

## The Challenge of this Sabbath School Centennial Year

By George J. Appel

This is a most important year in Sabbath School history. It was one hundred years ago, in the year 1852, that the first Sabbath School lessons appeared in print in *The Youth's Instructor*. What tremendous progress has been made from that humble beginning to the present hour. Sabbath School lessons are now being issued in two hundred languages around the world, and are being studied each week by 1,000,000 Sabbath School members.

The pioneers of this movement never realized the vast proportions to which the Sabbath School work would grow; they never dreamed this work would celebrate a centenary; nor did they realize what a vital place it would fill in the Adventist mission program. We look back with gratitude for what has been accomplished. Truly God has wrought wonders through every phase of the Sabbath School. However, our vision has been too small, for we are told that had we not limited the hand

of God by our lack of zeal and vision, the work of the gospel might have been finished on the earth years ago. This is not only a year for grateful retrospect of what has been accomplished in the past, but also a year for a challenging reconsecration, a year for a rededication to the unfinished task before us.

The gathering together of young and old for the systematic study of the Bible has brought great spiritual benefits to our people. And what a wonderful blessing it has been to our Sabbath Schools to be able to give

financial support, so that the tiny trickle of a century ago has swollen to a stream of \$80,000,000 that has poured into the ocean of the worldwide mission program. How these achievements should spur us on in renewed efforts for even greater accomplishments in the little time that we have left in which to use the means of the Sabbath Schools in the salvation of souls.

Let each Sabbath School leader and member ask himself, "What am I doing this year to help meet the Sabbath School goals?" God is looking to each one to do his part in helping to double our church membership. This is the greatest of all goals, for the purpose of giving the gospel is to save souls. Soon the work will be finished, and then the only thing we can salvage from this world will be the men and women who have been saved by the grace of God. Any department in the Sabbath School not working to that end is failing



*The Sabbath School is for the children as well as for adults*

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# CHEER

# UP



By A. R. Mazat

About three thousand years ago the psalmist asked a pertinent question: "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Psalm 11:3.

As we read our newspapers and listen to the radio newscasts, it almost seems that the foundations of society are being destroyed. Tremendous upheavals are taking place in the Middle East, affecting the social, religious, industrial, and political equilibrium. Many old time standards are being discarded. We face an unknown and uncertain future. No man can tell what will be the outcome of conditions we see about us today. But cheer up, dear believer, for God knows the future better than we know the past; and He still occupies the throne of universal sovereignty. "The Lord is in His holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven: His eyes behold, His eyelids try, the children of men." Psalm 11:4.

During the hours of tension and strife, when danger confronts the people of God, we can cheer up as we listen to the voice of God: "He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; He breaketh the bow and cutteth the spear in sunder; He burneth the chariot in the fire. Be still and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:9, 10.

As we turn our attention away from the prattle of time and focus our eyes of faith on the plan of the Master, we are convinced that we need to cultivate that seriousness which stops short of moroseness, and a cheerfulness which does not descend to levity. We ought so to live from day to day that we can carry with us the consciousness of divine acceptance, recognizing that God is our Father, Christ our Saviour, and the Holy Spirit our Counselor. This means renewed consecration daily of all that we are and have. It means submission to the divine will in ways the Master may choose for us. It means faith to believe that "all things work together for good to them that love God." Rom. 8:28.

Let not the thunder of prevailing circumstances interfere with your ardor in witnessing for the Master. Remember, God has not abdicated. He is the righteous ruler of the universe. He keeps account with the nations and watches over His own.

"Brethren, it is no time now for mourning and despair, no time to yield to doubt and unbelief. Christ is not now a Saviour in Joseph's new tomb, closed with a great stone and sealed with the Roman seal; we have a risen Saviour. He is the King, the Lord of hosts; He sitteth between the cherubim; and amid the strife and tumult of nations He guards His people still. He who ruleth in the heavens is our Saviour. He measures every trial. He watches the furnace fire that must test every soul. When the strongholds of kings shall be overthrown, when the arrows of God's wrath shall strike through the hearts of His enemies, His people will be safe in His hands." *Testimonies*, vol. 5, page 754.

May the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in our lives cause us to cheer up, and motivate us to rise up and witness for the Master.

## STEP BY STEP

As thou goest, step by step,  
He'll open up the way.  
He will not show thee all thy course,  
Put following day by day  
As He shall lead thy feet along,  
There'll be no cause for fear,  
For step by step along life's road  
Thy way shall be made clear.

He'll take thy trembling hand in His,  
Thy faltering footsteps guide,  
And hold thee close when fierce winds blow,  
Against His sheitering side.  
Thou shalt not stumble on the way—  
This is His promise sure.  
If thou wilt walk the Master's way  
He'll make each step secure.

Then trust His leading, even when  
Thou canst not see tomorrow,  
He would not have thee know today  
Of future joy or sorrow.  
But step by step, thy hand in His,  
He'll show the path ahead,  
And step by step He will make clear  
The road you are to tread.

Then do not rush before the Lord.  
Thy life's a secret kept  
By Him Who doeth all things well.  
He'll guide thee—step by step.

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in God's purpose for it. The following is a call from Elder Branson, the president of the General Conference, to all our Sabbath Schools:

"Wouldn't this year, the one hundredth anniversary of the Sabbath School, be the time to go out and double our Sabbath School membership? We have the organization for it. We have the leadership. If we don't do it soon, we will be so decrepit that we can't do it. If we are one hundred years old this year, let's do it before we get to be one hundred and one. Let's start out with the idea that we are one hundred years old. We have had enough experience. If we don't know how to do it now, we never will. If there are children in the Sabbath School who are unconverted, let's get them converted this year. If there are youth in the Sabbath School who are not members of the church, let's bring them into the church this year. If there are young people in the homes of our people who are not members of the Sabbath School, who have slipped away, let's get them back this year. Let them know that we want them, that we miss them. And then let us really go to work on this branch Sabbath School idea, until we can bring the people right into the church and the fellowship of our organization. I believe we can do a great deal by inviting our neighbors and friends into our parent Sabbath Schools. But if we do invite them, we shall have to pay a little attention to them when they come. We shall have to work for them."

While enjoying all the wonderful blessings that come from united Bible study in the Sabbath School, let us not fail to remember, in a spirit of sacrifice, the needs of the world wide mission program. Let us give more this year than we have ever given before. The Sabbath School offerings have been making successively ascending records. However, the needs of the hour are such that we must experience even greater liberality.

The Middle East Sabbath School Department is appealing to you to join hands with our Sabbath Schools around the world in making this year a crusade year in meeting the challenge in every line of advancement in Sabbath School endeavor.

If all Sabbath school members were just like me,  
What would our Sabbath schools  
in the Middle East be?

# We Were Sent

By Wadie Farag, Radio Secretary  
Middle East Division

In September, 1951, Elder Hartwell told me that committee action had been taken that visits should be made to the churches in the East Mediterranean Union on behalf of the Ingathering, the Voice of Prophecy, and the HOPE magazine. It was his suggestion that this itinerary begin in Jordania and then continue in Iraq. Since the brethren were considering the possibility of asking me to accompany Elder A. R. Mazat, the new division Home Missionary and Publishing secretary, around the field, it was decided by the division committee in October that we should combine our efforts for the furtherance of these campaigns in the East Mediterranean Union. I had known Brother Mazat at the Theological Seminary in Washington when we were both studying there, and it was with pleasure that we joined forces in the work in the Middle East.

To begin the campaign a rally for the workers was held in the Beirut Arabic church on October 3. Each worker pledged to raise a certain sum in the Ingathering. This was an excellent beginning. Nothing bespeaks success in any campaign more than united effort, when all rally as one man to finish the task. Enthusiasm begets enthusiasm, and confidence begets confidence. Everyone seemed desirous of doing his share for the Master.

Ingathering times are festival times among God's people. These are the times when the church goes out in a special endeavor to tell the world about Christ and His work on earth. There is no work more honorable, no work more noble, than to stand in the place of the divine Nazarene and interview the thousands of judgment-bound men concerning the work of God done in their neighborhood. To go from door to door and knock and wait—this is Christ's method. To be refused and ridiculed—this is Christ's experience. To be welcomed and honored—this is Christ's glory. Altogether it is living out the life of Christ for our good and for His honor. It is following Him who "went about doing good." Thank God for the many who are "going about" with the message in the Middle East Division. This is perhaps the surest sign of His soon coming, for, "the work of God in

this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers." *Gospel Workers*, page 352.

We began our itinerary by going to Tripoli in North Lebanon to work with Elder and Mrs. Olson and Broher Mousa Ghazal. It was very fitting to begin the Ingathering work in this section, for the enthusiasm of these workers inspired us. In a few hours this group in Tripoli was able to collect more funds than what had been collected the year before from all of North Lebanon. Our hearts were warmed, for we felt that surely the Lord had sent His angels before us, and with courage we began our trip to Jordania.

Difficulties will always confront us. Christ never promised us an easy road. But what are difficulties compared with the joy of working for Him! In times before, our work in Jordania has gone slowly and with many difficulties. This year we did not know what awaited us. In Amman we met Brother Mousa Azar, Miss Hanna Jubran, Miss Rose and Miss Angel Dikran. This quartet works in the school there in perfect harmony, and they rallied to the cause of Ingathering, accompanying us to visit the leading men in Amman. With the exception of a very few, those whom we met showed great appreciation of the work we are doing and were extremely cooperative. In less than a week the church in Amman raised for Ingathering more than five times what was raised the year before.

From Amman we drove to Baghdad, where we met with Brother Fielder and his committee and planned for the campaign in that mission territory. It was decided to begin work in Kirkuk and Mosul. We drove to the north in Brother Fielder's car. On the way we stopped several times to inquire about the road and were invariably advised not to continue for fear of bandits. Soon we were stopped by the police, who inquired if we were armed. They insisted that from there on we must be accompanied by an armed police escort who sat in the back seat.

The next day we met Brethren Behnam and Ephraim and went to work. After several successful local contacts, we spent quite a bit of time interviewing the sheikhs and aghas.



For weeks we had been talking about the possibilities of meeting these local rulers, and now we had the opportunity. What an experience to meet these feudal lords! Most of them are illiterate, but they are very commanding in appearance. They impress you by their stately mannerisms and unparalleled hospitality. They have the custom of always repeating the last word or words of each phrase their guest utters in the course of the conversation, to manifest their interest in the subject under discussion. Should the guest happen to be seated near the door, it is customary for them to ask him to change his seat and move to a place of higher honor. We remembered Christ's words, "Sit down in the lowest place, that when he that hath bidden thee cometh he may say to thee, Friend, go up higher." The visits to these sheikhs were not only most enlightening, but most fruitful. They were the most generous and most sympathetic individuals we met in our solicitation campaign. Their generosity boosted the Ingathering in 1951 to more than twenty times what it was the year before.

It was in Baghdad that the most successful campaign was held. On our return from Northern Iraq we found that some preparations had been made, and our leaders, teachers, and members were all out for the Ingathering campaign. None could forget the enthusiastic spirit shown by the entire group, or the sight of Brother Hilal as he ran from place to place inquiring for the homes of the sheikhs. In the first day of the campaign the Baghdad church became a "Minute-man" church.

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## PLANS FOR THE DAR EL SALAAM HOSPITAL

By K. H. Pihl, M.D.

News of the Dar El Salaam Hospital is always interesting throughout the entire Middle East Division because of the unique position which this hospital holds. It is one of our only two medical institutions in the entire division, and it serves all the countries of the Middle East through its school of nursing and through the good will which it has fostered in the hearts of many Moslem people. God is blessing this medical arm of the Third Angel's Message, and the future is promising of even greater success.

As we all know, the present facilities are inadequate, and they have proved a financial burden upon the budget, mainly because the present building is too small to admit enough patients to pay for the large overhead. Also there are constant repairs necessary to maintain this old plant, which was never built or planned for medical work. Therefore, there has been in the minds and hearts of the leaders of this division for many years the hope of having a new and larger plant that would be a credit to our medical work. These hopes are now almost out of the planning stage, and we are expecting, if all goes according to present plans, to break ground for the new building this month.

Through the recent efforts of our workers we were fortunate to obtain three large tracts of land in one of the best parts of the city of Baghdad.

The news of this acquisition appeared in the local papers and also in the *Review and Herald* last year. An agreement was signed with the Iraq government for a ninety year lease of this land, with the understanding that a hospital would be built there within three years from the date of the signing of the contract.

Through the efforts and suggestions of many interested persons the plans have been drawn up for a fifty-bed, two-story, modern structure. The foundations are to be made strong enough so that if later the need is apparent, the third floor can then be constructed, thus adding another sixty-five to seventy-five beds to the hospital's patient capacity. Space has been allowed in this new building for a large hydrotherapy department, such as is found in Skodsborg, Loma Linda, and other Adventist medical institutions. A call was placed some time ago for a couple trained in physical therapy to join our staff for service in this department. The plans also provide that large sections of the hospital be given over entirely to charity medical aid. The first floor left wing will contain the out-patient department, and on the second floor there are to be three charity wards.

Just recently an order has been placed for a 200 milliampere X-ray machine, which, when installed and put into use, will make our X-ray department the best of its kind in

the city of Baghdad. The hospital staff is working toward making all the departments a credit to the institution, in order to interest the local doctors in referring their patients to us for care.

Soon after the construction of the new building is started we will be joined by Dr. Paul Yingling and Dr. Milena Simeckova from America. Dr. Yingling is now completing his training in the specialty of eye, ear, nose, and throat at the White Memorial Hospital, and when he joins our staff he will have the certificate of the American Board in that specialty. Dr. Simeckova is now taking advanced work in obstetrics and gynecology, and she will be a real asset to our maternity and surgical services.

At the present time we have twelve nurses in training in the Dar El Salaam School of Nursing. Last year five girls were in the first graduating class, and these are all now employed by the institution. Many patients are attracted to this hospital because of the excellent care rendered by our well-trained Christian nurses. Another class of nurses will graduate this year, and a new class of beginning students will enter training next fall. The local government officials look with favor upon this branch of our work, and they are willing to assist us in every way possible to enlarge the enrollment of the nurses' training school. Applications for those desiring to enroll in the next class of nurses should be sent in to the Director of Nursing just as early as possible.

This institution has proved a real blessing to the furtherance of the Third Angel's Message in the past, and we believe that the hospital, housed in its new and adequate quarters, will serve a vital part in the finishing of the Lord's work in the Middle East.

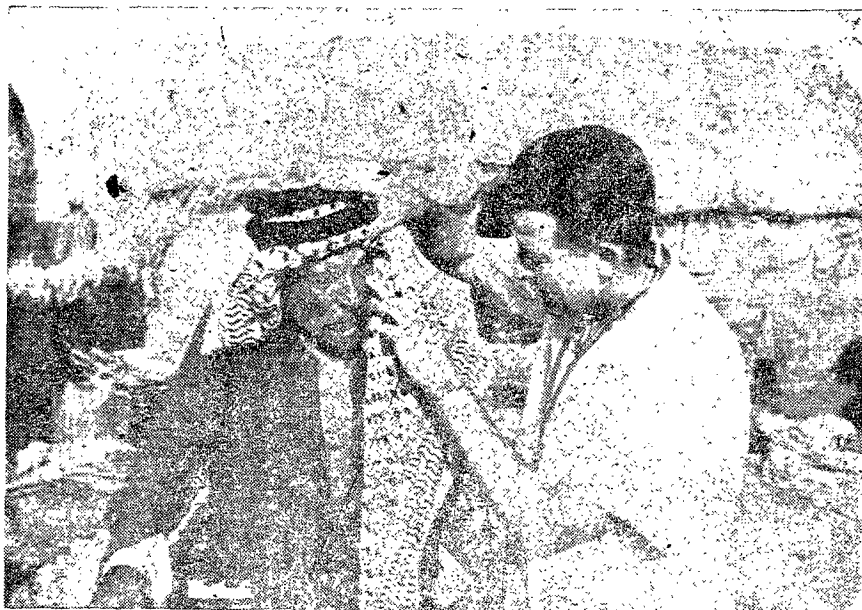
### SCHEDULE OF CHURCH OFFERINGS

#### *Regular Monthly Offerings*

- 1st Sabbath... Local Church Evangelism
- 2nd Sabbath... Church Expense
- 3rd Sabbath... Education (Local School)
- 4th Sabbath... Church Expense
- 5th Sabbath... Poor Fund

#### *Special Offerings*

- April 5..... S. S. Expense Offering
- June 21..... S. S. Expense Offering



Dr. Pihl Examines a Prospective Patient.

# THE VOICE OF PROPHECY IN EGYPT

By Farag Assad

If there is any office of which it can be said that it demands devotion and diligence, this is true of the office of the Voice of Prophecy. We believe that this work is not in vain. Like the work of the farmer, who scatters the grains of wheat on the ploughed soil, so the work of the Voice of Prophecy goes forward with the certain hope of a good harvest. There are many clear evidences that the Holy Spirit is preparing the hearts of the people for the truths in the Voice of Prophecy lessons. In this hour in which we are living there seems to be a real famine, "not a famine of bread nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the Word of the Lord". Hungry souls are being filled by the spiritual bread from God's storehouse through the work of the Voice of Prophecy.

The staff of the Voice of Prophecy office in Egypt is greatly encouraged from time to time when they receive testimonies which speak of the great spiritual benefits the students are gaining through the study of their lessons. Some students testify that they have received help sufficient to enable them to abstain from smoking. Others who had been discouraged and had been going through adverse circumstances have received new hope and new courage from the systematic study of the Word of God. There are still others in Ras-Ghareb, in the Sudan, and in other remote places, who were spiritually starving for lack of the Bread of Life, and who now are grateful for the light that they have received through these lessons.

Our field secretary, Brother Hilmy Barbawy, has found great encouragement in his endeavors in promoting the interests of the Voice of Prophecy. An interesting experience

The Voice of Prophecy Staff in Egypt with one day's mail.



came to Brother Barbawy when he approached a certain individual about enrolling in the Voice of Prophecy. As soon as this individual realized that these were Adventist lessons which were being offered, he immediately enrolled. After signing his name he made this statement: "I have learned to love the Adventists I first contacted them when I was in Ethiopia. I admire their character and the high standards which they stand for. I wish it were possible for all my friends to enroll in this correspondence school." How careful we should be that our influence always tells for the right, that all who know us may say, "I have learned to love the Adventists."

Although this new branch of the Voice of Prophecy began in Cairo only this last year in May, 1951, yet we now have nearly 20,000 enrollees. Of this number there are more than 2500 active students; that is, students who consistently and regularly prepare and send in their lessons. Of these 2500 there are a few who at the present time have already attained lessons twenty to twenty-two, which deal with the Sabbath question. Some of these

individuals who have come face to face with this important question are sincerely soliciting our prayers that they might be able to keep the commandments of God fully. These individuals need to be contacted personally by evangelists. Truly the harvest is great, but the laborers are few.

It may be interesting to note that the mailing of Voice of Prophecy literature alone could keep the office busy the year around. This last holiday season we sent Christmas greeting cards to practically all of our active students. These greeting cards were prepared with a slip enclosed soliciting names of friends who might also desire to enroll in the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence School. Up to the present time we have received 1500 names from this means alone. It is truly wonderful to see the way in which nearly all of the students bring the names and addresses of their friends and relatives to us, so that they too might be benefitted by the help which the students themselves have received. Some who have felt especially indebted to the Voice of Prophecy school have made contributions to help carry on the work.

Surely the Voice of Prophecy is one of God's greatest instrumentalities, one by which the Advent message may find its way to every sincere heart in all lands. It is also a definite sign of the Lord's soon coming, for He is cutting His work short in righteousness by just such means as the Voice of Prophecy. We solicit your prayers that we may all be ready to meet the Lord when He comes, together with those for whom we have labored.

## CHURCH CALENDAR Second Quarter, 1952

Date	Special days
March 22 to April 5	"Hope" Campaign
April 5	Colporteur Rally
May 3	Home Visitation Day
May 10	Medical Missionary Day
June 7	Local Church Evangelism
June 21	Sabbath School Rally

**GOD IS EXPECTING YOUR WHOLE HEARTED SERVICE ON  
HOME VISITATION DAY, MAY 3.**



# IN OTHER LANDS

By S. E. Opam  
West African Union

About nine miles north-east of Kumasi, capital of Ashanti, is a little town which is the home town of Abraham Amponsa. Amponsa, a weaver of fancy, native ashanti cloth, is a man of about fifty years of age. Before he became an Adventist, about thirty years ago, he was an ardent Methodist member. But the Third Angel's Message soon found him, and he has become an enthusiastic member ever since.

As a lay preacher, his activities have been extensive, and recently he has proved himself a very able crusader against Gold Coast idol worship. One day he entered a village where some three hundred pagans had assembled for a fetish festival. He saw the possibility of reaching this company of pagans with the wonderful tidings of a soon-coming Saviour, so he started to preach. His message was clear and decisive and pointed out to the listeners their danger and need, so he soon became the chief object of attraction in the village. Then, all of a sudden, the fetish priest who claimed to be under fetish inspiration, approached the preacher and delivered to him the message he had from Satan. He said that Amponsa must leave the village at once, and if he said any more he was to be put to death with the fetish priest's special spear. Amponsa courteously explained that his sermon should be preached to the end and that he could not stop before then. As he was saying this the fetish priest came back with his spear in his hand, and with one wild dart forward he threw the spear, intending to plunge it into Amponsa's stomach. But somehow the spear swerved from its intended course and pricked the preacher's foot, piercing through his shoe and his foot and the tip sticking into the ground beneath. Some church members who were present tried to pull the spear out, but it could not be removed, and they hurried him to the nearest hospital which was twelve miles away. A few days afterwards Amponsa was well again, and he resumed his lay preaching quite undaunted wherever and whenever the opportunities offered themselves.

A year or two later Amponsa and other brethren of the church observed that the fetish dances in connection with the worship of "Tigare", an idol newly brought to Antoa, were always thwarting the activities of the Seventh-day Adventist church members in that place. One evening he called a meeting of a few of the brethren, and they had a discussion and laid plans as to how best they could get rid of this nuisance. After a short prayer, in which they asked God to keep them from danger, it was proposed that the idol should be captured that night.

Now the idol consists of a dirty, medium sized pouch, some knives and a few other dirty things. After having entered the room in which these things were kept, Amponsa took up one of the dirty knives, and pointing it at the pouch he said, "You fetish, to you I am speaking. I point this knife at you, your own knife. If you have anything to say, say it. If you do not speak after five minutes I will stab you with your own knife. Do you hear that?" As no reply came, Amponsa stabbed the pouch. "If you are able to speak, shout to your people to come to your rescue, for I am going to capture you tonight." Still there was only silence, so Amponsa took the pouch, collected the knives and other things, and left for his house.

Next day, when the idol worshippers gathered together and started their fetish dancing they finally decided to go to the house of their idol and bow down to it, but alas, when they got there, there was nothing in the room. Messengers were quickly despatched to a far place in the north, where the idol had been bought, to see if it had returned there, but the chief fetish priest replied that the idol had not come there. So the messengers returned, and a general frantic search for the missing "god" ensued, but to no avail.

Amponsa is still keeping this idol and spear, and with these weapons of Satanic deception he is going from place to place in the Gold Coast, persuading men and women to turn from these vanities unto the living God, "which made heaven and earth the sea, and all things that are therein."

(Note: A portion of the Thirteenth Sabbath offering which is taken on March 29 will go to the West African Union Mission for medical work.)

## Calling the Advent People to a Concerted Action and the Finishing of the Work

### Preamble

The hour is late. World conditions testify that the close of probation looms ahead. Multitudes have perished without the saving knowledge of the gospel, and additional millions will not hear God's last message of mercy unless the remnant church in concerted action quickly lightens the earth.

It is made clear to us by the Lord's messenger that if the Advent people fulfill certain conditions they will arrest the attention of a world plunging blindly on to doom. We read:

"If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one Power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world." —

*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 221.

To us it is clear that the "one Power" is the Holy Spirit. "The accomplishment of one purpose" can mean nothing less than the finishing of God's work on earth. To "act in concert," and "move forward as one" is a clarion call to all God's workers. This call challenges conference and mission administrators, evangelists, pastors, departmental secretaries, Bible instructors, medical workers, teachers, colporteurs, institutional workers, adult church members, youth, and children everywhere to mobilize and coordinate now their resources, talents, and efforts in a concerted unparalleled and worldwide evangelistic campaign. To our supreme objective we subordinate every other interest.

In view of the lateness of the hour, and this call from Heaven for united and coordinated action under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and recognizing that the outpouring of the latter rain cannot be given in its fullness until all sin is put away, and in harmony with action of the General Conference in session in San Francisco,

We recommend: 1. That a revival effort of one week to ten days duration be held in each church, school, and institution in our Division as soon as possible, and further, That the Sabbath services, the prayer meetings, workers' meetings, the Missionary Volunteer Week, the fall Week of Prayer, and the camp meeting be recognized as appropriate seasons for these special revival services.

a. That the purpose of these meetings be to call our ministry and our people to a complete renunciation of sin and a full reconsecration of our hearts and lives to God.

b. That in order to reach all our churches as quickly as possible, division, union, institutional and local administrators personally take the lead in preaching and visiting; and also arrange for ministers, departmental secretaries, office workers, and capable laymen to join in this revival.

c. That the burden of instruction given at these meetings be:

1. Confessing and forsaking all sin.
2. Walking in the full light of all revealed truth.
3. Maintaining victory over sin's power through Jesus Christ.
4. Receiving the Holy Spirit by faith.
5. Rejoicing in the peace and power of fellowship with Jesus.
6. Dedicating our all now that God may finish His work through us.

2. That we unitedly work toward the immediate objective of doubling our membership.

a. That in the large cities of the Middle East evangelistic teams conduct representative evangelistic campaigns.

b. That district leaders and ministers conduct evangelistic campaigns in all parts of the area assigned as their field of labor.

c. That capable laymen be called upon to unite their efforts with the ministers and church officers in these evangelistic endeavors.

d. That our churches be helped to recognize that the minister's urgent task is the gathering in of the lost, and that church officers assume greater responsibility in the effective operation of the church, and further that trained laymen be directed in neighborhood evangelism.

e. That special efforts be made to reach the unentered and unworked sections of all our fields, and that these endeavors, wherever possible, be preceded by well-planned Bible correspondence course campaigns, radio evangelism, young people's "Share Your Faith" activities, literature distribution, home visitation, branch Sabbath Schools, colporteur evangelism, health evangelism, the conducting of cooking schools and

home nursing classes, and the holding of other meetings.

f. That the division, union and local conference and mission field committees take the lead in planning their budgets so as to provide operating funds for evangelism.

3. That the various departments—Ministerial, Home Missionary, Sabbath School, Missionary Volunteer, Medical, Educational Publishing, Voice of Prophecy—along with the schools, hospitals, and publishing house, give special study to synchronizing their efforts, literature, and equipment to this united soul-winning advance.

4. That we appeal to our people to speed this forward evangelistic move by a faithful stewardship of the means which God has placed in their hands, and that our ministers educate our people in the payment of an accurate tithe, so that God's cause may have ample means to implement this soul-winning program.

### WE WERE SENT

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Again in December it was the privilege of Elder Mazat and myself to itinerate together, this time visiting Basrah in company with Brother Yousif Fargo in the interests of Ingathering, and then going from there to some of the unentered territories to the south. Our experiences in securing visas and permits, our interviews and contacts with the people, and the providences of the Lord in leading us on this trip would fill a book. Our health books were carried to their destination on one part of the journey by a sheikh, the brother of the leading ruler. We were granted an interview with one of the local sultans, who was very much impressed with our health books and temperance beliefs. Our reception by this ruler was an experience we shall not soon forget, and as a parting gift we were presented with Arabic costumes, in every detail resembling the clothes that the king himself wore. Since our interview occurred on Christmas day, we felt as if we had really received some wonderful Christmas gifts. It was the request of this sheikh that the editor of the local journal copy verbatim those portions of the health book which had to do with temperance. We were entertained for four days as the guest of this ruler, and during that time were able to sell health books worth the equivalent

of more than U.S. \$700.00, and hundreds of names were collected for the Voice of Prophecy Bible course. We felt that the Lord was opening the way before us, and it was evident that His hand was ever guiding us.

We were privileged to visit Kuwait and to meet there Brother Duncan Webber and his wife, the only Adventist family in that territory. Returning to Beirut we thanked God for His leading and protection, and prayed that the contacts made in these new areas might prove fruitful in souls for His kingdom.

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made to start a J.M.V. Society, and all through the Union our schools are cooperating in our plans to have J.M.V. work as a part of the school program. Besides our goals in soul-winning endeavors we aim to have every worker taking up and completing the Master Guide Course before the end of 1952."

From the Sabbath School secretary of the Nile Union we hear that there are now eight branch Sabbath Schools organized throughout the mission. We are happy for the new interest in the Sabbath School work.

### IRAN

Extensive repairs have been made on the Sultanabad Hospital in Arak, and Dr. Lesovsky has now received his final permit for the practice of medicine. The hospital staff is happy to report that they are busy caring for the sick who have been coming in increasing numbers.

Elder and Mrs. R. C. Skinner of Oregon have accepted a call to work in Iran and will be sailing for that field soon.

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### MIDDLE EAST MESSENGER

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## HERE and THERE

\* The construction work on the Middle East Press is proceeding rapidly, and the building site at the approach to the college campus shows daily changes indicative of the future of the publishing work in the Middle East.

\* February 21 the contract was signed for the construction of the new building for the Dar El Salaam Hospital in Baghdad. Excavation for the foundations will soon begin, and we are all looking forward to the time fifteen months hence when this modern hospital building will become a reality.

\* Middle East College young people entered heartily into the Home Visitation program on February 2. Although the weather was forbidding, yet the young people did not let the rain dampen their spirits, with the result that they distributed over 2000 tracts prepared especially for the occasion by the division publishing department.

\* George A. Huse, secretary of the Publishing Department of the General Conference, arrived in Beirut on February 24 for a week's visit in the Middle East in the interests of the Middle East Press. His itinerary from here took him through Rome to other points in Europe before his return to the States.

\* Elders Geo. J. Appel and C. C. Morris have just returned from visits to Egypt and Iran, where they visited in the interests of securing property for sites for the local schools.

\* Elder A. R. Mazat and Brother Wadie Farag have been on an extended itinerary into Libya and Egypt. We shall await with interest the reports of their success there.

### EAST MEDITERRANEAN UNION

Throughout the entire Union field the Home Visitation plan has

been an encouraging enterprise. February 2 was the time when many friends were made happy by a visit from our people. Hundreds of correspondence school enrollments were received.

A new interest is being taken in promoting tithes and offerings. The Lord is making His people more willing in this day of His power. The Sabbath school work is gaining momentum under the leadership of Brother Anees Haddad. Brethren Yousif Fargo and Salim Nougemie have each spent a month in Iraq. Brother King made a visit to Jordania and Cyprus. Pastor Hartwell visited Jordania, Iraq, and Cyprus during the first two months of this year.

### IRAQ

Intithar is a new Sabbath School member in the Basrah Cradle Roll department. He was presented to Brother Salim Majeed on February 2 by his wife, Alice. "Intithar" is the Arabic word meaning "Awaiting." The family is awaiting Christ's return. Others there are also becoming interested in this "hope."

February 23 was the date set for baptisms in Mosul. Several there have been studying the truth for some time. Also a real interest is developing among the Assyrian people in Kirkuk. The Lord has already begun to work there. The meeting place is not large enough to hold the folk who attend. Elder Fiedler has plans for efforts in both Mosul and Kirkuk in the very near future.

### JORDANIA

The school at El Husn, recently opened, now has an enrollment of eighteen. At an investiture service held there in January ten children were very happy to receive their M. V. pins.

Elder and Sister R. C. Darnell are settled in Amman and are endeavoring to learn Arabic, as well as to foster the interests of the work in that field.

### LEBANON—SYRIA

Cyprus set February 23 as the date for baptisms. Brother Mole has worked hard to present the truth in that island, and the Lord has been blessing. Pastor Greaves plans to establish an organized Sabbath School at Kyrenia, though it will start small. We know it will grow under the blessing of God.

From another section of this mission the word comes from a leading worker: "We are troubled on every side yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed." 2 Cor. 4:8, 9. We solicit the prayers of God's people for the work in that field.

### TURKEY

The Home Calendars have been greatly appreciated. The demand was equal to the supply, if not greater. Cooperation was encouraging when the time was so very short after the calendars arrived.

### EGYPT

The annual campaign for raising funds to help support the Mataria Mercy Home began in November of last year. In years past the goal had been reached without too much difficulty, but this year seemed different. Just when the members were wondering where they could turn next, a gift came through from the students of Walla Walla College in the United States. They had raised \$531 for a Christmas present to help keep the doors of Mataria Mercy Home open.

Brother Beach reports that the interest in Alexandria is such that it has been difficult to contact the increasing numbers who have expressed definite desires to know more about the truth. At present the Egypt Mission is seeking to locate a proper meeting place for those from the Moharrem Bey district, where most of the interest is centered. It is planned that Brother Farris B. Bishai and his wife will move to that district in order to keep in close contact with our new friends.

Brother Yacoub Nashed, the newly appointed Missionary Volunteer and Educational secretary of the Nile Union Mission, reports: "We have recently organized an M. V. society in the Heliopolis Church, which we hope will be a model society for the Union. Many young people are now coming in contact with us, and we pray that God may use us to bring them closer to Him. In the Heliopolis school plans are being



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