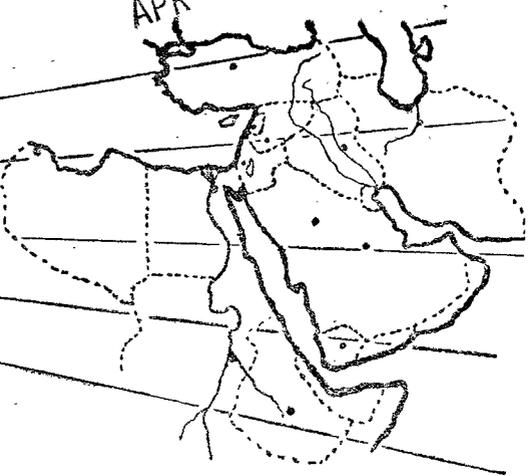


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It's Ingathering Time

BY HILMY BARBAWY

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"Will a man rob God?" Mal. 2:8. Through all ages history records that the people of earth have not been faithful in returning unto God what is His. That is why He provided a plan whereby funds may be gathered in. In old times when God's people were about to leave Egypt, God promised Moses saying, "And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty." Ex. 3:21. They went out for Ingathering amongst hostile people, and "were given such things as they required." Ex. 12:36. What had been taken from them in the time of their slavery was then restored to them.

Nowadays God depends on the remnant church "to gather in" God's money which is being abused. It is the privilege of every member to share in the gathering of funds for the advancement of the great Advent movement, thereby hastening the Lord's coming.

Many people are led to the knowledge of the present truth by direct contact during the Ingathering work,

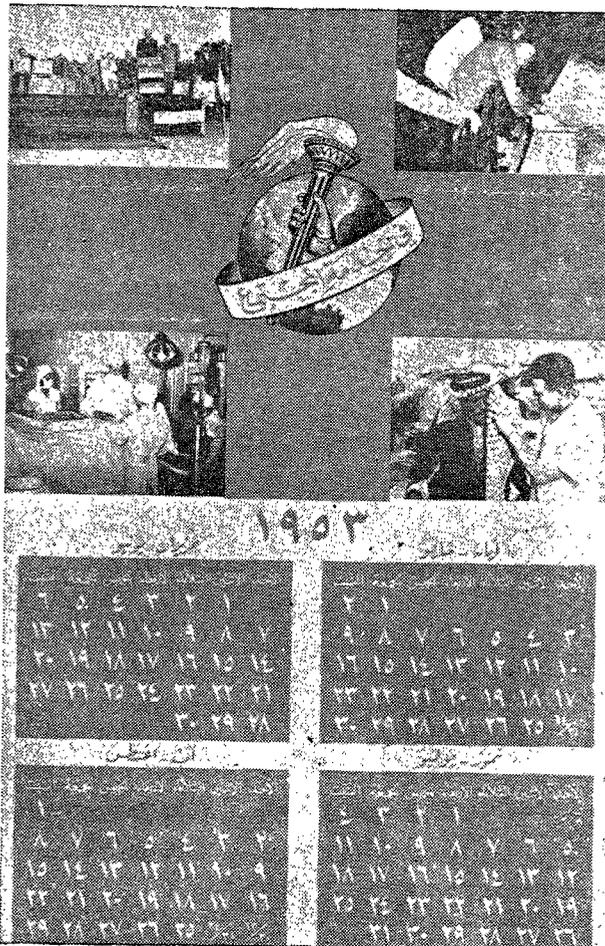
What a blessing it is to us and to others if we do this work faithfully, seeking the salvation of souls. Ingathering is not merely gathering money; for the smile and the soul-inspiring word we leave with the people that we meet will have a marked influence on their lives and may be the first seeds planted in their spiritual lives. Let us not hesitate to approach all classes, not only the poor, but also the rich.

"I have received instructions that there are men and women in the world who have sympathetic hearts, and who will be touched with compassion as the needs of suffering humanity are presented before them..."

"The matter has been presented to me in this light. Our work is to be aggressive. The money is the Lord's, and if the wealthy are approached in the right way, the Lord will touch their hearts and impress them to give of their means. God's money is in the hands of these men, and some of them will heed the request for help.

"Talk this over, and do all in your power to secure gifts. We are not to feel

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Have YOU been out Ingathering with this new calendar?

A CALL TO SACRIFICE

Week of Prayer and Sacrifice Offering

December 6, 1952

By Geo. J. Appel

The time has come for the annual Week of Prayer and Sacrifice Offering. Surely it should be the largest ever given. Giving is a fruit of the Spirit. When Pentecost came to the early church, those who had worldly possessions sold them and laid the money down at the apostles' feet. We should see this taking place again today. It is time for the church members to lay more of their worldly possessions upon the altar. What a privilege is ours to be able to give our means to support the work of God.

Taking into consideration the urgent need of additional funds to carry on our world-wide mission program, the leaders of our work are anxious that the amount received in the 1952 Week of Prayer and Sacrifice Offering, taken up on the last Sabbath of the annual Week of Prayer, be materially increased over what was received in 1951. The amount received in the Middle East Division for 1951 was Lebanese £8,467.00. It has long been the plan for our workers to give one week's salary at this time, and our lay members should be urged to contribute liberally for this offering. By making a greater appeal in all our churches for additional funds, and by planning early for this offering, shall we not at least double the amount that was given in 1951. The amount received will depend largely on the promotion given.

Already requests received by our general brethren to carry on our work for 1953 are far more than the appropriations granted for 1952. If we could hear the story behind each of these requests, what a marvelous account of God's miraculous leadership would be made known. How our hearts would be moved to liberality! Our work in this earth is not done, and it cannot be done by any group or committee. Every member must have a part. To expand our work calls for expansion of gifts, and those gifts come from all of us.

The time for giving is perilously short. Soon our money will not have the value it has today. Let us take advantage of every opportunity to help speed on the work of redemption and lay up treasure in heaven. Let us give today as we will wish we had given when all human values fade and only the eternal values remain. We are in a time of great emergency, but for Christian believers it is a grand as well as an awful time. Let us come with gratitude and thanksgiving for the privilege of a part in the great Advent movement and for

all that true membership in the remnant church means to those who put their trust in Jesus.

All will desire to have a part in bringing to the Lord a special offering at this time, as with gratitude and thanksgiving they enter anew into the covenant they have made with Him by sacrifice. It would be well to announce this offering not only on the first Sabbath of the Week of Prayer, but also two or three times during the week.

We heartily thank our loyal workers and believers for their unwavering and tireless support, and we pray that God's abundant blessing may rest upon you as you plan for this offering of sacrifice.

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that it would not be the thing to ask men of the world for means, for it is just the thing to do. This plan was opened before me as a way of coming in touch with wealthy men of the world. Through this means not a few will become interested, and may hear and believe the truth for this time." *Stewardship Series, no. 1, pp. 15, 16.*

This, coupled with the blessed assurance that God is on our side, will fire our enthusiasm and will crown our efforts with success.

SCHEDULE OF CHURCH OFFERINGS

- 1st Sabbath....Local Church Evangelism
- 2nd Sabbath....Church Expense
- 3rd Sabbath....Education (Local School)
- 4th Sabbath....Church Expense
- 5th Sabbath....Poor Fund
- Special Offerings*
- October 25....Temperance
- December 6....Week of Prayer and Sacrifice Offering



The Voice of Prophecy office in Beirut. Four new workers have been added to the staff since this picture was taken.

"In This Generation

By George D. Keough

For the past hundred years, the declared aim of Seventh-day Adventists has been "The everlasting gospel to all the world in this generation." To the accomplishment of this aim they have bent all their energies and dedicated all their means. It is a magnificent purpose, and its execution would tax the resources of an even much larger body of men and women than is found within our ranks. But the work is the Lord's and nothing is too hard for Him, so that even with our small resources in men and means, the work has never been beyond the bounds of possibility. "God's commands are enablings," and He has given the command.

But our conception of this aim has never been commensurate with God's. We have never really visualized the extent of the work, the thoroughness with which it must be done before the Lord can come again, and consequently, we have never put our all on the altar of service as we should have done and as the task requires we should. The Lord Himself has described us and our work as "lukewarm," and has warned us that unless we change we would be rejected.

The Lord's aim has been "The third angel's message to every individual in the world in this generation." "He is no respecter of persons," and He has sent His message to "every nation, family, tongue, and people," and it will go to them. To accomplish this task, He has put within our reach the most wonderful facilities the world has ever seen, facilities far greater than anyone could have imagined as ever existing at the time when "this generation" began. As this generation came on the scene, railroads were being laid, steamships were being built, telegraph poles were being set up and wires stretched all over the world, and cables were being laid on the bed of the oceans. Then came wireless and radio, and now we have television and atomic energy. The world has been prepared for the great climax of the ages, the finishing of the mystery of God.

"God intrusts men with talents and inventive genius, in order that

His great work in our world may be accomplished. The inventions of human minds are supposed to spring from humanity, but God is behind all. He has caused that the means of rapid traveling shall have been invented, for the great day of His preparation." *F. E.*, page 409.

As one views the world's progress during the past 120 years, he cannot but marvel at the wonderful developments God has brought about in such a short time, developments designed primarily to prepare the world for the last great crisis, and he cannot fail to be confident that God, Who has already done so much, will finish the work, and that He will finish it on time. It is just as sure as that night follows day. "Though it (the vision) tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry."

As facilities have grown, wealth, the power to use them, has increased. The radio would not accomplish much if families could not afford to buy a receiving set. The preparation of truth-filled literature would avail nothing, if people had not learned to read it. But education has come and has lifted the sights of the most backward of peoples, so that they can look away from "the parish pump," which used to take all their attention, and gaze upon a world that has become conscious of its essential oneness. Apparent differences, such as race, color, and language, have been overshadowed by the basic unities—the need to eat, to feel secure, and to enjoy all the freedoms.

While the enemy has rushed to use all these developments for his own ends and has succeeded to a large extent, they are still accomplishing the purposes of God, and the world will yet take its stand either for or against Him. When it does so, God will have made it possible for all to make their choice intelligently. In that we are laborers together with Him. As we add to all the facilities which He has provided our own complete consecration, "the world will be lighted with the glory" of God, and "thousands will be saved in a day."



Of all the facilities God has provided for the finishing of His work, none is more effective than the Voice of Prophecy, the Correspondence Course and the Radio. In no country in the world could the thorough work God has planned be completed without the use of these means, and if there is any country in which we must use them to the utmost, it is the field of the Middle East Division. Preaching is God's chosen way of telling the world of His plan to save it and of inviting it to come to Him for life. But preaching cannot be used in the Middle East to reach the majority of the people. That may be the means, through the radio, by which the work will be finished, even in the Middle East, but till then and as a means of preparation for it, the Correspondence School must be developed to the utmost.

Our motto is "The Voice of Prophecy Correspondence Course in every home in the Middle East where there is one who can read." We want every member, as well as every worker, in the Middle East Division to adopt this as his personal motto, and set himself to accomplish it in his own neighborhood. We have already reached more than 80,000 of the homes in the Middle East, and if the average was five people in every home, that means we have taken the gospel to 400,000 in this Division field by this means alone. Isn't that wonderful? But this is just a beginning. We need to increase it one hundred fold. That is not impossible or too difficult. If every member in the Division would secure two names each week for the coming year, we would add 156,000 names to our list. That is, we would treble

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Gleaning After The Lord's Reapers

Looking at the many difficulties that we face in every way—the many discouragements, the doors that do not seem to open, the hearts that do not seem to respond,—we are tempted to wonder if Jesus has failed to fulfill His promise and if His Spirit is no more working upon men's hearts. Where are His wonders and the power of old? To me there seem two reasons for this: The first is that He is not manifesting the same power which He manifested in the days of Moses, Elijah, Daniel, and the apostles, not because He is no more the same, but because we are not the same as those champions of old. The second reason is that He wants us to know what it is to have Jesus in the camp, and so He is treating us the way He treated His two disciples when they came to Emmaus. "He made as though He would have gone farther." Luke 24:28. The Master knew that whenever He turned aside into the disciples' homes He would be most heartily welcomed and entertained. "He knew what was in man." Why then did He make "as though He would have gone farther"? He wished to stir their hospitality to a voluntary expression, and so "they constrained Him, saying, Abide with us."

"Goodness expressed is goodness confirmed." Hospitality uttered is hospitality enriched. "Feelings that never find utterance may soon dry out and die." "To confess a sentiment is to strengthen it. To hide it may be to lose it."

During the recent workers' institute, the Lord led me to see the importance of public testimony, to the one who testifies as well as to those who hear. Each has had certain experiences in his fellowship with God. He has graciously given us showers of blessings. What shall we do with them? If we want to be enriched from them, we must make them known. It is the witness who is first blessed in witness-bearing. This is by no means a new experience, for we read:

"Come and hear, all ye that fear the Lord, and I will tell you what He has done for my soul." "I have not hid Thy righteousness within my

heart; I have declared Thy faithfulness and Thy salvation." "I have not concealed Thy loving-kindness and Thy truth from the great congregation."

It is this "declaring" and this "telling" in which I have been so lacking. So tell it, brother! Tell it aloud! Who can tell what it might mean to others if we open to them a little of our secret communion with God. To quietly tell some man how the Lord found and redeemed you, or to reveal to some heart-broken mother how you saw a bright angel in the dark grave, or to declare how the Lord lifted you out of the miry clay and set your feet upon a rock—who can measure the influence of all this upon the hearer? After all, in the Lord's terms, preaching is witnessing. As to the influence upon the witness himself, I am persuaded that his experience would be greatly enriched even while he witnesses. "The meal in the barrel would be multiplied even

while he distributed it. The witness himself would have to say, 'the half hath not been told.'"

Those testimony meetings which were held repeatedly impressed my heart the most of all the meetings which were held during the recent institute. From the many challenging thoughts that were brought to us during this season of refreshing from the Lord, I have gathered these also:

Urgency and Emergency

This is how the great need in this division presents itself. It is an *urgency* because Jesus is soon coming, and we must preach the gospel to all nations. It is an *urgency* because of the extraordinary change in the attitude of the Moslem mind toward Christianity. It is an *emergency* because it is a case of life or death,—now or never. The doors may soon and suddenly close. The awakened mind of this Middle East calling for bread may be cheated with a serpent and a stone. They are calling for liberty and rights. Let us direct their minds to the true liberty and the kingdom of complete rights and righteousness. If we do not give them Christ now, they will soon be found accepting other things. The room will not remain long empty.

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Some of the delegates and visitors at the Workers' Institute, held in Beirut, July 4—15, 1952.

Am I A Gift

By Raymond H. Hartwell,

East Mediterranean Union

The Workers' Institute held at Middle East College left many thoughts in the minds and hearts of those who attended. At the very first meeting the key note was struck by Elder G. J. Appel when he said, "Put self in the background and let Christ be seen." This is the thing that is so hard for us to do. And doubtless this is the reason that God does not do more through us.

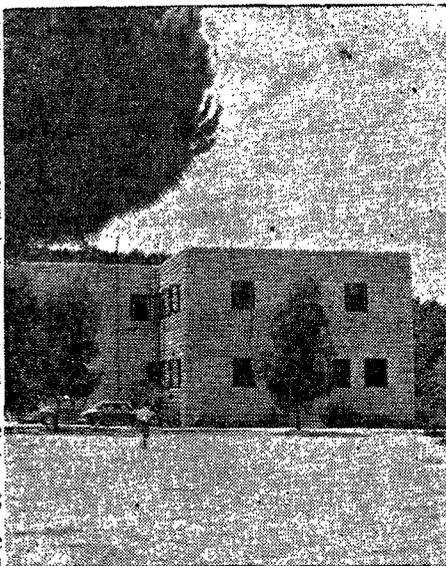
Elder Esteb told of a boy who had a perfume bottle, but only when he took the cork out and let his boy friends smell what was in it did they know it had real perfume in it. Throughout the meetings Elder Esteb continued to urge that we encourage our fellow-believers all over the Middle East to take out the cork and show the love and kindness to our neighbors that S. D. A. people are capable of showing.

Elder Figuhr brought with him a wealth of mission experiences from South America, the Philippine Islands, and other parts of the world. Also he gave much good counsel to soul-winning workers. He read from the writings of Paul that God gave some gifts to the church, that when Christ ascended up on high He gave gifts to the disciples, and that the Spirit gave these same gifts. As Elder Figuhr called our attention to the fact that these gifts to the church included apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, and many others, I found myself asking, "Am I a gift to the church?" And then I shuddered as I realized that I might not be as much of a gift as the Lord intended me to be. Am I a servant or do I love to be served? Some years ago Elder Singleton, one of our leading colored ministers in America, gave a talk on "The Church Elder." In his talk he said, "There are some church elders that are Godsend, and then there are some church elders that evidently God did not send!" The question still rings in my ears,

"Am I a gift from God to the church?" We believe that all who were present at this eventful gathering will determine to "Take the cork out of the bottle" so that the sweet perfume of Christian love and kindness may bless those about them.

We were thrilled with the good news that President A. N. Nelson, of the Philippine Union College, brought us of their expansion, and of the project for a second section of their college to be built in the southern part of the islands. He told of how it took fifty years to gain the first 1,200 members in Japan, but now we add 1,200 new members in that country in one year. Though he was only passing through on his way to furlough, yet he brought us much inspiration.

In one of his instructive messages Elder Neal Wilson reminded us that a sermon has been said to be, "Thirty minutes in which to raise the dead." Professor Nougemie told us that an Arab poem says, "Our



This entrance of Middle East College became a familiar sight to the workers attending the recent Institute.

children are our hearts walking on the ground." Elder Mazat said, "If you are not kind, you are the wrong kind."

Elder Krick, in one morning devotional, told of a beggar playing a violin on a bridge, but no one listened. Then a master artist borrowed the violin and played it there on the bridge, and people gathered there until the bridge was blocked. What a difference it made who was playing the violin! What a difference is made in the life of a Christian worker when the Master takes control of the life! Behind the pulpit of one church was a window donated in honor of a former church member. In the stained glass above the preacher's head were the appropriate words, "He being dead yet speaketh." When God gives a man as a gift to the world or to the church he will not be dead when he speaks—at least he will do some wonderful living and his life will speak plainly and loudly before his death. In one meeting Elder Esteb told of an undertaker who advertised, "Why go around half dead when we will bury you for only \$35.00?" The motto over the platform at this record-making gathering read, "ON FIRE FOR GOD." When this motto becomes a reality we will be gifts from God to the church and to the world.

How can one that God has sent make the mistake of wanting to work in some other place, or at some other time, or with some other tools than God Himself has selected for us? How can we neglect the task of taking the message of love to the very place and at the very time God has chosen. Elder Esteb told of a brother who promised to mail a letter for his sister. She was writing to tell her lover that she would accept his proposal and marry him, and go with him to a foreign land to work for God. The girl always wondered why her lover did not come to get her. Why did he marry another and go without saying anything to her? Twenty-five years later she found her letter in the pocket of an old coat once belonging to her brother. He forgot to mail the letter! What a tragedy? Am I delivering the letter God has given me to carry for Him? Many such questions come repeatedly to my mind, and no doubt to the minds of all who attended this gathering. May God help us to be "ON FIRE FOR GOD."

IN OTHER LANDS

A SEQUEL

About twelve months ago Pastor R. L. Aveling made contact on the island of Kandavu, Fiji, with the headmaster of the local government school, Livai T. Waqairawai, and sold him a copy of "Great Controversy" in Fijian. A few months ago he received the following letter from Livai:

"Sir, It is once again a great pleasure and privilege to write to you, though the nature of this letter may probably surprise you, seeing that it is contrary to the one I have already written you, yet it is the way the Lord is working in me, and I am only too glad to let you know about it. You may still remember, sir, that in my first letter of last year, I mentioned in it that after receiving the truth, it has been my greatest wish to study more of the Bible, and then take part in the good work of winning souls for the Lord, and in spreading the good news of salvation. Well, since then, I have always been praying to God to help me to know more of His truth, to love His will, and to make use of me in His last work of spreading the good news of salvation in the last days.

"Then the invitation came to me to attend the Samabula summer school. After studying and gaining more of the truth in the summer school, as well as receiving the proper guidance with regard to Christian education, and true Christian standards, after being encouraged and spiritually strengthened in the memorable meetings in town, and having gone through the soul-satisfying experience of being baptized in the only true church, it began to dawn on me, that I am now possessing enough equipment suitable for the Lord's work, which I have always been longing to perform since the truth found me.

"When I returned and started work here again I came to realize that during the past four weeks, I have been going through a very hard ex-

perience. That is, the work I am compelled to do—a wordly work—is contrary to the work I am longing for, and for which I have been lately equipped. Here I have to spend more time preparing and doing work for this uncertain brief worldly life, while my real desire is to spend more time preparing and doing work for eternal life, which is about to take place very soon. So, although I have been going through this hard experience during these last four weeks, yet I had been praying earnestly to God every day that, if it is His will, to open a way in which I could be made use of in the work, that I have always been longing for, the spreading of the good news of salvation, and the winning of souls to the Lord.

"Then it happened as I was going through some pamphlets and 'Signs of Times' magazines this Sabbath morning I came across two pamphlets, one is Fijian 'Colporteur Evangelist', and the other one is 'The Master Calls for Colporteur Evangelists', by Ellen G. White. Well, sir, you can imagine how I felt when I had completed reading these two pamphlets. I had no doubt that this is the work the Lord has meant for me to do in the evangelistic work of these last days. I feel so very happy and so excited in receiving this call, as I know that the Lord has answered my prayers, and I decided to let you know about it right away tonight.

"So there you are, sir, I am applying for the position of a colporteur evangelist in our Fijian Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist church. I beg you accept my application, because I whole-heartedly feel that this is just the right work, which will suit the knowledge of truth and Christian guidance which I have just lately received from our church.

"May I add that I have consecrated my life, and I am determined to spend the rest of my days working for the Lord and His church. As soon as I receive your reply I shall send my resignation to the Education Department.

"Well, sir, it is always my prayer that the Lord blesses each one of us who is doing His work here in Fiji and to help us and strengthen us to finish the work all in good time. I remain, yours sincerely, Livai T. Waqairawai, (Head Teacher, Tavuki District School, Kandavu, Fiji.)

—*Australasian Record*, June 16, 1952

GLEANING

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The Personal Call

God is calling individuals for the finishing of His work. "Who will go for us?" Who will respond to God's call to rescue the perishing before it is too late? O, Lord, here am I, send me, if it seems fit in Thy eyes. Just as I am, I come, and just as you want me to be, make me.

Surely all this creates an emergency, a responsibility enough to set our hearts on fire for God—to go out and tarry not. Nothing is more costly in this life than time, so let us redeem the time, whatever the price may be.

In closing, I say that this workers' institute was a time of refreshing for me. I restored my spiritual health, I caught a new vision of the need of this hour. The challenging map of the Middle East, which was all the time before my eyes and which was repeatedly pointed out, has broadened my vision and enlarged my heart. May the Lord help me to do my part in meeting this great challenge.

IN THIS GENERATION

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the number of names on our list to date, and would bring the message to over 1,000,000 people in the Middle East. As I think of it, that is really too small a goal, but if we reached it we would all be happy. Let us attempt it, by the help of God.

Yes, the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence Course lessons have been sent to more than eighty thousand homes of the people of the Middle East, and although those who have finished the course so far and received certificates are fewer than one thousand, yet we hope to raise that number soon to many thousands. We are educating the peoples of the Middle East in the truth, and making them ready for the coming of the Lord, and when the final crisis comes, many of them will obey the last call, "Come out of her, my people." Till then, FORWARD IN FAITH with the Voice of Prophecy.

HERE AND THERE WILLIAM IBRAHIM KHALIL

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welcome their new pastor, Brother Joseph Gabriel, and his family. We trust that the Lord will bless the work of Brother Gabriel in Julfa.

* We welcome to the working staff of the Iran Mission Miss Hranoush Avedissian, who has come from Middle East College. She is now working in the Voice of Prophecy office and is doing Bible work in Tehran.

* We are happy to report that there were six baptisms in Iran during the first six months of this year—four from the work of Sister Nanajan Badal in Rezayeh, and two from Julfa. Other baptisms are being planned this year in Rezayeh, Tabriz, Tehran, and Julfa.

* Plans are being laid for evangelistic efforts to begin on November 9 in our churches in Tabriz, Tehran, Arak, Julfa, and Hamadan.

* We are extremely happy to welcome Brother and Sister Robert Skinner and their three boys to Iran. After a long delay of five weeks on the ship, they have now come to Tehran and their residence permits have been granted. Brother Skinner will be studying the language during the first year.

* Brethren Green and Sangerloo have just returned from a business trip to Tabriz and Rezayeh. Plans were discussed concerning the repairing of the Tabriz church and also for the purchasing of a lot for the new chapel in Rezayeh. We trust that we shall soon have our church completed there.

Brother William Ibrahim Khalil was born in Upper Egypt in 1912 and passed to his rest in the village of Zewak, Egypt, on Friday morning, July 4, 1952. Brother William accepted the Advent faith about the year 1939 under the guidance of Pastor E. L. Branson, who was then in charge of the work in Egypt. Shortly after his baptism he was given charge of a school and church in one of the villages. Since that time he has labored in several different locations in the Egypt Mission, until about one year ago when he removed to Zewak, where he was fostering the church and school which are located in that village. During the year he spent there, sixteen persons were prepared for baptism and have become members of the church.

The morning of Friday, July 4, Brother William arose from his sleep at the early hour of 2:40, in order that he might study his Bible. He was to replace Brother Fikhry Michael in Sohag over the weekend, and he felt in need of faithful study in preparation for the three services to be held. At 5:15, after two and a half hours of studying the Word of God, he awakened his wife to inform her that he felt very tired. A brother in the church sent immediately for the doctor, but Brother William passed away in just a few moments as the result of a heart attack.

Inside his Bible were found the sermon outlines which he had prepared during those early morning hours. The topics which he planned

to present to our people that weekend were: "Victory through Bible Study and Prayer," "What Christ Means to the Christian," and "The Meaning of Holiness." The last two texts of his final sermon were Matt. 11:28, "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Also Isaiah 26:3, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee." So beautifully closed the quiet and humble witness that Brother William bore for his Master.

He was laid to rest in the little village graveyard of Zewak, where he awaits the call of His Saviour. The writer was able to reach the village and conduct his burial just as the sun was setting to begin the Sabbath. A message of comfort, based on the hope of the resurrection of the righteous, was presented to the sorrowing relatives and many friends who had gathered under the light of lanterns in the little cemetery. The Lord has caused His servant to rest from his labors for a time, awaiting the call of the Lifegiver on that glorious day of Jesus' return.

His faithful companion, five sons, and one daughter greatly miss the patient and kindly affection of their husband and father. Emile, the eldest son, who has been a student in our secondary school, is a boy of sixteen years of age and is courageously trying to fill the place of his father in the home. The prayers of God's people throughout the field will be a sweet comfort and strength to this family throughout this trying experience. May the day of our Lord's return soon arrive when all such scenes will be forever done away, and God's children will rejoice in life eternal.

J. S. Russell.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Fourth Quarter, 1952

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Special Days</i> |
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| September 20 to | |
| October 25 | Ingathering Campaign |
| October 11 to 18 | Voice of Prophecy Campaign |
| October 25 | Christian Temperance |
| November 1 | Home Visitation Day |
| November 29 to | |
| December 6 | Week of Prayer and Sacrifice |
| December 13 | Local Church Evangelism |

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HERE and THERE

* We were all sorry to bid good-by to Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Dinning and children as they left by plane for the States on July 16. They found it necessary to take Donovan and Bobby to the White Memorial Hospital for medical treatment following their recent serious illness. We pray for a speedy and complete return of health for the children.

* On July 11 the division was happy to welcome Brother and Sister M. V. Jacobson and family, and Dr. Milena Simeckova. The Jacobsons are returning from furlough and Dr. Someckova is beginning her first term of service. Within a few days they proceeded to Baghdad to take up their duties at the Dar el Salaam Hospital.

* During the recent Workers' Institute we greatly appreciated the help from the General Conference. Elder and Mrs. A. A. Esteb arrived July 4 and after the meetings returned to Washington via London on July 21. Elder R. R. Figuhr also gave much valuable help during these meetings, and after a few days spent in visiting various sections of the field, returned to the States on August 1.

* This summer marked the beginning of furlough time for a number of our missionary families in the division. Returning to the States during the summer were Mr. and Mrs. A. B. King and two children from Beirut, Elder and Mrs. K. S. Oster and three children from Tehran, Elder and Mrs. J. S. Russell and four children from Cairo, Mrs. R. L. Mole and three children from Cyprus, Brother Mole to follow shortly. Elder and Mrs. G. A. Keough and four children returned to England in August for their furlough. We wish all of these workers a profitable period of rest in their homelands and a safe return to their posts of labor here in this division.

* Brother and Sister Frederick Veltman arrived in Cyprus on August 23, 1952. They will take over the work on that island during the time that the Mole family is on furlough. We extend a warm welcome to these new recruits to the work in this field.

* A number of our workers have left to attend the Bible Conference and Fall Council to be held in

Washington, D. C. Elder C. C. Morris left on July 29 for appointments in Loma Linda, California, and Washington. Elder and Mrs. G. J. Appel left on August 5; Elder and Mrs. R. H. Hartwell and Elder T. S. Geraty followed on August 13. Elder Neal C. Wilson from Egypt is also attending these meetings and left from Cairo in early August.

* Many visitors have recently passed through Beirut and other parts of the Middle East Division on their way to appointments in Europe and the States. We have been happy to welcome during recent weeks, C. F. L. Ulrich, manager of the Signs Publishing Company in Australia; W. G. C. Murdoch, president of the Australasian Missionary College, and B. H. McMahon, Educational Secretary of the Trans-Tasman Union Conference, Australia; R. H. Pierson, President, and M. E. Kemmerer, Treasurer, of the Southern Asia Division; C. P. Sorensen, Secretary, and P. L. Williams, Treasurer, of the Far Eastern Division; R. H. Nightingale, President of the Florida Conference; and W. P. Bradley of the General Conference, who was in Beirut for a short time when his plane refueled here.

EAST MEDITERRANEAN UNION

* Mission schools in Beirut and Aramoun, Lebanon; Amman and El Husn, Jordania; and Mosul, Baghdad, and Basrah, Iraq, have completed a successful school year. Many students passed government examinations. Most of the teachers have been attending summer school at Middle East College.

* Robert L. Mole, who has been doing successful church work in Cyprus for the past year, was ordained to the gospel ministry on July 12th in Beirut. While in Beirut he reported eleven additions to the church in Nicosia during the past year.

* Cyprus recently sent two young people to Lebanon to attend a Youth Rally held here. This was the fourth one to be held in this Union this spring. All were well attended and much appreciated.

* Jordania reported seven baptised in the past few weeks. Several students completing their work at Middle East College are expected to enter the mission work upon their return to Jordania at the close of the summer

school. Progress seems to be the key-note of all messages from that land.

* Iraq has doubled its membership since the last General Conference session. It is a time of harvest, but the reapers are far too few. Two young people have completed their junior college training and are now ready to join the ranks of that country, but there is still a great need of soul-winning workers.

* Two new cities have been opened in Lebanon-Syria, another has been re-entered after a period of rest. Also in Cyprus three coastal cities are being worked with good success. Prayers are solicited for these new fields.

NILE UNION

* Some improvements have been carried out on the new site of the Adventist Institute at Gebel Asfar. Most noticeable is the new gateway built of red stone and white brick. We pray that from this gateway many consecrated and spirit filled young people will go forth to finish the Advent message in this land.

* We are happy to have Miss Ismini Stavrinides, a recent graduate of Middle East College, join our workers in the Nile Union. She will be assisting in the treasury department.

* Most encouraging reports come from the Voice of Prophecy. In Egypt many are now completing their course and a number are taking their stand for the message they have studied. As of the middle of August eleven precious souls have declared their determination to be faithful to the commandments of God, and it is hoped that many others will soon take their stand with these.

* Mr. Bruce Wilson, brother of Pastor Neal C. Wilson, recently spent some two weeks in Egypt. Bruce is on his way from Indonesia, where he has been living with his parents, to La Sierra College to continue his studies in the ministerial course.

* During the summer months the young men of the Adventist Institute are having some special classes, conducted by Miss Bryne. These classes should prove a real strength to these young men, particularly in the field of English.

IRAN MISSION

* The members of the Julfa church were happy on a recent Sabbath to

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