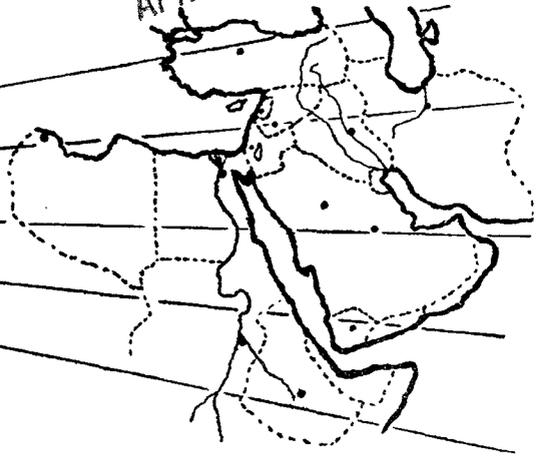
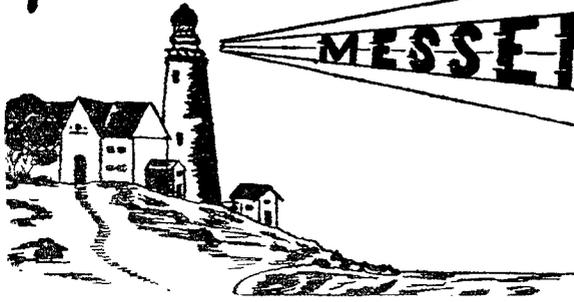


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## OUR GROWING COLLEGE

By T. S. Geraty, President

The current school year—1954-1955—at Middle East College will go down in Division history as one of progress. Physically, of course, the new Administration Building in the center of the campus is an object upon which the attention of many people on and off the school property is focused. The new building, nearing completion in late May, will offer students and faculty great facilities. In addition to more space for activities and instructional interests, the commodious library and the ample laboratories will be much appreciated. Home Economics and music rooms may now be provided.

This school year has brought Miss Euphemia M. Bryne, Acting Dean of Women and Director of Food Service, G. T. Gott, Business Manager, and K. L. Vine, Bible teacher. We are happy for the contributions which each is making. We believe that this year we have a strong faculty and representative student body.

The College Constituency in November, 1954, voted a revised constitution, the implementation of which is now being realized.

The newly organized Ministerial Seminar is bringing in both a professional and devotional spirit much desired, and sacred music through the

Seminar and school choir is being given a needed place.

All the missions throughout the Division are represented during this scholastic year and the school facilities are being taxed. Over one hundred students, including the secondary school and college level are registered. Two special features should be noted. Under the capable leadership of the Business Manager and enthusiastic support of the Dean of Men, a new lease on the work program is chain-reacting through the work departments. The Acting Dean of Women is also giving her appreciated support and a proper emphasis is being placed upon profitable labor. Students are painting and plastering in the new Administration Building, building modern desks, and laying stone walls.

The instructional program this school year has offered for the first time a

Special English year to help students prepare for English teaching-medium courses. Some students have made considerable progress thus far this year.

A renovated dining room and kitchen with a cold storage room are in the offing. An enlarged playground area, parking space, and additional roads are also being planned. Middle East College is undergoing a face-lifting program.

Beginning this year the weekly faculty newsletter, "Tell-o-Graph," is developing interest and a professional spirit for mutual ideals among the faculty.

The Weeks of Prayer and Spirit of Prophecy Emphasis week will long remain inspirational and the baptismal class will yield an appreciable fruitage. Several will be completing the four-year curricula and the year 1955-1956 should witness a larger graduating class. If

this trend continues we shall be most gratified, not only to have more graduates, but to see the youth enter God's work throughout the Middle East.

Let us all share in helping to bring in to the school more prospective workers, educate them with conscientious effort, and then send them forth under God into the ripening harvest.



New Administration Building, Middle East College, nearing completion.

## The Challenge Of A New Field

By Ormond K. Anderson

Three thousand years ago King Solomon it is said fulfilled a desire of the Queen of Sheba and had his engineers design and construct a series of wells, known as Tawella Tanks today, at Aden at the extremity of Arabia.

These wells or tanks are fifty to one hundred and fifty feet deep, constructed of granite stone in a ravine of the extinct volcanic crater. The sides and bottom of the construction are sealed with a limestone cement, which is still in good repair, and holds water run-off from the catchment area. For many centuries this was the best water supply in this barren area.

When travellers visit these reservoirs they invariably exclaim, "They are wonderfully constructed and are in splendid repair." My personal observations are, firstly, that these wells were built about three thousand years ago out of durable granite stone. Secondly, they were constructed in the natural place to be of the best service to man and beast from King Solomon's time until 1925 A.D. when the artesian supplies were discovered at Sheikh Othman, Aden Colony. Thirdly, as the rainfall is very spasmodic these tanks were made particularly watertight and, lastly, they yet declare the exress faithfulness of those ancient workmen to complete a given task.

The great Apostle Paul in his day admired good workmanship when he declared: "I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is." 1 Cor. 3: 10, 11, 13.

As one called to pioneer the Advent message in this ancient area of Sheba, the challenge comes anew, "Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is". So one is called to select the best material and build to the Divine specifications and not to forget for a moment God values goodness and faithfulness above all else. The age long reputation of the centre of Aden is, "as hard as the rocks that raise their rugged ugly heads skywards with not a vestige of vegetation to soften the desolate scene." Though

we may agree that the aforesaid reputation of the place is true, how encouraging it is to know also that there is nothing impossible with God.

Our fellow workers and laity alike are no doubt interested in the present and future of this challenging door which leads into the most fanatical Moslem centers. Recently we placed an advertisement in the local Arabic newspaper calling attention to the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence Course. Moslem protests made it impossible for the newspaper to accept any more such advertisements. However, we got some response to the one advertisement and sent out the lessons as promised but very few replies were received.

Somewhat disappointed, we tried a different form of advertisement in the English weekly newspaper in favor of the V.O.P. Radio Ceylon broadcast which can be excellently heard on Sunday at three different hours. These advertisements appeared for six weeks. In February we added to the advertisement an invitation asking those who may have heard the program to avail themselves of the free correspondence course in English and Arabic. We have faith that thus we shall be able to reach many. Many students in a Moslem school applied for enrolment. One student wrote requesting 150 application forms as he thought he could interest most all of his fellow students in the course.

There are no public halls in Aden and no religion can be proclaimed publicly except in the Mosques and other churches belonging to European bodies. We are handicapped somewhat in not having our own meeting place.

Much of our truth filled literature has been placed in the reading rooms of some of the largest ships that call at this Port of Aden. Much more will find its way to reading rooms in the future. The Servant of the Lord strongly exhorted that we seize every opportunity to place our publications in the hands of those who travel the high seas.

In Aden the radio station Manager so much enjoys the Health magazine that he sits up late at night translating many of its helpful paragraphs into Arabic and these he puts on the air when convenient. Very soon we anticipate that the excellent Health program under the caption "Your Radio Doctor," as compiled and presented by Dr. Clifford R. Anderson of our Washington Sani-

## CANVASSING IS MORE THAN SELLING

By Emile Tabanjy

During the summer of 1954 while Abdul-Messiah and I were canvassing we went to a certain house. We knocked at a door labeled "Press." When the lady of the house opened the door, Abdul-Messiah courteously inquired, "Is Mr. Press here?" The lady immediately replied, "No, Mr. Press is not here but Mrs. Press is here. Come in."

We accepted her offer and went in. She very kindly gave us some fruits and vegetables to eat after which we opened to her the Word of God. While she had given us physical food, we had given her spiritual. Not long after our visit, I received a letter from her saying, "I hope that you will visit me again so that we may read the Bible together and I may see the truth."

You are going canvassing this coming summer too, aren't you?

torium and Hospital, will be heard over Radio Aden. We certainly wish that some medical work in favor of the advancement of the message may soon be established in this colony as it would break down much opposition.

To those who gauge evangelistic progress by the usual means and methods the outlook in Aden may not seem very promising. However, we are not allowing ourselves to become dispirited or discouraged. That would be sin. We rejoice the rather that it is our privilege and joy to give witness of the unfailling love of God and proclaim His message through some unusual channel to His glory in ancient Arabia. We thank you for your prayers on our behalf and would ask that you continue to remember us. This year of 1955 can and will be a year of unprecedented progress in the Middle East Division if we forget not the leadings of the Lord in our past history. Let us thank God for His past guidance and take fresh courage in the fact that He has a thousand ways of finishing His work of which we know nothing. With this thought in mind, "In due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

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If any of our readers have back issues of the *Signs of the Times*, *Youth Instructor*, *Listen*, or *Health* magazines these could be put to good use on the ships and in Aden among persons reading English. Kindly mail them to Box 1255, G.P.O., Aden, Arabia.—Ed.

## Tracks In The Sands Of Time

By Gladys Callender Skinner

A misty coldness had swept over the northern countryside. The biting wind had caused the beggars to hunt for additional rags and huddle in a corner where they could keep their bare feet off the ice-covered ground.

This morning let us visit a humble room with scant furnishings and follow a smiling-faced lady as she hobbles to the little window and peeks out. "Oh, how the wind does blow and the ice looks so glassy and slick. On a day like this the people will have more time to read my tracts." So saying, she filled her bag with tracts and, of course, the Bible and knelt to ask God to bless her labors for Him. She wrapped the coat, which had seen many winters, tightly about her and gripped her crutch firmly under her arm. One of her legs had been amputated two years previously but that could not stop her missionary zeal. She picked her way cautiously over the ice from one home to another, bringing cheer, hope, and a clearer conception of God's great love into every threshold crossed.

It had been a profitable day, she reflected, as she turned her steps toward the setting sun and home. Over the icy paths the chill night-wind raced, sending snow swirling before her. Was it a hole, a bump, a stone? She never knew. Something sent her crutch skidding across the frozen ground and the next instant there was a thud and a cry of pain. A passerby, seeing a heap in the sun's afterglow, turned aside to lend a helping hand.

The shades of night mingled with violet and crimson fell upon her pain-racked face as she was carried tenderly into the hospital. After the shock and cold wore away, she became more conscious of the sickening pain in her arm. An Xray picture showed a badly broken bone. One bone had slipped at such an angle that the doctor said an operation would be necessary in order to straighten it properly. The operating room was set up and she was taken in. The doctor began his preparations for the operation, then frowned deeply. An important instrument had been overlooked. "We must wait until tomorrow," he announced. Did Sr. Shooshanik await the morrow in a self-pitying way, wondering why the Lord would allow such an accident to come to her while doing work for Him? Oh no, not she. She spent the remainder of the day talking with nurses and patients, and in giving away more tracts.

The next morning another Xray was taken. The doctors consulted together over the picture. "How could this be the same arm we have Xrayed previously?" they questioned. On examining her arm they found that the swelling as well as the tenderness had disappeared. The Xray picture showed a perfectly mended arm. Even in these modern days God performs miracles for His humble servants who trust in Him.

The doctor had said, "You must remain in the hospital for ten days for observation. I have never seen anything like this before." During these ten days she was not idle. As she saw nurses treating patients inhumanly in seeking to extract more money from them, her heart yearned to show them the Christian way—the way of love which would bring happiness and joy into all hearts. She was busy constantly, trying to help and encourage both patients and nurses. As she strove to get the nurses to show more kindness to the patients, a certain animosity broke out among some of the nurses because of her interference. They went to the doctor and reported, "Shooshanik is preaching Christianity here in this hospital. Is that allowed?"

"You came here for treatment, not for preaching," scolded the doctor.

"Don't you think God had a purpose in my breaking my arm?" And she calmly continued, "God sent me here to show your nurses that the true way of living is the Christian way. I have seen your nurses beating patients because they would not give more money to them. Surely you do not want this to continue."

The doctor studied her closely. On her face he plainly read a life filled with contentment, sympathy, and love. Warmly he admitted, "Perhaps you *were* sent here for a reason. Go ahead. Do what you can."

As a result of that broken arm, one of the patients and her school teacher husband are coming to church and planning to take the Voice of Prophecy lessons. But just how far-reaching her influence was, she will never know until she meets redeemed ones in that better land and they say to her, "It was you who invited me here." She was leaving tracks on the sands of time which will be eternal.

A few months after this experience, a man crouched beside her window and then quickly disappeared with a bundle in his arms. When our sister returned

home she found that her few earthly possessions had been taken from her. The evil one was tempting her even as he did Job of old. Surely he would conquer her this time. She would know now that the Lord was not watching over her. Now her never-tiring labors would cease. My brother, my sister, what would your reaction be? Would discouragement find a lodgement in your heart?

Come, let us follow her again as she walks about her room which is now completely bare except for a few pieces of furniture. She looks by the door where she had left her bag, filled with tracts. It is also gone! Her face is wreathed in smiles. Now she is kneeling for prayer before lying on the hard floor for a night of peaceful sleep.

Before the first gray streaks of dawn have driven the starry lights from the sky, we see her hurriedly hobbling down the little "koochay" (small street) to the home of the Adventist pastor. Elder Salakian is awakened by the loud knocking, and jumps out of bed wondering what can bring such an early caller. Imagine his surprise to find Sr. Shooshanik standing there, her face beaming.

"Well, what brings you here all smiles at this time of the morning? What good fortune has happened to you?" the minister questioned.

"I was visited by a thief last evening," she chuckled.

"That sounds bad to me. I can't see anything good about a thief coming and taking everything you have," replied the pastor.

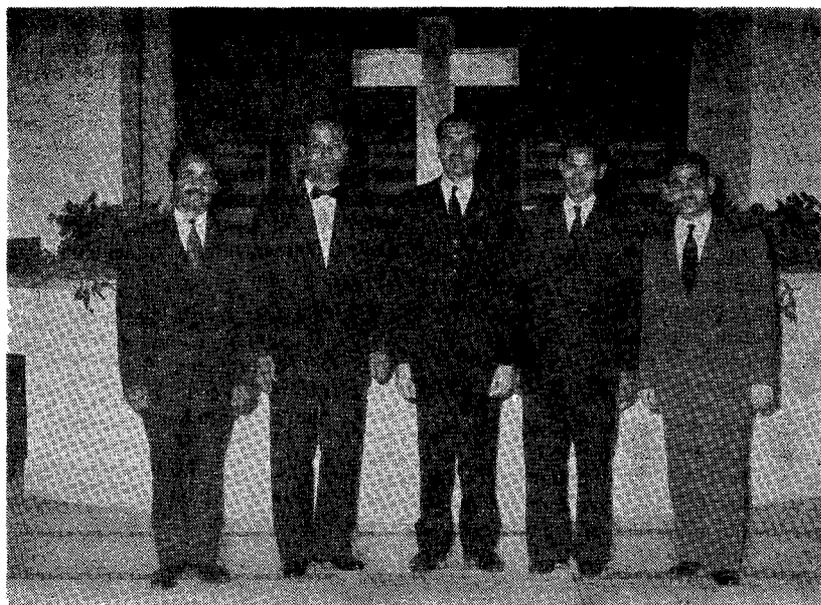
"Oh, but it is not bad. It is good, for my bag, which he took, was full of tracts. Just think of all the people who will be able to read these tracts whom I would never have been able to reach. Doesn't God work in wonderful ways? God has given. Now He has allowed it to be taken. He can provide again. I shall not worry," was her faith-filled answer.

On hearing of our faithful sister's great loss, the Dorcas Society got busy. Again she found that God had impressed human hearts to abundantly supply her needs.

She toils faithfully on, leaving "tracts" in Queen Esther's land.

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"No one else can do our work. None but ourselves can work out our salvation with fear and trembling. This is the very work which the Lord has left for us to do." 2T 506.



From left to right Fikry Mikhael, Nassif Boutros, Helmy Berbawy, Abadeer Abdel Messih, and Fakry Naguib who were recently ordained in the Nile Union and Egyptian Missions.

## ORDINATION IN NILE UNION

Five young men were ordained to the Gospel Ministry on December 20 in the Heliopolis Church. It was a time of great rejoicing and inspiration. The address was given by Elder G. J. Appel, who stated that it was one of the most precious and joyous experiences of his life. Then followed the Consecration Prayer by Elder C. C. Morris and the charge by Elder J. S. Russell. Elder C. V. Brauer gave the welcome to his workers, Elders Fakhry Naguib, Fikry Mikhael, and Abadeer Abdel Messih, and Elder Hilal Dose welcomed Elder Helmy Berbawy and Nassif Boutros. The wives of these new workers were in attendance and as they continue to assist their husbands in their responsibilities and privileges of soul-saving, the prayers of our people are with them.

Following the inspiring Ordination service, the workers gathered to partake of the Ordinances of the Lord's House. These services were an excellent conclusion to the Union Session and each worker left with a desire to do more for the Master in the future.

## English Summer School

Dear Fellow Believers :

In these days when the English language has come to be so important to all concerned in the world-wide Advent movement, we feel sure that there must be many of you who have been studying English for some time, and are longing to perfect your knowledge of it by spending some time at a school, where nothing but English is spoken. Others of you may not have read very much of this subject, but would like to begin among English-speaking people with experienced Englishmen as your teachers. The summer course in English for overseas students has become famous throughout Europe for the opportunities it offers of learning and practising English. Those who have been here in past years have found that they have made more progress in the eight weeks of the course than they could have hoped in their wildest dreams. The study of the language is made easy and pleasant by the use of modern methods. There are four different classes in which students

are placed, according to their previous knowledge of English, the most advanced course being for students of the universities. The various branches of study, such as pronunciation, grammar, literature, composition, conversation, idioms, and business English, are taught by specialists, and there are also classes in Bible, English institutions, and the singing of folk songs. Spoken English is practised in merry social gatherings with the teachers. Once a week an excursion is made by chartered bus to some place of literary, historical, or scenic interest, such as London, Oxford, Stratford-on-Avon, Windsor, Eton. There is no extra charge for these trips.

The course will be of eight weeks duration from July 5 to August 30, 1955, and the charge for tuition, board and lodging (exclusive of laundry) will be £50 payable in advance or on arrival. For those unable to come for eight weeks the charge will be £7 per week. There will be also a five-shillings registration fee. Books and accessories may be purchased at the College.

Applications for an enrollment form should be made as soon as possible. Address your applications to: The Principal, Newbold Missionary College, Bracknell, Berkshire, England.

Like the hundreds of others who have attended Newbold Summer School, you will greatly enjoy your visit here and will return with a firm hold upon the English language. We extend a hearty welcome to you.

P. P. Schuil  
Registrar.  
Newbold Missionary College

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# IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS

*From the Middle East Division  
Quadrennial Session*

The Middle East Division Quadrennial Session met from November 19 to 30 in Beirut, Lebanon, and Baghdad, Iraq. A number of actions were taken in these meetings which will be of general interest to our workers and believers throughout the field. We are giving you in this issue of the *Messenger* a copy of some of these which we trust our workers will read and put into practice in their work.

## GREATER TRACT EVANGELISM

WHEREAS, We have been told that one of the vital means by which the world is to be evangelized is through our truth-filled literature, which is to be circulated "like the leaves of autumn"; also that "every believer" is urged to participate in this greater effort to enlighten the world through literature; therefore,

VOTED, That our missions, institutions, churches, societies and members be requested to engage in an enlarged effort to circulate our literature in a systematic and regular manner using the following methods:

1. Urge members to carry tracts wherever they go.
2. Promote a tract-a-week plan, appealing to all our members to participate in distributing a minimum of at least one tract a week.
3. Plan a positive program of literature evangelism in every church, providing for systematic, regular tract distribution for a given number of weeks, thus preparing the field for an evangelistic effort.
4. Plan a mailing program for dark areas.
5. Place literature in racks in strategic places, in which our message-filled periodicals and tracts can be attractively displayed.

## RESOLUTION OF GRATITUDE

In the providence and goodness of our God, and because of His loving care and protection over His church, we have been permitted to gather from every part of the Middle East to attend this, the first Quadrennial Session of the Middle East Division.

During the past quadrennium we have witnessed many crises which have disrupted the peace and security of the Middle East. This has resulted in much international tension and hatred, as well as much violence and bloodshed,

which at times have threatened to hinder the work of God and endanger the lives of our people and workers. In spite of these confused and disturbed conditions, the blessing and power of God has been evidenced in the large increase of souls who have been born into the remnant church.

We who have the privilege of attending this council wish to record our profound and heartfelt gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His tender mercy, longsuffering and patience towards us.

We are grateful for the preserving power of God in restraining the forces of evil and in saving the lives of His people.

We are grateful for the devotion of ing the confidence of our brethren amid unfavourable circumstances and enabling them to stand firm and loyal to the message and its proclamation.

We are grateful for the devotion of our faithful believers and workers who have sacrificed and given liberally of their means, time, and talents for the advancement of "this gospel of the kingdom."

We are grateful for the devotion of representative buildings and physical improvements that have been made possible by the gifts of our people and the liberal appropriations of the General Conference.

We are grateful for the excellent work done, and the Christian service and training rendered through our Division institutions; Middle East College, Middle East Press, and Dar el Salaam Hospital. We are also thankful for all subsidiary institutions being established and built up throughout the Middle East.

Recognizing all these blessings and providences, and others too numerous to mention; and recognizing the gigantic task and program yet before us in carrying out the Saviour's command; and recognizing that we live in the hour of God's judgment and in an hour of unparalleled opportunity for the church to proclaim a message of hope; and recognizing the exceeding great and precious promises of God; we hereby solemnly pledge ourselves in consecration, devotion and humility to labor in unity and love, praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which will empower us to quickly finish the work and to diligently prepare for the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

## News From Aden

*By O. K. Anderson*

Quoting from a recent letter written by Elder O. K. Anderson to the Union, we have this heartening news of the work in Aden.

"We have had some things to encourage us lately. Many more applications have been made for the Bible Correspondence Course and even though most of them are from among the student class, these folk are good advertisers at least. I am writing an article for the local English weekly newspaper at their request regarding the Voice of Prophecy around the world. This, if carefully written, will advance the thinking of the people towards our work. I am advertising the Life and Health magazine in the paper and am asking for subscriptions. I also plan to go out and canvass for subscriptions among those who speak and read English. This will aid our work in the future and give us some helpful contacts I am sure. The local radio will be grateful to us for aiding them with a good health program and then in the future they may do something more for us with another type of broadcast. We are hopeful that things will develop in a strong way and we refuse to become discouraged for we can do profitable work under all circumstances."

From the Sudan we receive news of progress and a recent letter from Brother Farris Bishai brings us this word.

"I am helping four or five to make their decision now and prepare for baptism. We are anxious that they be firm and faithful. We have a large group of young people who are preparing for an Investiture Service. Although they have had much opposition from their school authorities and some persecution on the part of their parents and relatives, they are most enthusiastic about their M.V. progressive class work. We would very much like to have some type of medical work started in Khartoum. We believe that this would give us much help in reaching the people with our message, and would also bring much relief to those who are suffering all around us. The clinic could start on a small basis and later on it could be enlarged. We pray that everything will be done so that God's work may be finished quickly and Jesus can return soon. Please extend our regards and greetings to all, and we want to be remembered by all of them in their prayers."

## NEW WORKERS IN THE MIDDLE EAST Division



Miss Flora Oslund, formerly connected with the Upper Columbia Conference in the North Pacific Union, has recently arrived in Beirut to connect with the Middle East Division staff as Secretary to the President.



Dr. Roy S. Cornell and family who have recently arrived in the Nile Union to open up work in Benghazi, Libya. We heartily welcome this family to join our working force in the Middle East..

### OLIVET

Amid the rush of life today  
Kneel oft in quietness to pray;  
Shut out the noise, shut out the throng,  
Shut in the peace for which we long,  
And seek the garden of the soul,  
Where Heaven makes the wounded whole.

Beneath the olive and the palm,  
In sun or starlight, find the calm,  
For there at last the heart is free,  
At prayer time in Gethsemane.

When daily work is round on round,  
An endless grind of toil and sound—  
The kitchen tasks, the baby's care,  
The farm, the shop, the office chair—  
Some little moment find relief

Amid the clamor, rest and peace.  
With Mary's choice it is thy lot  
Christ's joy to find where joy is not  
And by faith's eye thy gift to see  
That heavenly Guest at Bethany.

When rumored fears from everywhere  
Make dark a world that could be fair,  
Turn from the flash of atom bombs  
To Jesus, teaching 'neath the palms,  
And hear His word prophetic say:  
"Tomorrow's better than today—  
An earth made new, a race made right,  
A golden day, an end to night."  
All this, ah yes, more glorious yet,  
To stand with Him on Olivet.

—H. M. S. Richards

### A SONG IN THE NIGHT

The quietness of the evening was broken by a sudden clap of thunder overhead. We were seated in the living room and quite unprepared for the change in weather. One deep-toned rumble was followed by another, while lightning flashed and heavy clouds sailed through the mad sky, driven by a thirty-mile wind. Then the clouds opened to pour their heavy load of rain upon the dark earth, and the elements struck up a symphony of sound that lasted for half an hour or more.

The din and confusion of the evening was unpleasant, but one little incident I will never forget. A wood thrush sang for us in the trees nearby, while the thunders pealed and the vivid lightning flashed and crackled above us. The elements held no terror for this happy bird. I can still hear the rich, clear, full, happy notes sounding in the confusion and blessing us with the ministry of peace. In the midst of the worst storm on the darkest night the wood thrush could sing its tuneful song.

We mortals—all of us—may learn to sing in the midst of trial and affliction if we are willing to learn the song of faith. And we may be sure that God will teach us this song even though we must learn it in the night. We can all

learn better then. For all of us there are disappointments and heartaches. For some there is the bed of pain or the isolation of the shut-in. For others there are poverty and loneliness. We may be sure that whatever comes our way in the night is the voice of God teaching us life's sweetest melody. To the selfish ear it may sound like a series of discordant notes. But to the trained and sensitive ear of faith it is the music of heaven. Something good and permanent will come of all this disillusionment and fear. Something great and beautiful will follow the agony and despair of those dark moments spent alone. But we must learn to trust and to believe that "all things work together for good."

Affliction will teach us this song or drive us to despair. We must each decide what shall happen when and if we must enter the night. There is something better beyond, for which the discipline of life prepares us, but it will be too late to learn to sing our song over there, for all will be day in that distant land.

Here and now in this practical, workaday life we are to catch the strains of heaven's song of faith and learn to sing with the great and the good of all ages. May we not fail of this lesson.

"In the full light of day, and in hearing of the music of other voices, the caged bird will not sing the song that his master seeks to teach him. He learns a snatch of this, a trill of that, but never a separate and entire melody. But the master covers the cage, and places it where the bird will listen to the one song he is to sing. In the dark, he tries and tries again to sing that song until it is learned, and he breaks forth in perfect melody. Then the bird is brought forth, and ever after he can sing that song in the light. Thus God deals with His children. He has a song to teach us, and when we have learned it amid the shadows of affliction, we can sing it ever afterward."

—Taken from "Life at Its Best"

### SCHEDULE OF CHURCH OFFERINGS

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

### CHURCH CALENDAR

Second Quarter, 1955

April 2.....	Colporteur Rally Day
May 7.....	Home Missionary Day
May 14.....	Medical Missionary Day
June 4.....	Local Church Evangelism
June 18.....	Sabbath School Rally Day

## HERE and THERE

\* Recent guest speakers at the College have been Elder Roy Anderson, Frank Yost, C. S. Scharffenberg, and Arthur L. White. Through his realistic and practical studies, Elder White has helped to confirm the gift of the Spirit of Prophecy as far as the M.E.C. school family members are concerned.

\* Because of little or no snow this winter, a picnic at Beit-Eddine and El-Barouk substituted for the annual snow picnic.

\* Students are interested in winning people by the use of branch Sabbath schools, cottage meetings, and Bible studies.

\* This school year has brought satisfactory results to date in the Ingathering and *Hope* magazine campaigns.

\* Miss A. Ruby Williams, Dean of Women now on furlough, plans to return to Beirut in mid June.

\* The college choir, under the capable direction of Mrs. R. H. Hartwell, participated with five other schools in the fourth annual church Music Festival on March 6, 1955 at the American University of Beirut.

\* Khalil and Zina Yarid and the hospital family were saddened by the news of the passing of Khalil's sister in Jordan. The Yareds made a quick trip by taxi there in hopes to attend the funeral but did not arrive in time. We extend to them our sympathy.

\* A recent letter from Dr. & Mrs. Frank says they are now settled in Toledo, Ohio and would appreciate hearing from any of their friends in the Middle East. Their address is 2706 Kendale, Apartment 202, Toledo, Ohio.

\* The new chapel at the hospital is now completed and has all the new benches installed. Tuesday night, Friday night, and Sabbath meetings are held and it is hoped in the future more and more visitors from the community will attend the meetings so many will become acquainted with our work and message in Baghdad. With the exception of a special appropriation from the East Mediterranean Union Mission for several of the benches, all other benches have been paid for by individual workers in the hospital who attend services here.

\* The Dar El Salaam School has a new school bus that looks very nice as it comes daily to pick up the children to take them to our school across the river.

\* The Dar El Salaam Association is now officially recognized by the Iraq

Government as a philanthropic association.

\* The biggest news in the hospital is that the hot water system is now working and there is plenty of hot water in the laundry and the hospital.

\* Brethern Appel and Morris were visitors at the hospital for Board Meeting early in January. Brother Morris also completed the audit at that time.

### EAST MEDITERRANEAN UNION

\* At the end of 1954 the Sabbath school membership was more than double the church membership.

\* Since Doctor Reynolds found it necessary to discontinue his inspection after visiting the three schools in Lebanon, the General Conference very kindly released Professor Cossentine, their Educational Department secretary, to continue the inspection work, and we were thankful that he was able to inspect two schools in Jordan and one in Iraq accompanied by the Division and Union Educational secretaries. His reports and suggestions have been much appreciated.

\* Brethren Anees Haddad and Henry Melki, and Sister Rosalie Wainer are assisting the Jordan workers in conducting an effort in the newly built Amman church.

\* The East Mediterranean Union Mission held its first Biennial Session in the hotel Ahram in Beit-Mery, Lebanon, early in December with almost a full attendance of official delegates from all organizations concerned. We were sorry that two or three delegates were not able to attend. Alternates took their places. Due to the very special blessing of God and the united efforts of the Division and Union leaders, as well as other delegates who attended, an unusually good spiritual feast was enjoyed by all who were in attendance and the business was cared for in the atmosphere of a very fine brotherly spirit. We thank the Lord for the blessings which each delegate was able to carry home and share with others.

\* Brethren Hartwell and Fund attended the Jordan and Iraq committee meetings at the year's end.

### CYPRUS

\* On February 5 Karen Ann Veltman was born. We congratulate the Veltmans on this new Cradle Roll member of their Sabbath school.

\* A new Welfare Center has been opened in Nicosia. The Government Welfare Director officially cut the white ribbon and gave his hearty approval to the project. Our believers there are enthusiastic about the work.

\* According to present plans it will

be only a matter of weeks before the new church in Nicosia will be under construction.

### IRAQ

\* The workers from Baghdad have gone to join the Basrah workers in their Ingathering work. It is good to get an early start in this work.

\* The newly built Mosul school and church are now finished and in use. The church was dedicated on New Year's Day.

\* Brother and Sister Ghanim Fargo have arrived in Baghdad where he has taken over his duties as principal of the Dar El Salaam School. His help was appreciated at the recent meeting of the Iraq committee.

\* Brother and Sister Hartwell gave programs showing pictures on the Life of Christ and also played marimba music in the new church in Mosul and in the new hospital chapel in Baghdad at the year's end.

\* Mrs. Ayoub Azar and Mrs. Salim Majeed have responded to the urgent need for teachers in the Baghdad school.

### JORDAN

\* Brother and Sister Najeeb Azar were married on December 27 and are now settled in their new home in Kerak and have sent a very fine report. They tell of one victory regarding the giving up of jewelry. They request our prayers.

\* Elder and Mrs. George J. Appel visited Amman at the holiday season. Elder Appel attended the committee meetings held at that time and took charge of the Amman church dedication on Christmas Day. The same day he led out in the ordination of Brother Mousa Azar to the ministry.

\* Elder R. C. Darnell is now leading out in a major evangelistic effort in the city of Amman in addition to his executive duties. Kindly pray for the company working there.

\* Elder C. C. Morris has visited Jordan in connection with the purchase of property in El-Husn.

### LEBANON-SYRIA

\* Two little boys have just joined the cradle-roll of our Sabbath school. First, Mousa and Mary Ghazal welcomed their baby and then a short time later Jad and Rene Katrib announced the arrival of their son. Both were born in February. Our congratulations to the parents.

\* Brother Maurice Catreb has accepted a call to become editor of the *Hope* magazine. We wish him God's blessing in his new undertaking.

\* We extend our sympathy to the

Yared family in the loss of Sister Laurice Yared Haddad (Mrs. Yacoub Haddad) who passed away in January in Irbid, Jordan. She was the sister of Khalil Yared of the Dar El Salaam Hospital, George Yared of the Lebanon-Syria Mission, Mrs. Ibrahim Swaidan of the Middle East College, and Mrs. Jad Catreeb of the Beirut Junior Academy. Funeral services were in the new Ammen church.

\* A Bible Correspondence School Rally recently held in the Beirut Aamenian church, under the direction of Elder Wayne Olson, was well attended and appreciated.

\* Six persons were baptized January 8 in the Beirut Arabic church. Three were from North Lebanon and three from the Beirut area.

\* The construction of the Bishmizine church is now well under way. It is to be completed within four months.

#### TURKEY

\* God is hearing the prayers of His people for the work in Turkey, and we are thankful for answers which we can already see and those we hope to see soon.

#### NILE UNION

\* Eleven hundred gift parcels sent from the United States through CARE have been received in Egypt. They arrived at an opportune time, five hundred of them being delivered to the flood-stricken area of Qena, in Upper Egypt, and the remaining ones meeting other needs. Publicity was given in the newspapers, the recipients being grateful to the kind friends who sent the parcels.

\* At the Nile Union Annual Session, two missions were established and officers selected. Elder C. V. Brauer, with headquarters in Assuit, will preside over the Upper Egypt Mission, while Elder Hilal Dose presides over the Lower Egypt Mission. Both men are undertaking heavy programs and with the origin of the two missions, the work is expected to be more productive and offer more help to the workers within these territories.

\* Attending the Nile Union Annual Session were Elders Appel and Morris, Brethren McCulloch and Wadie from the Division, and delegates from the various churches. Each one contributed to the success of the committees.

\* Recent additions to our workers' families include a daughter, Iptisam, born to Elder and Mrs. Abadeer Abdel Messieh of Luxor, a son, Samir, to Elder and Mrs. Helmy Berbawy of Heliopolis, and a girl to Elder and Mrs. Fakhry Naguib of Assuit. Brother and Sister Farris Bishai are also the proud

parents of a daughter, Lilly. Congratulations and best wishes to these happy families.

\* Among the welcomed visitors to the Heliopolis church during January were Elder and Mrs. A. G. Zytkoskee and Sheryl. Elder Zytkoskee's timely messages were appreciated during his three weeks' stay in Egypt.

\* In the interest of our Temperance work, Brother Wadie Farag, Associate Temperance Secretary of the Middle East Division, spent a profitable three weeks in a neighboring country hitherto unentered by Seventh-day Adventists. This seemed a direct answer to prayer as the way opened for Brother Wadie to approach the King and other prominent men to explain our great temperance work. Having heard him tell of his many interesting experiences and contacts, we marvel at the opportunities that have come to him.

\* Elder R. A. Anderson, the Ministerial Secretary of the General Conference will be visiting the Middle East and expects to spend some time in Egypt. The working force is looking forward to this visit, anticipating the help and inspiration that is in store for them. Especially will Elder Anderson's visit to Aden be appreciated by his brother, Elder O. K. Anderson, and his wife, who with Pastor and Mrs. Chafic Srou, are our first workers in Aden.

\* Dr. Maher Bishai, who has returned from a three month assignment in Lebanon and Iraq, has just finished his translation of the book, *Modern Medical Counsellor* into the Arabic. The book is now ready for the press and Dr. Maher's work is appreciated. This translation work is an accomplishment requiring hours of work and should prove of great benefit to the people and colporteurs of the Middle East.

\* Mrs. Mansour Abu-Jauda, mother of Mrs. Helmy Berbawy, has been spending several weeks visiting her daughter. Mrs. Abu-Jauda is a member of our Beirut, Lebanon church. Another daughter, Najla, is attending Newbold College, England, and while taking an active part in the college and church activities, is also the assistant dean of girls.

\* The follow-up work of the Voice of Prophecy in the Nile Union is now under the leadership of Elder J. S. Russell who hopes that many graduates and enrollees may be contacted and brought into a fuller knowledge and love of the truth.

\* On February 2, Dr. and Mrs. Roy S. Cornell of Pasco, Washington, arrived in Alexandria with two of their sons

Vaughn and Kendall. A third son is attending Auburn Academy, Washington. Welcoming them to our field were Elder and Mrs. Wilson, Elder and Mrs. Zytkoskee, Elder and Mrs. Beach, Elder Fakhry and Elder William. Dr. Cornell sold his splendid practice and home because he wanted to be in mission service. He accepted the call to Libya and is enthusiastic over the prospects.

\* With the arrival in our field of Dr. and Mrs. Roy Cornell and family, the attention of all is drawn to Libya for it is there that we have opportunity to enter by way of medical work. Elder Fakhry Naguib has been asked by the Union Committee to associate with Dr. Cornell in the plans and work of this important undertaking. The prayers of all are solicited as these men undertake a gigantic and almost superhuman task.

\* Elder Ham and Bozarth of the General Conference paid a brief visit to Heliopolis and addressed a Workers' Meeting. We shall look for them to come back to our country another time to give us more help and encouragement.

\* Mrs. Dorothy Beach has been spending several weeks in Egypt having come from Cyprus. She is visiting her son, Elder Peter Beach and family of Alexandria and has also spent some time with relatives and friends in Cairo.

#### IRAN

\* In late February Elder Kenneth S. Oster and Brother M. H. Morovati left by train for points up near the Caspian Sea to visit Voice of Prophecy interests and encourage the new Sabbath school established on their previous trip there some three months ago.

\* Early in April Elder R. C. Skinner plans to go to Rezaieh and conduct an evangelistic school. The plan is to have some young men associated with him as an actual full-length evangelistic series is conducted in the new Seventh-day Adventist church there. The prayers of all believers will be appreciated as these meetings take place.

\* Plans are formulating for a new church building to be erected in Julfa, Isfahan. For many years a new church has been needed for this place and we are confident it will greatly help in the advancement of the work of God.

\* Brother Mir-Ali-Asghar Montazam writes a very encouraging letter from Rezaieh where he has recently been laboring. He is holding religious meetings three times a week and at a recent gathering 58 persons were present. We would ask an interest in your prayers for this young brother in the early days of his ministry.