

Dear Friends:

The Mission was deeply saddened by the cable received December 23rd announcing the sudden death the previous morning of Dr. Mark H. Ward caused by cerebral hemorrhage. He was born in Newton Centre, Mass., graduated from Amherst College, studied medicine and finished his internship from P. & S., N.Y. in 1912. He was commissioned in 1914, appointed for Aintab, Turkey and sailed from New York August 26, 1915 via Cairo and arrived in Istanbul on October 19, 1915. Unable to proceed to Aintab, he remained here in Red Cross work returning to America in June of 1917, where he served in the Medical Reserve Corps, U.S. Army and in American Expeditionary Force in France. Dr. Ward came to Turkey again in 1919 with the Near East Relief, working in Harpoot for two years. He served as Candidate Secretary of the Board for two years and has been Medical Secretary of the Board for many years, from which position he was soon to retire. Our sympathy goes to his children, his sisters Misses Laura and Mary Ward, brother Earl and other relatives in their sudden loss.

Prof. Patrick DuVal who for a number of years was Professor of Mathematics at the Istanbul University during and after the war writes that since August they are back in England where he has a senior lectureship at Bristol University. From Istanbul the DuVals went to a position at the University of Georgia. In America Belinda Jane joined their family in 1951. Nicholas and Paula are now of school age. The DuVals send their greetings to Bible House and other friends from their home at 46 Apsley Rd., Clifton, Bristol 8.

Miss Elizabeth MacCallum is one of a group of twenty-seven Oxford-Cambridge students who were to leave England on the 30th for a fortnight's skiing trip to the Austrian Tyrol.

FASTER, faster. A recent press report states that at the beginning of 1950 there were registered in Turkey 10,000 automobiles, 13,000 trucks and 3,000 auto-buses, making a total of 26,000 motor vehicles. By the middle of 1952 this total had been increased by 14,000 to 20,000 automobiles and 20,000 trucks and auto-buses. To judge only by appearances all this increase has been concentrated in the streets surrounding the Bible House. (FLM)

Misses Jean Watson and Emily Lawton of Anatolia College and Girls' School spent their Christmas vacation in a trip to Egypt, Palestine, Lebanon and Istanbul on their way back. Together with Misses Mary Ingle and Louise Wiley who spent their vacation here, they will return to Thessaloniki on Tuesday's plane.

Christmas cards from Mr. and Mrs. James Dittes, who spent the last two years teaching in the Boys' School at Talas, show that they are spending this year at Yale where their address is 70 Central, New Haven 15, Conn.

Mrs. Alma S. Woodruff writes that in mid-December she and her sister were moving to a larger apartment near their former one, the new address being 3258 Gunston Road, Alexandria, Va. After the inauguration on January 20th, she and her youngest sister will start out for a two months' visit to California going by the southern route and returning via Canada. Her son, Dean, and family are in Greece, living in Ekali, about fourteen miles from Athens.

Dr. Wm. L. Nute, Jr. wishes those who are familiar with the location of the Adana Clinic to know that now there is actually a cement driveway leading from the Clinic gate to the main street which was also being cemented. Appropriately the work was started on the day the Station gathered to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Will our News Notes subscribers in our stations please canvass their associates to see whether any would like to receive a copy regularly. It is rumored that there are some who do not know that this valuable sheet exists! Please spread the news!

Miss Fay Seager, accompanied by her father from Izmir here, arrived Saturday, Dec. 27th and left by BEA plane the following morning for London and America where she will make her home with the Cedric Seager family in Washington D.C. and attend school.

Sincerely yours, E. T. Leslie

No. 354

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, January 10, 1953.

Dear Friends:

Announced: the engagement of Anna Edmonds. Bill Just had to have his Christmas vacation in Boulder, Colorado. Goodykoontz and William June wedding is hoped for.

NORTH WEST TO SOUTH EAST. V.

ORIENTATION IN IZMIR.

The Orientation Conference began on Monday evening, December 29th. Some early arrivals took the trip to Pergamum on Saturday, and there was a trip to Sardis on Monday.

Monday evening saw the crowd assembled: Harold Murray and Robert Schinske of Tarsus; Gene Blumenfeld, Marvin and Alva Leraas, Bill Mathews and Ralph Meyering from Talas; Alice Lindsley visiting the Orhans and in for some of the meetings; Marie McGinnis, Martha Millet, Helen Morgan, Jean Potter, Marion Schoenheit, Ripley and Isabelle Tracy, Wm. Sage and Pauline Woolworth from Istanbul; Jack and Lynda Blake, Naomi Foster, Olive Greene, Mattie Claiborne, Alexander and Kathryn Dewey, Martha Dunbar, Carol Egly, Dorothy Robinson (chairman of the conference), and Ruth Sowter as receiving hosts.

Monday evening, a general get-together and opening devotions; Tuesday, meetings with time out for lunch with Cevat and Helen Orhan and a bit of sightseeing on the way home; Wednesday, meetings continuing until almost midnight and then a Welcome to the New Year; Thursday, a trip to Ephesus, with a concluding devotional service in the old theater.

On Tuesday evening a candle lighting service was held in the Blake home naming the building "Emerson House"- and the Dewey home "Emerson Cottage"- in honor of Miss Emerson who has had a real share in making things possible.

On Wednesday the Youngsters had some meetings by themselves, and in the evening they gave their findings to the Oldsters. And so everyone, New and Old, gave and received their share of Orienting. And with it was a fellowship that was much appreciated by all.

NORTH WEST TO SOUTH EAST. VI. TALAS.

The Clinic serves over 8000 patients each year, most of these being villagers. About three times a week Dr. Nute goes horseback to the villages near and far.

The Boys School has 160 pupils from more than forty cities and villages. About a third of the boys' fathers are civil service workers. Others are professional people, farmers, merchants, and higher government officials. Except for auditorium-gymnasium facilities, buildings are adequate, but with a need for some remodelling and readjustment in their use.

The day that school reopened after the holidays, Circumstances started remodelling the school building by a fire in the roof; but this was too fast, and the fire was happily put out without much damage.

Among other special activities in the school may be mentioned the village trips of Marvin Leraas, with his interest in agriculture, and the counselling work with pupils carried on by Ralph Meyering.

A heartening and at the same time challenging aspect of the work in Talas is the increasing number of young adults who come and ask for opportunities to work with the doctor and in the school, not only for advancement in their lines of work, but also for the pleasure and inspiration they claim they find in association with the staff.

Wm Sage

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, January 17, 1953.

Dear Friends:

On December 22, 1952 Luther Fowle and Fred Goodsell went out on India Wharf in old Boston and observed the centennial of the sailing of Luther Fowle's grandparents, Wilson Amos Farnsworth and Caroline Palmer Farnsworth, for Turkey. Immediately after their marriage, and Mr. Farnsworth's ordination, in Thetford, Vermont, the young couple started by stagecoach for Boston, where they embarked from India Wharf on the Sultana under the command of Captain Charles Watson on December 22, 1852. The Sultana was a brig of about 540 tons, engaged in carrying the famous Sultana raisins from Smyrna to Boston. On this particular return trip to Turkey she carried not only the Farnsworths but six additional missionaries to the Near East. Fifty years later when the Farnsworths came back to the United States for good, their ship consumed as much fuel in a day as the entire tonnage of the little Sultana. After a year of language study in Marsovan, they proceeded with the Balls, another young couple, to establish a station in Caesarea of Cappadocia, as it is called in the Bible (now Kayseri). There was no railroad, not even anything we would recognize as a road. It was wild and dangerous country. Unexcelled as a touring missionary, Mr. Farnsworth travelled some 70,000 miles in Turkey, at least 30,000 of them on horseback. When his daughter Caroline married James Luther Fowle, the Board changed Mr. Fowle's field of appointment from India to Turkey, because Caroline's knowledge of the Turkish language was considered too valuable to be lost. The Fowles joined the Farnsworths in Caesarea. Two of the Fowle children chose to give their lives to service in Turkey: Mary, who died of Typhus on November 24, 1916 in Sivas, where she had been sharing Miss Graffam's heroic efforts to relieve the suffering of the people under war conditions; and Luther, the treasurer and business agent of the Near East Mission.

According to latest word received from Luther Fowle, who has been on a six months furlough in America, he plans to sail from New York on the Independence on Wednesday, January 28th and after changing to Turkish steamer in Naples, land once again in Istanbul on Tuesday, the 10th of February. Word has come from time to time about the many fine visits he has been having with his four sons, and with daughter, Joy, and his grandchildren in Old Greenwich, Connecticut. Thetford too has been the scene of many happy reunions. Mixed with all his family interests and celebrations there has been a certain amount of Mission business as well for while he has been in America he has been working on certain of our complicated property matters and then too there have been policy conferences in Boston. We hope he returns refreshed if not rested.

Lorin and Virginia Shepard are rejoicing over the arrival of granddaughter Margaret Ellen who was born on the 7th of January in Phoenix, Oregon, the second daughter of Fred and Mary Alice Shepard.

A Christmas card from Capt. and Mrs. John Burns of Park Manor in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania brings the news that Joanne Gauntt and John, who last year was with the Army in Izmir, were married on the 23rd of December. They have bought a new house and are in the midst of decorating and buying furnishings. Joanne writes of missing her girls in A.C.I. and of being homesick for Turkey when she has time to think of us out here.

Dr. Edgar Chandler representing the World Council's concern for Refugees was in Istanbul for a short visit on the 12th and 13th of January. He had come from conferences in Athens and after very busy rounds here with Miss June Stowell, the World Council's full-time representative on refugee affairs here now, he returned by air to Geneva. At a tea in his honor at the Pera Palace Hotel on Tuesday he met many who are active in refugee relief and resettlement work in this city.

Yours faithfully,
David Bergmark

Dear Friends:

Robert College and Constantinople College began their mid-semester vacations at noon Saturday, the 17th. Classes will resume on Monday, February 2. Many of the teachers and faculty are taking advantage of this recess to make trips away. May Nilson is visiting her parents in Diyarbakir.

The Robert College bulletin announces the death on January 5th at Santa Barbara, Calif. of Mr. Albert W. Staub, once a tutor at Robert College, and American Director of the Near East College Association in New York from 1919 until 1947. In cooperation with Mr. Cleveland Dodge, President of the College Board of Trustees and representatives of the other Colleges, he helped organize the Near East College Association and office in New York. For twenty-six years he rendered notable service in making these Colleges and their work better known to the American public, in raising substantial sums for increased endowment and working expenses and in securing teaching personnel.

~~The death of~~ Mr. A. Peach, Headmaster of the English High School for Boys at Istanbul, under whom a number of the sons of the Mission have studied, died on January 14th and was buried at the Crimean Cemetery at Haidar Pasha. Mr. Peach had been in charge of this school since early in the 1920's.

Mr. Walter B. Wiley took the preaching service at the JAMMAT church in Ankara one Sunday this month, while Chaplain and Mrs. Carey Young were making a trip to Jerusalem before leaving for America on the completion of their term of service in Ankara.

Chaplain and Mrs. Batterson of the Methodist Church in America have arrived to-day to replace Chaplain Carey Young who has been minister with the JAMMAT church in Ankara. They go to Ankara Tuesday where the Youngs will spend a week with them in acquainting them with the work before they leave.

Ambassador McGhee spent a day in Mardin early in the month during which visit Mr. and Mrs. Raymond White helped officials in entertaining their guest and showing him the places of interest. Following this visit on the far eastern part of Turkey, the Ambassador and Mrs. McGhee spent a week sight-seeing in Istanbul.

Mr. White, since a bell was found for the church of Kerborun, inquires whether there is some other unused bell that can be obtained for the church at Killit.

Dr. A. D. Beittel and Mrs. Beittel, formerly of Talladega College, Alabama, are spending some time in Istanbul where they attended Station prayer meeting this week. Dr. Beittel has been President of Talladega College for the past seven years and on his retirement last August, the College Board of Trustees made them a present of their trip to visit the Scandinavian and most of the other European countries.

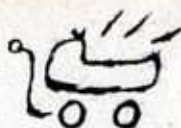
Copies of the new Revised Standard Version of the English Bible in cloth are available at the Bible House. This is the \$6.00 binding, which sells for Lt. 15,00, post free. No copies of the better bindings are on hand.

On her trip to Gaziantep in December, Miss Ethel Lovatt found some of the Turkey countryside with the brown of the fields and mud-straw houses, reminding her of much of North China. Miss Lovatt is completing the remainder of her first year language study in Gaziantep.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:



Congratulations to Martha and Barclay on the arrival at the Admiral Bristol hospital of Douglas Wiley Shepard on the 28th.

Chaplain Young this week came to Istanbul and introduced Chaplain John Batterson who is replacing him at the JAMMAT Church in Ankara. Best wishes to the Youngs as they return to America; and a cordial welcome to Chaplain and Mrs. Batterson!

NORTH WEST TO SOUTH EAST. VI. ADANA AND TARSUS.

Patient attendance at the Adana Clinic is growing. Despite bad weather December was the best month since May. Ginger Nute and Mary Rowden continue their village visits with the Station Wagon and get in touch with old patients to see what further advice and help can be given. Bad weather and illness reduced the December trips to six.

ADANA CLINIC High water and an unsafe bridge prevented the Nutes from getting home Christmas evening. They had shared in a Vesper Christmas Pageant in Tarsus, given by the youngest members of the Station, as also in a Christmas dinner given for sixteen in the Maynard home.

Ginger and Mary continue Turkish study at home, while Christie and Irene enjoy the third and first grades in a Turkish school.

Much building is going on in the city; and street paving has included a cement drive in to the clinic entrance. And of course, coloring all present events, is the joy of hoping and planning for the reopening of the hospital with new buildings on a new site.

Money for the new building at Tarsus is in the bank. Complete plans for the new building have been approved. Now we are working on that slow process of getting government permission! And the need is pressing, for 216 boys are already bursting the seams of present walls, and the new twelfth lycee class next year will mean even more boys.

Electric bells have been installed and guarantee that classes (may) begin and end on the dot. But the newest joy of all is the movie projector, gift of the JAMMAT Church in Ankara.

On December 19th, after a Jubilee Program planned and put on by students, Schinske and Murray headed for Izmir and the Orientation Conference; Young later made a flying trip to Ankara where Dick Maynard also spent two days working on building permit; the Fyfes went to Ankara and Duffy's old home at Talas. Averys, Kesselhelms and Maynards kept the home fires burning and entertained guests.

Since it seems to be increasingly difficult to recruit new teachers in America, the school is now raising its own staff. Robin Avery, aged four, is preparing in science and mechanics; his brother David at two is specializing in languages—he should head the English Department. Frances Avery in her fifth month laughingly emphasizes social contacts and personal relationships. Allen Kesselheim at three months expresses an unfailing interest in food and would seem to be headed for the culinary department. And five young folks are in training for the Turkish subjects.

Wm Sage
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Dear Friends:

Gleanings from "Glimpses of Life in the East" by Paul Nilson ---

Jan. 10. Inside Diyarbakir's great city walls practically all old houses are flat roofed and covered with a 6 inch layer of mixed straw and clay. It is raining, but rarely do we hear anyone complain about leaky roofs. Centuries of experience have taught the trick of caring for good mud roofs. The clay is mighty sticky - woe to the car that tries to go on a village road during this season! or to the person who walks through a field with rubbers on! - the clay sticks. When properly mixed with straw it hardens into a hard surface so that in summer people walk and sleep on the roofs to escape from the reflected heat of the streets below and enjoy every breeze. To care for the roofs in winter there are special workmen who contract with the owners to mend and pat and roll the roofs and to shovel off snow (if any comes) until the rainy winter season passes about the first of March. So this Mission House pays 50 liras a year to one man whether he comes twice or ten times, his business is to keep the roof from leaking -- and in March he gets his 50 liras (about \$15.00). In the newer city which is growing up outside of the old black city walls, all houses are made of stone walls and cement floors and have tile roofs; the roofs in the old city will not change.

Feb. 2. On Saturday afternoon an Army Sergeant and Captain walked in with broad grins, "Surprise!" and in came a refrigerator on the back of a short, sturdy, Kurd hamal. It was a gift from the JAMMAT church in Ankara. It had come over the mountains in an Army plane, rolled through the black old city walls in a pickup and here it was now in the middle of one of our two rooms. I stuck the plug into the electricity outlet and it started purring beautifully. Now let the heat of the summer come!

Advertisement FOR RENT - A 7 room summer house completely furnished, located in the village of Gözne in the Taurus Mountains. Easy transportation from Tarsus or Mersin. Four bedrooms easily accommodating a family group of eight, with separate servant's room. Easy access to market; unsurpassed view of the sea and mountains; delightful walks in vicinity. Rental 75 Turkish Liras per month or 150 liras for the season. Those interested should write to Mrs. R. E. Maynard, Amerikan Kolej, Tarsus. (This we feel is a rare vacation opportunity, possible only because of furloughs and other summer plans for the school staff.)

After another five years of service with the Men's Derslane, Mr. and Mrs. Young go to America this summer for a year's furlough, and they will be replaced by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coan who have been serving in the YMCA at Karachi for the past five years. Mr. Coan has had a wide experience in the Moslem world, in India, Iraq, and Pakistan, and speaks several of the languages of the East. The Coans will arrive in June and will be at work here for from twelve to fifteen months.

A fellow traveler on the Independence from America this week with Mr. Fowle has been Miss Annie Pinneo on her way to Athens to vacation for a few months. She will be occupying Pinneo Cottage at Pierce College during the absence of President Nichol who leaves for America on February 12th for a short furlough. Miss Pinneo first came to the field in 1910 to serve in Smyrna in the American Collegiate Institute. In September of 1922 she transferred to Athens with the Institute which is now Pierce College. In 1942 she retired to America and now returns once again for a visit.

Sincerely,

David Bergmark

Dear Friends:

With sense of deep personal loss, overbalanced by gratitude for a life lived in the simplicity of devoted and confident service, we report to our Mission circle the death on February 12th of the Rev. Charles T. Riggs.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 11th, Mr. Riggs left his home with his daughter Sarah and husband, Prof. Charles S. MacNeal of Robert College, to have supper with the Walter Wileys in Beyoglu, and to conduct his weekly study hour with a group of Greeks interested in The Book. He spent the night with the Wileys, and after breakfast started for his usual Thursday at the Mission Headquarters, calling first at the Parcels Post-office at Sirkeci, which he left at 10:45, taking taxi for the Bible House. Two blocks from this office, the chauffeur turned to find Mr. Riggs apparently in a faint, and immediately turned up the street to the Police Station at Yeshil Direk, where a policeman joined him, as they hurried to the Esnaf Hospital, opposite the Men's Dersane. But Mr. Riggs had already 'joined the majority'.

The Turkish authorities acted promptly and in a way completely gratifying. Soon his "Ikamet" (Residence booklet) was presented at this office, and we were asked if we knew this person. His family was informed, and cable sent to Boston, which has already brought the reply

"Mission: MacNeal: Board sympathy in great loss and appreciation for wonderful life, Blemker"

Burial was this afternoon at the Ferikby Protestant Cemetery, where Mr. Riggs rests near the graves of his Father; and of his Grandfather Dr. Elias Riggs, the gifted linguist who contributed so much to the early translation of the Scriptures into Turkish, Greek, Armenian and other languages of the Balkans. By strange co-incidence, the three Americans primarily concerned in the new translation of the entire Bible into modern Turkish in Latin script, - Dr. F. W. MacCallum, Dr. J. K. Birge, and Mr. C. T. Riggs - rest side by side in the present front row of the American Section of the Cemetery. The Rev. Walter B. Wiley conducted the service this afternoon, aided by pastors of the Armenian and Greek Evangelical Churches, in which Mr. Riggs so often preached in Turkish, Greek, Armenian or English. A Memorial Service will be held shortly, in the Union Church of this city, which he attended when not occupying other pulpits in the city.

The Italian Service Mission, Naples, at which some of our personnel stopped last September on the way to the Near East, and in which the COSC shares in support, is carrying on its work with fine spirit. The Mission Treasurer spent 24 hours with these people on Feb. 6/7, as he trans-shipped in Naples, and was much impressed with what he saw. The major activities are, -

1. Casa Materna, the former estate of the Prince of Monaco, on the bay five miles south of the city. An Orphanage of 200 girls and boys, daily joined by 250 day pupils in a fine school directed by Mr. Fabio Santi, son of the Founder.
2. Casa Mia, a Social Center in rented property in a ruined area of the city crowded with refugees, has classes for unschooled children; nurse to serve the many needing her care in the Center and the surrounding district, where trachoma alone afflicts hundreds; sports and trade instruction which is salvaging the boys who could readily grow into the gangsters on both sides of the Atlantic in a dozen years; classes for the burdened mothers of the area; personal counselling; and religious activities which spark the entire project. A hot daily meal served to many.
3. DP Service office in the city. To the displaced and discouraged, this Service gives aid in untangling their affairs, and helping them toward a new start in Australia, the Argentine, or elsewhere.
4. Italian Refugee Service: Some 20,000 are being aided, and already several of the seven huge caves in which they have lived and died since the war, are now emptied and sealed off.

The Methodist Foreign Board of 150 Fifth Avenue, New York; and the Congregational Christian Service Committee (Dr. Earle Ballou) 110 East 29th Street, New York, are both aiding in this work, and can serve as channels to send support.

Greetings to all friends. I'm glad to be back. Luther R. Fowle.

Dear Friends:

In the Boston Herald of January 11th the engagement of Miss Barbara Louise Cotton to John Goodsell Blake was announced and we learn that invitations are out for the wedding to take place to-day. Both were students together at Bates College where they graduated. John is stationed at Fort George L. Mead in Maryland where he has been taking his military training and is now due for further assignment.

Dr. John E. Merrill has been making his home since last July with his daughter Dorothy (Mrs. Dan Dorman) at 47 Warwick St., Pittsfield, Mass. The Dormans have four children, twin sons having joined the family last June. Margaret and her husband, the Rev. Alfred Coons have changed from his pastorate in the Methodist Church at Beacon, N.Y. to the Congregational Church at Windsor, Vermont.

The Duncan T. Thomson's are now permanently settled in their new home at St. Margaret's, Robertson, Lanarkshire, Scotland. They hope that they are not so far north but that it may be possible for their Istanbul friends who may be travelling in England enroute to or from America, to visit them.

Edith and Gardner Bennett (formerly of Robert College) have recently sent greetings to their friends in a letter telling of their visit last summer back to the United States and trip to England and the Continent. They describe the setting of their newly purchased home twelve miles out from Honolulu and hope to see friends who may be travelling thru Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. John Michaels, long associated with Robert College, Pierce College and the Sofia American College have settled into permanent American living since their touch-and-go passage thru the Curtain. They have their own home and garden at 68 Curve Street, Wellesley, Mass. Mary (Whittle) continues to teach at Dana Hall in Wellesley. John now has American citizenship, a pre-requisite to some lines of employment, and after some time in the Treasury Office of the American Board in Boston, has now an interesting appointment under the "Center for International Studies" - a research agency under the direction of Faculty members of the Mass. Inst. of Technology and of Harvard. This work, which uses to the full his knowledge of Bulgarian backgrounds and language, takes him to Libraries and Research facilities in Washington, New York and elsewhere.

Henry Martyn, the famous missionary translator of the Bible into Hindustani and of the New Testament into Persian, died at Tokat in Asia Minor in 1812. A memorial stone was later erected in that town and his bones were guarded as sacred relics in the local Armenian church, where a small boy, later to become a surgeon in the American Civil War, learned his first rudiments of osteology by fondling the bones of Henry Martyn under the altar. The memorial stone, when seen some twenty years ago, was lying in two pieces at the edge of a field. Recent correspondence with the head of the Public Library of Tokat has brought to light that the stone is now preserved in their museum, and no signs of serious damage are visible in the photos. The base of the monument shows inscriptions on the four sides, each in a different language. A biography of Henry Martyn (in English) will have a place on the Library shelves beside a copy of his translation of the Testament into Persian and a modern Turkish Bible.

The American Service Centre for Girls to-day held its second luncheon and closing report on its annual Effort to secure Scholarship funds. The goal set for this year was reached and passed, due to the help of many who participated in the Effort.

On Sunday afternoon, March 1st, at 3:00 P.M. at the Union Church (Dutch Chapel) there will be a service in memory of Mr. Charles T. Riggs who was suddenly taken from our midst last week. E. T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

The engagement is announced of Miss Virginia Elder, previously of Üsküdar, to Mr. Allen Ewing Anderson, M.A. in history from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. The wedding is scheduled for April, and the couple plan to settle in Washington D.C. in the fall.

NORTH WEST TO SOUTH EAST. VII. GAZIANTEP.

He who forgiveth all iniquities
And healeth all diseases, is God.

Inscription in Turkish
over Hospital Doorway.

During 1952 patients came not only from Gaziantep and its own villages, but also from the larger region outlined by Mersin, Adana, Kilis, Karakamish, Urfa, Mardin, Nizip, Diyarbakir, Malatya, Elazig, and Kayseri.

To the 49 beds there were 1415 admissions totalling 17,731 hospital-patient days, or almost 99% capacity; of which 2,462 days were given to free patients. There were 17,401 laboratory examinations and 6,308 visits to out-patients department, plus 440 pneumothorax treatments to ambulatory tuberculosis patients. The total budget for the year was \$85,000.

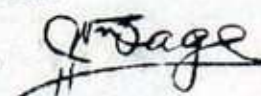
Dr. Azariah Smith arrived in Antep in 1847, and died there of typhoid-pneumonia in 1851. The first wing of the Azariah Smith Memorial Hospital was completed in 1880 with money given by Dr. Smith's classmates at Yale. The newest wing was built by Dr. Fred Shepard shortly before his death in 1915. Recent improvements include a porcelain Sitz bath, various porcelain sinks including three surgeons scrub up sinks, improvements in heating plant, first plastering of men's wards built 40 years ago, linoleum on women's floor, centrifuge for laundry, comfortable chairs for patients. 1953 has given a 10% salary increase for national personnel, a replacement for the hospital car, and promises a new and up-to-date operating table.

Isabelle Lovatt continues with language for half time, and is just now taking up half time nursing, which will become full time in May, and then be relaxed in the fall when Clara Engle comes back from extended furlough. Albert and Dora Dewey leave in May for their seven months furlough, to be replaced by the Senior Nutes from Talas.

Mr. Isely's monthly Sunday service in Turkish, at his home, continues. In addition to a weekly discussion group, he conducts 8 English classes each week in a near by school. His several years of pushing have helped to start a reforestation effort on a hill-side about ten kilometers out of the city. In 1951 about 12000 seedlings were planted, although too late to avoid a large loss. In the fall of 1952 179,000 seedlings and 17,500 trees were planted by the Forestry Department in good season, and there are larger plans ahead.

Building is to start this spring on the first 50 bed unit of a 500 bed tuberculosis hospital on what was the old Central Turkey College site. A promising Agricultural Center is to be developed on the land which was formerly Mrs. Frederick Shepard's garden field. A group of 17 modern houses have just been completed on land adjoining the old Girls School property, and 40 more are contemplated north of the former College property - both are cooperative projects.

Sincerely,



Dear Friends;

A Memorial Service for the Reverend Charles T. Riggs was held in the Dutch Chapel in this city on Sunday afternoon, March 1st. It was not only a tribute to an associate who has passed on, but also a refreshment of ourselves through information about his family, life and work and fellowship in thanksgiving for his faithful service. Brief remarks were made by older and younger members of the Robert College community, by a representative of the evangelical churches and the Near East Mission of the American Board. Letters now coming from the Stations of the Mission and from America are bringing their tributes of respect and triumph to this good life, lived among us with such faith, hope and love.

Mrs. Elona Freyer, daughter of Dr. Daniel Thom, born in Mardin 76 years ago, died of a heart attack a month ago, on February 8th, in Honolulu where she was living near her son, Edward, and his family. Her husband was at one time manager of the American Press in Beirut.

Omer Fevzi Mardin, known to many of the Mission either personally or through his liberal Muslim writings, died in his home on the first of March. He had had a distinguished military career and risen to the rank of Colonel when a dream led him to enter the dervish order of the Nakshibendis, and to give himself to theology. A man of deep religious convictions, he was stirred in 1935 by some members of the Oxford Group attending a Women's Congress in Istanbul, and later went twice to Group assemblies in Europe where he was made much of as a representative of Islam. One of his latest publications was "Ehli Kitap Ailesi" (The family of the People of the Book) which consisted chiefly of quotations from Jewish, Christian and Muslim Scriptures inculcating brotherhood between people of different religions.

Miss Leila Anderson, making a round-the-world trip in preparation for an Educational Program among the rural churches in some 35 states, visited this area in the week following Feb. 24th. Particularly interested in village life and conditions, she was able to see some of this life around Adana, Tarsus and Gaziantep, as well as to visit with our associates in those centers. She returned to Istanbul for two days of sight-seeing in the Bazaars and Mosques and visits with Board projects in this city before setting off for Beirut, India and the Philippines.

Miss Anderson's work has recently centered in Yankton, South Dakota, where she was with the late Miss Agnes Fanenga, who served a life-time in this Mission in Mardin and in Aleppo.

Mr. Frank Northam, Treasurer of the World Council of Churches, and Mrs. Northam spent several days in Istanbul as guest of Miss June Stoll, the Council's representative and administrator of its refugee outreach in Turkey. The Northams were returning to their Geneva home after having attended the winter meetings of the World Council in India. While here they visited the Refugee Farm, which the Council operates, and had opportunity to be in touch with various aspects of the refugee program toward whose support the WCC has made substantial contribution during the past several years.

Prof. Lootfy Levonian has sent his greetings to his many friends in the Near East and asks that we report his new address - 4200 Hazel Kirk Drive, Los Angeles 27, California.

Word from Princeton, New Jersey, tells of the arrival of Daniel Whitman McMullen on January 29th. He weighed in at seven pounds and one-half ounce. Since sailing plans have now been made definite, we rejoice that the McMullen family will be welcomed back in Beirut in September after a furlough year spent mainly in study in Princeton.

Sincerely yours,
David Bergmark

Dear Friends:

The Turkish saying, "Winter comes to Istanbul after March" is eminently true this year, although there was snow and cold, at the end of February. Thus far this month there have been more below-freezing mornings and snow-in-the-air, and on-the-ground, days and to-day follows the pattern. Sunshine usually quickly melts the snow.

Miss Naomi Foster arrived here by plane this noon from Izmir en-route to the meeting of the Board of Managers for our Mission Schools in Turkey which will be held in Tarsus next week. Mrs. Blake will arrive to-morrow and both will attend a tea for Izmir alumnae and old students who are attending the American College for Women, the University, or just living here. The Scutari school is hostess for this occasion.

Mr. Blake, Miss Greene and several other of the American and Turkish teachers of the Izmir A.C.I. are taking a group of their students during their present vacation on a long bus trip to points south of Izmir, to Bodrum, Antalya, etc.

"Charter Day" is being observed to-day at the Arnautkby American College for Women, with Bayan Halet Cambel '35, Docent in the Department of Archeology at the University of Istanbul speaking on "Archeology as a Career for College Graduates". Mrs. Walter Hines Page, one of their Trustees from New York, is bringing greetings from the Trustees.

The Annual Ball sponsored by the Turkish Society at the Scutari Girls' School was thoroughly enjoyed a week ago last night, March 6th. The decorations in the spacious gymnasium of Barton Hall centered on the Tulip Period (Lale Devre) of Turkish history. Besides the usual dancing there were two program numbers, one a sketch put on by the 11th Class portraying the Tulip Period, the other a colorful skit by the Upper Orta Class, the subject being a study of the solar system. This party is notable for the costumes worn, and prizes were given for the most economical, original, luxurious, chic, most suitable to the wearer; and for the best dancers.

The American Service Centre for Girls is the proud possessor of a newly acquired building of its own from the purchase of a four story house situated in Cihangir, formerly owned by Bay Necmeddin Molla. The building has a garden, commands a fine view of the Bosphorus and according to city plans will have parks in the vicinity. It is on a main highway, accessible from both top of the hill and Bosphorus quays.

The registration report of the Service Centre from October 1 to February 1, was as follows:

Occupations		Nationalities		Schools	
Business and other professional	31	Turkish	262	Ilk	46
Students in other schools	35	Greek	12	Orta	145
Younger girls (12-17)	35	Jewish	8	Lise	81
Home girls (18-25)	143	Armenian	21	University	32
Home girls (26-30)	28	Others	5	Others	4
Home women	36				
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There are during the week 11 classes in English and 4 evening classes, in which 156 girls are registered. Besides French, Turkish, dress-making, typing and stenography classes, there are twelve groups open to the girls. These are: Popular Singing, Open House, Social Hour, Painting, Cooking, Beauty, Book Review, Music Appreciation, Health, Etiquette, Happy Home, Sight-seeing.

Miss Miller, a Fulbright appointee, arrived from America in February for a period of nine months, and is busy with the business department, teaching the typing and stenography classes where there are more applicants than can be accommodated. Girls with this training are much in demand in the city.

Sincerely yours,
Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

A moderately severe earthquake was felt in Istanbul on Wednesday, March 18th at 9.06 p.m., followed by several milder quakes at various times during the night. Subsequent reports indicate that its center was in the Gonen-Yenice region, between the Sea of Dardanelles and Balikesir, in north western Anatolia. Latest reports indicate several hundred deaths, and many wounded, with wide destruction of property involving many thousands of people. The President of the Republic is now visiting the area, and the Turkish Red Crescent Society and other social agencies are coming to the aid of the sufferers. Foreign assistance is already reported, and the American Red Cross has asked how it may help. The BBC this morning reports that U.S. planes from Germany will fly medical supplies and blankets to the earthquake sufferers in Turkey.

The spring meeting of the Schools Board of Managers of the four American Board schools in Turkey is taking place this week in Tarsus. The Director and one other representative of each school and several other officers of the Mission are in attendance.

Mrs. Elvesta T. Leslie. Mrs. Leslie, who represents the Treasury Dept. at the Tarsus schools meeting, goes on to Aleppo to assist in clearing up some of the war years accounting matters in the Syria-Lebanon section of the Mission. Mrs. Leslie will travel from Adana to Aleppo by the taxi-service twice daily in each direction, with through transportation buyable at either end of the run. The frontier is crossed at Reyhanli.

Lewis and Dorothy Heck. Many of the older members of the community will remember the Hecks, who were attached to the Embassy and Consulates in Turkey before and during the First War. They write from their home at 3421 Northampton Street, Washington 15, D.C. Mr. Heck is now with the Geodetic Survey office. Their son Douglas, with wife and two children flew in January from Washington to take up his post as Consul at Calcutta.

Correspondence Cards. The Mission Publication Department in Istanbul reports a new supply available of correspondence cards with the Turkish Plate design of the 1953 Calendar. The paper is slightly better than that of the first supply. On general sale at 15 kuruş for card with envelope. Mission personnel will receive some small discount.

Summer quarters in the Taurus Mountains: For Rent: A 7-room summer house, completely furnished, located in the resort village of Güzne in the Taurus Mountains. Easy transportation from Tarsus or Mersin. Four bed-rooms easily accommodating a family group of eight, with separate room for servant. Markets near-by. Unsurpassed view of sea and mountains; delightful walks in vicinity. Rental Lt. 75. per month; Lt. 150. for season. Please communicate with Mrs. R. E. Maynard, American College, Tarsus, Turkey.

Spring vacations: Visits to Ankara are being made by Swifts, Leraases, and Meyering of Talas: and Murray, Young, and Schinske of Tarsus. The Fyfes of Tarsus are visiting Damascus and Baalbek. Mrs. Block and Mr. Mitchell of Talas will visit the Paul Nilsons in Diyarbakir. Later Gene Flumenfeld and Mr. Leraas of Talas will visit the Black Sea port of Samsun.

Yours truly,

Luther R. Fowle.

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, March 28th, 1953.

Dear Friends:

Miss Alice Carey, secretary for Japan, Micronesia, and the Philippines, "dropped in" at the Shepards' in Istanbul late this afternoon on her way back to America from the 100th Anniversary of the Micronesia Mission. A Station supper was held for her at the Apartments in the Scutari School.

Mr. Roger Blatter arrived on Thursday, coming from Albion, Nebraska for a visit with his sister Dorothy.

NORTH WEST TO SOUTH EAST: VIII. MARDIN and DIYARBAKIR.



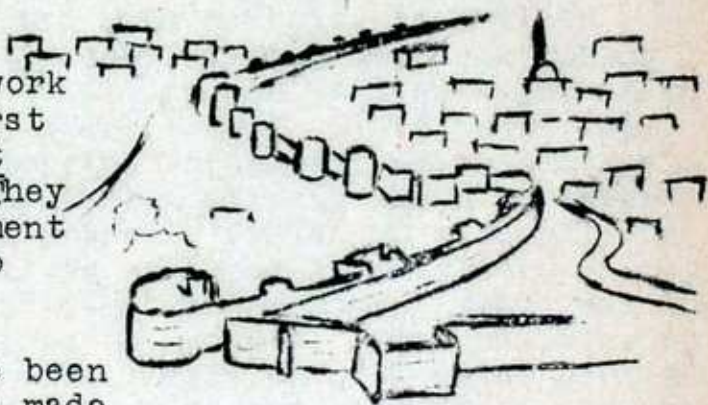
Mardin is situated on the side of a mountain overlooking the Tigris River and the Mesopotamian plain. The castle atop the mountain dates at least from Roman times, and has offered resistance to Hulagu the Mongol as also to the armies of Tamerlane.

Our compound, high in the city, includes the residence of Ray and Fern White; a guest house, and the hostel. In the center of the city is the Reading Room, open morning, afternoon, and evening. Last year the Room was "swamped" with 75 to 80 readers. This year it has even more than 125 on some days. Books are not only used in Mardin, but are loaned to village teachers. Two teachers recently walked through the mountains to get their books. Gifts from America have made it possible to give out pictures which are used for teaching Turkish to boys and girls whose mother tongues are Arabic and Kurdish. The Reading room is also a center for English lessons and, like the compound, is a center for Friendship expressed in many ways.

Village trips bring warm welcomes. Films, including religious ones, were an attraction till the generator gave out - a new one is needed!

The village churches are an inspiration to work with. One church has been revived and its building reclaimed for church use, after 40 years. In April there is to be a church conference with the pastor and one layman from each church, and two laymen from the communities where there is no church.

In Diyarbakir we have this year had work by members of our Mission for the first time in many years. Paul and Harriet Nilson arrived on September first. They have taken up teaching in the government Lycee, and Paul also gives lessons to adults in the Normal School.



One village in which the Nilsons have been welcomed and shown their pictures, is made up of people who came from Bulgaria in 1940 at the invitation of the Turkish government, which gave them land, houses, oxen, seed. Here the choice of pictures included care of poultry, war on rats, tuberculosis, blood and plasma, and Donald Duck.

The moving pictures, educational, religious, and recreational, have been in great demand also among many groups in the city.

Sundays find the Nilsons busy, sometimes beginning with church at 8:30 and going on steadily through Sunday School in the afternoon. Their help is welcomed both in the Protestant and in the older churches.

Sincerely,

Q. Sage

Dear Friends:

Notice from Izmir Social Editor. "The key word these days in all fields is "Co-operation". The Izmir and Tarsus schools believe in that heartily--witness the Burns-Helling marriage of 1951. That cooperation was effected only after leaving the Mission, so we are taking another forward step - this time to announce cooperation on the field: namely, the engagement of Miss Dorothy Robinson, of Izmir, to Mr. Robert Schinske of Tarsus. There is a couple who will always vouch, we are sure, for the importance and value of the Christmas Orientation program!"

Reforestation in Gaziantep. The Duluk Baba Reforestation scheme has taken a new development and Merrill Isely has sent us an enthusiastic letter. He writes that on a recent visit to inspect the 179,000 seedlings and 17,500 holes of acorns planted on the 135 acres of Duluk Baba's west crown, the suggestion of a Tree Club came up and pushing the idea with the Governor and with the Mayor has resulted in a forward drive that is most promising.

The mayor appointed Fuat Kutlar, younger brother of one of Merrill's first pupils, as organizer and a meeting in the city hall was called, at which the Governor and some 25 leading citizens including a half dozen agriculture and forestry men started the ball rolling by appointing a Committee of 10 to draw up a constitution. A few days later the committee met with Merrill in attendance and a constitution was written. On the following afternoon the original group adopted the constitution and elected an executive committee, of which Merrill is Vice-chairman. On the following day - March 20th the Executive Committee met and with the legal requirement of a petition and two copies of the organization's constitution called on the Governor, who received the group cordially and officially launched the Tree Planting and Protection Club, promising strong support. March 20th a year ago, Merrill writes "was the day on which we first planted seedlings on Duluk Baba - so the Tree Club was officially organized just one year later."

"This past week has been shown some real action on the part of the committee as well as both the governor and mayor. The governor instructed the Road Department to supply a truck and the Mayor had the city supply the gasoline and oil, for the Duluk Baba Forester to go to Mersine and Tarsus and bring back some 15,000 pine, juniper, acacia seedlings. Kazim Bey got back two days ago, and under the direction of the executive committee already some 5000 seedlings have been distributed. They are going to village and city schools, as well as private citizens. The city-wide loud speaker system has been making announcements about where to get the seedlings, as well as information about the club and that it is time to plant trees. I had previously written to the American Information Service in Ankara, which sent me just in time, some films, and these have been already shown to several schools. This week ahead of us, will probably finish up with all the schools having seen the films, as well as some people outside. We may be able to arrange for the big hall of the Peoples House, which was the old Catholic Church to show the films to the public. Then on Saturday the 4th of April, we trust that the weather will be such as to permit a real outdoor Tree Festival at Kavakluk, where the city has a new area which is being planted to trees. The Army will also join in and plant trees on the hill to the south of Kavakluk. The seedlings are small, but the smaller ones do better than larger seedlings.

"The constitution provides that the activities of the club include the whole province, and we trust that the towns and even villages will eventually have a part in it. The village law provides that every villager should plant at least one tree every year, but said law is meaningless. Maybe we can help give reality to this law. I hear that other provinces are getting interested in Reforestration, and the national authorities have plans for such in 8 dry provinces, including ours. The enthusiasm and support of all approached gives all of us great satisfaction."

Sincerely yours, David Bergmark

Dear Friends:

Turkey is in deep mourning for the loss of life of 81 naval officers and men in the submarine Dumlupinar, which sank in the Dardanelles after collision with a Swedish freighter, early in the morning on April 4th. Rescue efforts continued for some thirty hours, with particularly heroic work from Turkish divers; but over 200 feet depth, and heavy seas along with the usual swift current, made rescue impossible. The Dumlupinar was homeward-bound, after participating in the NATO maneuvers in the Mediterranean. Messages from all over the world have expressed to the Turkish Government and people the deep sorrow and the sympathy of other members of the world family.

Visitors from Greece: The Easter holidays brought many visitors to Istanbul from Greece, the largest party coming on a special cruise on board the trans-Atlantic steamer "Nea Hellas". A party from Anatolia College in Thessaloniki were guests at a Turkish School this year.

Among these visitors was Mrs. John B. Holt and daughter of the American Consulate in Thessaloniki, who drove in their own car to the Turkish frontier in Thrace, thence coming down by train. On the return trip, Mrs. Walter Wiley joined them, to visit for a few days her daughter Louise, now teaching in the Anatolia Girls School.

The MacCallums of the Bible Societies (British and American) left this morning by plane for a six week holiday in England. Mrs. F. W. MacCallum went on the same plane as far as Athens, and will spend the interval there visiting her sister Miss Emily McCallum.

Miss Jennie Doidge, long engaged in interdenominational church activities in the United States, is on the home stretch of a round the world trip that started August 1, 1952, and has already permitted her to visit over 200 centers of mission activity in the Pacific, Far East, India, and the Middle East. She comes to Istanbul from Palestine, Syria, and the Lebanon, and starts on shortly for Greece, Switzerland, France, and the British Isles. A few months hence she takes up a new task in association with Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, in the direction of the Missions Council of the Congregational-Christian churches of America. This year of travel and observation will be a rich background for her new task.

Miss Arlene Hallett, formerly of our Adana Girls' School, writes from Box 356, Rosewell, New Mexico. "I am doing Child Welfare Work with the State Department of Public Welfare, here in New Mexico. It is indeed an interesting job as we try to help children to a somewhat more comfortable living.... We have adobe houses surrounded by high wall. Up in the mountains, some people live in rather primitive fashion".

Miss Dorothy Woolworth, having completed a year of graduate work at Western Reserve University in Cleveland, has accepted a position in Public Health Nursing in Lorain County, near Oberlin, Ohio. Robert Woolworth, her brother, is now an "international" soldier, being assigned to SHAPE in Paris as a draftsman.

Dr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Nute Sr. will be moving from Talas to Gaziantep this week, to take over direction of the Hospital as Dr. & Mrs. Albert Dewey start shortly for their furlough in America.

Mr. Kenneth R. Iverson, Near East Area Representative of the Rockefeller Foundation has been visiting various centers in Turkey during early April. He has thus come into personal touch with educational and philanthropic institutions in Ankara, Istanbul, Adana, Tarsus, and Izmir.

Dr. Alford Carleton of Aleppo College has taken advantage of the spring vacation in Aleppo to travel with Mr. Iverson, and has also visited Talas. He returns to Syria on Tuesday the 14th.

Very truly yours, Luther R. Fowle.

Dear Friends:

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond White of Mardin made an Easter trip to Jerusalem by train to Aleppo and car from thence to Damascus where Wesley, coming from Beirut for spring vacation, joined them for the continuation of the trip. With letters from the Syrian Church head in Mardin they found entertainment at the Syrian Monastery in Jerusalem. Three hundred other pilgrims found hospitality there, there being sometimes three families to a room. The Whites report that only at the service of the Holy Fire in the Holy Sepulchre the day before Easter did they find discomfort from the crowds gathered. They expected to return via Jericho, Dead Sea, Emmaus and Nablus.

The undersigned made the trip to Damascus in the car with the Whites on Palm Sunday, saw as much as possible of the antiquities for which Damascus is noted on Monday morning (in the rain) and returned to Aleppo by evening. Lacking necessary information to complete work on old Beirut station account books, she returned to Istanbul on the Wednesday Taurus Express as far as Kayseri where a day was spent in Talas. It was a privilege to attend the Thursday night devotional service led by John Scott, with Mr. Carleton assisting in the Communion Service.

Aleppo College and Girls' High School began two weeks of spring vacation with the evening of March 27th. The Misses Armstrong, Lucas and Marken left by car the following Tuesday morning for Adana and Tarsus, spending the night on the way at Antioch and also part of the next day. Heavy rain made the trip not as enjoyable as anticipated as also the long wait at a repair shop till a fourth attempt produced successfully a new bolt to replace a broken one in the car. From Adana they continued on to Gaziantep for Easter.

Miss Frances Copeland, teacher at the Beirut Community School and whose father is on the faculty of Aleppo College, spent part of her spring vacation seeing the sights of Istanbul, the guest of Mrs. Black and Arthur Whitman of Robert College. Both she and Arthur are graduated of Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington.

Mrs. Ruby Birge arrived home yesterday morning from her trip to America last December to visit her family and confer on business matters connected with Dr. Birge's project with the Rockefeller Foundation. Mrs. Birge flew to London where she was joined by her cousins Mr. and Mrs. Truman Safford (sister to Mary Brackett who spent the school year of 1927-28 at the Scutari School) in the flight to Holland. From there they travelled by train and bus across Europe to Naples, where Mr. Safford took the "Independence" home to America. Mrs. Safford has accompanied Mrs. Birge to Istanbul for a short visit, after their two-day stop in Athens where Mrs. Birge attended the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pierce College Board of Managers.

Miss Jeanette Odell, formerly principal of our Merzifon Girls School, writes from her home at Greencastle, Indiana-where she keeps busy supervising her farm - of the visit there with her of Bayan Mahmure Ergüven during her Christmas vacation. Bayan Mahmure, a pupil of our Merzifon and graduate of our Scutari Schools, is attending Columbia University this year. On her Sunday in Greencastle she spoke at the regular service, at an adult S.S. class and at the African M.E. in the evening. She was much interested in our American colleges and with Miss Odell saw something of Butler University in Indianapolis where Miss Odell's nephew is on the faculty, and of De Pauw University where Prof. Jervis Fulmer (formerly of Robert College in the late 20s) is head of the Chemistry department. Bayan Mahmure is impressed with the friendliness of America as exemplified by the woman she met on the bus as she returned east, who, a complete stranger, devoted half a day to showing her Niagara Falls.

Mr. Roger Blatter who has been visiting his sister Miss Dorothy Blatter, returned by Pan American on Wednesday to his home in Albion, Nebraska.

Sincerely yours,
Elvesta T. Leslie

No. 369

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, April 25, 1953.

Dear Friends:

Dr. Nute is reported to have arrived in Gaziantep on April 20th, coming via Adana.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward Clark Riggs arrived in Istanbul on the Taurus Express of April 21st, and are the guests of the Mac-Neals at Robert College. They are both fourth generation missionaries. Miss Frances L. Whitaker, whose mother was a Gulick, began service as a nurse in China in 1946, the same year that Dr. Clark began there. Two years later they were married, and served in China till 1950, when they were transferred to the Madura Mission, where Dr. Riggs has been consultant for work for lepers and district preventative health work. The family has recently spent six months with a village as their center, and clinics under trees in neighboring villages, with emphasis on work for lepers. Joy and Louis are the children who give joy to all friends.

With the Riggs family as they travel to America is Miss Miriam Brown, who, after educational and social work in the Criminal Tribes Settlement, and other teaching, has since 1948 been manager of the Lucy Perry Noble Institute in Madhurai. This evening the Station is having a supper to visit with our guests from India.

Nine teachers from Uskudar, taking advantage of the holidays, took a two day trip to Edirne, where they were unexpectedly met by a delegation from the Turk-American Club of the city. Club members gave much time and effort to making the visit of our teachers a grand success.

Dr. Warren Wilson and his wife Myrtle Nolan Wilson, of Northfield, Minnesota, paid us a visit from April 10th to 19th. They are making a tour of Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean. Mrs. Wilson came out with the large group in 1920 and, after a year of language study in Istanbul, went to Adana. There she spent the major part of her time as teacher in our Adana school, followed by work for the YWCA in that city, and was then transferred for about two years with the YW in Istanbul.

Mrs. Blake came to Istanbul on Wednesday, and the following day, together with Mr. Bergmark, flew to Iskenderun en route to Aleppo and Beirut for meetings of various Boards of Managers.

General news of our work in Aleppo and Beirut will have to be given in a later issue.

Sincerely,

Wm. Sage Woolworth, Jr.

Dear Friends:

American Visitors. 1953 brings a marked increase in the number of American travellers visiting the eastern Mediterranean. Improved travel and hotel accommodations, governmental consciousness of the economic value of tourist traffic, and widening of mental horizons of large numbers of people in the United States - all contribute to this almost mass migration. Hardly a day passes without phone or visit from friends, or the friends of friends. Many come with some sort of introduction from our own Board, church, or family connections at home. It is a unique opportunity for an organized "public relations" office. Each visitor has a story to tell, and is eager to see and understand.

Steamship and airlines report Atlantic bookings far ahead of any previous year, and the Coronation will add its thousands to the story. Major categories represented are:- research students or teachers with one or two year appointments abroad, university students out to see the world, clergymen deeply interested in Bible Lands, representatives of Relief and Social Agencies, elderly couples making the grand tour, energetic ladies on sabbatical leave from schools in America, often several in a group; special parties conducted in groups, eager to know all about Turkey in 48 hours, as they were earlier in the week in Greece, and expecting to "do" Egypt shortly. With all its inadequacies and imbalance, still this constitutes an important new element in widening the horizons of American citizenry and contributing to the role in world affairs, to which history has brought us.

Tourist rate air travel has this year made possible vacations in Europe for millions of Americans whose holidays of a month or less have heretofore precluded trans-ocean travel. ONE WORLD is happening as never before.

Dr. and Mrs. Vere Loper of the First Church in Berkeley, and recently Moderator of the National Council of Congregational Churches, reached Istanbul this week, with visit with the Blakes in Izmir as the focal point in Turkey. Jack Blake was here to meet them with the Station Wagon, and after half a day in Istanbul, they set out for Izmir. Miss Vivian Little and Miss Ruth Sowter, teachers in the Izmir American School were also of the party. The afternoon drive through Bithynia would give them the night in Bursa, the beautiful early Turkish Capital. Their road to Izmir on the following day will take them through Bergama and Akhissar (Pergamum and Thyatira) before reaching Izmir.

Mr. and Mrs. George Helling, formerly teachers in our schools in Tarsus and Izmir, sail from America in mid-July to spend a year in Turkey in a sociological research project under a Ford Foundation grant. Their winter headquarters will probably be in Ankara. They bring a newly purchased Jeep station wagon with them, which they hope to sell at the end of their study here. Any Station interested please take note.

The President. President Celal Bayar of Turkey recently visited Gaziantep and the surrounding area, and gave his personal support to the project of forestation of the bare surrounding hills by becoming a member of the Tree Club. Thousands of trees have been set out on Dülük Baba, the bare hill north west of Antep, once the site of the pagan worship of Jupiter Dolichus.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Keck of Arizona arrived last week, and are the guests of the Wileys at present. They hope to spend some months in the Near East, and may start shortly for a look-see visit to some of our Stations in southern Anatolia.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle.

No. 371

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, May 9, 1953.

Dear Friends:

On Thursday April 23rd which was Çocuk Bayram or Children's Day in Turkey, Lynda Blake and I flew from Yeşilköy airport here to Iskenderun and proceeded to Aleppo by Dolmuş (full) taxi. Iskenderun was all be-decked for the day with thousands of flags and the town was filled with party-dressed townspeople and villagers. What with the snow-capped anti-Taurus peaks, the deep blue Mediterranean, and the colorful town, holiday was all around. As we rode out of this important seaport and continued thru the fertile province of the Hatay so recently made a part of Turkey, we discovered that much of the holiday excitement was increased because Celal Bayar, the President, was spending a week visiting each village and being entertained in real democratic spirit. Today, the Hatay is an important and integral part of the Turkish Republic and a nationalistic fervor is everywhere apparent.

In Aleppo, we attended the full day sessions of the Aleppo College Board of Managers and heard the fine reports of the College officials. We toured the school and were once again impressed by the material facilities provided for the boys and by the provision for so much character-building education and association. As Dr. Carleton goes on furlough this summer, it was voted that Mr. Thomas Weaver be Acting President of the College for 1953-1954, with Mr. George Miller continuing as Dean and Mr. John Karayusuf as Treasurer. On Saturday evening, April 25th, Mr. Weaver entertained the College community when he presented a recital of piano selections.

On Sunday morning, Mr. Paul Seto preached the sermon at the church service which meets in the chapel of the High School for Girls, and Dr. Carleton preached in the evening at the service conducted each Sunday evening in the new auditorium of Aleppo College.

On Monday, Gladys Lucas, Lynda Blake, Alford Carleton and I motored in a taxi to Beirut with a short sight-seeing stop in Baalbek. Gladys Lucas was on her way home to England in order to be with her parents and the rest of us were journeying to Beirut, first for meetings of the Board of the Near East School of Theology and in the case of Dr. Carleton for meetings of the Near East Christian Council's Executive Committee.

In Beirut, the Reverend Hovhannes Aharonian brought the chief report to the Board meeting of the NEST for he has been Acting Principal this year in the absence of Mr. McMullen on furlough. The school has had a good year and looks forward to significant growth in the future. While I was in Beirut I was most interested in the success to date of the First Armenian Evangelical Church's building program. The Reverend Garabed Tilkian took me on a tour of the Church and told of the thrill that was his when he conducted the Easter service in the unfinished auditorium.

On Wednesday, W. S. Woolworth arrived to attend the NECC meetings and Lynda Blake and Gladys Lucas flew to Istanbul en route to Izmir and England, respectively. On Thursday I returned to Iskenderun by car via Aleppo in order to be there to wave off the Deweys of Gaziantep as they sailed for a six months furlough in America. By Saturday afternoon, after an overnight visit with the Nutes in Adana, I was back in Istanbul and once again more than ever convinced that the American Board outreach in the Middle East is a significant one in a meaningful area.

Sincerely,

David A. Bergmark

Dear Friends:

Mrs. John W. Gibson, member of the Prudential Committee of the American Board from the Kansas area, is visiting the Near East Mission, being met at Tibil by Mr. Isely of Gaziantep as she crossed into Turkey from Syria on May 8th. From Gaziantep her next stop was Tarsus where she has been visiting this week. To-morrow she leaves there for Talas and her schedule calls for a plane trip to Izmir on Thursday after a stop-over in Ankara.

Mrs. Edith H. Bailey (whose son Howland Bailey was a tutor in Tarsus in 1937) and daughter Miss Edith Bailey, who is Director of Religious Education for Plymouth Church, Minneapolis, arrived in this city Sunday evening, the 10th from Athens. After visits at our Scutari School for Girls and with our mission groups, they left on Thursday for Ankara and Talas. In this latter place they are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Scott who are the field representatives of Plymouth church. The Baileys go on to India after completing their visit to our mission. There Miss Bailey will spend some time in the School supported by the Minneapolis Plymouth Church.

Dr. and Mrs. Lorrin Shepard are announcing the arrival on May 6th in Japan of a grandson whose name is Frank Cary.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert King are the parents of a daughter, Sharon Louise born on April 16th. Mr. King is teaching in Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Claypoole arrived here this spring on appointment as Fulbright helper to the Men's Dershane to be in charge of Physical Education and Sports for nine months. Mr. Claypoole has come from a similar position in the Seattle, Wash. YMCA. Mrs. Claypoole is also a trained recreational leader.

The Yar Director of the Dershane, Bay Essad Kural and also Mr. Homer Kalças have recently returned from America where they have been for special training during the winter.

The Dershane Dernegi in April completed a successful finance effort for scholarships for the Dershane.

Talas Boys' School celebrated their third annual Spring Festival of Sports last Saturday and to-day the Scutari Girls' School, after a year's lapse, is observing their old-time May Day festivities.

Word from the Lyman MacCallums who have been enjoying the English springtime and visits with Elizabeth at Oxford, is that they fly on May 24th to Athens for a brief visit and expect to be in Istanbul by the end of the month.

Dr. Alfred Guillaume, professor of Arabic at the School of Oriental and African Studies of London University, has just completed delivering a series of five lectures at the Istanbul University. The subject was in the field of Moslem and Christian Theology and Literary Criticism and study of the early sources of Moslem writings, the Traditions, and the early scholars.

Dr. Guillaume lectures in English, each major section of his lecture being then translated into Turkish, read from a carefully prepared text. It is reported that the lectures will subsequently appear in printed form.

A letter from Anne Goodykoontz states that her marriage to William Edmonds will take place June 6th in Boulder, Colo. Mr. Edmonds will continue his studies next year at McGill University with a Ford Foundation grant and Anne will teach in Montreal schools under the Protestant School Board. The following year they look forward to study of Village Life in Turkey under the Ford Foundation.

Sincerely yours,
Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

Mr. Woolworth's May 23rd issue, in which he was planning to bring us up to date on events in Beirut and Aleppo in his special series from North-west to South-east, was not ready for press in time and will be issued in June. There was thus no May 23rd letter.

The 500th Anniversary of the conquest of Constantinople was celebrated yesterday with a short parade from the city walls to the Fatih Mosque. The day became a holiday for many as the day progressed. The officials of the city had planned many separate observances for the day including the opening of the new Orta School on the hill above Rumeli Hisar and of another near the Fatih Mosque, but there had been no real coordination of all the events into a large celebration with holiday decree by the Government. The evidence of careful planning beforehand only really came into view after nightfall when the lights were turned on all over the city.

Viewed from the Bosphorus from a ferryboat, the city had become a veritable fairyland. The mosques of the Conqueror and Süleyman stood out on the horizon like gleaming marble replicas of the originals suspended from heaven and surrounded by the stars. The Maiden's Tower at the point where the Sea of Marmara becomes the Bosphorus, seemed phosphorescent. The flood-lighting of many of the other public buildings with tremendous Turkish flags flying in the evening breeze brought reality back into the picture. By the time one reached the castles of Anadolu Hisar and Rumeli Hisar, the climax of all the flood-lighting was unfolded for one viewed those breath-taking castles bathed in an amber glow. All this combined with a full moon made it a sight to remember.

Many celebrators rather than milling around aimlessly in the crowds which gathered here and there in the public squares of the city, spent the day lined up in the main Post Office waiting to buy a series of the special stamps issued for the celebration and to have first-day covers specially cancelled. Issued in twelve denominations, the stamps make a fine pictorial representation of the day's significance. The 40 kuruş stamp is especially fine, showing Mohammed II and Gennadius Scholaris in a Byzantine setting with Mohammed tolerantly restoring the symbols of spiritual power to the Eastern Church. Mohammed II's friendliness and open recognition of the Church contributed toward dispelling the gloom and dark of the Middle Ages and, some say, saved the Orthodox Church.

Word from the Olanders tells of a fall. Daughter Marion tripped in the stairs at home and suffered a painful sprain of her ankle which became so serious that it had to be put in a cast for six weeks. The cast will probably be removed while she is enroute with her family travelling to St. Andrews in Scotland for the International Council Meeting there during the last week of June.

Mary Morrill Tius and her husband Tony are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of Mark Anthony who was born April 18th in Izmir.

Jim and Fran Dittes are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of Lawrence William who was born on May 6th. Their address is 70 Central Avenue, Apartment 69, New Haven 15, Conn.

Miss Wilhelmine Cormann arrived on May 17th from Germany and immediately went on by train to Talas where she will take Mrs. Block's place as matron. Mrs. Block will fly to London on June 7th and sail on the S.S. "Queen Elizabeth" on June 11th for New York for furlough and retirement.

Sincerely,

David A. Bergmark

Dear Friends:

1453-1953: 500th anniversary observations: Throughout the past week the city has been beautifully illuminated at night. Brilliant fire-work displays take place from various parts of the city - from the former War Department, now the University; from Seraglio Point; from the Scutari shore; from the Exposition Building, far up the Dolma Bagçe valley near Harbiye.

The flood-lighted Conqueror's Mosque is in a bower of light, from six powerful search-lights located some distance from the building, the beams of which meet high over the central dome, and shoot on in widening lines till lost in the clouds. Between the lighted minarets of Süleymaniye, the illuminated inscription read "Rest in light, Oh Conqueror".

Farewell party: Istanbul Station met at the Bergmarks' for last Thursday's Station Meeting, followed by supper in the garden, which was a farewell party for Mrs. Emily Block of the Talas School, and Mrs. Bessie Lyman, both returning to America for furlough and retirement. Mrs. Block has given fine service for 33 years, primarily in the Tarsus and Talas Schools, where she has supervised kitchens and dining-rooms, and been house-mother and friend to the boys. Mrs. Lyman joined the Mission in 1913 as teacher of music at the Marash Girls' College. After the First World War and the closing of work in Marash, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman returned to America for some years, returning later to engage in general work, particularly with the Evangelical church people in Istanbul. In training of various choirs and choruses, and visitation in many homes, the Lymans made a unique place for themselves. More recently, Mrs. Lyman has lived in the Bible House and been in charge of the Mission Library, along with her other interests.

Mrs. Lyman plans to travel homeward via the Far East, to settle with a sister in the family home in Nelson, N. H. Mrs. Block hopes to live in Pilgrim Place, Claremont, Calif., where she will be with Adelaide Dwight and many others who have served in the Near East.

Miss Betty Richmond: After three years of fine service at the Scutari School, Miss Richmond left for America on June 5th per S. S. Barletta. She plans to travel extensively in Europe, attending various musical festivals, and sails from England in late July. She will be greatly missed from our Circle here.

Izmir School trip to Italy: On the morning of June 5th twenty-six girls from the American Collegiate Institute in Izmir, accompanied by three ladies of the Staff and by Mr. Blake, gathered at the Customs House, and after requisite formalities boarded the S. S. Ankara for Naples. They will have 18 days in Italy, their program arranged with valuable help from an Italian Commission to aid groups visiting Italy for cultural purposes. Their return sailing is scheduled from Genoa for June 26th, and in the interval, as they move northward, they will see the sights in a dozen historical and artistic centers of Italy. Jack Blake is managing travel and hotel arrangements, and finances, and only a few grey hairs were to be seen when they left the Galata quay.

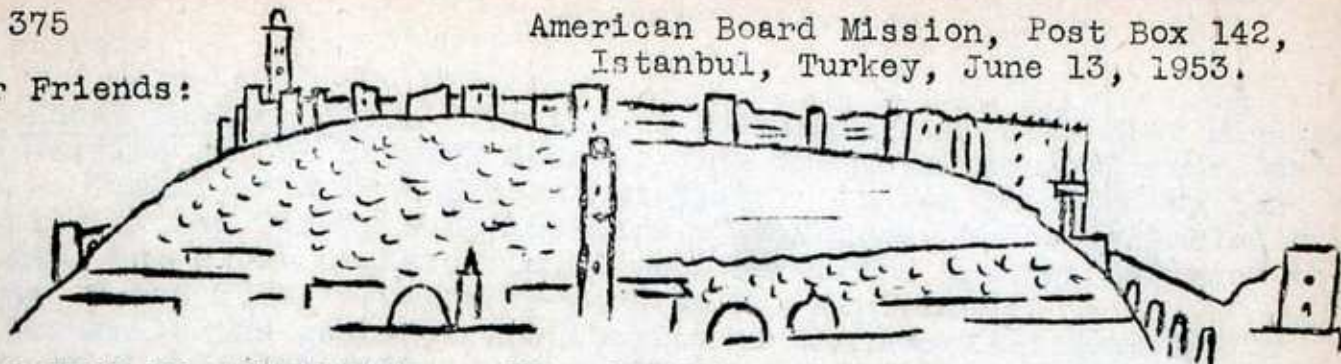
The MacCallums: Mr. and Mrs. Lyman MacCallum have returned from a six week holiday in England during which they visited with daughter Elizabeth at Oxford, and the Roberts relatives in Brighton and Chalfont. Of course there were renewed relationships with the B. & F. Bible Society which Lyman represents in this area. A week was spent in Athens on the return trip, where Mrs. F. W. MacCallum had spent the interval visiting Miss Emily MacCallum. It is good to have them all back again in the top floor apartment of the Bible House.

Very truly yours,
Luther R. Fowle.

No. 375

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, June 13, 1953.

Dear Friends:



NORTH WEST TO SOUTH EAST. IX. ALEPPO and BEIRUT

Miss Lucas, principal of the American High School for Girls in Aleppo, left for early furlough in April, and Miss Armstrong has taken her place. Miss Marken of our Mission and Miss Winger of the Presbyterians are the other members of the staff. Enrollment, 290. The school prepares for the (British) General Education Examination, and for the Syrian "brevet". It is adding preparation for the baccalaureate. The kindergarden and lower grades are being transferred to the management of the Synod of Syria.

Dr. Carleton has spent considerable time this year in travel for our American Board and for the Ford Foundation. Mrs. Carleton, Mr. Miller, and Miss Bright of our Mission have carried on continuously at the College, together with Mr. Weaver, Presbyterian, who will be acting president this next year.

The College enrollment has been 510, including eleven Aramco scholarship students. Ford and Aramco grants are making possible extensive improvements in plant and equipment. The College is beginning to prepare all Arabic-speaking Syrian students for government examinations.

The visit in Aleppo during April of the Emir Sa'ud, Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, made a grand occasion for all, including the schools.

Rev. and Mrs. Horace McMullen of Beirut have been spending their furlough at Princeton, where he has been working on a doctorate in Theology. Together with Garrett, Margaret, Laura, and Daniel Whitman (who joined the family in January), they plan to sail for Beirut on August 15th.

Meanwhile Rev. Hovhannes Aharonian, Executive Secretary of the Armenian Evangelical Union, and a member of the Bible Lands Union for Christian Education, has been acting as president of the Near East School of Theology; and Mr. Daud Yusuf, of the CCSC in Lebanon, has added Mr. McMullen's duties there to his own. The CCSC conducts educational, recreational, and relief activities in the Lebanon area in connection with the Near East Christian Council.

Dr. John Scammon of Andover-Newton Seminary, on Sabbatical leave, has taught at the NEST and done library work at the University. The daughter Ruth, Junior at the College for Women, has rejoiced in her share in the college radio station, which not only gives programs in the college, but records programs which are given over the official Lebanon radio.

Our Mission is minor partner with the Armenian Evangelical Union in caring for 27 congregations in Syria and the Lebanon. The Union is full partner in the work of the School of Theology and Aleppo College, with the High School for Girls under consideration. The Synod of Syria (Presbyterian origins) is similarly a partner; and the Arab Evangelical Episcopal Community also shares in the School of Theology.

Sincerely,

Wm. Sager Woolworth

Dear Friends:

Annual Meeting 1953. The Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission is in session at the Scutari School, with delegates from all our Stations in Turkey, and from Greece and Syria. It was preceded by the gathering of the Turkey Schools Board of Managers, which assembled on the 24th, the first organizational meeting of the Mission being on the evening of the 26th. Further report in our next issue.

Meanwhile the generous hospitality of the American Academy for Girls and the delightfully cool weather contribute to make the gathering one of pleasure and refreshment, as well as of requisite business.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maynard of Tarsus, after attending the early sessions of Annual Meeting, left for travel in Europe en route to America for their furlough year. Mr. Robert Avery will be Director of the Tarsus school during their absence.

The Tea Hour at Annual Meeting gives opportunity to celebrate the many birthdays. If but one may be mentioned, it was the 88th birthday of Mrs. F. W. MacCallum, to whom all delight to render honor.

On one such occasion there was special recognition of the services of four of our circle, all of whom joined the Mission before the First War, and who this year go on furlough leading to retirement. They were Miss Leonore Douglass of Bulgaria and Izmir; Dr. Ruth Parmelee of Athens; Mrs. Bessie Lyman of Marash and Istanbul; and Miss Olive Greene of Izmir. This occasion was closed by a grand march, in the order of arrival in the Mission whether by birth or appointment. This placed at the head of the procession Mr. Emerson Christie, born in Marash in 1878, who is here to visit his sister, Mrs. W. L. Nute Sr., and to note the great changes in the land between the "then" of his childhood, and the "now".

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Swift of Talas and their three little sons who came to us two years ago on their withdrawal from China, started on July 3rd for furlough in America after attending the major part of Annual Meeting sessions.

Dr. and Mrs. Wilson F. Dodd. The Dodds arrived from America on June 30th on the S. S. Ankara, in time to meet the Mission circle gathered at Annual Meeting. They will proceed shortly to Talas, where Dr. Dodd will take up the Clinic work formerly directed by Dr. Nute Sr., who at present is directing the Gaziantep American Hospital during the Dewey furlough.

On the same trip of the Ankara, there arrived safely the party of 26 girls and two teachers from our Izmir School, after travel of eighteen days in Italy, with a brief visit to Innsbruck. All well! Somewhat weary, but very gay and happy.

Engagement: Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Nilson have announced the engagement of their daughter May to Mr. Joseph Inscoe, who has just completed his term of teaching at Robert College.

The Admiral Bristol Hospital. The spring Community Party in the interest of the Admiral Bristol Hospital took place on June 20th at the Consulate General. Consul General Robert Macatee, Dr. Lorrin Shepard, and the Hon. Adlai Stevenson were in the receiving line. Mr. Stevenson is on the homeward stretch of his round-the-world-trip, and after two days in Ankara during which he met the leaders of the Turkish Republic, and saw for himself the vigorous activity of Turkey in many lines, he spent a short period in Istanbul before continuing westward.

The Hospital Party this year took the form of a County Fair, with nine booths dispensing flowers, eats and drinks; offering games of chance or skill; and even an expert fortune teller and a skilled artist to quickly draw your picture. Of course there was music and dancing, and the Community surely had a good time.

Very truly yours, Luther R. Fowle.

Dear Friends:

Preparation for Annual Meeting and attendance at it in Scutari are responsible for the omission of a couple of issues of this sheet. The Meeting ended on Tuesday afternoon, July 7th. The final reading of the Minutes occurred that evening and Wednesday evening in the group still in residence at Scutari.

Of special interest at the Meeting were:

Talks by Dr. Alford Carleton and Dr. Park Johnson (Field representative of the Presbyterian Board in Syria-Lebanon) on Open and Closed Doors and the discussions following, on points made and questions that had been raised.

Consideration of special problems in each of the three areas of the Mission.

Mr. Everett Blake's talk on Christianity and Communism and discussion thereon.

The recommendation of a Plan of Advance listing twenty-four items, six of which had to do with building projects, these all being assembled in order of priority.

The Tea-time recognition of birthdays, of the years-long services of those of our associates leaving this year for furlough retirement - Mrs. Lyman, Misses Douglass, Greene, Parmelee - and of Miss Verkin Alexanian, retiring this year from the Scutari School, who has done so much for the personal comfort of those attending about twenty-five years of Annual Meetings held at the Scutari School.

The Devotional sessions held in the last period of the morning, in which the choir under the able direction of Mrs. Bergmark made a valuable and beautiful contribution.

The Memorial Service had the last Sunday evening, conducted by Mr. Everett Blake, for the nine members of the Mission Fellowship who had passed away since 1952 Annual Meeting. Tributes were paid to the memory of Dr. Birge, Mr. Maynard, Mrs. Violet Bond Kennedy, Miss Grace Knapp, Mrs. Elona Thom Frier, Mrs. Genevieve Irwin, Dr. Mark Ward, Mrs. Lydia Flint and Mr. Charles Riggs by those who had had special association with these members.

The attendance of "children of the Mission" not ordinarily here: Mr. Emerson Christie, Dr. Dodd, Dorothy Dodd, Dorothy Birge, Constance Shepard, Louise Wiley, Jacklyn Blake, Roxanne and Deborah Scott, Alan Kesselheim, Eric, Larrie and Alan Swift, Wesley White.

The Fourth of July picnic at the Cadde Bostan Girls' Service Centre Camp on the Marmora, and reception at the Consulate in the evening.

Miss Priscilla Birge and Miss Helen Opie accompanied Dorothy Birge from America and are spending the summer here with her. All are devoting some time to special activities such as Camp Counsellor, assistant in the Centre, and work with the USIS in English language training for Turkish teachers.

Mrs. Riess returning to Athens, Dr. Carleton, to join Mrs. Carleton and Caroline in Italy, and the Swift family left on furlough travel to America before the end of the meeting.

Misses McGinnis, Potter and Schönheit of the Scutari school on July 2nd started on a vacation trip to include Iskenderun, Antioch, Damascus, Jordan and Egypt.

Mrs. Claiborne of Izmir ACI accompanied Miss Douglass as far as Yugoslavia, Austria and Germany. Misses Egly and Dunbar left on the 3rd for Italy and Germany. Misses Millett and Morgan left on the 7th on a ship to the Black Sea. They will go across Turkey to Damascus and Beirut before returning to Izmir for language study in August, and Scutari in September.

Many of our term associates are giving time this summer either before or after trips, to summer service in their own or other stations. Mr. Matthews of Talas will assist Mr. Nilson in the Mardin area. Miss Marken of Aleppo AEGS is helping with the mission publicity pamphlet and in the mission library.

Sincerely yours,
Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

This is the season of the year when cards and letters come from vacationers and travelers, who, in rest and recreation, new sights and activities, are refreshing themselves for the coming winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Isely write that after Annual Meeting they journeyed with Gene Blumenfeld to Ankara where they were guests of Mitat Enç and visited Mitat's School for the blind. This fall the school will have 100 blind pupils who are being trained for teaching blind, deaf and dumb, and handicapped children. Last year out of 400 applicants, 40 were selected for training. This year's 40 will have to be chosen from 700 applicants. Thus Turkey is moving ahead to train teachers to take care of its handicapped. Leaving Ankara, the Iselys and Gene went to Talas where they joined Mrs. Bessie Lyman, Mrs. William Nute, Sr., and Mr. Christie, Mrs. Nute's brother, for a motor trip via Goksun, the Tekir Su valley, and Marash to Gaziantep, a memorable trip with magnificent scenery.

Mrs. Bessie Lyman plans to spend a few days in Marash, then on to Iskenderun, Antakya, Aleppo, Beirut and Jerusalem.

At the close of Annual Meeting, Dr. William Nute, Jr. joined his family in Namrun where Ginger Nute had been looking after the combined families of young Averys and Nutes, several of whom had had whooping cough. Later Donn and Chelsea Kesselheim with Luther Fowle arrived to complete the Namrun group for the summer.

Harriet and Paul Nilson write that Bill Matthews of Talas, who is giving his month of summer service at Mardin, is a great help to Paul on his village trips. The Nilsons have enjoyed a week's visit from daughter May and they are looking forward to having daughter Dorothy and her husband Jim Fyfe with them in August. Professor and Mrs. Laurens Seelye of Robert College also spent a day with the Nilsons at Mardin.

The Paul Olanders, returning from the International Congregational Conference at St. Andrews, Scotland, are vacationing in the Dutch town of Zwammerdam, living in the parsonage while the pastor is away. In spite of only three non-rainy days, their spirits are not dampened.

Two Izmirlis, Miss Edith L. Douglass who is retiring from the American Collegiate Institute, and Mrs. Mattie Claiborne, send word of a delightful sojourn in Jugoslavia and were about to begin a round of sightseeing in Vienna and Salzburg.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sage Woolworth, Jr. left Istanbul on July 17 on the Barletta for Venice. From Italy they will travel by bus to Paris where they will meet son Bob. Thence, on to America for a year of furlough, after some time spent in Norway.

Miss Angie Ducas, 1945-1949 at Scutari, completed her teaching year at the Framingham High School and for July and August has part-time secretarial work at the University of Vermont in Burlington. A 1953 Ford is a part of the summer picture. Angie was looking forward to a visit from Dora and Albert Dewey.

Ali Can was born on July 6 to Ali and Sylvia Leamon Seden. (Sylvia taught at the American Collegiate Institute in Izmir for the year 1951-52.) The Sedens have recently left Ankara and are now living in Istanbul.

Sincerely yours,

David A. Bergmark

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, July 25, 1953.

Dear Friends:

Mr. Everett C. Blake flew in from Izmir on Monday, his errand being the delightful assignment of welcoming their daughter-in-law, Barbara, Mrs. John Blake. John is to be attached to NATO headquarters in Izmir some time in the near future.

Making use of Mr. Blake's presence in the city a Merzifon tea was held in Miss Blatter's home. Some eight graduates and former students joined Miss Blatter, Miss Martin and Mr. Blake in chatting about school days as well as present activities.

Among guests in our city this week have been Dr. and Mrs. Buell Gallagher. Dr. Gallagher, formerly on the Doane faculty, President of Talladega College, is now the President of the University of the City of New York. Those in residence in Üsküdar enjoyed talking with Dr. and Mrs. Gallagher at tea on Sunday. Miss Cornelia Roberts who was for some years at the Istanbul College for Girls, has also been showing several friends her old haunts in and about the city.

Istanbul is Navy conscious this week with a detachment of the American Sixth Fleet in port as well as ships from the Indian, and Yugo Slav navies. Parties for children on two different days were held on the Flag Ship Salem. The American Community is once more making possible a U. S. O. canteen for the enlisted men.

Letters have begun to come in from associates en route to America. Dr. Parmelee and Miss Bicknell report a restful trip with the White family as far as Naples.

Mr. and Mrs. Woolworth write of "a comfortable ship, lovely sea, good steamer chair giving a fine start on our trip". The White family, Dr. Parmelee and Miss Bicknell left Istanbul aboard the steamer Abaz-zia, July 9th, and Mr. and Mrs. Woolworth, on the Barletta on July 17th. Mrs. J. K. Lyman writes of her flight to Kayseri which was somewhat "bumpy", though she arrived "intact". She went on from Talas by car via Marash with Mr. and Mrs. Isely, Mrs. Nute, Mr. Christie and Gene Blumenfeld. She expects to go to Kerhan the end of July and after a few days there start once more on her journey south to Aleppo and Beirut. All of this is part of her "round the world" return to America.

The Publication Department is happy to announce the arrival of two new books for children, "paste ins", BUSY TIMMY and JERRY AT SCHOOL. They are ready for your orders.

Miss Jessie Martin left Friday morning by steamer for a Black Sea Trip.

Miss Alice Reed of the Üsküdar School, Secretary elect of the Near East Mission has chosen Mrs. Lyman's room off the Mission Library as her office. She has announced that, for the period of the Language School in Izmir which she will be attending, this office will be closed. All necessary communications should be sent to her at the Izmir school.

Sincerely yours,

Ruby P. Birge

Dear Friends:

Dr. and Mrs. Lorrin Shepard and Constance returned on Tuesday from their Black Sea trip. From Trabzon they visited Erivan, Erzurum, Kars, Erzincan. On this trip they went over the mountain road which Dr. Shepard travelled in winter deep snow years ago at the time of the great earthquake at Erzincan. They took Turkish steamer from Samsoun in returning home.

Miss Florence Chapin arrived here this week for service at the Admiral Bristol Hospital. She had her nurse's training at Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, N.Y. and took her M.S. degree at Rochester University. She has spent the last five years in France, two of them at the American Hospital, Paris, one year at the Sorbonne, and the last two years she has been with UNESCO in Paris.

Miss Faith Winger of the American High School for Girls in Aleppo, together with Miss Katharine Hand, from the Girls' and Boys' Schools of the Presbyterian Board in Tripoli, are spending a week or more sight-seeing in Istanbul. They are staying with Miss Dorothy Blatter in Scutari.

Miss Edith Marken who has been working in the Mission Library since Annual Meeting, left for Athens this week for a short stay, but will return here on her way back to Aleppo.

Luther Fowle, after spending two weeks in Namrun with the Avery-Kesselheim-Nute families, is making a short visit to Gaziantep with plan to return to Istanbul next Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Young of the Men's Dershane with David and Maja left yesterday on the "Barletta" for furlough in America.

Pres. Carl and Mrs. Compton have had the pleasure this past year of the company of their son Billy, who has been teaching in Anatolia College, and his wife Mary and their small Dickie. Dickie is staying with his grandparents while his father and mother are on vacation in Italy. Esther is also at home while her husband, who is a Captain in the British Army, is in Korea. Carl and Ruth Compton expect to drive to Austria this month with Ann and Charlie House.

Miss Jessie Martin returned this week from a ten day trip to Hopi on the Black Sea.

Miss Alice Reed from Scutari left to-day for Izmir, accompanied by Dr. Elizabeth Stanton and her Secretary from the Women's College where they will join the group assembling from various summer trips at the Girls' School for Turkish Language Study under the direction of Mrs. Lynda Blake.

Miss Marion Schoenheit has returned from her vacation trip to Lebanon, Syria, Palestine and Egypt and is taking charge of sports and swimming at the Girls' Service Centre Camp at Cadde Bostan in August.

Once again the Kurban Bayram, the Feast of Sacrifice, is upon us. For several weeks bearded gentlemen from Anatolia, many of them wearing long coats and dark berets, have been a feature of our street scenes. These are the pilgrims bound for Mecca. They wander in droves, often carrying the necessary umbrella still in its shop wrapping, and the small can in which they will bring back the portion of Zemzem water which will be laid up till the day when their body is to be washed for its burial. The Turkish State Lines are running nearly a dozen voyages to Jidde and have some of their best ships on the service. On the last days, the State Airlines will take over. Private companies are also chartering small ships to carry pilgrims in the usual crowded style. Estimates of this year's band of pilgrims from Turkey vary all the way from 10,000 to 40,000, with the probability that the former figure is nearer the mark. (FLM)

Sincerely yours, Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

Dr. George H. Huntington, D.D. Cable report has been received of the death in Portland, Maine, on August 2nd of Dr. Huntington, at the age of 75. Dr. Huntington came to Robert College as an instructor in 1900, and as teacher, professor, and vice-president served till 1934, when a crippling attack of polio forced his withdrawal and return to the United States.

Dr. and Mrs. Huntington have given devoted leadership and generous support to many lines of service in Turkey, and the Colleges, the American Board Mission, the Service Centers, the Admiral Bristol Hospital, and many other activities owe much to their vision and interest. This interest has continued in the almost twenty years since their return to America, where their winter home at the Warm Springs Sanitarium, and their summer home at Prout's Neck, Maine, have been centers of refreshment and inspiration for many, and especially for friends associated with activities in Turkey. They had travelled extensively the world over, and had similar creative relationships with benevolent activities in Syria and the Lebanon; in Africa, India, and the Far East.

Throughout the years of physical limitation, Dr. Huntington had shared in heart and mind most effectively, in the world-wide activities to which he had given himself, thus winning through to an assurance and spiritual poise that has been an inspiration to many. The sympathy of our fellowship, and of many of every race and faith in the Near East, and throughout the One World will be with Mrs. Huntington, whose rare devotion has had its full part in making physical misfortune into moral and spiritual victory.

Born: to James and Alison Fowle, a daughter Rebecca, on July 16, 1953. They are spending the summer at the family home in Thetford, Vermont; and return to Cambridge in September, where Jim will again be teaching in the Fine Arts department of Harvard University.

Namrun Yaylasi: The Mission Treasurer has just had the privilege of spending 16 days at the Christie-Nute summer cottages at Namrun, 4000 feet up in the Taurus Mountains, above the hot Cilician Plain. Six children of the Nute, Avery, and Kesselheim families and their mothers were the "steadies", while the men came and went, at the same time covering the daily need of responsible administration at Tarsus College. The Nutes returned to Adana at the end of July, for the August re-opening of the Clinic. Mrs. Nute and the two daughters have gone on to Gaziantep, to visit the Nute Grandparents for a time.

With W. L. Nute Sr., the Iselys, Miss Lovatt and Turkish associates carrying on at the Gaziantep Hospital, it continues to be a busy place this summer. Bed occupancy is gratifying, and the service given is of a high order. Quite unique for high Anatolia is the Hospital garden, with its brilliant flowers, arbors, and lawn areas, where convalescents find health and pleasure.

To this observer, there is a new something in Adana, Antep, and other major cities of Anatolia. It is something more than merely gearing their life to the motor age, and air-plane service. There seems to be a release of individual initiative and of energetic work, that is in some way connected with the democratic spirit, and the atmosphere that goes with the government of the Republic. Aid projects seem to be particularly helpful in Turkey and improved agriculture, better roads, co-operative projects, all accompanied by a certain fluidity in Turkish society, give promise of still better things in the future. In educational, health, and social developments real progress is being made.

Sincerely yours,

Luther R. Fowle

No. 382

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, August 15, 1953.

Dear Friends:

The 500 year old towers at Rumeli Hisar are going to be repaired and restored and the old wooden houses within the walls will be torn down. The Turkish government has appropriated 240 thousand liras for this work and on Thursday the President of the Republic, Celal Bayar, visited the castle and gave personal direction to those planning the restoration. We have heard that the preliminary plans call for the construction of a restaurant for tourists. Meanwhile we are all enjoying the colorful spectacle Friday and Saturday evenings when the amber floodlighting is turned on and the picturesque remains are visible from many interesting vantage points.

Word has been received of two weddings

Albert Warner Dewey, Jr., youngest son of Dr. Albert Dewey of Gaziantep, and Miss Desiree Louisa Bodenhorst of Ambato, Ecuador, were married at the Abbey Memorial Chapel, Mount Holyoke, on Saturday June 6. In September Warner will enter Medical School and Mrs. Dewey will join the Junior Class at McGill University in Montreal.

Carol Egly, who taught in our Izmir Girls School last year, and Arthur Purcell, a Vice Consul in Izmir last year, were married in Milan, Italy on Tuesday August 4. The Purcells are now in Ankara for the time being.

Vacation travelers are coming and going

The Dallas Kecks, who will be teaching in Tarsus this year, stopped in Istanbul overnight on their return from European vacationing and on the morning of August 3rd went to Izmir for language school. Tom Young, who has finished a year of teaching in Tarsus and will teach next year in Aleppo College, stopped here a few days before sailing for Marseilles for a short French vacation. Alice Lindsley has returned from a busy vacation week in Ankara where she visited many of her former pupils. We have had word from Bessie Lyman, who reports good health from Antakya where she was visiting on August 8th and announces that she expects to be in Aleppo until August 20. Mail for Bessie Lyman up to the middle of September should be sent to P. P. 235, Beirut, Lebanon. Word from America tells of an Esplanade Concert Party enjoyed by Ethel Putney and the Fred Goodsells. Ethel Putney is moving at the end of August to 130 Washington Street, Wellesley Hills 82, Mass. to live with Florence Dodge and Mabel Rhoades, old friends of hers.

Dorothy Nilson Fyfe and husband Jim, teaching now in Tarsus are announcing the happy arrival of John Malcolm on August 14th in Gaziantep. Grandparents, Paul and Harriet, in Mardin write that they get away next week for a week of vacation in Van which will include boating on Lake Van at an altitude of 5000 ft. with plans to return to Mardin in order to welcome their first grandchild on a visit with his father and mother for a few weeks of rest before school starts in Tarsus again.

Very truly yours,

David Bergmark

Dear Friends:

The MacCallums: Lyman and Robin MacCallum of the Bible Societies left by plane on the 22nd for two weeks in Beirut, primarily in the administrative interests of the Societies. Happily, Edith MacCallum Laird of the University Library, Beirut, is here with her Mother for her summer holiday.

Recruits: The main group of new and returning personnel for the Mission sailed from New York on August 18th, and hope to catch the Turkish boat of the 29th from Naples, due in Istanbul on September 1st. Miss Harriet Yarrow of Izmir and Ralph Meyering of Talas are with this group.

Forests in Turkey: Reports have come from time to time of growing interest in Reforestation in Gaziantep, where in the past two years thousands of trees have been set out on the Dülük Baba hill, and are protected by guards of the Forestry Department.

Last week a group from the Antep Tree Club visited "Pus Orman" (Forest of the Mists), in the Taurus Mountains east of Pozanti. The President of the Club and daughter; the Forestry Office representative and wife; and several others including Merrill Isely made up the party. At the Forest of Mists they were met and guided by the Forester of that district. There is still an uncult stand of large trees extending over a wide area, at an altitude above and below 3000 ft. It confirms the belief that extensive forests were part of the Anatolian scene centuries ago, before individualistic village economy and the nibbling of goats and sheep stripped the slopes. Stricter enforcement of existing laws against lumber smuggling and unauthorized grazing is now assured through the Forestry Department.

With renewed enthusiasm the visitors from the Gaziantep Tree Club returned, determined to work for the public opinion and Government action that will make the "Forest of the Mists" into a National Forest Park. Unquestionably restoration of forests would contribute much to national economy, to water supply and soil conservation, to agriculture and to public pleasure.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell: Miss Irene Ellis of Dayton, Ohio, and Mr. James Mitchell who taught last year in Talas, were married in Geneva on June 16th. They returned to Istanbul this week, after a summer of travel in France, Germany, and Italy: and will proceed shortly to Izmir as teachers in the American Collegiate Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schinske: After their June wedding, the Schinskes were on duty at the Izmir School for a time when associates travelled or attended Annual Meeting. Their travels since then have included a couple of weeks spent in Athens.

Dr. Lorrin Shepard: Dr. Shepard was successfully operated upon at the Admiral Bristol Hospital on August 28th, when a troublesome gall-bladder was removed.

Mrs. Sophie Hurl, senior member in service of the Mission Publication Department, is spending her holidays in Syria this year, with relatives and friends of her childhood. Among them is her brother, now Cultural Representative in Syria of the Argentine Republic.

Sincerely yours,

Luther R. Fowle

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, September 5, 1953.

Dear Friends:

Mr. and Mrs. (Barbara Burns) George Helling arrived here last Monday evening after driving across Europe in their Willys Jeep-station wagon. They will remain in Turkey at least a year, both doing sociological research under the auspices of the Ford Foundation. After a short stay in Istanbul they expect to start their work in Gaziantep.

Prof. and Mrs. Lincoln Kelsey of the School of Agriculture of Cornell University spent the last days of August in this city after visiting in Gaziantep, Adana and Ankara. They are on their homeward trip following a three month assignment in Iran under the Point Four program. Having been in Turkey under the Near East Relief in 1919-20 and continued their interest in the area thru administrative relationships with the Near East Foundation, the CCSC and American Board, they are deeply aware of the very fundamental change and progress brought to this land by the developments of the past thirty-four years. It is indeed a noteworthy record.

Tuesday of this week (Sept. 1st) was a memorable day for us, marking the arrival on the S.S. Ankara of our large group of new personnel for our schools, of Mrs. Green (age eighty-five) to visit her daughter, Mrs. Mildred Isely, of Miss Clara Engle to Gaziantep Hospital from extended furlough spent in study, and of Miss Harriet Yarrow for our Izmir Girls' School. Mr. Gene Blumenfeld and Mr. Wm. Matthews of Talas were here to help welcome the newcomers. These were:

For Talas: Wm. James Griswold of Pasadena, Calif.

Mrs. Jean Stivor Griswold " "

Thomas Day Goodrich, New York-of China missionary parents

Robert Keller, Penn.

Tarsus: Frank Andrews Stone, Wilmington, Delaware

William Paul Reid, Oberlin, Ohio

Wallace M. Robeson, Janesville, Wisc.

Izmir: Miss Mary Frances Kutz, Calif.

Miss Boulah Wang, Fairivault, Minn.

Miss Fernie Scovel, Forest Grove, Ore., after a year

at home following a three-year term at Scutari.

Scutari: Miss Pauline Bartleman, Carversville, Pa.

The Scutari school entertained members of the Istanbul station at an out-door tea-supper in honor of all the travellers. Mrs. Green had a telephone conversation that evening with her daughter in Gaziantep. She and Miss Engle left on Thursday for their station, those for Izmir-to-day, joined by Miss Martha Dunbar coming from her vacation trip, except that Misses Scovel and Yarrow go Monday, on which day the Talas-Tarsus tutors leave.

This week the Language Study group that has been studying in Izmir for some weeks under the leadership of Mrs. Lynda Blake, has dispersed to take up their year's work at their various institutions, these being: Dr. Stanton, Miss Ajemian, Miss McKillop from the Women's College, Arnautkby, Miss Hallam, Misses Alice Reed, Marie McGinnis, Helen Morgan, Martha Millett, Jean Potter, from the Scutari school, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Keck and Mr. Harold Murray from Tarsus College. In spite of the heat, they report a profitable time spent in study, recreation and trips to the historical sites in the Izmir region.

A Washington news dispatch reports that reorganization of American governmental overseas information operations provides for four Assistant Directors, to be immediately responsible for the four major overseas areas. The Assistant Director for the Near East, South Asia and Africa areas is to be G. Huntington Damon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theron J. Damon and nephew of the late Dr. George Huntington. Huntington Damon grew up in the American Community in Istanbul and in recent years has been here several times in the service of the U.S. Information activities. It is expected that the new Assistant Directors will spend most of their time in the overseas area for which they are responsible.

Sincerely yours, Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

Mr. and Mrs. David Bergmark and children are spending a short vacation in Athens visiting the Paul Olanders. They are expected back next Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nilson flew from Diyarbakir to Van and spent about a week there in August for a holiday and sight-seeing. This included a steamer trip around Lake Van which is forty miles in width and seventy miles long, and surrounded by mountains 3000 to 4000 meters high. They visited several villages along the lake, in one of which is located a Village Institute for 400 boys. From one port, Ahlat, about 50 boys expected to leave this fall for Lycee or University study.

Mrs. Mary Nute, Sr. and her brother, Emerson Christie, have been visiting childhood haunts, such as Marash, and then spent some time in Namrun in early September.

Roger Monroe arrived by train thru Europe last Monday and spent several days in the city before continuing on his journey to Tarsus where he joins the teaching staff of Tarsus College.

Miss Jeanette Davis also arrived in Istanbul this week to teach at the Scutari school for this one year. Miss Davis is on leave from her work as Director of Religious Education at the Plymouth Cong'l Church, Utica, N.Y. At the meeting of our Istanbul mission group on Thursday she told about the work-camp in Norway in which she participated this summer.

Mr. Paul Nilson, Jr. arrived on Tuesday via the Turkish steamer from Naples to take up his work here of assisting Mr. Lyman MacCallum in the Bible Societies. Paul gave us his impressions of America at our station meeting Thursday, while Miss Morgan of the Stucari school recounted the pleasures and routine of Language school study in Izmir in the six weeks previous.

Miss Ethel Putney has written of attending, with Dr. and Mrs. Goodsell and Lincoln Goodsell, the memorial service for Dr. George Huntington held on August 8th at Prout's Neck, Maine, in the little church there - a beautiful service conducted by a Hartford Seminary classmate of Dr. Huntington, in which Dr. Goodsell took part, with Prof. Estes at the organ. Some thirty-one Huntington nieces and nephews with their parents were present. From Istanbul days there were Frank Hewitt, the Misses Mitchell and Ruggles, Edward and Gwen Perry.

Word has been received of the death in Toronto in August of Miss Claribel Pratt, a former member of this mission. Miss Pratt came to teach in the Girls' School in Izmir in 1899, remaining there five years. In 1904 she went to the Girls' School in Marsovan and remained there six years and then returned to Canada. In 1934 she came back to the mission to teach about four years in Athens Junior College at Elleniko. Her sister Louise, who survives her, was with Miss Pratt in Athens for part of this period. In the period 1910 to 1934 Miss Pratt had served at one time as President of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Dr. Albert Dewey had a new granddaughter to visit in America, born to Lynda Dewey Stryker in Paducah, Ky. - Suzanna Barbara on August 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. John Seager and family have been transferred from Izmir to this city where Mr. Seager will have charge from the main office here of sales throughout Turkey. They are occupying Tower Cottage where the Birges have lived since 1947. Fay returned from America on the 13th, due to illnesses in her uncle's family there. Mrs. Birge with Dorothy's help had moved to the apartment in the new Emir Konak building at the Scutari school which the Woolworths occupied last year.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

Six new postage stamps have been issued by the Turkish Post Office to mark the Papal recognition granted to the remains at Panaya Kapulu near Ephesus. The six stamps include the Amphitheatre at Ephesus, 12 kurush, Church of St. John the Apostle and the Acropolis, Ephesus, 15k., Shrine of Mary at Panaya Kapulu, 20 k., Twin Churches of the Great Council of 431 A.D., Ephesus, 40 k., Shrine of the Seven Sleepers, Mount Pion, Ephesus, 60 k., Mary's House, Panaya Kapulu 100 k. Stamps of this series for mailing from Panaya Kapulu or from Ephesus, on August 16th, were franked with a special cancellation.

Dr. Edgar J. Fisher, since 1948 Garter Glass Professor of Government at Sweet Brier College, Virginia, has been appointed Director of Student Affairs of American Friends of the Middle East. Dr. Fisher will coordinate the increasingly extensive activities of the department which include student conventions and personal counseling for the Middle East groups as well as study delegations to and from the United States. Dr. Fisher was Professor of Political Science and Dean of Robert College from 1913 to 1933.

The Turkish newspapers have this week reported the death on September 11th of Dr. Andreas Schwartz who for the past nineteen years has been a member of the faculty of the Law Department of the University of Istanbul. Dr. and Mrs. Schwartz had been spending the summer vacation in Germany and had not yet returned here. Mrs. Schwartz has been a very active member of the Board of Managers of the Service Centre here where she has taught cooking classes, served on the House and Camp committees and been a Camp director. Dr. Schwartz has been a valuable member of the Refugee Committees here. His work at the University has been held in high esteem by his colleagues there.

Early in September the last rails were laid bringing the railroad into Gaziantep and on September 5th the official ceremony was held of the arrival of the engine. Rail service with the first official trainload is to begin on October 30th during the Cumhuriyet Bayram and regular service fitting in with train schedules will then commence.

The Whites of Mardin have as their furlough address 205 College Ave., Winfield, Kansas where they have settled in Raymond's old home town, where all the Whites attended Southwestern College. On August 23rd occurred the first family gathering at the home of daughter Josephine. Son Burnley has just taken up private medical practice in Winfield and been invited to direct the Winfield Hospital as the present doctor is retiring. Son Wesley enters High School. Fern White has been in Seattle for reunion with three classmates of her University of Washington years and there she and Alice Gwinn of Japan addressed church groups on their overseas work. Alice Gwinn who served in Thessaloniki in 1945-47, is returning to Japan after successful cataract operations for which she was sent to America.

Wm. Sage and Pauline Woolworth landed in New York on August 29th and began their vacation with his sister in Greenwich. Dorothy had driven from Oberlin to spend her vacation with her parents. After medical scrutiny in New York they planned to take in Boston on their drive westward. Their Scandinavian trip was most interesting and satisfactory. They reported seeing the "Kontiki" raft and the ship that went on trips to both South and North Poles.

Due to vacations of some of the editors of this sheet and of the Roneo operator, a number of issues have accumulated, thus accounting for the delay of some numbers.

According to the plan made at Annual Meeting whereby each station of the mission would be represented at each Committee and Interim meeting during the year, Mr. Paul Olander attended the September 17th gathering.

Sincerely,

David Bergmark

No. 387

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, September 26, 1953.

Dear Friends;

Mr. Norris Wilson of the Missions Council, flew in quite unexpectedly this week. In order to get to Beirut from Athens, Mr. Wilson found it necessary to come through our city. He is visiting some of the American Board and Congregational-Christian Service Committee work in Greece, Turkey and Lebanon en route to a consultation meeting of the Department of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees of the World Council of Churches. We are anticipating his return to Istanbul for a longer visit next week.

Mrs. Cass Arthur Reed has been among our guests of the week. She has been visiting once more the scenes of her girlhood and renewing friendships of long standing. She goes on to Ankara which she will visit for the first time, and then to Izmir where she lived when her father and later her husband were presidents of the International College. With her are a sister-in-law, Mrs. Lucile Reed Sutherland of Claremont and Mrs. E. B. Earnshaw of Los Angeles.

Miss Jessie Martin not only welcomed some 420 girls to the Scutari Campus on the 23rd when the school opened for the year, but also, by letter, learned of the arrival of a new grandniece, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ripley Tracy. It will be recalled that Mr. and Mrs. Tracy were members of the Scutari Family last year when Mr. Tracy was a Fulbright appointee.

A letter from Mrs. J. K. Lyman reports an interesting stay in Syria and Lebanon. According to plans Mrs. Lyman should now be in Bombay where she may be addressed in care of Mr. Ross Thomas of the InterMission Business office in that city.

Dr. and Mrs. Shepard and daughter, Constance, returned from Izmir where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cevad Orhan. This visit brought to a successful conclusion Dr. Shepard's period of convalescence.

Dorothy Birge flew to Paris for study as a member of the Smith College group under the Junior Year in France Plan. The first six weeks of the year will be spent in Aix-en-Provence where the group will have an orientation period. She had been in Istanbul just under three months.

Word has come that Miss Martha Morrill who recently taught for a three year period at the Istanbul College for Women, will be working for her Master's Degree at Boston University this coming winter.

Registration at the Women's College in Arnautkby on Monday showed 310 Prep. and 267 College students, with about 80 more still to be enrolled.

A letter has come from Miss Ruth Wilkin telling of the death of her father, The Rev. William Wilkin, missionary to the Wichita Indians for thirty years. She taught at the Istanbul College for Women a few years ago. She is now engaged in Girl Scout work in St. Louis, Missouri.

Sincerely,

Ruby P. Birge

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, October 6, 1953.

Dear Friends:

For the seventh time, World-Wide Communion Sunday was observed in Istanbul on October 4th with a joint Worship and Communion service, held this time at the Union Church (Chapel of the Dutch Legation). The service was conducted in Turkish, Armenian, German, Greek, and English, with clergy and people of the various evangelical churches taking part. The international language of music was most impressive as each sang in his own tongue "The Churches One Foundation" and "Ein' feste Burg". A representative of the Ecumenical Patriarchate was a welcome attendant at the service.

The collision of a Turkish submarine and a Swedish freighter in the Dardanelles last April resulted in the loss of 86 Turkish lives. The Turkish Court has this week ruled that the Captain of the freighter was responsible, and has given sentence of six months imprisonment and fine of several hundreds of liras. The Captain having been detained during the six months since the accident, that part of the judgement is considered met in full.

Miss Ethel Lovatt R. N. of the Gaziantep American Hospital has had a few days holiday in Talas, visiting Isabel Hemingway R.N., both being formerly of the Board's medical work in North China. This week-end they drove through the Taurus Mountains to Adana in company with Dr. and Mrs. Wilson Dodd and daughter Dorothy, who will remain in Adana with the Nutes and daughters for a time. Miss Lovatt will continue eastward to her post at Gaziantep, the Dodds and Miss Hemingway returning to the Clinic in Talas.

Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Meyer (Hans Meyer and Sylvia Nilson) arrived on October 6th on the S. S. Barletta, and have started their work at the Scutari School, where they will live in the Emir Konak apartment occupied last year by the Tracy family. With their arrival, one teacher only is still missing, delayed by visa formalities. Alice Shepard Riggs is presumed to have sailed on September 26th and is expected to arrive in Istanbul by Turkish boat on October 13th.

Transportation in Istanbul has changed vastly since the end of the war. Over 14,000 taxis crowd the main traffic routes. The "Trams" are giving way to large municipal busses which make stated runs in every direction. Some privately operated bus lines are still competing. Stone paving is giving way to smooth motor roads, the stretch from the Tunnel to Taksim having been asphalted this fall. Huge trucks reach the city from distant parts of the country, bringing all sorts of products, and return again overloaded with manufactured and imported articles now demanded by the general public. Turkey is on the move, on wheels, as never before. Cars bearing License Plates from Antioch to Adrianople, from Antalya to Trebizond are on every hand. Traffic police, and traffic lights, are part of the picture. And as in other lands, traffic accidents are a daily occurrence. If the pedestrian is not of the "quick" he could very readily be of the other category. Happily there are the ferry services linking both sides of the Bosphorus, the Marmara shoreline, the Islands, and the Golden Horn to the maritime center at the Galata Bridge.

Admiral Bristol Hospital. Final authorization has been received from the Ministry of Health for the increase of beds from 60 to 66, and the opening of the chest-surgery service of the Hospital. The new rooms are on the pent-house level, and greatly needed rooms for internes and the doctor on call are also included in the new construction.

Yours truly,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

ALEPPO STATION NEWS:

Aleppo College has added two young American men teachers this year, C. Thomas Young and Condit Eddy. Mr. Young, who was at Tarsus last year under a Fullbright grant, will teach mathematics, and Mr. Eddy will divide his time between teaching English and studying Arabic. Mr. Eddy was employed in the personnel department of ARAMCO in Abqaiq, Saudi Arabia, the past two years. He is a nephew of Col. William A. Eddy, former minister to Saudi Arabia and now liaison officer between ARAMCO and Saudi Arabia, and a descendant of the Eddy family which served as missionaries in Syria under the Presbyterian board.

With the establishment of a field house by the University of Michigan for a group of research students, the American colony in Aleppo has been increased by twelve adults and three children. The students will devote their time to study of historical and anthropological aspects of Syria. The adult members are Dr. and Mrs. William D. Schroger, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Torrey, Mr. and Mrs. James Young, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Horton, Miss Louise Sweet, and Mr. Benton Murray. Mrs. Young will teach English in the girls school and Mrs. Garrison will be librarian at the college. Dr. Schroger is director. He and his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Horton have formerly served in the Middle East. Before her marriage, Mrs. Schroger, as Ame Boyle, taught in the community school in Beirut. The Hortons are back after a two years' absence spent in Cambridge, Mass. Both were with UNRWA in Beirut and Gaza for several years and left in June, 1951. Mr. Horton is the son of Dr. Douglas Horton, prominent clergyman in the States.

The opening of Aleppo College and the Girls' School, along with other secondary schools, was postponed from September 28 to October 12, by order of the department of education of Syria. The election of deputies to Parliament takes place October 9 and the schools will be used as voting places.

Miss Helen Cassile, permanent appointee of the Presbyterian Board, has been elected Principal of the Girls' High School as successor to Miss Lucas who is home in England on indefinite leave. Miss Cassile taught English in the High School from 1946 to 1950. For the past two years she has been at Nabatich, Lebanon.

Aleppo Station has received word that Dr. and Mrs. Carleton are pleasantly situated at 55 Pleasant St., Hartford, Conn., while Dr. Carleton makes Hartford Seminary his headquarters the first half of his furlough. He plans to be at the University of California, Berkeley, the second semester. Caroline is a freshman at Oberlin College where Anne is a senior.

Dr. Carleton took part in a twelve-day colloquium on Islamic culture in its relation to the contemporary world held at Princeton University in September. The meeting was sponsored by Princeton University and the Library of Congress and was the first of its type ever held in the States. Forty eminent scholars from eleven Near East countries and Moslem specialists from American universities and educational foundations attended. The meeting reflected the growing mutual interests and relationships between the people of many Near East lands and the United States.

Mrs. Paul Copeland has joined her husband, Paul Copeland, who came out last year to teach English at Aleppo College under a two-year appointment through the Smith-Mundt Act. Mrs. Copeland is a sister of Dr. Stephen Penrose, president of the American University at Beirut. Mr. Copeland plans to remain on at the college after the expiration of his Smith-Mundt appointment.

Edith Marken, Guest Editor

Dear Friends:

The Rev. Horace McMullen and family arrived in Beirut on September 18th to resume his position as Principal of the Near East School of Theology. They came on the "Mohammed Ali" from America where they had spent in 1952-53 their first furlough period. They had made their home in Princeton where Mr. McMullen was studying at the University.

Mr. and Mrs. Nilson are looking after seven children from four villages who are in their hostel for Village Children in their Mardin mission compound. These children are thus able to attend the Mardin Turkish schools, -Lise, Sanaat, -not available to them otherwise, and include two from a village without a primary school.

Gaziantep Hastanesi expects three new recruits for student nursing training this month to replace the three who have just finished a three year period of training. Two of these who have İlk Okulu Diplomas are taking the government examinations to obtain the requisite nursing certificates.

Mrs. Alice Riggs arrived from America on Tuesday on the S.S. Ankara from Piraeus after making a side trip to Thessaloniki from Naples by plane. Her arrival completes the list of teachers for the Scutari Girls' School for this year.

Dr. and Mrs. Lorin Shepard are in Izmir yesterday and to-day to attend the annual party there of friends of the Admiral Bristol Hospital. They expect to return to-morrow.

The Rev. Franklin P. Cole who has just completed an eleven year pastorate at the Forest Hills Congregational Church on Long Island and is a member of the Prudential Committee of the Board, is spending a few days in Istanbul. This is an interim trip to the Mediterranean with Mrs. Cole, who remained in Italy while he visited Beirut, Damascus, Jerusalem, Athens, before they begin a new pastorate in the large La-Grange, Illinois Congregational Church.

Mrs. George Huntington and a number of Turkey friends are being entertained at tea to-day by Mrs. F. F. Goodsell. After visits in Boston, Princeton, Riverdale, Mrs. Huntington and Miss VanZandt expect to be in Warm Springs about November 17. The annual "Istanbul Tea" will be held in New York on November 6th.

The official opening and dedication of the new building of the Girls' Service Centre took place last evening. The building is situated in Cihangir at 24 Uzogul Sokak about twelve minutes' walk from Taksim, not far from the German Hospital on the hillside toward the Bosphorus of which it commands a magnificent view. After inspection of the new Centre which has been newly painted outside and redecorated inside, the guests listened to a program whose main features were speeches by the Vali, and American Consul General, greetings announced from many friends (including those from Associations in Japan, Siam, So. Korea), dedication of the building to the girls and women of Turkey by Mrs. Birge and acceptance by Bayan Mehlika Bagarir, music by Bayan Iffet Esin and Mme. Jongejans. It had been hoped that the two women who had made possible this new building, Mrs. George F. Jewett and Mrs. George H. Huntington, might be present for the opening but they were unable to come. Numerous friends gave various furnishings, all of which, with the oversight of interior decorations, were in charge of Mrs. Grant Farquhar who devoted much of her time from last May to this work. Already the fall enrolment at the Centre foretells an enlarged service to Istanbul girls.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

On Sunday last, the Beirut Protestant Student House opened its year with a reception attended by seventy-five or more persons. There was worship, speeches and refreshments. The speakers included Pastors Audeh and Tilkian, Dean Miller of Aleppo College, President Stoltzfus of Beirut College for Women, and the Director, John Reynolds, convalescing from jaundice, was heard by means of a tape recorder.

A week ago Friday evening Thomas Weaver, Acting President of Aleppo College, played a piano recital of works of Bach, Mozart, Debussy and Prokofieff in the Irwin Hall Auditorium of Beirut College for Women.

The Near East College of Theology began classes this week and Principal Horace McMullen delivered the Address at the Convocation Service on Thursday afternoon, October 22.

The Aleppo College staff includes two new young American teachers this year, C. Thomas Young and Condit Eddy. Mr. Young, who taught at Tarsus last year under a Fulbright grant, will teach Mathematics, and Mr. Eddy will divide his time between teaching English and studying Arabic. Mr. Eddy was employed in the personnel department of ARAMCO in Abqaiq, Saudi Arabia, the past two years. He is a nephew of Col. William A. Eddy, former minister to Saudi Arabia and new liaison officer between ARAMCO and Saudi Arabia. A new arrival this year also is Mrs. Paul Copeland who has joined her husband who has been teaching English under a two-year appointment under the Smith-Mundt Act. Mrs. Copeland is a sister of Dr. Stephen Penrose, President of American University of Beirut.

Word has come that Hugh and Mabel Hubbard will sail for Manila on November 4th on the SS President Pierce of the American President Lines, where they will be associated with the Audio-Visual Dept. of the Philippine Federation of Christian Churches for the remaining four years of service before retirement. Their address will be Post Office Box 461, 718 Georgia Street, Manila, Philippines. They tell of a visit in September with Gladys, Lloyd and their three boys at Earlham College, Richmond Indiana where they will be this furlough year.

We have brief reports of an accident suffered by Dr. and Mrs. Albert Dewey when they were involved in a head-on collision on October 12th in New Hampshire while returning from a visit in Canada with son Warner and his wife. Albert has a broken rib and Dora is suffering from bruises. They are both showing good recovery and hope to sail for Iskenderun on the SS Exeter on November 20.

William Sage Woolworth writes of a three weeks tour of Michigan covering some 2300 miles and 25 speaking engagements. Almost everywhere he has been he has found folks who know or are relatives of Near East missionaries. He reports attending the Annual Meeting of the Board in Wichita and seeing there Al Carleton, the Maynards, the Whites and the Iain Campbells as well as many of the big wigs of Congregationalism.

Ann Goodykoontz Edmonds reports that she and Bill are hard at work, she teaching with the sixth grade in one of the Montreal public schools and Bill working with Turkish and Arabic along with his thesis in the Institute of Islamic Studies. They visited with the Deweys when they were visiting the Warner Deweys, with Ruth McClintock who was in Montreal for a few days attending a world-wide meeting of physiologists, and with Nuriye and Talat Erben now in Ottawa. They see Max Kortepeter who finished three years as a tutor at Robert College last year and who is making things hum around the Institute of Islamic Studies this year.

Sincerely,
David Bergmark

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, October 31, 1953.

Dear Friends:

Miss Olive Greene was the guest of honor at a specially planned Alumnae Banquet held in Parsons Hall, American Kiz Koleji, Izmir, on October 28, 1953. The event was in celebration of Miss Greene's seventieth birthday as well as recognition of her forty years of service in the school, and in addition marked the completion of twenty-five years of the school in its present site. Some 200 Alumnae with husbands, seniors, staff and friends enjoyed a delicious dinner planned and prepared by Alumnae and staff. The program which followed demonstrated at all points the widespread admiration and deep affection felt by all for Miss Greene. There were 98 graduates present. Some of these had travelled long distances to attend. From beginning to end it was evident that A.C.I. has an active, forward-looking Alumnae group. They have formed a committee and have already secured funds toward one of the needed new buildings.

Word has come from Miss Betty Richmond who completed a three year term at Uskudar in June, telling of the sudden death of her father on September 16th. Her friends and associates send their sympathy and affection to her as she passes through this difficult experience. She can be addressed at 448 Center Street, South Hanover, Massachusetts.

Mrs. E. C. Blake as chairman of the Language Study committee has sent two letters to the Language representatives in each Station. These include the requirements for first and second year study and ask what lessons are being taken. She would like to call the attention of all to the fact that she has three books she is ready to mail to anyone requesting them, priority being given to those fulfilling specific requirements.

United States Turkey and Iran by Lewis Thomas and Richard
Frye, 1952

Caravan- a Story of the Middle East, by Coon, 1951

Bridge to Islam, by Bethmann, 1950

The Cumhuriyet Bayram holiday period gave opportunity for a trip to Ankara for several. Dorothy Blatter, Phoebe Clary of the Service Center, Margaret Honey, on a Ford Foundation fellowship to study Vocational Education for Girls and Women in Turkey, Lebanon and Egypt, and Jack Claypoole, Fulbright appointee at the Men's Dersane, drove to the capital. Ruby Birge joined them there having first participated in the celebrations for Olive Greene in Izmir. They enjoyed a busy, long weekend making contacts with both Turks and Americans in the interest of the various organizations they represented. Walter Wiley flew into the capital on Monday and was able to complete his errands in time to drive back with the group. They all were delighted to have been able to share in the XXXth Anniversary celebrations of the Founding of the Republic, in Ankara. They found the roads uniformly good though dusty. The new, wide road from Pendik to Izmit is a great help on the Ankara trip. It has not been surfaced yet but it is passable and does away with that long, winding road farther inland which has been the main artery on the first lap of the journey. They report agricultural activities along the way including fall plowing with both steel plows and tractors, sugar beet harvesting, and tobacco drying on fences and houses, as most interesting.

Yours truly,

Ruby P. Birge

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, November 7, 1953.

Dear Friends,

The Turkish Press this week reflects the deep concern of the public with the National Memorial to the Founder and First President of the Turkish Republic - Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. The Memorial is an impressive group of buildings, courts, and esplanades occupying a hill-top near Ankara, with striking view of the old city and of the new, and of the great series of departmental buildings which are the heart and center of the Legislative and Administrative activities of the Government which Atatürk led and inspired.

With solemn and reverent ceremony, the coffin of the great Leader has been raised from the temporary tomb at the Ethnographic Museum, and prepared for transfer to its permanent resting place on November 10th. - the 15th. anniversary of his death.

Guards of Honor - of University students, the Armed Forces, and Generals - will stand watch until the final transfer takes place. It is indeed a great tribute to one who, with the perspective of the years, is perhaps the greatest national leader of his people to come out of the First World War, and of the critical years that followed that war.

To mark the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Republic a set of six postage stamps has been issued, costing 165 kuruş. Two of them represent the Gazi and the Army. The other four symbolize the internal development of Turkey during these three decades, and show a Motorized Train, a Harvesting Machine, an Irrigation Dam and Canal, and the new Istanbul Air Terminal and rising Plane.

Among the members and friends of this Mission to attend the recent Annual Meeting of the American Board held in Wichita, Kansas, were the administrative officers of the Board from Boston, and the Maynards, Ray Whites, Meyerings, Woolworths, Carletons, and the Iain Campbells, whom we hope to welcome in Istanbul in the late spring.

Born: At the Gaziantep American Hospital, on October 25, 1953, a daughter, Amy Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. George Helling. "Weight 7 3/4 lbs. hair dark; eyes dark blue: voice powerful".

From the Hospital, Mother and babe will shortly go to the new apartment in this city which is being made ready for them. Mr. and Mrs. Helling, formerly of the American Board Schools in Tarsus and Izmir, are engaged in sociological research under a grant from the Ford Foundation.

Bible House painting. A slow but very satisfactory job of internal painting and decoration at the Bible House has just been completed. The top floor (MacCallum) apartment, halls and stairways throughout the building, and the Treasury Department rooms have benefited greatly. Other essential painting within the building and without, are planned as further rental credits become available.

Tarsus School Building. Under date of November 3d. Robert Avery of Tarsus reports the letting of the contract for the erection of the greatly needed new building. It will provide laboratories for the Sciences, and limited amount of dormitory space.

Yours sincerely,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Miss Olive Greene is spending the week-end here visiting former students and graduates of the Izmir American Collegiate Institute. This afternoon a large number of these friends are to gather at the Girls' Service Centre to meet Miss Greene and wish her Bon Voyage. Next week there are further engagements of this kind in Izmir before she sails on the 24th for America on the "Fern Grove".

The birth of Jonathan Charles Swift to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Swift (now in America on furlough) on November 5th is announced in a letter from 331 College Ave., Richmond, Ind. where the Swifts are living this school year. Jonathan tipped the scales at nine pounds twelve ounces, thus bidding fair to hold his own with his three older brothers. Lloyd Swift is studying at the College, his subjects being Social Psychology, Group Dynamics and early History of Orthodox Churches. He hopes to attend a conference in Washington D.C. in February sponsored by Agricultural Missions, Inc., it being a "seminar on Extension/Education Methods in Rural Community Development."

President Carl Compton reports a daughter born to Capt. and Mrs. (Esther Compton) John Miseroy on November 11th in Thessaloniki where Esther is staying with her parents while her husband is on duty in Korea with the Essex Regiment of the British Army.

Mr. James Mitchell of Izmir made a short visit to Istanbul this week.

The Gedik Pasha Church in Istanbul in October received permission from the government to complete construction of their church building. This building was started and the work was going on in 1912-1914 when it was halted by the First World War. Due to the emigration from the city of well-to-do members of the church and the need of a new permit from the Turkish Republic, there has not been the means and opportunity to continue the building. For forty years worship has been conducted in the ground floor Assembly and Children's Service rooms, always with the hope of beginning construction again. For several years now their hope has become a new determination to make definite plans and obtain the needed permit. The aim is to complete the building in two stages, the first being to erect the walls and roof, the second, to finish the interior of the building as they are able. Funds are not yet sufficient to cover the expense of the first stage. Any financial help for this purpose will be gratefully received and appreciated by the Church Committee, where resources are limited. The Mission Treasury will gladly transmit contributions.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Isely, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Mary L. Green, report a wonderful pilgrimage to the Holy Land. They left Gaziantep October 26 and returned on the 12th, having also seen the sights and important museums in Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Hatay. They felt that Antioch had the best mosaics to be seen in the Middle East.

Miss Clara Engle and Dr. Cemil Ozbal of the Gaziantep Hospital attended in Cairo the Medical Conference on Nursing in the Middle East, held October 28th - 31st.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, November 21, 1953.

Dear Friends:

A four day visit to Ankara which involved meetings with officials in the Foreign and Internal Affairs Departments of the government as well as with Health and Labor Department officials impressed on me once again the real friendship that exists between America and Turkey. Everything is formal and correct but extremely cordial, the welcome mat is out. It was an interesting time to be in the Capital because they were still celebrating having opened the great new Monument Tomb or Anit-Kabir for Atatürk and what an impressive sight it was to come out of the Opera House on Monday evening after having heard the Atatürk Oratorio by Nevit Kodalli and to look off over the Railroad Station area and see floodlighted on the horizon this tremendous monument to Turkey's first President. On Tuesday with a few minutes to spare I stepped into the Children's Book Week display in the Exhibit Hall of the Kiz Üğretmen Okulu, next to the Ankara University Faculty of Letters. This special annual observance designed to focus public attention on the need for more and better books for children is being held this year in 25 countries throughout the Free World and this is the fifth year the event has been celebrated in Ankara. It was interesting to see so many American Board Publication Department books on display mixed in with all those of Turkish publishers. (In Istanbul the seventh annual observance of the Week was being celebrated and Dorothy Blatter was busy all around town in the several centers where exhibits were being shown. At Scutari school the week was observed with contests, programs and parties - it is reported that an average of four English books per girl has been read since school began.)

Report from the Bible Society: The Rev. Laton Holmgren, one of the General Secretaries of the American Bible Society, arrives today to visit until Tuesday acquainting himself with the local situation and with the Istanbul Staff of his organization. Dr. Holmgren is on his way to an extended visit in the Near East.

The Hundredth Anniversary of the printing at the Mission Press in Izmir of the first complete Bible in Modern Armenian is to be celebrated at the Aynali Çeşme Protestant Church on the afternoon of Bible Sunday, December 13th. Similar celebrations will be taking place on that day in America, Syria and Lebanon. The translation committee which produced this Bible was under the direction of Elias Riggs, and his chief assistants were Andreas Papayan, Avedis and Senekerim. Before entering on the work for which he had assumed responsibility, Elias Riggs had to learn the language, which he did by writing a grammar and preparing a glossary of 6,000 words. This colloquial Armenian in which he was to work had never before been reduced thus to rules. Having established the rules, he was meticulous in keeping himself and his associates in line. This, as it turned out, elevated this colloquial speech and made it an accepted literary medium for Western Armenians.

Candidates for Nurses' Training: Four young women are enrolled at the Gaziantep American Hospital for training as Nurses. The need for far larger numbers of Trained Nurses is unquestionably one of the primary health requirements in most lands of the Near East. There has been some progress in filling this need during the past twenty years, but today there are so many opportunities for young women to earn good wages in secretarial, accounting and clerical activities that the several years of Nurses' Training with little if any wages seems far from attractive. Nurses' Training Schools are much concerned at the shortage of candidates. Similar conditions exist in Egypt, Syria, and other Near Eastern countries.

Faithfully,

David Bergmark

No. 396

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, November 28, 1953.

Dear Friends:

The Annual Fall Huntington Town Hall Near East Tea took place in New York on November 6th with Miss Elsie Vanzandt as hostess. Mrs. George Huntington was ill with pleurisy and pneumonia. Report a week later indicated that thanks to antibiotics and her own strong constitution, she expected to start for her Warm Springs home on November 23rd.

According to schedule Dr. and Mrs. Nute Sr. plan to leave from Iskenderun on December 25th. As the boat sails late in the evening they hope to spend part of Christmas day with Dr. Nute Jr. and family in Adana. Sailing with them will be Mrs. Nute's brother, Emerson Christie who has been enjoying an extended visit in Turkey, where he spent his childhood.

Pierce College started the year with a student body of some 584 girls. Of these 480 are in the gymnasium department. The Boarding department has a record 74 girls several of whom have come to the school from Africa. To help in the national crises caused by the earthquakes of last summer, the college has accepted seven Ionian scholarship students. They have set up an Emergency Ionian Scholarship Fund to help meet the costs for these students. The teachers and staff of the college have taken two of these students as their special responsibility. They have most generously and willingly pledged 2% of their salaries each month. It is hoped that friends, near and far, will feel moved to help secure more scholarship funds. Indeed one is very conscious of the atmosphere of service which permeates the college, be it to poor children in the neighborhood, orphans in Piraeus or the school village in northern Greece. Mr. Walter Wiley and I enjoyed the cordial hospitality of Pierce when we were there for the fall meetings of the Board of Managers, November 18th and 19th.

During my recent visit in Greece Miss Phoebe Clary and I were privileged to be members of a Retreat-Conference sponsored by the World Council of Churches, held over a weekend on the island of Poros. It was stimulating and inspiring to learn first hand of the work being done by the World Council and the Brethren Service Committee in Greek villages. The devotional periods were most ably conducted by our own Howard Schomer.

Copies of the program of the American Community Thanksgiving Service held in Ankara have reached Istanbul. The Ambassador, Mr. Avra Warren, read the Presidential Proclamation, the School Glee Club sang and both Catholic and Protestant Chaplains assisted in the service. Other services of Thanksgiving were held throughout the Mission.

Yours truly,

Ruby P. Birge

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, December 5, 1953.

Dear Friends:

The Executive Vice-President of the American Board, Dr. David McKeith, accompanied by Mrs. McKeith, arrived by direct plane from Delhi on Wednesday the 2nd to spend two days in Istanbul before Dr. McKeith left Friday evening for London and New York. Mrs. McKeith remained another two days, then flying to London to take ship homeward.

Thus there was opportunity for informal discussions on many matters with various groups and individuals; and a Station gathering at Mrs. Birge's apartment in the new Emir Konak of the Scutari School. Dr. McKeith spoke of trends and developments in India and Ceylon, growing out of the complete national independence that came to India on April 15, 1947. Progressively and rightly, foreign organizations tend to take a secondary role, while national bodies and leadership carries increasing administrative responsibility.

In America, the support of the Board's work the world over is on the whole gratifying. Increasingly the Board wishes to assign funds to special projects that are the outstanding needs of the time, rather than to a year-in, year-out support of a static program, good though that program may be.

Plans are being developed for a special financial effort in the denomination for the support and development of the Foreign Work, during the four years from 1956 to 1960, these being the 150th anniversaries of the Haystack gathering, and the incorporation of the American Board.

Following the Station meeting, Mrs. Birge with assistance from others, served a delicious supper, followed by visiting and question and answer, until people left for their boats in various directions.

Fog. Istanbul has had some five days of unusual and persistent fog, with cross-Bosphorus communications frequently interrupted. Many commuters from the Asiatic side of the Bosphorus had to spend a night or two on the European side as best they could: and phone and telegraph services were overburdened with calls of stranded people, seeking to get messages to their homes. After Dr. McKeith's plane rose in fairly clear sky on Friday evening, he was due to land in London well before his fog-bound Wife and Mrs. Birge, who saw him off, were able to reach home in Scutari.

Dr. Edgar Chandler, Director of the Department of Refugee Service of the World Council of Churches, was in Istanbul for several days this week in connection with the service of the WCC to political refugees from Soviet area countries, particularly the Balkans. He goes on east to Korea before returning to his home-center - at present in Geneva.

Dr. and Mrs. Albert W. Dewey. Travelling by Export Lines Ace, the Deweys sailed from New York on November 20th, due in Iskenderun on Dec. 11th. On Saturday the 12th there will be a Hospital party both to welcome the Deweys, and to bid farewell to Dr. & Mrs. W. L. Nute Sr. who have served at the Gaziantep American Hospital during the Dewey furlough.

Born: David Farnsworth Fowle, to Curtis and Jean Fowle of Old Greenwich, Conn.

Yours truly,

Luther R. Fowle

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, December 12, 1953.

Dear Friends:

Miss Olive Greene's departure on furlough from Izmir was delayed till December 3rd because her ship, the "Fengrove" met with Black Sea storms. Her associates express their sympathy and sorrow for her mother's death news of which came shortly before she left.

The Rev. Puzant Rubyan who spent several months here in 1950-51 in work with the Armenian Protestant churches, left Beirut on October 28th to take up a pastorate in the Armenian Church in Philadelphia.

Like practically all of Turkey, Mardin has experienced winter conditions unseasonably. In late November some roads around Mardin and Diyarbakir were closed from snow and motor mishaps. Kayseri and Talas have winter snow already and even here in Istanbul snow flurries are frequent and temperatures have been as low as 24 and 27 Fahr.

Mrs. Wm. L. Nute, Jr. arrived here Tuesday by plane to attend the Committee and Interim meeting on Thursday and to do some shopping meanwhile. Friday morning saw her taking plane again for Adana.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rivinus (his last foreign assignment at the American Consulate, Izmir) are now with the American Embassy in Vienna, Austria. They now have five children, the youngest having been born in Izmir shortly before they left last May or June.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robinson and two children are in London where Mr. Robinson is spending the year studying Turkish Literature and History at the London School of Oriental and African Studies which is part of the University of London. They expect to return to Turkey next August for another one year assignment.

Miss Lucie Borel writes from Switzerland of her interest in the news of old time friends in this country and in the States which she finds in our news sheet and she sends her best greetings, and Christmas and New Year's wishes to its readers everywhere. They are much in her thoughts and she cherishes the hope of a trip to Turkey sometime. Her health is fairly good and she is able to attend to her own living arrangements.

A welcome visitor at the Mission Headquarters here was M. Gilbert Bonnal who taught French at our Tarsus School from 1940 to 1945, followed by three further years of teaching at Robert College. Since then he has had a year with the Guaranty Trust Co., in Paris, followed by appointment as Assistant Director of the office of the Banque de Reunion at St. Denis, Ile of Reunion, some hundreds of miles east of Madagascar. Now on a six month holiday, he plans to return again to Reunion, accompanied by his wife and two children, aged 4 and 2. Possibly his mother will also go to Reunion. Many will recall her, she too having taught in our schools in Talas and Tarsus. Formerly the Bonnals were of the French community in Mersin.

Word has been received from Mr. Oscar S. Heizer (nephew of Dr. W. W. Peet) announcing his marriage on November 12th to Miss Sadie Allison in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, December 19, 1953.

Dear Friends:

This is the season of the year when all of us are brought closer to one another through celebration of Christmas. One of our interesting customs which is spreading to other sections of the world is our practice of mailing greetings to friends with news of our doings. Many such greetings are now coming in. The News Notes of the next few weeks will undoubtedly contain items called from these greeting cards. With this issue we extend our best wishes for goodwill and happiness throughout the coming year. Holiday Visitors are arriving.

James and Miriam Ross and daughter Deborah (aged seventeen months) flew in yesterday afternoon for a two or three weeks' visit with Jim's aunt, Dorothy Blatter. Jim is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary and is spending this year studying ancient Hebrew inscriptions, including the "Dead Sea Scrolls" at the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem. Their arrival yesterday was after a certain amount of adventure, for they had flown out of Beirut only to return a short while later because of a faulty engine, and later after taking off again after engine repairs they were unable to land here in Istanbul because of snow and were taken instead to Izmir. This gave them a chance to visit our Girls' School in Izmir and on the next day they were flown to Istanbul by Turkish Airlines.

Dorothy Birge, a student at Oberlin and taking her junior year at the Sorbonne in Paris, is visiting her mother. With her is Eleanor Veeder, a classmate at Oberlin, who is an exchange student at St. Andrews in Scotland during this year.

Word has come of the arrival of the Deweys at the Gaziantep Hospital in the late afternoon of Friday, December 11th. Their ship had docked early in the morning at Iskenderun and they were able to get off around noon and to take a private car for Gaziantep reaching the Hospital before dark. On that evening the American group gathered at the Iselys for celebration and supper, and on Saturday evening there was a dinner party for the whole staff with some seventy people present. The dinner was given by the Hospital in honor of the arrival of the Deweys and as a farewell to the Nutes. It was a gala occasion with appropriate speeches. On December 16th the Nute Srs. were driven by the Hellings, including their new baby Amy, to Adana for visits before sailing for America from Iskenderun on Christmas Day.

On Sunday, December 13th at a largely attended service in the Aynali Çeşme Protestant Church, the hundredth anniversary of the first printing of the complete Bible in Modern Armenian was suitably recognized by the community. The Armenian Patriarch was prevented from coming in person, but sent his representative to read the address he had written for the occasion. Three of the Protestant pastors spoke, and there were telegrams and letters of congratulation from the Bible Society in London and New York. The display of historical books, including an ancient Latin-Armenian Grammar bearing the signature of the first American missionary, Pliny Fisk, attracted much interest. The anniversary was well covered in the Armenian press of the city.

Harvey Meeken has written that he has three sets of colored slides sent from Eastman Kodak and that he doesn't know where he should send them. We have word that one set belongs to Merrill Isely. Owners please write direct to Harvey.

Sincerely,

David Bergmark