

Dear Friends:

The marriage of Miss Mary Morrill, of the American Collegiate Institute, Izmir, and Mr. Antony R. Tius took place at the Dominican Church, Izmir, on July 5th. Mrs. Frieda Morrill, Mary's Mother, had arrived from America to be present on this occasion. Martha Morrill of the Girls' College, Istanbul, was bridesmaid to her sister. The couple will make their home in Izmir, where Mr. Tius is connected with one of the American tobacco companies.

After honeymoon days spent in Mardin while the Whites attended Annual Meeting in Athens, Dorothy and Jim Fyfe go to Cyprus for August, before returning to Tarsus for their fall teaching appointments.

Rev. Horace McMullen, with Mrs. McMullen and the three children sailed from Beirut for furlough on June 26th. They plan to spend the year mainly in Princeton.

Figures given in the daily press in connection with a law to increase the number of primary school teachers, indicate that in the cities, towns, and villages of Turkey there are at present some 17,000 primary school buildings staffed with about 33,000 teachers of various grades. The new law is designed to increase these totals within a three year period to 20,000 schools and 43,000 teachers.

The Bible Society has copies of the 1951 edition of the Turkish New Testament, specially bound in London in imitation leather and gilt edges. The result is a very handsome, thin, easily portable book, which makes an ideal gift. The flexible yapp binding (projecting leather edges turned over to protect the gilt) sells for 750 kuruş; the simpler leather-and-gilt binding for 500 kuruş.

Four 4-page tracts in Turkish, illustrated with a colored picture cover, and issued by the Scripture Gift Mission are now available at the Bible House. These comprise Jesus' talk with Nicodemus, the Prodigal son, Zacchaeus the taxgatherer, and Paul's conversion. They are for free distribution, although the S. G. M. is glad to receive contributions toward the cost of publication.

On June 22nd Curtis Fowle arrived in Istanbul after an absence of nineteen years, accompanied by Mrs. Fowle. They are centering in the Bergmark home in Hisar, the home of his childhood; and hope to visit many places and friends of those earlier years. Their first night was spent at the Scutari school with friends there, whence there is a matchless view of the city, particularly at night. They will leave on August 1st for Naples, Switzerland, and London, and sail for America on September 10th.

For prospective travellers to Arab countries and to Israel. We are indebted to James Dittes of Talas for a report, based on his recent experience. Arab lands bordering Israel will grant visa to holders of American passports only if the passport carries no Israel visa. Such Americans can cross from Arab Jerusalem to Jewish held Jerusalem by registering with the American Consulate on the Arab side 72 hours before the desired crossing. No money or photos are required. On the day of crossing, the traveller gets an exit visa from the Jordan police, stops at the Consulate for the mimeograph permit to enter Israel, is checked off on Arab list at the barrier, and walks across about 100 yards to Israel. If one remains in Israel longer than 3 days, a \$10. Israel visa is required. Otherwise one sails from Haifa with perfunctory formality only. The crossing is possible for a half hour, twice daily, at 9 and 15 o'clock, Moslem, Jewish, and Christian holidays excepted.

Very truly yours,

Luther R. Fowle

Dear Friends:

A June 14th letter has come from Dr. Cyril H. Haas of the Uplands Clinic, Pleasant Hill, Tennessee, bringing high tribute to the late Dr. Remzi Gbneç with whom he was associated for ten years in their joint service to the Adana American Hospital. Dr. and Mrs. Haas enjoy their work at the Sanatorium and sometimes think they are even busier than they were in Adana. With it all, there are times of longing for the people of the Plain, among whom they had so many years of service.

Dr. and Mrs. Carleton, with daughters Ann and Caroline and Miss Venita Bright, drove up in the Carleton car from Aleppo to spend a week with Dr. and Mrs. Birge and to see the sights of Istanbul. They left early Tuesday morning, the 29th, expecting to spend one night in Ankara, one night in Tarsus, and to be back in Aleppo the third night.

After spending several days in the Hospital here, enroute from Athens- Mr. Raymond White with Fern and Wesley left last Saturday evening by train and were in Mardin forty-eight hours later.

Miss Jessie Martin and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Maynard arrived back from Naples on the S.S. "Tarsus" last Monday afternoon, after spending the time since close of Annual Meeting, in Italy and Austria. The Maynards journeyed as far as Innsbrück while Miss Martin spent most of her time at Gaisburg near Salsburg. The Maynards left Tuesday evening for Ankara and then returned to Tarsus.

Mr. and Mrs. Isely who returned to Turkey via Thessaloniki after Annual Meeting, went on from Istanbul by bus to Ankara, Adana and Gaziantep, reaching home on Sunday the 20th. They report a visit from Mr. and Mrs. James Fyfe who stopped in Gaziantep on their way from Mardin to Cyprus where they will spend a few weeks of vacation before returning to Tarsus. Mr. Isely is busy putting down the new linoleum in the Hospital. Miss Ethel Lovatt, and Miss Martha Millett of the Scutari School are giving much appreciated summer service at the Gaziantep Hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. Albert Dewey left Gaziantep on Tuesday last for a month's vacation in Cyprus.

Mrs. Bessie Lyman accompanied Prof. and Mrs. Blakey of Ankara on a Black Sea trip by Turkish steamer to Hopi, leaving last Saturday night.

Istanbul station members were the guests of the Scutari personnel at a Station supper at Scutari, Saturday the 26th, Mrs. Lyman and the Whites leaving from there on their respective journeys. The Carletons from Aleppo, Mr. Blumenfeld from Talas, Mr. Richard Pond from Teheran enroute to America, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Fowle were other out-of town guests. The station made the occasion a "welcome back" to Mrs. Bergmark and the children, and a "Bon Voyage" to Mr. Luther Fowle, as well as a birthday celebration for Mrs. Carleton.

Dr. and Mrs. Lorrin Shepard are happy in the news of a grand-son, Andrew Moffat Shepard who arrived in the family of Robert Shepard on June 13th. The Lorrin and Barclay Shepards arrived back from their European holiday on the "Ankara" on July 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hubbard, who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Swift in Talas, arrived in Istanbul early in the week and left for America on Friday on the "Tarsus", together with Mr. Luther Fowle, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Fowle. The latter proceed to Switzerland, Paris and London, while the others transship in Naples to the "Independence" for New York.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

THREE FIRST PRIZES AWARDED IN GRAND CONTEST OF 1951 - 1952 !!!

For News Items specifically contributed to "Dear Friends" the Art Department Has awarded three First Prizes of 5000 (five thousand) Turkish Paras each to Merrill Isely, Laubach Nute and Lyman MacCallum.

Luther Fowle and the Hubbards, after Paul Olander had shown them the points of interest in Athens, both ancient and modern, on August 4th were able to make their Naples connection with the "Independence" with about an hour to spare. Six other passengers made the same transfer.

Mary Rowden was in Istanbul August 4th to 7th, returning from vacation in Europe to her post at Adana.

Louise Wiley is due to arrive by Plane tomorrow for a visit with her parents. - P.S. She has come.

Mr. C. Thomas Young has been appointed as Fulbright teacher to Tarsus, and is expected to arrive in Istanbul by the "Tarsus" on September 8th.

Harry Meyering, previously member of our Mission, whose son Ralph is joining our staff at Talas, is this summer conducting a Mankato State Teachers College study trip through England, France, Switzerland, Belgium, and Germany. We hear that he may get to Turkey.

Our Talas people are having their share of adventures, good and not so good. Bill Edmonds and Allen King made a six-week 7000 kilometer trip through Turkey this summer. Cities visited include Bursa, Bolu, Ankara, Antalya, Namrun (Cities?!), Malatya, Erzincan, Samsun. Bill sailed yesterday from Istanbul for America.

Earlier in the month, Bill and Allen, together with Lloyd Swift and a Turkish friend, had a blisteringly good time climbing Argaeus.

Lloyd and Gladys Swift have been in an auto collision, in which Lloyd came out with only a scratch. Gladys broke a tooth and needed four stitches in her lip. Her letter about it was quite cheerful!

Mary Nute Sr. brought back from Namrun "a cracked toe and a sprained ankle" but was getting around. Coming with her were Laubach Nute, Maryly and Lloyd Craighill. "All's well that ends well."

Elizabeth MacCallum, back from London, is spending the summer with her parents in Hisar. Edith Laird is visiting the family during August.

Gene Blumenfeld will this next week complete his much appreciated work in the treasury and return to Talas in time for examinations.

Dave Bergmark has come back to Istanbul, and plans to take up regular work in the treasury on Monday.

Because our News Notes typist Bayan Berdjouhie and our mimeographer Miss Tuysuzyan will shortly take her vacation, the Notes will not again appear until about the end of this month.

DAB, GUEST EDITOR this past year, has joined our regular staff, and will edit our first issue after vacation. Watch also for our travelogue serial entitled, "NORTH WEST TO SOUTH EAST."

Sincerely,

Dear Friends:

The thoughts of many of you have been with us since last Friday when word went out from here by telegram and cable that John Kingsley Birge had passed away as he slept Thursday evening, August 14. A service at the house in the late afternoon on Friday led by Walter Wiley, Charles Riggs and Miss Barrying Morrison, with piano solo by Charles MacNeal, was attended by close friends and associates, and the service on Saturday morning at the chapel in the Feriköy cemetery and at the graveside was led by Mr. Wiley with William Sage Woolworth, Ezra Young and Miss Morrison assisting with The Lord's Prayer sung by Robert Kerwin. Included among the many attending were Turkish citizens from all walks of life. The floral tributes included a wreath of pink gladioli from the Prime Minister, Adnan Menderes, a former student of King's when he taught at International College in Smyrna, now Izmir. Each succeeding day tributes in writing have been coming in to Ruby Birge and to the Mission offices at the Bible House, all testifying to a life lived to the full in wide Christian influence throughout Turkey and the surrounding countries that are included in the Near East Mission area. His spirit moves strongly among us as we continue the work he enriched so much with love and kindness.

Mrs. Edith Laird, librarian at the American University of Beirut, arrived in Istanbul on August second to spend three weeks with her mother, Mrs. F. W. MacCallum who is summering at the Scott House at Robert College with son Lyman and his wife, Robin, and daughter Elizabeth.

Paul Nilson Jr. on his arrival in New York at the end of July visited the headquarters of the American Bible Society and has agreed to join that organization at the end of the summer. He is planning to study this year in the Kennedy School of Missions in Hartford, preparatory to returning to this city to be associated with Lyman MacCallum in conducting the society's work in Turkey.

Miss Louise Wiley, who will be teaching at Anatolia College in Greece this year, arrived on the tenth to visit her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wiley who are enjoying the use of the Stoltzfus home in Arnavutköy this summer. She came by S. S. Homeland from New York to Naples, and from Naples she finished the journey rapidly by air to Istanbul.

Dr. and Mrs. Albert Dewey returned from a short vacation in Cyprus on the tenth and were back in hospital harness on the fifteenth.

Bessie Lyman returned from a vacation cruise in the Black Sea on the thirteenth. She stopped over at Trabzon for a few days renewing old friendships and continuing work with Turkish friends there.

Gene Blumenfeld returned to Talas on the twelfth in order to help Lloyd Swift organize for the new school year as the Nilson family packs to move to Mardin. Gene finished a two month's long tour of duty helping in the Treasury office.

Harold Murray of the Tarsus school has written from Bentveld Holland that he is enjoying his summer in Europe where he had attended the summer session at the University of Leyden. He is now attending the seminar at Bentveld.

Sincerely yours,

David A. Bergmark

Telegram today from Gaziantep tells of the arrival of Frances Avery, weight seven pounds eleven ounces, parents doing well too. Bob is enjoying work around the hospital and tomorrow preaches his first sermon in Turkish. He plans early return to Tarsus.

Dear Friends:

Miss Constance Padwick, who has been recuperating in Kenya from a serious illness which incapacitated her while teaching in the Sudan, has now been able to join her sister in Istanbul and together they left September 6 for a brief holiday in Cyprus.

Mrs. Edith Laird returned to Beirut on Monday the 25th after spending several weeks with her mother, Mrs. F. W. MacCallum and the Lyman MacCallum family.

Mr. Allen King, Fulbright tutor at Talas Boys' School this past year, left Istanbul by plane for America last Sunday. He and Wm. Edmonds spent a number of weeks travelling in a jeep and camping out this summer in Anatolia.

Prof. Moses Bailey, Old Testament teacher at Hartford Seminary, was in the city last week on his way to America. On behalf of the Friends Service Committee he has been visiting Near Eastern countries including various cities in Turkey to learn what various governments are planning in regard to Arab refugees.

Expected on the "Barletta" next Tuesday are Mr. and Mrs. John Pearson and Carol, of Robert College, who have been spending the summer in Germany. With them will be Peter Mitchell Pearson, nine months old, who has joined the family this summer.

Turkish newspapers state that headquarters for the Sub-Command of Near East Mediterranean Greek and Turkish military Forces will be situated in the buildings of the (Village Institute for Girls) Kby Enstitüsü, Izmir, formerly the buildings of International College at Paradise, Izmir.

Dr. Alford Carleton expects to leave Aleppo on September 4th for conference with Ford Foundation representatives in Pasadena, California. He was uncertain whether his travel arrangement would take him there via the east and Pacific route, or westward over the Atlantic. On his return he expects to be in Boston about September 14th, and in Aleppo for college opening.

Miss Martha Millett of the Scutari School and Miss Ethel Lovatt, R.N. appointed to Gaziantep Hospital, but spending the year studying Turkish in Istanbul, returned to this city last Tuesday from Gaziantep where they have spent six weeks assisting in the hospital work.

Other guests in Gaziantep have been Mr. and Mrs. James Gustin from the Embassy staff in Ankara, and the Donald Websters who spent two days there last week enroute by car to consular work in Iran.

Gaziantep reports the hottest summer in years, and last week high temperatures were recorded throughout Turkey. The heat and wind have been hard on the seedling trees planted on Duluk Baba, Gaziantep. Re-forestation plans have been made for a much enlarged area covering about 1500 acres and 250,000 seedlings are to be planted this fall, as well as tree seeds.

A letter from Prof. Loutfy Levonian, now living at 190 $\frac{1}{2}$ Talmadge St., Los Angeles 27, Calif. gives news of the death of Mrs. Marie Sarkissian, Mrs. Levonian's mother, on July 15th. "Marie Hanum" was for nine years Matron in the School of Religion when it was situated in Istanbul and Athens. She had gone to America last October to live with her son, Dr. Albert Sarkissian.

Mrs. Riess of the Christian Service Committee in Athens, has been spending some days here, coming with a group of Greek tourists on a chartered Greek steamer.

Today is the August 30th Turkish holiday which joins up with the Kurban Bayram over the Sunday, on Monday. Thus the holidays run thru next Wednesday to September 4th.

On Monday the large group of returning and new mission associates, are expected on the S.S. "Ankara" from Naples.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

On September first the "Ankara" brought us our Big Party of the year. Miss Blatter, three Blakes and four Scotts returned from furlough. New Board appointees were the Misses Marie McGinnis, Helen Morgan, and Jean Potter for Üsküdar; Mrs. Mattie Claiborne and Martha Dunbar, Carol Egly, and Ruth Sowter for Izmir; William Mathews and Ralph Meyering (of Tarsus background) for Talas; Mr. and Mrs. Donn Kesselheim for Tarsus. Miss Edith Marken arrived that same day in Beirut and two days later at the girls school in Aleppo. James Mitchell for Talas is expected in Istanbul on the 29th. Miss Martin's sister and her husband, Mr. Ripley Tracy, under Fulbright appointment to Üsküdar, together with Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Leraas, Fulbright for Talas, came with the big group. Mr. Thomas Young, Fulbright for Tarsus, together with Miss Vivian Little, engaged by Izmir, came together on the "Tarsus," arriving on the 8th.

Lloyd and Maryly Nute Craighill left Talas on August 28th, expecting to arrive in Tokyo on the seventh of this month.

Rev. Paul Olander is reported to have been chaplain for the recent ten-day CARE conference in Rhodes.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Nilson arrived in Diyarbakir on the evening of September first, having been met by the Whites some 57 kilometers out on the road. With most of their goods under tarpaulins in the yard they settled into two rooms in our Diyarbakir property. They were heartily welcomed by the governor, educational and other officials. On Thursday they arrived in Mardin for a long week-end, part of which was visit with the Whites, and part remaining in charge as the Whites went off for a visit to village churches.

NORTH WEST TO SOUTH EAST. I. Thessaloniki.

Anatolia College is proud to announce the appointment of two missionary children as teachers of English: Louise Wiley and Bill Compton, the latter of whom brings his wife and two-year old son with him. They are also happy to claim Miss Carrie Lake, previously of Üsküdar; and, for work on accounts this past summer, Miss Beach of the Presbyterian Mission in Beirut.



With the completion of a class room for the Girls School, the girls will now be entirely on their own campus across the road from the boys school except for the dormitory originally built for the president of the school.

Bob Albright of the staff spent the summer in a Quaker work camp in Austria, and brought back a Viennese bride who was a fellow worker there, and who will assist in the Thessalonica American and British Community School.

As part of a year-round service given to the village of Mavroraki, the college girls conducted their second summer work camp there, with jam and fruit preserving as a new specialty. The Alumni's work has been so successful that their village has been chosen by UNESCO as a pilot project in village rehabilitation, and the Greek Welfare Department requires its nursery workers to attend the training courses given at the Alumni Nursery School. Mr. Tom Kennedy, ex-Fulbright of the staff, is replacing Mr. John Thomas in CCSC work.

Sincerely,

Dear Friends:

Miss Grace Towner's new address is 511 West 6th Street, Claremont, Calif., her apartment being known as the "West" apartment of the Blaisdell house.

Miss Harriet Yarrow for this six months may be found at Woodside, Calif. (Address her - Box 1103).

Travel by Orient Express (!) thru the Balkans is possible, but slow, as Miss Dorothy Robinson and Mr. Robert Schinske returning from their summers in Europe can testify. They arrived in Istanbul September 5th and continued on to Izmir and Tarsus respectively shortly after, for examination schedules.

Mr. Dan Brewster, who in July moved from Athens with his family to take up work in the American Embassy in Paris, spent the day of September 10th in Istanbul enroute from Ankara where he had been on business.

The Near East continues to be an area of travel interest. Many travellers are coming individually or in groups. Of the latter were the twenty-three young people from the Oneonta Church in South Pasadena, under the leadership of Dr. David Henry Gray, who visited Istanbul from August 19th to 23rd, with the especial assistance of Alice Lindsley and Walter Wiley. The Scutari School was hostess to the group.

Miss Patterson, pastor of a Union (part Congregational) church near Cleveland, visited our city on September 12th, leading a group of men and women church members from many of the mid-western states. They were entertained at tea by Mr. and Mrs. Lyman MacCallum after which short talks were given on the Bible Society and American Board Mission work in the Near East and a Turkish friend spoke about Islam.

Chaplain Major General Ivan Bennett, Chief of Chaplains of the Department of the Army, accompanied by two senior chaplains, visited this city on the 13th, making contacts with the Mission and Bible Society, as well as with some of the heads of Oriental churches. Chaplain Bennett was instrumental in ordering Turkish Scriptures for the use of the 8th Army two years ago, soon after the start of the Korean war.

Miss Marguerite Bicknell and Dr. Ruth Parmelee spent two weeks this summer in a village in Samothrace with Pastor and Mrs. P. Zikas. Before returning to Athens, Dr. Parmelee stopped at Thessaloniki visiting nurses she had been associated with when conducting her first hospital in Greece from 1922-25.

The New York Times of August 21st reported the death of Mr. Henry J. Haskell, editor of the Kansas City Star, on August 20th, on the staff of which he had been a member for fifty-four years. "Mr. Haskell had a life-long interest in journalism, economics, world affairs and scholarship" and twice he won the Pulitzer Prize, once for excellence of the editorial page and again for distinguished editorial writing. Mr. Haskell was the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Henry C. Haskell, American Board missionaries to Bulgaria, and brother of Edward Haskell, head of the Boys' School at Samakove and of Miss Mary Haskell who recently retired from life time service under the American Board in Bulgaria.

Word has been received of the death on September 10th of Mr. Harrison A. Maynard at his home in Evanston, Ill. after a long period of ill health. A memorial service was held in the First Congregational Church in Wilmette on Saturday afternoon, the 13th. Mr. and Mrs. Maynard came to Bitlis, their mission station in 1908. After the first furlough, he was with the Near East Relief in Tiflis and Erivan and Persia from 1916 to 1924. In October of 1924 he joined the faculty of International College, Izmir where he remained till 1936, later becoming head of the International college department at A.U.B., Beirut. On retirement, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard have made their home in Evanston and been associated with the Wilmette Cong'l church. The mission extends its sympathy to Mrs. Maynard, the Richard Maynards in Tarsus and other sons in America.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Beecher, recently of Robert College, a daughter, Nancy Catharine, on September 12th. Nancy's address is 96 Westgate, Cambridge 39, Mass.

Sincerely yours,
David A. Bergmark

Dear Friends:

Word from Maryly Nute Craighill and her husband had been received by her parents as far on their journey as Bangkok. After six months of Language study in Tokyo, they were to be stationed in Kiyoto where Alice Shepard Cary is located.

Mr. Robert King who finished his term service at Tarsus in 1951, was married on September 3rd to Miss Barbara Martin, R.N. and is teaching this year at Dayton, Ohio, his home town.

Mr. Harold Murray, who spent the summer in Europe, passed quickly thru Istanbul on his way back to Tarsus, reaching there on the 9th. Mr. Thomas Weaver returned thru Beirut on the 17th from his summer travels. Mr. Douglas Hill and bride have arrived in Beirut, and Mr. James Mitchell landed in Naples yesterday and arrives in Istanbul, en-route to Talas, on Monday. Messrs Weaver and Hill are old hands at Aleppo College.

Near East missionaries attending the autumn Auburndale Conference on the week-end of the 13th, were Mr. Carleton, Mr. Fowle, Mr. McMullen and Miss Yarrow, also Mr. P. Zikas who had arrived in Boston to attend a Speakers' Conference on the 11th which was held by Mrs. Medlicott's department.

Attending Hartford Seminary and Kennedy School of Missions there this year are Paul Nilson, Jr., Edward Blumenfeld, brother of Gene Blumenfeld of Talas, Miss Elizabeth George formerly of Izmir A.C.I., and Charlotte Reid formerly of Scutari Girls' School.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith (Betty Lewis formerly of Gedik Pasha School) have a new home at 416 East Atlantic Boulevard, The Gardens, Ocean City, N.J.

Bayan Fatma Bengisu, graduate of Admiral Bristol Nursing School and nurse in our Gaziantep Hospital but in the Nursing Division of the Ministry of Health in Ankara left September 23rd for the school year at Chicago University to study Hospital administration, under the auspices of the World Health Association. Dr. Bengisu is spending the year in New York.

On Sunday the 21st, Elizabeth MacCallum, who has spent nearly three months of holidays with her parents here, returned by air to London to prepare for her second year at Oxford.

In the same plane was Miss Margaret Dunn who, after a lifetime spent in Istanbul, is going to take up life at Bramley near Bagnor Regis in Sussex, England. Her sister Mary died in Istanbul on September 5th and another sister, the famous Princess Fatma Haydari, passed away in Egypt some months ago.

Dr. Lynn A. Scipio, who retired to America in 1943 as Dean of the Engineering Department of Robert College, together with his daughter Elizabeth (Mrs. Sydney Fisher) arrived in Istanbul on the 16th to be present at the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the opening of the Engineering department of the College, which opening had been instituted by Dr. Scipio when he joined the college faculty.

First copies have been received from the Bible Society in New York of their "Small Volume" of selected Scripture passages in Turkish Braille. These are on sale at Lt. 1.50 per copy. This is possibly the first volume in Braille to appear in Turkish since the UNESCO commission established the revised symbols in the autumn of 1950.

Dr. Stephen Penrose of Beirut American University was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Black last week-end.

Mr. Paul Olander writes that Dr. Ripe, the new Fulbright professor at the University in Athens, is an ordained minister who may help him out in the services at St. Andrew's church during his year at Athens. Dr. and Mrs. Ripe had planned to be missionaries to Africa but her health did not permit their going.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:



Grandparents Wiley rejoice in the birth to the Lincoln Wileys of Sharron Ruth, on October 5th.

Rev. and Mrs. Horace McMullen have settled for the winter at Payne Hall, 44 Alexander St., Princeton, N.J.

Luther Fowle and Ned Estes have made the trip from the Huntington home at Prout's Neck to Quebec, to Montreal - where, at McGill University, they visited Prof. Smith who heads up the School of Islamic Studies, Howard Reed and family, Prof. Niyazi Berkes of Istanbul, and Bill Edmonds of Talas; and thence back to Thetford.

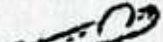
Farnsworth and Phyllis Fowle arrive in New York some time this month, and expect to stay for at least a year.

After his year in Casablanca on an airport building job, Bob Woolworth is now at Camp Dix in New Jersey, getting his first eight weeks of basic military training.

Marion Schoenheit's brother Clifford flew from England to Istanbul on October 3rd for a week-end of visiting and sightseeing.

Elizabeth Pauline MacCallum was one of six to receive the LLD degree at the fall Convocation of Queen's University, her degree being given in view of her services in the Canadian Department of External Affairs. The other woman to receive the degree was one of her original classmates at Queens, Mary MacCallum, a teacher.

Under date of October 9th Washington announced the appointment of Mr. George Wadsworth as ambassador to Prague.

NORTH WEST TO SOUTH EAST. II.  ATHENS.

Miss Emily MacCallum on her 94th birthday - a delegation from
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had many visitors day, among them the Station, bring- and gifts.

Nancy O'Neill, Margaret Ray, are new Fulbright Carter, Miss Danalis are continuing for

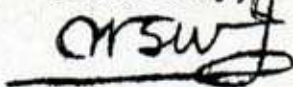
librarian, and English teacher, appointees. Mrs. and Miss Gagalis a second year.

We are delighted that Miss Long and Mrs. Phylactopolou are teaching geography and science in English this year; another milestone gained!

The English Language Seminar which was held under the auspices of the United States Cultural Office and the British Council, was a grand success. There were 49 members. Not only was everyone enthusiastic about the good time they had on our campus for 21 days, but we have also received delightful letters expressing gratitude to the college for the wonderful contribution made by Miss Krokodilou, Mrs. Haniotou, and Prof. Curtis Watson, who represented our staff.

The plan of helping to train young women for service in the burned villages of northern Greece, under the Queen's Fund, is now beginning. Ten young women will spend one year in our School of Social Welfare, then one year in the provinces directing a House of the Child, and a final year again in the school.

Sincerely,



American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, October 18, 1952.

Dear Friends:

Holiday magazine for November has picked Istanbul as its "place of the month", and we are now enjoying all of the reasons for such a designation. We have had sufficient rains now so that the lawns and fields of both the European and the Asiatic shores of the Bosphorus have a new luxurious carpet of fresh green. Gardens are blossoming forth anew and we realize once again why this season in Turkish is Sonbahar or the last spring. (For the unknowing, the four Turkish seasons are Ilkbahar which is the first spring, Yaz which is Summer, Sonbahar or Fall to you, and Kış, Winter.) There is now beginning as Holiday reports, "the long, incredibly beautiful autumn ... in this romance city that has known time, tough men, bloodshed and glory ... that still knows faith and a great, innate and soft-spoken politeness to the American within its gates." And they summarize it all with the sentence "It is wonderful in the fall."

The Turkish Newspapers are covering the American Presidential campaign including all the inevitable pictures like the one of Adlai Stevenson unwittingly exhibiting the hole in the sole of his shoe and Ike Eisenhower looking silly under a feathered Indian headdress, but this week's papers have put such stories on the inside pages because of Prime Minister Menderes' and Foreign Minister Kibriçli's visit to London and the many resulting photographs of Menderes and Churchill together in statesmanlike and brotherly poses. These historic talks took place for the Turkish leaders in the shadow of strong threats from Russia that alliances with the West are taking the Kremlin's patience. Soviet Deputy Premier, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, recently accused Turkey of helping "in preparations of the imperialists for war against the USSR." He warned Turkey she was on "the path of dangerous adventures."

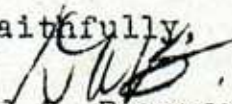
Mrs. Leslie returned on Monday from a week-long visit with her family in Izmir and was present on Sunday for the christening of her five months old grand-son, John. She also made a short visit to the Izmir Girls' School where all is running smoothly with 315 Turkish girls in attendance and many extracurricula activities going on.

The Iseleys have written of plans for a long trip East from Gaziantep. They are planning, towards the end of this month, to see Urfa, Sultan Tepe (a Hittite Dig), Haran and the State Farm, Mardin and the Whites, Diyarbakir and the Nilsons, Elazig, and Malatya. They expect to be accompanied for a while by a couple from the Forestry Department, and later by girls from Elazig going to the hospital for training.

Paul Nilson writing from Diyarbakir says: "It is a strange experience to be starting work in a crowded quarter where Arabic and Kurdish are the spoken languages. It's good to see how the Turks, Syrians, and Kurds get along in their work. Children everywhere; what gangs. This is a growing city, with roads leading out to all the East. It will become more and more important. Tomorrow we motor to Mardin to see the Whites. We plan to see each other weekly, or at least fortnightly."

Isabel Hemingway reports safe arrival in Talas for several months of language study with Mrs. Mary Nute as her chief tutor. She is living with the Swift family and finding the little Swifts interested in her tales of her China experiences, the ones that adapt to the bedtime hour. She reports that "the air is so clear here in Talas that the stars seem twice as bright as anywhere else. Daytimes it is chilly indoors but I go out and warm up in the sun between classes. Soon now I will have to have a fire indoors."

Faithfully,


David A. Bergmark

Dear Friends:

Miss Ruth Shinn, formerly at Scutari Academy, is studying at Yale Divinity School on a YWCA scholarship preparatory to further University YWCA work. Her address is 301 Prospect, New Haven, Conn. One of her classrooms is the one in which work was carried on resulting in the new Revised Standard Version of the Old Testament.

Miss Ethel Putney writes of being happily settled with Miss Walker at 9 Livermore Road, Wellesley Hills 82, Mass., where she keeps busy cooking for the two, shopping, teaching a Church School class, attending the Women's Association of the Church, the League of Women Voters and doing some speaking. Over October 5th week-end she had five speaking engagements in northern New York.

We regret to learn from Mrs. Alan Rodgers (formerly Bernice McKinnon, secretary at Robert College) of the death of her husband last April. Mrs. Rodgers continues to live at 10 LaGrange Ave., Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Son Sandy, a senior in High School was in the hospital with bad fracture of lower leg, due to a football accident.

The Rev. Edward S. Treat left his position as Associate Minister of the Vermont Congregational Conference in August to become Minister of the Congregational Christian Conference of North Dakota. His present address is 1007 Seventh Street, South, in Fargo, N.D. The Treats will be remembered as Ed Treat of the Talas School and Jennie Paige of the Talas Hospital. The latter keeps busy looking after their four boys, of ages 7, 9, 13 and 14 years.

The Rev. John H. Scammon and family of Newton Centre, Mass. arrived in Beirut September 30th via S. S. Kedivial and will make their home in the Webb House this year during Mr. McMullen's furlough. Mr. Scammon will lecture in the N.E.S.T. and A.U.B. Classes at N.E.S.T. began last week with first assembly on Thursday afternoon the 16th. (Beirut News letter)

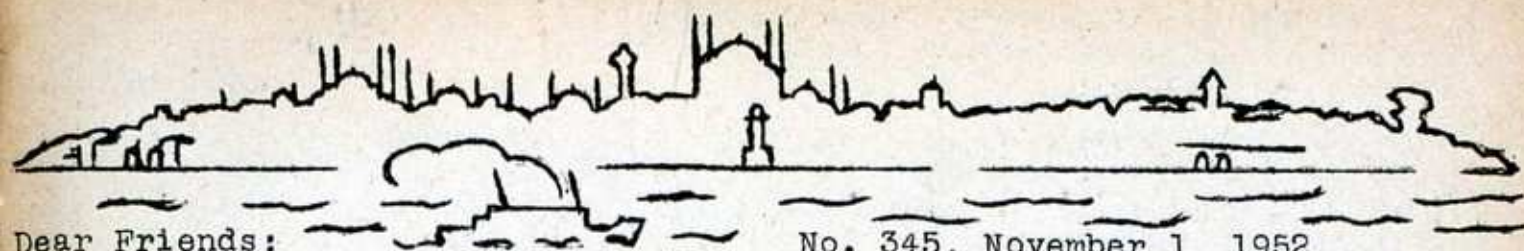
This year's graduates of the Theological Faculty in Ankara are to be appointed as teachers in the Imam Hatip Mektepleri (Schools for priests and preachers) of which there are more than a dozen throughout the country. It is confidently expected that the lower "clergy" trained by these university graduates will gradually replace the present mosque officials of whom some are ignorant and a few, reactionary. (FLM)

Perhaps many of our friends are unaware of the extent to which tea-growing is being developed at Rize, which lies on the Black Sea coast east of Trebizond. Here the average annual rain-fall is 250 centimeters (as compared with 61 in Istanbul) and the soil and the climate is very favorable to the tea plant. In 1939 Rize produced 181 kilos of marketable tea leaves. Ten years later production had reached 150,000 kilos, and in 1951 this had doubled to 306,000. Much of the tea is said to be of very high quality, but as yet the best qualities are not being packed and sold separately. (FLM)

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond White spent Sunday, the 19th, in the village of Killit where new interest in their church has been awakened amongst the Protestant families. These have themselves started to restore their church. Mr. White preached with his notes on a new table and sat in the new pulpit chair. New door and window frames had been made and materials were on hand to begin plastering and white-washing. The Whites left one hundred liras to help finish the work, assigned by Annual Meeting from a special gift for general work. They visited the Syrian priest, the 5th century church and saw hand-written Gospels dating from about 1450.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie



Dear Friends:

No. 345, November 1, 1952.

NORTH WEST TO SOUTH EAST: III ISTANBUL. (View from Kadiköy.)

In Istanbul we have one Greek and four Armenian Protestant churches. The Gedikpasha church conducts a Sunday School, and also directs a primary day school. Three Bible women give part time to parish calling, prayer meetings, and contacts with those from other churches who are interested. Walter Wiley keeps in touch with these churches. As pastor he leads in the growing work of the Dutch Chapel, as it reaches out among the various groups of English speaking people in the city. On October 5th a World Communion Service was held in the German Church. Gregorians joined with Protestants in this service, which was conducted in six languages.

The Treasury in particular misses Luther Fowle, absent on furlough. David and Janet Bergmark, back again in Istanbul, are just now on a trip to Aleppo, where David is attending meetings of the College Board and the Girls School Committee. Vesta Leslie continues to be more than busy with the many demands of mission and station accounting.

Fifteen new probationers have been enrolled in the Admiral Bristol Hospital School of nursing. Permission has been granted for an addition on the roof of the hospital which will provide six more beds for tuberculosis patients, and comfortable living quarters for the six internes. The funds for this come from Rev. and Mrs. George H. Huntington and the Rockefeller Brothers' Fund. Equipment for lung surgery and modern methods of anesthesia furnished by the Rockefeller Foundation, has arrived in Istanbul and is being cleared from customs. Work on the addition will begin day after tomorrow. Eleanor Mason returned this morning after a three months leave in America.

The Scutari school is bursting at the seams with a total enrolment of 390 girls, of whom 60 are full boarders. Day pupils and staff bring the noon dining room service up to 320 persons. The new "Emir Konak" with dormitory, faculty apartments, and school service rooms, is in use for the first time. Five new teachers, with their previous experience and present enthusiasm, add life to the school. All teachers and pupils are sharing in a club program, with Helen Morgan and the seniors adding novelty with a Spanish Club. Isabelle Tracy, Jessie Martin's sister, is helping the school to branch out into community service by holding a class for graduates on bringing up children of pre-school age, with observation of children at play included. Marion Horton, well-known librarian from Los Angeles, is giving several much appreciated months in recataloguing and rejuvenating the library. She has been instrumental in having her friends contribute several hundred new and up-to-date books.

The Publication Department rejoices in the return of Dorothy Blatter. With her coming, work has been renewed on children's books. "Tell Me about Prayer," an illustrated book with many actual prayers, is soon to come off the press. Our first printed Quarterly of Sunday School lessons has just been distributed. Photographic work for the second edition of the English-Turkish Redhouse has been completed, and printing awaits the arrival of paper. The "Addenda" of new meanings and words is being made separately available to the owners of the first edition.

International Children's Book Week will be observed November 16th to the 22nd. That will be a fine time to present your small friends with good books. For suggestions see the catalogue which was recently sent to your station.

Sincerely,

W. S. Wiley

Dear Friends:

TURKEY'S westward orientation is never more clearly shown than in the contrasts one notices when traveling from Turkey to one of the other Moslem lands. In Syria, America and Americans are on a very different basis than in Turkey. Politically we noticed much more interest in the American Presidential election among the Turks than was observable on the surface among the Syrians. It can be reported here that the Turks are delighted that Eisenhower has been voted to succeed Truman, for to the average Turkish citizen the major problem confronting the world at the present moment has to do with the current tense relationship with their neighbor to the north and they feel more confident with Ike as steersman in America than they would have felt with Adlai Stevenson. Military prowess is stressed in this area!

Lynda Blake and I went to Aleppo to represent the Near East Mission on the Aleppo College Board of Managers and we were joined there by Harry Dorman and Carl Nelson, representing the Presbyterian Syria-Lebanon Mission, Prof. Anis al-Maqdisi representing the Arab Synod, and by Edward Karamanougian and Hovhannes Aharonian representing the Armenian Evangelical Union. Dr. Carleton brought report as President, George Miller as Dean, and John Karayusuf as Treasurer and a long but fruitful day was spent Thursday, October 30, on the college hill. On Friday morning the Near East Mission representatives and those from the Syria-Lebanon Mission joined by Mary Carleton as from the Near East Mission, met with Gladys Lucas as the Co-ordinating Committee of the American High School for Girls in Aleppo. Gladys Lucas, as Principal, brought a report, and actions of the School's Board of Management made up of the Educational Committee of the Syria-Lebanon Mission were reviewed and recommendations were made. Both schools have had successes while facing restrictive and troublesome complications from the new Syrian Government and are boldly planning for continuing and expanding their work for the future.

Accompanying us on this trip were Vivian Little, who is teaching this year in our Girls' School in Izmir, and Janet Bergmark, who had invited Ethel Lovatt to take over Julia, Pamela and David for ten days moving up to Greylockin Rumeli Hisar to keep house while continuing her study of Turkish. Our trip to Aleppo was planned through Iskenderun (Alexandretta) and Antakya (Antioch) with a good day of sightseeing in old Antioch. The Museum is well worth visiting for the finds from several nearby hüyüks or mounds are on display and especially interesting is the display of early mosaics. We also visited the cliffside cave in which Paul may have prayed with the first Christians. What an area this would be today for the reopening of Christian work for there is here a small nucleus of worshipping Christians held together by the Bible reading of a few faithful families.

On our return from Aleppo the longest stop was a good visit with the Nutes in Adana. We heard the first tales of the village trips which Ginger Nute and Mary Rowden are making in order to follow up those who have been treated by Dr. Nute in the Clinic. Mary, who never drove a car before, passed the tests for her Turkish license with flying colors after a summer of learning to drive the Clinic's Landrover. With AMERIKAN POLIKLINIGI painted on the doors and with two as eager to help as Ginger and Mary this service is headed for constructive adventure! Our visit in Tarsus was short but we can record here celebration there over the arrival of Alan Stanton Kesselheim on November 1st. Unfortunately we found Bob Avery abed with Jaundice and Duffy Fyfe off her feet again for a few days. After appropriate geçmiş olsun's we had a pleasant time with the Maynards, the tutors-Schinske, Murray, Young and Fyfe, and their newly-found school matron, Miss Friedlaender.

The first snow fell on the Taurus Mountains during Monday night and on Tuesday, with Bill Nute Jr. at the wheel of the Adana Clinic Landrover, Janet and I started back for Ankara with a leisurely ride through the Cilician Gates with a volume of Ramsey's to guide us as we related this area back to the Arabian Nights as well as to the travels of Paul. DAB

Dear Friends:

The marriage is announced of Esther Ann Compton, daughter of President and Mrs. Carl Compton of Anatolia College, Thessaloniki, to Captain John Victor Miseroy, Essex Regiment of the British Army, stationed in Germany. The wedding took place at St. Theodoros Church, Thessaloniki, the service being performed by the English Padre from Athens and the Greek Bishop also added his blessing in English. Louise Wiley was maid-of-honor. She reports a very gay and happy afternoon and evening when there were two receptions. The second included Greek and American folk dancing with everyone participating. The couple have been honeymooning in Salsburg.

The last week of October and early November brought a number of visitors to Istanbul. Among them were the following:

Mr. and Mrs. John Birge, (nephew of Dr. Birge) of New Canaan, Conn., on a tour of Europe, arrived in the city on October 24th and spent ten days with Mrs. Ruby Birge while seeing the interesting places of Istanbul. Mrs. Ruby Birge accompanied them to Athens on Nov. 3rd to attend the meeting of the Pierce College Board of Managers on the 6th and 7th, returning home on the 11th.

The ladies at our Scutari school entertained at tea October 26th: Miss Nance O'Neill, Librarian from Los Angeles and Fulbright teacher at Pierce College, Athens.

Miss Louise Fundenberg, Librarian from Pasadena, a traveller to this city.

Miss Eveline Pierce, retired Head of Dobbs Ferry and friend of Miss Helen Nichol.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens, a teacher in Philadelphia.

Prof. and Mrs. Ernest Saunders of the Garrett Biblical Institute of Northwestern University, on leave of absence with a Fulbright grant for research, were visitors here early in the month, the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Black. Tho officially connected with Athens University they are living at Anatolia College, Thessaloniki, for easy access to Mt. Athos where they are microfilming Bible manuscripts.

Turkish delegates returning from the Railways Conference at Nice report a decision to establish a twice weekly through sleeping car from Istanbul on the Simplon Express. Travellers from this city had hitherto to change at Thessaloniki. The new service goes into effect next May. The train which now runs twice weekly from Istanbul to Athens will soon be increased to four times a week. The Conference also took decisions by which foreign exchange permits will no longer be required for the purchase of railway tickets abroad, and it is hoped to arrange that frontier passport and customs formalities will be carried through while trains are moving, thus greatly speeding up the service of international trains. (FLM)

The contract for the construction of the 300-room American Hilton Hotel in Istanbul was let recently to two famous German construction firms. The contract price was nearly fourteen million liras. Work will begin very shortly. (FLM)

The Türkiye Turizm Kurumu has resumed its conducted tours of the city, which start each Saturday afternoon at 14:00 from Taksim square. On November 8th the tour was to the Old Palace, including the Harem. To-day they will see Dolmabahçe Palace; on the 22nd the Treasury of the Old Palace and on the 29th they will tour the Yildiz park and palaces. Explanations by the guide are in Turkish. (FLM)

On November 2nd, Michael Reed was born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis F. Westra (formerly Joan Reed) at 4 Bayview Court, Apt. 8, Sheppard Ave. E Willowdale, Toronto-weight 8 lbs. 1½ oz. On October 28th, Deborah Lamont was born, third child of Howard and Dory Reed. Howard Reed who spent several months this summer in Turkey, is Assistant Director of the new Graduate School of Islamic Studies at McGill University.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

Dr. E. E. Elder, secretary of the Near East Christian Council, began a tour of the countries included in the activities of the Council, by flying from Egypt to Istanbul on Tuesday, November 18th. He visited our various Mission activities, addressed our Station meeting, observed Book Week activities at our Uskudar school and at two city schools, and also visited the Greek and Armenian patriarchs. On Friday he flew to Izmir.

The Uskudar School on Wednesday gave a dramatic presentation of the various kinds of books which people may wish to read, and on Saturday evening the boarders held a Book Evening, with both faculty and students costumed to represent book titles.

NORTH WEST TO SOUTH EAST. IV. IZMIR.



The Amerikan Kiz Koleji is having a normal busy year, with the Blakes back from furlough, and five new term workers fitting in unusually quickly and happily. There are 314 girls in attendance, of whom 30 are boarders - too many for a family, too few for a properly staffed



boarding department.

Our comparatively young Alumnae Association is flourishing. With NATO in the old International College buildings, the number of our graduates employed by the various American Missions here is rapidly increasing. General Wyman of NATO spoke to the entire school in Parsons Assembly Hall on United Nations Day. The American Women's Club had their monthly business meeting in the Mission House this month, and tea in Parsons. Book Week featured a display and sale of books every noon in the Assembly Hall, and a play about books was put on by the Orta Library Club. The library has a total of about 5600 volumes. Its total circulation last year was 9388, an increase of 665% over the previous year. In addition to the regular extra-curricular activities of the school, one group of lycee girls are giving three hours every Saturday morning to work in the city hospital - serving in the wards, the clinic, the laboratory, and the drug department.

A Sunday School now under the auspices of the American women of Izmir has been in operation in the American Club since the fall of 1950. American and English children make up the attendance, which averages 35. Mrs. James Younts of the Military Mission is in charge. On October 26th, at the instigation of Chaplain Young of Jammal and at the request of a committee composed of representatives of the commercial interests, army personnel, the civilian mission group, and NATO, weekly church services were begun in the American Club rooms with Jack Blake leading. The subject of the first sermon was "To the Church in Smyrna" (Rev. 2:8). The average attendance is about 40.

AN EPISTLE FROM ATHENS gives us this added paragraph:

The project in the Athens office of our C. C. S. C. which is receiving the greatest attention this fall, is the development of its service to needy families in the Kaisariani district of the city. This involves studying the needs of the families and endeavoring to meet them through counselling, encouragement, home visits, and, where indicated, either supplying such material needs as medicine, food, clothing, and financial assistance, or endeavoring to secure the same from other sources wherever available. This is time consuming, but is proving the most practical way to help.

Sincerely,

Wm Sage

No. 349

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, November 29, 1952.

Dear Friends:

BOOK WEEK was celebrated last week in Istanbul and as an interesting development there were the Children's Book Exhibits at 5 children's reading rooms around the city. Three of these were in Primary Schools, Beşiktaş, Fatih, and Taksim, and two of them were in repaired Medreses in Beyazıt and Üsküdar. These five exhibits took the place of one large exhibit customarily held in the Halk Evi. Local publishers, it can be reported, are stepping up their output of children's books in Turkey but there would seem to be insufficient stress on style and format and paper quality. One can only hope that increased competition among the publishers will raise the general level of beauty and context.

A Turkish translation of 'Tell Me About Prayer' by Mary Alice Jones will come off the press soon according to word from the Publication Department. Advance notices tell us that it will be a full color Turkish edition of the original American edition.

Alumni of the N.E.S.T. gathered last Friday night in Beirut in the Willoughby home for fellowship in observance of the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of the school in Beirut.

Miss Nuvart Parseghian, formerly of the Treasury Office here in Istanbul, last week stopped in to renew old acquaintances as she visited in Istanbul on her way from America to her new post as a USA State Department Cultural secretary in Bombay.

Miss Sylvia Nilson, according to latest word, is this year studying at Syracuse University in New York in the School of Student Administration.

Maryly and Lloyd Craighill are now settled in Kobe, Japan and have written of their pleasures and recreations and delight in the people and country and new life.

Dr. E. E. Elder has been continuing his journey with stops for visits in each of our Turkey institutions. He spent last weekend with the Blakes in Izmir and on Monday flew back to Istanbul and flew on to Ankara before going on for two days stay in Talas. On Thanksgiving day he took a bus from Talas to Tarsus and writes of the beauties of traveling across the Cappadocian Plain and through the Cilician Gates with the majestic Taurus Mountains snow-capped for the winter season. After overnight visits both in Tarsus and in Adana he continued on today to Gaziantep.

A Thanksgiving Day Service was held at the Dutch Chapel for English-speaking residents of Istanbul. Chaplain Young came from Ankara to assist the Rev. Walter Wiley and to preach the sermon.

The Girls' Service Center Committees, Staff and Board of Managers are meeting today at the home of Ruby Birge. The general theme for this year's Retreat is 'TIME TO THINK' and a keynote message is to be delivered by Ezra Young of the Men's Dershane. Mrs. Harold Scott is Chairman for the Day.

Sincerely yours,

David A. Bergmark

Dear Friends:

The Secretarial letter of November 19th from Boston brings us word of the death from heart failure of Mrs. Genevieve DuVal Irwin in Jasper, Alberta on November 1st, where she has made her home for a number of years with her youngest daughter, Genevieve, (Mrs. Harry Rowed). Mrs. Irwin was born in Wilmington, Delaware, in 1876, and sailed with her husband, Herbert M. Irwin, in October, 1903, for Turkey, arriving in Kayseri in November. During World War I they spent some time in Istanbul since Mr. Irwin was of Canadian citizenship. After some years in America, they returned to Athens in 1924 where Mr. Irwin died in 1927. Mrs. Irwin returned to America the following year. She recently underwent a successful cataract operation. Three children survive their mother, Mrs. Donald McEachern (Corinne), Hugh, and Mrs. Rowed.

Messrs. Friedlieb and Accad from Beirut and Kladis from Athens have spent the past week here in conference with Mr. Lyman MacCallum on Bible Society matters. Two left today and Mr. Friedlieb remains till next Wednesday.

President Celal Bayar arrived in Istanbul this week from Greece where he returned the visit earlier made to Turkey by King Paul and Queen Fredericka. The Greek people accorded him a spontaneous and warm welcome. Buildings displayed Turkish flags and newspapers reported details of the visitor's program. President Bayar also visited Thessaloniki making pilgrimage to the house where Mustafa Kemal Atatürk was born. He stated that the Turkish government would give suitable period furnishings for the house and requested that a tree of the kind which once had stood before the house, should once again be planted there, as he had often heard Atatürk mention this.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kingsbury have recently left New England and moved to South Carolina. They are enjoying living at 210-42 N., Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles MacNeal have again invited the College and Community to their home for Carol singing on the four Sundays of Advent, at 5:00 P.M.

The Robert College Weather Report for November shows 13 days of south wind and 183 mm. of rain. 57.6 Fahr. was the average noon temperature. A 10 year average November rainfall is 100.3 mm. for Istanbul.

Fulbright Professors at Robert College this year, are the following: Dr. Carl L. Shermer, lecturer in Civil Engineering, from Michigan State College, Lansing. He is accompanied by his wife and three children.

Prof. Richard K. McCally, lecturer on Heat-Power, from the Aviation Gas Turbine Division of Westinghouse, Philadelphia.

Prof. William E. Gillis, lecturer in English, from Berlitz School in Boston.

Mr. Richard Maynard spent four days in Ankara last week following the matter of permission for the new Tarsus building.

Adana and Tarsus Stations celebrated Thanksgiving with a service and properly bountiful dinner at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Nute, Jr. in Adana.

Mr. Thomas Young is recuperating from an attack of jaundice which kept him in bed in Adana for two weeks and claims his absence from classes for another two weeks in Tarsus.

Mr. Robbins W. Barstow, executive director of the Joint Department of American Communities Overseas under the N.C.C.C. is expected here next week.

Sincerely yours,

Elvesta T. Leslie

Dear Friends:

On ~~Sunday~~ last Mrs. Birge flew from Istanbul; expected to stay a short time in England, and arrive in New York on Thursday. Miss Horton, who has been reorganizing and building up the library at Uskudar, also flew on Sunday, heading for Munich, where she is to help in the International Youth Library. Miss Lovatt left Istanbul on Monday, taking the train to Gaziantep, where she will continue language study and then take up her regular nursing.

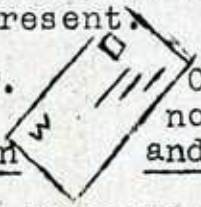
The Beirut News Letter reports the following registrations in the schools in Lebanon and Syria: Aleppo College, 504, of which 115 are in the college classes; American High School for Girls, 290; Tripoli Boys School, 563; Tripoli Girls School, 541; American School for Girls, Beirut, 533; Gerard Institute, 355; Sidon Girls School, 281; Beirut College for Women, 330.

On Saturday, Dec. 6th, the Ladies Guild of the Dutch Chapel, Istanbul, conducted a very successful "Christmas Afternoon Bazaar" in the Ball Room of the Royal Netherlands Legation.

Tomorrow, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the death of the Rev. Arakel Bedigian, the Gedikpasha Church is holding a special service in memory of their former pastor. Using his pen name, they are establishing a Kisag Library in the church.

A question from Mrs. Leslie: in order to avoid increasing subscription rates to Dear Friends, even though postage rates have gone up, we have been sending our issues less frequently. Will you please **RSVP!** tell us which method you prefer? Annual subscriptions in Turkey cost Lt. 2.50 when two copies are sent together, and Lt. 3.25 when you get your copies each week. For places outside of Turkey the cost is \$1.50 when three copies are sent at once, and \$2.35 when two copies go together. Unless requests are received, we will continue sending as at present.

NORTH WEST TO SOUTH EAST. Our plane has been grounded, hence no visit. But the mail has cheerfully brought a letter from Don and Bobbie Webster in Meshed, Iran:-



We had landed (in Izmir) 10 September 1931 ... at International College. September 10 this year I assumed charge of the consulate here. ... We sailed on August 1, landing August 22 at Iskenderun, whence we drove ourselves and over half a ton of our most essential effects by Willys station wagon the remaining 2000 miles to our new home. ...

Meshed: This city is the capital of Khorassan, the almost semi-autonomous, and certainly semi-self-sufficient northeast ostan (super-province) of Iran. ... You may have heard most of Omar Khayyam of Nishapur, a nearby city. The principal possession of Meshed (population 180,000; altitude 3,200'...) is the shrine of Reza, the eighth Imam of Shi'ite Islam, which attracts as many as 400,000 pilgrims per year, from abroad as well as from all Iran.

Religion is the most engrossing element of life here, ... excessive xenophobia is not evident. The people seem to be among the most friendly in all Iran. .. Islam's official anti-Communism guards all front and many rear doors against infiltration as well as invasion.

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American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, December 27, 1952.

Dear Friends:

The Mission Christmas Party was held this year on Monday evening, December 22 at the Bergmarks in Rumeli Hisar. About thirty-five were present and the group included Dr. Robbins Barstow, the Misses Mary Ingle, Louise Wiley and Carrie Lake from Thessaloniki, Greece and Miss Leonone Douglass from Izmir. The Christmas tree was a holly tree with myriads of colored lights and sparkling Christmas balls, and the house was decorated with red bells, red and green streamers and all kinds of greenery from the garden. After a buffet supper there was a short program which included shadow pictures of Nativity scenes by Julia, Pamela and David Bergmark, carol singing by all, and games planned by the Scutari teachers.

St. Andrews Church in Athens is growing. Mr. Olander wrote that on Sunday, December 14th, more than two hundred were present with a choir of twenty-six voices and that 172 took Communion. Twenty-eight new members were received. During the afternoon there was a reception at the home of Gen. and Mrs. Hart and about 150 of the members attended for general sociability.

In Izmir the Rev. Everett C. Blake reports a Sunday Church attendance on December 21st of 140. A Christmas Pageant by the youngsters was well received.

Miss Alice Lindsley left Istanbul on Monday the 22nd to spend Christmas in Izmir and to assist with organization of the Orientation Program to be held next week in Izmir. Mr. and Mrs. Woolworth and Jean Potter left on Friday the 26th by boat for Izmir and they were soon followed by Miss McGinnis, Miss Morgan, Miss Millett and Miss Schoenheit. The new teachers from each of our other Turkey schools are all gathering this week-end in Izmir also. There will be orientation lectures for the new-comers to Turkey, much sight-seeing, and good opportunity for getting to know one another better.

Miss Mabel Long has been vacationing this week with Dr. and Mrs. Black of Robert College and has been calling on her many friends here in Istanbul.

In a recent letter from Merrill Isely we are brought up-to-date on the story of Bay Mitat Enç, the blind boy who did so much for himself in the way of education in America and who now is doing all he can for the blind in Turkey. Mr. Isely tells us that both Mitat and his wife have been granted "Leader's Grants" by the United States State Department and were in America during this past summer. Upon their return they have been working with the Gazi Terbiye Institute and have set up a Teachers' Training Course for blind, deaf, dumb and abnormal children. Some of the teachers are to have scholarships in America and England. The State Department has provided a Braille Press and UNO is giving materials up to a value of \$45000. Some 300 persons applied to become students in this Teachers' Training Course but, after a careful screening, only thirty-five were finally accepted. Mr. Isely reports that Mitat is continuing courses on the Psychology of the Handicapped which is a required course for all primary school inspectors in Turkey, so that now he has students throughout the country. Mitat is continuing his learning as well for his two lively children, he says, are teaching him more child psychology than he was able to learn while at Columbia getting his B.S. and M.A. degrees.

Happy New Year

David A. Bergmark