

Bible House, January 2, 1947.
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

New Year Greetings - from all our Circle to all our Circle, and in fact, to all men. In ventures such as ours, where hope and faith are positive elements in every picture, each new year is indeed a new source of hope. There is reason to believe that 1947 will mark real progress toward a reconstituted Peace. The western powers are mending some of their traditional ways, and with patience rarely practiced, seek a world in which the great Soviet Union can be a fully participating member. And the Soviet Union is perhaps learning that there is a point beyond which even her centralized power may not go; and that the alleged 'threat' of Anglo-American attack is imaginary. Let us expect to see the five satellite Treaties signed in February; and a not too difficult assembly in Moscow in March, to consider the German and Austrian treaties. Again, to all, A Happy New Year.

Announcements have been received of the formation of "The Middle East Institute", with offices at 1906 Florida Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. Chartered under the Diplomatic Affairs Foundation, to contribute through the dissemination of knowledge, to a sound American foreign policy, the Middle East Institute plans to develop and maintain facilities for research, publication, and teaching, to encourage interest and understanding between the United States and the countries of the Middle East. It will publish a quarterly - The Middle East Journal - the first number of which is due in January 1947. Its editor is Mr. Harvey P. Hall, who spent much of his childhood in Beirut, and taught for some years at Robert College. The Membership fee is \$10. per annum, which includes subscription to the Journal. The Journal may be ordered for \$6. per annum.

The Turkish press and public are much occupied with problems of two political parties in a democracy. Leaving aside charges made as to the conduct of the election, the Democratic party has withdrawn from the National Assembly, feeling that it has been denied its right of speech there. Practice has not yet drawn the lines between leaders as officers of Government, and as Party members. At present, it looks as if helpful discussion had taken place between the President and the leader of the Democratic party, that might in time lead to the recognition in practice that the President is above and outside party politics. None will have greater understanding and good will for Turkey in the working out of these problems, than the western democracies, who are still struggling with similar problems of the combination of authority and democracy.

Dr. Frank Laubach, on leave-of-absence from the American Board Mission in the Philippines, is visiting various areas in the development of world-wide literacy, to the method of which he has made such distinctive contribution. He will be in the Near East from mid-February to mid-May, and must be in the Philippines by June 1st.

Even though far from home, Christmas and New Year holidays enable friends to seek each other, in the Near East. Ruth Shinn is in Gaziantep, while her Scutari School associates Alice Lindsley and Dorothy Blatter are visiting the Izmir School. Joan Reed and Eleanor Gants of Izmir are visiting the Websters in Ankara, and friends in Istanbul. Sylvia Nilson is with her family in Talas. Bob King of Tarsus is spending some days with Cairo friends. Tarsus friends hoped to entertain Luella Dunning of Aleppo. To our friends in America (now that the war is over) "Join the Mission, and see the World".

Friends at the Scutari School have received first letters from Ethel Putney, indicating that she and Miss Barker had a stormy westward crossing when most passengers on the "Carp" including the nurse who accompanied Miss Barker, were seasick. Fortunately both Miss Barker and Miss Putney proved immune. Miss Putney's journal of the journey was to be typed after landing, and will be received later.

Very
Luther R. Fowle

Bible House, January 9, 1947.

P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

At midnight, on December 31st. all atomic energy plants in the US were turned over to a civilian Commission of five members, who thus take authority over the most powerful weapon yet known. It is an interesting step, in a world necessarily dominated by the military mind, during the past six years.

On December 27th. teachers and others from the Kayseri Lise and our Talas school started for three days of skiing on the slopes of Argaeus (13,000 ft.) Storm and deep drifts forced back the truck, but the Nilson girls and Yoshio Fukuyama went on with others by foot. A telephone call reported their safe arrival at the ski shelter; but as snow and wind hurtled through Talas Compound, elder members of the Station were glad to be by their stoves, and not on the mountainside.

After completing Christmas dinner preparations in Talas, Mrs. Emily Block took train for Istanbul for a check on her eyes, and a few days with friends in Scutari. She left Istanbul on January 2nd. on her return trip.

The Turkish Presidential yacht "Savarona" has sailed for Haifa to bring King Abdullah of Transjordan on an official visit to Turkey. He will land at Iskenderun, where suitable reception has been arranged, and proceed by the presidential train to Ankara for the official visit. It is believed that he will leave for Istanbul about January 12th. where the Dolma Bagçe palace will be his residence during his stay.

The archeological excavations in Tarsus, under the auspices of Bryn Mawr, Harvard, and the American Archeological Institute, are to be continued, now that war is ended. Miss Hetty Goldman sails shortly to direct the work, and Miss Theresa Goell has already arrived in Tarsus.

Miss Ethel Putney's travel letter has arrived, reporting rough seas as she and Miss Barker made their December crossing of the Atlantic. A radiogram informed them that Philip Ward would meet them. Dr. Kenny of the "Carp" was most helpful. With wheel-chair, taxi, and Phil's strong arm, Miss Barker reached the Prince George Hotel. After 48 hours' rest, the party went by train to Boston in comfort, where they were met by Miss Emerson and Dr. Mark Ward. In Dr. Ward's car, Miss Barker was taken directly to a Rest Home in Waltham, until more permanent plans are made. Already many old friends had appeared. In New York, the Harry Bakers, Lee Vroomans, Arnold Jenney; in Waltham, Miss Jones, Miss Sheldon, Miss Calder, and others.

A Washington telegram of January 2nd. reports Cyril Black of Princeton University Faculty, son of President and Mrs. Floyd Black of Robert College, as one of three men appointed to accompany Mark Ethridge, U.S. member of the Security Council Commission of Inquiry, to study the border difficulties between Greece and her three northern neighbors.

Presidential war powers in the United States were built up by four measures, and must be "built down again" by similar steps. On December 31st. Mr. Truman declared the "legal termination of the period of hostilities" which involves the immediate end of 20 wartime statutes, and the end of 33 others within six months. The build up was:- 1. Limited State of Emergency of September 1939; 2. Unlimited Emergency, May 1941; 3. First War Powers Act of Congress, 1941; 4. Second War Powers Act, 1942. Eventually, Congress will declare the Second World War at an end.

Very truly yours,

Luth R. Fowle

Treasury Dept.

No. 68

Bible House, January 16, 1947.
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

Canon Hutchinson, Chaplain of the Crimean Memorial Church of Istanbul, left last week for London. His friendliness, catholicity of spirit, and devotion to his calling, has endeared him to all who knew him here. Our best wishes follow him. Rev. C. H. Piper has arrived, to take up this Chaplaincy.

Several members of the Mission have this year remembered their friends with Christmas gifts, by informing them that in their names a food parcel was being sent to some hungry family in Europe. Others interested see "News Notes" No. 62, of December 5, 1946. Address CARE, 50 Broad Street, New York City.

A December Board letter reports two distinguished women planning to spend their sabbatical first half of 1947 in the Near East. They are Prof. Edna Baxter of Hartford Seminary Foundation, and the Rev. Frederica Mitchell, pastor of the church in Keene Valley, New York. A cordial welcome awaits them.

Rev. Walter B. Wiley and Miss Clara Engle reached Beirut on the "Carp" on January 4th. Miss Engle went on by train to Gaziantep, while Mr. Wiley took Turkish boat the next day, reaching Istanbul on January 12th. In time to greet the Dutch Chapel congregation at the end of the morning service. For the time being, he lives with the MacCallums at the Bible House apartment. Mrs. Wiley is expected in the summer, possibly with the two daughters.

On Sunday, January 5th. the Minister of Education visited Tarsus. He inspected the new building of the Tarsus Orta (middle) School, and also called at the American College, whence he returned by car to Mersin.

King Abdullah of Transjordan, whose flag has been flying over the Dolma Bagche Palace during his visit to this city, has left for Iskenderoun, whence the Turkish presidential yacht "Savarona" will take him to Haifa on his homeward trip. While in Ankara, a Treaty of Friendship was signed between the Turkish and Transjordanian Governments.

About midnight on January 8th. Miss Clara Engle reached Aintep by truck, having come from the railway; with Bay Mahmud of the Hospital Staff who had gone out to meet her. Baggage complications on the "Carp" resulted in the sailing away of the ship without disembarking her trunks, or those for a large group of Presbyterian Mission personnel, bound for Iran. In spite of this, people in Aintep seem to be very happy!

News of our Circle: Let's hear from more.

Fern and Raymond White, formerly of Izmir Station, write from 904 College St., Larned, Kansas, where they regularly serve three churches each Sunday, with Fern "speaking more than formerly". Son Burnley is in his fourth year at Southwestern College, Jo is finishing high-school, and Wesley is in fourth grade. The Whites have been happy to receive visits from the Iselys and the Maynards.

Miss Margaret Hinman, who taught with us for many years in Merzifon and Izmir, writes from 410 3d. Ave. S.E., Forest Grove, Oregon. She has been greatly interested in Miss Emerson's Travel letters, and makes it clear that she feels safer back in America, now that the Republicans are again in the saddle.

Miss Katharine Fletcher writes from Uplands, Pleasant Hill, Tenn. wither she "retired" from our Scutari School in 1944. All day long she is at her desk in the reception room of the Hospital, sharing in the comedy and tragedy that endlessly passes before her. Her affectionate greetings to our Circle "Over here".

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Airmail rates from Turkey to the United States have been reduced from 113 to 82 piastres. (10 gram weight) This is the countervalue of 29.2 cents, which is almost double the new American rate to Istanbul (in Europe) of .15 cents. Possibly the U.S. rate to Turkey-in-Asia is .25 ¢.

The Council of Medical Missions is preparing a book for publication this year, and Dr. Wilson F. Dodd is at work on the Chapter dealing with this area.

Miss Elaine Cooper, a Congregationalist from Greenwich, Conn., who has been in charge of the Methodist Girls' School at Lovetch, Bulgaria this year, has been in Istanbul and Ankara during the winter vacation. She left last week for her post in Bulgaria.

American Board shipments sent out through Mr. Harvey Meeken's office have again begun to arrive. But war controls which still operate make difficult the handling of such shipments. One for Scutari, two for Talas, and another for the Lymans, are all held up in the Customs House pending 'formalities'.

Independent Syria does not intend to neglect its schools. At the invitation of the Mayor of Aleppo, President Carleton of Aleppo College is asked to serve on the Committee to plan the future educational system of that great city. One measure deals with the eventual erection of one hundred primary schools.

"The Voice of America" is issuing a monthly folder of Program Announcements with hours and wave-lengths, which has enabled the writer to get serious programs from America - news, commentary, discussion of public questions, and music. Any who are interested, ask for it (no cost) from "Voice of America" New York 19, N.Y. "New Notes" will send in request on February 28th. for any of our circle who ask to receive this little Bulletin.

A report from Erevan, Soviet Armenia, sent to a pastor in Syria, reports a Protestant Church of 300 members, with 15 accessions the previous Sunday. It is stated that in their religious life, there is full freedom. All children go to the State Schools. This report comes via Miss Elizabeth Webb.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has appointed the Venerable Archdeacon Geoffrey Francis Allen of Birmingham as successor to Bishop Gwynne, of Egypt. Archdeacon Allen served as secretary of the National Christian Council of China for two years, during the war. (Beirut News Letter)

Dr. George P. Michaelides of International College, Izmir, and Union Theological Seminary, who later taught in the Near East School of Theology, has been chosen president of Schauffler College, Cleveland, with inauguration to take place on January 10th. Dr. Goodsell of the American Board was to represent the NEST on this occasion. (Beirut News Letter)

News from the Circle

Miss Margaret White, daughter of this Mission who grew up and later taught in Merzifon Station, then for years served with the YWCA in Turkey and America, is now in New York, associated with the campaign of the Near East College Association for substantial funds, for the development of these institutions.

Dr. George R. Montgomery, born in Marash Station, clergyman, teacher, writer, and diplomat, died in Stamford, Conn. on November 29th. at the age of 75. During the first World War he served as special assistant to the American Ambassador to Turkey. Dr. Montgomery had called with his car for his sister Mary (Mrs. Gutzon Borglum), and died at the wheel before she could come out of the house.

Very truly yours,
Gunner K. Fowle

Bible House, February 6, 1947.
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

We regret that slight indispositions on the part of the Directors of both the production and editorial departments, caused the omission of one January issue of these News Notes.

A Board cable of January 30th. brings the welcome message "Meyering project assured". This means requisite funds have been provided.

The Commission of International Education Reconstruction, with representation from United Nations, State Dept., U.S. Office of Education, and various American educational and relief organizations, reports textbooks supplied to war torn areas and over \$3. million worth classroom supplies, clothing, etc. sent abroad through the Red Cross. The Red Cross program for 1947 provides for publication of many standard children's books in various foreign languages, "to establish common literary background for all children of the world."

A Washington cable of January 27th. reports that the Twentieth Century Fund will make a series of studies in various countries to ascertain "how American resources and technical skills might be employed to assist in developing their potentialities, and achieving higher living standards". Of three such studies planned for 1947, one will be in Turkey, and it is reported that engineers, business consultants, and economic investigators will be associated with this project.

Rev. Edward S. Treat, formerly tutor at Talas Station ('29-'32), whose wife was Jennie Paige, a nurse in this Mission, has been appointed Assistant General Secretary of the Vermont Conference of Congregational Churches, to be associated with Rev. Max Webster, brother of Mr. Donald Webster of Ankara.

Letter from Aintab Station reports Bayan Seher, wife of the Hospital Surgeon Dr. Cemil, "doing nicely" after surgery in mid-January, for which their friend Dr. Shepard made a quick trip from Istanbul to his early Station, Aintab, where he met many old friends.

Aintab Station has also been happy to have a visit from Miss Rachel Smith of the Girls' College in Istanbul. Miss Smith and Miss Clara Engle of the Aintab Hospital, who arrived in January from America, visited various Turkish schools in Aintab, including the Boys' Trade School and the Girls' Institute. With Miss Hibbard, they also visited the City Hospital.

The Girls' Service Center in Istanbul has ended its annual campaign for support of its program for young women in this city, with gratifying results.

Miss Patty Lee Coghill, whose address is 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, and who visited several stations of this Mission in the spring of 1946, sends her cordial greetings to her many friends in this area. She reports reading a letter of apology from Istanbul, in that a brass tray failed to be sent her with her other travel booty, only to be interrupted by a knock and the appearance of said tray, in the hands of Richard Maynard. Of course the legitimate shipment had not yet arrived. This only confirms our suspicion that in the Near East there is a Kismet that shapes things rough, hew them how we will!

Greetings to friends in the Mission have come from Ruth and John Kingsbury of 'Merricourt', Berlin, Conn. Our former associates of the Bagchejik Boys' School report sons Wallace and David as back from war service in India and Japan, while Joyce, with her doctor husband and two little girls, lives in Wheeling, West Virginia.

Mrs. Clarence Johnson (Lomie Lee Smith) of Robert College is engaged in office work at Smith College, part of her work being with the increasing numbers of foreign students. There are 35 at Smith this year, nine being from China, and others from France, Greece, Poland, Italy, and Norway.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Mr. Ezra Young, who under this Mission conducted the Adana Playground some fifteen years ago, is completing in 1947 a first term of service as Director of the Mens' Dershane in Istanbul (American School of Language and Commerce). He reports 912 registrants in 1946 in classes and other activities. Since October 1, 1946, 520 boys and young men have registered in the Language School, the Physical Department, and the Student Dormitory. Efforts are being made to re-constitute the summer camp, through which this institution once did pioneer work in this country for youth.

In a Special Meeting of the Union Church (Dutch Chapel) of Istanbul, held on February 6th., the Rev. Walter B. Wiley of this Mission was invited to the pastorate of that Church. Thus ends the long interval since the withdrawal of the Rev. W. Clark Kerr. Throughout this period of several years, services have continued without interruption, thanks to the devotion of members and friends - primarily Messrs. Young, MacCallum, Riggs, Scelye, Birge.

Mr. and Mrs. John Monejikov (Mary Whittle of the Robert College Community School, who later taught at Pierce College) arrived here from Bulgaria a few days ago, and boarded a Victory ship in Istanbul on the 10th., bound for New York. They may be addressed at the Near East Colleges office.

Barclay Shepard, youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. Lorrin Shepard, arrived in Istanbul harbor on the "Coeur d'Alene Victory" of which he is Third Mate. Before the boat started on for Odessa, he was able to get ashore for three hours for supper and a little visit with his family. After graduating from Deerfield, Barclay entered the Merchant Marine Officers Training School at Castine, Maine, and already has made several trips to distant shores. He hopes to enter Bowdoin College next fall.

Miss Ruth S. Wolfe, who has served in Yugoslavia and elsewhere under the Methodist Womans Board, arrived from New York by the first big Pan.-American plane on February 8th. She starts on this week for the school at Lovetch, Bulgaria, where she hopes to serve for some years. It is hoped that Miss Turner and perhaps Miss Carhart will return next fall to this school, which they served throughout the war years.

The first scheduled commercial trip of the Pan.-American Constellation left New York just before midnight on January 31st, due in Istanbul at 4:30 a.m. on February 2. Extraordinary weather conditions, and the landing facilities at Istanbul and Ankara led it to spend six nights in England, Rome, and Damascus before its passengers landed at Istanbul on the 8th. It left this city on the 9th., taking Istanbul daily papers, which were read in New York on the 10th. Twenty-five hours flying time: 32 hours, lapsing time is indeed a reality. Fare \$554.

Mr. Lyman MacCallum, area representative of the Bible Societies, is off on his circuit, to visit Bagdad, Kirkuk, Aleppo, and Beirut, before returning to his Istanbul headquarters.

Miss Edith Parsons of Brousa and Izmir Stations, writes to report purchase of a "duplex" apartment of four rooms, with space for patio and outdoor living. She hopes to occupy her new home in the spring, after all modifications are completed to her taste. 1240 Drake Ave., Burlingame, Calif. is always a safe address for Miss Parsons.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

We regret to report the death at Tiberias on January 21st. of the Rev. G. L. B. Sloane of the Church of Scotland Mission. Formerly Chairman of the Near East Christian Council, he did much to keep its essential functions going during the war years, by his visits and correspondence. He was an outstanding linguist, perfectly at home in Hebrew and Arabic. He will be deeply missed, in our wider fellowship.

The Harrison Maynards, who spent over 40 years in the Near East Mission, in Bitlis, Izmir, Istanbul, and Beirut, have settled into a busy life of retirement in their own home, at 2817 Thayer Street, Evanston, Illinois.

Mr. Harry Dwight, son of Henry O. and Sister of Adelaide Dwight of this Mission, retired on December 31st. from his duties as Curator of the Frick Museum in New York City. He will continue to make his home in New York for the present. Newcomers to the Near East who would like to catch the flavor of the late Ottoman Turkey, most gracefully expressed, are counselled to read Harry Dwight's "Istanbul Nights".

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Estes, who spent last summer in Istanbul with their father, Prof. Estes of Robert College, have entered the service of the International Telegraph and Telephone Co. in New York. They have bought a home in Fairlawn, New Jersey.

The second volume in the series of Centennial commemorative books, issued by the Armenian Missionary Association of America, is just off the press. It is "A Century of Armenian Protestantism" by the Rev. Leon Arpee (Chorigian). It brings up to date the author's earlier book "The Armenian Awakening".

A Commission representing the World Council of Churches has been visiting the Patriarchate of the Greek Orthodox Church in Istanbul, during the past week. The five members of the Commission, presided over by the Bishop of Worcester, are from England, Sweden, Athens, and the United States, the American member being Dr. E. R. Hardy of Berkeley Episcopal Theological Seminary of New Haven, Conn.

Through the NECC office, copy has been received of the speech on Civil and Religious Rights of Minorities, made by the Archbishop of York in the House of Lords, on December 4, 1946. He quotes a "widely accepted definition of religious freedom" as follows.- Quote "Freedom to worship according to the conscience, and to bring up children in the faith of their parents; freedom for the individual to change his religion; freedom to preach, educate, publish, and carry on missionary activities, and freedom to organize with others, and to acquire and hold property for these purposes" Endquote.

Dr. Cass Arthur Reed, formerly of International College, Izmir, who has been associated with the activities of UNRRA in Greece, was Guest of Honor of the Near East Fellowship of Southern California, and addressed them on the first Saturday in February at a dinner in Pasadena, California.

At the annual business meeting of the Congregational Church of Middlebury, Vermont, on January 30th. the Rev. Charles T. Riggs was elected Honorary Pastor of the Church. At the same meeting, ex-Governor John E. Weeks of Vermont was elected Honorary Deacon of the same Church. This is perhaps a new departure, and a worthy way of recognizing those attaining full years in Christian service. Ex-Governor Weeks is 92! happily our CTR is still a youngster.

Miss Lucile Day, who served in this mission at Brousa, is in the British Zone of Germany, with the Friends Relief Service attached to the British Army of Occupation of the Rhine.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Treasury Dept.

Dear Friends:

Dean Carl Compton reports the completion in mid-February of the first semester at Anatolia College, in Thessaloniki. Pre-war standards are still in the future, but he states "when we compare our situation now with what it was a year ago, we have much for which to be thankful". Finances for students and for the College are a major problem, as Greece struggles with a war-ravished currency. President Ernest Riggs and Mrs. Riggs are in America, carrying on a financial campaign to help rehabilitate the College, and equip it for its greater service in the future.

Miss Adelaide Dwight reports from Mardin the death in mid-February of one of the Mothers-in-the-Faith. Eighty-four years ago, at the age of 13, she was one of the first group that formed the Evangelical Church in Mardin. She was married the same year to one of the Evangelical group, and has lived all her life in that city, where her son, the Rev. Isaak Dikmen is now pastor of the Church. Throughout all these years she had kept her friends in the ancestral Syrian Jacobite church; and wished to be buried with her own ancestors in that cemetery. Several priests of the old church attended the service at the Protestant church, as also did a priest of the Chaldean church, the leading priest telling of her good works, and emphasizing the thought "All Christians are one, in Him". Then the burial service was held in the Syrian Church and at the grave. Perhaps this is the really significant level of the Ecumenical Movement.

Miss Cecelia Berg, formerly of the Treasury Office and the Gedik Pasha School, and now teaching in the public school system of Chicago, hopes to spend her sabbatical leave of 1947/48 in the Near East. Have we short-time tasks that might benefit from her help during this limited period?

Paul Rowland, formerly of the Sofia College Staff, continues his teaching at Illinois College, his address being 925 Grove Street, Jacksonville, Ill. Possibly some of our Circle have not yet heard that his wife, Marion Alchin Rowland passed away last year, after long illness. Mr. Rowland is now engaged on an eight-week lecture tour for Rotary International, on the timely subject "Getting along with the Orient". Both Mr. and Mrs. Rowland were children of the American Board's Japan Mission.

A Communication from the British Secretary for Foreign Affairs has been recently received by Mrs. Middleton Edwards of Bebek, Istanbul, confirming the granting to her in the King's New Year Honors list of the "M. B. E." (Member of the Order of the British Empire), particularly for her services in the war years to British and Allied Prisoners of War. Mrs. Edwards was one of the group of ladies who sent hundreds of parcels to Prisoners of War from this neutral country, in which task they were ably assisted by the Turkish Red Crescent Society. Those who know the social and community service of Mr. and Mrs. Middleton Edwards in many lines and activities will be particularly gratified at this well-deserved recognition.

We regret to record the death on February 20th. of Kate Rowell Larsen of Robert College. Our Board circle knew her best as a teacher of the Community School, where many young Birges, Shepards, Iyes, Maynards, Fowles, Clarks and others, studied with her in important formative years.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Clark, who made many friends in Mission Circles during their years in Government Agricultural Experiment work on the Adana Plain, are at their own home at Tucson, Arizona. On December 31st. Mrs. Clark reports a visit from Scott Mendenhall (formerly a teacher at Tarsus) and his bride. The Mendenhalls are teaching at Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Messages from Athens report the engagement of Dr. Katharine McElroy to Mr. Blaise Kent, the marriage to take place in March. Dr. McElroy has resigned from the presidency of Pierce College, the resignation to take effect at the end of the academic year, in June 1947, when Mr. and Mrs. Kent plan to go to America for a time.

The Program of the Inauguration on January 19th. of Dr. George P. Michaelides as President of Schauffler College, Cleveland has been received. Among those sharing in this impressive service were several of our Board Circle: Goodsell, Harlow, Russell Stafford, and Van Dusen. The Benediction was pronounced by the Reverend Chrysogonos Lavriotes, Archimandrite of the Greek Orthodox Church of Cleveland.

Miss Annie M. Barker is now settled in her own small but comfortable room at a Rest Home, 49 Pleasant Street, Waltham, Mass. after a surgical experience in January at the Newton Hospital. On February 19th. Ethel Putney reports that she is now finding it possible to read with some pleasure; while her radio brings much of the world to her room. Already she is allowed to "do the stairs" twice a day. We hope the miracle of a New England spring will further contribute to restored health. Letters from friends in Turkey will always be welcome.

Prof. Lutfi Levonian of the Near East School of Theology, Beirut. is starting on April 17th. for England, where one of his first tasks will be the giving of a course of lectures at the Selly Oak Colleges. He hopes to spend May and June in England, starting for Canada in time to attend the first post war meeting of the International Missionary Council, where Prof. Levonian is asked to share in the platform program, and participate in discussions. It is hoped that this trip will enable him to renew contact with the American Board in Boston, and the Armenian Evangelical Churches in America, before returning in the fall to his tasks in Beirut.

Before he leaves for this sabbatical 'holiday', the Armenian Evangelical Union of Syria and the Lebanon is marking the 25th. Anniversary of Prof. Levonian's teaching in the Theological Schools in Istanbul, Athens, and Beirut by suitable services of Thanksgiving, the publication of a Memorial Volume, and the raising of a fund, income of which will be used for Student Aid in the Near East School of Theology, in Beirut. The Treasurer of the American Board in Boston, or the Mission Treasurer in Istanbul, will be happy to receive contributions for this Fund.

Mrs. Elvesta Leslie, after visits with various relatives, expects to spend from mid-March to mid-April at the Treasury Office of the Board in Boston. Now is the time to write her of matters in which she might serve our work in this Mission.

Miss Phoebe Clary, Director of the Girls' Service Center in Istanbul, left New York at 10:30 on Friday evening, landing in Istanbul Sunday morning at 7:30. Actual time, New York to Istanbul - 26 hours. Miss Clary's furlough was prolonged to enable her to help in the YW campaign for post-war rehabilitation funds. An eager welcome, and a challenging task await her here. During her absence Ruby Birge of this Mission has ably carried administrative responsibility in this work.

Spring gatherings of the Administrative Boards of the NEST Beirut, and Aleppo College are announced for April 21 and 22 in Beirut; 24 and 25 in Aleppo.

Mrs. Herbert M. Irwin, formerly of Talas Station, is living with her daughter Genevieve (Mrs. Harry Rowed) at Casper, Alberta, Canada. Daughter Corinne and family live in Montreal, while their brother Hugh is but recently back from war duty in Germany.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

One of the notable developments during the recent World War was the outreach of Christian Agencies across lines of war and narrow nationality, to aid other Agencies in occupied countries, whose mission activities abroad were unable to receive their normal financial support. The Final Report has just been received from Beirut of the Committee on Orphaned Missions. It indicates \$231,487. received and distributed in the 79 months ending Dec. 31, 1946 to the Danish Jubail Orphanage (Armenian), the Danish Mission to the Orient, the Norwegian K. M. A. in Aleppo and Beirut, the French 'Action Chretienne', and the Karen Yeppe Mission. Major contributors were the Lutheran World Convention, the Orphaned Missions Committee of the Int. Missions Council, the BLMAS of London, and a Presbyterian Church in New Zealand.

A jeep, recently purchased by Dr. Nute of Talas from surplus American Government property in Turkey, will soon be in use as its four-wheel drive wrestles with the Cappadocian mud that once clogged the feet of St. Paul's mule. Dr. Nute brings medical service to wide area of villages in the Talas Caesarea area. Two teachers from Robert College plan to drive it to Talas from this city, during their spring holiday in late April; while Ruth Shinn and Charlotte Reid of the Scutari School will go along to see that the boys do not fall down on their job.

This week is spring holiday at our Izmir School. Thirty-five girls, accompanied by two Turkish teachers and Miss Naomi Foster, are spending the holiday in visiting Istanbul, the Turkish Girls' Lycee at Kandilli serving as their Hostel while in this city. Meanwhile, forty-five boys from the Talas School, accompanied by two teachers, one of whom is Yoshio Fukuyama, are visiting Ankara and Izmir, with our Smyrna School as their hostel while in Izmir. These student groups from American Schools are but two of many similar groups that use their holidays to visit parts of the land they have never seen before. The social, cultural, and national benefits of such trips, properly planned, are manifest.

Miss Olive Greene is spending the vacation week with the MacDonalds at the Susurluk boracite mines; while Misses Blemker, Gants, and Joan Reed of Izmir are visiting Hieropolis, Bodrum, and Milas.

President and Mrs. Floyd Black of Robert College arrived by Pan-Am plane in Istanbul on Sunday morning, having left New York late Friday evening. Dr. Black has been aiding in the Near East Colleges campaign for funds, during the past three months. Steady progress is being made, with a gratifying gift from Mr. Rockefeller recently received.

The big plane flew on to Karachi, returning to pick up Dean Harold Scott and Mrs. Scott on Monday morning. Travelling with the sun, they presumably landed in New York on Tuesday morning.

Dr. W. Wendell Cleland of the American University at Cairo has accepted appointment with the State Department in Washington, as Chief of the Research Division of the Office of Near Eastern and African Affairs. Dr. and Mrs. Cleland expect to take up residence in Washington in May. (Beirut News Letter)

Miss Sophie Michaelidou of Pierce College, Athens, is starting for a holiday in America, planning to return in the summer with Miss Mabel Long. It will be a happy reunion with the family of her brother, President George Michaelides of Scheuffler College, Cleveland.

On March 12th. at 8 p.m. in Istanbul, President Truman's voice was clearly heard as he addressed the Joint Session of the Houses of Congress at 1 o'clock in Washington. Perhaps the most significant element in this address is its frank implication of United States bi-partizan responsibility in world-wide well-being: to the countries of the Near East in which we work, it brings new hope of orderly democratic government and sound economy, under Law: nor will its significance be lost on the Foreign Ministers' Conference, now assembled at Moscow. Government of the people, by the people, for the people is still a paramount issue.

Very truly yours,
Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Volume 1, No. 1 of The Middle East Journal has been received at Istanbul. Five pertinent articles are followed by 12 pages of current events in each land of the Middle East during the fall of 1946; 8 pages of official documents; and 18 pages of book reviews. Of particular interest to readers in Turkey is a remarkably balanced article by Ahmet Emin Yalman on the Struggle for Multi-Party Government in Turkey, and one on the United States and the problem of the Turkish Straits, by Harry N. Howard, a research officer of the State Department. Harvey Hall is to be congratulated on his first number.

Turkish Airmail to the United States. Orders have been received at the Turkish Post Office in Istanbul to send airmail to the United States by the weekly direct plane of the Pan-American Lines, instead of the tri-weekly service involving trans-shipment at Cairo and London. Mails close at the Central P. O. at 16 o'clock on Mondays. Mails will close at the same hour a few weeks hence (when Ankara becomes the point of departure for westward bound planes) reaching Ankara by the nightly express train, for on-loading on Tuesday morning, due in New York Wednesday noon, New York time.

Dr. John R. Mott, now 81 years of age, recently flew the Atlantic for his 103d. crossing since 1891, to receive the Nobel Peace Prize at Oslo, Sweden. He shares this honor with Emily Greene Balch, formerly Professor of Economics at Wellesley, and a leader in social understanding of the underprivileged and the exploited, ^{J.P.} Mada Stapleton M.D., wife of the Rev. Robert Stapleton, who served in the Eastern Turkey Mission from 1898 to 1921, and for a further period of 11 years in the Kentucky mountains, died on December 5th. at Lapeer, Michigan.

A March 6th. cable from Washington reports that the \$10. CARE food parcels containing 40,963 calories, are being sent to 12 European countries by individual Americans, in numbers of over 10,000 daily. In his recent report to President Truman, Mr. Hoover "highly praised CARE's overseas relief activities".

The State Department is seeking 31 men at the request of the Afghanistan Government, to staff three colleges to implement its present policy of making the English language a curricular requirement.

Through Miss Edith Cold, word has been received of the death on January 19th. of Miss Virginia Billings, who served in Hadjin Station from 1903 to 1908.

Treasurer Glockler of Beirut reports announced sailings of the "S. S. Saturnia" from Alexandria for Piraeus, Naples and New York on March 29, May 3, June 7, July 13.

Prof. Huntington Bliss, formerly of Sofia College, and now teaching at Robert College, has been appointed Director of the recently organized Damascus College, affiliated with the Near East College Association. Thither he will go, with Mrs. Bliss and the three daughters, to follow into a new phase the co-operative Arab-American development, to which his grandfather Daniel Bliss, and his father Howard Bliss made such distinctive contribution, in establishing and leading for over fifty years the present American University in Beirut.

Mr. Robert Allen, whose entirely new method for teaching English to foreigners is being tested at Robert College with interesting results, has been appointed Principal of Robert Academy, the Preparatory Department. He is a son of the American Mission in Iran, with teaching and war service in Iran and Afghanistan as well as in Turkey.

Miss Harriet C. Norton, who was associated with our schools in Gaziantep and Aleppo from 1903 to 1945, is living at a Home for Women at 2235 Norwalk Ave., Los Angeles 41, Calif. pending a vacancy at Claremont. She finds much to do, see, and study in Los Angeles: and sends greetings to friends in the Near East.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Measuring Dept.
Bible House, March 27, 1947,
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

Consul General C. E. Macy, with Mrs. Macy, arrived early this month in Istanbul to take up his duties here. They come from leave in the United States, after serving for nine years at Karachi.

Miss Ruth Mumford of the YWCA, who for several months has been serving the Girls' Dershane in this city during the prolonged furlough of Miss Clary, took to the skies in the Constellation which left Istanbul on the morning of March 25th., due in New York before lunch on the 26th. Her service here has been particularly effective, and during her short stay she has won the respect and friendship of many in this city.

Mr. Yoshio Fukuyama, who is completing his second year of teaching in the Talas Boys' School, has been appointed an official delegate to the World Conference of Christian Youth, to take place in Oslo, Norway in the last ten days of July. On the return trip, he hopes to visit at Chambon-sur-Lignon, in France, the work camp, in which the Congregational Service Committee shares.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Cary (Alice Shepard) expect to sail for Japan in September under American Board appointment. Mr. Cary will teach in the Doshisha University, with substantial participation by Amherst College alumni in financial backing. This carries on the traditional relationship between these two institutions, which started when the founder of western education in Japan, Joseph Neesima, came to Amherst to study, eventually to take back to Japan his vision of Christian faith and sound education, through the Doshisha, which he founded.

With the flat negative pronounced by Russian Ambassador Gromyko on March 5th. to all real international control of atomic development and disarmament, the American Government turns to the next best method for assuring peace - balance of power. President Truman's forthright address to Congress on March 12th. has loosed a flood of discussion and news-print the world over, and fills the Turkish and Greek press. If Congress grants the requisite legislation, these Eastern Mediterranean lands will have one more opportunity to strive for that more perfect democracy, which is their surest path to national well-being.

Friends of Miss Elizabeth Webb, who has served through the American Board Mission continuously since 1886, gathered at her home in Beirut on March 1st. to greet her on her 87th. birthday.

An earnest request has come from Mr. J. C. Glessner, American Mission, Kirkuk, Iraq, for any available Tracts in Arabic Turkish script. The Publication Department will be glad to receive and send on any such material. Or mail directly to Mr. Glessner, notifying the publication Dept. of material sent. Here is a chance for Stations to clear their shelves, while meeting a very real need.

Mr. Paul B. Anderson, Senior American Secretary in Europe of the YMCA left for Paris and America on March 20th., after spending a week in this city as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Young. He reports sturdy efforts in many European lands for the re-establishment of Y service to young men and boys, following these tragic war years. In several lands, there is a new ecumenical spirit, uniting groups which seldom cooperated in pre-war times in such activities.

Announcement is made of the appointment of Dr. William W. Patton of Glen Ridge, N.J. to the post of American Director of the Near East College Association. Dr. Patton has long been President of the International College Board, hence has had numerous contacts with the Near East. One of his assistants will be Mr. J. A. Baldwin. Mr. Albert W. Staub and Mr. Robinson, of the team that has carried this load since 1920, are retiring in the fall of 1947, while Mr. Harry Snyder who has been associated with the office since the end of the war, is also reported to be withdrawing at this time.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

For the friends who read these News Notes from afar, but who once shared with us spring on the Bosphorus, we would report that this is THE week of miracle here. Judas, purple and lavender, is in full bloom; the more delicate wistaria festoons arbors and the grey of weathered board; lilacs nod their fragrant greetings to winter-tired senses; while in garden and field the tuneful black-bird tempts us to believe that the nightingale is already here.

Another old old story. "Let no man live uncurbed by law nor curbed by tyranny". Athena's Decree in "Eumenides", Aeschylus.

With special ceremonies on the Island of Rhodes on March 31st. the British occupation forces handed over to the Hellenic authorities the Dodecanese Islands. Actually some fifty islands are involved. Greece agrees to the permanent demilitarization of these islands.

A CRS broadcast of March 31st. from New York reported 17,000 foreign students now studying in the United States, of whom some 3300 are engineers. A February report has reached Mr. Young of the Istanbul Dershanesi, giving 800 as the number of Turkish students in America.

Letter from Miss Luella Dunning, who in her short time with the American Board has given very valuable service in the Izmir School, and in emergency service in administering the Girls School in Aleppo with marked success, reports her decision to sail for America on the "Carp", scheduled to leave Beirut March 26th. Miss Gladys Lucas, who has spent the past winter in the study of Arabic, now takes over the Principalship of the American Girls' High School in Aleppo. This crowded school of some 500 girls is a joint project of the Presbyterian Mission and of the American Board.

Taking a lesson from the bitter experience of Nasr-ed-Din Hoja, the Mission Treasurer hopes "Inshallah" to leave Istanbul on April 17 accompanied by Mrs. Fowle, for the spring Managers' Meetings in Beirut and Aleppo of the NEST and Aleppo College. If circumstances permit, it is hoped there may be a visit in Hatay, and possibly brief stops in Aintab, Adana-Tarsus, and Talas on the return trip.

Letter from Athens associates reports that the marriage of Dr. Katharine McElroy and Mr. Blaise Kent took place in the English Church in Athens on March 11th., the officiating clergyman being a Chaplain of the British Forces. Among those present were the American Ambassador and Mrs. MacVeagh, teachers of Pierce College, and other friends. Mr. and Mrs. Kent have returned from a ten-day trip in the south of Greece, to make their home on the Campus, in Miss Pinneo's cottage.

Mrs. Arthur C. Ryan, who with her husband was associated with the American Board and the American Bible Society in Istanbul for many years, writes from 910 Enderby Drive, Alexandria, Virginia. Her son Alden, named for her brother Alden Hoover, M.D. who was with us in Merzifon, Talas, and Istanbul, continues into peace times his work with the Naval Research Laboratories in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Edith MacCallum Laird, librarian of the American University of Beirut, is starting for Canada and the United States for her leave, during which she will study library buildings and organization, preparatory to the final plans for the erection of the new University Library in Beirut.

Mr. Theodore Wieser, who for years has directed the Swiss School for the Blind at Ghazir, Lebanon, has now moved to Athens, where he will carry on similar activities.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Writing from Middlebury at the end of March, the Rev. C. T. Riggs tells of being visited by the Rev. Ernest and Mrs. Partridge, formerly of our Sivas Station. For the past two years the Partridges have been living in East Northfield, Mass., where their son, David, is teaching in Northfield Seminary. Both were looking well and happy. They are undecided whether to remain longer in East Northfield or to return to Oberlin, a place which has for them many attractions and associations.

Mr. Lyman MacCallum of the Bible Society returned on Good Friday after an absence of six weeks in Baghdad and Beirut. With him he brought Miss Helen McCune and Miss Flora Ferrill. The former has represented the Near East Foundation in their village welfare programme at Chtaura, Lebanon, since 1945. The latter is with the same organization, and is in charge of their work near the city of Damascus. On the same train was Mr. William Peyton of Damascus College, which is the Syria extension of the American University of Beirut. The College is in its second year, and is sheltered in two apartment houses, though there is promise of more suitable buildings in a measurable future. Mr. Huntington Bliss of Robert College will be acting as head of Damascus College in the autumn when the present head, Mr. Archie Crawford, goes to Beirut to direct the American University in the absence of President Dodge. These three guests made the long journey in order to spend a brief Easter vacation amid the sights and markets of Istanbul. They began the return journey from Istanbul on the 10th.

The Easter Service conducted in the Dutch Chapel by the Rev. Walter Wiley was beautiful and inspiring. At the Communion Service which followed, eleven members were received into the fellowship of the church.

Calling all BOOKWORMS. A copy of the book, "Turkey of Ataturk", borrowed in Gaziantep by Mr. Raymond Dudley, was left with some friend along the road, to be returned to the Deweys in Gaziantep. The book has never since been heard of. As the book belongs to Mr. Donald Webster, both the Deweys and Raymond Dudley are mourning its loss. Is the book in your Station?

Mr. Ezra Young, who is in charge of the Men's Dersane of Istanbul, is rejoicing over the permission granted to his institution by the Ministry of Education for the opening of a summer camp in the Pendik area on the shores of the Marmora. Many of us remember with pleasure the earlier camps at Kilios and Suadiye. The latter was closed about nine years ago when the rented property on which it stood was sold, and permission to open on an available site in the Bosphorus was denied. With this new concession, there is opened to the Dersane the opportunity for one of its most useful activities, one in which it pioneered in this country. Out of that pioneering there has developed a substantial summer camp movement in many parts of this land.

Late in March a reception was held in the Common Room of Pierce College for Mr. and Mrs. Blaise Kent. The reception was preceded by a baptism of one of the College grandchildren, for whom Mrs. Kent (Dr. McElroy to most of us) stood godmother. Mr. Kent may be known to some of our group, as he used to live in Istanbul and was for a year or two in Mr. Kerr's days a regular attendant at the Dutch Chapel.

On the occasion of this reception at Pierce College, Miss Emily MacCallum visited the college for the first time since her return to Greece in March 1946. Miss Emily was struck by the changes along the sea-front highway, which now runs through a militarised area, by the forlorn look of the college grounds, where bomb-craters, metal huts and concrete emplacements have replaced the flowers and shrubs of happier years, and by the bareness within the college halls, which once were so comfortably and prettily furnished. But the buildings stand firm, and the future is full of hope and promise.

Very truly yours,

F. L. MacCallum

Dear Friends:

Mr. Partridge reports that Wilson Dodd, M.D., formerly of Talas and Gaziantep, is the physician at Mt. Hermon School. When school is out, Dr. and Mrs. Dodd go to the Silver Bay Conference Center, where Dr. Dodd serves as resident physician.

The Bible Societies have sent to Germany 55 tons of cellulose which, when it has been turned into paper, will produce a million Bibles for the people of Germany. In addition, 187,000 Bibles, 503,000 New Testaments and 824,000 Gospels printed in America have been sent to that land for distribution through German church organizations. Another 285,000 Bibles and 900,000 New Testaments in German are being got ready in the United States for shipment to Germany. These books and the raw materials for making books will require of the Society the very large sum of \$677,000.

The Rev. W. Clark Kerr writes of carrying on in the midst of confusion, upheaval and danger. His staff was included in the general order for the evacuation from Palestine, but was later exempted, and his canteens have been re-opened in camps and security areas. He then made a tour of Palestine. In one city he found the police pulling out by means of a long rope, a suitcase which had been planted under his car. The timebomb which it contained they then proceeded to detonate by gunfire. Funeral services are frequent. "It does mean that one can never be academic in preaching in such conditions," is his conclusion.

We have it on the authority of Cook-Wagon-Lits that the Orient Express will make its first run in several years on May 6th, and will thereafter leave three times a week to reach France thru Bulgaria, Jugoslavia, and Italy. We also have it on pretty good authority that the Pan-Am. Constellations will soon be making two runs a week each way between New York and India.

Our editor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Luther R. Fowle, left Istanbul on Monday for Syria, the Lebanon and way stations. Mr. Fowle will take his place with the Boards of Managers of The Near East School of Theology in Beirut and of Aleppo College in Aleppo in their annual sessions. Mrs. Fowle will also sit in at Beirut as representative from this area. Istanbul is in hopes that they will bring back some warm weather with them.

This week has brot to a close the valued service of Alexan Batmazian who for a number of years has been a leader in the Armenian Protestant community of Istanbul. His sudden going brings again to the youth of this community the proud challenge of faithful Christian leadership.

Items from the Beirut News Letter:

Miss Luella Dunning was to have sailed from Beirut on the S.S. Marine Carp for America on March 28th. (We hope that this is only the first half of a round trip bringing her back to the Near East Mission.) Miss Gladys Lucas has taken over the principalship of the Girls' School in Aleppo.

Mr. Daniel C. Dennett, Cultural Attaché at the American Legation in Beirut, was killed in an airplane crash while flying from Asmara to Addis-Ababa in Abyssinia March 21st.

A new supplement to the catalogue of the American University boasts that the number of students registered in the different departments of the university during the current year is 2403. The graduates from the upper departments since 1870 number 6553.

The Alumni of N.E.S.T. gave a party for Mr. and Mrs. Loofty Levonian in the faculty room of the university recently during which the guests of honor were presented with a silver tea set. (We understand that this is in celebration of Prof. Levonian's completion of twenty-five years of service in the School.)

On Sunday last Prof. Charles Estes of Robert College gave delight to a full house in a farewell concert. This is his 442nd concert in his forty-two years at the college. Prof. Estes retires from the college in June and soon thereafter returns to America.

Very truly yours,
Walter B. Wiley

Dear Friends:

Word has been received of the death of Miss Beatrice Rohner, for many years a missionary in Turkey of German Hilfsbund. Under this organization she first came to Istanbul in the year 1899. The following year she was transferred to Marash, where she was in charge of one of the several German orphanages. From 1915 to 1917 she was in rescue and welfare work in Aleppo. When the Germans were sent away from the Near East at the close of the first world war she took up home mission work in Germany, where she died at Wiesenrat on the ninth of February, 1947.

The recent appearance of a flock of Turkish Moslem religious periodicals is an evidence of a change in the official attitude towards religion. A sampling of the news-stands produces four such journals, of which the oldest has reached its ninth issue. The hoardings announce the early appearance of at least two more. Coming at the end of a twenty-year period when the secularist principle of the Republic made religious journalism for Moslems difficult, if not impossible, this sudden activity is the more striking.

Three of these religious weeklies are printed each on a single sheet, folded into four or eight pages; one has sixteen. Their names are: Hakikat Yolu (The Path of Truth); Tanri Kulu (Servant of God); İslam Dünyası (Moslem World); and İrşat (Guidance). An examination of the contents reveals not much that is modern or forward-looking. The battles and councils of the Prophet, wise sayings of the founders, women's high place in Islam, commentary on the Koran, directions for the proper performance of religious rites (ablutions, daily prayers, etc.) these give a fair summary of the contents. Two articles of immediate practical application are, "What Has Shaken Our Religious Beliefs?" and some answers to the questionnaire "Should Children Look to the Home or to an Institution for Religious Instruction?" The answers to this question favour institutional teaching, on the plea that in very few homes is religion now sufficiently well understood to be taught.

To the sufferers from flood damage in England the Turkish Red Crescent Society is sending a gift of 50,000 Turkish liras worth of sugar, macaroni, rice and soap. This generous gift is to be supplemented by 300 tons of wheat in the name of the Turkish Republic.

The Rev. E. Panousis, for many years Pastor of the Greek Evangelical community which meets for worship in the chapel of the Swedish Legation at Istanbul has returned to his charge after an absence of almost a year in Greece. Mr. Panousis, who is nearly eighty years of age, was invited to accept various charges in Greece, but felt that he was still fit to serve best his friends in Istanbul. His son-in-law is the Rev. George Hajiondiou, pastor of the Second Evangelical Church, Athens.

Profiting by the spring holidays now prevailing in the Colleges Messrs. Fred Allen and Kirk Stetson set out on Friday to drive to its field of missionary labours the veteran jeep which is to assist Dr. Nute in his village work. Patterning after the captain of the ill-fated schooner "Hesperus," they took with them the Misses Ruth Shinn and Charlotte Reid, 'to bear them company,' and to interpret. Arifiye was reached at the end of the first day. In ancient times, Hannibal took such a dislike to this place that he there committed suicide. But the young folk passed on unscathed, and on the second day arrived at Ankara. They entered the capital a triumphant party of seven, for they had picked up a deck-load of villagers who had urgent business in town. The balance of their Odyssey is likely to be reported in our next issue.

Thank you, BOOKWORMS. As a direct result of the notice in our issue No. 79, the long-lost copy of "The Turkey of Atatürk" has been found -- on the Editor's bookshelves! It pays to advertise.

Very truly yours,

F. L. MacCallum

No. 82

Bible House, May 1, 1947,
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

A telegram from Gaziantep two days ago signed Fowle indicates that Mr. and Mrs. Fowle will be visiting Adana, Tarsus and Talas this week.

Many will remember Arakel Baloglu, at the door of the Bible House for a number of years. After several months of illness he passed away on Thursday last week. Our sympathy goes out to mother, wife, and two sons who carry on in his place.

The influence of Ulu Dagh is already beginning to be felt this year. Brousa, being the nearest point of comfort just now, has seen visitors recently in Dr. and Mrs. Lorrin Shepard and Constance for a much needed rest, and Rev. and Mrs. J. Kingsley Birge and Dorothy celebrating an anniversary.

The first chapter in a modern Odyssey into the heart of Anatolia by Messrs. Fred Allen and Kirk Stetson, and Misses Charlotte Reid and Ruth Shinn was given you last week. The four proved to be remarkably efficient abroad, for they piloted Dr. Nute's jeep thru to Talas exactly as scheduled, reaching Talas Sunday night. Roads were - well what are roads to a jeep? And for once the girls say that they let the boys do all the talking - in Turkish. Monday is unrecorded in their report. We take it that rest was the principle event. But Tuesday they went to the Troglodyte caves. Misses Martin and Burr from Constantinople College were also guests in Talas. The four jeepers left by train on Wednesday - 1:30 A.M. from Kayseri, and are now with us happily at work. They recommend such doings for spring fever.

During Easter Vacation, which lasted from April 9th to the 21st, Dean Carl Compton accompanied the Senior boys of Anatolia College on their graduation trip to Athens. Other members of the staff also spent their holiday in the capital.

On April 16th, Miss Lois Rees of the Anatolia College staff was married in Athens to Mr. Niko Kerimis. They returned to Saloniki by the afternoon plane, and arrived in time for a reception given in their honor at the college.

Thirteen High Schools in Lebanon and Syria were represented at a recent Christian Youth Conference in Ain Hilweh. Eighty five students and leaders attended.

Prof. Hopkins, of the Sociology Department of Claremont College in California is in Istanbul making a study of Turkish youth activities and social, recreational and religious provisions for their welfare.

A part of the American navy is expected in the Bosphorus the latter part of this week. Our Publication Department is on its toes. "Hi there, American Sailor! Looking for a gift to take home. Buy a Turkish copy of 'Fussbunny' and 'Chatterduck'. The kids at home love them in English, and would be thrilled to have them in Turkish, or -- slip a pair of them into your pocket for some small child in Istanbul! Only 50 piastres. Sold at all bookstores." reads a poster to catch their eye. And "Chatterduck" is hot off the press this week.

Miss Ethel Putney reports from New York:--Miss Barker was out most of the day yesterday -- Joy Fowle has a very pleasant tiny apartment near to Calvary House just south of Gramercy Park.---Dr. Fisher looks exactly as he used to do at Robert College --- "pungent comments on books" from Dr. Merrill --- Miss Trowbridge is comfortable in her nursing home, tho very frail.

Sincerely yours,

Walter E. Wiley

Dear Friends:

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Fowle returned on Tuesday from a successful trip to Beirut, Aleppo, and the interior stations of the Turkey Mission. At Beirut Mr. Fowle attended the annual meeting of the Near East School of Theology, and this was followed almost immediately by the annual meeting of Aleppo College, held at the college. Frontier formalities prevented the Carleton party from accompanying the Fowles to Gaziantep. After three or four days in those familiar surroundings the Fowles visited in turn Adana, Tarsus and Talas before returning to a somewhat wintry Istanbul.

A commission of experts sent out by the Twentieth Century Fund of America to make a careful study of the financial, economic, cultural, industrial and agricultural situation of Turkey has arrived and begun its work. The leader of this commission, Mr. Max Weston Thornburg, has explained to the press that the aim of their study will be to see what are the difficulties with which Turkey is meeting in each of these fields, to suggest remedies, and to indicate where America might be able to assist. The Fund does not concern itself with military problems, nor with those of trade and commerce. The decision to undertake this study was made before President Truman asked for aid for Turkey, and has no relationship with that proposal. The purpose of the study is to inform American public and Governmental opinion about Turkey. This is the first occasion on which such a study has been made by this fund of a country lying outside the American continents.

A second group of American experts has arrived in Ankara at the request of the Hava Yollari Idaresi (National Airways) to study the problem of equipping the flying fields of Turkey so that they can be used in winter as well as in summer. As soon as agreement is reached on the plans, the American commission will see to putting these into effect on about six of the main fields.

The American fleet, consisting of the carrier "Leyte," the cruiser, "Dayton" and the destroyers "Bristol" and "Furdy" left on Wednesday after a five-day visit. During their stay the ladies of the community were kept very busy at the U.S.O. which was open daily from 13:00 to 22:00. At Homes, a Ball, visits to the ships and sightseeing filled in the days and nights. The children of the Community School were specially invited to the "Leyte" and taken down to the domestic department where real American ice-cream poured from the willing machine into their no-less-willing young throats.

Still, the visit was not all ice-cream and doughnuts. Humble-pie was also in evidence when our Sylvia Nilson handed out a 3 - 2 defeat to the ping-pong champion of the fleet, a man who is said to stand 13th on the list of America's champions.

Press reports indicate that the project of a law regarding religious instruction is now ready and will be presented to the Assembly during the present session. According to this project religious instruction is likely to take place outside the present school system in a separate organization supported by private philanthropy or from the budget of the Evkaf or the Department of Religions. Three divisions of this instruction are proposed. The first section occupies itself with religious instruction of children of primary school age. The second section trains youths who have had middle and lycee education to serve as "hojas." The third section undertakes the training of the highest clergy and preachers.

On Monday, after an interruption lasting six years, the Simplon-Orient Express brought ten passengers to Istanbul. The "Express" consisted of one sleeping car at the tail of the daily Edirne train. Apparently between Paris and Trieste the Simplon Express is a regular train. But between Trieste and Istanbul this one sleeping car hitch-hikes behind any local train which may be willing to accommodate it. Still--it is a connection, and a promise of better days. It takes six days to reach Paris and the cost is T.L. 450 First and 305 Second Class.

Very truly yours,
F. L. MacCallum

Dear Friends:

The American Press in Beirut has this year again published a Missionary and Philanthropic Directory of the Near and Middle East, including as far as possible a complete listing of all personnel in the many societies active in these areas. There are three classifications: first by country and society, then alphabetically as to personnel, and finally societies by nationality.

Mrs. Edith Laird, Librarian of Beirut University and daughter of Mrs. F. W. MacCallum of Istanbul, was due to sail from Beirut on the S.S. Marine Carp on May 7th. She plans to spend two months in New York studying plans and equipment for the projected new A.U.B. library before proceeding to Canada.

The return voyage of the Carp is scheduled to bring us four very welcome visitors. Jim and "Rik" Fowle and Fred and Barclay Shepard plan to spend their vacation with their parents in Turkey.

An interesting and interested visitor at the Bible House this week has been Mr. Lowell Thomas, Jr., son of the well-known commentator and representative of the Twentieth Century Fund referred to in last week's News Letter.

The Pan-American Airways is running second sections in its weekly service from New York to Karachi, India this month, bringing two planes a week each thru Istanbul. About June 1st it is hoped to extend the regular service on a twice-a-week basis from Karachi to Calcutta to meet a like extension from Manila to Calcutta via hangoon. The engineers plan that this will establish a regular twice-a-week service around the world in five days. Further service from Damascus and other points in the Middle East to New York is being planned.

The newspapers reported a short while ago the ceremonies incident to the laying of foundations for a railroad station in Marash. Railroad construction has already begun on spur lines from Narli toward both Marash and Gaziantep. The enthusiastic reporter, after speaking of the expected service to both cities in operation sometime in 1948, goes on to picture plans for extension of the line southward to Bagdad and northward to Caesarea and Sivas. Studies of the possibilities are even contemplating a line connecting Marash with Alexandretta via Toprakkale, making Marash an important railroad center.

Last Friday the American Dersane in Istanbul had its annual Open House. An interesting feature was a series of short conversations and skits presented by two or three members of each class, English and French. Today the annual drive for local financial support begins, closing on the 28th.

The Choueir Conference Center, conducted by The Bible Lands Union for Christian Education announces its opening during July, August and September. Conferences are being scheduled. Guests are invited to spend their summer holiday there in that beautiful mountain spot. Until July 1st write to The Bible Lands Union for Christian Education, P. O. B. #582, Beirut, Lebanon for information.

Dr. Alford Carleton of Aleppo participated in the ordination of an Armenian pastor in Damascus on April 20th, attending on the same trip the N.E.S.T. Managers Meeting at which Mr. Fowle was also present.

In a pretty wedding in Albert Long Hall at Robert College on May 10th. Barbara K. Tompkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vinton D. Tompkins, was married to Mr. Lloyd M. Wilson, local Sales Manager for the Pan-American Airways. The bride's father is Chief Engineer in the Near East office of Socony-Vacuum.

Miss Ruth Shinn of Scutari and Mr. Yoshio Fukuyama of Talas have each recently received acceptance of their applications to be received as delegates at the Oslo World Conference of Christian Youth in July.

Very truly yours,

Walter B. Wiley

Bible House, May 22, 1947,
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

Editorial Policy. The writer is happy to announce that Lyman Mac-Callum and Walter Wiley have consented to take turns with him in getting out these News Notes, thus widening the outreach and style of our weekly greetings to all.

Tarsus-Adana associates climbed the road followed by St. Paul and other conquerors, into the Taurus to celebrate on May 11th. the birthday of Dr. Cyril H. Haas. The picnic spot was in an attractive valley among the pines, where one candle graced the birthday cake. But that one candle symbolized the power of 38 years of light and healing, shining in these hills, and on the great Cilician Plain. They returned to Tarsus, to find that in their absence the Turkish Minister of Labor, and the local Governor, had visited the school.

On April 26th. Miss Ilse C. Pohl, who taught in the Izmir and Talas schools for 38 years, celebrated her 80th. birthday at the Williams Ranch, in Pomona, Cal. The Mardens, Getchells, Reeds, and Miss Jillson were with her on this occasion.

Plans are afoot to observe the 90th. birthday of Mrs. James P. McNaughton, when her three daughters and the Markham and Hoster families will be with her. Mrs. McNaughton is reported as quite active for one of her years, and she and her sister Miss Jillson are at Pilgrim Place, Claremont, Cal., among friends and former colleagues of the Mission.

Dr. Wendell S. Cleland of the American University in Cairo, has recently been decorated by King Farouk with the Order of the Nile, Commander Degree, in recognition of his thirty years of service in that land. Dr. Cleland returns to Washington for important Research and Advisory service in the State Department.

Mrs. Elvesta Leslie, after a month in the Board's Treasury Department in Boston, has returned to Michigan to eat cherries and make preparations for her return in the summer to her work here. She reports visiting in Boston with Miss Ina Verrill, who, with her twin sister Ida, were most helpfully associated with the industrial and women's work, carried on in Ourfa before the first world war.

Mrs. Helen Scott, who taught for some years at the Scutari School, after many years' service under the Baptist Board in Japan, is at Hazelton House, Newton Center, Mass. She is happily occupied in painting, and is finishing the third of three large panels dealing with Africa, Burma, and China, for a Boys' Camp in Maine.

Impossible though it seem, it is reported that Dr. and Mrs. Goodsell are due to retire from service in Boston in September 1948. Many in this Mission, recalling our somewhat more generous retirement regulations, will hope that they will come back here and go to work.

The Taurus Express, northbound, will pick up Annual Meeting delegates from the Tigris (Mardin) to Cappadocia on June 21, 22, and 23, delivering them to Istanbul on the afternoon of the 24th. That evening, Annual Meeting assembles at the Scutari School in this city.

Prof. Lutfi Levonyan of the School of Theology in Beirut, with Mrs. Levonyan, reached England safely in late April, and is lecturing at Woodbrooke College, in Birmingham. Numerous other opportunities to address various bodies - more than can be wisely accepted - are coming to him. On June 25th. they sail on the "Queen Elizabeth" for New York, where there will be some days with leaders of the AMA before going to Toronto for the first post-war gathering of the International Missionary Council. Before sailing, there will be a week when Levonyans and Goodsell will be together in the Goodsell home, in Waban.

Prof. Edna Baxter, of Hartford Seminary, accompanied by Miss Wackerbarth arrived in Istanbul from Syria on May 20th. and will be with the Birges for about a week, before continuing their westward journey.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Bible House, May 29, 1947,
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

Mrs. Emily Block arrived this week from Talas and is spending a few days at Scutari. When she returns she will be accompanied by Miss Sylvia Nilson, who will later leave from Talas for America, to resume her college course.

Professor Charles H. Farnsworth, for twenty-five years Head of the Music Department of Teachers College, Columbia University, died on May 22nd in his 87th. year. The burial took place in Thetford, Vermont. It was from Thetford that his parents set forth in 1851 to become the first representatives of the American Board in Kayseri, in which city Charles was born nine years later.

Dr. Adnan Adivar has returned to his duties at the University and in Ankara as Demokrat deputy, after having been to Princeton where he was honoured with the degree of Doctor of Letters. Dr. Adnan was one of the five foreigners to receive degrees at this special Bi-centennial convocation. His citation read:- "Turkish physician, whose interests have broadened to include the history of science, philosophy and religion; interpreter to his people of the best in the intellectual heritage of the European world; he has fused the finest scholarly traditions of both East and West; twice called to high public office in times of national crisis, he has unceasingly striven to lay firm foundations of reason, justice and democracy for the young Republic of which he is a most distinguished citizen."

Tarsus reports 25 candidates for graduation in their Senior class, the largest in the history of this school since the first World War. The Junior-Senior Banquet was held on the 17th. and a week later the Commencement Exercises, with the last class appearing as candidates for graduation, took place in the presence of the families, faculty and student body. Classes finish at the end of May, with the junior examinations terminating on the 6th. and the senior examinations on the 12th. of June.

Dr. and Mrs. William Nute are expected in Istanbul on Sunday, on the first stage of their travel to America for a year of furlough.

When Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Young leave in September for their furlough, the supervision of the Dersane will be taken over by Mr. Arnold W. Fraser, a Canadian with ten years of experience with the sister institution in Canada. During the past fortnight the friends of the Dersane have been making a special effort to ensure resources for needy students and for the construction of a summer camp on the site at Kendik recently leased for this purpose. At yesterday's luncheon, a full and gratifying success was reported.

Dr. Gilbert H. Grosvenor, editor of the National Geographic Magazine, and Mrs. Grosvenor are spending a fortnight at Robert College. Dr. Grosvenor's father, Edwin A. Grosvenor, was professor of History at Robert College for many years before he left in 1890 to become Professor of History at Amherst College. Gilbert Grosvenor, the editor, was born in Rumeli Hisar, where he lived in the house now occupied by Dr. and Mrs. Bertram Post, until he reached the age of fifteen. Mrs. Grosvenor is the daughter of the late Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone.

The daily press reports the trial of the well-known writer, Nejp Fazil, accused of having written and published an article ridiculing religion. The fact that legal action has been taken on such a charge is significant of the new importance which is being given to religion.

On Monday Mr. Luther Fowle expects to make a short trip to Ankara in an effort to clear up various outstanding questions on which decisions are pending.

Very truly yours,

F. L. MacCallum

Tras. Dept.

No. 87

Bible House, June 5, 1947
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey

Dear Friends:

Dr. and Mrs. William L. Nute reached Istanbul on Sunday according to schedule, and are staying with Dr. and Mrs. Lorrin Shepard. The Danish ship, Helwig, on which they were booked to sail last Tuesday for New York is delayed in the harbor by loading operations.

Prof. Edna Baxter and Miss Jean Wackerbarth of the Hartford Foundation School of Religious Education, guests of the Birges, took plane for Athens late last week after a very busy time in our midst.

Mrs. Emily Block is leaving for Talas today. Last Friday Miss Sylvia Nilson, who was to have gone with her, departed for home and then for a visit to Mardin with her family before leaving for America.

Miss Ruth M. Nicholls, an officer in the Welfare Services of the British army stationed, on the Suez Canal, returned to Egypt by air this week after a two weeks leave, half of it spent in Ankara and half in Istanbul with headquarters at the MacCallum apartment.

American holidays are not holidays for Americans in Istanbul. A rather smaller number than usual broke away from the busy round to attend the Memorial Day service at the Ferikby Cemetery last Friday. Consul-General C.E. Macy delivered the address of the afternoon, and flowers were laid on all the graves of the American section of the cemetery.

Mr. Luther Fowle is this week in Ankara on business.

Those of either scientific or romantic sentiments on Tuesday evening enjoyed not only a beautiful full moon, but also from about nine to eleven here in Istanbul a partial eclipse of the moon.

One day this week our attention was attracted by the whistles of every ship and small craft in the harbor, and shortly thereafter we found two trim-looking ships of American design tied up at the Sirkeji quay flying the Turkish flag. The Kars, arriving this week, and the Edirne are amongst ships recently purchased in New York for the Turkish merchant marine and brot back to Istanbul by Turkish crews. Hence the harbor greeting. We understand that there is American personnel aboard as engineering instructors.

The newspaper Vatan's New York correspondent, Feridun Demokan, in a recent article reports that America's sickness of over-abundance has begun. America, he says, with its loans and gifts around the world is seeking relief from its trouble by a process of blood-letting. Today to an extent that we poor Europeans cannot measure America is swimming in tremendous comfort. And like a pruned tree, as Americans give they grow rich. Let us not forget that for every well-prepared project we can be assured of every kind of credit from America. The whole world is preparing its projects, but Americans want to know where the money will be put and how used. America is helping the entire world, and will help still more, because the disease of over-abundance is beginning. In order to breathe comfortably she is now blood-letting.

Is any one of our readers conscious that he has contracted this dread disease yet?

The campaign for the Levonian Jubilee Scholarship Fund, the income from which will be used to train men for the Christian ministry, is still continuing. Mr. G. Tilkian of the American Mission, Beirut is Secretary. The Levonian Jubilee Volume, containing articles on Biblical subjects by graduates of the School of Theology is in preparation.

Very truly yours,

Walter B. Wiley

Dear Friends:

Voice of America. At 10 p.m. Turkish time, the Voice of America is being clearly received from New York, in the 13 meter-band: and strongly re-broadcast from Munich, on 9.40 mc. in 31 meter-band: or 11.65 mc. in 25 meter-band.

Mrs. Dana K. Getchell has made a remarkable recovery after serious surgery at the Pomona Hospital. She recuperates at Pilgrim Place, Claremont, Cal.

Anatolia College. President Ernest Riggs, now campaigning in America returns by plane to Thessaloniki for the summer weeks, but returns to the campaign in the fall, to carry on till Easter of 1948. He reports that the Trustees of Anatolia College have accepted his resignation as President, to take effect not later than June 30, 1949, when he reaches the age of 68.

New Turkish Railways Schedule. As of June 1st, a new Schedule is in operation on the Turkish National Railways, which cuts two hours from the Ankara run, and about seven hours on the Aleppo-Istanbul trip. Meanwhile regular Turkish air service by American DC 4 planes, manned by Turkish crews, is in operation all over the country. Recently the Treasurer finished his Ankara tasks at noon, took the 2.15 plane and landed in Istanbul at 3.45. On the plane was a young Turkish mother with her babe, who had left Van at 8.30 a.m. All honor to Eli Smith and H.G.O. Dwight, of 1830.

Furlough and summer travel. Dr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Nute of the Talas Clinic sailed from Istanbul on the Danish ship "Helwig" on June 5th. for furlough in America. On the Turkish "Ege", sailing June 16th. Ruth Shinn and Angie Ducas of the Scutari School, and Joseph Stewart and Bob King of Tarsus are taking deck passage for Naples, whence they scatter to Norway, Switzerland, and France. Dorothy Blatter of the Publication Dept., and Yoshio Fukuyama of the Talas School have reservations on the Swedish plane of July 11th. for Switzerland, where Miss Blatter will visit her Swiss cousins, while Mr. Fukuyama goes to Scandinavia as a delegate to the World Conference of Christian Youth. Phone from Kayseri reports that the Nilsons with two daughters, start from Kayseri on June 11th. to visit Mardin before Annual Meeting, which assembles at Scutari on Tuesday evening, June 24th.

Mr. Harry Snyder, of the New York office of the Near East College Association is visiting the two colleges on the Bosphorus, and the Admiral Bristol Hospital in Istanbul, having already visited the other colleges of the group. He returns in July to New York, there to be associated with Rev. William Patton, who is taking over the responsibility of the NECA office, which Mr. Staub has carried for the past 27 years, and now lays down on account of health.

The wedding of Sally Ann Adkins and Robert A. MacFarlane, Jr. was announced for May 30th. at Andover, Mass. Sally Ann is the daughter of Rev. Leslie Adkins, who served with the Near East Mission for some years following the First World War.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lanckton (Katharine Nicol) of the Syria Mission, Robert College and Community School, and Socony, a third child, Barbara Nicol on May 13, in Beirut.

Post-war Homecoming Bob Shepard, prevented by duties at Yale from joining his brothers Fred and Barclay on the "Marine Carp" sailing May 29th. from New York, is due in Istanbul on the Pan-Am. plane on June 15th. The Carpers, including Jim and Rik Fowle are due to land at Beirut about June 12th.

Very truly yours,

Luther K. Fowle

Greasing Day

No. 89

Bible House, June 19, 1947,
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

Miss Mary Ingle of Anatolia College, Salonica, expects to spend the summer in Seattle and be back in Salonica in time to reopen the Girls' Department in the autumn. Her plane, which leaves Athens on the 26th, lands at Chicago without troubling to stop at any of the unimportant cities lying east of that metropolis along the Atlantic seaboard.

Commencement Week is again safely behind us. On Thursday afternoon the Women's College at Arnavutk^öy had the pleasure of awarding degrees to every member of the graduating class of thirty four. There had been not a single failure in the final exams. On Friday it was the turn of Robert College, where thirty candidates received degrees in Arts, and fifty five in Engineering. On Saturday the gathering was at Scutari, where thirteen girls received diplomas. The address to the graduates was given by Bayan Nebahat Karaorman, and was a striking appeal to idealism and trust in the unseen forces.

Murals are to be painted on the walls of one of the children's hospitals of the city. The artist who is to do the work has asked for suggestions as to suitable subjects, and, if possible, for actual pictures which might be copied. Miss Dorothy Blatter will be glad to receive any suggestions or prints which may be submitted.

On Monday the 16th Miss Ruth Shinn, Miss Angie Ducas, and Mr. Joseph Stewart sailed for Naples on the Turkish steamer "Ege". When last seen they were feeling the deck for a softer spot on which to spread their blankets.

Following the World Conference of Christian Youth at Oslo in July, Miss Shinn will go to France and spend a month working in the Congregational center at Chambon.

Mr. Robert King arrived from Tarsus on Sunday, but found it impossible to arrange his travel permit in time to join the party on the "Ege". He hopes to meet them in Italy at the first opportunity, and to spend the summer sight-seeing in Europe.

After shaking off the dust of the "Marine Carp" at Beirut, the four homecoming mission sons visited Damascus, Baalbek and Aleppo, and then took the Taurus Express for home. After crossing the Turkish frontier, the party separated. Fred and Barclay went to Gaziantep, where the name Shepard is still so well remembered, while Jim and Richardson Fowle came on and arrived in Istanbul on the morning of the 17th.

Bob Shepard was to have arrived directly by air on the 15th., but the uncertainties of air travel delayed him until the 17th.

How to get a house in Istanbul. The Birge family has to move, as the house they have occupied for the past twenty years has been sold to the Tubinis. Recently Robert College decided to let the Birges purchase "Tower Cottage," where Mr. and Mrs. Charles Riggs lived for so long. This means that the Ray Pearsons, now occupying Tower Cottage, have to move to one of the College houses in which Dean Bliss and his family are living. Dean Bliss is retiring from the college to take up an important post with Socony. So, during the last days of June the Blisses will move to make room for the Pearsons, the Pearsons will vacate for the convenience of the Birges, and the latter will make a quick move so that the Tubinis may be assured of a roof. We wish all concerned a safe passage and a minimum of breakages.

On Sunday, June 15th, the Baccalaureate and Commencement service of the N.E.S.T. in Beirut took the place of the regular morning service in the Anglo-American church. On June 19th the Aleppo High School for Girls and on the 20th. the Aleppo College will hold their graduation exercises --Beirut Newsletter.

Very truly yours,

F. L. MacCallum

Dear Friends:

A bad fire in Adana which completely destroyed a factory adjoining the American hospital on June 19th. came very near to taking the hospital also. Hundreds of friends came to the rescue. The hospital was saved, but equipment and Dr. and Mrs. Haas' household goods thrown out of the windows were somewhat worse for obedience to the law of gravity.

The Annual Meeting of the Near East Mission opened in Scutari on the evening of June 24th. Rev. Wm. Sage Woolworth was Chairman, and Dr. J. Kingsley Birge Secretary. There were twenty-four voting delegates, and forty-five to fifty others present for all or part of the sessions. Younger sons and daughters of the Mission included Dorothy Birge, Dorothy Nilson, Elizabeth MacCallum, Jim and "Rik" Fowle, Fred, Bob, Barclay and Constance Shepard. Standing for a group photograph in order of first appearance in Turkey, Miss Adelaide Dwight and Mr. Luther Fowle, as children of the Mission, stood ahead of Mrs. F. W. MacCallum who boasts almost six decades of service.

The roll-call reads as follows: Mrs. C. H. Haas from Adana; Rev. and Mrs. Wm. S. Woolworth from Tarsus with Mr. Robert King as guest; Mrs. Alford Carleton and Miss Gladys Lucas from Aleppo with Mr. George Miller and Mr. Douglas Hill as guests, and Dr. Alford Carleton, representing Beirut; Misses Saisie Hibbard and Clara Engle from Gaziantep; Miss Adelaide Dwight from Mardin; Miss Olive Greene and Rev. E. C. Blake from Izmir with Miss Margaret Blemker as guest; Rev. Paul Nilson and Rev. and Mrs. John Scott from Talas with Mr. Yoshio Fukuyama as guest; Rev. and Mrs. Riggs Brewster from Athens with Dr. Jean Davis as guest; Miss Margaret Arnott from Thessaloniki as guest; and Misses Dorothy Blatter, Grace Towner, Anna Mae Helton, Rev. James K. Lyman and Rev. Walter B. Wiley from Istanbul with Mrs. F. W. MacCallum, Mrs. Fowle, Mrs. Birge, Dr. and Mrs. Lorrin Shepard and Rev. and Mrs. B. Frank Stoltzfus as guests. Miss Alice Lindsley was matron, and Dr. J. K. Birge, Mr. Luther R. Fowle, and Mrs. James K. Lyman members ex-officio. Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Greenslade from the Syria-Lebanon Mission of the Presbyterian Board were guests of honor.

Reports indicated general understaffing of our institutions but gratifying progress in the year's work: new library and new School of Social Work at Pierce College, 506 students in Anatolia College in Thessaloniki with the H.C.L. 30% higher than in Turkey - 385 girls at Scutari and a long waiting list - three picture books for children published in Turkish as the first of their kind, and a thirty-book treasury on its way from America for loan to our mission institutions - 360 girls at Göztepe in Izmir with a 5300 volume library and a make-shift set of buildings housing the school since the Smyrna fire of 1922. In Talas Boys' School successful student government; at the Clinic 7899 calls with 136 village trips by horse or jeep - in St. Paul's Institute at Tarsus 210 students and the need for building replacement - 29,000 treatments to 13,443 patients at the Adana Clinic, daily from 4 A.M. to 4 P.M. - at Gaziantep with 49 beds 88% occupancy with a crying need for student nurses, 1269 admissions, 6889 clinic patients and 16,103 laboratory examinations - at Mardin a "cry from Macedonia" with urgent need for replacements for both American personnel and local church pastors, and popular demand for at least an English language school. Aleppo High School for Girls with more than 500 students in need of buildings and American staff - Aleppo College growing steadily; cooperating enterprises in sharing laboratories and participation in census-taking - the Near East School of Theology featuring short terms for pastors, a library of 16,000 volumes. The Bible Society reports 10,903 pieces of scripture distributed, 75% Turkish.

Interesting events at Annual Meeting were special music by family groups, daily soft-ball games 5-6:30, devotions and committee meetings in the New Barton Hall; a tea and swim at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Ezra Youn in Bebek; a Sunday evening "Information Please" on never-to-be-forgotten stories out of the Mission's past, tea for Consul-General and Mrs. C. H. Macy, a picnic to Buliver and Principo Islands, an evening demonstration of the Allen Method in "Controlled English" instruction, a review by Mr. Lyman MacCallum of John Richie's book, "Indigenous Church Principles describing the growth of lay-led churches in Peru, and on Sunday the annual sermon and communion service.

Very truly yours,
Walter B. Wiley

Dear Friends:

Scutari School is maintaining till mid-July a hostel for Annual Meeting guests desirous of visiting dentists, swimming the Bosphorus, or even just taking it easy for a few days before returning to their Stations. Miss Arnott and the Brewsters are already off for Thessaloniki and Athens. The Greenslades start for Beirut on the 10th., while on the 13th. Carletons, Miller and Hill for Aleppo, and delegates from Aintab, Adana, Tarsus, and Talas start on their return journeys. Meanwhile, in Istanbul the MacCallums have moved from the Bible House apartment to the MacNeal home in Hisar for a few weeks, while on July 9th. the Birges spent their first night in their new home - "Tower Cottage", belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Riggs, from whom the Mission is purchasing it. Dorothy Birge joins Dorothy Nilson in returning to Talas for some summer weeks.

President Carleton of Aleppo College was the recipient of the new King's Medal for Service to the Cause of Freedom, presented by the British Ambassador to Syria when he visited Aleppo in May. This medal is now being substituted for the earlier "Order of the British Empire" when non-British are being honored. Hearty congratulations.

Only minutes before the arrival of our southern hosts for annual meeting, Miss Jessie Martin took the big plane on June 24th. for summer in the United States. Confirmation of her arrival in New York on the 25th. reached us a day or two later. She plans to be back at Scutari by the end of August.

Following Annual Meeting, the teachers of our circle have been meeting as the Educational Council. Fruitful discussions have taken place, and special progress is being made in formulating a basic Talmat-name (Rules and Regulations, under which the school operates, which have Government approval) for the Board's schools in Turkey.

Mr. Archie Crawford, who has been appointed acting-President of Beirut American University for the year following the withdrawal of Dr. Bayard Dodge, suffered a broken pelvis in a motor accident, while driving to Damascus. He was taken to the Kennedy Memorial Hospital at Tripoli, and was able to be moved a week later to the University Hospitals in Beirut.

The Turkish Press reports the death of Rahmi Bey, Governor of Smyrna during the First World War. He was an official of high standards of conduct and administration, and had won the respect of many Americans who knew him in those days.

The American Collegiate Institute in Izmir closed its year with a double Commencement on successive evenings, made necessary by the large number of friends who wished to see the graduation and the play "As You Like It," given in Turkish. The exercises took place in the new open-air theater, being constructed on the slope of the school grounds, amid olive and pine trees. When completed, this theater will seat 600, and will add much to the social and dramatic opportunities of the School.

Swimming the Bosphorus. This week Mr. George Miller, of Aleppo College has joined the number of those members of the Mission who under their own power have crossed the waters from continent to continent. Even the deep-running Bosphorus usually has a time of repose in the early morning, and Mr. Miller returned from his swim for a 7:30 breakfast.

Summer Camps. The Istanbul Service Center camp for girls "Garden of Happiness" opened on the Marmara on June 26th. Miss Gladys Herschberger, who comes from the Beirut Community School, is in charge. The newly re-opened Camp for Boys (Camp Ernest Hedden) opened a day earlier at Pendik on the Marmara, at a rented site somewhat nearer the city than the ruined sea-side castle, within which is the tradition site of the great Hannibal, who died in exile here.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

A telegram from Sofia announces the safe arrival there of Mrs. Alma Woodruff and Miss Edith Douglass, who left Istanbul on the 13th. This marks the first return of American Board personnel to that field, from which they were expelled by the advent of hostilities in 1942. Theirs will be a joyful homecoming, though they will doubtless be conscious of the changes which these five years have wrought.

After a trying delay, Mr. and Mrs. Iain Gordon Campbell (Gladys Perry in her Mission days) left Istanbul for Britain by Constellation Clipper. After a short visit with Mr. Campbell's mother in Scotland, they will go to the United States. Mr. Campbell has a fellowship in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he will teach Freshman History while he studies.

A Boston cable announces the appointment of a new family for service under the American Board in the Near East School of Theology at Beirut.

From Geneva comes a cable announcing the safe arrival of Miss Dorothy Blatter, spending the summer with Swiss relatives, and Yoshio Fukuyama, proceeding to the Youth Conference at Oslo. Bob King, who set out with them from Istanbul, left the plane at Rome to join up with a party of friends who had gone on earlier by steamer.

The Müftü of Istanbul announces that the sacred month of Ramazan begins on the 19th. The usual brief sentence of announcement is followed by a paragraph reminding Moslems of the blessings which this month brings through worship and self-discipline, and through taking advantage of opportunities to hear the reading of the Koran in mosques. Those who, because they are ill or on journeys, are not keeping the fast, are reminded of their duty to respect the feelings of other Moslems, and not break the fast openly in the presence of those who may be fasting.

Mr. Ezra Young of the American Dershane, has made a brief trip to Athens to confer with Mr. McLelland of the General Executive in New York, and Mr. Paul Anderson, Senior Secretary for Europe. The Youngs plan to leave early in September for furlough in America.

Miss Nellie Glick of the Beirut Community School, and Miss Beach of the Mission office in Beirut have visited briefly in Istanbul and gone on to Italy and Greece respectively.

President İnönü has made an important announcement to the effect that as head of the State he will henceforth be above party. Hitherto, both İnönü, and before him Atatürk, were at the same time President of the Republic and leader of the People's Party. The position which will develop as a result of the President's announcement should mark a further significant step along the road to western ideas of democracy.

On Tuesday Dr. and Mrs. Shepard, Fred, Bob, Barclay, Constance and the cat (name unknown) left for six weeks holiday amid the forests of Uludag (Bythinian Olympus). May the sun shine and the trout leap. They expect to break camp on August 24th.

On the 12th. was signed at Ankara by the Turkish Foreign Minister and Ambassador Wilson the agreement for the implementation of the aid of 100 millions or so, promised to Turkey by America for reconstruction and defence. One of the points stressed in press interviews by the American experts who have been touring the country is the need for roads, not fancy asphalted roads, but ordinary, workaday metalled roads joining town with town and town with village.

On Sunday the newly established "Camp Hedden" held open house -- possibly "open tent" is the appropriate expression -- for friends of the American Dershane and relatives of the campers. This year the campers are in the younger age group who will not be discouraged by a certain lack of facilities inevitable in a camp that is in process of being established.

Very truly yours,

F. L. MacCallum.

Treas. Dept.

No. 93

Bible House, July 24, 1947,
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

Mrs. Emily Block, of Talas, arrived in Istanbul Monday for a month's vacation with Miss Grace Towner at Scutari.

Miss Ruth Wolf, Principal of the Girls' School of the American Methodist Mission in Lovetch, Bulgaria, has come again to Istanbul, this time for her summer vacation. Miss Wolf came to Istanbul on the first Pan-American clipper inaugurating the regular service between New York and Turkey last February. She had already seen service under the Methodist Board in Algeria and Jugoslavia.

Mr. B. Frank Stoltzfus is the newest recruit to American personnel recently permitted to return to Bulgaria. He left by train on Tuesday for Sofia, prepared to stay all winter, if circumstances make it seem advisable. Mrs. Stoltzfus for the present will carry on at Robert College.

Dr. and Mrs. Bertram V. D. Post are leaving by steamer in about two weeks' time with immediate destination Geneva.

While everyone else seems to be vacationing, Elizabeth MacCallum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Lyman MacCallum, has been sitting for examinations under arrangement with Rev. Charles W. Piper, Chaplain of the British Embassy, nearly every day and sometimes twice a day for the past two weeks. While Elizabeth enjoys studying, she really does not recommend this as a favorite pastime for July. She has a very good reason in one word - "Matric". With all success in examination she still cannot pass the handicap her parents gave her. Finishing the English High School for Girls last June, she will yet have to use up another year at Constantinople College before she can present enough credits in birth-days to enter English universities.

Word comes from Miss Ethel Putney of delightful days at Mountain Rest in the Berkshires, of plans to be with the Ellsworth Huntingtons in Maine for awhile after July 25th, and of standing by for a freighter direct to Istanbul from August 24th. on, or the S.S. Marine Swallow to Beirut Sept. 18th.

A quiet family wedding in the Dutch Chapel at noon on July 23rd. united in marriage Mr. John W. Brunell of Robert College, and Miss Ayda Ohanian of Istanbul. A reception at the Chadur Kiosk in Yildiz Park later in the day brot together many friends from all greater Istanbul.

Greeted by booming guns, eight units of the British fleet based at Malta steamed into the upper harbor on Monday. Two flat-tops, the Triumph and the Ocean, two cruisers, the Liverpool and the Leander, with four destroyers soon had poured more than 2000 sailors into the expectant city. Welcoming signs in English are everywhere. A program of banquet and dances at the Konak (Tokatljan's), and a canteen nearby manned by the British community, provides a center for entertainment and departure on numerous sight-seeing excursions. Pera will have to return from honeymoon Saturday when the boys depart variously for Sevastopol, Athens, and the Eastern Mediterranean.

Pres. Ernest Riggs of Anatolia College recently flew from New York to London and on to Athens. He is to be followed the first of August by Mr. Weatherbee, the Director of the Anatolia College Fund Campaign. They are to be back in America again from Thessaloniki early in September for the campaign. Before starting Mr. Riggs had a conference with Miss Mary Ingle, who arrived in Boston by plane July 2nd, having taken off from Athens the previous day. She went on by plane to Seattle on the Fourth.

Sincerely,

Walter B. Wiley

Bible House, July 30, 1947,
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

First word from Mrs. Woodruff and Miss Douglass from their Station of Sofia, unoccupied since September 1942, reports them settled in their own rooms in the Board property. They were met by friends who welcomed them with "gorgeous bouquets". We eagerly await further reports, as they study the basic situation, in relation to the Board's future work there.

Washington cables of July 19th, reporting on personnel for the U.S. Foreign Relief program indicate that Herbert Lansdale, formerly of the YMCA in Thessaloniki, is on duty in Athens as Adviser on Relief for Greece. His assistant is George D. White, son of Dr. White of Merzifon and Thessaloniki stations, who served for many years in Near East Relief and Anatolia College, and more recently has been in charge of the Social Service program of the American mines on Cyprus.

Report from Switzerland is to the effect that Mr. Yoshio Fukuyama of Talas Station has gone to England, there to meet his fiancée Miss Marjorie Bullock. Bob King hopes to be present at the wedding, after which Mr. and Mrs. Fukuyama go to Oslo for the Conference there, returning later in the summer to their work in Talas Station.

Miss Margaret Riggs, daughter of President and Mrs. Ernest Riggs of Anatolia College, has received appointment to teach psychology in the University in Kansas City, at the same time continuing her own work toward her Ph.D. thesis. Miss Marian Riggs, adopted daughter of Pres. and Mrs. Riggs, is on her way to Honolulu, where she will teach kindergarten or first grade, in the school for the children of army officers.

Miss Jillson reports from Claremont, Cal. that her sister, Mrs. James P. McNaughton, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday, has not been well for some weeks. She is looking forward to the visit this summer of her daughters Eve, Janet, and Margaret, accompanied by two husbands and five grandchildren "who follow in their train".

After a comfortable trip of 19 days from Istanbul, Dr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Nute landed in Boston on June 24th, being met by their son Miner with his wife and two children, and by daughter Maryly. Their first stop was at Miner's home in Wenham, Mass., followed by two days with Mrs. Nute, Sr., then to Fellowship Farm, R. D. No. 1, Elmira, New York - where Cyril Nute and his family are living at this farm.

In the first minutes of Saturday, July 26th the few night residents of the Bible House were roused by loud cries of "Fire", and the beating on iron shutters of frightened night-shift factory girls, safely locked in to their task. In the street leading to the Egyptian Bazaar, near its corner below our building, fire had broken out in a collection of paint shops and wooden box factories. A lively wind was pouring smoke and sparks across our Chapel apartment, occupied by the Jim Lymans; and the fire-department was not yet in evidence. Fortunately the solid walls of the old Sabunju Han stood across the line of fire; fire-fighters arrived and first confined then mastered the flames; the loss was five or six small shops on the street, and a substantial area behind them. The Bible House was undamaged.

News of the "present generation" is always welcome. Rev. Ernest C. Partridge, formerly of Sivas, ^{writes} that his eldest grandchild, Lynn, expects to enter Oberlin this fall, where the Senior Partridges expect to make their permanent home. As to their children,-

George is helping to run a summer boys' camp in Vermont.

Edward is in charge of the research laboratory of the American Anode Co. subsidiary of the Goodrich Rubber Co. of Akron.

William is in steel construction, in and around Akron.

Frances is junior hostess in a large summer hotel in Portsmouth, N.H.

Alfred, after a war experience as a conscientious objector in three CPS camps, and a year in a federal penitentiary, is now happily married, and teaching speech and radio in Roosevelt College, Chicago.

A New York cable reports the appointment of Miss Carson as Nurse at the American Hospital in Istanbul.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle.

Treas. Dept.

Dear Friends:

Roxanne Ruth Scott arrived at the American Hospital on the morning of July 30. Hearty congratulations to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Scott of Talas.

The Turkish steamer, "Bakir" is sailing for New York on the 10th, taking Turkish crews to man and bring back some ten passenger and freight ships newly bought in the U.S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. MacNeal of Robert College are reported to have sailed from New York on July 25th. They are shipped on a Greek steamer direct for Istanbul, where they are due in about three weeks.

Saying of the Week -- "The Roman Empire was an expanded municipality, the Arab Empire was an expanded mosque, the Turkish Empire was an expanded barracks." -- Hamdullah Suphi Tanriöver.

President of the Republic, Ismet İnönü is visiting Istanbul. His flag flies over the palace of Dolmabahçe.

The report noted last week that Mr. Yoshio Fukuyama expected to be married on reaching England is not correct. His trip to England was the result of the impossibility of getting in time his transit visa across Germany. Travel agencies encouraged him to hope that from England he would surely get passage to the Oslo Conference by boat or plane. On arrival in England he found that all transportation was booked till August, and so he had to give up the thought of attending this conference, which had been his goal for the past year.

If the present negotiations of our Vali are successful, the long-ruinous palace of Çeragan, standing at the water's edge above Beşiktaş, will be reconstructed as a modern hotel by a Swiss hotel organization, which will subsequently operate the institution. Few hotels in the world could have a more attractive situation.

After delaying for six weeks in hopes of finding a direct boat to America, Professor E. Estes, retiring music professor of Robert College, was forced to take to the air. After one or two false starts, of the kind so frequent in air travel, Professor Estes got away on the morning of the 3rd.

One swallow does not make a summer, but the "Marine Swallow" which sails eastward from America on the 13th, brings summer to Walter Wiley in the guise of Edith, Louise and Carol, and to Herman Kreider, Bursar of Robert College, who will be joined by Mrs. Kreider and their daughters Loretta and Irma. The "Swallow" will land her passengers in Beirut.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Sylvia, missionaries of the Assembly of Believers (Plymouth Brethren), on their way to their field in Baluchistan, have passed through Istanbul, Ankara and Kayseri. Mr. Sylvia's efforts in distributing Gospels and tracts have attracted a certain amount of press comment.

Mrs. W. S. Woolworth and Mrs. C. Haas of Tarsus and Adana have gone to their summer home at Güzne. School and hospital responsibilities keep their husbands on the plain for the present.

President Floyd Black of Robert College has returned to Istanbul from summer travels in Anatolia, during the course of which he visited the famous Troglodyte Valley of Ürgüp. The troglodytes were not at home.

Writing of her return trip to Mardin, Miss Adelaide Dwight recommends that travellers go via Diyarbakir rather than via Aleppo, and that they have their course stated on their identity papers.

Very truly yours,

F. L. MacCallum

Treas. Dept.
Bible House, August 11, 1947
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

The latest sailing with destination New York carries Miss Deborah Webster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Webster of U.S. Office of Information and Educational Exchange (O.I.E.E.) in Ankara, and Mrs. Robt. VanNise with Bobbie and Mollie on the S.S. Newbury Victory of the American Export Lines today. Extra!! At the last minute the Misses Sylvia and Dorothy Nilson of Talas are being cleared for embarkation with ultimate destination Wheaton College, Ill. With the two girls came Mrs. Nilson and "Duffy" Birge who has had a swell vacation with the Nilsons. With the Saturday air arrival of Mr. Yoshio Fukuyama and Miss Marjorie Bullock from Athens almost the entire personnel of Talas station is in Istanbul this week-end. Miss Bullock comes from America to join the staff of the Talas School.

Pres. and Mrs. Bayard Dodge of the American University, Beirut, are due in Istanbul on 23rd for about a week - strictly for a rest.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wilson, of the Pan-American World Airways here, were recently transferred to Damascus, the terminus of a new bi-weekly clipper service from New York. Taking his place as Sales Manager here comes Mr. Chas. Wagner, formerly with the American Express in Galata, and member of a famous local baseball nine.

A telegram to Pres. Black states the fact of Prof. "Ned" Estes' safe arrival in New York.

Miss Ruth Wolf of Bulgaria has returned to her station, and Miss O'Brien and friend have gone back to Cairo, all regretful that vacations have to come to an end, especially in Istanbul.

Reports from Bulgaria indicate Mr. B. Frank Stoltzfus' good health, also that of Miss Edith Douglass, but Mrs. Lyle Woodruff as not so well, all on a strictly vegetarian diet. Residence permits for the latter two travellers expire at the end of this month.

We are in receipt of the glad good news that Mr. Farnsworth Fowle has sailed for Jerusalem with a new appointment in his pocket.

By the latest bulletin Rev. and Mrs. Merrill N. Isely of Gaziantep will be sailing via American Export Lines from New York to Beirut on the 15th.

Another wave of Armenian emigration from Beirut to Russian Armenia has attracted attention even in the busy Bosphorus recently. Reports from Beirut indicate that three quarters of the population of Kessab has gone, including one half of the Protestants. Eadveli Abkarian recently went there for a final communion service with them. The call of "vatan" is strong.

We hope to have later "extras" on the Anatolian Odyssey of one of our editors. Tickets are bot for the 19th to take Mr. and Mrs. F. Lyman MacCallum and Elizabeth along the Black Sea coast to Samsun. Thence their guide log reads, "by rail to Amasia", the site of mithradates' castle where the Roman exile, Cassius, drank his ring-potion of poison, and home of modern Turkey's best apples. "Again by rail to Sivas, via Tokat". In Tokat Henry Martin, pioneer missionary to India and Persia, passed away. Sivas is one of modern Turkey's important rail centers and was at one time a center of American Board teacher training, and then of Near East Relief orphanage and orphan camp activities - scene of Miss Mary Graffam's strenuous work for the Kingdom. The journey goes on to Kayseri and Talas, active station of the Mission today and home of the Troglodytes. "Visit Ankara and return to the Bible House about Sept. 9th" finishes the Odyssey plan. Let all those along the way who are either ready to receive or part with news take notice.

Rev. W. Clark Kerr, of St. Andrews Church, Jerusalem, and formerly of the Dutch Chapel in Istanbul, has been chosen by the United Missionary Council of Syria and Palestine to succeed the late Rev. G.L.B. Sloan as member of the Near East Christian Council.

Sincerely,

Walter B. Wiley

Vacas. Dept.

No. 97

Bible House, August 19, 1947
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

After a Ramazan fast, which seemed to be observed by more of the general public than in recent years, we are now in the three days of celebration of the Sheker Bayram. Children in gay new clothes are riding about, crowded in all kinds of vehicles; while family visiting and rejoicing mark these days.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman MacCallum with daughter Elizabeth left on the 18th. by Black Sea steamer for Samsun, and visits by rail to Sivas, Kayseri, and Ankara, expecting to return to Istanbul about Sept. 6th.

The Istanbul Girls' Service Center is entertaining Miss Margaret Forsyth, Exec. Director of the Foreign Division of the YWCA. With her is Miss Dorothy McConnell, of the Methodist Board of Missions and Church Extension. Both ladies continue eastward to attend a YWCA conference in China, and the Centenary of the Methodist Mission work in that land.

Mr. Wm. Sage Woolworth, Director of Tarsus College, was in Ankara last week, working with Dept. of Education officials on the text of the modified "Rules and Regulations" for the Board's schools in Turkey. This unified document grew out of conference by representatives of all our schools following the June Annual Meeting, and its application will mark a definite step in our school administration.

President Ernest Riggs, westward bound by plane, and Farnsworth Fowle, enroute to Jerusalem for CBS, met in Athens on August 14th. Mr. Riggs returns to America to carry on the financial campaign for Anatolia College. We trust this summer trip to Thessaloniki has furnished him with sufficient Macedonian ammunition to make the campaign a complete success.

Miss Edith Parsons, formerly principal of the American Girls' School in Izmir, is happy in establishing her own home and garden at 43 Grand Boulevard, San Mateo, California. Her latch-string is out for her associates of the Near East.

A Board cable of August 13th reports the engagement of Mr. Louis (?) Pringle as a term worker in Talas or Tarsus.

Miss Esther Compton has arrived in Thessaloniki, and her parents hope she may be with them through the coming school year.

Miss Margaret White is reported as shortly withdrawing from the Near East Colleges campaign, to take a position under the YWCA at Winona, Minnesota.

Our good friend Mr. Henry Glockler, Treasurer of the Presbyterian Mission to Syria and the Lebanon; leaves for Furlough in America at the end of August, accompanied by Mrs. Glockler and the two sons. We of the American Board whom he has helped in such generous measure on many occasions, join with his own mission associates in wishing him the best of holidays, and a safe return.

The homeward trek has begun. Mr. Fukuyama is already in Talas; Miss Bullock is with the Scotts in Istanbul; Miss Blatter has had a glorious Swiss summer, and expects to be back during the week; Angie Lucas and Ruth Shinn are expected shortly, both in time and cash, but with a summer of fine experience in Europe.

Motor transport begins to compete with rails, as roads improve. The August shipment of 39 boxes for the Talas School were loaded on a truck in Istanbul, and delivered three days later by the same truck at the school gate in Talas. If main roads in Anatolia are arranged for motor traffic and kept in repair, there will be room for much individual initiative in transport, with marked advantage to the country both in prices and available goods and produce.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

The good ship Cumhuriyet, according to mail received at the Bible House on Saturday, brot the MacCallum trio, headed by our reporter-Editor, to the beautiful sandy beaches of Samsun twelve hours ahead of schedule.

Miss Marion Nosser from Ankara is a guest of Mrs. F. W. MacCallum in the Bible House apartment.

On Tuesday Mrs. Nilson accompanied by Mrs. Block took train for Talas. On Thursday Mr. and Mrs. John Scott and daughter Roxanne followed, accompanied by Miss Marjorie Bullock. Miss Scott goes for the first time to acquire residence in Talas; Miss Bullock for a brief visit.

Miss Dorothy Blatter left Geneva Wednesday at 5:30 P.M. and after a brief stop in Rome hopped off again on the Swedish plane to reach Istanbul at 7:45 P.M. Thursday. Friday morning her office was a popular place for Swiss chocolate, news and her rested self. Notice: the Mission Library is again open, and invites your patronage.

The Shepards have descended from Ulu Dagh to watch after their sheep of another fold once more. Dr. and Mrs. Lorrin Shepard, Bob, Fred, Barclay and Constance all show the benefits to be derived from fishing and hiking and eating and sleeping at 7500 ft. for a month or more. The three boys will soon be returning to America.

Miss Edith Douglass reached Istanbul early Monday morning from Sophia. Mrs. Lyle D. Woodruff is expecting to come in about ten days.

Prof. and Mrs. Charles S. MacNeal returned to Robert College on Greek freighter on Saturday after a rewarding year in the United States.

Dr. and Mrs. Post, after several delays finally left Istanbul on Saturday for their new home in Geneva, Switzerland. Many of us on this side of "the mountain" will long remember with gratitude his long and faithful service to the community here.

Both Rev. and Mrs. Ezra Young have turned over their desks at the Dersane and the U.S.I.S. respectively, to their successors, and are hard at work to get themselves aboard the S.S. Istanbul when she leaves for Naples next Friday. Others of us are going to have to work hard and well to fill their places this next year until their return.

You will be sorry to learn of the sudden passing of Dr. G. Oscar Boyd at the home of his daughter, 178 George St. New Brunswick, N.J. Dr. Boyd was in Beirut, Cairo and Vienna for a number of years as Secretary of the American Bible Society for the Levant area.

A secretarial letter from Boston, following the cable reported last week, indicates that Mr. Eugene A. Pringle is appointed to Tarsus College for a three year term as teacher of English and Music.

The secretarial letter also brot news of sailings: Miss Mabel Long to Athens on the S.S. Nea Hellas on the 15th, and on the same day on the "Carp" for Beirut the Iselys, Meyerings, and Miss Ruth McClintock; the Maynards on the Fernglan for Istanbul, and on the 23rd, also for Istanbul, the three Wileys on the S.S. John B. Waterman. Shortly there will be rejoicing at many points in the Mission.

News from Switzerland indicates that "Cousin Emma" Blatter has been holding open house for the Near East Mission this summer in Berne. Miss Shinn, Mr. Fukuyama and Miss Bullock were there in July, while on August 16th four Swiss and American Turkeyites - Miss Lucie Borel, Miss Ducas, Mr. King and Miss Dorothy Blatter enjoyed "Dear Friends" there around the tea table together. Miss Borel wishes to broadcast her greetings.

Miss Mary Ingle was to leave Seattle on the 15th, and New York on the 25th on a TWA Constellation for Italy. Before going on to Saloniki she will stop for a family reunion in Spezia, Italy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stone, formerly of Tarsus and Istanbul, are at Lafayette, Ind. with little Ingrid and Kenney. He is getting a Master's degree by way of a teaching fellowship. Mr. John Savage is with the Wyoming Bureau of Mines.

Very truly yours,

Walter B. Wiley

Dear Friends:

At present, air-mails via Pan-American for America close at the Istanbul and Galata post offices at 19:45 o'clock every Tuesday and Thursday, and on alternate Fridays, flight from Yeshilköy in each case being early the following morning.

We regret to report a serious accident to Mrs. Eula B. Lee, formerly of Marash and Istanbul. When Prof. Estes, late of Robert College, returned to their Auburndale home on August 19th he found Mrs. Lee on the floor, with a bad break of her hip - the result of catching her heel on the step leading from the cellar. As yet there is no report of the operation, when it was hoped to "put in a pin". Their address is 107 Hancock Street, Auburndale, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Young of the Istanbul Dershane (ex-YMCA) left on August 29th by steamer for furlough in America. It is their plan to spend some weeks in Switzerland and France, reaching America in mid-October. Mr. Young assumed the leadership of this "School of Language and Commerce" in June 1942, Mrs. Young coming out some time later, when war travel conditions permitted. It has been a period of steady growth in numbers at the Dershane, with distinct achievement in getting official permits to enlarge the student hostel from ten to thirty: and to again operate a summer camp. In Mr. Young's absence, Mr. Thom Hammond who continues to teach at Robert College, will be Acting Director of the Dershane.

Mrs. Leslie's mother, Mrs. Wm. Thomas celebrated her 90th birthday at her home in Northport, Michigan, on August 21st. Many of our Board circle will recall her, when she spent a year in Istanbul some years ago. Elizabeth Leslie Seager, with her husband and two of the great-grandchildren, was due to reach America on August 26th, too late for the birthday, but in time to share in the summer gatherings of the family, at the Northport home.

Miss Alice E. Gwinn, who served at the Anatolia Girls' School in Thessaloniki, while awaiting time of return to her own work in Japan, is now back at the Doshisha University in Kyoto. Copy of her April 26th "Now and then letter No. 6" has reached us, with an unusually broad and illuminating picture of the situation to which she returns. Miss Gwinn and the Hannafords of Aleppo are happy examples of the closer knitting together of mission workers, due to temporary service in other fields while cut off from their own work by the war.

The late September arrival of the "Marine Carp" at Beirut brought many workers to various American institutions in the Near East. The Taurus Express arriving September 2nd from the south brought Mrs. Herman Kreider and her two daughters; and Miss Ruth McClintock, appointed to the Izmir Girls School.

President Bayard Dodge, retiring president of the American University of Beirut, with Mrs. Dodge, were in Istanbul for several days last week, taking plane for their return to America. Dr. Dodge will give a major portion of his time in the coming year to the developing home-base plans of the Near East College Association. Mr. Albert W. Staub, American Director of the NECA, after twenty-seven years of service, retires as of October 1st, and Dr. Wm. Patton takes up the direction of the Association Office in New York. We rejoice in the fine service of these friends, both of whom have "Congregational roots".

The school rush is on. The Board's Near East Mission is short four or five "three year term" teachers, men or women. Have you names to suggest to Miss Mabel Emerson or Mr. Loy Long, Boston?

Miss Cecelia Berg, formerly of the Treasury Dept. and of the Gedik Pasha School, had sufficiently recovered from a May motor accident to visit Mrs. Helen Scott in Maine during August. She hopes to come to Turkey in February, on her sabbatical leave from the Public Schools of Chicago.

Very truly yours,
Luther R. Fowle

Bible House, September 8, 1947
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

A Boston cable announces the appointment of Miss Tonsfeldt to teach English at the American Collegiate Institute, Izmir. The coming of Miss Tonsfeldt to Izmir probably releases Miss Marjorie Bullock, temporarily assigned to Izmir, to teach at Scutari.

The same cable reports the death of Miss Elizabeth Trowbridge on August 31st. Elizabeth Trowbridge was born in Constantinople in 1865, the daughter of the American Board missionaries, the Rev. Tilman C. Trowbridge and Mrs. Trowbridge, formerly Margaret Riggs. Elizabeth went to Aintab as a missionary nurse in 1891, for this city had been her childhood home after the appointment of her father to the presidency of Central Turkey College. Except for the usual furloughs, the next forty one years of her life were spent in Aintab, where she was closely associated with the late Dr. Caroline Hamilton in their work for women. In her later years Miss Trowbridge gave most of her time and strength to visiting her Turkish sisters in their homes, where her beautiful spirit and apt use of Turkish made her most welcome. She retired in 1932, and has spent the past five years in various nursing homes. The funeral took place at Newton, Mass. with Dr. Goodsell and Prof. Levonian assisting Dr. Merrill. Mrs. John E. Merrill (Isabel Trowbridge) is her only surviving sister.

The sons of the mission, whose presence has made the summer memorable in many ways, have now flown to their trans-atlantic colleges and responsibilities. Dr. and Mrs. Shepard have received a cable from Boston announcing the safe arrival there of Fred, Bob and Barclay. Jim and Rick Fowle left this morning from the Yeshilkoy airfield by Czech plane for Rome. After a few days in Italy they expect to sail for home by the S.S. "Vulcania".

In the same plane was Professor Whittemore of Aya Sophia, on his way to attend the Centennial of the French Institute of Archaeology in Athens. Professor Whittemore is now working on the mosaics of Kahriye Jami (the Mosaic Mosque), which were in need of expert attention. Not only is he strengthening the known mosaics but he has discovered others, hitherto concealed beneath the plaster of the atrium.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maynard of Tarsus have arrived in Istanbul, returning from a year of furlough which they spent in study at Chicago University. With them on the S.S. "Fernglen" came Professor Frank Hewitt, accompanied by his niece, Miss Charlotte Phillips, who will be studying at the Women's College. Another passenger was Mrs. Semih Temel, who has left her eldest daughter in charge of her New York office while she makes a business trip to Istanbul, after an absence of three years.

Miss Louise Mamigonian, for many years secretary at the Istanbul Service Center, was this week married to Mr. Patrick Boyle, an American businessman of Ankara.

Mrs. Alma Lee Rowe, who will be remembered as one of the General Secretaries of the Istanbul Service Center, writes from P. O. Box 53, Williamsburg, Va. She has been in Williamsburg for the past thirteen years in the job of Public Relations, which being interpreted means encouraging more and more visitors to come to this town which Mr. Rockefeller restored.

Miss Jessie Martin returned to Istanbul by air, after spending part of the summer in America. Over Greece their plane passed through a thunder-cloud where, for a few minutes, they seemed to be riding a whole circus of bucking bronchos, and only their safety-belts kept them right-side-up in their seats. Greek weather has been tempestuous for a long time, Jessie.

"Svilengrad: neld hege cgidge downk. Woodgu". Bulgarian neighbours were impressed into service to interpret this telegram from non-arriving Mrs. Woodruff. They insisted that it made no sense in Bulgarian and must be English. It is! Read: "Held here, bridge down. Woody."

Very truly yours,

F. L. MacCallum

Dear Friends:

Miss Ruth Shinn has returned to her post at Scutari after a very rewarding summer, first at the World Conference of Christian Youth at Oslo, Norway, where more than a thousand young Christians from all over the world were gathered for two weeks of discussion and fellowship, and then at Le College Cevanol Work Camp at Chambon, France. Working with her there were Miss Angie Ducas and Mr. Robert King of the Near East Mission, and Mr. Gay Noyce, on his way to Istanbul to be a tutor at Robert College. The Camp is sponsored by the Congregational Christian Service Committee to help build barracks and construct other equipment for the independent French Protestant college in cooperation with the Swiss Red Cross and the American Friends Service Committee. Ten nationalities of young people paying their own expenses rubbed elbows there. Coal miners on vacation from Belgium used pick and shovel side by side with Smith College vacationists.

Mrs. Lyle Woodruff arrived from Bulgaria on the morning of the 10th after many adventures. Bridges out prevented the Orient Express from making its regular runs last week. Four days of detouring in at least four different carriers were necessary to bring Mrs. Woodruff here. She reports her friends getting along much as she expected. Churches are continually full.

Miss Anna Mae Helton of Scutari and Miss Mary Jane Mordan of Arnautkby are among recent arrivals after a summer's trip which made them visitors at all the Near East Mission stations except Mardin, and took them as far afield as Egypt.

Departures from Istanbul this week: Miss Ruth McClintock for Izmir, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maynard for Tarsus, and Miss Marion Nossier for Ankara.

Word has come from the Walker Missionary Home that Miss Marion Sheldon has fallen and broken her hip. The sympathy of the Mission goes out across the seas to her now. For several years now Miss Sheldon has been living at 138 Hancock St., Auburndale 62, Mass.

On Friday Mr. Ralph Meyering, a son of the Mission, arrived from Tarsus. Ralph is to spend this year at Robert College while his parents are working in the Mission on an educational project. Dr. and Mrs. Harry Meyering are in Tarsus for the present. The family matriculated on the S.S. Marine Carp on its latest trip.

A recent letter from Miss Mary Ward tells of her active interest in the Church World Service Center in Boston, preparing clothing for shipment to war sufferers. She is also an interested member of the Literary Club in Newton Highlands and of the W.C.T.U.

Mr. Daniel Brewster, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. Riggs Brewster of Athens, has been transferred from Beirut, Lebanon to the embassy in Athens. Mr. and Mrs. Brewster came "back home" in August.

Miss Mabel Long is back from furlough (Sept. 4th), and has undertaken her new duties as Acting President of Orlinda Childs Pierce College in Athens.

Anatolia College in Thessaloniki is said to have a fall enrollment of 300 boys and the Girls School of 200 girls.

On Sunday the 10,000 ton freighter John B. Waterman of the Waterman Line landed its full quota of twelve passengers in Istanbul. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Butler and Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Enlow (Agricultural Attache) for the American embassy in Ankara; Dr. Kiper, one of the Turkish representatives at the UN; Misses Beckey, Gurney, and McKillop returning to Constantinople College after a year; and Mrs. Walter B. Wiley with Louise and Carol. They were twenty-one days out of New York with nearly five days in Piraeus and two in Thessaloniki. The ship left scores of jeeps and tons of powdered milk and sugar in the Greek ports in one of the first shipments of the American Aid to Greece program. This week's registration of Louise and Carol at Constantinople College will swell the British American contingent there to eight.

Sincerely yours,

Walter B. Wiley

Bible House, September 22, 1947
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

Born, in Pittsfield, Mass. to Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Dorman (Dorothy Merrill of Aintab) a son, Timothy Dale.

Mr. Charles House of the Thessaloniki Agricultural and Industrial Institute returned in early September from several weeks in Switzerland. The school is crowded with boys, with something of a Girls' Department, a legacy of war situations. It is an interesting development. Mrs. House's mother has successfully thrown off an attack of pneumonia. She was 97 on September 14th.

A most interesting report of the Evangelical Churches in Bulgaria indicates that they are feeling a new sense of mission and of power, under the stern discipline of war and its aftermath. The separation of Church and State under the Communist Government results in equal treatment for all religious groups before the law, and a wider freedom than has sometimes been experienced in the past.

Miss Ethel Putney and Miss Carson, the newly appointed nurse for the Admiral Bristol Hospital in Istanbul, sailed from New York on Sept. 17th on the S. S. Fernbrook for Istanbul.

Leaving Diarbakir on the Tigris at 10 a.m. on Tuesday last, Miss Diantha Dewey reached Istanbul by Turkish plane at 3:30 the same afternoon, where she is a patient in the Admiral Bristol Hospital.

Dr. J. Kingsley Birge is delivering two "orientation" lectures on Turkish History at Robert College, primarily for the newly arrived teachers. Members of the Community are invited.

Susie and Dana Gatchell of Merzifon, retired, with Mrs. Gatchell's sister Emma, have returned to Pilgrim place, Claremont, after a month's visit at the ranch of Wallace Smith, at Vista, Cal. Mr. Smith also is an old Merzifonli.

The Annual Conference of American Board missionaries on furlough, is being held in Burlington, Vermont, to be followed by the Annual Meeting of the American Board, which takes place on Sept. 23 to 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Hawkes moved in early September from Woodbury, Conn. to Iberia Junior College, Iberia, Missouri, where both of them will teach. The institution is under the Missouri Congregational-Christian Conference. We await further news of these members of the Board family.

After a strenuous year at the Gaziantep Hospital, Dr. and Mrs. Albert W. Dewey were due to fly to Ankara on Sept. 16th, going on by plane the next day to Izmir, where they will be the guests of the Cevat Orhans (Helen Haight) at the Secony installation. Their hospitable home, overlooking the bay of Smyrna, will be an ideal vacation spot at this season. After two weeks, the Deweys come to Istanbul for dentistry and other errands, expecting to return to their work in Gaziantep by train on the 14th.

Twice this week the Treasurer has found himself part of a closely packed crowd, seeking service at Cook's Travel Agency and at the Central Bank. In each case, they have been elderly men, with some women on the edge of the crowd, seeking transportation or foreign currency for the Pilgrimage to Mecca - the Hajj - which is enjoined on all true Moslems. For years, war, and some aspects of secularization have tended to limit the pilgrimage to the Holy Places, but new tendencies are showing themselves. Pilgrims from central Asia are appearing in Istanbul, while from Turkey a substantial number - one estimate says 20,000 - are this year on the move, in fulfillment of that command which to most of these pilgrims is the unique experience of a life-time.

Mr. and Mrs. Iain Gordon Campbell (Gladys Perry of Merzifon, Scutari, and Izmir) reached Adams, Nebraska on August 1st, with temperature of 103° in the shade. In spite of this too warm welcome, the Scot husband is sure that they will settle down happily, in the friendly community which they find. Mr. Campbell is writing, while Mrs. Campbell is teaching at the Alexandria High School.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

No. 103

Bible House, September 29, 1947
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey.

Dear Friends:

Writing from his home at 1, Avenue de Miremont, Geneva, Dr. D.A. Davis tells something of the work of the International YMCA for Displaced Persons, Prisoners of War and with the German YMCA in its service to youth in which work he will continue to be engaged until next May. Recently he accompanied Dr. John R. Mott, the 82 year old President of the World's YMCA, in his tour of the Western Zone. The largest churches, theaters, and, in Cologne, the Stadium, were not large enough to hold the people who came to hear Dr. Mott speak on "Grounds for hope in the present situation."

Miss Jacklyn Blake spent a week in Istanbul with her friends. She made the journey to and from Izmir by Turkish Airlines. When one is young enough to rate half fare, no seat is provided. The trip might be summarized as strap-hanging from the clouds.

A remarkable ceremony took place on the 27th in the Madras (India) Cathedral when the Church of India, Burma and Ceylon (Anglican), the Methodist Church, and the South India United Church (itself comprising Presbyterians and Congregationalists) united to form the Church of South India, with a membership of over a million. The union of these bodies is outstanding because of its bringing together episcopal and non-episcopal religious communities, and because it is due to the enterprise of the Younger Churches, whose example must profoundly affect future proposals for union in any part of the world.

A number of cards have been received from Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Young of the American Dersane, on their way to America on furlough. They write from Rome, where they have been observing a number of interesting and very hopeful social experiments.

Miss Marjorie Bullock has come from Talas to take up her duties as English mistress in the Scutari Academy.

Miss Diantha Dewey expects to leave the Admiral Bristol Hospital towards the end of this week. After a period of convalescence at the Bible House she hopes to leave for Mardin on October 13th.

The Near East School of Theology will open its doors on October 15 to a larger number of students than usual. Among these will be Haralambos Melides, the first male student to attend from Istanbul for many years. Vahram Tatikyan, evangelist from this city, will also be taking some special work in connection with the school. Unfortunately Dean Levonian will not be returning from his American tour before the middle of November, and Mr. McMullen, the new appointee to the teaching staff, will probably arrive at the same time.

Dr. Harry Meyering expects to leave Tarsus on the 10th, and will be joined at Kayseri by William Sage Woolworth for their first talks with the Ministry of Education at Ankara. After this, Dr. Meyering expects to come on to Istanbul and Izmir, to get a bird's-eye view of all the schools, before returning to the interior to begin more detailed studies of our schools and their needs.

After attending the Annual Meeting of the American Board in Burlington, Vt. from September 20-25, Professor Levonian expected to give a number of lectures in the Eastern States, attend the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Armenian church in Troy, N.Y., and on October 7 to start with Mrs. Levonian to visit the Armenian churches of California.

On the evening of September 15, the Americans of Gaziantep held a special dinner and surprise party in honour of Miss Theda Phelps, whose 36 years of service as nurse in the hospitals of the Mission will soon be coming to a close. Miss Phelps hopes to visit Istanbul shortly, and sail for America from here.

Very truly yours,

F.L. MacCallum

Bible House, October 9, 1947
P. K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey

Dear Friends:

Mr. F. Lyman MacCallum, district agent of the American, and the British & Foreign Bible Societies, took plane from Istanbul at 6:30 on September 30th for the Syrian and Lebanese area, reaching Beirut in time for lunch.

Registrations at the Near East School of Theology in Beirut will take place on October 9 to 11, with Convocation Service on Sunday the 12th and Classes on Monday the 13th. Dean Levonian, now in America, and newly appointed Rev. Mr. McMullen, hope to get early October passage from New York, but will be several weeks late for the opening of the School.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Young of the Istanbul Dershane (ex YMCA) report some most restful days from Spiez, on the southern shore of Lake Thun, whence they see the Jungfrau. The Youngs plan to fly to America early in October, after five years' service at the Dershane. During Mr. Young's absence, Mr. Thom Hammond of Robert College is Director of the Dershane's manifold activities. The enrollment of young men and boys as of August 31st was 829.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Cary (Alice Shepard of Aintab and Istanbul) sailed from California on September 5th for Japan, where they will reside in the Amherst Building at the Doshisha University in Kyoto. Otis is to teach in the University as the first post-war representative of Amherst College, which has been closely associated with the Doshisha since its founding. (Joseph Hardy Neesima, founder of the Doshisha, fled from Japan to study in America, and eventually attended Amherst College, where he roomed with James L. Fowle of Caesarea Station, who kept for him during his first dangerous return to Japan, his ancestral Samurai sword. A third member of this Amherst group was Otis Cary, who gave a life-time of service in the Board's Japan Mission). While Grandson Otis now teaches at the Doshisha, Alice Shepard Cary, M.D., appointed an associate missionary of the American Board, will be medical adviser to Board personnel, and consultant to both the Doshisha and to Kobe College, in health programs. Clinical work and some teaching in child care will probably be in the program.

A recent letter from President Yuasa of Doshisha University reports eleven branches in the institution: One Kindergarten, four middle schools, five junior colleges, and the University proper. Two thousand of the 7700 students are girls, while teaching and administrative staffs number 500. In September, 2100 new students were accepted, out of over ten thousand applicants. President Yuasa writes "This is a crucial moment in the history of Japan".

Mrs. Ralph Collins of Ankara resides at 1604 University Drive, Lawrence, Kansas, where she holds a position in the Chemistry Dept. She reports two Turkish students studying there this fall in Electrical Engineering, and their delight in finding there one who knew their distant home-land. Many of our circle will recall Dr. Ralph Collins, M.D. of the Rockefeller Foundation, who served with distinction in Ankara, in co-operative Health Department measures and organization. Not less memorable than his professional work was his personal influence on a wide circle of Turkish officials and citizens, who recall his kindness and friendship with gratitude.

Report has been received of the marriage on July 2nd in Washington, D.C. of Mr. Paul Rowland, formerly of the College in Sofia, and Miss Mary Finch. They are at Home at 925 Grove Street, Jacksonville, Illinois.

Mr. Robert Root, who for two years has been associated with the Geneva Office of the World Council of Churches, and with the Religious News Service, has just spent several days in Turkey, visiting Adana, Tarsus, Ankara, and Istanbul. He goes on to Beirut, which is his temporary headquarters in the Near East; then on to India and the Far East. He is one of the increasing group of newsmen, who serve the very substantial religious journals of America, with first-hand information.

Very truly yours,
Luther R. Fowle

October 16, 1947

Dear Friends:

Miss Martha Moennich, world traveller and evangelist, visited this city for five days, early in October.

Miss Diantha Dewey of Mardin, after a stay at the Admiral Bristol Hospital in this city, took plane for Diarbakir on the Tigris on October 15th. Thence, three hours by car will take her to Mardin, where Miss Adelaide Dwight awaits her return.

Dr. and Mrs. Albert Dewey of the Gaziantep Hospital, after spending their delayed holiday with the Cevat Orhans and the Shepards in Izmir and Istanbul, took "sleeper" on the 13th for Narli, whence bus will take them in two hours to the busy hospital in Aintab.

Miss Theda Belle Phelps joined the Mission in 1911, and has spent many years as Supt. of Nurses at the Gaziantep Hospital. Leaving her young associates Miss Hibbard and Miss Engle to carry on the work, Miss Phelps has come to Istanbul, on her way to well-earned retirement in America. She hopes to sail for New York on the King Haakon VII, about October 20th. Miss Phelps goes in good health, eager for the next experience. She will be greatly missed by many friends at the Aintab Hospital and in the Mission.

Increasing numbers of Americans are coming to the Near East, in their various activities. In the first eight months of 1947, 52 American patients were admitted to the Admiral Bristol Hospital in Istanbul, the number being 34 in 1946. The American Community School in Beirut has opened with 85 students - an all-time high. The Community School under the aegis of Robert College has opened with two teachers from America, and an enrollment of 18 with others expected shortly.

Mrs. Elvesta Leslie of the Treasury Department, accompanied by Miss Tonsfeldt appointed to the Girls' School in Izmir, have passage on the Noah Brown, due to sail from New York on October 17th. Elizabeth Leslie Seager and family hope to sail from New York on October 15th on the "Alawai" of the Waterman Line, returning to their home in Izmir.

Mr. Gene Pringle, eagerly awaited at Tarsus College, is believed to have sailed from New York on the Marine Jumper, due in Beirut October 9th.

An October letter from Boston reports the death of several members of the Near East Mission, whom we bear in grateful remembrance.

Sept. 20th Louise Clark Bingham, formerly of the Aintab Hospital
Sept. 15th Mrs. L. F. Ostrander, of the Bulgaria Mission
Sept. 22nd Mrs. John Henry House of Thessaloniki shortly after her 97th birthday.

The Scutari School is the first to report its fall position. Of a teaching and administrative staff of 41, 34 are teachers, 20 of whom are Turkish. 149 of the student body of 385 are boarders. In the Lycee classes 112 students are enrolled, while 273 are in the Middle (Orta) classes. Many applicants being turned away each year for lack of room, wise parents are registering their children early. From Gaziantep, a registrant has applied for entrance in 1962. The School still seeks one teacher for mathematics and another for the sciences. Next fall, it will require two or three teachers of English from America. Please ask your young friends, graduates of standard colleges and universities, to apply to the American Board in Boston. If they will mention "Dear Friends" in their application, they are sure to be accepted, and the News Notes will get an Oscar.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Wiley of Istanbul, unable for some months to get their Dutch Chapel apartment in Pera, have taken a house in Hisar for the winter, whence the daughters will commute to the Girls' College.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Mrs. Alice W. Manning, senior member of the American Community of Istanbul died in this city on October 22nd. She would have been 87 on December 2nd. Dr. and Mrs. George L. Manning came to Robert College at the turn of the century where Dr. Manning was the head of the Physics Department. Their home was a center of music, hospitality, and gracious living. Mrs. Manning was a gifted pianist, and both of them played in the chamber music group, giving many concerts in their own home and at the college.

Dr. Manning died in Italy in 1914, following the outbreak of war. Mrs. Manning returned to Robert College, where for years she was house-mother to the younger boys in Theodoros Hall, at the same time devoting herself to the interests of dumb animals, and the development in Turkey and in Bulgaria of organized groups to protect their well-being. In recent years, she has lived at the Animal Hospital at Osman Bey, a building which she provided and makes available to the Turkish Society for the Protection of Animals. With remarkable singleness of purpose she has pressed this cause, and has been a major element in the many Laws and Regulations through which the Turkish Government acts to develop animal husbandry and protect animals from cruelty and suffering.

Till late September, she daily visited all the animals in the Hospital and supervised their care. She passes on, happy in the knowledge that the Turkish friends who constitute the Board of the Society will carry on this work.

Mr. Merrill Isely of Gaziantep, recently returned from furlough, is busy not only with his duties as business manager of the Hospital, but also in his voluntary teaching at the Peoples' House, where many are eager for English classes.

The Turkish Ministry of Health has confirmed the pre-1914 Medical Permit to practice in Turkey of Edwin St. John Ward, M.D., and has authorized his practice at the American Hospital of Gaziantep, where with Mrs. Ward he will join Dr. and Mrs. Albert Dewey, and Nurses Saisie Hibbard, Clara Engle, and the Iselys. Miss Theda Belle Phelps, after 36 years of service in our hospitals, left Aintab on the 7th by plane, and sails from Istanbul for America on the "Kong Haakon VII" sometime this week.

Miss Sarah Marquis of the Travel Office at 156 Fifth Avenue, who during and since the war has aided so many travellers to the various Missions and Colleges in the Near East, is visiting the Lebanon, Syria, and Turkey as the guest of Pan-American Airways. She flies from Istanbul on Saturday morning, to give herself time for a bit of rest in New York before appearing at her office on Monday morning at 9.

Prof. Charles E. Estes of Robert College, now living at 103 Hancock St., Auburndale, Mass., reports that Mrs. Lee plans to join him at the apartment late in October. She is still at the Hospital for hip repair, and is walking in the corridors with the aid of a "mechanical walker" that eases the task of unused muscles, and makes safe the use of crutches for beginners.

The Talas School has opened with 120 boarders, 41 in the Prep. Class. Repairs on the old Girls' School building (Arslanli Konak) are being completed, and there are 35 already living there in the "Lion's Club". Talas urgently needs two American tutors, and in addition must replace Mr. Yoshio Fukuyama, whose three year term ends in the summer of 1948.

Talas has a wide community outreach. On October 12th five teachers and 110 boys from the Kayseri Building Trades Institute came to the Talas School for sports and movies. On the same day a truck load of athletes and teachers arrived from the Village Institute of 800 boys, at Pazarören. Visitors brought their own food; our school supplied tea; and all three groups had a fine day with sport matches, interspersed with educational films. Paul Nilson writes, -"It was a fine day of fellowship for students and teachers of three schools."

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Treas. Dept

No. 107

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, October 30, 1947

Dear Friends:

Dr. and Mrs. George H. Huntington report a fine summer at their Prout's Neck home, with many visitors of the Near East circle. On October 22nd they hoped to start on their annual Hajj to Boston, Riverdale, and Warm Springs. Their "Turkey Tea", which has come to be a delightful get-together of Americans interested in the Near East, is to be held at the Town Hall Club in New York on November 7th.

Cable and airletter have reported the death, at his home near New Haven, on October 16th of Dr. Ellsworth Huntington of Yale University. In his early years, Ellsworth Huntington taught at Euphrates College in the Turkey Mission; and his travels and studies in the Euphrates Valley surely played their part in the development of the outstanding geographer and philosopher of civilization, which he later came to be. At the time of his death, he was working on a sequel to his "Mainsprings of Civilization", which was to deal more specifically with the Cultural Aspects of Civilization. He is survived by his wife Rachel, and children Charles and Anna, both of whom are associated with Yale University.

Dr. Harry Meyering, in his educational survey of our schools in the Near East, is completing a preliminary visit to each of the schools in Turkey. On October 29th he leaves Istanbul for Izmir, whence he will proceed to Talas for a more fundamental study there, probably broken by a short visit to Aleppo.

The celebration of Kurban Bayram - the Feast of the Sacrifice - began in Turkey on Saturday, the 25th, and leads directly into the National Holiday of October 28th and 29th. - the Anniversary of the Turkish Republic. The 30th is thrown in for good measure, resulting in a full week of holiday in schools and many offices. As usual, the weather has smiled on Turkish festivals.

Near East College Association. At a mid-October dinner of the Trustees of the NECA in New York, the retirement of Albert W. Staub as American Director was announced. He is succeeded by Dr. W. W. Patton, who for many years has been associated with the NECA as Chairman of the Board of International College. The retirement of Dr. Bayard Dodge from the presidency of the American University at Beirut was also announced; as was the resignation of Henry Snyder, associate director of the Association in New York, who is to become chief of an educational Mission to Saudi Arabia for the Army Air Forces. His successor in the New York office of the NECA will be Dr. Robert Hardy, formerly a teacher in Robert College. (N. Y. Times)

Miss Ethel Putney reached Istanbul in mid-October, returning from furlough. She will live in the Bible House, occupying the former office of Mr. Charles Riggs, and being in charge of the adjoining Mission Library. She plans to spend much of her time in calling in the homes of former pupils, and in service through the churches and Sunday schools. With her from America came Miss Carson, joining the nursing staff at the Admiral Bristol Hospital.

Admiral Bristol Hospital, Istanbul. The Annual Meeting of the American Community of Istanbul, to hear reports and elect members to the Board of Managers, took place under the Chairmanship of Consul General Macy at the Hospital on October 18th. Some 150 friends of the Hospital attended, many being recent comers to the Community. Miss Clary of the YW; President Black of Robert College, and Luther Fowle of the American Board were elected to the Board of Managers for a three year term. This was the annual gathering of the "ultimately responsible group" of this Community Institution, which was called into being to meet local needs, and has completed 27 years of useful service. Thanks to the leadership and devotion of Dr. Shepard, it has come through these hard years without debt; and hopes to complete its plant by the erection of a Nurses' Home and School, to cost \$150,000. Half of this sum is already pledged or in hand. Another \$40,000. would justify the start of building operations. Can you help?

Very truly yours,
Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

In recent numbers we have given brief reports of fall enrollments and staffs at the Scutari and Talas Schools. Further reports have come in, enabling us to report the general pattern as follows: Schools crowded; many students turned away for lack of room; shortage of American teachers in almost every institution, even with student payments meeting much of cost, rising prices, salaries, and expenses of repair and upkeep constitute major problems.

Pierce College, Athens. Twenty-six full time teachers are supplemented by 15 part-time teachers and office staff of 8. Enrollment 536, of which 148 in the college department; 388 in the secondary school. Three of the four main buildings are now occupied, after extensive repairs: The fourth is not being used because of fuel costs, and the high cost of food in Greece, which has led to the limitation of the boarding department to 16 students. The American staff is complete for the current year, but three teachers end their terms in June 1948. Replacements will be required, to teach English, dramatics, history, psychology, and philosophy. (Mabel Long, Acting President, reporting)

Aleppo College, Aleppo, Syria. Teaching and administrative staff - 41. Enrollment in college classes-90; in high school-327; in primary -203; total 620.

American Girls' School, Izmir. There are 43 on the teaching and administrative staff, of whom 24 are Turkish teachers coming in for a few hours each week. Eight Turkish teachers and eight Americans are the full-time personnel engaged in teaching. Enrollment - 276. In high school 54; in middle school 154; in preparatory 68. Additional teachers for math and English, and a physical education director are immediate needs, while a librarian, a house-mother, and a teacher of domestic science are being sought. (Olive Greene reporting)

Tarsus College. Shortage of staff causes Tarsus to limit its enrollment to 192. High school-75; middle school-90; preparatory-27. Of these 192 students, 100 are in the boarding department.

The St. John Wards and the Horace McMullins, designated to the Gaziantep Hospital, and the School of Theology in Beirut, are due in Beirut on November 13th per S. S. Marine Carp. Mrs. Elvesta Leslie and Miss Tonsfeldt probably sailed on October 24th on the S. S. Noah, but hope to land at Istanbul rather than on the summit of Ararat.

Through Dr. Ward, Miss Annie M. Barker reports to all her friends that at the end of September she moved to the home of Dr. and Mrs. Mark H. Ward, 24 Mountfort Road, Newton Highlands 61, Mass. She is delighted with her new home and the opportunities for occasional rides in the family car.

Mr. E. O. Jacob, formerly associated with the YMCA in Istanbul, and in recent years General Secretary of the West Side YMCA in New York, retired from active service with the Y on September 1st. For the time being, he has joined the staff of the Student Volunteer Movement, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y. Thus in good health and vigor, our friends Sarah and Jake start a new chapter in their busy and useful lives.

Mr. Frank Coan, a son of the Persia Mission of the Presbyterian Board, formerly associated with the Y in India, and the English Speaking Union in America, is passing through Beirut, Ankara, and Istanbul on his way from Afghanistan, where he has been representing the U. S. Information Service, to Washington. Last spring he drove his own car from Beirut to Kabul, 4000 miles, with only one puncture to mar a most unusual experience.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

Bayram outings. The last week of October, with its Bayram and National holidays enabled Tarsus friends - Miss Harriet Yarrow, Bob King, and Gene Pringle with three others - to visit the Namrun mountain resort in the Taurus. Meanwhile, Dr. and Mrs. Haas, with their nurses, and Mrs. Meyering and Donald found a little break by visit to the Chifte-Han hot baths, where they were the guests of the proprietor.

"T. C. XXIV" is visible for miles across the Cappadocian plain, as the traveller approaches Caesarea, and its suburb Talas. For 15 years, the teachers and students of our Talas Boys' School (Paul Nilson, Director) have built of whitened stone the initials and year of the Turkish Republic on the slopes of Ali Dag.

On the anniversary day - October 29th. - thousands of school children marched in the parade in Kayseri, celebrating the achievements of the Republic. 18 of the Talas School boys, with Messrs. Scott and Fukuyama visited the Village Institute at Pazarören, 50 miles away. Fifteen years ago it was just another sleepy Anatolian village. Today 1000 students occupy the fifty buildings of the Village Institute, where boys and girls selected by examinations, are given a five year course of school, plus farm and vocational training, in preparation for teaching in the villages of Turkey.

Celebration of the National Holiday at the Village Institute included games, folk-dances, wrestling, a parade, and speeches. In the late afternoon, 500 villagers saw the educational movies on Wool production, Farming, and Malaria prevention; while our group from Talas put on the same films in the evening for the 1000 students of the Institute.

Next morning, there were volley-ball and foot-ball games between the two schools, after which the Talas group loaded their projector and films into the bus, climbed in themselves, and took the road homeward - proclaiming it a most happy visit to the neighboring Institute.

The Near East Mission is proud of its educational 'In-laws'. Anatolia College, Thessaloniki, with a teaching and administrative staff of 25, has 78 in the college; 229 in the middle school - total 307. Dean Carl Compton reports that the disturbed conditions in northern Greece interfere very little with school work, students being alert and eager. They need a man to teach English and help in athletics.

Dean Mary Ingle of the Anatolia Girls' School reports 11 full-time and 14 part-time teachers in the Girls' Department. 195 girls are enrolled, of whom 30 are boarders. In late October two eagerly awaited recruits were welcomed at the school: Miss Helen Walcott of Montana will head up the work in Home Economics; Miss Margaret Walcott of Columbus, Ohio, will take the upper classes in English. On October 22nd five of the American and Greek staff moved into the new Personnel House, where there is a guest room, to which Miss Ingle cordially invites Near East Mission friends.

Anatolia Alumni Center. A visitor to the Anatolia Alumni Center in the city of Thessaloniki on the evening of November 5th found it a beehive of activity. On the first floor, alumni were reading, visiting, playing chequers and other games; on the upper floor, a night-school was in session, with over 400 students in attendance. Originally, this night school was to be an Alumni-College enterprise, but the College being short of teachers, the Alumni are running the night-school entirely themselves. Greece is eager to make up for educational opportunities, lost in war years.

The American Farm School, Thessaloniki

Mr. Charles House reports 150 students this fall, and a teaching and administrative staff of 12. This fine school, unique in so many ways, reports "No teachers are lacking". The Farm School has a most attractive illustrated Circular on the post-war situation in Greece and at the School. Copies may be had by writing to the New York office of the School - Mrs. Lawrence H. Shepard, Exec. Sec., 17 East 42nd St., New York 17, N.Y.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

American Girls' High School, Aleppo. Miss Gladys Lucas, who has given fine service for many years in the Gedik Pasha and Scutari Schools, has returned from furlough at her home in England to take the direction of the Aleppo Girls' School. She reports 245 enrolled this fall, with 52 more girls in the co-educational primary school - a new experiment in our educational work in Aleppo, jointly operated by the college and girls' school. In the Girls' School there are 16 full-time, 8 part-time teachers. During the summer there has been some re-modelling and decoration of the building. The Chapel is now a most pleasing hall, with new all-metal stackable chairs from England. A new curtain for the enlarged platform-stage matches the walls, while shades for the lights, decorated by the art teacher, add much to the pleasing atmosphere of the room.

The Near East School of Theology. With report from the NEST, our onceover of Mission educational institutions in the fall of 1947 ends. Sixteen students in Beirut, Lebanon, two of them women. Dr. Greenslade continues to direct the School, and Dr. G. H. Scherer gives full time to the teaching. Part time teaching is done by Dr. Harry G. Dorman, Jr. and Mr. Levon Zenian of the Armenian Catholicosate, while Dr. Virginia Corwin of the Department of Religion of Smith College, now on sabbatical leave, is making a most welcome contribution in class-rooms and lectures. We hope to hear that Rev. and Mrs. Horace McMullin, appointed by the American Board to succeed Rev. Philip Ward, arrived in Lebanon about the 13th. Dean Levonian and his wife are on their way back from America, but will stop in Greece for ten days, to visit the Churches in that area.

Miss Anna B. Jones. Boston letters report the death in Auburndale, on November 7th of Miss Anna B. Jones, in her 86th year. She joined the Mission in 1890, and gave 40 years of most effective service in the Gedik Pasha School in Istanbul. She was a devoted and capable teacher, interested in her students as individuals. She will be remembered with gratitude by a wide circle of her students, as well as by her associates. Dr. Rogers and Dr. Goodsell conducted the funeral service at the Auburndale Church.

Mr. Elbert C. Stevens. News has been received of the death on September 25th at the Gorgas Hospital, Panama Canal Zone, of E. C. Stevens, regional director of the United Service Organizations on the Canal Zone and in Panama. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens came to Istanbul in 1919, where for 14 years they served the Y most effectively, and were a deeply valued element of the American Community. He is survived by his wife Jean, and three children, now all married, who grew up among us, here in Istanbul. Mrs. Stevens' address is - United Service Organizations, Box 3675, Balboa, Canal Zone, Panama.

"Turkey Tea." The fall "Turkey Tea" at which George and Elizabeth Huntington welcome all Near East friends, was held at the Town Hall Club, New York, on November 7th, with some 85 present. Dr. Patton, American Director of the NECA spoke of the Campaign of the Colleges; while Dr. Huntington gave a report on the progress of the Nurses' Home effort of the Admiral Bristol Hospital of Istanbul, which now has in hand more than half the necessary sum of \$150,000. called for by this project. Among those who "stayed to dinner" were the Livy Wrights, Pattons, Michaels (Monedjicovs), Constance Sheltman, Mary Gleason, Mary Dodge, and Elsie Van Zandt - and of course the Huntingtons, who now go to their winter home in Warm Springs.

International Children's Book Week is being celebrated this week with growing enthusiasm following its good introductory reception last year. It is being observed throughout the schools with plays and poster-making and exhibits. A general exhibit at the Eminönü Halk Evi in Istanbul opened with a program on Monday, and daily visitors are running nearly 2000. There are books in Turkish, French and English.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

No. 111

Treas. Dept.

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey. November 27, 1947

Dear Friends:

When the good ship Noah Brown came into the harbor on Wednesday last week it brought welcome passengers to the Mission in the persons of our Asst. Treasurer and erstwhile editor of the New Notes, Mrs. Elvesta T. Leslie, with Miss Lucile Tonsfeldt, who continued on to her post in Izmir on Saturday. She goes to the Collegiate Institute in Izmir as a teacher of English and Dramatics.

Other arrivals on the S.S. Hopewell were Dean and Mrs. Harold L. Scott and Miss Wilkin, coming to the American College for Women. Dean Scott returns to duty at Robert College and Mrs. Scott to the College for Women after a short nine months in the United States.

Dr. P. Donikian, who last February opened up an office in Forest Hills, New York City, reports that Rev. Antranik Bedikian, who recently resigned as President of the Armenian Evangelical Association, has been elected Honorary President for life. He is succeeded in the active work by Rev. P. Kalfaian.

The Pan-American World Airways is responding to demand by extending its New York-Damascus service to four planes a week, two of which will return via Istanbul. Istanbul already has two stops a week each way from round-the-world planes of the same line. On the 17th the big planes also inaugurated a new service from Istanbul to Rio de Janeiro via Rome, Lisbon and Dakar.

The Mission Publication Department has some good suggestions for gifts to Turkish friends. "Ilk Kadin Hekim", a translation by Mrs. Huri of Rachel Baker's "First Woman Doctor"; and "T. Tembarom, Fakir Milyoner Cocugu" by Frances Hodgson Burnett, as also Alexis Carrel's "Dua" (Prayer) have come off the press since last Christmas. Then, of course, there is that fine children's series, "Mizmiz Tavşan" (Fuss Bunny), "Maymun Kedi" (Copy Kitten) and "Geveze Ördek" (Chatter Duck), all new. Don't forget the calendars of Turkish proverbs, "Vecizeli Takvim".

Mrs. Lucius Lee, earlier reported in the Newton Hospital with a broken hip, returned to her home on October 28th and was making good progress at last account.

Prof. Charles Estes, who recently retired from the Music Dept. of Robert College, writes that he has accepted a position as Music Director of the First Church of Dover, N.H. only four miles from his home in South Berwick, Maine. He is rejoicing in a fine organ, a paid quartet and a vested choir. We wonder if the Church there hasn't begun to rejoice in its new organist, also.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Harlow in Northampton, Mass. on Oct. 18th a son, Richard, the day after his father arrived in Athens to teach in the Pierce College, Ellenico. Mother and the junior Harlow will come a little later.

Mr. Robert Van Nice has completed his architectural research on the Great Church of St. Sophia in Istanbul. This study, interrupted by the war has been carried on under arrangements made by Dr. Emerson, retired head of the Dept. of Architecture of M.I.T., Cambridge, Mass.

You will be interested in these items from our contemporary in Beirut: The registration at the University of Beirut last year was 2286. This year, two weeks after work began, the enrollment was increased to 2428.

Besides Rev. and Mrs. Horace M. McMullen and Dr. and Mrs. St. John Ward, expected on the last trip of the S.S. Marine Carp, was Miss Lorothea McDowell, new Y.W.C.A. Executive Director for Syria and Lebanon.

Mr. Henry Glockler is helping in the shipping department at the headquarters of the Presbyterian Board at 156 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.C.

Very truly yours,
Walter B. Wiley

Dear Friends:

Possibly the history of the future will record the most significant development of this bitter post-war period to be the steps toward a more real democracy, being taken not without pain in many lands. The world situation is forcing re-examination of American social and economic life in many aspects, touching our minorities, labor organization, capital responsibility, and the public well-being which must be held above all group interest. In Turkey, public discussion and the press record a profound development, as a truer democracy endeavors to vivify the framework and vocabulary of the democracy superimposed by the Turkish Revolution on the social and political heritage of the past. The President of Turkey seeks to be not the leader of a political party, but the President of the Turkish people - above and removed from party politics. The idea of Law equally applicable to great and small received striking demonstration when the wife of the President of the Lebanese Republic was detained in cholera quarantine, as she arrived in Beirut by ship, some time ago. Never has there been a time when a more critical self-examination has been essential in many lands - in fact, in all lands of the One World of the future.

Memorial Service - Alice W. Manning. On Sunday afternoon, November 30 there was held at the Robert College Assembly Hall a Service in memory of the late Alice W. Manning. President Black spoke of her as among the noble women who have played such a part in the history of the College. President Nazim Kibrisli of the Turkish Animal Protection Society told of the incident of the collection of the dogs of Istanbul, when Mrs. Manning rallied the interest of the wife of the British Ambassador and of other important people of the city, out of which group there developed the Hayvanlari Koruma Cemiyeti. Dean Scott and Mr. Fowle added their stories of this devoted and courageous woman. There were musical numbers from organ and violin, chosen from those particularly connected with Mrs. Manning's musical interests. It was a rare tribute to one who lived to serve, and served with complete devotion.

Dr. E. E. Elder, recently chosen Executive Secretary of the Near East Christian Council, has arrived in Cairo, and assumed office as of December 1st. The cholera situation in Egypt, now happily under control, caused the cancellation of the tentatively planned meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council. Such a meeting in the spring is probable. As this work moves forward, we recall with particular appreciation the valuable interim services of the Rev. James Nicol of Beirut, who has guided the Council's affairs until a new Captain could take over. Mr. and Mrs. Nicol plan to retire to America in 1948.

Mr. Lyman MacCallum, agent of the Bible Societies in this area, has returned to his Istanbul office, after visits to his southern and western districts in the Lebanon and in Athens. Lucky Lyman has a Lady in every port. His sister, Edith Laird, University Librarian in Beirut, is just back from a brief holiday in America, during which she made some studies relating to the new Library about to be built at the University. In Athens, he had Thanksgiving with Miss Emily MacCallum, helping her initiate a new set of dishes presented to her by former students, now in America. He now returns to Istanbul, where wife, mother and daughter await him.

The Annual Bazaar, to raise funds for Community Service, was held at Pierce College, Athens, on Friday November 28th. Results were gratifying. Resources are thus made available for Community Social projects, this year under the leadership of Mr. Harold Harlow of the Social Sciences department.

Very truly yours,
Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

We regret to report the death in California on November 30th, of Mrs. James P. McNaughton. Her daughter Margaret was by her side during her last fortnight. As Rebecca Jillson, Mrs. McNaughton came to Turkey in 1885 and was stationed in Izmir. Three years later she was married to the Rev. J. P. McNaughton. They had three daughters, Margaret, Janet and Evangeline (Mrs. Finney Markham.) In 1911 the McNaughtons were transferred from Izmir to Brusa, and in 1913 to Bardizag. After the first World War they returned to Turkey in 1919 and before long opened the Boys' School at Erenkby. On reaching the age limitation they retired in 1930, living first in Montreat, N.C. On the death of Dr. McNaughton in 1938, she went to California. Here she lived with her sister, Miss Jean Jillson, also of this Mission, and here she this year celebrated her 90th birthday.

Unusual liveliness and vitality characterized the always gay Alumnae Tea of the American Academy, Scutari, which was held on November 29th. This year the graduates were asked to bring their children, and 21 youngsters were among the 100 graduates present. Some of the children took impromptu parts in the afternoon programme, and all were rewarded with presentation copies of the child's book, "Geveze Ördek."

And speaking of children, the gratifying results in the local celebration of International Children's Book Week, held during the third week of November, can now be summarized. Approximately 10,000 visitors, of whom half were children, visited the exhibit, which was kept open a second week because of the interest shown. And not a book was filched. Miss Dorothy Blatter of the Publication Department had a large part in arranging this successful exhibit.

One definite result has been the opening at the Service Center of a Children's Library, with about 130 illustrated books provided by the U.S.I.S., and other books from different sources. Tables, chairs, book-cases and wall pictures have been provided. The librarian in charge, is assisted by volunteer helpers. First day's catch -- six small urchins, brought in off the street by their chum, the janitor's son.

Bayan Bülent Yener, for 17 years connected with the American Academy at Scutari as teacher and Assistant Director, died on December 3rd.

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Nute spent a week-end in Santa Fe with Miss Arline Hallett, formerly of this mission. There is a proposal that Son Bill and his family should accompany his parents when they return from furlough next year to Talas.

On November 24th Miss Lillian Brauer, formerly of the Adana station, was bereaved by the death of her mother, who passed away at Northfield, Minn. Mrs. Brauer's three daughters and their families were with her at the end.

Born, in Boston, December 2, 1947, John Duncan, to John Melvin and Margaret Thomson Biggs. To the new parents, and particularly to the grandparents (Nora and Duncan Thomson of Socony) hearty congratulations.

Dr. and Mrs. Edwin St. John Ward arrived in Gaziantep at 10 a.m. on the day after Thanksgiving, baggage and travellers loaded on a truck from Fevzi Paşa railway station. A delayed train from Beirut caused them to miss their Aleppo connection, so they were not at the Thanksgiving table in Antep. Dr. Ward first received his permit to practice medicine in Turkey in the fall of 1907, and 40 years later, that same permit has been re-validated by the Government of the Republic, thus opening to him medical service in Turkey, where he began his foreign career so many years ago.

Very truly yours,

F. L. MacCallum

Dear Friends:

Rev. and Mrs. James K. Lyman are on a very welcome vacation in Adana and Tarsus, and possibly beyond. This is made possible by Mrs. Leslie's return, releasing Mrs. Lyman from her duties in the Treasury Dept. We hope that even locating and making arrangements for household goods stored from Marash days is not an entirely unwanted change.

A flyer in red and blue announces the early appearance of a new venture in Turkish journalism, "The Turkish Post", a daily newspaper in English. Its announced purpose is to give "The essentials of Turkish politics, Summaries from the Turkish press, and Commercial and Economical news of the Turkish market". P. O. Box 1419, Galata, Turkey.

A telegram from Aleppo announces that there has been no destruction of American property in that city in recent disturbances over the UN decision for the division of Palestine. All American personnel is reported safe.

Mr. Thomas C. Weaver has been appointed by the Presbyterian Board for a three year term at Aleppo College, and probably sailed on the S.S. Marine Carp on Dec. 5th. He is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan, and taught in the School of Music there for three years. (BNL)

Dr. Jacob Kunzler has recently received the degree of Doctor (honoris causa) from the University of Basel. Dr. and Mrs. Kunzler were closely associated with our Central Turkey Mission, serving in Urfa before and during the First World War. They have given the years since then to work among the blind in Syria and the Lebanon. (BNL)

Dr. Harry Meyering writes from Talas that during the past month he and Mr. Nilson gave three illustrated lectures on the Objectives, the Methods and the Means of Evaluating American Education on three successive Saturdays to all the teachers in the Kayseri area. "At each of these meetings," he says, "held in the Halk Evi (Community House), Mr. Nilson was begged to come and show pictures in several schools. During my stay here in Talas, in addition to showing pictures here at the school two or three times a week, pictures were shown to pupils of the trade schools (boys and girls), the Lycee and the Village Institute. Last Saturday we attended, on special invitation of the vali (governor), the opening of the new road to Urgup. This route passed through villages where Allen and Stetson showed pictures last summer. As local dignitaries got on the government bus at the various villages the first thing they asked when they saw Mr. Nilson was, 'When are pictures going to be shown again?'" "It is my conviction that no American School should try to get along without the use of visual aids."

Rev. and Mrs. Horace McMullen are not troubled yet by the housing shortage as they take up work in the School of Theology in Beirut. They are making their beginnings, including the first weeks of health adjustment, in the Glockler house, home of many welcomes.

The UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization closed its sessions in Mexico City on Dec. 3rd with the decision to meet in November and December 1948 in Beirut, Lebanon.

It was reported at UNESCO that in the 18 months prior to July 1947, 300 private organizations in the United States collected more than \$104 million to aid in world-wide educational reconstruction. If one listens he can still hear the angels singing, "Peace on earth, goodwill to men."

Sincerely,

Walter B. Wiley

Dear Friends:

(Report of Christmas Pageant)

To those in the fellowship of the Near East Mission, and to our many friends to whom these notes go in America and elsewhere, we of the Mission send our Greetings at this Christmas season, and all best wishes for 1948. Those who have been with us know that at this beautiful festival, in scattered centers throughout these Near Eastern lands, hearth-fires are bright and hearts warm toward family and friends, near and far.

Istanbul Station observed the Christmas festival on the afternoon of the 20th. when some sixty guests gathered at the MacCallum apartment at the Bible House. A program of carols, poetry, and scripture readings pictured the experience of man - "The Seeker" - whose old, old search is ever new, and still finds its answer in the gift of the Manger. During readings and music we saw before us the story, presented in costume by eleven members of our circle. It was for many a particularly beautiful presentation of the familiar story.

Those of our circle who for years have brought us these Christmas pageants were delightfully helped this year by Miss Marie Borroff, who is a winter's guest in the Shepard home. With the gifts left at the Manger on this occasion, CARE food parcels are going to two retired Bulgarian pastors.

The Reeds. Dr. and Mrs. Cass Arthur Reed are once again at their home in Pomona. Cass is serving as co-pastor of the Whittier Church, and both he and Rosalind are doing much speaking, growing out of their UNRRA service in Greece. Lachlan has been appointed to teach English at Phillips Andover next September, while Howard is doing graduate work at Princeton, following a year in World Student Relief work in Athens. Joan, having completed three years teaching in our Girls' School in Izmir, is now at home with her parents, but has a position in Claremont.

Armenian Evangelical work in Greece. A Committee to foster this work in churches and schools has been organized, with Rev. Riggs Brewster and Mr. Theodore Wieser serving with others on the Executive Committee. Mr. Wieser who has long been associated with orphanage work under Swiss auspices, was formerly in Bursa, and more recently in Syria. This winter he is in charge of a newly opened Home for under-nourished children, in Greece.

Mr. and Mrs. William Tod (Barbara Hauenstein, who taught in the Aleppo Girls' School till summer of 1946) are shortly going to Abadan in Iran, where Mr. Tod will be in accounting work for the Finance Ministry (BNL)

The Girls' School in Lovetch, Bulgaria, opened this fall with Miss Ruth Wolfe alone in residence, aided by loyal national staff. Word has now come that Miss Mellony Turner, who went on furlough after administering the school through the war years, has again returned to the School.

Talas Station reports Mr. Parker, an engineer associated with the Airplane Factory in Kayseri, with Mrs. Parker and two little sons of 8 and 4 as living with the Scotts until they move into the Nute home. To have these two little lads, and the Scott baby available at this Christmas season makes Talas once again "a real Station".

The Adkins Family. Leslie Adkins is continuing his study at the White School of Psychiatry and at Columbia, while "Sandy" is a Field representative with the Boston Red Cross Chapter. Sally Ann and her husband Robert MacFarlane, Jr. live in Cambridge, while he attends the Boston University Law School. Beverly is a senior at Abbot Academy. Winthrop 15 and Douglas 13 both attend Phillips Andover. The Adkinses send their hearty greetings to the Mission circle.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle