

Dear Friends:

It was with a pull at our heart strings that we bade God-speed to Lorrin and Virginia Shepard as they sailed from Istanbul on the "San Giorgio" yesterday afternoon. This new steamer takes them to Greece where they will spend about five days sightseeing in Athens and vicinity, before taking an Export "Ace" for America. After a time of family visiting in the States, Lorrin will take up his duties as first full-time director of the International Student Center at Yale in New Haven.

A series of social events beginning in October has been only one indication of the love and esteem of their many friends, both Turkish and American, in this city. Hospital, Mission, Colleges and other groups have shared in these expressions of appreciation. And it was just three days ago that the Turkish government held a reception in honor of the Shepards in the Hilton Hotel. Lorrin was presented with an Istanbul medallion in honor of his more than thirty years of service centering in the Admiral Bristol Hospital in this city.

The Shepard family has a missionary tradition. Lorrin was born in Gaziantep where his father served as a missionary doctor for many years. His maternal grandparents were missionaries in Hawaii. Two of the children--making the fourth generation--are following in these same footsteps. Alice Shepard Cary is a practising physician in Kyoto, Japan, and her husband Otis is a professor at the International Christian University there. Fred, with Mary Alice Cary Shepard, is in Aleppo where he is on the staff of Aleppo College. Bob is teaching in Boston, Barclay is studying medicine at Tufts, and Connie, who has recently been visiting with her parents in Istanbul, is doing graduate work in the School of Interpreting at Geneva, looking forward to service with the United Nations.

Both Lorrin and Virginia have been active in their interest in individuals and groups, and particularly in cementing Turkish-American friendship. In the Hospital Lorrin was considered as "father" by the staff. We shall all miss the "Sheparding" of Lorrin and Virginia. We are deeply grateful for all that they have been and done in Turkey, and we wish them well as they continue their service in a new field in America.

Pauline Woolworth

With the Shepards gone, Istanbul won't be quite the same. As they go, our new treasurer, Art Whitman, will pass them at sea coming this way. He will arrive by the end of this month.

The terrific cold that is reported from the States and from Europe has not yet really hit Istanbul, although there are gray skies and snow flurries, but winter is raging in Anatolia. Istanbul has passed through brief shortages of bread, meat, and tea (Coffee, alas, is but a faded memory). Rationing of gasoline and kerosene has helped, though some of us have shifted back to wood stoves.

Kenneth Cragg's book, "The call of the Minaret" has reached the Mission, and the Istanbul Station plans to meet Tuesday afternoons through the spring to discuss it, chapter by chapter, partly as a preparation for the hoped-for seminar with Dr. Cragg to follow Annual Meeting.

Dorothy ~~Blatter~~ spent Christmas with relatives in Baghdad, eating bananas and enjoying the sunshine and going to parties. She reports that the political tension there was such that it seems almost restful to be back at work.

Marjorie Kirkpatrick and Marilee Wheeler, of Üsküdar, went to Saloniki for Christmas, and Ruth Campbell to Beirut. Vinal Overing and Ann Mereness to Ankara.

Luther Fowle writes from Southport, Connecticut:

"This is a provisional address only. Our "permanent" address is just "West Dennis, Mass." But we shall not return there till early April, for we sail on the 31st from New York on freighter for the Caribbean and South America. Landing in Venezuela, we will fly in about two hours to Bogota, Colombia (altitude 8600 ft) where year-round temperature ranges from*three weeks there, checking up on the four grandchildren in the family of my eldest son Curtis. Then we fly to the Pacific coast of Colombia, to take ship thro the Panama Canal. In Panama we are to be the guests of the Raymonds, a Greek surgeon who was a friend of Ned. Estes of Robert College when I lived with him some years ago. While there we also hope to see the Olanders of our Mission, formerly in Greece, and Jean Stevens, widow of Elbert Stevens of the Istanbul Y.

"So like the gulls of Cape Cod, we comfortable and free retired folk dodge the winter, visit our children, and share in the limitless comfort which seems available to so many in this fortunate land."

*55' to 65', altho it is almost on the equator. We shall spend about

The Middle East is in the papers these months, and letters from home reflect some anxiety. We are all concerned about developments, but except for our schools in Aleppo and our work in Beirut, the events affect us here about as they do you at home. A lot of Russian freight ships and tankers go down the Bosphorus, bearing who knows what for Syria and other countries.

A number of taxes are being raised in the current session of the Turkish National Assembly. Some of these are definite, others not yet, but they include taxes on imports, personal income, official papers, and profits.

After a week when bread and meat were both hard to get, both have reappeared on the market. Eggs are sold from under the counter at about twice the official price. The gasoline shortage doesn't seem to have hurt public transportation much in Istanbul, but the kerosene shortage has led to careful rationing.

Perhaps to distract us, the papers are full of details of projects and work-in-progress on improving the streets of Istanbul, by tearing down old buildings. "Yüksek Kaldirim", a famous step-street connecting a modern shopping center with the bridge, has been paved with cobblestones for one-way traffic going downhill. It will be a good test for brakes.

Sincerely,

Robert Avery

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, February 27, 1957.

Dear Friends;

With snow deep in Mardin and Diyarbakir, and a real winter in Talas, we in Istanbul have escaped from the mildest of winters into an early spring. Gardens are in bloom, and formations of birds are flying north up the Bosphorus. Some of us were stuck in Uskudar overnight by the worst fog in thirty years.

Ray and Fern White spent three weeks in Istanbul, seeing to their health and getting a much-needed rest from the rigors of the East. They returned to Mardin on February twenty-first.

Art Whitman, who will be our new Mission Treasurer, spent a short time in Istanbul on his way to Izmir for language study. He plans to return to the States this summer and come back with his bride.

Robert Glendi Edmonds was born at the Admiral Bristol Hospital on February first. And soon after, Bill Edmonds, who had been keeping house for Colin, age two, and himself, was able to come from Talas and get Ann and the baby.

Buford Jones of the Tarsus College staff and Suad Fahs of the American University of Beirut had their official Turkish nikah in Tarsus February 20th and will be married this summer. They plan to return to America.

Betty (Richmond) Anthony is the proud mother of a girl: Susan C.

The Board of Managers of Pierce College is concluding its meeting in Athens. Ruby Birge went from Istanbul, and Lynda Blake from Izmir. Lynda came by way of Istanbul, and Helen Morgan and Alice Reed intercepted her at the airport for a short visit.

The Talas car is likely to get out of customs today, and Evelyn Otting, who has been waiting for it, plans to drive it back leaving her on Friday.

The Publication Department has a new lease on life, with the purchase of three tons of Izmit paper for printing children's books. We are proceeding to reprint books that had gone out of stock, including Pilgrim's Progress, first published in 1932. The paper shortage continues, and bookstores begin to have bare shelves.

Tarsus College produced "The Mikado" on February 22nd, with great success.

The auditorium in the new Uskudar school building is now in use, and arrangements are being completed for the stage, so that it will have proper curtains and lights.

The city of Istanbul continues to be torn up as roads are widened and buildings torn down. A patch of the city wall has been torn down at Topkapi and a new highway leads out through it. Government warehouses along the Bosphorus are being wrecked to make a park between the road and the water, and the great coal docks at Kurucheshme are about to be moved to make way for a swimming pool and recreation center.

Some coffee has come to Turkey, and the papers are speculating whether the ration in Istanbul will be fifty or a hundred grams per family. (Four hundred fifty grams to the pound.)

Talas Station is having regular meetings to discuss Kenneth Cragg's book, "The Call of the Minaret". We need this kind of interest to keep fresh our thinking on the broader aspects of our work as we go about our daily routines.

Sincerely,

Robert Avery

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, March 15, 1957.

Dear Friends:

Three of our four Turkey schools close for this week for spring vacation, and the Schools' Board of Managers will meet for nearly the whole week in Izmir, to consider problems of budget, buildings, staff, and curriculum. The Board of Managers now has three meetings a year, fall and spring, as well as the one just before Annual Meeting in June.

Barbara Tinkham leaves tomorrow night for a short vacation in Ankara and Tarsus, visiting the Nutes and the Maynards.

After months of searching, Raymond and Fern White have found an apartment in Diyarbakir, and have moved from Mardin, although they will continue to keep close touch with the work in Mardin. Their new address is: Elazig Caddesi 33/1, Diyarbakir.

Dr. Kenneth Iverson, and Dr. and Mrs. Donald David, of the Ford Foundation, visited the Üsküdar School yesterday, and saw the Home Economics building, Martin Hall. The new building and the home economics program are now in their second year of operation, with courses in foods, child care, clothing and all the arts of home management.

Dr. Alford Carleton passed through Athens, Istanbul, Beirut, and Aleppo on his way to a conference in Indonesia, spending four days in all in the Near East.

The Talas car, mentioned in our last letter, is still in customs and awaits government decisions on the application of some new tax laws.

Betty Avery and Frances have been in Ankara for a week visiting the Nutes, and will be back in Istanbul tomorrow.

Pierce College, Athens, our Mission school for girls, has announced the appointment of their new president, Dr. Raymond B. Blakney. Dr. and Mrs. Blakney have worked in China (Fukien University), the Philippines, and pastorates in the United States, and most recently he has been president of Olivet College in Michigan.

The Board has approved the Mission request that the pre-retirement furlough of Alice Reed be postponed for two years. The vote includes permission for her to go home for two months this summer.

Jean Nilson, Hazel Craine, and Vinal Overing leave Istanbul tomorrow for five days in Athens.

For several days phone service in Istanbul was nearly nil, and the whole region of the Üsküdar School was without service, but whatever was wrong has been fixed, and the phones have been ringing merrily today.

For some weeks now there has been a fleet of several hundred small fishing boats in the mouth of the harbor of Istanbul, pulling out of the water large quantities of torik, a kind of mackerel. It has been a winter of cheap fish here, and this has helped to alleviate the shortage of meat and cheese. There is a ship in the harbor unloading wheat from America, and the paper carries word of cotton-seed oil soon to come, which will help with the olive-oil shortage.

The newspaper carries word this morning that rationing of kerosene and gasoline will end early in April in Istanbul. It ended yesterday in Greece. The pipe lines across Syria have been repaired and are operating, and there is every prospect that there will soon be a steady supply through the Suez.

Sincerely, Robert Avery

Dear Friends:

Word has reached us of the death, in January, of Dr. Reuel Finney Markham, at the age of sixty-five. Dr. Markham and his bride, the daughter of Dr. James McNaughton who served our Mission in Izmir, first arrived in Istanbul in 1920, and taught in our schools in Istanbul, Izmir, and Aleppo until 1937. Then for many years he was at his Alma Mater, Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas. From 1946 to 1949 he was Dean of the College of Letters and Science at St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York, and at his death he was supervisor of guidance and counseling at the College of William and Mary and Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Mrs. Markham is at 310 Dartmouth Avenue, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, where she will be near her daughter, Eleanor.

Mrs. Markham writes:

"I would like to extend my appreciation to Finney's and my friends in the Near East who have written to me and made contributions to the R. Finney Markham Memorial Scholarship Fund for the education of a Hungarian student at the College of William and Mary in Norfolk. The College had been thinking of interesting the students in bringing a student over and when it was announced that donations to Hungarian relief were requested in the place of flowers the college authorities enlarged their plans to create the Memorial Fund.

"Finney had a very short illness of less than an hour. I was so thankful that we were both at home where I could care for him. He went when he was doing his best work and enjoying every minute of it. As Supervisor of Counseling his influence extended not only through the College, but into a great many homes of the city. His civic and professional affiliations also extended his influence widely.

"I should like to write each one of you, but in the meantime may I take this way of saying thank you."

Frank Stone, of Tarsus College, and Barbara Tinkham, of the Treasury Department here in Istanbul, announced their engagement March 30th in an exchange-of-rings ceremony in Tarsus. They plan to be married in Tarsus about June 16th.

I have just returned from a week in Ankara, attending the classes of the Theological Faculty of Ankara University. This Faculty, still quite new, is growing fast: the freshman class is three times as large as the senior class. The atmosphere is one of earnest, solid, and adventurous scholarship.

The Children's Health Center in Ankara, where Bill is working, is moving rapidly towards its opening date. Large crates of supplies are being unloaded and sorted in the rooms, while construction still goes forward elsewhere in the building. There is now new support making possible a dormitory for student nurses. The Mission, in its support of this pioneering service, is a partner with international organizations, foundations, and the Turkish government, who are actively backing it.

Dr. Bill Nute, Jr. is in Istanbul for a few days on business with the Mission offices.

Pauline Woolworth reports that the following books have been acquired by the Mission Library:

1. Current Research on the Middle East, 1955, Middle East Institute, Washington, D.C. This is a list of studies in progress on history, archeology, politics, economics, philosophy, religion, literature, and linguistics, and incidentally it helps you locate the scholars who might have information you need.

2. Turkey by Geoffrey Lewis: an analysis of Turkey, its history, culture, and economic development.

3. Shorter Encyclopedia of Islam--(1953) condensed by H.A.R. Gibb.
4. Four books contributed by Dr. Harry Meyering:
 - a. Student Teaching in Secondary Schools, by Schorling Batchelder
 - b. The Child in the Rural Development, by Fannie Wyche Dunn
 - c. Farm Leaders and Teachers Plan Together, 1947 Report
National Education Association
 - d. Four Years in a Country School, by Dunnand Everett
5. The Call of the Minaret, by Dr. Kenneth Cragg
6. Interpreters' Bible: We now have all but Volume 12, which should arrive soon.

The Publication Department has ordered ten each of The Call of the Minaret and the revised (1956) Hony-Iz Turkish English Dictionary. People in Turkey may order them from us, payment in liras. We also find that we have four (1885) Grimm-Thayer New Testament lexicons, free for the asking.

The Publication Department has for sale a limited edition of the beautiful Florence Mary Fitch book: "A Book About God" at TL 11.50 retail, 9.20 to members of the Mission. This one costs us money for each copy sold, but we think it is worth it. Please order quickly if you can use it. English, with Turkish text pasted in.

Miss Jeannie Louise Jillson, who first joined the Mission in Izmir in 1904, and taught also in Bursa and Beirut, till her retirement in 1937, will celebrate her ninetieth birthday at Pilgrim Place, Claremont, California, on April 21st.

Buford Jones will go from Tarsus to Heidelberg, Germany, this month for a week's meeting of Danforth Fellows.

Restrictions on the travel of Americans in Syria, Jordan, and Egypt have just been lifted by the State Department.

Margaret Blemker now plans to arrive in Istanbul on May 8th, on her way to the various stations of the Mission, and we understand that she hopes to stay through Annual Meeting.

The Uskudar School presented the operetta "Papagino", a week ago. It was directed by Audrey Tosh and Jean Nilson. It was the first major production in the new auditorium.

Sincerely,

Robert Avery

No. 501

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, May 31, 1957.

Dear Friends:

Margaret Blemker has arrived from Boston, and is now making a tour of the Mission stations. She will be back in Istanbul in time for Annual Meeting after the middle of June.

Bill Nute, Jr. writes from Ankara: "Today is the third day our hospital is actually seeing patients. We have only a few rooms available, we cannot accept inpatients, the workmen are everywhere, and there is a cheerful chaos abounding, but it has been splendid for morale even to make a start. I am happy as in charge of the storerooms and the distribution of equipment and the preparation of rooms. Monday our first visiting team of a doctor (woman) and two nurses, all Turkish, went out into the district for house calls."

At the end of June Gladys and Ian Campbell move to the Federated Church, Fairmont, Nebraska. It is a rural parish in a town of seven hundred, near the University of Nebraska.

The Woolworths of Istanbul proudly announce the birth of a grandson, Robert Sage, Woolworth, Jr., born May 11th in Linden, New Jersey. Bob is working as an engineer in Montclair.

From Aleppo comes word that George Miller and Seham Kara Elias have announced their engagement. Seham is a member of the College secretarial staff--Their plans are for a fall wedding.

And Nancy Pounds, their Presbyterian short-term teacher, is engaged to Arthur Lowry of the new American Consulate in Aleppo.

Aleppo College has completed its new Music-Speech wing which was dedicated on May 17th. This extension is on the back of the auditorium and has a music practice room, a studio, an administrative office, recording rooms, a student activity center, and a dark-room. It is of low, modern construction with overhanging eaves, indirect lighting, sound-proofing, and attractive landscaping. It is the pride of the campus and was made possible by a grant from the Paine Foundation.

Karen Lee Keller was born in Istanbul on Monday, May 27th. She and her mother will stay at the Üsküdar school with their grandmother, Ruby Birge, for a while, and will be joined by Bob Keller as soon as he can come from the school at Talas.

The earthquakes in the Bolu district for the first three days of this week have done a lot of damage, and relief is just getting under way. This, added to the recent earthquakes south of Izmir and a number of floods, has taxed the resources of the country. We have felt many of the tremors in Istanbul, but there has been no damage here.

Kenneth and LaNelle Olsen announce the birth of their boy, Peter, December 31, 1956. They are living at 5524 Ellis Street in Chicago, and Ken is studying at the University of Chicago and working at a Community Center.

Rumeli Hisar Castle is in the last stages of its restoration as a public monument. The area inside the castle walls has been graded and largely seeded to grass. There is to be a formal opening this week.

Sincerely,

Robert Avery

Dear Friends:

This year's Annual Meeting is to be the scene of the wedding of Janis Schneck and John Wood, on July 5th. Janis is coming from Wisconsin where she has been teaching, to join John in the work at Tarsus College. They are both from Madison, but didn't meet until college. Frank Stone, of our Tarsus staff, is to marry the couple, and Barbara Tinkham, who by then will be Mrs. Frank Stone, will be matron of honor. Harris Webster, also of Tarsus College, will be best man.

Barbara Tinkham has left the Treasury Department here for Tarsus. She and Frank Stone will be married there Sunday, June 16th, with Dr. William Nute St. performing the service. The last mission couple to be married in Tarsus were the Nutes, in 1915. The service will be outdoors, with the curved stone steps in front of Woolworth Hall as the setting.

Arthur Whitman arrives today from language study in Izmir. He will be in Istanbul through Annual Meeting, when he will take up his duties as our new Mission treasurer, and then fly home to Melrose, Mass. on July 15th, to be married to Marianne Morse on August 3rd. The Whitmans will return by ship and expect to be in Istanbul by September first.

Ten copies of Kenneth Cragg's book, "The Call of the Minaret" have reached the Publication Department, and are for sale to first askers at TL 17.50 a copy.

Dorothy Blatter has cleared out her desk in the Publication Department in preparation for her furlough. She has planned ahead so that we will be able to reprint a great many children's books this next year, and complete others whose preparation is well under way.

A Mission project of five years, the book of selections from the Gospels for Moslem readers, has appeared, bearing the title of "Iste Adam": "Behold the Man." The credit for this should be given to the Committee appointed by the Mission: Merrill Isely and Jack Blake, and especially to Jack for the detailed work of final selection and wording.

Bob Keller has come from Talas to join Dorothy and the baby. They will be here at least through Annual Meeting and the Cragg Seminar to follow. Bob is helping in the Mission offices as they prepare for Annual Meeting.

Paul Nilson reports that the Bible Society is sold out of Turkish Bibles except for a few with luxury bindings. There are still some New Testaments and many portions, but reprinting the Bible depends on importing paper.

Annual Meeting this year promises to be exceptionally well attended, with 30 delegates, about 30 non-delegates, and fifteen children planning to come.

Margaret Blemker's tour of the Mission is proceeding on schedule. Word from Merrill Isely is that she had arrived in Gaziantep with Fern White, and planned to leave on the 10th for Aleppo.

Walter Wiley is making a quick trip to Saloniki Thursday of this week, to see Dr. Metzler and Miss Richardson about relief problems.

John Kingsbury's article "Observations on Turkish Islam Today" appears in the April "Muslim World".

Sincerely,

Robert Avery

Dear Friends:

Since our last letter we have held our Annual Meeting here in Istanbul, with delegates from six places of our work in Turkey, and from Aleppo, Beirut, and Athens. Margaret Blemker, our Near East Secretary in Boston, was with us. After Annual Meeting many of us stayed on for a ten-day seminar on Christianity and Islam, led by Dr. Kenneth Cragg.

Meanwhile our missionaries left, some on furlough, some for summer trips, some for quick vacations. Alice Reed, our Mission Secretary, who has agreed to stay on for two years extra, is spending the summer in the States. John and Gwen Scott are on a year's furlough from their work at the Talas school. Isabel Hemingway, our nurse at the Talas Clinic, and Ethel Lovatt, nurse at the Gaziantep Hospital, are home on furlough. Harriet Yarrow is in America for the fall semester, and will return to her work in Izmir in February.

Donn and Chel Kesselheim, having completed their five years at Tarsus College, are living at the Walker Missionary Home in Auburn-dale, Massachusetts, and he is teaching at the Newton High School.

Paul and Harriet Nilson have retired from a career of service in the Near East Mission, and are now at home, at 722 East Willow Street, Wheaton, Illinois. Paul Nilson first came to the field in 1911, Harriet in 1913, and they have worked in Tarsus-Adana, Talas and Diyarbakir. They were in Tarsus together for seven years after the first World War, and then at the school in Talas, which they built up in a quarter-century of work, first as a trade school, and then as a junior-high school with most of the instruction in English. These last four years they have spent in the Eastern city of Diyarbakir, perhaps the most remote outpost of our Mission. They leave behind them in Turkey, besides a host of warm friends, their son Paul, who is Bible Society representative, and their daughter Sylvia Meyer, who with her husband is at Tarsus College.

Raymond and Fern White, who first came to Turkey in 1926, have withdrawn and for now are at 209 College Street, Winfield, Kansas. The Whites were at the International College in Izmir for six years, and then returned to teaching and pastoral work in America until 1948, when they again came to the Mission and took up work with the Protestant Churches in the Mardin-Diyarbakir area. For five years the Whites were the only missionaries in their area, and even trips to visit them required government permission for travel--permission that was difficult to obtain. They are looking forward to pastoral work in Kansas.

Melvin and Nancy Wittler, having had their language study at Izmir, are now in residence in Üsküdar, where they will do some teaching and have free time for special studies.

And John and Sara Kingsbury, having worked at Izmir, are now going to be at Tarsus College on a similar assignment. They are now on the road back from Germany, where they have adopted two children, Erika and Werner, to be brother and sister to Robbie. We expect them in Istanbul tomorrow.

Lloyd and Gladys Swift, who were at the American University of Beirut last year on leave from the Mission, are settled at Izmir with their children. Lloyd will be teaching English there, with the aid of special linguistic methods that he has studied at the University of Michigan.

Mollie Bliss, who has been working at the American Hospital in Istanbul, has joined the Mission in fact, as she has always been in spirit, and arrived at the Talas Clinic last Saturday, to begin her nursing duties there.

Our new teachers have sailed from New York, are now in Naples, and are due in Istanbul September ninth. In this party are John Kemp for Tarsus, William Ludwig for Talas, Susan Robertson and Sue Shafer for Izmir, Carol Wright, Mrs. Ida Alseth and Lois Jones for Üsküdar, and Dr. Mary Gray for Pierce College in Athens. Five others who were appointed were unable to sail, for reasons ranging from draft boards to marriage plans, and the Mission is busy adjusting staff to equalize the shortages.

The Publication Department rejoices in the arrival of sixty tons of paper from England, after a year and a half of negotiation. Much of this will be used for reprinting the dictionary, but it will also assure our continued activity in regular book publishing. Dorothy Blatter is on furlough (address: Albion, Nebraska) so the steady flow of new titles, especially of children's books, will have to wait for a while. Meanwhile we are catching up on reprint of books that have gone out of print. And the work on the text of the Turkish-English dictionary has gone forward during the summer and is about to gain renewed vigour with the fall, as for the first time we have four teams working regularly.

The papers this last week carried the story that Robert College was going to be nationalized and raised to the level of a university, so that graduates of its engineering school would not have to go to America and get a master's degree to practice as licensed engineers in Turkey.

The present Government of Turkey, which is due to complete its second four-year term in 1958, may call for early elections, to be held this fall. There has been no single strong opposition party; but a number of parties with various programs have sprung up. In the last few weeks there have been intensive meetings among the leaders of these parties, and as a result they have announced a program of co-operation in elections, and, in the event of victory, in administration.

We, with you, are following the events in Syria and wondering how they will affect the future of Aleppo College and our missionaries and staff there.

Sincerely,

Robert Avery

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, October 7, 1957.

Dear Friends:

On September 23rd we welcomed to Istanbul a second group of new arrivals. Dr. Jack Ross Brown, Mrs. Brown (Judith) and their baby, Ross, will eventually be at the hospital in Gaziantep, but for the present will be in language study at the College at Izmir. Jack is in Gaziantep for a brief visit now.

James and Jean Morehead and their baby, Peg, will be in Tarsus for three-year term. They have arrived there and are settling in.

Miss Ruth Wagner has arrived at the Üsküdar school for a three-year term, teaching English.

And on the 24th Mary Louise Fundenberg arrived for a year at the Üsküdar school as librarian.

Miriam Hagopian has returned to Istanbul after a full and happy year in the United States, where she celebrated her retirement from a lifetime of teaching in our schools, by a strenuous program of speaking in our churches. She has moved into the renovated apartment over the Bible House Church, and plans to be active in the work of the Armenian Protestant Churches of Istanbul.

Hans and Sylvia Meyer of Tarsus announce the birth of their boy, Martin Andreas in Gaziantep on September 29. All doing well.

The World Medical Association has just closed its meeting, held in Istanbul. Dr. Severinghaus, here for the meeting, is a member of our Prudential Committee and its Near East Committee, and he took the opportunity to see our work in Istanbul, Ankara, and Gaziantep.

Ginger Nute has returned to Ankara, after a summer in Boston on health leave. The Children's Hospital in Ankara had its formal opening, this last week, although it has been in at least partial operation for some time.

Dr. Harry Dorman, executive secretary of the Near East Christian Council, was here briefly from Beirut on a fraternal visit.

Virgil Miller, who taught at Tarsus for three years, is at the Maarif Koleji in Ankara this year, and is living at Hanimeli Sokak 47A, Yenisehir, Ankara.

Gardner and Edith Bennett, who were at Robert College for many years, have retired from their work in Hawaii, and are now at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Alabama.

Asiatic flu has been around here. The Üsküdar school opened today after a week's precautionary vacation, and word from Talas was that it was hitting there.

Turkish elections come October 27th, and the campaigns are in full force. The government has passed new laws restricting the activities of the opposition parties, but there seems to be free discussion of most of the issues, including the continuing inflation and current shortages of goods, restrictions on the press and on assembly, and the current program of improvement in the cities.

Sincerely,

Robert Avery