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March 5, 1920.

Mr. Caleb W. Lawrence
C/o British Military Post
Smyrna, Turkey

My dear Mr. Lawrence:-

It gives me great pleasure as Secretary of the American Board to inform you that at the unanimous request of the Smyrna Station you and Mrs. Lawrence have been appointed full missionaries of the American Board. You have certainly earned this appointment by your faithful service during your years of residence there, and while there was no request from yourself and Mrs. Lawrence for appointment, we assumed that the request of the station was thoroughly in harmony with your own desires and wishes in the premises. Therefore, I heartily welcome you into the circle of fully appointed missionaries of the Board, although you have been essentially that for years.

This appointment will make no difference in your financial standing in any way. Your financial relations will continue in connection with the College as before. The American Board assumes no added financial responsibility by this appointment.

I write this now in order that there may be no possible misunderstanding in the future, as I do not anticipate there will be. I sometimes wonder why this step was not taken before.

With every good wish to yourself and Mrs. Lawrence and every appreciation of the new relation into which we are now entering, I remain,

Most cordially and faithfully yours,

JLB/M