

Mission Band now. Give them my greetings. Please tell them their quilt is daily installed as "comforter" on the twins' bed. Yours with love,  
ANNIE READ.

*From Miss Emily McCallum.*

GIRLS' AMERICAN SCHOOL,  
SMYRNA, Turkey, Nov. 12, 1895.

MY DEAR MRS. SANDERS :

Your letter asking for an account of little Galene has just been received and I will try and tell you all I can about her.

Galene's father was born in Philadelphia (one of the seven churches of Revelation). He was educated principally in Marsovan, which you know is called our "model missionary station," he also studied for a time in Athens. He is a very earnest Christian and one of our most faithful workers. When he graduated from college he at first took charge of the boys' school here, and it was while teaching here that he was married to Miss Rhodope Kambourpoulow, of Magnesia. Miss Rhodope was educated in the mission school in Magnesia, then under the care of Miss Cull, but now incorporated with our school. After completing her studies Miss Rhodope went to Constantinople to teach in Mr. Brooks' school. Miss Rhodope remained for more than a year in Constantinople, but shortly before I came out she was married. She is a very fine woman, rather reserved, but good and faithful and a lovely mother. I have never seen better trained children than hers are. She has four now—three girls—Galene, Enterpe and Vasilike, and one son George. Galene is the eldest and was born in Smyrna. Not long after Mr. Philadelphus was sent as a pastor to Isbarta, a town in our field. He afterwards went to another town, Baidir, not far from here. Then a very urgent call came from Ordow (a town on the Black Sea) for a Greek pastor, so Mr. P. was chosen to go and there he has labored ever since. The people there are very poor and rather ignorant, they speak a very peculiar dialect. Mr. P. has to be preacher and doctor and lawyer, and I don't know what. But though the people are ignorant they are very easily influenced and eager to hear the Gospel, and the first years there were years of great blessing. This interest aroused the jealousy of the orthodox Greeks and so they used all their influence against the Protestants, the church and schools were closed and have remained so for more than three years. I do not know when permission will be given to re-open. The people are just longing for the truth and so we pray that God may speedily remove the hindrances and the Gospel may again be freely preached.