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The little first grader enjoyed attending school, because he had such a good teacher. "Really, she tries to help me," he reassuringly upheld her name.

And so it should be from the first grade right up through the sixteenth in every Seventh-day Adventist school—each teacher trying to help the youth.

From an inspired pen we read: "Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and young people. The church should arouse, and manifest a deep interest in this work." Counsels to Teachers, page 165.

We should surely be more concerned and more deeply interested in the education of our children and youth than we have been in the past. We cannot rest satisfied until we know that all the children of our members are enjoying the privileges of the Sabbath school, Missionary

# Sitting At His Feet

# T. S. GERATY

Secretary, Department of Education Middle East Division

Volunteer Society, and the church-operated school.

It is both our responsibility and privilege to place them in an optimum environment which will help them to accomplish God's plan. For He states to every parent as clearly as He instructed Jochebed: "Take this child and bring it up for Me, that it may be an honor to My name and a channel through which My blessings shall flow to the world."

Providentially, the Lord has established a system of education based upon Christian principles to accommodate the little ones from the first grade and to carry them on in "the harmonious development" of their physical, mental, and spiritual powers up through the grammar gardes, the secondary school, and on through the college curricula.

Within the territory of our Middle East Division secondary and training schools are operating, sharing alike responsibilities for the East Mediterranean Union Mission, Nile Union Mission, and Iran Mission in the formal education of Seventh-day Adventist young people and in their training for service in the proclamation of the three angels' messages.

For those who desire more ad-

vanced work on a collegiate level, Middle East College, situated in Beirut, Lebanon, opens its doors of welcome. The Bible Instructor, Ministerial, Elementary Education, Sec-ondary Education, Business Administration, and Secretarial Science curricula are available to all academically prepared young people who with vision for unselfish service desire to devote themselves in the proclama-We sincerely tion of the gospel. trust that the Advent youth of the Middle East Division will accept the challenge of the unfinished task before the church and will enroll in one of our denominational schools for education and training.

Our youth need our schools, and our schools need our youth. One is inseparably linked with the other.

To "grow in grace and in a knowledge of the truth," aside from the influence of a Godly home and church, one can find no better place than residence in a Christian school. To sit like Mary at the Master's feet, to learn the secrets of nature, the control of oneself, and the philosophy of life is a wise choice. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

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## MIDDLE EAST MESSENGER



"SET HIM ON

# THE WAY"

#### By A. R. Mazat

The Bible tells us that when Joseph was sent by his father to see how his brothers fared, a certain man found him wandering in the field and set him on the way to them. Gen. 37: 15-19. This simple incident is typical of the decisive part personal influence plays in life, and more so in the realm of true education.

In one of its most important aspects, education is a process of bringing together, under favorable surroundings, young promising minds into vital contact with stimulating personalities. Under such favorable circumstances the inspirational teacher will seek not merely to "inform" but to "transform" the mind and character of the student. The teacher will find the student, just like the man in our text found Joseph and set him on the right way.

It is a well known fact that when two elements unite they usually create a product quite unlike either of the original elements in appearance or behaviour. Hydrogen is one of the most combustible elements, and oxygen is necessary to combustion. But when the two gases unite under favorable controlled conditions, the result is water, usually used to extinguish fires. Sodium and chlorine are both deadly elements, but when brought together under controlled conditions, a useful compound is formed, namely table salt, which is necessary in life. In similar fashion, when two human souls come in contact, the result is often a character different from either. In working with the above named elements certain precautions must be taken, else life itself might be endangered. These same elements can also be used to produce some of the world's deadliest gases. The finished product is determined largely by the one in charge-the teacher. How important it is to choose a school where teachers are men and women of vision !

One cannot enter fully into this theme without coming to the greatest of the transforming characters in history. The Jewish Sanhedrin on one occasion was amazed to find two peasants who were neither dumb nor cringing in their presence. They marveled at the boldness of Peter and John, and in seeking an explanation of it they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus. His "combining weight" is the greatest of all that enters into combination with men. It was he who met Saul, the persecutor, near Damascus and made of him the undaunted apostle to the Gentiles.

An education that sets you on the way and leads you to know Christ has accomplished in and with you a supreme service. You can do your child, brother or sister, no greater favor than to introduce him to a school which sets students on the way to meet Jesus.

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Remember, the best teachers are not necessarily those with many degrees after their names! The best teacher is one who is like a sower going forth to sow. He plants seed. He does not fill a basket with apples nor a tank with liquid. The mind is not a bin nor a cask; it is a growing organism.

Before deciding on which school you will attend, please think through the following quotation :

"Our people are now being tested as to whether they will obtain their wisdom from the greatest Teacher the world ever knew, or seek to the god of Ekron. Let us determine that we will not be tied by so much as a thread to the educational policies of those who do not discern the voice of God, and who will not hearken to His commandments." Counsels to Parents & Teachers, page 255.

### SCHEDULE OF CHURCH OFFERINGS

Regular Monthly Offerings

rst Sabbath....Local Church Evangelism

2nd Sabbath....Church Expense

- 3rd Sabbath....Education (Local
- School) 4th Sabbath....Church Expense
- 5th Sabbath....Poor Fund

Special Offerings

July 12....Midsummer Offering August 9...Local Training School September 6 ...Missions Extension

### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### Third Quarter, 1952

| Date          | Special Days                  |
|---------------|-------------------------------|
| July 5        | Local Church Evangelism       |
| August 2      | Home Visitation Day           |
| August 9      | Christian Education           |
| August 16     | Tithe Promotion Day           |
| September 6   | Missions Extension            |
| September 27  | Sabbath School Centennial Day |
| September 20  | -                             |
| to October 25 | Ingathering Campaign          |

LOVE'S LABOR LASTS WHEN SHARED ON

HOME VISITATION DAY, AUGUST 2

# OPPORTUNITY CALLS

# The Need of Trained Workers in the Field



"With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world ! How soon might the end come, the end of suffering and sorrow and sin ! How soon, in place of a possession here, with its blight of sin and pain, our children might receive their inheritance where 'the righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein forever,' where 'the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick,' and 'the voice of weeping shall be no more heard!"' *Education*, page 271. Before us is a land to possess,

Before us is a land to possess, an eternal land. But before this can take place, there is a land to conquer. We are surrounded with a vast territory of teeming millions who are not aware of the power of God unto salvation. How soon the land might be conquered if we but had an efficient and trained army of youth.

City after city throughout the Middle East stands like the city of Jericho, only waiting for consecrated men and women to go at the command of the Lord to take the city.

Thank God for such Christian institutions as the Middle East College, where young men and women may obtain an efficient training for service in the cause of God. But, oh, may God somehow place upon the hearts of fathers and mothers By A. Gordon Zytkoskee, President, Egypt Mission

throughout our vast field a burden for the training of their children for the finishing of the work.

As I think of our work in Egypt, I am constrained to say that we are facing a real crisis. We are desperate for evangelists and Bible instructors who are properly trained and consecrated to go into the large cities of Egypt. There is a mighty work to do, but we have too few who are qualified to meet the class of people we have so long neglected.

There is no doubt that the angels who are restraining the winds of strife will before long receive the command to let them go. We have but a short time to work. Never was a field

### MID-SUMMER OFFERING

Word has just come from the General Conference in regard to the Mid-Summer Offering which is to be taken up in all of our churches on July 12, 1952. Their letter urges that strong promotion be given this offering. The General Conference committee on promotion of offerings has set the goal in the North American Division at US\$2.00 per member. I wish that our workers and members in this division would feel free to give the equivalent of at least half this amount. The General Conference hopes that this will be the largest Mid-Summer Offering ever received. May we each do our part in making this possible here in the Middle East Division.

-Geo. J. Appel

in such need of an army of trained workers as our own field. There are literally millions of hopeless men and women in the large cities of the Middle East who have not and cannot be reached by our present organization. We are finding that some of our workers are greatly restricted in their service, and a few are having to find other occupations, all because of their lack of foundation and education in our own schools. "The number of workers in the ministry is not to be lessened, but greatly increased. Where there is now one minister in the field, twenty are to be added; and if the Spirit of God controls them, these twenty will so present the truth that tweny more will be added." Gospel Workers, page 66.

What a clear challenge faces the parents and youth of this last hour in which we live. Before us is eternity with its treasures bought by sacrifice. But before eternity there is a work to de, a work that must be finished now. Jesus saw our day and said, "The harvest is ripe, but the laborers are few."

Young men, young women, whereever you are, whoever you are, God can use you to help fulfill the gospel commission in this vast territory of the Middle East. Molded, enriched, and trained by Christian education, softened, subdued, and consecrated by the Holy Spirit, your life is in demand for the reaping of the harvest.

"The greatest want of the world is the want of men,—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 who will stand for the right though the heavens fall." *Education*, page 57. A TEACHER SPEAKS

# Why You Should Attend Middle East College

## By Miss Shahin Ouzounian

In all the world God is looking for young men and young women. who not only love this truth and have a desire to carry it to others, but who are also rightly trained. Perhaps in no part of the world is this need any greater than it is in the Middle East Division.

Where in this division can our youth be rightly trained? There is but one answer to that question-Middle East College. This college was established with one purpose in view. That purpose was, and still is, to prepare young people to go forth into the vineyard of the Lord to work for Him.

In the book Education we are told: "True education does not ignore the value of scientific knowledge or literary acquirements; but above information it values power; above power, goodness; above intellectual acquirements, character." page 225.

Middle East College is endeavor-

ing to hold its literary and scientific standards high. Although the college still does not have all of the equipment that might be desired, every effort is being made to keep the scholastic standards high.

One must admit, however, that if literary and scientific attainments are the only objectives of a young person, Middle East College is not the place to attend. No doubt government schools can help the student reach these objectives as well, or possibly better, than Middle East It may be that such a College. school could give a student these advantages at a smaller cost financially. However, may we ask the question: Are these our only objectives ? Are these even our main objectives? Are we preparing for this life only, or do we wish to prepare for "the joy of service in this world, and the higher joy of a wider service in the world to come"?

Wouldn't you enjoy attending a Christian School in these ideal surroundings on the slopes of the mountains of Lebanon?

Although it is quite true that many schools in the Middle East have religious courses in their curricula, an Adventist school is the only school which can teach Bible acceptably to Adventist young people. Where but in an Adventist school can one learn of the principles of true Sabbath keeping, of the nearness of the return of the Lord, and of the sanctuary truths that make us a people? These Bible doctrines are all taught at Middle East College.

Even such teachings as these. however, do not constitute the main essentials of a Christian education. One may know what is involved in true Sabbath keeping, and yet be a Sabbath breaker; one may realize that the coming of Christ is near, and yet be unprepared to meet Him. It is the duty of a Christian school to do more than to impart knowledge to its students. It should help them to develop characters that will stand the test of time and of eternity. This, Middle East College is endeavoring to do.

Once a student has gained a knowledge of the truth for our times and has built these truths into his life, he has another duty to perform. It is his duty to take this message to those who know it not.

Middle East College is meeting that need through training young people to work in the Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer Society, and through the various Missionary Volunteer bands. By these means a young person learns to conduct religious services in his own church. As he goes through the various Missionary Volunteer classes and becomes a Master Guide, he is learning the best methods of leading Juniors to Jesus. In the Missionary bands he learns how to go out and meet the public, to bring truth-filled literature to his neighbors, to secure names for the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School, and to give Bible studies.

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# <del>тне students speak\_\_\_\_\_</del> Why I Came to Middle East College

I came to Middle East College because it offers its students something more than any other college offers. It introduces me to a Redeemer that can save me from this corrupted world. It sets before me high ideals to be reached. It prepares me not for this world only, but also for the world to come. It helps me to realize that my character is the only thing I take with me from Middle East College this world. educates young people to develop the physical, mental, and the spiritual powers in this world, and it tends to prepare them for the world to come.

Middle East College helps the youth of the East to be educated by the several work departments which enable a student to work his way through college. Students are trained in many practical things which help them in the college and in their future life.

Many young people go to get an education in a worldly college. They devote all their powers to acquire knowledge. But unless young people have knowledge of God, they are lost. They cannot have happiness because they neglect to cultivate the powers that God gave them; so they are ruined for this world and for the world to come.

Therefore, to get his education, a Christian college is what each young person should attend.

-Mary Haddad

I lived in a non-religious school five consecutive years through which I forgot everything about God, if I had known much before. At that time I was satisfied and happy because I was believing that this was the right way of leading a happy life. But now in Middle East College I am wholly changed,—my way of thinking, my actions, and finally my whole life. Now I am happy and satisfied. But this happiness is different from the first.

I came to M. E. C. with the first desire in my mind to learn mathematics, physics, science, and English, though it wasn't my father's will. My first aim was to be a prosperous man of unlimited ambitions. But now I can say simply and candidly with joy filling my heart, happiness within my soul, satisfaction in my present life, that the aim of faith and

salvation are my first proposal.

This conversion was due to hearing the truth, the words of God, and hope of salvation in heaven where we will have a happy and eternal life. The words of God were the light to my way of salvation and rescue. When I heard them every other subject vanished from my mind. What is the use of being a prosperous doctor or engineer or whatever you propose to be as long you are living in sins up to your mouth. All the worldly subjects are mortal, but the followers of truth are eternally living through their Saviour and Redeemer.

-Lateef Abul-Hasen

I came to Middle East College because I felt thirsty to drink of its water that offers my soul and body that Christian nourishment that I can't find anywhere else.

I came to Middle East College to live with a real Christian family whose members are focusing their aims and ideas to do the will of God and sow the seeds of truth and

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These happy students participated in "Students Training Days" and had an opportunity to see the school from the teachers view point.

# WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

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Have you given your heart to the Lord? Do you love this message above anything else on earth? Do you believe that Jesus is coming soon? Do you want to be ready when He comes? Do you want to be a soul-winner for Him? If your answer is *Yes* to these questions, come to Middle East College that God may prepare you to be a better worker for Him.

### WHY I CAME

Continued from page 5 righteousness in His fields, so that they will be as lighthouses glimmering in the dark sea of sins and troubles.

I came to Middle East College because I felt in need of joining the folk of Jesus Christ so that I will not be a lost sheep in the wilderness. As a youth who wants to know God better, have a communion with Jesus, and live a life centered in God, I came to Middle East College, where all these things are freely given.

I came to Middle East College to be a seed planted in its soil of education, taking the light and water necessary for my growth from the wisdom of its teachers, whose only aim is to develop in us a noble type of manhood worthy to go out to the world as good soldiers of our Saviour and Redeemer in preaching the gospel to those who are still in darkness.

-Najwa Nebti

Jesus came and was crucified not to change people into scientists; it was to strengthen faith and give salvation that the Lord came to this sinful world.

I came to a Christian school to study about Him and to see Him. I came to speak with Him and to feel the scars in His hands and feet. I can't find Christ in a worldly school. Such a school prepares me for a good mental life and probably for a good physical one, too, but it never lifts me spiritually. In Christian schools, such as the one I am in, a person gets a very high education, not as that which the world gives, but a true one.

-Nabil Saaty

IN

**OTHER** LANDS

"Put My

### Name Down"

### By R. W. Numbers

One of our newly ordained ministers in Jamaica was holding a tent effort in a village, where up to that time there had been only a few Seventh-day Adventist members. The series of meetings created a profound impression on the whole community. Shops were closed early as the interest kept mounting, in order for the owners to attend the evening meetings.

There lived in this neighbourhood an East Indian couple who had been unusually devoted to each other since marriage. Nothing had ever arisen to seriously mar their unity. Both were suspicious of this new doctrine that was being taught almost under the shadow of their own roof. Nothing could entice them to darken the entrance of the tent by their presence. The pastor, however, was blessed with a strong voice which carried to a nearby shop. Night after night this East Indian hid himself in the shadows of the shop and listened to the sermons which seemed to be irresistibly drawing him into a new life. One night he heard the pastor read, "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayers shall be abomination." Proverbs 28:9.

The verse struck him like a mighty arrow directed under the moving of the Holy Spirit. After the shock had subsided, he consoled himself by saying that the pastor was reading from a Seventh-day Adventist Bible. But just to be sure, he hunted up an old Bible he had

used in school, and to his surprise it too read the same way. He asked himself how he had ever happened to come into the possession of a Seventh-day Adventist Bible ! Then a brilliant thought came to his mind. He would go to the Baptist minister and get his Bible and read the verse as it should read. To his disgust the Baptist minister also had a Seventh-day Adventist Bible, and so he rushed to the Methodist minister and then to the Presbyterian minister, only to find that they all had Seventhday Adventist Bibles. Finally, in a submissive attitude on a Friday evening he came to our pastor and said, "Put my name down as a Seventh-day Adventist."

The next day this new convert didn't go to work but met with the little church. The wife was furious! Upon her husband's return home she let loose with such a barrage of stinging words that it took the grace of God to withstand her. The second day she hid his shirts, so he meekly wore his pajama tops to work. The third day she refused to give him anything to eat; but like Job, in all this, "he sinned not, nor charged God foolishly." At last the wife became ashamed of herself and began to cry. "Sam," she sobbed, "I don't know why you want to be a Seventhday Adventist and be hated by all of our relatives and friends, but if it can make you so kind and gentle, I too want to join the Adventist church with you." The next Sabbath found them both in church and attending the baptismal class in the afternoon. On June 24, of 1951, they, with over five hundred others were buried with their Lord in baptism in the beautiful Caribbean Sea.

> ---Inter-American Division Messenger, February, 1952.

The Need for

# Trained Workers

# in Iran



The greatest need of the church in Iran is trained workers, men and women who have studied in our own schools, and who have caught the vision of earnest service for the Master.

Although it is important for all Adventist youth to have the privilege of attending Christian schools, it is an absolute necessity for our workers to train in our own schools. The work of bringing souls to Christ is the most important work in the world. This work calls for utmost consecration and thorough preparation. Under the influence of Christian teachers guiding their study of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy, students learn to recognize and up.

## By C. L. Gemmell

Educational & M.V. Secretary Iran Mission

hold true church standards. They also learn proper and successful soulwinning methods.

At the present time it seems impossible for our Iranian young people to attend our training college in But Beirut. This is regrettable. travel restrictions, government regulations, and the language difficulty make it thus. For these reasons the Middle East Division and the Iran Mission have laid plans for the establishment of a boarding school. It is felt that the value of the cultural and spiritual advantages of a boarding school over a day school will far outweigh the additional expense of the establishing of such a school. This school will prepare students for the work of teaching and preaching the Advent message in their own language.

It is unnecessary to enumerate the political complications in this country. But it is clear that we must go forward in faith immediately to train leaders to work for Iran's millions while opportunity's door is still ajar.

# DID YOU KNOW? (1951 - 52)

| That Middle East College offers two secondary curricula?                  |
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| That Middle East College offers seven college curricula?                  |
| That Middle East College offers courses for sixteen grades?               |
| That Middle East College makes provision for special students?            |
| That Middle East College has student representatives from seven countries |
| of the Middle East ?  |
| That Middle East College has its largest class in the college freshmen?   |
| That Middle East College has 17% college students taking Ministerial      |
| and Bible Instructor curricula?   |
| That Middle East College has 65% male students?                           |
| That Middle East College students range in age from 14 through 27?        |
| That Middle East College faculty hail from six countries?                 |

# SITTING AT HIS FEET

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To gain perspective of vision, depth of character, and enrichment of experience, the place for our children and youth is in our own schools. The young people cannot afford to jeopardize their eternal interests by plucking tawdry fruits from educational trees on forbidden ground. The products which are gathered should be among the planting of the Lord-and they will be, if we only maintain daily the right relationship with the true Source of wisdom.

May we ever sit only at His feet.

THE WORLD IS WAITING FOR YOU

- The world is waiting for you, young man If your purpose is strong and true;
- If out of your treasures of mind and heart, You can bring things old and new,
- If you know the truth that makes men free, And with skill can bring it to view,

The world is waiting for you, young man, The world is waiting for you.

Of the idle and brainless the world has enough-

Who eat what they never have earned; Who hate the pure stream from the

fountain of truth, And wisdom and knowledge have

- spurned. But patience and purpose which know no
- defeat. And genius like gems bright and true,
- Will bless all mankind with their love, life, and light,

The world is waiting for you.

- Then awake, O young man, from the stupor of doubt And prepare for the battle of life;
- Be the fire of the forge, or be anvil or
- But win, or go down in the strife ! Can you stand though the world into ruin

should rock ? Can you conquer with many or few ? Then the world is waiting for you, young

man, The world is waiting for you !

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The counsel and helpful instruction of Elder T. L. Oswald, Home Missionary Secretary of the General Conference, has been much appreciated throughout the field. After an extensive itinerary throughout the Middle East Division, he left by air for London and the United States.

\* The workers in Beirut were very happy to meet and welcome Elder and Mrs. R. C. Skinner and their three sons, when the S. S. RIOUW stopped here May 18. After a three day visit here they proceeded on to Khorramshahr, and their new field of labor in Iran.

\* Recent visitors in the division included Elder Alvin E. Cook of New Zealand, and Dr. J. C. Jacques of California.

\* Brother and Sister Manoug Nazirian arrived by plane in Beirut from Iran May 26. This young couple have been working in Julfa for several months, and will now take up work in Beirut.

\* Have you been attending and enjoying the recent Young People's Rallies that have been held in different areas?

## EAST MEDITERRANEAN UNION

\* Brother Youssif Fargo has been appointed secretary of the Home Missionary Department for the Union, as well as Publishing Secretary.

\* Brother Anees Haddad has been appointed Missionary Volunteer Department Secretary for the Union as well as Sabbath School Secretary.

\* Excellent reports have come concerning the evangelistic efforts being held in two places in Jordania, in northern Iraq, northern Lebanon, and Nicosia, Cyprus. New calls are coming from a number of places in nearly every part of the Union.

\* Brother Nougeimie has completed an inspection tour of all of our mission schools, and he reports that the teachers are all of good courage, and that the schools are doing a good work.

\* Brethren Hartwell and King have made recent visits to Cyprus and Turkey. They have found the believers rejoicing in the blessed hope

and letting their lights shine.

\* Appreciation is felt to the General Conference and to the Middle East Division for sending Elder Oswald and Elder Mazat to help with a series of **H**. M. Institutes in this union.

\* It is encouraging to see a fine group of youth finishing their training at Middle East College this spring and offering their willing services to help with the work of the Lord at the close of school.

\* We rejoice in the arrival of Elder C. G. Rasmussen, Sister Rasmussen, and their two small sons. We wish them much happiness as they take up their residence in Istanbul.

#### NILE UNION.

\* We are happy to say "Mabrouk" to the families of Pastor Russell and Brother Ramsees Mina. Each family has just recently received a new addition in the form of a healthy baby boy. The mothers and sons are doing well.

\* Pastor and Mrs. C. V. Brauer and their little boy, Bobby, have arrived in Egypt and are already settled in their new home in Assiut, and have begun their study of the language. We are thankful for their safe arrival and are confident that their service will be a blessing to the work in Egypt.

\* Upper and Lower Egypt have been blessed with the Home Missionary Rallies in Assiut and Cairo. Delegates from all parts of the field were in attendance, and instruction and inspiration have been brought to the field.

The Missionary Volunteer Rally, which is the first ever held in Egypt, was conducted by Elder Geraty, representing the Middle East College and the Division, and Brother Yacoub Nashed of the Nile Union. We were happy to have Elder Appel with us. His messages of counsel and guidance and spiritual appeals presented to the young people of this field a mighty challenge that must be answered. The quiet, efficient, and inspirational activity of Pastor Geraty as he ministered to us, was of practical help to all. -----

\* Elder C. C. Morris, the secretary and treasurer of the Division, has been in Cairo auditing the Union and Mission books. We have been happy to have him with us.

IRAN

\* In one week's time, following the recent Home Missionary Rally in Tehran, the workers in Iran gathered more than four thousand enrollments for the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence Course. They then returned to their various stations to secure enrollments in other districts. Their goal is for ten thousand enrollments by the first of July.



### Architect's drawing of the new Dar El Salaam Hospital

On June 8, 1952, the cornerstone for the new Dar El Salaam Hospital in Baghdad, was laid by the Minister of Health on behalf of His Excellency, the Regent of Iraq. Construction work on the new building is proceeding according to schedule, and we are looking forward to the time when this long cherished dream will become an actual reality, and the hospital can move from its present cramped quarters.