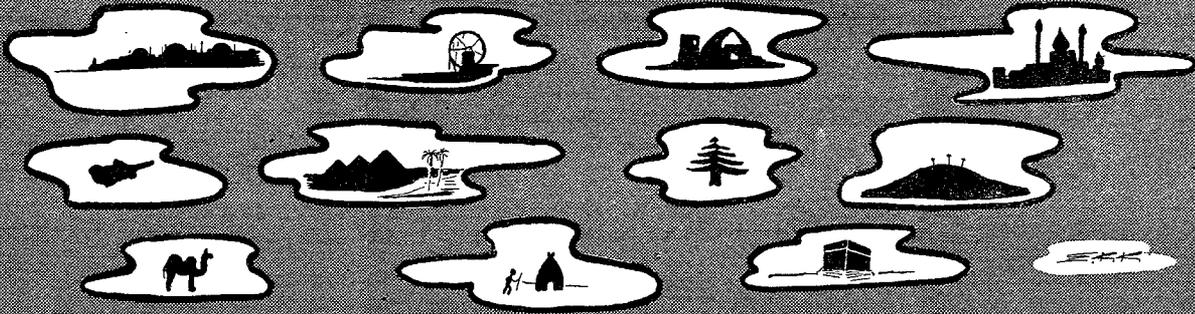


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## Evangelism — *Giving the Judgment Message*

W. H. BRANSON

**D**URING the lifetime of the Lord's messenger many stirring and startling messages came to this people regarding their responsibility in giving the mighty judgment-hour message to the world through public evangelism. These messages apply definitely and directly to our time and work. They are to us—the workers and members of the Advent church. To fail to heed them would be perilous both to the church and to the world.

The following are a few of the appeals the Lord has sent to us:

"If our ministers realized how soon the inhabitants of the world are to be arraigned before the judgment-seat of God, to answer for the deeds done in the body, how earnestly they would work together with God to present the truth! How untiringly they would labor to advance God's cause in the world, proclaiming in word and deed, 'The end of all things is at hand!' 1 Peter 4:7."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 149.

"Work with all your might to save your own souls and the souls of others. It is no time now to cry peace and safety. It is not silver-tongued orators that are needed to give this message. The truth in all its pointed severity must be spoken. Men of action are needed,—men who will labor with earnest, ceaseless energy for the purifying of the church and the warning of the world."—*Ibid.*, vol. 5, p. 187.

"We have no time for dwelling on matters that are of no importance. Our time should be given to proclaiming the last message of mercy to a guilty world."—*Ibid.*, vol. 8, p. 36.

"God has called this people to give to the world the message of Christ's soon coming. We are to give to men the last call to the gospel feast, the last invitation to the marriage supper of the Lamb. Thousands of places that have not heard the call are yet to hear it. Many who have not given the message are yet to proclaim it. Again I appeal to our young men: Has not God called upon you to sound this message?"—*Ibid.*, vol. 6, p. 412.

"A great work is to be accomplished; broader plans must be laid; a voice must go forth to arouse the nations."—*Ibid.*, vol. 5, p. 187.

"I deeply feel the necessity of our making more thorough and earnest efforts to bring the truth before the world. In the last vision given me, I was shown that we were not doing one twentieth part of the work we should for the salvation of souls."—*Life Sketches*, p. 211.

## DAR ES SALAAM HOSPITAL CLOSED

ROBERT E. OSBORN, *Treasurer* Middle East Division

When the wall was being built at the Dar Es Salaam Hospital in Baghdad, Iraq, an opening was left in front for the main entrance, and a metal gate was hinged in place. However, the gate hinges became rusty and almost unserviceable due to disuse. This is the way it should be in a hospital, for such an institution rarely has need for a gate.

Early in June 1959 the Dar Es Salaam Hospital main gate was used for the first time as Doctor William Wagner (medical director) and R. G. Ubbink (business manager) loosened up the hinges, creaked the gate to its closed position, and turned off the lights of the institution. People from from all walks of life came up to the closed gate and peered into the hospital grounds in wonderment. They could not believe the hospital was closed and that they couldn't see their doctors. Near the end of July the gate was reopened, but under the management of the government, which had taken the institution over on a negotiated basis, and with doctors from eastern Europe.

The hospital was established in 1946 on Rashid Street (the main street of Baghdad) in loaned quarters, and developed a good reputation in the community. About five years later the government made some land available to the denomination for use as a medical institution on a 90-year lease basis, and an efficient fully equipped and modern hospital was erected and began operation in 1955. Improvements in facilities and services were made each year, and the influence of the institution was felt throughout

Iraq and in surrounding countries. The denomination provided a very efficient and capable group of doctors, nurses, technicians, and administrators from a number of countries.

Under the new government in Iraq a trend toward nationalization of medical services became quite apparent early in 1959. Coupled with this was the expressed intention to rid the country of as much western influence as possible. While the actual nationalization of medical services has not fully materialized due to an apparent change in attitude, the latter aspect progressed at a steady pace and resulted in deportation orders for all of our American medical personnel and one family from a country adjoining Iraq.

Negotiations with the government took about two months, and the final agreement calls for the recovery of a sizeable percentage of the net denominational capital investment.

Some of the personnel from the hospital have been reassigned to our hospital in Benghazi, Libya; some to other divisions, and a few have returned to their homelands. Negotiations are under way with schools of nursing to permit our student nurses to complete their training.

All have departed from Iraq with the feeling that the Dar Es Salaam Hospital has left a tremendous influence on the thousands of persons who have come through the open gate to the hospital proper, through the entrance to the clinic established to help the poor and needy, or into the chapel which was used regularly for church and evangelistic services.



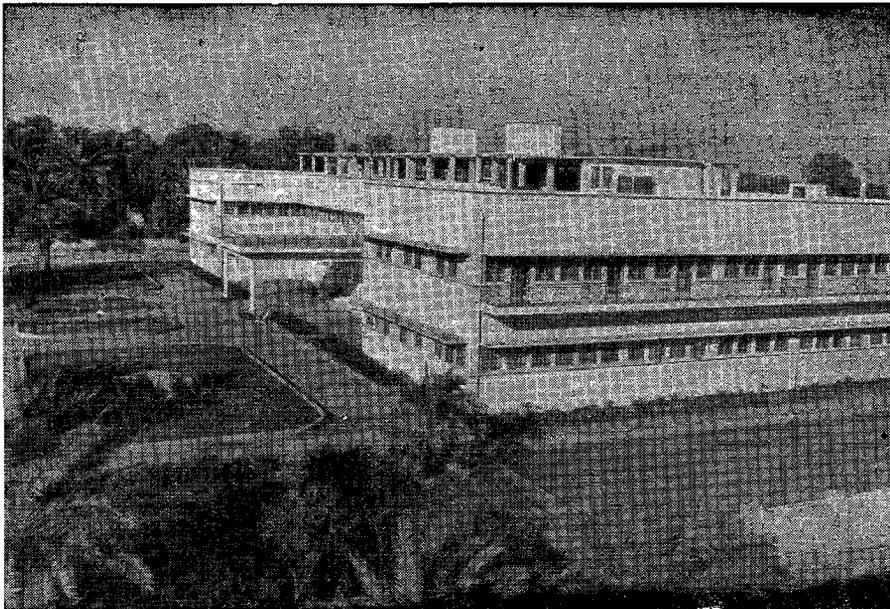
*For our beloved friends  
Elder and Mrs. Appel  
our prayers and best wishes*

Elder G. J. Appel, served two four year terms as president of the Middle East Division. Because of the faithful services of Elder and Mrs. Appel and the many memorials they left behind, the Middle East can never forget them. Recently Elder Appel has worked hard to encourage liberal giving for the second quarter 13th Sabbath Offering in Sabbath schools in the northwestern part of America. Since part of the overflow was for the Middle East he sometimes spoke four times on one week end. We are glad that the Appels remember us in the Middle East.

### HOW TO DIFFER WITH THE BRETHREN AND YET LOVE THEM:

"Is it possible to differ with our brethren and love them still? Is it possible to stand strongly and uncompromisingly for what we believe to be right, in opposition to brethren who stand just as strongly for opposing methods, and love them just as greatly as though they agreed with us? It is possible for even men of the world to do this, and surely this should be possible between brethren. How often we see this demonstrated in legislative bodies of the world. I have watched the Congress of the United States and the Parliament of Great Britain, and have seen them on opposing sides earnestly contend for what they believed to be right. They became even vehement in their discussions, but at the end of the debate I have seen these men leave the chamber, arm in arm, evincing their warm, personal friendship. On the other hand, I have seen professed Christians become so incensed and stirred in debate that they became personal enemies. What a contrast

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*Main building of the Dar Es Salaam Hospital, Baghdad*

## THE TONGUE

"There are but ten precepts of the law of God, and two of them, so far as concerns the outward organ and vent of the sins there forbidden, are bestowed on the tongue (one in the first table, and the other in the second table,) as though it were ready to fly out, both against God and man, if not thus bridled." Leighton.

### A SWEARING MAN CONVERTED

"A story: Dr. ——— left his residence on horseback towards the lower part of the main street. He had not proceeded far when he met a well-mounted man, who was much excited with liquor. He hailed the doctor in an earnest and rather bluff manner. The latter stopped and looked him steadily in the face. Soon the excited man asked, "Have you seen a young man passing this way with a wagon?" The doctor replied in the negative. From the lips of the inquirer soon escaped a number of profane and foolish oaths respecting the strange appearance of the team and driver.

The doctor sat still on his horse, greatly moved with compassion, and tenderly but steadily fixed his large eyes on the face of his neighbor. Presently the excited man asked for some trifling favor. The doctor promptly gave it, saying, "I take great pleasure in doing anything to oblige you, although you have greatly hurt my feelings." The other replied, "How can that be? I did not intend to do so." The doctor replied, "You have spoken very disrespectfully of my best friend." The reply was, "What do you mean? I have said nothing against anyone." The doctor answered, "The best Friend I have in the universe is God. Both to you and me He has done more kindness than all others besides. You have used His name here in my presence in a very profane way, and you ask, "What have I said to hurt your feelings?" Can I hear my God and Saviour spoken of contemptuously, and not be hurt?" "Sir," said the man, "I ask your pardon." The doctor replied, "My pardon is nothing. I am a worm of the dust. Like you, I must soon stand before the judgment-seat of Christ, and give up my last and solemn account. Ask pardon of God." By this time the countenance of the man betrayed shame and remorse, and he said, "Sir, allow me to ask your name." The doctor said, "Oh, that is a matter of no importance. I shall soon meet you at the bar of God. I hope for salvation through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Do you?" Thus saying, he bade good-bye to the excited man, and rode away. Neither party in this strange interview knew the name of the other.

About nine or ten months after this, the doctor was delivering an address on temperance, and when the meeting



*Dr. and Mrs. T. S. Geraty, Larry, Ronald, and Kathleen*

### DOCTOR T. S. GERATY TO WIDEN HIS CIRCLE OF INFLUENCE

After years of service in China as an educator, Elder Geraty and his family were called to Middle East College in 1951. Since that time Doctor Geraty has served as president of this institution, and part of the time he was also the secretary of the division educational and missionary volunteer departments. To strengthen the educational standing of the College he was encouraged to work on his doctorate while on furlough. For this purpose he was given a longer leave of absence than usual. The Lord blessed him with success in this undertaking, and he came back with his doctor's degree.

Now the General Conference has decided that his talents should be shared by the world field. Consequently he will soon be moving his family to Washington, and he will take up his new duties as associate secretary of the General Conference department of education. Larry, his elder son will spend another year at Newbold College in England.

The Geratys have a host of friends all over the Middle East, and they will be greatly missed. During much of their stay here Sister Geraty has taught in the English church school at the division compound. We have noticed that Doctor Geraty never looked at the clock to see if it was time to go home. He has given unstintingly of his service to helping the young people of the Middle East. We wish the Geratys much of God's blessing in their new field of influence. The great reunion to take place at the coming of our Lord is much desired by all of us. In that day we will not need to say "Farewell," or "Goodbye." We long for the day when there will be no more partings.

At the time of this writing it is not known who the new president of Middle East College will be, but the General Conference Mission Board is looking diligently for a strong leader who can come forward soon.

was over, a man well-dressed and having an appearance of respectability, came to him and said, "I suppose you do not remember me." "I do not," was the reply. "Do you remember," said he, "that last summer you met a man at the corner of F. and F. streets and reproved him for swearing?" "I do," said the doctor. "I am that man," he replied. "I went home distressed, and wondering who you were. I described your appearance to my son. He told me you were a minister of the gospel, and gave me your name. Since that day I have drunk no liquor; I have stopped swearing; and that is not all"—tears started in his eyes—"the best of all is, I hope God has converted my soul." **THE LAW OF GOD**, pp. 279-281. (by Plummer).

### ADMONITION AND WARNING

"Cease to dwell upon the shortcomings of others. Keep the tongue sanctified to God. Refrain from saying anything that will detract from the influence of another; for by indulging in these words of criticism you blaspheme God's holy name as verily as you would were you to swear. I am instructed to present these things before you that you may see how you dishonor the name of Christ Jesus." Mrs. E. G. White, in sermon preached in 1906. Quoted in "Academic Bible Doctrines" by Charles A. Burman, 1931 edition, p. 58.

## TWO EGYPTIAN GIRLS MARRY LEBANESE



Elias Estephan and Yvonne Ghali were married in Egypt by Pastor A. G. Zytkoskee shortly after the groom had secured his B. A. degree in Theology at Middle East College in 1959 graduation. The bride has been employed in the Nile Union office for a number of years. Elias has been called by the S. D. A. Church in Lebanon to take up work as a ministerial interne.



Antoine Jabbour, the secretary-treasurer of the S. D. A. Church in Jordan, was recently married to Latifa Farag, who has done stenographic work in the Middle East Division office for several years. The bride and groom are both B. A. graduates from Middle East College in Beirut, Lebanon. It was at this institution that they became acquainted with each other.



*Vacation Bible School instructors at Tabriz, Iran*

## WELCOME TO ELDER AND MRS. WILCOX

When Elder Figuhr came to the November division committee meeting, in 1958, we were happy that he brought with him Elder R. A. Wilcox our new division president. And he remained with us until springtime visiting all of our main centers of mission work. Then he returned to his homeland to make all arrangements for moving to the Middle East. On August 8 the S. S. ALIDA GORTHAN anchored in the port of Beirut with Elder and Sister Wilcox on board. Since it was Sabbath afternoon they waited until the next morning to disembark.

The birthplace of Elder Wilcox was Marshfield, Oregon. During his childhood and youth he lived in Oregon, California, New Mexico, and Virginia. After his baptism in 1928 he attended Shenandoah Academy, graduating in 1931. He took his college work at Washington Missionary College, from which he graduated in 1936. For the following three years he was employed in pastoral evangelistic work in the New Jersey Conference. From 1938 to 1958 he labored in the South American Division. First he was president of the North Coast Mission (Brazil) for ten years, then he was president of the Rio Minas Mission (Brazil) for parts of two years. Then for ten years he served as president of the East Brazil Union. So when he came to serve as president of the Middle East Division, in 1958, he came with a background of many years of experience.

And now that his wife has come with him we wish to extend a hearty welcome to them both. His wife was formerly known as Miss Violet Numbers. She has a number of years of experience working in the Review and Herald Publishing Association, and in the mission field. She is a very talented lady, and we know that she will be a great help to her husband, and a real encouragement to our workers and believers as they come to know her. So we wish Elder and Mrs. Roger A. Wilcox the rich blessing of heaven as they come to live and work among us.

The Wilcox family also includes two young men. Carl Wilcox is nineteen years old, and Robert Wilcox is seventeen. They are studying in Newbury Park Academy in California.

### FROM HERE AND THERE

\* A telegram was received June 19, from Cairo as follows:

"WITH GREAT ZEAL AND COURAGE SIXTY-SIX ATTENDANTS IN COLPORTEUR INSTITUTE UNITE IN ONE AIM CONSECRATION FOR LITERATURE MINISTRY THIS SUMMER.

(Signed) HILMY ANTAR"

## FROM HERE AND THERE

### MIDDLE EAST DIVISION

\* Brother Ibrahim Swaidan went to the United States on a short leave of absence to visit relatives whom he had not seen for many years. His family remained in Lebanon.

\* Among our visitors in Beirut in recent weeks have been Elder and Mrs. Cecil Guild from Burma, where he is president of the Burma Union; Elder J. R. Spangler, Ministerial Association secretary of the Far Eastern Division, and his family; Doctor J. W. Schnepfer, chief surgeon at the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital in the Philippines, and his family; Miss Elizabeth Redelstein, returning to the United States from the Taiwan Sanitarium and Hospital which she and others assisted Doctor H. W. Miller in opening and operating; Mrs. Ida Gjording of California; Doctor Linnie Black of Miami; and B. J. Jacques and family of East Pakistan. The Jacques made a number of visits here and there with Brother Jacques' sister, Mrs. K. L. Vine.

\* Dr. William Wagner and family are en route to the United States for furlough. Dr. Wagner will take a residency in surgery. In Athens, Greece, little Ruthie Wagner sustained a skull fracture which kept her in the hospital for about ten days, and delayed the family on their homeward journey. We are happy for the report from the doctor that she is able to eat and walk, and appears to be recovering nicely. Doctor Wagner is the medical secretary for the Middle East Division, and was the former medical director of the Dar Es Salaam Hospital.

\* Due to the closing of the Dar Es Salaam Hospital a few staff members have been granted a permanent return to their homeland. On this basis R. G. Ubbink, the business manager, and his wife, Dr. Joy Ubbink, with their two children, and Miss Elizabeth Canaday have returned home. Dr. Dorothy Turner, having completed her term of service, also returned to the States.

\* The decision to print the first edition of the Arabic Junior Baptismal Manual is good news for the field. This will be very helpful to teachers, M. V. leaders, and evangelistic workers.

\* While only one Vacation Bible School was reported in this division in 1958 yet a good number are being planned for 1959's summer season. Pastor Anees Haddad found slight consolation in the fact that five other world divisions reported no VBS for 1958 while we did have one. One other division had only two, and still another division held only five. This summer we surely ought to exceed these reports. We are greatly dissatisfied with our meager attainments in this type of work, and we hope to climb the scale of achievements to something much more commendable.

\* We were happy to have visits from Elder F. D. Nichol, editor of the REVIEW AND HERALD, in Istanbul, Turkey; Beirut, Lebanon; and Cairo, Egypt; in July, as he was making his tour around the mission fields of the world. We were sorry that due to an auto accident in England he was compelled to use crutches while in our field. For this reason he gave his public messages while sitting down, but how he did inspire our folk.

\* Workers throughout this division feel indebted to God and the General Conference for sending Elder Walter Schubert to our field to conduct Ministerial Institutes in Lebanon, Egypt, Iraq, and Iran, and to visit Turkey. Those evangelistic schools have certainly meant much to our worker family in the Middle East.

\* Pastor W. E. Olson and family have moved from Baghdad to Beirut, where he has taken up his work at the division headquarters as Ministerial Association secretary.

\* Miss Nazeera Ghazal has joined the division office family as a stenographer, and Miss Latifa Farag, now Mrs. Antoine Jabbour, was called to work in Jordan as a teacher.

\* Leif Jenson and family have been staying at the division compound awaiting the arrival of their goods from Baghdad, and the finalizing of plans for a possible physiotherapy unit in Amman.

\* Dr. S. H. Horn, of the Potomac University, brought a group of some eighteen persons to visit the Bible lands. Dr. A. F. Johns, once a member of the Middle East College faculty, assisted Dr. Horn on this tour.

\* Dr. Alanzo Baker brought a group of about thirty tourists, part of whom were Adventists, on a sight-seeing visit. They were pleased to visit our division and college installations. A number of missionaries were their guests at a dinner appointment in the Commodore Hotel one evening.

\* Pastor G. A. Keough and family left Beirut early in July returning to England for their furlough. We wish them a pleasant and profitable stay while there.

### IRAN

\* The Iran annual campmeeting was held in Julfa, Isfahan July 23 to August 1. Members from the various churches gathered there to enjoy the spiritual uplift. R. H. Hartwell, the division secretary, was present for a week and spoke twice daily. In the morning he conducted a workers' meeting, and at night he held the evangelistic service. Plans for the future of our work in Iran were discussed. It was good not only to have the R. C. Skinner family back, but also to have two overseas families who have joined the Adventist family in Iran since the last

campmeeting, namely the J. L. Sprouts and their daughter Margaret, and the Ivan C. Peacocks.

\* It was also good to hear of the Vacation Bible School of some eighty-two children that was conducted for fifteen days in Tabriz. Leaders in this project, aside from Pastor Salakian, were Miss Hranoush Avedissian, and Mrs. Melcom Gasparian. There were three separate classes taught in this VBS.

\* It was encouraging to find one of the Dar Es Salaam Hospital nurses returned to help with the physiotherapy rooms in her own country. Miss Shamiram Ameer is to be associated with Brother and Sister Peacock in this work on Pahlavi Avenue in Tehran.

\* In surveying the needs of Iran it was found that Adventist companies especially needing spiritual leadership were the group at Abadan, on the Persian Gulf, and the church at Rezaieh in the extreme northwestern area of Iran.

\* A student colporteur from Middle East College had such good success that he is reported to have earned a third of a scholarship during his first week of canvassing.

\* H. M. Morovati, principal of the Iran Training School, and J. L. Sprout, the advisor, reported that they expect an increase in the enrollment of this school, during the 1959-60 school year. In fact they stated that without doubt the enrollment will be double that of the past year.

### EAST MEDITERRANEAN UNION

\* Brother George Khoury has been dividing most of his time between the colporteurs in Jordan and those in Lebanon. Brother Salam Aboujawdi, while waiting for the evangelistic Auditorium to open in Beirut, has been assisting the summer colporteurs to become more efficient. The local publishing department secretary in Jordan, Brother Shehada Halibi, has been busy with nine student colporteurs.

\* Miss A. Ruby Williams has written of her experience in helping with one of Elder Detamore's three week efforts during her furlough. She expects to return to Lebanon in September.

\* Brother A. W. Fund has been kept busy trying to see that the Arabic church building and the Auditorium, in Beirut, are completed in the best way. Both he and Sister Fund have given very good help in the Y. P. M. V. camps in Beskinta, Lebanon.

\* The Beirut VOP office has moved to the third floor of the new Auditorium. Brother Munir Deeb is working there, and Brother Michael Katrib has also come from Jordan to help with this work. Miss Evelyn Dikran and Mrs. Rose Katrib each helped for a short time.

\* George Khoury, assistant publishing department secretary for the East Med-

iterranean Union, reports 23 colporteurs in the field on the first of August.

\* Mrs. Rudolph Aussner has returned to her home in Beirut after a brief visit to Germany where Pastor Aussner's mother was sick and needed her care.

### CYPRUS

\* Pastor P. G. Crestakos has been appointed president of the S. D. A. Church in Cyprus.

\* Brother A. N. Barlas, director of the Cyprus VOP Bible Correspondence school writes of the good work Elder P. G. Crestakos is doing over there. They are visiting all VOP graduates. One graduate has decided to be baptised, another has started to keep the Sabbath. This is very good news.

\* Lucy and Eddie Leontides, who have been in England are visiting their family in Nicosia for a time this summer. Lucy may return to England to continue her music studies.

### IRAQ

\* Pastor Anees Haddad made a visit to Iraq. They held their biennial session August 6 and 7, with Campmeeting and Junior Camp following.

\* Mrs. Jean Stinnett and her family passed through Beirut on their way from Kuwait to the U. S. A. They reported that Pastor Salim Majeed had recently visited them and received their tithes and offerings. Mrs. Grace Stinnett and her husband are still in Kuwait, and they have sent their children to the Vincent Hill school in India.

\* Miss Nowal Abdul Messih from Iraq is on leave. We hope for her good progress in building up her constitution as a result of prolonged rest from her regular duties.

\* Other visitors in Beirut from Iraq are Miss Evelyn Dikran and Miss Ghazala Khalil, as well as Najeeb Saaty. And more recently Mrs. Nasif Hasso and Serena have come to Beirut as summer visitors.

### LEBANON

\* Four young peoples' camps are being held in Lebanon this summer. Right after the schools closed in June a Leaders' Training Camp was conducted by the Division M. V. secretary, Pastor Anees Haddad, assisted by the newly chosen M. V. secretary for Lebanon, Salim Hasbany, and others. Following this camp there was a Senior M. V. Camp, and a Junior Camp, also conducted in Beskinta under the direction of Salim Hasbany. There will also be an Armenian Junior Camp in the same place conducted by Pastor Manoug Nazirian. There were forty campers at the Leaders' Training Camp, and there was an excellent spirit of fellowship and love manifested throughout, and many requested that such a camp be held annually. The Senior Camp that

was conducted by Salim Hasbany in July was the first camp held in Lebanon for youth between the ages of sixteen and twenty-two. Much credit should go to Brother Salim for the able leadership which he gave to this camp.

\* Vacation Bible Schools are also being conducted in Lebanon this summer, both for Arabs and for Armenians.

\* Mrs. Michael Katrib has been called from Jordan to teach in Lebanon. Her first assignment was in the summer camps, and she has given some help in the VOP office.

\* Elias Estephan has returned from Egypt where he was recently married to Miss Yvonne Ghali. He has been invited to serve as a ministerial interne in the Lebanon field, and it is expected that he will connect with the evangelistic team at the Beirut Auditorium for a few months when it opens in October. In the meantime he has been assigned to serve as assistant colporteur leader for the summer colporteurs in Lebanon.

\* Salam Aboujawi, who has done excellent work in Nicosia, Cyprus, for more than half a year, and who may be helping with evangelistic work at the Beirut Auditorium for a few months in October, has been giving fine assistance to the summer colporteurs in Lebanon. During this time he and Haifa have become the happy parents of a little lad called Ghassam.

\* Miss Aida Ghazal, the Bible Instructor in Lebanon, was made happy recently when a lady with whom she has studied for a long time was finally baptised by Pastor Hartwell.

\* Brother and Sister George Issa have moved to Sidon where they have reopened work. They are going to the homes and preparing the way for future meetings.

\* Brother and Sister George Moujabber have gone abroad to further their education. He was a teacher in the Beirut Junior Academy, and formerly Maha worked in the East Mediterranean Union office as a stenographer.

\* Miss Mary Ghazal is again working in the Lebanon office, but with her increased training her help is even more appreciated than ever before.

\* The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Lebanon has moved its offices from Mousaitbe to the new Auditorium between the Museum and Hotel Dieu. These offices are located on second floor and above them are the offices of the VOP Bible Correspondence School.

\* Pastor George Raffoul recently reported having baptised two persons in north Lebanon. Brother and Sister George Issa had studied with these individuals.

\* Pastor Manoug Nazirian recently baptised five candidates in the Armenian church in Beirut.

\* Early in August a baby girl came to the home of Pastor and Mrs. Ziky Hanawy and her name is Bushra (meaning "good tidings").

### JORDAN

\* Pastor Chafic Srour reports having baptised four young people in July. They joined the Amman church.

\* Pastor Anees Haddad conducted a Junior Camp for boys in Jordan. The campers numbered thirty-nine. Following that a camp was conducted for girls also, and Brother Naim Meshni was the director. These camps were excellent.

\* Dr. T. S. Geraty and R. H. Hartwell attended the Jordan biennial session and campmeeting July 8 to 12. At that time the following departmental secretaries were chosen:

Shehada Halibi, acting publishing secretary.

Antoine Jabbour, temperance secretary.

Naim Meshni, Education, H. M., M. V., and S. S., secretary.

Chafic Srour, Ministerial Association, public relations, and religious liberty secretary.

\* Brother Antoine Jabbour, secretary-treasurer of the S. D. A. Church in Jordan was married recently to Miss Latifa Farag. Their home is now in Amman.

\* Brother Ayoub Azar and family have spent a few months in Amman, Jordan. During this time Brother Azar has been helping Pastor Mousa Azar with public meetings in Mafrac, and lately he has been helping with Junior Camp work.

\* Two large Temperance rallies with moving picture film showings were held by the officers of the Jordan field. Pastor Chafic was told that 1,000 soldiers were present at one of these occasions.

\* Student colporteurs got off to a fine start early in July in the city of Amman. For the first time in the history of our work in Jordan a young lady enlisted in this work, Miss Aneesa Meshni is her name. She has been working with her nephew Farouk Fuad Samuel Haddad. They have both attended Middle East College.

\* Dr. T. S. Geraty and family visited the boys' Junior Camp in Jordan for a couple of days, and while in that vicinity Dr. Geraty baptized his son Ronald in the River Jordan. He had baptised his older son Larry there some years ago.

\* May 31 Brother Shehada Halabi wrote to inform us that his wife, Mary, had just presented him with a baby boy. They named their son after Shehada's father Gibril.

\* No less than sixteen public efforts were held in Jordan during the past two years according to the report of the president, Pastor Chafic Srour.

\* Several nurses have returned, from the Dar Es Salaam Hospital in Baghdad, to their homes in Jordan. Among them are Miss Widad Meshni, Miss Muntaha Azar, Miss Huda Minda-

nat, and Miss Maha Azer. Bishara Aziz also visited his relatives in Jordan while waiting for a visa to go to Benghazi. Muntaha has been serving as camp nurse at the Junior Camps.

\* Brother Najeeb Azar has been looking for suitable quarters in Jerusalem so that he may move his family there and make that the central point for his Palestine district. However, vacant homes are hard to find in that place.

### SYRIA

\* Our believers are trusting in the Lord and trying to serve Him as faithfully as possible.

\* We are told that the two colporteurs working in this field are having good success.

### TURKEY

\* The visit of Elder F. D. Nichol in Istanbul was appreciated by our brethren there. Elder Nichol is making a journey around the world contacting believers everywhere he goes.

### NILE UNION

\* At the end of the first four weeks of summer there were fifty-three colporteurs reporting, and the results are most gratifying. 2,430 books were sold in 8,038 hours, and the sales amounted to 747,420 Egyptian pounds. May God bless this work and those who did it for Him.

\* Pastor Leshner is taking charge of the Nile Union Academy in the absence of Brother Cowles, who has gone on furlough.

\* Pastor A. G. Zytoskee has made a visit to Benghazi to see our believers in the hospital there.

\* Plans are now being made for the regional week end meetings and the M. V. summer camps, as well as the Nile Union institute to be held by Elder Schubert of the General Conference Ministerial Association.

### BENGHAZI ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

\* Brother and Sister Munir Masloub, laboratory technician and graduate nurse have gone to their home in Syria for a vacation.

\* The arrival of staff members from the Dar Es Salaam Hospital in Baghdad has helped to fill a very great need for personnel in Benghazi.

\* Staff members who have been transferred from the Dar Es Salaam Hospital to the Adventist Hospital in Benghazi, Libya, include: Dr. D. S. Karmy, Miss Gladys Hurd, Theo Williams, Miss Gladys Dandan, Miss Yonova Alajaji, Miss Fawzia Wadie, Miss Samira Deeb, Miss Kaokab Deeb, and from the nursing school Bishara Aziz.

\* Brother Wadie Yousef and family have taken a vacation in their home in Egypt.

\* Brother Rafic Issa and his family plan to spend the coming school year at Middle East College.

### MIDDLE EAST PRESS

\* Middle East Press will be closed from August 30 to September 12, 1959 for its annual vacation. After vacation our summer hours will continue from 7:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

\* The employees and staff have been very busy this summer preparing literature for our colporteurs. Arabic books completed this summer have been a new edition of *Steps to Christ*, *The Other Side of Death*, and *Modern Medical Counselor*. We are in the process of completing another edition of *Our Children* and this fall we will be publishing a new book in Arabic entitled, *The Christian Sabbath*. The first volume of *The Desire of Ages* in the Armenian language will also be

completed soon. We have been encouraged by the sales reports from our colporteurs this summer.

\* Two of our employees Mr. Raymond Bitar and Mr. Naim Awais have recently completed new homes on properties near the press. We wish to congratulate them on their new homes and hope they will be happy and comfortable in them.

\* During his recent visit to the Middle East, Elder F. D. Nichol met with our editors to discuss common journalistic problems. Much help and inspiration was derived from his counsel. His suggestions will guide our editors as they prepare the type of literature the field wants.

\* Antar Yacoub, manager of the Nile Union Book and Periodical House, made a visit to the Middle East Press in Beirut to study with the management, problems pertaining to the literature circulation.

## MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

President, Dr. T. S. Geraty

Dean, K. L. Vine

Treasurer, G. T. Gott

\* Pastor R. C. Darnell has been chosen to serve as acting president of Middle East College until the arrival of the successor for Doctor T. S. Geraty, who has been released from the College as of August 24, 1959.

\* The Commencement Exercises on June 28, 1959 at College Park were the climax of the 1958-59 school year. Those graduating included 8 secondary school seniors, 2 professional seniors, and 8 Bachelor of Arts degree candidates. We trust that as these young people go out into active service for the Lord they may be able to put into practice the valuable principles which they have learned at Middle East College. Elder A. G. Zytoskee delivered the commencement address.

\* On June 6, an impressive baptismal service was held at College Park church. Ten students followed their Lord in baptism. Elder K. L. Vine, church pastor, was the officiating minister. We wish them the Lord's blessing as they join the church family.

\* Middle East College was happy to welcome Dr. S. H. Horn and his group from the S. D. A. Theological Seminary who were on a guided tour in the Bible lands. They brought us much inspiration as they conducted the July 17-18 weekend services at College Park church. Dr. A. F. Johns, a former Bible teacher at Middle East College, brought the Sabbath morning message which was much appreciated. On Saturday evening an informal reception was held on the roof of the administration building, by the division and college for the Seminary guests

at which time they were presented with locally made souvenir letter-openers.

\* During this summer Middle East College is offering a special English program. Eight students have availed themselves of this opportunity hoping thus to prepare for entrance into regular classes during the ensuing school year.

\* The following personnel have been added by the board of trustees to the faculty and staff of Middle East College for the 1959-60 school year:

Miss Najla Aboujaudi, dean of women

Mr. A. Melikian, dean of men

Mr. K. Khadduri, store manager

Mr. I. Hanna, farm manager

Mr. H. Faimann, bakery staff

We wish them every success as they take up their duties at Middle East College.

\* At the end of the 1958-59 school year Miss E. M. Bryne, dean of women, left Beirut returning to the homeland. Two weeks later the dean of men, J. S. Russell, and his family left on furlough. We trust that they will have a profitable period in the States.

\* Elder F. D. Nichol brought great inspiration to the college family as he presented the Sabbath message on August 1, and also spoke informally in the afternoon.

\* The second floor of the men's residence hall is nearing completion. This will certainly facilitate the accommodation for the young men. Also the foundations have been laid for the laundry expansion.

\* Dr. T. S. Geraty, during a recent trip to Jordan with his family, baptized his son, Ronald, in the Jordan River.

## HOW TO DIFFER

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and what a shame to the Christian profession.

"One test of Christianity, of the power of Christ's grace in the heart, is to be able to differ with others earnestly but kindly, to contend for principles and not involve men in the contention. Let us always distinguish between men and principles, even if we abhor the principles and feel that we must denounce them, let us love the men who hold the principles. In this way only can we win for Christ those with whom we associate." F. M. Wilcox, R. & H., Jan. 13, 1938.

## MEN WANTED

ROBERT E. ANDERSON, *Manager*  
Middle East Press

In the struggle for power today nations are constantly on the lookout for men who are just a little different from the general masses. They are looking for men who may show unusual scientific aptitudes, men who are promising leaders, men who will be able to cope with the problems of tomorrow.

Recently in the United States from a population of 175 million, seven men were chosen for project Mercury — a project considered impossible ten years ago—shooting a human beyond the atmosphere to orbit the earth from 200 kilometers up, at 28,500 kilometers per hour.

To select these seven men hundreds were considered, but after two weeks of jolting, spinning, vibrating, crushing, chilling and roasting in physical and psychological tests only seven remained. These will go through an additional two years of tests and training before one of them is chosen by lot to make the first adventurous trip into space.

God is also looking for men today. Not only men who can stand the tests and pressures of a space age, but men who can also stand the trials and temptation of the last days. "Men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall." *Education*, p. 57.

God is looking for men to do a much more important work than making a trip into space. "Christ calls for young men (and women) who will volunteer to carry the truth to the world. Men of spiritual stamina are wanted, men who are able to find work close at hand, because they are looking for it. The church needs new men to give energy to the ranks, men for the times, able to cope with its errors, men who will inspire with fresh zeal the

flagging efforts of the few laborers, men whose hearts are warm with Christian love, and whose hands are eager to go about their Master's work." *Colporteur Ministry*, p. 19.

"God calls for workers from every church among us" (this includes both men and women) "to enter His service as canvasser evangelists. God loves His Church. If the members will do His will, if they will strive to impart the light to those in darkness, He will greatly bless their efforts. He represents the church as being the light of the world. Through its faithful ministrations, a multitude that no man can number will become children of God, fitted for the everlasting glory." *Ibid.*, p. 20.

A few years ago a faithful literature evangelist was working in a country that is vehemently opposed to Seventh-day Adventists and their teachings. This brother believed, however, that he was doing a work for God and that God would bless his efforts, and so he went about boldly doing his work. As he entered a village one morning little did he know that God had a remnant there. He worked hard all that day but sold only two books. Was he discouraged? Yes, he certainly was, but he wasn't going to give up. He went right on to the next village and on to the next and next. Recently a new Seventh-day Adventist church of 55 members was organized in that country. When asked what led to their conversion, its members replied, "Two books were left in our village some years ago by a young book salesman. It was from these two books that we first learned this blessed truth."

Working for God may be hard, discouraging work. Friends will ridicule us and doors will be slammed in our faces, but is it the present drudgery and toil we look at or is it the reward when the job is over? I am sure the seven future space men would have given up after their first day of spinning, jolting, freezing and roasting had they not been looking toward their goal. How much more worthy is our heavenly reward than their reward of earthly fame? I am sure that when we focus our eyes on heaven and the joy that will be ours when we meet those for whom we have labored and toiled, the every day discouragements will look very small.

Fifty years ago Mrs. White wrote, "There is much to be done to advance the work of God. I have been instructed that the canvassing work is to be revived, and that it is to be carried forward with increasing success. It is

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Third Quarter 1959

Aug.	22-29	Missions Extension Week
Aug.	29	Missions Extension Day
Sep.	5	Home Missionary Day
Sep.	12	Sabbath School Rally Day
Sep.	19-Oct. 3	Ingathering Campaign
Sep.	27	Thirteenth Sabbath
Oct.	3	Home Visitation Day
Oct.	3-10	V.O.P. Campaign
Oct.	17	M. V. Pathfinder Day
Oct.	24	Temperance Day
Nov.	7	Home Missionary Day
Nov.	21-28	Week of Prayer & Sacrifice

## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Aug.	29	Missions Extension
Sep.	5	Church Missionary
Sep.	12	Sabbath School Expense
Oct.	3	Ingathering
Oct.	10	Voice of Prophecy
Oct.	24	Temperance
Nov.	7	Church Missionary
Nov.	28	Week of Prayer & Sacrifice

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the Lord's work, and a blessing will attend those who engage in it with earnestness and diligence." *Ibid.*, pp. 17, 18.

Church members, I challenge you today to step out in faith among the fiery darts of the devil and do the work that is at hand. Christ is coming soon and there are millions to warn.

The Middle East Division needs scores of devoted men and women to answer the Master's call. One day soon it will be too late to work for Him. How will your record stand in that day?

## SPECIAL NOTICE

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