

American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, August 4th, 1958.

Dear Friends:

It has been some months since we have gotten out a newsletter. The thought of a weekly deadline and the scramble to round up the news put us off, but there is certainly enough news, and enough demand for it, to encourage us to try again, hoping for word from people of items that we should include. We have also agreed that it is too bad to charge for the service, especially since we can't, with present staffing, promise to get it out every week. So please don't send money, but do send us your correct address, and the addresses of people who should be receiving this.

This is the height of the vacation season, and people are pretty well scattered. But by September things will have settled down.

The Woolworths are at 144 Hancock Street, Auburndale 66, Mass., for this next year.

Dr. Wm. L. Nute Jr. and family have moved to Neyzen Tevfik Cadd. 4/3, in Ankara, and their phone number is 25-378. The hospital phone is 10-010 or 19-442.

Melvin and Nancy Wittler are the parents of a boy, Nathan Scott, born July 15th in Istanbul. And the following day David and Nancy Whitelaw became the parents of Katherine Lynda, born in Izmir. We will have more items for this paragraph in the course of the next few issues.

Constance Padwick's book "Call to Istanbul", the life of Lyman MacCallum, has been published by Longmans Green, and can be ordered through Davis in London. It is an especially attractive printing job, and a story well worth reading, not only for an understanding of the Bible Society work in Turkey, but as insight into the life of a man who was humbly and effectively good.

Paul H. Nilson and Jean and son are on their way home for a year at Princeton Theological Seminary, before returning to the Bible Society next June.

Language school in Izmir is under way, and will run through the month of August. Art and Maryann Whitman, Gladys Jensen, and Betty Avery drove down last week. Betty will come back in time to meet her parents, due here the middle of August.

The Maynards are "vacationing" in Ankara, where Dick is doing some research in the libraries.

The Ensigns came to Annual Meeting from Beirut, and have been in Izmir and Tarsus since then. They hope to return to Beirut soon.

The Shepards are in Aleppo, and are preparing for the school year.

Marguerite Bicknell flew to America for a month's vacation, and will be in Istanbul briefly on her way to Athens. There is now nobody from the Mission in Mardin-Diyarbakir, but the Wileys are waiting for government permission to go. So far there is no successor for Walter Wiley at the Dutch Chapel.

Dr. and Mrs. Albert W. Dewey fly tomorrow for America for their pre-retirement furlough. Albert has been with the Mission since 1919 and at the Gaziantep Hospital since 1929. Dora has been with the Mission since 1929, and in Gaziantep since 1942. Dr. Jack Ross Brown and wife, Judy, have been in Gaziantep since April, as replacements for the Deweys.

Sincerely,
Robert Avery

Dear Friends:

Dr. and Mrs. Burton Thurston arrived in Beirut the last week of September for work in the Near East School of Theology and for language study. They have three children: Mary Elaine, 13, Ruth Elizabeth, 10, and Burton Bradford, 7. Their mail address is Box 235, Beirut.

Dr. and Mrs. Warren Winkler with their four-month old daughter passed through Istanbul October 14 to 17 on their way to Izmir for language study. They will be at the clinic in Talas. And Beth Miller, after spending about a month in Gaziantep has also gone to Izmir for study.

Marion Schoenheit (Üsküdar 1951-55) has been spending two weeks in Istanbul visiting Dorothy Blatter.

Marilee Wheeler, who was at Üsküdar 1955-1958, attended the Islamics seminar at Jerusalem, and then spent six weeks helping at the Gaziantep hospital. She is visiting at Üsküdar now, on her way westward.

Melvin and Nancy Wittler have been enjoying a visit from Nancy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Patriquin. Her father has had to return to America, but her mother is able to stay till the end of the month.

And Art and Marianne Whitman are hosts to her mother, Mrs. Oliver C. Morse who is helping to care for her new grandson.

Walter Wiley is back from two weeks in Diyarbakir. He has rented an apartment, and they are looking forward to moving there soon.

Marguerite Bicknell is settled in Athens, and has just returned to Istanbul to pick up her trunks.

Bob and Betty Avery have just returned from two weeks in Italy, their first visit to Europe. The children prospered at home in our absence, under the expert care of Gladys Jensen.

The Rev. and Mrs. Ian Campbell have been called to the First Congregational Church, in Weeping Water, Nebraska.

Edith Parsons is in a nursing home at 43 Grand Boulevard, San Mateo, California.

Katherine Wright sends greetings from 203 S. Tremont Drive, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Mrs. R. N. Grunewald (Marjorie Bullock) writes from 5820 Barrios Street, Long Beach 15, California. They were at Claremont last year, studying, and their son, James, was born last fall.

Don Webster is back from Taipei, and now in the Historical Division of the Department of State. Mrs. Don is studying the techniques of teaching the deaf, and Don has been going into American Board history as a part of his work. He is scheduled for three talks to church groups on American Board work. Address: 1706 North Jefferson Street, Arlington 5, Virginia.

Mrs. Ina Clark's address is now c/o Mrs. Ruesink, Route 3, Adrian, Michigan.

Since our last letter more babies have come:

To the George Millers of Aleppo: George Miller III, August 2nd.

To Bill and Ann Edmonds of Talas: Susan J., August 5th.

To Hans and Sylvia Meyer, of New Haven: Carl Frederick, Oct. 9th.

To Arthur and Marianne Whitman of Istanbul: Alan Holmes, September 17th.

For the address of Dr. Bill Nute Jr., it seems to be best to add a word, thus: Neyzen Tevfik Cad. 4/5, Demirtepe, Ankara.

For telegrams and cables to Istanbul, it is sufficient to address them 'PEET ISTANBUL', and begin the message with the name of the addressee.

The CAI (Committee ad Interim of the Near East Mission) will meet on the second Saturday of each month this year, since we found several times last year that Thursday afternoons were too short.

Ethel Putney, writing from Edinburgh rejoices in the happy visit she has just made to the Near East. 'You must experience such visits to understand the joys of seeing old pupils and teachers from Gedik Paşa which was closed twenty-five years ago, and accepting their generous and loving hospitality. I never expected such a welcome, in which also pupils from Üsküdar took their place. I stayed mostly at Miss Hagopian's apartment at the Bible House, a very comfortable and convenient place to which to return after long days of visiting all over the Istanbul area.'

'One of the interesting things that came out of the Annual Meeting of the Mission is the report that in all our schools many more pupils apply to enter than can ever get in.'

'People asked me often what I thought of Istanbul after seven years of absence. The first Saturday I was there I was taken for a 'map view' of the city from Çekmece to Büyükdere. So I saw at the beginning of my visit much destruction and also an enormous amount of building, not only of banks, schools, shops, apartments, and houses, but also whole new settlements of single family houses out beyond Yeşilköy and along the Maslak Road beyond Şişli. You may see what looks like the total destruction of an area like Aksaray or Balıkpazar but at the same time you will find men working on the repairs of 'historical monuments' like mosques and tombs. Roads are being ruthlessly widened to make space for motor traffic which could not be imagined a few years ago.' 'You mightn't know some areas but you wouldn't get lost, and you can imagine what the Istanbul of 1965 will look like, a great European city on one of the most beautiful sites on earth.'

'In Athens I had a chance to visit old Gedik Paşa friends while I stayed with Sophia Moissides. Then, on the way across Europe two months later, during three and a half days with Mary Ingle at the school now a part of Anatolia College, on the hilltop outside Thessaloniki I saw how splendidly her labors for the last five years have resulted in the three new buildings to house the school suitably.'

Her visit to England on the way home included nearly two weeks with Gladys Lucas at Buckhurst Hill and Evelyn Woodward at the Quaker Home in Scarborough, as well as with several former students now living in England.

Sincerely,

Robert Avery

Dear Friends:

Barbara Griffis, who last summer completed a four-year term at our Aleppo High School for Girls, writes from 435 W. 119 Street, New York City 27, that she is again a student at Union Seminary and is watching for chances to urge prospective ministers to consider short terms of service on the mission field.

A letter from Lloyd Swift reports that he and his family are settled at 6308 Bells Mill Road, Bethesda 14, Maryland. Although he regrets withdrawing from active connection with the American Board, he has decided to look for work in America. As opportunities to speak in churches arise, he hopes to help interpret the work of the Near East Mission to people there.

The many friends of Wilson Farnsworth Dodd learned with great regret of his death from a heart attack on October 30th at Pleasant Hill, Tennessee where he and his family had just moved and where he was to be connected with the Uplands Hospital. Mrs. Dodd and Dorothy will remain at Pleasant Hill for the present.

Dr. and Mrs. Roy Chamberlain arrived November 7 from America. Dr. Chamberlain will serve as interim pastor at the Dutch Chapel until the arrival of the newly called pastor, Rev. Vernon I. Flynn and family, 120 Cedar Lane, Arlington, Texas, early in 1959. Dr. Chamberlain, a long time friend of Walter Wiley, was for many years Chaplain at Dartmouth College. After retirement he spent two years at Tallegdega College as teacher of Bible.

Mrs. Evelyn Otting, who spent the year 1956-57 helping in the Talas Clinic, has accepted a position as assistant to the minister, First Congregational Church, San Francisco, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Dorothy Birge) Keller report the birth of Kathryn Ann on Nov. 12th. The Kellers are living at 570 Barrett Ave., Haverford, Pa., while Bob is doing graduate study.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Whitman and son Alan went as far as Athens with Marianne's mother, Mrs. Morse, as she started home after her visit in Istanbul. The Whitmans were gone from October 31 to Nov. 11 and combined getting acquainted with our work in Athens with some over-due vacation. They were also fortunate in being able to attend the Fraternal Workers' Retreat of the World Council of Churches. In describing this Art says:

"I had the privilege of attending the Fraternal Workers' Retreat of the World Council of Churches November 6th to 9th, at Sunion on the tip of Attica where in the 5th century the Athenian State raised a graceful temple to the god of the sea, Poseidon. Drawn together were workers from all over Greece--Newell Steward, of the Congregational Christian Service Committee, representatives of Anatolia College, the American Farm School, Pierce College and the Swiss Friends of Armenia also many others including World Council people from Geneva. Among the latter was Philip Potter from Jamaica with the Youth Department of WCC, who led the group in discussion of youth work around the world. This subject was related to the Greek scene by people working with Greek youth and by Raymond Maxwell who is the World Council liaison with the Orthodox Church. Dr. Howard Schomer, president elect of Chicago Theological Seminary and Secretary for Inter-church Aid for WCC set the spiritual tone of the retreat with a study of Ecclesiastes and many penetrating observations of great value for people in Greece. Some of you will recall that Dr. Schomer has been working with the Protestant movement in Europe. I do not think I shall quickly forget his description of students gathered in the great

square in Warsaw following the revolt in Poland in 1956. While Khrushchev and Gomulka talked some ten thousand gathered to shout in the very face of Communism, 'We want bread and God.' "

Mrs. Gladys Jensen left for a twelve-day vacation shortly after the Whitmans returned. This was her first visit into Anatolia and she returned enthusiastic about her stops in Talas, Tarsus, Gaziantep and Ankara.

Mrs. Janice Wood spent ten days in the Gaziantep hospital recently due to an attack of jaundice. She is back at home in Tarsus convalescing.

William A. Edmonds and Naomi Foster were in Aleppo the middle of November to attend a meeting of the Board of Managers of Aleppo College.

Two Mission committees took advantage of the Turkish Independence Day (Cumhuriyet Bayramı) to hold meetings at Üsküdar. The Committee to Coordinate Special Studies met with our three Islamics specialists on October 29 and 30; the Board of Managers of the Publication Department met on October 31 and November 1. People arriving from out of the city for these meetings were Dr. William and Mary Nute Jr. from Ankara, Richard Maynard and John Kingsbury from Tarsus, Judith Brown from Gaziantep, and William Edmonds from Talas.

A letter from Paul E. Nilson reported that he and Harriett were on their way to Princeton to spend Thanksgiving with Paul and Jean. May and her husband Joseph Inscoe were to be there also, as was Mrs. Block, who is having a month-and-a-half visit in the East. Hans and Sylvia had expected to be with the others but their Christoph came down with measles the last minute and prevented their going.

The Mission Secretary has received with the compliments of the Near East Christian Council Study Program a copy of "A Selected and Annotated Bibliography of North Africa and the Near and Middle East". This Bibliography is compiled by Kenyon E. Moyer and includes a Foreword by Alford Carleton. It is published by the Missionary Research Library, 3041 Broadway, New York 10, N.Y. It is an excellent compilation of material relating to the history, economy, geography, religion, education and culture of the entire Near East as it is served by the Near East Christian Council.

On November 8 the Committee ad Interim voted to ask the Mission Secretary to be responsible for the editing of Dear Friends. The Publication Department will continue to take care of mimeographing and distribution. I will plan to get a sheet out the first week of each month but its interest and value will depend on my receiving word from you of your activities.

Sincerely,

Alice C. Reed