

Seranton Penn.

July 3rd 1879.

Dear Mrs. Poynton,

d in My husband & myself were absent last month for a little vacation, and spent nearly a week of our time in Boston. While there, we ^{paraded ourselves of the} ~~visited~~ ^{opportunity to call} on Dr. Clark of the American Board, & told him ^{that if we can get lib-} ~~erated here, we are now desirous to~~ ~~go to Turkey.~~ - He seemed pleased, and thought there would be no obstacles in the way of our going, ^{but desired} ~~our formal testimonials &c.~~ ~~which~~ before having definite action ^{of the Board.} ~~we have not yet received a let-~~ ~~ter from Dr. Elden, who was~~ ~~in our parish as we have not~~ ~~specul~~ ~~when we were in~~ ~~the B^d no more~~ ~~and we also~~ ~~encouraging~~ ~~mentally.~~ ~~It, however, everything goes~~ ~~right~~ ~~by~~ ~~the B^d appoints & our~~ ~~the Board, and we thought the~~

~~Presbytery liberate us, we expect to go to join your
husband. Dr. Alden has written us asking for
our papers, & we are sending them. As soon
as we hear from the D. definitely we shall lay
the matter before our church & Presbytery.
I don't want to go
over, confidentially.~~

We intended to stop at New-
ton, ^{to see you} on our return to Jerantou,
~~to see you~~ but found
our time too short, as my hus-
band wanted to be in his pulpit
on Sabbath.

If we go to Turkey we want
to go this summer, so our time
is very short, and I may not
be able to see you until after we
should have our things packed,
- unless you visit us. Would it
be possible? - We should welcome
^{you} most gladly to our home, and
your counsel would be invalu-
able to us. How I do wish we

lived nearer! There are so many
things I would like to talk
over, & enquire about, which
seem scarcely worth writing -
How pleasant it would be, too,
for me, at least, who will be
a stranger in a strange land,
to renew an acquaintance begun
in America! -

Our house is pleasantly fur-
nished, & if practicable, we
would like to take most of
our furniture with us, but are
rather in the dark about some
things. - Should we take carpets?
Are moths troublesome in Turkey?
If so, is it well to take stuffed
chairs etc? - Can pictures be
carried, particularly those with
glass? - Should we take mattresses
& bedding? - ^{Should we take our dishes,}
& kitchen utensils ^{knives, spoons etc.?}
~~be provided~~ ^{Constantinople}
such as shoes, stockings, cotton goods
etc.

~~How do prices compare with~~
~~ours those in America? - What~~
~~clothing is most suitable to take~~
~~the most of,~~ ^{we} wool, cotton, woolen, or linen, &
what is most difficult to pro-
cure in Turkey? - Sewing
needles & other necessary ^{articles to be used} sewing
be purchased as reasonably there
as here? -

~~If it is not~~ I shall be very
grateful for any information
which will assist us in our pre-
parations, & ^{hope to hear from you soon} We will write again
as soon as matters are definitely
decided, - My husband joins
me in kindest regards to you.
We were glad to notice the
other day that your son had
graduated at Phillips.

Sincerely Yours,

E. S. D. -