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A CALL TO GREATER EVANCELISM

By George J. Appel President, Middle East Division

Six months have passed since we entered upon the solemn duties and responsibilities of the year 1955. Time is passing—the end is near. Should we not ask ourselves the question, "Am I doing all I can to win souls for the Master, hastening on the day when God's work will be finished?" Elder McElhany stated a few years ago, "The only thing that stands between us and the second coming of Christ is an unfinished task." To us has been entrusted the responsibility of laying the plans for the rapid completion of the work in the Middle East.

The hearts of all the delegates who attended the 1950 General Conference Session were stirred when Elder Branson made the suggestion that the church, workers and members together, set a goal of doubling our membership during the quadrennial period. On this call, going out to the world fields, a spirit of evangelism swept through the churches as earnest efforts were put forth to win souls as never before seen in the history of our work. A few conferences and missions reached the goal. Here in this Division over thirty percent was reached which was better than the average for the world fields.

We thank God for the splendid progress that is being made in our Sabbath school membership. For several quarters we had hoped to reach three thousand. How happy we were when the total membership for the first quarter reached 3418 with the East Mediterranean Union leading with a membership of 1991. If our church membership showed a corresponding growth we would be well over the two thousand mark.

The last half of the year 1955 is still before us. Should we not plan to make evangelism the keynote of every line of endeavor? It is our supreme task. The following are a few suggestions of how this can be done.

1. That this six-month crusade begin with a call to prayer and revival in which we seek the Lord for a greater love for souls and for a revival of the soul-winning spirit.

2. That all our evangelistic workers including mission executives, as far as possible, plan to conduct at least a three-month evangelistic effort.

3. That our evangelists and church officers plan for a coordinated program of missionary work in each church, including a part for each member.

4. That we encourage our lay workers to develop interests and bring souls to decision by systematic literature distribution, holding Bible studies and securing enrollments in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence course.

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TEMPERANCE MARCH ТНЕ ON

By C. C. Morris



King Saoud Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia

Nile Union, has recently visited the Sudan and Aden. Many interesting contacts were made and the film, "One in 20,000" was shown several times. A group of government men in the Sudan were present at one showing, were very much impressed with the picture, and manifested a keen interest in the nature of the work we are doing.

On a recent visit to Iran we had a number of Temperance meetings. Three were held at Tehran at two of which "One in 20,000" was shown. Large and interested groups attended each showing. A few days later we showed the film at Tabriz and Rezaich. About two hundred and fifty persons attended at Elder N. C. Wilson, President of the each place. The formality of securing

permission to show the picture resulted in city authorities getting a better understanding of our work. A number of the government men as well as members of the police force were present and from the enthusiastic remarks which were made following the meetings we are confident much good was accomplished. A few indicated their determination never to smoke again. One very interested secret service man remarked, "I saw the lung taken out, but I did not see the doctor put it back again." He was greatly concerned and worried.

The Iran Mission, East Mediterranean Union, and Nile Union each have the

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A number of interesting and profitable contacts have been made during recent months over a wide area in the Middle East. Brother Wadie Farag, assistant Temperance Secretary for the Middle East, tells of his experience in Saudi Arabia.

"Some time ago I was authorized to go to Jedda in Saudi Arabia in the interests of Temperance and Religious Libery. It was my express purpose to interview the King concerning the proposed world calendar. On arriving in Jedda I found that I could not go to Riad except by special permission from the King. As my request for an interview was made known to His Majesty, he wired the Minister of Finance and arranged for my travel by air immediately, as he was leaving soon for another city. Upon reaching the palace we were ushered into a very large hall where we were told to wait. The general in charge of the palace then came in and announced that His Majesty was about to arrive, and we all stood. The Maazoon of the Mosque called for prayer, while we were in audience with his Majesty, so the king excused himself to go and pray as did the others in the room. I was the only one left sitting in the room-not that I was any less religious, but our prayers are different than Moslem prayers.

"When I talked to the King regarding Temperance and requested an article written by him, he very generously complied and also sent a photo of himself. Several other ministers and top officials in Saudi Arabia also gave me articles against the use of liquor.

"While in Saudi Arabia I had the opportunity of speaking with those in charge in the Ministry of Social Affairs about the proposed world calendar and they said they would oppose it. Just before leaving for Saudi Arabia I went to the Arab League and the Associate Secretary General promised to write to the different Arab countries informing them to vote against the proposed world calendar.

"My prayer is that the Lord will overrule in everything and will give us wisdom in handling these statements that were written by the different officials. We earnestly solicit your prayers. that the Lord may finish His work in the Middle East and give us a measure of liberty that will enable us to preach the gospel to the millions around us."

WHERE IS THE FLOCK?



The privilege of educating the youth is one of the greatest ever entrusted to human beings. In the final day of reckoning the question will be asked, "Where is the flock that was given thee, they beautiful flock?" Jer. 13: 20. Then it will be our privilege to present to the Lord the children that were born into our families. But what a tragic day of reckoning that will be if we present ourselves alone, because our children were deceived by the false theories and philosophies of wordly teachers when they could have been educated under the influence of Christian teachers.

"It is a terrible fact, and one that should make the hearts of parents tremble, that in so many shools and colleges to which the youth are sent for mental discipline and culture, influences prevail which misshape the character, divert the mind from life's true aims, and debase the morals. Through contact with the irreligious, the pleasure-loving, and the corrupt, many youth lose the simplicity and purity, the faith in God, and the spirit of self-sacrifice that Christian fathers and mothers have cherished and guarded by careful instruction and earnest prayer." CT 220.

So the challenge comes to every parent today, "Where is the flock that was given thee?" Is it in the hands of worldlings who are teaching the wrong basic philosophies, or is it in the hands of godly teachers who are endeavoring, by God's grace, to develop in the youth the mind of Jesus? Just where our children are receiving their education will show the aim we have in mind for them. Is it to become great in this world or to excell in the kingdom of heaven? We can thank God today that He has led His people to establish Christian schools with consecrated teachers who will lay the right foundation principles in the minds of our youth, and give them the right

By K. L. Vine

training to be fitted not only for a place in this world but more especially for a home in God's kingdom.

Education is essentially the process of learning kow to live joyfully and fruitfully in the personal life and of teaching and influencing others to live the same kind of life. This kind of education can only be gained by basing it upon the word of God and a right understanding of its teachings. In the beginning God provided an education for Adam and Eve through the study of the wonderful book of nature and through personal communion with the Creator Himself day by day. In this school of Eden, both God and the angels were the teachers but after sin came things were changed. No longer could God commune face to face with man. No longer was this inspiring Edenic school able to function so God laid another plan whereby man could gain a godly education. He revealed His plans and many secrets to us through prophets in visions and dreams. He unfolded His great purposes for the future history of man, the ultimate eradication of sin and affliction, and the final restoration of all His creation to its original beauty and perfection. These things were recorded for us in the Bible and so today it is essential for all, especially our youth, to have an education which is based, not upon the false theories and philosophies of unconsecrated and ungodly teachers, but rather upon the Word of God.

This provision has been given to the remnant church in our Christian schools with their godly teachers who base the thinking of the youth upon right principles, and place an ambition in their hearts to do what they can to hasten the coming of Eden made new.

How will you stand in that day when God will ask you. "Where is the flock that was given thee?" Will your children be there? Will you have to hide vour face in shame because your children have been deprived of a Christian education and thus drifted from God and the church? And what of you who have no children? Have you done your part to make it possible for some to attend a Christian school and be trained for the Lord's service? It is the God given privilege of every member of the remnant church to do his or her part to see that the flock that has been entrusted to us has every opportunity to gain a Christian education.

The counsel of the Lord is that

"None should be allowed to pursue a course of study that may in any way weaken their faith in the truth and in the Lord's power, or diminish their respect for a life of holiness." FCE 347. And because of this counsel we encours age all parents and church members to aid in helping our youth gain an education in one of our church schools or institutions.

The Lord is soon coming and we will be asked by Him, who gave us instruction to establish Christian schools, "Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?

AN EDUCATION BY CORRESPONDENCE

Many ask the question whether one can get a degree at Middle East College by studying courses by correspondence. The answer is, No. A college education means much more than the study of a number of books; there is the association of student with student in study, recreation, and social life. These experiences come only to the person who studies in residence.

How then can a correspondence course through the Extension Division help a young person towards a degree? It helps him complete entrance requirements so that he may begin his class work with all others on the same level of attainment. It helps him complete a year's work so that he can graduate without having to return to the college for a few hours of credit. It can help him finish his courses sooner by studying in the summer.

But there are many who want to study for the sake of the material to be studied, without reference to degree or special certificate. For these the courses by Extension are ideal. The material used is the same as that presented in the classes of the Middle East College. The ones who grade the papers are the teachers in the college. You may be sure that the standards of attainment will challenge your intelligence and you can justly be proud of the successful completion of your course. Why not write today for counsel to:

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First Publishing Convention

By Neal C. Wilson

The Middle East Division held its first Publishing Convention in Beirut May 31 to June 5. For some years there has been a need for such a meeting in order to properly organize and coordinate the publishing work in this Division. We feel fortunate that for this importand convention we were privileged to have the experienced and valued counsel of B. E. Wagner, Associate Secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department.

The publishing work in the Middle East has suffered many set-backs in past years. Little was done and almost no colporteurs, student or regular, were engaged in this work. Only a meager amount of literature was available in the Arabic and other languages. Such was the picture up until 1951 when the Midle East Press was built in Beirut. Not until 1953, however, did we begin to get small books and tracts from our own publishing house. Since that time much excellent literature has been printed by the Middle East Press under the competent managership of M. J. Mc-Culloch. Soon a second floor will be built above the existing press building which will relieve the present overcrowded condition, as well as make available space for the new bindery and photo-engraving departments. Among the books recently printed is an edition of the Modern Medical Counselor translated into Arabic by some of the best medical authorities in the Middle East under the supervision of Dr. Maher B. Bishai, a CME graduate of 1951. This book, along with the new Arabic "Health" magazine which will be introduced this summer, should provide a splendid opening wedge for our work as well as gaining prestige, thus making it easier to sell all types of our truthfilled literature.

At the devotional periods each morning B. E. Wagner brought challenging messages. He stressed and emphasized, with the help of searching statements from the Spirit of Prophecy, such imperative needs as humility, faith, and courage, the example of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. Besides this he brought wise and sympathetic help in planning for the future. G. J. Appel, our Division President, sounded the opening call of the Convention when he expressed his unbounded confidence in the work of the Publishing Department and voiced his optimism and vision in regard to the colporteur work. Others who led out in the evening devotionals held in the Middle East College chapel were R. H. Hartwell, President of the East Mediterranean Union, T. S. Geraty, College President, and the writer.

Leading out in this convention was the enthusiastic Publishing Secretary of the Middle East, Wadie Farag. Much credit for the recent successes of our colporteur work and of this convention should go to him. Reports were rendered by the various book and periodical houses as well as publishing department leaders, Henry Melki of the East Mediterranean Union and Hilmy Berbawy of the Nile Union. These were indeed a source of rejoicing and encouragement for they all indicated decided growth. In the Nile Union some eight regular colporteurs are now working and this Union has set itself to attain a goal in sales, during 1955, equal to that of the past four years. God is getting ready to do great things through the means of literature evangelism. The vision and foresight of our Division officers, G. J. Appel and C. C. Morris have been in great measure the factors which have determined the steady and sure progress of this branch of our work.

We believe the future is bright and we feel that the literature ministry must somehow take its rightful place in carrying this glorious message to the nearly one hundred million inhabitants of the Middle East. "Larger Plans" was the objective throughout the Convention and many excellent recommendations and policies were made. God's messenger says, "The book work should be the means of quickly giving the sacred light of present truth to the world." 9T p. 69. Each delegate present was deeply stirred and resolved before God to use more effectively this divine means of finishing the work in our Division, and in the world.

May it be true that the leaders, workers, members, and youth of the Middle East Division live up to and incorporate the motto of the convention into their actual everyday life-experience -"From Door to Door with the Master." Pray for the nearly one hundred regular and student colporteurs who will be in the field this summer. God grant that many honest and sincere individuals will be reached as we combine our efforts to quickly reach the millions in these lands. God hasten the day of our Master's return when we can meet and rejoice with those saved through gospel literature.



Publishing Convention delegates and office secretaries in attendance at the first Publishing Convention held in the Midle East, May 31 to June 5. From left to right. *First row*: M. J. McCulloch, R. H. Hartwell, Henry Melki,

From left to right. First row: M. J. McCulloch, K. H. Hartwell, Henry Melki, B. E. Wagner, G. J. Appel, Wadie Farag, Hilmy Berbawy, T. S. Geraty, Neal C. Wilson. Second row: Latifa Farag, Flora Oslund, A. W. Fund, R. C. Darnell, George Yared, Munsif Fargo, Ibrahim Youssif. Third row: Youssif Berbawy, Maurice Katrib, E. J. Green, N. Ouzounian, A. E. Ashod, Naim Awais. Fourth row: Salim Noujaim, Boutrous Ghazal, A. G. Zytkoskee, Arsen Keshishzade.

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE PRESENTS GRADUATES



Secondary Seniors:

First Row (left to right): Aida Saaty; Laila Mashni; Jeanette Rice; Hasmig Varjabedian; N. Ouzounian, Sponsor; Mary Jeha; Mona Nowfel, Secretary; Esperance Jeha; Florence Sangarloo. Second Row (left to right): Manoug Benzatian; Khalid Khaddouri; Elias Jeha; Jabbour Siman, President; Nabih Nabti; Emile Tabanji; Hikmet Najjar.





Class organizations at Middle East College for the current school year graduates were publicized at fitting chapel presentation programs on April 21 and May 12 for the college and college preparatory Classes of 1955, respectively.

Their aims and mottoes duly introduced and visibly displayed on the backdrop challenge youthful progress. The college is depending upon these classes for great things, and we are confident that God, too, is waiting for their consecrated service for Him.



The campus at Middle East College will never be the same. The newly constructed Administration Building is fast nearing completion.

...On April 10, 1955 school officials joined in an appropriate ground-breaking ceremony for the new kitchen addition. The accompanying picture shows the President and Business Manager participating with pick and shovel. The entire construction is being accomplished by student labor.

College Seniors: (Left to right) K. L. Vine, sponsor; Philip Freiha; Hagop Keushgerian, President; Futna Bishai, Secretary; Vigain Marcarian, Pastor; George Maronian; C. L. Gemmell, Dean of Studies.



From left to right, First Row: Y. O. Sangarloo, Wadie Farag, B. E. Wagner, R. C. Skinner, M. Gasparian. Second Row: Mary Mack, Roger Sangarloo, Kenneth Oster, Hrand Ismailian, Andranik Meligian, M. H. Morobati, Seyyidol-Hokama, Larry Skinner. Third Row: Hamazasp Satoorian, John Sangarloo, John Minassian, Mansoor Maysami.

COLPORTEUR BEGINNINGS IN IRAN

By Kenneth Oster

The production and sale of books in the Iran Mission has opened up a new era for the work in this field. In April of this year when Brother Wadie Farag, our Division Publishing Department Secretary, visited Iran in the interests of the World Calendar, he urged us to get at least two books off the press before vacation time so that the students could spend the summer months working on a scholarship for the following school year.

The translation manuscripts for the *The Impending Conflict* and *Our Children* were immediately placed with two printing houses and the presses began to roll.

Early on the morning of June 19 when the smiling faces of Elder B. E. Wagner, Associate Secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department, and Brother Wadie, peered through the gate, we were in the very act of unloading a car full of Our Children to place in the hands of the new corps of colporteurs. Yes, by invitation of the Iran Mission, six young men responded from Tehran, Tabriz, and Arak. The inspiration of the morning devotionals, instructional periods, and evening public meetings served to bring sincere determination to these six to engage in the colporteur ministry.

During the institute the importance of thoroughly covering the territory was repeatedly stressed. Strangely enough, the new recruits didn't get the significance of this point until it was demonstrated to them. Two of the young people had been working a certain avenue where most of the large business firms were located. After two days they insisted that they needed new territory. Brother Wadie accompanied them again to the same territory. The very first place they came to was a restaurant. "Did you go in here?" he asked. "Of course not," they replied. "Why, that's a restaurant!" As they entered they found the proprietor breakfasting. Nevertheless he was glad for the privilege of having two new books. Next to the restaurant was a garage. A garage! Who'd ever think of selling books in a place like that! The boys soon found out for several workers bought two or three books each. In two hours 99 books had been placed in the hands of souls in territory which had been "thoroughly worked."

The phenomenal success of the first week of colporteuring induced two others to join the first six. At the time of this writing, just eight selling days after the first faltering efforts were made, approximately half the total printing cost of the entire edition of *Impending Conflict* has been turned in to the Book and Periodical House in cash.

As these eight gallant young men, along with their newly appointed Publishing Secretary, Brother M. H. Morovati, set out every morning with a prayer on their lips to bring a blessing to someone, won't you offer up a sincere petition for their protection and guidance also?

WELCOME VISITORS

The Middle East Division is always happy to welcome its many visitors and friends from distant points who pass through Beirut from time to time. The following have visited with us during the last few months.

Mr. E. R. Diehm, Cleveland, Ohio; Elder and Mrs. R. S. Lowry and children, Poona, India; Elder and Mrs. E. F. Buck and children, Mussoorie, United Provinces, India; Miss Ruth White, India; Elder and Mrs. W. L. Murrill and children, Rangoon, Burma; Dr. Jean Nussbaum, Paris, France; Drs. L. G. Ludington and children, Bankok; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ludington, Collegedale, Tenn.; Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Halburg and Pat, Redlands, Calif.; Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Nelson, Karachi, Pakistan; Elder and Mrs. E. E. Roenfelt, Washington, D.C.; Elder and Mrs. Roger Coon, Gold Coast, West Africa; Elder B. F. Perez, Glendale, Calif.; Miss Ivy Hyde, Worthington, Ohio; Elder and Mrs. K. W. Tilghman, Sheryl and Kenneth, Tokyo, Japan; Mrs. R. A. Van Arsdell, Indianapolis, Indiana; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Rans, San Jose, Calif.; Elder M. K. Eckenroth, Washington, D.C.; Elder B. E. Wagner, Washington, D.C.

REMEMBER—August 20—A special offering will be taken that day for Temperance. We urge you to promote the cause of Temperance in your church that a good offering might be received.

WHAT'S GROWING IN YOUR GARDEN?



"Die when I may," said Abraham Lincoln, "I want it said of me by those who knew me best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought the flower would grow." This was the working

motto of the great emancipator, who plucked the thistle of slavery and planted the seeds of brotherhood instead.

It ought to be the motto of everyone to pluck the thistle of prejudice and pride wherever he sees them growing. But the fertile soil must not be left barren. Don't forget to plant the flower seeds of kindness and good will. Even if you get stuck pulling out the thorny weeds, you will be rewarded by seeing lovely flowers bursting into bloom.

The way we should deal with others is the way life's great Disciplinarian deals with us. If we have heartache and heartbreak it is only because there are thistles growing in our garden which sorrow and discipline will remove. We should not despise this discipline, even though the process may be painful. Who wants thistles in his garden anyway? It is certain that if we don't get them out, there will be room for nothing else to grow. But if we submit to the weeding and planting of life, we will find the thistles disappearing and the flowers growing in their place.

Then treat your neighbor as life's Gardener deals with you. For hate, give love, as God gives love to you when He takes away your meanness. For tears, give smiles, as God gives you joy when He binds up your wounds. For fear, give hope, as life offers you a prospect of better things when you are browbeaten and discouraged. For retaliation and revenge, give kindness and sympathy, as the Father gives pardon and forgetfulness for your sins. Give something better than the best that people give you, even as Heaven offers you a better life than you have given the world.

Remember the principle, then. Pull out the thistles and plant the flowers. That's the way life does with us. That's the way we ought to do with life. Take the bitter and give the sweet. Let the waters of pride and prejudice be purified as they flow through our hearts on down beyond us after we are gone. The roots of bitterness that defile will spread and fill the garden with the ugly thistles of regret. But not so with flowers. The harvest from these gracious plants is always fragrant and beautiful. So begin planting flower seeds today—and when you plant the flowers, plant perennials. You know what I mean—the kind that keep on growing and multiply every year. Make this seed-planting business a permanent thing, and watch how beautiful your garden of life becomes.

-Life at Its Best

RESPONSIVE READING FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DAY

August 13, 1955

1. Ques. What inspired warning has been given regarding the type of schools we should choose for our children?

1. Ans. "In planning for the education of their children outside the home, parents should realize that it is no longer safe to send them to the public school, and should endeavor to send them to schools where they will obtain an education based on a Scriptural foundation."—Counsels to Teachers, p. 205.

2. Ques. But what if we teach the Bible to our children at home? Will that not counteract the influence of the public school?

2. Ans. "One reason why it was necessary to establish institutions of our own was the fact that parents were not able to counteract the influence of the teaching their children were receiving in the public schools."—Fundamentals of Christian education, p. 285.

3. Ques. What is education without true religion?

3. Ans. "Without the vital principles of true religion, without knowledge of how to serve and glorify the Redeemer, education is more harmful than beneficial."—Fundamentals of Christian Education, p. 350

4. Ques. Would you say then that Christians should remain in ignorance?

4. Ans. "Ignorance will not increase the humility or spirituality of any professed follower of Christ."—Fundamentals of Christian Education, p. 45

5. Ques. What is the main difference between Christian education and wordly training?

5. Ans. "True success in education, as in everything else, is found in keeping the future life in view."—Counsels to Teachers, p. 21.

6. Ques. How closely allied is education to redemption?

6. Ans. "The work of education and

7. Ques. What is one of the most important responsibilities of the church? 7. Ans. "Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children."--Counsels to Teachers, p. 165.

TEMPERANCE ON THE MARCH

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film "One in 20,000" for their own use and we trust that at every opportunity it will be shown in high schools and colleges. It will make friends and prove to be a subject of common interest to all classes of people in the Middle East. The brethren in Iran are having the sound tract converted into the Farsi language. The same can be done in Arabic, and when this is completed the showing of the film will be much more interesting and effective.

The climax to our visit in Iran came when we returned from Tabriz to Tehran and were given a twenty minute interview with His Majesty the King. It was the beginning of Ramadan so no drinks were served. Our meeting the King measured up to our mental conceptions of him from the many press reports and pictures we had seen. He was a real gentleman; kind, considerate, and interested in what we had to say. He was well informed on the current trends of intemperance. He assured us of his moral support in what we are trying to accomplish and a statement from him with his picture will be available for use in our Farsi publications. This will mean much to our work in Iran

When the going seems hard and every other door seems closed—try TEMPER-ANCE; Paul did, with good results, and so may we.

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EDUCATION-A COOPERATIVE JOB

By T. S. Geraty, Secretary Division Department of Education

Like the work of a dean of residence, the processes of education revolve around the clock. During the twentyfour hours of each day education and training proceed.

Exhorted the wise man: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Prov. 22:6)

The educative process begins in the home. The parents should be the child's first teacher, and then as the child grows older, others share the teaching responsibilities with the father and mother. Instructors in school but complement the work of the parents. The closer the teamwork, the better the results. How tragic for one side to fail or to weaken the hands, morale, and influence of the other. Education and schooling require cooperation.

In His wisdom the Lord has decreed that the family shall be the greatest of all educational agencies. It is in the home that the education of the child is to begin. Here is his first school. Here, with his parents as instructors, he is to learn the lessons that are to guide him throughout life,—lessons of respect, obedience, reverence, self-control. The educational influences of the home are a decided power for good or for evil. They are in many respects silent and gradual, but if exerted on the right side, they become a far-reaching power for truth and righteousness. If the child is not instructed aright here, Satan will educate him through agencies of his choosing. How important, then, is the school in the home!

In every Christian home God should be honored by the morning and evening sacrifices of prayer and praise. Children should be taught to respect and reverence the hour of prayer. It is the duty of Christian parents, morning and evening, by earnest prayer and persevering faith, to make a hedge about their children.

In the church at home the children are to learn to pray and to trust in God. Teach them to repeat God's law. Concerning the commandments the Israelites were instructed: "Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Deut. 6:7

.Come in humility, with a heart full of tenderness, and with a sense of the temptations and dangers before yourselves and your children; by faith bind them to the altar, entreating for them the care of the Lord. Train the children to offer their simple words of prayer. Tell them that God delights to have them call upon Hin.

CT 107, 110

With such a foundation of home education, the boy, girl, or youth stands more favorably before the school teacher. The school is in a better position to assist the parents in the education of the child—one who has mastered the preliminary lessons in the home school.

The church also, with its Sabbath school, youth meetings, and other services, joins the parents and school teachers in "the harmonious development" of the children and youth.

It is not too trite for us to ask the questions: What cooperation are we giving—home, church, and school? Do we have one overall program? Are we united in our objectives and methods? Are we supporting and strengthening the work of each other?

Let us bring down from the shelves the Holy Bible, the Adventist Home, Child Guidance, Education, and Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students and put into practice what we find.

In such a manner our task will be better accomplished:

The true object of education is to fit men and women for service by developing and bringing into active exercise all their faculties. The work at our colleges and training-schools should be strengthened year by year; for in them our youth are to be prepared to go forth to serve the Lord as efficient laborers. The Lord calls upon the youth to enter our schools, and quickly fit themselves for active work. Time is short. Workers for Christ are needed everywhere. Urgent inducements should be held out to those who ought now to be engaged in earnest effort for the Master.

Our schools have been established by the Lord; and if they are conducted in harmony with His purpose, the youth sent to them will be quickly prepared to engage in various branches of missionary work. Some will be trained to enter the field as missionary nurses, some as gospel ministers. Some are to be prepared to take charge of church be taught the first principles of education. This is a very important work, demanding high ability and careful study. CT 493: 1, 2

All of us-parents, children, teachers, church workers, church members- can and must work *cooperatively* with God. If we really have not started, let us begin today.

AN EDUCATION AS NEAR AS Your Mail Box

If, in your effort to secure a Christian education, you find you cannot come to Middle East College, do not despair. Middle East College can come to you through the courses offered by the Extension Division.

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New Testament History
Old Testament History
World History
Youth Problems
Denominational History
Bible Doctrines

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Do you see anything in the above list of subjects that you would like to study? If so, you can write immediately and ask for details. Our address is:

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THE ANSWER

I asked for strength that I might achieve;

He made me weak that I might obey.

- I asked for health that I might do greater things;
- I was given infirmity that I might do better things.
- I asked for riches that I might be happy;
- I was given poverty that I might be wise.
- I asked for power that I might have the praise of men;
- I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.
- I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;
- I was given life that I might enjoy all things.
- I received nothing that I asked for, all that I hoped for.

My Prayer was answered.

J. M. V'S ON THE NILE

By J. S. Russell, Secretary Missionary Volunteer Department Nile Union Mission

It was an exciting day for the Adventist boys and girls of the Upper Egypt Mission when a large group of them gathered on the banks of the river Nile awaiting their turn to be ferried over to their island Junior Camp.

The little tarred-bottom fishing boat creaked and groaned as the counsellors, at the oars, crossed and re-crossed the narrowest port of the channel to convey these "children of the Nile" over to their first J. M. V. Camp ever to be held in the area of the Upper Egypt Mission.

Because of the excessive heat of the summer months, it was felt best to hold the camp in the cooler weather of the spring. So the church schools were closed while boys and girls, teachers and other workers spent a very happy time 'under canvass.'

Just opposite the city of Assuit, the capital of Upper Egypt, there is a large dam thrown across the Nile. Below this dam the river embraces several small islands surfaced with beautiful clean sand. The largest island became the site for pitching our tents, as it was about a half mile long and a quarter of a mile in width and had fine sandy beaches reaching all around its shores.

In approaching the government for permission to use this island for this purpose, it was also most necessary to secure assurance that during the time of our stay the dam would not be opened, as is the custom at times, lest we be washed down the river. They gladly assured us that this would not happen, and even supplied us with an army soldier guard each night for our protection.

For several days previous to the arrival of the children, the president of the Upper Egypt Mission, Pastor C. V. Brauer, and several of his workers gave the Union MV Secretary splendid assistance in preparing a camp that would be suitable and pleasant. All our supplies, food, water to drink, beds, tents, wood, and everything else needed for a camp had to be ferried over in the little fisherman's boat as there were no materials available on the island. But everyone proved to be a good Missionary Volunteer for not one item was lost in the river.

The camp was open to youth from nine to fifteen years of age. It was an interesting time to see some who had scarcely been away form their homes before, trying to fit themselves into camp life. Though a bit awkard at first, they proved themselves able to adjust to new activities.

Most of the children came from our village churches and arrived at camp in their local clothes, known as galabias, which are like a long gown. But when they appeared on the line in the new khaki shirts and shorts of the camp uniform, they then began to catch the spirit of J. M. V. camp life. There were so many new things to learn and to do -prayer bands, flag raising, hikes, crafts,, swimming, games, and many other activities which filled up the days, that weary heads and feet tumbled off to sleep even before the "lights out" whistle sounded each evening. But no one could think of going to bed until after the thrilling campfire hour when the big blaze was clearly visible to the many people passing along the road across the dam. These thrilling stories and happy songs and games are always the brightest of the hours in any camp and were surely not lacking here.

The water of the Nile at this time of the year is clean and cool, and since it was running swiftly below the dam, very invigorating swimming was everywhere available. The sand covering a large portion of the island was excellent for football, races, gymnastics and other active games, while the soft, loose sand gave relaxation to sun-bathers and swimmers.

Appetites grew bigger and bigger each day and so did the dinner plates of rice, or cucumbers, or beans, potatoes, macaroni, salad, milk, cheese, kousa, and many different kinds of local dishes. Brother Lotfy, the teacher from our Zewak school who acted as cook, was amazingly able to compete with the healthy appetites of these young folk. What a joy it was to see such good appetites.

Our believers in Assuit closed their church and joined us on Sabbath morning for Sabbath school and church. Their lively interest in our children and the success of the camp was encouraging to us as leaders and indicates better and larger junior camps in the future.

An interesting investiture service brought to a happy close the first adventure in camping with the J. M. V's in Upper Egypt. We thank God for the witness of the boys and girls who consecrated their lives to Jesus, and also for His blessing over every detail of our camping experience.

The boys and girls of the Upper Nile valley wish to extend their sincere Christian greetings to fellow camping Adventist Youth throughout the world.

A CALL to GREATER EVANGELISM From page 1

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5. That the principals and teachers of our mission and church schools so plan their school programs that sufficient time may be given for evangelistic services and Bible instruction to the students with the object of leading every unconverted student to Christ.

6. That the responsible leaders in all our fields keep this program of greater evangelism constantly before their committees, workers and churches, informing them of the progress made in soul-winning endeavor.

As we plan and pray let us remember that time is soon to be no more; eternity is about to be ushered in.

"It is the privilege of the watchmen on the walls of Zion to live so near to God, and to be so susceptible to the impressions of His Spirit, that He can work through them to tell sinners of their peril, and point them to the place of safety. Chosen of God, sealed with the blood of consecration, they are to rescue men and women from impending destruction. Faithfully are they to warn their fellow-men of the sure result of transgression, and faithfully are they to safeguard the interests of the church. At no time may they relax their vigilance. Theirs is a work requiring the exercise of every faculty of the being. In trumpet tones their voices are to be lifted, and never should they sound one wavering, uncertain note. Not for wages are they to labor, but because they cannot do otherwise, because they realize that there is a woe upon them if they fail to preach the gospel.... ... The minister who is a co-worker with Christ will have a deep sense of the sacredness of his work, and of the toil and sacrifice required to perform it successfully. He does not study his own ease or convenience. He is forgetful of self. In his search for the lost sheep, he does not realize that he himself is weary, cold, and hungry. He has but one object in view,-the saving of the lost.

He who serves under the blood-stained banner of Emmanuel often has that to do which calls for heroic effort and patient endurance. But the soldier of the cross stands unshrinkingly in the forefront of the battle."

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CHURCH CALENDAR Third Quarter, 1955

August	6	Home Visitation Day
August 1	3	Christian Education
August 2	0	Christian Temperance
September	3	Missions' Extension Day

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congratulations to the proud parents and other relatives.

* Radio Omdurman in the Sudan and Radio Aden have both requested "Your Radio Doctor," the script written originally by Dr. Clifford Anderson, and adapted by the Radio Department of the Division. Both radio networks requested this program is Arabic, and the Radio Omdurman reqests it in English as well.

*Pastor Wilson gives encouraging word concerning our Medical work in Libya. A definite lease has been signed for a building, and plans are soon to go into effect for remodeling it, to suit the needs of a hospital. It is hoped that the doors of this institution will be opened by November 1. Encouraging indeed is the recent word that the Government has providentially renewed the former concession giving customs exemption. This is a privilege allotted to few other organizations, and is certainly due to the goodness of the Lord. The Medical Staff is being made up, and several calls are in for the necessary nurses, technicians, etc. Dr. and Mrs. Cornell and family are now in Libya taking up their important duties there, and the prayers of all our people are solicited that this needy and promising work may go forward unhindered.

* Definite results were experienced from the revival meetings held in the churches of the Upper Egypt Mission with several baptisms being solemnized. There was evidence of many changed hearts, where people who once were bitter and antagonistic, later offerd their hearts and homes to God.

* A new location on a main street in Luxor, in a prominent section, has been rented as a satisfactory place for our work in that area. Pastor Abadeer Abdel Messih is leading out in heralding the good news in this historical city.

* The members of the Nile Union raised during the last Ingathering campaign the highest total ever collected in Egypt. Splendid contacts were made, and the work was made easier by the Government authorization of this campaign. About LEg. 950 was received, and several individuals reached the "Minute Man" goal. In the Heliopolis Church, 24 members raised their personal goal.

* On Sabbath May 28, the Heliopolis Young People's Society under the direction of Miss Ruth Nashed, held an Investiture Service in the Church. At that time 45 were invested in the pre-Friend classes, 2 as Companions, and 1 as Guide. In a few weeks, several Master Guides will be finished with their requirements. Pastor J. S. Russell, the Union MV Secretary, is planning to have some more Investitures in the near future.

* From Mr. Shafik Ghali, Acting Principal of the Heliopolis School, comes this very encouraging news: "The results of the Government examinations held at Heliopolis School this year varied from 80 to 100 percent, and the Chief Examiner, in his official report, paid tribute to the School Administration, and congratulated the teachers on the commendable results. In fact, he composed a poem in which he described the Adventist School as a "model school."

IRAN

* Elder Geo. J. Appel, C. C. Morris, and T. S. Geraty spent two weeks in Iran during the month of April. Among cities visited besides Tehran were Isfahan, Tabriz, and Rezaieh. During their stay many important decisions were made with the forward look to the establishment of educational and medical work in Iran. The new anti-tobacco film One in 20,000 was shown in Tabriz and Rezaieh and was enthusiastically received by a full house in each place. Plans are now under way to attach a Farsi language sound track to the film, after which it will be shown in the schools all over Iran. We believe that this, together with the showing of antialcohol films, will do much to break down prejudice against our message. We should always be foremost in the ranks of those who promote true temperance.

* A Colporteur Institute was held in Tehran, June 12-19, with Elder B. E. Wagner from the General Conference and Brother Wadie Farag from the Division Publishing Department leading out in the instruction. At present we have a newly translated book in Farsi coming from the press entitled *Our Children*, which, together with *Impending Conflict*, also being prepared, will make a grand combination for our prospective colporteurs to sell.

* The Iran Mission camp meeting was held in Tehran from July 15 to 23.

* Mr. and Mrs. M. Earl Adams of Sheyenne River Academy in North Dakota, have accepted a call to develop the educational work in Iran. They plan, if possible, to arrive in the field with their five-year old daughter, Carol, in time for the opening of school this Fall.

SCHEDULE OF CHURCH OFFERINGS

1st SabbathLocal	Church Evangelism
2nd Sabbath	Church Expense
3rd SabbathEduca	tion (Local School)
4th Sabbath	
5th Sabbath	

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

July 9	Mid-Summer Offering
August 3	Local Training School
August 20	Temperance
September 3	Mission Extension

THANK YOU

In behalf of the Sabbath school leaders throughout the Middle East, we wish to thank our Sabbath school members and all others who have had a part in supporting the Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow Offering for the first quarter of this year. I am sure you will rejoice with us when you hear that a total of \$1104.88 was given in our Sabbath schools on the Thirteenth Sabbath. Comparing this with the amount of \$423.48 which was given on the Thirteenth Sabbath of the first quarter of 1954, it shows a splendid gain of \$681.40. A report on the overflow from our world Sabbath schools will be announced soon. We expect there will be a good overflow offering to help meet the needs of the two projects in the Middle East. Again we wish to say "Thank you."

-George J. Appel

HERE and THERE

* The capsheaf services of the 1954-1955 school year were the two baptisms conducted on Sabbaths, May 28 and July 9, when students and neighbors followed their Lord in baptism.

* Miss A. Ruby Williams was among the graduates of the Spring quarter at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. The degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon her. Miss Williams arrived in Beirut June 22 to resume her service as Dean of Women and teacher in the Theology Department.

* The Board of Trustees and Division have placed calls for a full-time music teacher and an Applied Arts head and Constructional Engineer, trusting that these will arrive in time for the 1955-1956 school year.

* Miss Edith C. Davis of the Middle East College left for furlough July 18. She plans to take some postgraduate work at Atlantic Union College while on home leave.

* Elder T. S. Geraty and family of the Middle East College left for furlough on June 29. They expect to spend their home leave in California where Elder Geraty plans to take advanced work in the University of Southern California.

* Although the official opening of the newly constructed administration building will await the beginning of the 1955-1956 school year, the new chapel provided facilities for the services of the Commencement Weekend, June 24-26, 1955.

* The management of the College Industries is turning out satisfactorily in a semi-assembly line dining room tables, classroom chairs, and moderndesign office desks. Off-campus orders are solicited.

* Just recently a brand new and precious little person, Judith Ann, came to bless the home of Elder and Mrs. K. L. Vine. We extend our warmest congratulations to her parents.

* Miss Heba Maidani and John Hasso were married in Baghdad at the Sanitarium Church. They are living in Tehran where John works at his father's shop. We wish them the Lord's blessing as they establish a Christian home.

* We welcome Ismet Daud back to the hospital as a staff member. Formerly he was in charge of our Pharmacy, then he went to Walla Walla College where he received his degree in Business Administration and was baptized into the church. He is to be the Credit Manager at the hospital.

* Miss Hurd has done a fine job in our kitchen as Dietician the last few months, and the patients have appreciated the trays of good food. The student nurses have been studying cooking under her supervision.

* Sharon Crider proved herself a good teacher while Miss Berggren was ill.

* Elder Cossentine stopped in Baghdad a few days to see his sister, Mrs. P. B. Aldrich, and rest a bit due to an illness incurred in the Far East. We were happy he felt well enough to show his pictures of Mt. Sinai at the Sanitarium Church.

* We welcome to Dar Es Salaam Hospital and the Middle East Division Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Aldrich and their daughter Syliva. Brother Aldrich is the new cook and dietician at the hospital and Mrs. Aldrich is Mother to the student nurses.

* A capping exercise was held recently at the hospital at which times Misses Dirouhi Boyajian and Sue Beidler were capped. Dr. Wagner spoke to the nurses and those assembled for the occasion. Elder T. S. Geraty gave the prayer and Mrs. M. V. Jacobson rendered the special music.

* A baptismal service was held on May 22nd at which time Brother Deiter Rehlaender was baptized. Brother Rehlaender came to Baghdad from Germany on his way to Australia and found the truth in Baghdad. We welcome Brother Rehlaender to our Sanitarium Church.

* A new daughter, Karen Elizabeth, arrvied at the Melvin Jacobson home on March 3. Congratulations to the happy parents!

* Dr. Simeckova and Mildred Berggren have moved into a new house near the hospital.

* Elder T. S. Geraty and Brother S. Noujaim have been to Baghdad twice recently in the interest of educational work.

* The hospital family was happy to have Mrs. Morris as a guest for the weeks Elder Morris was in Tehran.

* Mrs. R. C. Skinner underwent major surgery recently at the hospital. A good recovery was made and she was able to return to Tehran on May 27.

EAST MEDITARRANEAN UNION

* Elder Wayne Olson, formerly VOP Field Promotion Secretary for the Union, has been appointed Acting President of the Lebanon-Syria Mission.

* Brother A. J. Jones, of Middle East College, has accepted a call from the Union, and his main duty will be Field Promotion for the VOP.

* Brother Salim Nougaim recently spent some time with the schools throughout the Jordan, Iraq, and Lebanon territory. * Sisiter Rosalie Wainer is now located in Beirut following service in Amman.

* We welcome the graduates of Middle East College as they go out into the field, many of them to take up active service for the Lord. We have been waiting for them, and now we rejoice in their help.

* Junior Camps are planned for Iraq, Jordan, and Lebanon-Syria this summer.

* Five assistants have been selected to help Brother Henry Melki this summer in caring for the student colporteur work. Let us pray for their success.

* Elder and Mrs. R. H. Hartwell of the East Mediterranean Union, plan to leave for furlough in August. Elder Hartwell will be a student at the S.D.A. Theological Seminary during his stay in the homeland.

CYPRUS

* Elder Fred Veltman informs us that the foundation has been laid for the new church in Nicosia.

* The Dorcas ladies have been very busy caring for the Welfare Center in Nicosia giving clothes to those who hold cards recommending them as needy, and signed by proper officials.

* For years Sister R. S. Greaves has brought cheer to many, and inspired some by her example to also take cheer to others, by distributing Signs of the Times magazines in Kyrenia. This seed will produce a good harvest we are certain.

IRAQ

* Brother Ghanim Fargo has begun the new Baghdad school Auditorium building, and this surely has been greatly needed for a long time.

* A new building has been rented for the Kirkuk school which this year had 70 enrolled. Miss Majeeda Shamoon is the head teacher there.

* Elder Behnam Arshat and the teachers in the Mosul school are holding a series of evangelistic meetings in the newly built church. They request our prayers for the work there.

* Elder Salim Majeed in Baghdad and Elder Said Tooma in Basrah, have been holding meetings for the Assyrian people in their respective places. We believe that many appreciate this opportunity.

* The Iraq camp meeting will be held August 5-14 about thirty-five kilometers from Arbil.

* Word has been received that the new mission building in Bebadi near the Turkish border is now under construction.

JORDAN

* Regular meetings are being held by Elder Mousa Azar in rented rooms in Beit Jala, Jerusalem, and Ramallah, as well as irregular meetings in other places.

* Regular weekly services are conducted in rented or mission-owned buildings in ten places.

* Naim Meshni is happy in his work in El Husn and Irbid, and his work is very much appreciated by the people. The El Husn school is filling a real need.

* The people of Kerak, where Najeeb and Najla Azar are working, have been urging that we open a school for them. Such requests constantly come from many places.

* VOP rallies have recently been held in at least four places with splendid attendances.

LEBANON-SYRIA

* Eight persons were baptized at Middle East College the last Sabbath in May.

* The Lebanon-Syria biennial camp meeting was held at Middle East College June 30 to July 9 and included a business session to which delegates were sent from the local churches.

* The new Mission office is now located in the Mousaitbe church, upstairs. Elder Olson, Brother George Yared, and Miss Mary Ghazal have moved over there to continue their work.

* The Bishmazzine church and the Beirut Armenian church are both just about completed. They will provide for the pressing need of a suitable worship place for our people.

* Bishmazzine and a suburb of Beirut near the College and Division office, are urging us to open schools for their children. If possible these two calls will be answered.

* Brother Gabriel Katrib was called from his work to enter other service, but we pray that God will be with him, and allow him to return to his work as soon as it is His will for him to do so.

NILE UNION

* Enthusiastic Missionary Volunteers of Heliopolis recently brought joy to themselves while lightening the burdents of an old lady, and ministering to her physical and spiritual needs. This elderly woman, living all alone, is a widow and mother of five, none of whom live in Egypt. She is almost bedridden, but through the efforts of our Missionary Volunteers, a new bed and mattress were given her, and her room made more cheerful. This kind deed along with regular visits has brought cheer to the lady, and contact has been made with members of her family who are most grateful for our interest and help. Who knows but what this thoughtfulness may mean souls in the kingdom?

May 21 was a red-letter day at the Nile Union Academy in Gabal Asfar. Nine young men were baptized by Pastor L. H. Cowles and Hilmy Berbawy. This impressive service was an indication of God's leading. Two of the candidates were Voice of Phrophecy interests who had been contacted by Elder Berbawy in 1951 while visiting a cemetary in Mansourah. During a feast, Pastor Hilmy spoke to a group of people gathered about the tombstones and gave out some VOP enrollment cards. These young men enrolled in the course, studied our message, and have now taken their stand for the Lord, and it was a special privilege for Pastor Berbawy to baptize these two converts. They are entering into the Literature Ministry, and we welcome them and the other seven young men into our fellowship and the Lord's service.

* Brother Yacoub Nashed, Nile Union Educational Secretary, accompanied Professor T. S. Geraty recently as he visited the schools in Egypt, and gave helpful suggestions for better promotion. They praised the Assiut school as well as others throughout the field. We are glad that our schools are being recognized and well-received by the Government as well.

* Captain Safwat Sabit, of the Police Deparment in Cairo, and a member of the Heliopolis Church, is conducting at present with the help of a sergeant, a formal drill twice a week for the students of the Nile Union Acadamy. This worthy project will aid in the physical development and promote participation and cooperation as the youth take part in the training offered them. The school greatly appreciates captain Safwat's time and effort in this important part of the school program.

* Pastor J. S. Russell held a Voice of Prophecy Rally in Mansourah during May and about forty students attended the meeting. This is encouraging considering we have no church members in that city. Other rallies will be held from time to time, with the hope that students in the Voice of Prophecy may have direct personal contact with believers of this message.

* The Heliopolis Sabbath school is

working hard to raise Investment money, and Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Habib, the Sabbath school Superintendents urge each member to do his part. A Home Talent Program, "Life Is What You Make It," and a food sale was enjoyed on April 3 and the proceeds increased the Investment fund. This special program was arranged and sponsored by Mrs. Russell. Brother Hanna Watson is the Investment Secretary. Other projects are under way.

* Figures from the Nile Union Mission Publishing Department state that during the first five months of 1955 a total of LEg. 770.750 worth of books and periodicals were sold. Elder Berbawy is enthusiastic over these results, and is happy for the prospects of fine literature sales during this year. He hopes to see LEg. 3500 worth of literrature sold during 1955.

* Receiving the instruction and inspiration of Elder B. E. Wagner, from the Publishing Department of the General Conference and Brother Wadie Farag from the Division, the students of our Nile Union Academy attended a Colporteur Rally at Gabal Asfar conducted by Brother Hilmy Berbawy. Forty-five young men, of which 23 are non-students, have pledged to spend their summer selling our truth-filled literature. Twelve of these are regular colporteurs. Your prayers and encouragement will help these young men in their noble work, so do not fail them.

* Pastor K. L. Vine of Middle East College. held an inspiring Week of Prayer at the Nile Union Academy, and the young men and teachers alike responded to the practical, appealing messages. Mrs. Vine accompanied her husband to Egypt and their visit will long be remembered by those who were privileged to associate with them.

* From Brother Hanna Watson, the Associate director of the VOP, comes this encouraging word: "A twelve year old student, having studied the instruction concerning tithe, states that he is receiving from his father his pocket expense, and questions whether he must or may pay tithe, and how it can be paid. He further questions, 'If it is not must, when will it be so? At what age, please?' This shows the influence of these lessons even upon a child, and his eageness to follow the instructions given."

* Little Magid Cherif arrived on March 4 to gladden the hearts of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Maher Bishai. A party in his honor was given by the Heliopolis Church, with Mrs. Wilson as hostess, to welcome him and offer

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