey, July 10, 1954.

Dear Friends:

The final session of Annual Meeting came last Monday evening with the closing devotional service. Minutes in toto were read Tuesday evening by the number still remaining at Scutari.

Wm. Sage Woolworth wrote on June 20th that he and Pauline were on their way eastward to Oberlin from a western tour on which they had visited many places and seen many people. Busy days were ahead of them leading up to Dorothy's wedding on July 3rd, last Saturday.

Misses Joan Thurston and Sylvia Finger of Smith College, studying in Paris this year (Joan being Dorothy Birge's roommate) spent the week of June 17th to 26th here with Dorothy and attending the opening sessions of Annual Meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. George Helling with daughter Amy of eight months arrived last Saturday from Anatolia and on Tuesday evening they saw Amy off for America in care of Mr. Avery who was flying to join his family already in America for their furlough year. The Helling's will continue for some months their study in various places in Turkey on sociological research under the Ford Foundation. Meantime Amy becomes acquainted with Grandfather and Grandmother Helling.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich, formerly of China, spent a few days here with their son, Thomas, who newly came to our Talas Boys School last fall. Mr. Goodrich has been teaching in the Tagore College in India and besides sight-seeing, has been gathering further material here for his studies prior to returning to his post at Columbia University.

Miss Amy Welcher who has been spending several months in Turkey and other countries of the Near East left for Europe and home on Thursday evening, the 1st, after attending the early sessions of Annual Meeting.

Miss Miriam Hagopian left on Monday evening for a visit with friends in Ankara, Kayseri, and she anticipated going as far east as Diyarbakir.

Dr. Dewey returned to Gaziantep via the Taurus Express last Monday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Isely, with Mrs. Isely's mother, Mrs. Green, who has spent the past ten months here, left on Wednesday by the Turkish steamer for Naples. They will sight-see their way thru to England and take the Mauretania on August 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nilson started for Mardin on Tuesday evening, expecting to spend a day or two in Ankara enroute.

A "yildirim" (lightening) telegram from Izmir to Mr. Everett Blake on Tuesday announced the arrival of his grandson that day, the happy parents being Barbara and John Blake. On Wednesday morning Jack and Jacklyn, Miss Sowter, and Mr. and Mrs. Stoltzfus started for Ankara where a Turkish friend was to join them in the Carryall for a trip to Merzifon and points farther east, they hoped. Jacklyn reported that the name must be Christopher Cotten.

On the same ship with the Iselys to Naples, went Miss Martha Millett returning to America at the end of her three year term for a year of study and return again to the Mission. With her were Misses McCinnis and Morgan who are spending the summer months in various European countries. Miss Millett sails on the "Arosa Kulm" used by the Council on Student Travel.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie



No. 424

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,  
Istanbul, Turkey, July 17, 1954.

Dear Friends:

Aleppo High School for Girls hold its commencement exercises on July 3rd and Aleppo College on the 6th. Dr. Cragg gave the Baccalaureate address on Sunday the 4th. The inauguration of Mr. Horace McMullen as the new president of the College was a part of the Commencement program of which we have no details as yet.

Mrs. John Van Ess, secretary of the Dutch Reformed Mission in Arabia and Irak, is here for her vacation until about mid-August. She is a guest in Miss Blatter's bungalow at Scutari.

Miss Clara Engle has accepted a position at the American University Hospital and School of Nursing, Beirut, as of July 1st and left from Mersine on the S.S. "Excambion" on June 25th, after helping Dr. Nute in the Adana Clinic for two months.

Dr. and Mrs. Wilson F. Dodd left here on Thursday on a vacation trip which includes visiting Thessaloniki, Athens and Izmir before returning to Talas.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Meyer took the "Barletta" on the 9th for Italy where they will join a Work Camp of which Mr. Meyer will be in charge.

Misses Armstrong and Marken were passengers on the Turkish steamer to Izmir last Saturday for sight-seeing before returning to Aleppo.

Miss Mildred Edwards, director of Religious Education in the Congregational Church in Wethersfield, Conn., is on a trip to the Near East, including Jordan, arriving here this mid-week. Acquaintance with Dr. Paul Nilson and Miss Bicknell who had spoken in her church stimulated her interest in our area. Her young people have contributed base-ball equipment to Tarsus. She will also visit her brother, an archeologist, in Cypress where he is now working after assisting the U. of Pennsylvania Group in Gordian.

Miss Ruth Sachs arrived from Paris last night for a visit with her Oberlin classmate, Dorothy Birge, after her year in France with the Smith College group.

Miss Isabel Hemingway is arriving this afternoon from her vacation trip to European countries and England.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie



No. 425

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,  
Istanbul, Turkey, July 24, 1954.

Dear Friends:

Little Turkish gentlemen wearing beards and caps with the visor turned to the back, carrying white umbrellas and looking just a bit lost are an annual apparition in the Istanbul streets. In short, it is again the time of the annual pilgrimage to Mecca. Great numbers have gone by ship, some of which carried rather a flimsy wooden superstructure for the transport of a few hundred extra passengers. And now every southbound plane takes its quota to Beirut or direct to Jidde. The Saudi embassy in Ankara reports that they have issued 10,484 visas for Turkish pilgrims this year.

A long letter from Leonore Douglass reports from Claremont, California that at long last the building of her little house in Pilgrim Place has started. She has been living with Anna Marsh since the middle of April and writes that after a long wait for building permit, construction has begun and that within two months it will be ready for occupation. In March she joined the Community Church (Cong.) with 33 other people and Mr. and Mrs. Woolworth happened to be in church that day.

On Saturday July 3 Dorothy Woolworth and Durand Dudley were married in Oberlin, Ohio. An Oberlin newspaper clipping tells us that Dorothy's father assisted the Rev. Joseph King during the ceremony in Fairfield Chapel and that "the bride wore a French embroidered organdy dress, cap sleeves, fitted bodice and a three-tiered hoop skirt. Her fingertip bridal veil of net, borrowed from Mrs. Glenn Hobbs Jr., sister of the groom, was attached to a tiny cap with a sweetheart point. She carried a white orchid and pink aster bouquet.

"The bride's mother was attired in a gray-blue nylon mesh dress with a blue straw and tulle hat. She wore a corsage of pink roses. The groom's mother wore a pink nylon mesh dress with a matching tulle hat. She had a corsage of yellow roses.

"For her going-away costume, the bride wore a toast-brown linen suit with white collar and cuffs and white accessories. The couple's destination was undisclosed. After July 19, the newlymarried couple will be at home at 430 Fifth St., Marietta."

Details haven't reached us yet but we can report that May Nilson was married to Joseph K. Inscoe, on June 9th, in Wheaton, Illinois in the Chapel of the Student Memorial Building of Wheaton College.

On Wednesday Howard Reed arrived for a five or six months study assignment under the auspices of the Ford Foundation. He will travel throughout Turkey although Istanbul will be his headquarters. His subject for study is Turkish Islam.

Sincerely yours,

David A. Bergmark



No. 426

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,  
Istanbul, Turkey, August 7, 1954.

Dear Friends:

Dr. Carleton arrived here from Aleppo on Sunday, July 25th, and spent several days following in conferences with individuals and the C.A.I. The latter meeting was held at Scutari where supper was served in the wisteria arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. John Scott and family have been spending the last two weeks in Samsun on a vacation trip.

Mr. Blake, Jacklyn, and the group accompanying them in the school Carryall report a very interesting trip along the Black Sea coast-including Merzifon-over to Mt. Ararat and back by the southern coast, about 5812 Km. On the 19th of July they were in Mardin and they reached Izmir on the 27th. This week Wednesday Mr. Blake and Jacklyn left Istanbul on the Turkish steamer for Naples where she transhipped to the "Andria Doria" for the U.S. to be ready for her school year at Northfield.

Miss Sowter after her trip (above) is helping this summer in the Talas Clinic and Miss Wang in the Gaziantep Hospital.

The Playground project at the Izmir ACI school finished on the 30th and was a highly successful experiment. The first week the attendance was 25 and the fourth week 80, the average per week being 56, all in spite of the heat. Miss Wang and Ralph Meyering were in charge and four of the school girls helped.

Miss Harriet Yarrow left Istanbul Tuesday for Europe and Paris where she will meet and accompany back one of the Turkish alumnae of the ACI who has been attending a work camp.

Miss Marguerite Bicknell arrived here on the 30th from her year's furlough in America (and Athens enroute) and will spend several weeks in preliminary Turkish study before going on to Izmir. She is staying at the Scutari school.

Work has been going on at the Scutari school replacing the floors in the two large dormitories and the floor in the corridor leading from Bowker Hall to Barton Hall, and thus those squeaky floors become a thing of the past.

Miss Alice Reed and Mrs. Laura McKnight left on Monday for a trip to Syria, Lebanon and Palestine.

Miss Dorothy Birge who spent July and much of June here, with Mrs. Birge left this week for Europe. Dorothy returns to her last year at Oberlin and her mother will be back in Istanbul before mid-September.

Miss Elizabeth Richmond has announced her engagement to Mr. David Anthony. The wedding is planned for December.

Miss Lillian Brauer is spending her vacation in a trip to Lake Aband, Zonguldak and the Black Sea.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie



No. 427

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,  
Istanbul, Turkey, August 31, 1954.

Dear Friends:

Due to the absence on vacation of our mimeograph operator, no issues have been written in the last three weeks, and illness is now preventing her return.

Richard Owen Avery was born in America, a third son in the Robert Avery family, the exact date unknown, but apparently between August 6th and 11th.

Misses Milada Dolezal and Glenna Buck arrived in the city on Saturday, August 14th, after travelling on local train schedule from Paris through some mistake, thus experiencing a variety of somewhat disconcerting experiences. Miss Dolezal will teach at the Scutari School and Miss Buck will be at our Izmir school.

Dr. Wm. L. Nute, Jr. and family left here on furlough on August 18th via Turkish steamer for Naples where they transhipped to the S.S. "Constitution" due in New York yesterday. Mrs. Nute and the children had been spending the previous weeks since Annual Meeting in the Practice House at the Scutari School.

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Nute, Sr. arrived in Adana August 4th, coming from furlough via the Far East route where they visited their daughter, Maryly Craighill in Japan. Dr. Nute will have charge of the Adana Clinic this ensuing year.

Miss Fernie Scovel arrived here from her summer at a Work Camp in Scotland, on August 17th.

Miss Dorothy Blatter returned about the same time from her vacation weeks in Thessaloniki, Delphi and other places in Greece which she visited.

Mr. Stanley M. Cherim arrived here August 20 after coming thru Europe. He left on the 27th expecting to spend a few days in Ankara enroute to his year's work at Tarsus College.

The S.S. Abbazia on Wednesday morning brought Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maynard and Miss Naomi Foster, returning from furlough, and Mr. and Mrs. Hans Meyer from their summer Work Camp in Italy and Miss Jean Potter who has been travelling in Europe.

Miss Potter has announced her engagement to Mr. Merle Crouse who has been serving here as a member of the Brethren Service Committee under the World Council auspices.

Miss Jessie Martin is spending a few days at Yalova.

Our readers may be interested in reading the article on Islam by Lewis Thomas of Princeton in the July-August number of the Muslim World, and also an Article in The Middle East Journal this summer, on the Revival of Islam in Secular Turkey by Howard A. Reed. Mr. Reed is spending some weeks in Turkey making further studies for his work at the Institute for Islamic Studies in connection with McGill University.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie



No. 428

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,  
Istanbul, Turkey, September 13, 1954.

Dear Friends:

Misses McGinnis and Morgan and Mr. Wm. Matthews returned Sept. 8th on the S. S. Ankara from Naples after their summer travelling in Europe. Mr. Matthews went on to Talas on the 8th.

Mr. Virgil Miller appointed to Tarsus College arrived here September 2nd from his trip thru Europe and visiting Izmir via the Greece Islands. He left on the 8th by plane to Tarsus via Adana.

The S. S. Ankara on Tuesday afternoon this week brought Mr. and Mrs. Woolworth returning from furlough, Miss Clara Bissell, Miss Ann Mereness for the Scutari school, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keith and Miss Hanawalt for our Izmir A.C.I. and Mr. Buford Jones for Tarsus College.

Mr. Everett Blake returned from Naples, whither he had accompanied Jacklyn, via the Greek Islands where he remained a day at a Work Camp before proceeding to Izmir. He came to Istanbul last Monday on some accounting matters and accompanied the Keiths and Miss Hanawalt to Izmir on Wednesday.

Word has been received of the birth of Eric Sanderson on August 31st to Beverly Adkins Wells, daughter of Edith Sanderson Adkins. Mr. and Mrs. Wells are in Geneva this summer.

News has come from Gaziantep that permission was received at the Hospital on September 1st from the Ministry of Health to open a School for Nurse Aides, which means that the nurses training at the Hospital will have government recognition of their diplomas.

At long last the permission for the new building has been received at our Scutari School, delay being caused by the absence of the Vali in Europe and Canada this summer, it being necessary for the permit to have his signature.

An understanding between the governments of Canada and the Lebanon has recently been announced, pointing to an exchange of diplomatic agents, and the Canadian government has named as their appointee to the position of Chargee d'Affaires, Miss Elizabeth P. MacCallum, daughter of the Rev. F. W. MacCallum, late of our American Board Mission in Istanbul. For some years Miss MacCallum has been in the Department of External Affairs in Ottawa, attached to the Near and Middle East Section. She leaves Ottawa Sept. 24th and hopes to begin work in Beirut in October.

Words, words. The Department of Posts and Telegraph reports that during the three-year period, 1950-1953 local telephone calls in Turkey increased by 73%, long distance by 82% and the total business of the Department by 37%. The present telephone capacity of Istanbul is 40,000 lines. This is to be increased to 65,000 by the end of 1956 and two years later it is planned to reach 111,000 lines. (FLM)

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie



No. 429

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,  
Istanbul, Turkey, October 2, 1954.

Dear Friends:

We extend our sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. Wilson Dodd in the loss of their grandchild, Laura Bruner, the four year old younger daughter of their daughter Helen. This was due to an automobile accident where she received a skull fracture. Helen and her husband also received injuries from which they have recovered. Linda escaped injury, being in the rear seat of the car. Helen and John had returned home from England, with Dorothy, less than a month before.

Mrs. Ruby Birge returned to Istanbul on September 12th after a vacation trip to Europe and England accompanying Dorothy that far on her way back to senior year at Oberlin, after the year spent in study in France with the Smith College group, with vacations in Istanbul.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond White with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Swift and family arrived at Iskenderun on the S.S. Exeter on September 17th and proceeded onward to Mardin after clearing from Customs, except that the Swifts spent Sunday in Gaziantep and reached Mardin on Monday, the 20th.

Miss Fernie Scovel left for Izmir on September 4th to give examinations at the Girls' School and pack up for her return to Istanbul on the 19th where she takes up work in the Treasury office.

Mrs. Leslie was in Izmir from September 13th to 28th for accounting matters at the Girls' School. School opened for the year on Monday morning the 20th with an Assembly in the Greene open air theatre. By the 28th the enrollment was 396 of whom 34 are boarding students.

On Sunday afternoon in the Blake home was held the christening and consecration service of Christopher Cotton Blake, son of Barbara and John Blake. Christopher and his grandfather Everett wore long christening gowns, the latter's being clerical, the former's being that in which his grandfather had been christened. Tea was served to the group of friends gathered for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman MacCallum are spending three weeks on a business trip to Beirut.

The suite of rooms in the Bible House finished up in the later 1920's for Language Study school and in late years rented to a drug firm for use in their packaging of medicines, has now been made over into a living apartment and is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Hans Meyer who teach at the Scutari school.

Dr. and Mrs. Lorrin Shepard returned from their six month furlough Thursday evening, the 30th, via Pan American from New York, thus circling the globe, since they left here last April 1st by plane via India, Japan, Hawaii to the United States. They bring word that Constance is having her senior year at Wellesley now and Barclay is in Medical School in Boston.

Dr. Kathryn Adams writes from her home in Walpole (where her brother is with her) of her busy life and activities in Church work, welcoming new people to the town, and as a member of the Women's Council of Boston University as well as that of the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. One day she met Luther Fowle on Park Street in Boston as he was going to and she coming from, 14 Beacon Street.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie



No. 430

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,  
Istanbul, Turkey, October 9, 1954.

Dear Friends,

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Inscoe, formerly of Robert and the Girls' Colleges (May Nilson) are in Washington D.C. this year where Mr. Inscoe is studying Pharmacology.

Born on October 2nd at Gaziantep Hospital, a second son to Mr. and Mrs. A. Donn Kesselheim of Tarsus College. We have not learned his given name.

Dr. and Mrs. Shepard received a cable from Japan announcing the birth, on October 5th, of "Ellen Frederick, Alice fine". There was conjecture until the latter arrived, as to whether this meant twins, but it is all the little lady's name.

Mrs. Middleton Edwards and Miss Phoebe Clary arrived back from London on October 3rd after a three weeks' holiday there while the Service Centre was free from its usual program in the month of September.

Mr. Luther Fowle is settled in New York for the winter at the Quaker Hostel, "The Penington" at 215 East 15th Street. He will give half-time from October 1st to May 31st to publicity work for the Admiral Bristol Hospital.

Curtis Fowle with Jean and the four children expect to be settled in a new home in Bogota, Columbia, S. America before Christmas. There he will be connected with a Standard Oil of New Jersey Subsidiary, following his work in the parent Company in New York. Bogota has an elevation of some 8563 feet.

Richardson Fowle is with an American advisory Commission to Turkey, in Ankara where his present address is the Modern Palas Oteli, Ziya Gökalp Caddesi, Yenisehir.

Mrs. Bessie Lyman writes of her early fall activities out from her centre at Nelson New Hampshire. She spent ten days at the Glenn Clark Camp "Fartherest Out" on Star Island of the Isle of Shoals. There the group experienced Hurricane "Carol". All were gathered in the lobby of the hotel as the safest place. Fortunately the water which the terrific wind had brought in, was borne out again when there was a sudden shift of wind. Bessie was impressed with the spirit of calm and poise that existed. In the interval till a new pastor is found for the church at Nelson and two other parishes which he will serve, Bessie has been asked to help out with the services.

Howard Reed has returned to Istanbul this week-end after some weeks spent in various other parts of Turkey. He will be continuing his Islamic studies here with other trips away at times. He is staying with the MacCallum family in the upper Bible House apartment.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Meyer will arrive in Ankara around Christmas time where he will teach at the Gazi Institute.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie



No. 431

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,  
Istanbul, Turkey, October 16, 1954.

Dear Friends:

Miss Elizabeth P. MacCallum, daughter of Mrs. F. W. MacCallum, has had the honor of being appointed Chargé d'Affaires, Canada's first diplomatic representative to Lebanon. She recently spent a few days with her mother en route to her new duties in Beirut.

We are sorry to hear of the withdrawal of the American Consul General Robert B. Macatee and Mrs. Macatee, but we welcome in their place Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Richards and their children Sally and John.

It is with real regret that the congregation of the Evangelical Church of Pera meeting in the Dutch Chapel accepted the resignation of their minister ad interim Mr. Iain C. G. Campbell and Mrs. Campbell. The Campbells felt that for urgent personal reasons they must return to America by the end of November.

Dorothy and Robert Schinske, formerly of Izmir, write that they will spend this year in Minneapolis, Dorothy teaching and Bob studying. They have been in touch with other former associate missionaries, Ruth McClintock and Ken Moyer of Tarsus.

The Committee Ad Interim was happy to have Bob Keller as representative from Talas Station at the October meeting in Istanbul.

The Girls' Service Center shows a marked increase in registration. Up to this time, 312 girls have registered, compared with 191 for the same period in 1953. Interest in English language has almost doubled. Two hundred and seventeen girls have registered for English lessons compared with the 111 who wanted English instruction last year at this time.

The Nute Jr. and Avery families write that they are enjoying their furloughs at Auburndale.

The editors of Dear Friends would greatly appreciate having news from the Mission Stations from time to time. Perhaps the stations would find it possible to send short summaries of what they are doing.

Sincerely yours,

Janet Bergmark



American Board Mission, Post Box 142,  
Istanbul, Turkey, November 5, 1954.

Dear Friends,

**M**embers of the Dutch Chapel and German Church congregations in Istanbul united with the Armenian and Greek churches in celebration of World Communion Sunday on October 3rd. The service was held in the basement of the Gedik Pasha Church where, on the previous Thursday, construction of the main auditorium of the church had been begun once more after forty years of waiting.

On the 22nd Mr. and Mrs. Lyman MacCallum returned from a month's trip to Beirut. During their stay in the south, matters of the revision of the Armenian and Arabic Bibles were taken up under the dynamic direction of Dr. Eugene Nida, Versions Secretary of the American Bible Society, and author of a valuable text-book on modern methods of language study. A wide divergence was found between the desires of the Gregorian and Evangelical Armenian leaders concerning their text. Curiously, it was the Gregorians who sought something "ultra-modern" which would be as far from the translation of Elias Riggs as it is from the ancient version. The Evangelicals are the conservatives, and seek a very limited modernizing of the Riggs text. As one of the Evangelicals put it, "Our needs are devotional, theirs are literary." In view of this fundamental division, the Bible Society was regretfully compelled to encourage the setting up of separate committees. When the Gregorians have produced new translations of the books of Luke and Romans, and these have been officially accepted by their highest clerical bodies, the situation is to be reviewed. The Arabic question was postponed for further serious study, since the churches are not clearly in favour of a revision.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Edmonds, and Mr. and Mrs. John Kingsbury with Robert, arrived in Istanbul on October 23rd, coming on the "Istanbul." The Edmonds are now settling into their new apartment near the Üsküdar school, and the Kingsburys left for Talas on the 26th.

Mr. Eugene Blumenfeld and Miss Mary Frances Webster were married on September third. They may be addressed at 55 Elizabeth St., Hartford, Conn.

Mr. Maynard and Mr. Murray from Tarsus, Mr. Scott and Mr. Goodrich from Talas, Mrs. Blake and Miss Yarrow from Izmir, together with Miss Martin and Miss McGinnis from Üsküdar met in Ankara on October 29th and 30th - Turkey's Independence Holidays, to study the questions raised in our schools by the fact that Turkey's government Lycees are reducing their programs from four to three years. The group visited the new Mausoleum-Memorial to Atatürk. Some thirty three graduates of our Üsküdar school took the opportunity to gather for tea at the Turkish American Association rooms.

Mr. Bergmark left Istanbul on November 2nd, planning to stop off at Adana and Tarsus as he is en route to meetings of the Managers of the College and High School in Aleppo.

Mrs. Leslie was surprised to find that a station supper held in the Üsküdar apartments on October 28th was in honor of her long years of service in the Mission which officially concluded three days later. She was presented a Persian brass tray and a specially prepared booklet of appreciation.

Sincerely,

*Wm. J. Woolworth*