

Kotcha, Albania,
Turkey in Europe,
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My dear good Friends:—

By my Record

Book, I see I owe you a letter
but where I have put your two
letters I don't know. It is over a
year since they came (July '09)
and I do not know whether writ-
ing to Oberlin will reach you
or not. I think you have
not gone to Bitlis, for I have
tried to keep track of your
movements. It pleased me to
see that Grace Knapp is
now strong enough to go to Bitlis

and assist in the work there, though I see she is not under appointment. Grace and I used to correspond but we have lost track of one another - I wrote last, but do not remember how long ago. Possibly my letter never reached her. Such things happen once in a while. Our mail is tampered with even during the present regime.

How are you all, and what are the different girls doing? Nellie has doubtless perfected herself in Kindergarten methods. Alice and Mamie, I suppose are still studying at Berlin. Mamie, being an ardent Student Volunteer, will someday bear the

call to service on the Foreign Field. Is Mrs. Belden back in Berlin yet? Please give her my love. What is Alice Baird doing - still studying? Mr. Kennedy and I had the pleasure of being entertained in her home during the Annual Meeting last spring. It seemed like old times to see Mr. and Mrs. Baird - I felt so at home with them. It was a treat to visit Bulgaria and specially Samokov, the scene of my early childhood vacations, for we often spent our summers there. I had not been in Samokov since 1881!!

Although there was some talk of Mr. Kennedy's being moved to Elbasan, we are still here. At

present we are occupying part of
the School Building, having moved
in in September. The authorities
- more or less local authorities, we
think, have attempted to close the
school, but it is American and
not Osmani, as they claim, and
up to the present is still open.
Our Embassy has the matter in
hand. Pray with us that God
will control the designs of evil men
and work out His will through them.
Is the work in Britis prospering? Is the
new régime a help, or has it hindered
education? We feel as though our
field were especially under the
eye of the new leaders - that they
fear our efforts to lift up and
educate these people. May God guide
and lead us every step, that we may
work out only His will.

Our fellow missionary, Mr. Erickson, has had many experiences that have been hard to bear, the last one was in Monastir, where he is sojourning since he & his family were sent away from Elbasan by the military authorities. Two weeks ago he was arrested (!) and roughly handled by the police before the Consul secured his release!

Such an outrage is of course being looked into by the Embassy and we have no doubt that the perpetrators of the deed will have to answer for it in some way. There are certain rights which we must stand for and which must be respected by the government.

Mr. Maynard came out from America

on the same steamer with Mr. Erickson. How does he like Bittis, has he mastered some of the language? Are you not to return to Bittis any more? I am under the impression that you said in your letter, which I have mislaid, that your health did not permit of your returning. You, like my father, are remaining in America and from that point are able to interest the children of God in the work to which you have given the best years of your life.

There have been so many hindrances to our work that we feel we are not yet fairly launched upon it. These people are not naturally devout. Their religion, be it Christian or Moslem, is clung to tenaciously because of its forms & customs and because it is the religion in which they were born. They feel it a terrible disgrace to seem to depart

from it, so there is much fanaticism. Many look upon us as "destroyers of the faith" - thinking we have come to proselyte. How little they understand us, that we simply wish to open up God's Word to the people and let God show them how He wishes them to worship and serve Him. The Kingdom of God is coming and though "Rulers take counsel" against Him & his Anointed, "the Lord shall have them in derision" and will work out His purposes.

One of our young teachers who graduated last June, is hoping to go to Northfield next summer. How we wish the way would open, for the training she would receive there would be just what she needs. Her parents, tho' not in full sympathy with her convictions, are yet willing to let her go, as the father can only

