

Dear Bro. B -

Your kind letter, with Phyllis's greetings, has reached me in America. I found in Turkey, that it was a blunder for me to have the mis. cause on the foreign field, & at the earliest time that seemed best, I have come home. I am sensible that my course requires explanation, & while I do not wish to seem to be asking undue favor, I offer my explanations where I think I owe them. One place, is to you, whom I have to thank for your official & personal letter. Another is to my friend Mr. Livers, of the Sec. then whom no man in the 2<sup>d</sup>. ch. Ser. has more kindly followed me; I have already written to him (tho as yet I am disappoint<sup>d</sup> of an answer).

To explain the whole of my reasons for returning, partic. my coming at this time, n<sup>o</sup>. involve more explan<sup>s</sup>. of my experience on mis. ground than I've made by letter, or perhaps are well to make at all. Simply, I found myself not adapted for the mis. life, either by phys. constit<sup>n</sup>, or previous training; & speedily perceived that my culture, for the cause, coupled w. my attachment for my associates at C, had been allowed to lead me into a blunder in overturning my own earlier decision not to go abroad. It is at once my justifi<sup>c</sup> & my comfort (for you can easily see that I am

Sauvotter to Constantinople (Homeward) 1887.

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My dear Sir,

The following is a statement of my expenses in the journey from Sauvotter to Constantinople, Sept. 27-30, 1887, on my way to America. This journey (from S. to C.) was made necessary both because the most of our household goods were at Constantinople (my proper residence had remained longer in the Mission, & yet not our recent one), and because the journey to the Danube through Bulgaria would have been unsafe for my little children.

9 years in A. B. & B. Bulgaria