

do at once; at least begin to  
 collect money for going home.  
 You know the country in which  
 we live, as well as the ones around  
 us are in a very upturned,  
 distressed condition, & we all  
 feel that it would be not only  
 as well, but much better to be per-  
 mitted to leave, at short notice.  
 Will you send from now till I  
 let you know again all my letters  
 to Constantinople, & I hope  
 that you will all send a  
 good many of them.  
 I want to write more, but as  
 I have not begun, my papers

are lying at my  
 feet, I wish  
 to be at home  
 at once, & I  
 am very  
 anxious to  
 see you  
 all, & I  
 am sure  
 you will  
 be glad to  
 see me.

Bulgaria,  
 1884.

The joy that fills  
 my heart to you is past  
 telling. Ellice & William have  
 come home, & it is so good to  
 see them, & it is a real bliss  
 to have my load lifted from  
 off my hands.  
 It makes me real sad to find  
 that Ellice & William both  
 are so distressed about the  
 habit, they both think they  
 look shockingly, & especially Ellice

is almost sick about them. I really think now that the worst is over, for the hot weather must be nearly past, & no doubt they will be all right as soon as it is cooler. Does it not seem heartless? I am going to start for Const on Tuesday morning, before they have been home a week. In all I think it is for the best that I go very soon, & there is no other time so convenient & pleasant as it will be to go with Miss Byington.

I hope, your Father will send me some money, at your very earnest

convincence, for I want to be able to pay my board, & also I think I ought if possible to take French lessons, for I am very much in need of them. I want to get one of the Missionary young ladies - Miss Anne Bliss to teach me French, for she has an excellent knowledge of the language, & as far as I have seen she is a fine teacher. I shall be obliged to get some sewing done, & to buy some things ~~to~~ to have over, so you see I'll need a good deal of money, & William thinks that I ought to do, as he expects to